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## 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association 2009 Reunion – Carlisle, PA

The 2009 Reunion of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division will be held July 15-19 at Carlisle, PA. (See Insert for reservation)

Our Association President, Dick Holmes, made the announcement at the 61<sup>st</sup> reunion. Please note that the dates will be earlier than past reunions.

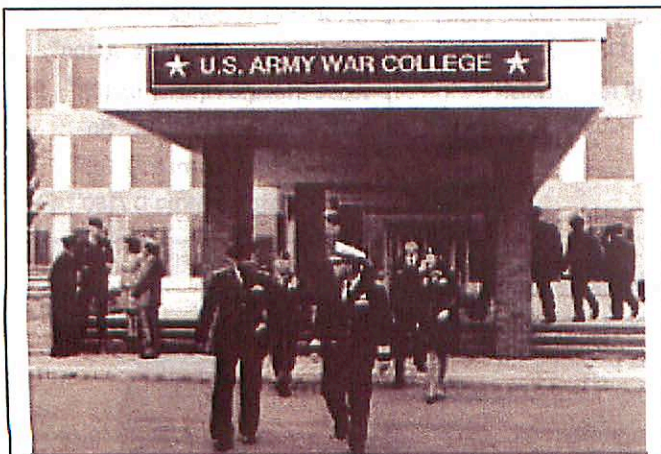
The 2009 National Reunion of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Assn. will be hosted by the Tri-State Chapter at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on July 15<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup>. Carlisle is the home of the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center, its Military History Institute, and the U.S. Army War College. All of these organizations will be supporting us as we explore our 'Red Bull' and Fifth Army history, and learn of and discuss the future of our Armed Forces and its upcoming leaders.

Current 2009 Carlisle 34<sup>th</sup> Inf. Div. Reunion plans include a tour of the Gettysburg battlefield, an extended visit to the Military History Institute library, and tour of the Army Heritage Center reconstruction of World War II camp buildings, World War I trenches, and even earlier representations of America's military life.

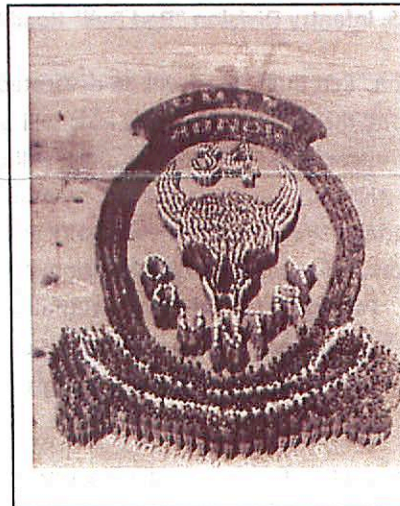
Current officers of the association who will support us for the reunion are; President, Richard Holmes, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, John Ray 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Pat Skelly, 1 Year Trustees: Leslie Jerome, John Churchman, Don Prock. 2 Year Trustees: Roque Riojas, Michael Beaman, John Sunins. 3 Year Trustees: S. Don Singlestad, Larry Lewer, Gene Alexander. Secretary Russell Bierl, Treasurer Michael Musel, SGT at Arms Mildred Fencl, Historian Pat Skelly & Chaplain Clinton Wolf.



Former 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Commander, Maj Gen Gerald Miller (Left) is shown with Association Secretary Russ Bierl during his visit to the Gold Star Museum and 34<sup>th</sup> Div Association offices in December 2008. Maj Gen Miller was Asst Div Cdr from Aug 1992 to Jun 1993 and commanded the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division from 1995 thru 1998. Maj Gen Miller had previously been in command of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade, 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Div. He and his wife Betty live in Ames, Iowa.



Shown is the U.S. Army War College building entrance at Carlisle. The 2009 Reunion will tour the U.S. Army Carlisle Barracks Military History Institute.



**34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div Photo WWI**  
 This is a 1918 photo of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in formation at Camp Cody New Mexico during WWI. This photo was repeated by the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team before they deployed to Iraq in 2007 -08. In 1918 the 34<sup>th</sup> was called the Sandstorm Division. It became the Red Bull Division in North Africa during WWII.

### Memorial Day Decorations for 34<sup>th</sup> Division Soldiers

The 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association has again sent a request to the American Battle Monuments Commission to place Veterans Day wreaths at the Sicily-Rome, Florence and North Africa cemeteries this year. Wreaths have been placed at each of the three cemeteries by the association for the past 61 years. We will not forget our fallen comrades who fought with us in WWII. Russ Bierl, Assn. Secretary



## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL:

It's time to renew your membership if you don't have a 9, L, or W on your address label of this mailing.

The Association dues for one year (September – August) are \$10. This provides 3 newsletters per year plus information on Association activities such as the national meeting, and events.

Members who have inadvertently let their membership lapse are encouraged to reactivate their account with the association by paying the \$10 for the current 2009 year to:

### 34<sup>th</sup> Division Association

Building A-9, Museum

7105 NW 70<sup>th</sup> Ave

Johnston, IA 50131-1824

Life membership dues are based upon your age – please read membership application.

The 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div Assn. has approximately 740 active members. Thank you for your support!

John Q Member  
1400 Smith Avenue  
Anywhere, State xxxxxx  
9, L, W (means your membership is paid up)

L = Life Member  
W= Widow Membership



### Martin W. Winkle, Co. G, 133<sup>rd</sup> Infantry

Martin Winkle, G/ 133<sup>rd</sup> Infantry, WWII, passed away on April 15, 2008. Martin had lived in Monaca, PA most of his life. He is buried at the National Veterans' Cemetery of the Alleghenies near Bridgeville, PA. He donated his large WWII collection to the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum at Camp Dodge. This 1995 photo shows Martin dressed in his WWII uniform and field gear. He is carrying a SCR 300 Radio, which he had in Italy during the war. He had served as trustee for the National Assn. and president of Tri State.

### 34<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Division "Red Bull" Road Dedication

The 34<sup>th</sup> U.S. Infantry Division "Red Bull" Road will be dedicated in Vernio, Italy on September 20, 2009. Mr. Raolo Ceconi, the mayor of Vernio, Italy will preside at the event. The road connects Vernio to the A1 Autostrada at Barbarino di Mugello, which passes near the WWII War Memorial to Torricella (Hill 810). Any Association members who will be traveling in Italy at that time are invited to attend the dedication ceremony as honored guests. We now have a Red Bull Road in Italy in honor of our great WW II division! Mr. Patrick Skelly has made plans to attend the event himself. Pat suggests that those attending should be in Florence, Italy on 17, 18, and 19 Sept prior to the road dedication on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Pat Skelly for details.

Phone 508-524-3948 or email [webmaster@34infdiv.org](mailto:webmaster@34infdiv.org)

### Anzio Beachhead Veterans of 1944-WW II Reunion

Plans are to hold the Anzio Beachhead reunion in Williamsburg, Virginia, April 22-26, 2009. All individuals / units that served on the Beachhead are welcome. Army, Air Corps, Navy, Nurses, also bring family members. The 65th Anniversary Battlefield Tour of Italy is planned for next year. May-June 2009. It is an eleven day tour which will include the Memorial Day Commemoration Ceremony at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery in Nettuno, Italy.

For Information, Contact: Clyde E. Easter, 299 Panorama Dr, Fancy Gap, VA 24328 Phone (276) 728 7293

### Final Roll Call 2008-09

Donald D. Breese 135th Inf  
Donald G. Carlson 135th Inf  
Neil Bain 135th Inf  
William Brosius 135th Inf  
Glen A. Schuberg 135th Inf  
Ronald I. Paterson 135th Inf  
John Lawson 135th Inf  
Reginald R. Clark 135th Inf  
Douglas G. Beckett 135th Inf  
Melvin Flesher 168th Inf  
Kermit Johnson 109th Med Bn  
Wilbur E. McMurtry 125th FA  
Jack W. Schoelkopf 168th Inf  
Paul Stathes 168th Inf  
Duane H Stone 168th Inf  
Louis P. Schovgl 135th Inf  
Norman Nelson 135th Inf  
George Ostrander 135th Inf  
Col. Joe L Bourne 168<sup>th</sup> Inf  
Louis T. Fi Febbo 34<sup>th</sup> Div  
Arthur H. Fleischaker 135<sup>th</sup> Inf  
Ronald G. Hohnsbeen 34<sup>th</sup> Div  
John V. Melucci 34<sup>th</sup> Div  
Col John L. Moore 34<sup>th</sup> Div  
Russell Rutherford 34<sup>th</sup> Div  
Maurice Schwartz 34<sup>th</sup> Div  
John D. Schildknecht 168<sup>th</sup> Inf  
Max A. Smith 34<sup>th</sup> Div  
Lester Lee 133<sup>rd</sup> Inf  
Martin Winkle 133<sup>rd</sup> Inf  
Elmer Moore 125<sup>th</sup> FA  
Fred Nelson Band  
Henry Childers 168<sup>th</sup> Inf  
Tom Ralston 151 FA Bn  
Martin Zetwick 34<sup>th</sup> Div  
Don Hoagland 34<sup>th</sup> Div  
Dr. Arthur Ludwick 34<sup>th</sup> Div  
Fred Shigeki Morihara A/100<sup>th</sup>  
Jesse Masato Hirata B/ 100<sup>th</sup>  
Gary Uchida HQ/100<sup>th</sup> Bn  
Raymond Y. Taomae E/ 100<sup>th</sup>  
Fred Yataro Toyama D /100<sup>th</sup> Bn





## What's For Chow?

# A Century of U.S. Military Field Rations

by Col. (Ret.) Russ Bierl

The U.S. military has taken its responsibility for feeding Soldiers over the past 100 years, seriously. Since 1901, following the Spanish-American War, Army officials recognized the garrison-type ration was not the all-inclusive answer for combat use.

The first attempt to make an individual field ration was the "Iron Ration" (1907-1922). It consisted of three, three-ounce cakes of beef bullion powder and cooked wheat; three, one-ounce bars of sweetened chocolate; and salt and pepper packets. The ration was issued in a sealed tin weighing one-pound and designed for "emergency use only."

The "Reserve Ration" (1917-1937) was issued during the latter part of World War I, to feed troops away from their field kitchen. It originally consisted of 12-ounces of bacon, (or one pound of canned corned beef), two cans of hardtack biscuits and a packet of ground coffee, sugar, and salt. There was also a separate "tobacco ration" of 0.4-ounces of tobacco and 10 cigarette rolling papers, later replaced by brand-name, machine-rolled cigarettes.

After the war, there were attempts to improve rations, based on input from the field. In 1925, the meat ration was replaced with canned pork and beans. In 1936, there was an attempt at variety, by adding a menu of corned beef, and pork and beans.

The "Combat Ration" (later called the C-ration) and the "Emergency Ration" D bar, were developed from 1936-45, and provided sustenance for Army combat Soldiers and Marines in WWII. The C-ration emerged as the pre-eminent individual ration of the war, completely superseding the K ration, which also had been introduced for combat use.

Combat Soldiers had a choice of meat and beans, meat and potato hash, or meat and vegetable stew. A series of early-war group rations was eventually combined into the 5-in-1 (later, the 10-in-1 ration), for groups.

An important end product was the establishment of a definition of a "ration" and subsequent classification dividing all "field" rations into four groups: Field Rations A, B, C, and D.

Field Ration A was a garrison ration which provided fresh food for central messing. Field Ration B was similar to the A-ration, except for canned items. An emergency bar, when other sources of food supply failed, was provided in the Field Ration D.

Initially, C-ration cans were marked with paper labels, which soon came off and made a guessing game out of meals. Soldiers and Marines receiving an unpopular menu item often found themselves powerless in bargaining for a more palatable one.

Sgt. Bob Gates, Co. H, 3rd Battalion, 7<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Marine Division, Korea, said, "I always wanted to get the pork and bean or the beans and wieners ration, because you could eat them cold. No one wanted the meat hash, or mutton stew meals, not even the Koreans.

"The best trading stock were the Lucky Strike or Camel cigarettes, with the Chesterfield and Pall Mall brands considered of lesser value," Gates said.

Master Sgt. Joe Boitnott, Co. D, 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry, remembers being issued British Combat Rations during "Operation Torch" in North Africa. "I didn't care for the canned mutton, but I sure enjoyed the 'Players' Brand Navy Long-Cut Cigarettes that came with the British ration," he said.

Originally, the accessories and condiments came in a 12 ounce can. Later, it was placed in a plastic pack. This pack contained sugar, water purification tablets, a flat wooden spoon, a piece of chewing gum, a four-pack of cigarettes, a book of 20, moisture-resistant matches, a paper-wrapped P-38 can opener (with instructions), and several sheets of toilet paper. The P-38 can openers were generally worn on the GI's dog tag chain to facilitate opening their next meal.

The C-ration was, in general, liked by Soldiers and Marines, but the cans were heavy and cumbersome, and the menu, monotonous. Despite its intention for infrequent use, sometimes the necessities of combat made the C-ration the only source of sustenance for some troops, often for weeks and months on end.

In 1943, a ration board reviewing medical examinations after long-term use of Type C -rations recommended they be restricted to a maximum of five continuous days. In WWII and Korea, this was seldom followed.

The C-ration was used by U.S. troops during the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict, before it was replaced by the M-Unit, (MRE-Meal Ready to Eat). Soldiers now have a choice of up to twelve different entrees in the MRE ration.

To answer the question of, "What's for Chow today? The answer, "a mighty fine and high calorie Meal soldier!"



World War I - Reserve Ration - Not to be opened except by order of an officer. 1917 - 1937



Modern C Ration issued by U.S. military to combat soldiers thru the 1970's.



## Short History of the "Red Bull" 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division during WWII

The 34<sup>th</sup> Division was a National Guard Division from the mid-northwest states of Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota. These National Guard troops made up the nucleus and cadre of the division that was mobilized on 10 Feb 1941 and supplemented by volunteers and selective service men from mainly the Northern Mid-West.

The early spring of 1941 found the 34<sup>th</sup> Division at Camp Claiborne, Louisiana. The table of organization at the time called for an army division to be square and consisted of four infantry regiments. The Division had two brigades, each a complete self contained fighting unit supported by field artillery, engineers, quartermaster, signal corps, medics, anti-tank units, and reconnaissance. In today's military it's called "Task Organizing".

The four infantry regiments were as follows: The 133<sup>rd</sup> and the 168<sup>th</sup> from Iowa, the 135<sup>th</sup> from Minnesota, and the 164<sup>th</sup> from North Dakota. The 133<sup>rd</sup> and the 168<sup>th</sup> made up the 67<sup>th</sup> brigade. The 135<sup>th</sup> and the 164<sup>th</sup> made up the 68<sup>th</sup> brigade. Not too long after the division was mobilized, the Army changed to a "triangular" concept with three, not four regiments. Consequently the 164<sup>th</sup> was transferred to the Americal Division. Division support elements including the 125<sup>th</sup>, 151<sup>st</sup>, 175<sup>th</sup> and 185<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery, the 109<sup>th</sup> Engineers, the 109<sup>th</sup> Quartermaster, 34<sup>th</sup> Signal Corps, Medics, and Recon Company stayed with the 34<sup>th</sup> ID.

The U.S. Army Quartermaster was unable to supply these newly mobilized divisions adequately. At first, the uniforms were ill-fitting leftovers from World War I. Some of the crew served weapons were wooden training dummies and all the soldiers were issued 1903A3 Springfield rifles. The men wore WWI helmets, and carried the belts, WWI entrenching tools, packs, canteens and mess kits. The only article of clothing the soldiers liked was the campaign hat that was thought to look pretty sharp cocked rakishly forward atop close-cropped hair.

On December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, as President Roosevelt stated, "The day of infamy" arrived. The US Fleet at Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese. The very next day found four battalions of the 34<sup>th</sup> Division on trucks headed for Galveston, Texas to guard installations along the coast. Immediately after Christmas, the 34<sup>th</sup> Div was aboard trains headed for Fort Dix, New Jersey. Here the division was replenished with additional soldiers to bring it up to combat strength with men from all parts of the U.S. Only a short while was spent at Fort Dix. The 34<sup>th</sup> Division was selected over all standing regular Army divisions to go overseas on the Atlantic side as the first American troops to set foot on European soil. First committed to combat; the 34<sup>th</sup> Division compiled an incredible record of over 500 days of front line combat. The time the 34<sup>th</sup> spent in combat was the most of any US Division that fought in the European Theater. While compiling this monumental achievement, the 34<sup>th</sup> kept a very low profile while other units often received much more recognition. Both the Division Commanders during this time, General Ryder and General Bolte were very conservative *about awarding medals* and decorations to the personnel in their command. Consequently, the 34<sup>th</sup> is not the most decorated outfit to come out of World War II but was one of the most distinguished U.S. Army Divisions.

The official "Red Bull" insignia was selected from a design submitted by Pfc. Marvin Cone, Cedar Rapids, Iowa in 1918 while he was serving with the division at Camp Cody, New Mexico during WWI.

The official slogan for the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division is: *Attack! Attack! Attack!* The 34<sup>th</sup> Division received its nickname in North Africa and Italy (1943-1945) from enemy German captives who referred to it as the thundering "Red Bulls".

Those who served the Red Bull proudly in WW II included the gallant Nisei: Americans of Japanese origin who formed the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion and later the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team. The 100<sup>th</sup> Bn rounded out the 133<sup>rd</sup> Inf Regt while they were short their 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion. From the invasion of Italy to Cassino the men of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalions, 133<sup>rd</sup> Inf Regt, fought side by side with the Nisei, 100<sup>th</sup> Bn, a Japanese-American Organization from California and Hawaii.

World War II Battle Credits were awarded to the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division for action in: Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Rome-Arno, Northern Apennines and Po Valley. The division made landings in Algiers-North Africa, Naples, and Anzio, Italy.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment received the Distinguished Unit Citation for action on Mount Pantano, 29 Nov 43 to 3 Dec 43. A Guard Heritage Print depicts the close combat of the 168<sup>th</sup> soldiers and German troops.

The 151<sup>st</sup> FA Bn fired 10,504 rounds during the battle for Salerno alone. This compared to 7,904 rounds expended during the entire African Campaign. The 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment established a command post in Rome at 1:30 a.m. on 5 Jun 44 and laid claim to being the first Infantry Regiment in Rome.

In WW II soldiers of the 34<sup>th</sup> Div. and 100<sup>th</sup>, 442<sup>nd</sup> RCT were awarded: 20 Medals of Honor, 98 Distinguished Service Crosses, 1,052 Silver Stars, 116 Legions of Merit, 1,713 Bronze Stars and 15,000 Purple Hearts. Total Battle Casualties were 21,362, with 3,737 Killed in Action, 14,165 Wounded in Action, and 3,460 Missing in Action.

The 34<sup>th</sup> was inactivated, at the end of World War II, on 3 Nov 1945, credited with 569 days of actual combat, more than any other U.S. Army Division in the European Theater during WWII. One or more units of the 34<sup>th</sup> Division accumulated 611 Days of Combat. We honor the men of the 34<sup>th</sup> Division for their long and faithful service.



## Major Arthur L. Ludwick Jr., Medical Officer, 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, WW II

Dr. Arthur Ludwick, Jr. 94, died on Feb 24, 2008 at this home in Wenatchee, WA where he had practiced medicine since his discharge from the Army at the end of WWII.

MAJ Ludwick joined the 133<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment in Waterloo, IA after he graduated from Medical School. He was mobilized with the local National Guard Regiment and sent to training at Camp Claiborne, LA for training. In January 1942, the 34<sup>th</sup> Division was shipped to Northern Island for further training before the invasion of North Africa and combat in Italy during WWII.

MAJ Ludwick particularly was remembered for being awarded the Purple Heart and Silver Star for Gallantry in action on Mount Pantano, Italy. These are unusual commendations for an unarmed medical officer who was not expected to leave the regimental aid station. Listed is the Silver Star citation words.



Lt. Gen. Mark Clark presenting MAJ Arthur Ludwick with the Silver Star & Purple Heart in Jan 1944.

### Silver Star Citation Arthur L. Ludwick, 0420498, Major, 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment.

"For gallantry in action from 30 Nov 1943 to 4 Dec 1943 at Pantano, Italy. Major Ludwick, upon his own volition, left the Regimental Aid Station when evacuation of the wounded had been slowed down due to heavy fire, and went forward to Pantano Italy, to reconnoiter a shorter and easier route of evacuation for the wounded. For five days he made frequent trips to the assault companies and supervised and coordinated the evacuation of the numerous casualties. During his trips to Pantano, Major Ludwick personally carried medical supplies to the front lines and rendered aid to the wounded men on the battlefield. On 4 Dec 1943, when casualties had been very heavy among the front line units, Major Ludwick personally, and in the face of grave danger led four litter squads up Mount Pantano to the forward positions of the Second Battalion and supervised the removal of three wounded men. He remained, with one litter squad, at the unit's position, which was under intense enemy fire. During this time a soldier was seriously wounded, but in spite of the intense fire, Major Ludwick went forward from his position, administered aid to the wounded man and supervised his evacuation. Due to his initiative and tireless efforts many lives were saved that otherwise might have been lost. Major Ludwick's courage and bravery was highly meritorious and a credit to the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered military service from: Waterloo, Iowa."

The address of the daughter of Arthur Ludwick is Peggy Ludwick, 5812 Scenic Drive, Yakima, WA 98908

## The 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division HQ's Mobilized for Iraq Duty

More than 1,000 Minnesota and Iowa National Guard soldiers left their homes on February 13<sup>th</sup> for training at Ft. Lewis, WA before deployment to Iraq. The soldiers were actually mobilized on February 10, the same date the 34<sup>th</sup> Division was mobilized 60 years ago, for World War II. By April of this year, the soldiers will be in Iraq, and are not expected to return to the states until at least February of 2010. Currently there are about 1,100 Minnesota and 500 Iowa Guard soldiers in Iraq, with another 100 are serving in Afghanistan.

Of the 1,037 soldiers from the 34<sup>th</sup> Red Bull Infantry Division who are about to be deployed, more than a third have been to Iraq before. This time the 34<sup>th</sup> Division Hq's will be in command of 16,000 multinational troops, to include U.S. active army brigades, working to secure Iraq. It's a part of a transition as the U.S. pulls out of Iraq, and turns over the job of securing the country to Iraqis. Commanders have reassured soldiers and their families that violence is down in Iraq, and attacks are infrequent in the southern third of the country where the troops will be stationed.

The communities of the Twin Cities hosted a huge send off for the soldiers on February 10<sup>th</sup>, which included a dinner at St Paul's Roy Wilkins Auditorium. Row upon row of the National Guard's 34<sup>th</sup> Red Bull Infantry stood at attention on the floor of the auditorium, with thousands of family members, peering down from the balconies, surrounding them in a valley of community support.

The event had all the trimmings of a typical deployment: raucous applause for a live rendition of Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA"; the cries of babies breaking the silence of the opening prayer; accolades and salutes from dignitaries. But all present, many of whom have been deployed more than once, called it the largest such ceremony they'd ever seen with over 7,000 people in attendance.

The 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry division Association wishes all deploying soldiers farewell and Godspeed. We will keep track of their progress through the training and deployment on our WEB Site [www.34indiv.org](http://www.34indiv.org)

### National Office- 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Assn.

The National Office of the association is located at the Iowa Gold Star Museum on Camp Dodge in Johnston, IA.

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### 62<sup>th</sup> Reunion for the 34 Inf Div Assn

15-19 September 2009

Comfort Suites, Carlisle, PA

*(See the enclosed Registration Form)*



## 34th Infantry Division Association • 62nd Annual Reunion • July 15th – 19th, 2009 • Carlisle PA

This year's 62nd reunion of our Association is being hosted by the Tri-State Chapter, under President Phil Daurio (F/135). We are also working with the Northeastern Chapter of the 88th Infantry Division Association to enjoy a shared experience with 'Blue Devil' veterans who served with and alongside us in Italy.

Carlisle Barracks is very important in today's army as the home of the Army War College. But it is also important to us because it is a home for your history: the Army Heritage and Education Center, the Military History Institute, and the Army Heritage Museum.

### THE ARRANGEMENTS

**Lodging:** the Reunion Headquarters will be the **Comfort Suites Carlisle** – 10 S. Hanover St., telephone (800) 704-1188 - which will offer us rooms at the current military per diem rate, \$84. With taxes this comes to \$91. per room night. They were the site for the Tri-State Chapter reunion in 2005, and provided us with outstanding support. Breakfasts are complimentary. Parking in the Borough covered garage next door is available, \$3. per day with 'in and out' privileges; arrange this as you register. Please make your reservations early.

A **Hospitality Room** will be available Wednesday through Saturday, generally 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. except at mealtimes. Our memorabilia and historical documents will be displayed. Snacks and drinks (including beer and wine) will be available. It's your task to bring the conversation!

We will provide **van transportation** to and from the Harrisburg International **Airport** or the Harrisburg **Amtrak** Station. With our van, and assists from other attendees, we can also help you with in-town travel during the reunion. Let us *know your requirements* as soon as possible.

Please keep in mind that you need to do two things in order to join us in Carlisle:

- Make the **Hotel reservation** – Comfort Suites Carlisle, (800) 704-1188
- Send in your **Reunion program registration** – the form is included in this newsletter.

Final details and any updated information will be posted to our Association website ( <http://www.34infdiv.org> ) and in our next newsletter.

### THE PROGRAM

**Wednesday evening, July 15,** we will gather at the **Gingerbread Man** just around the corner from Comfort Suites. They have good bar/pub food, great sandwiches, delicious soups and chili, and a manager who has a deep appreciation for our history.. \$8 per person covers appetizers and your first drink; food and drinks after that will be settled with your server. This will be our first chance to socialize during this busy reunion, to meet new friends and come together again with old friends.

**Thursday, July 16th,** we has set up a day trip to the **Gettysburg National Military Park** with its new Museum and Visitor Center. We will travel by air-conditioned bus with restroom. The initial part of our visit will feature the film "*We are Met on a Great Battlefield*", the recently re-installed "*Battle of Gettysburg*" cyclorama, and the Gettysburg Museum of the

American Civil War. The Visitor Center also contains an extensive book and museum store. We will then head to a buffet lunch at the nearby Pike Restaurant and Lounge. In the afternoon we will be taken on a guided tour of the battlefield before returning to our hotel. \$50. per person will cover the bus, museum, lunch, and tour.

**Friday, July 17th,** we will take a bus over to the nearby **U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center** where the staff of the **Military History Institute** will greet us with a layout of the documents of our history – regiments, divisions, Fifth Army, battles and personal stories. We can also copy for you pages of the documents that speak directly to your own history, and guide you through the special displays that have been organized by the **Army Heritage Museum** staff. During our lunch break, their outstanding staff will share with you how they see your history. It's always valuable to learn how eminent military historians see your combat contributions. Lunch is on your own, either a box lunch from Courthouse Commons (near the hotel) or purchased at the staff snack bar. We can also see the **Military Heritage Trail**, with its reconstruction of a WW II barrack area, and the ongoing construction of the new **Visitor and Education Center**.

**Friday evening, July 17th,** our joint dinner, with subsequent Raffles, Silent Auction, and the Tri-State Reverse Drawing, will open with a cash bar at **6 p.m.**, then dinner at 6:30. The main course offerings will be Beef Tips Burgundy with Penne Pasta or Mediterranean Chicken.

**Saturday morning, July 18th,** will start at **9:00 a.m.** with the **business meetings** of our several organizations: the presentation and approval of reports, elections, and decisions on their future activities.

At **11:00** we will join together for a **Memorial Service** conducted by Chaplain (Col.) Clinton Wolf (Ret.) of the Iowa National Guard. It will include a remembrance of recently deceased members of both the 34th Infantry Division Association and the 88th Infantry Division Association, as well as any losses in our present and recently deployed forces.

*May they have no more hills to climb,  
nor cold, nor rain, nor mud, nor enemy fire,  
and may they now rest in Peace.*

Following the Memorial Service we will gather for a cold deli **luncheon** and then have the rest of the afternoon for relaxation and the sharing of memories.

**Saturday evening, July 18th,** will be our last formal gathering of this reunion, the **Banquet**, with cash bar at **6 p.m.** and dinner at 6:30. Following the presentation of colors, invocation, and recognition of our special guests, we will feast on Chicken Cordon Bleu or Comfort Suites' own Crab Cakes. As we start dessert and coffee we turn our attention to greet our new officers, present our keynote speaker (to be announced), have – we hope – a very special presentation, and then relax, sing, and dance to the music and voice of our musician, Danny Quinn, who performed for our pleasure here in Carlisle in 2005.

**Sunday morning, July 19th,** we will say once again our **farewells** after breakfast, hoping that we will meet again next year. Bon voyage, safe home!



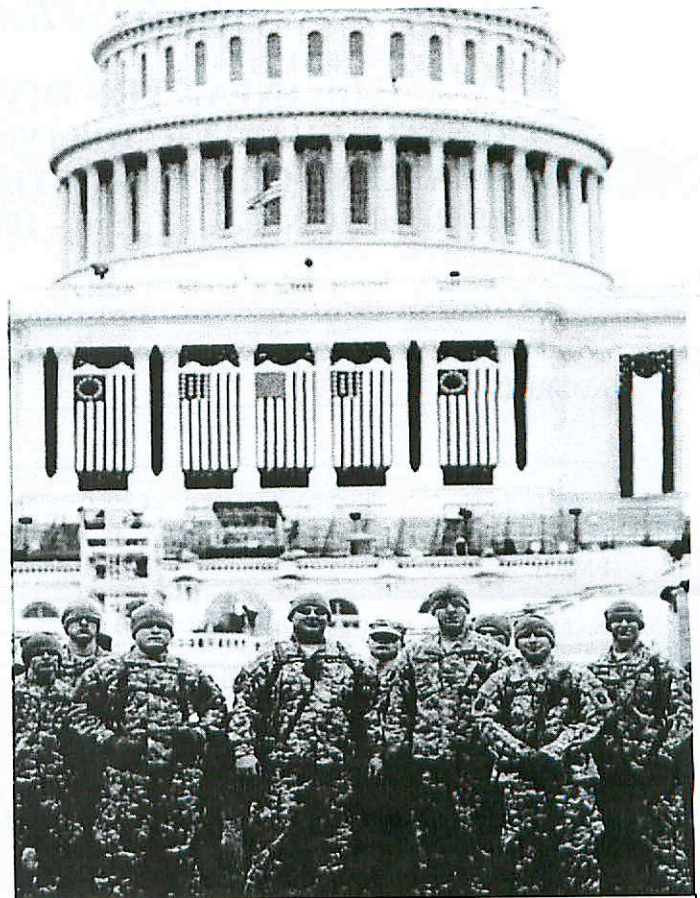
## 34<sup>th</sup> Division Red Bull's –Support the Presidential Inauguration

On January 9, 2009 the National Guard Bureau requested approximately 1,000 Iowa National Guard soldiers to participate with 8,300 other National Guard soldiers and airmen from around the country in support of the inauguration of President Barack Obama. All of the soldiers selected were members of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th (Red Bull) Infantry Division which included the 133<sup>rd</sup> and 168<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalions, 194<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery and the 334<sup>th</sup> Support Bn.. Eighty airmen from the 185th Air Refueling Wing and 132nd Fighter Wing, Iowa Air Guard also mobilized to support the inauguration. The Minnesota National Guard sent 300 soldiers from the 125<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery Battalion.

The soldiers and airmen were called to duty for 10 days which includes time for personnel readiness processing and travel to and from Washington, D.C. The request, obviously providing limited reaction time, was as a result of increased operational requirements and expected growing participant estimates. The rapid response required by Iowa Guard officials to mobilize our forces shows the confidence that National Guard Bureau placed on the state.

Approximately 600 of the selected personnel traveled by commercial bus from Camp Dodge and the remaining 400 traveled by C-130 or KC-135 aircraft to Washington, D.C., for duty at the inauguration of President Barack Obama. Their duties included transportation and attendee management, traffic control, event ingress/egress, personnel support, and transportation. The Iowa soldiers left for Washington, D.C. Friday, 16 January. The soldiers were still busy Thursday finishing up final paperwork and packing supplies for their mission. Guardsmen from 9 states have joined those from the District of Columbia to form Joint Task Force-District of Columbia to support the inauguration.

This was the first time Guardsmen from Iowa supported an inauguration.



**"Red Bull" Soldiers from the 133<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion pose in front of our National Capital prior to inauguration.**

The support provided by other states Guardsmen included ceremonial and inaugural ball support by a band, assisting surrounding states with traffic flow into and out of the District, communications, specialized homeland defense, fixed wing and rotary wing aircraft support, and aero-medical evacuation assets.

The Guard has a long history of supporting presidential inaugurations. Local militia units (today's National Guard) marched with George Washington as he proceeded to his first inauguration on April 30, 1789. The 9,300 members of the National Guard, who supported the January inauguration, are the largest contribution of manpower to an inauguration in the history of our nation.

### **This Day In History – 34<sup>th</sup> Red Bull Infantry Division**

- Dec. 2, 1943-** The 34th Infantry Division wipes out the German positions at Monte Pantano which forces the Germans to abandon "Trieste".
- Jan. 9, 1942 -** The entire 34th Infantry Division moves to Algeria in preparation to engage Rommel's Africa Corps.
- Jan. 26, 1942-** The 34th Infantry Division arrives in Ireland, the first American troops in the European theater.
- Feb. 10, 1940-** The presidential call goes out to the National Guard to report to their mobilization stations and prepare for war.
- Feb. 21, 1941-** 34th Infantry Division National Guard units from Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota proceed by rail to Camp Cl...



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## 34th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION TRI-STATE CHAPTER, 34th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION NORTHEASTERN CHAPTER, 88TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION 2009 REUNIONS, JULY 15th - 19th, at CARLISLE PENNSYLVANIA

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### REGISTRATION FEE AND ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST

Wed-Sun. July 15 - 19 Fri., July 17 Sat., July 18	<b>REUNION PACKAGE:</b> Hospitality Room, Business and Social Meetings, Dinner: Raffle, Auction, Entertainment Memorial Service; Lunch; Banquet, Keynote, Entertainment
	NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING _____ x \$100 = _____
Wednesday July 15	<b>GINGERBREAD MAN PUB, EVENING SOCIAL GATHERING</b> NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING _____ x \$8 = _____
Thursday July 16	<b>GETTYSBURG NATIONAL MILITARY PARK , MUSEUM, CYCLORAMA, LUNCH</b> NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING _____ x \$50 = _____
Friday July 17	<b>U.S. ARMY HERITAGE AND EDUCATION CENTER , MILITARY HISTORY INSTITUTE</b> NUMBER OF PERSONS ATTENDING _____ No Charge
	TOTAL ENCLOSED = _____

Registration fees will be refunded on cancellation up to June 28, or if medical reasons prevent your attendance.

### REUNION PACKAGE PAYMENT IS DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 14, 2009

PLEASE SEND PAYMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS AND MADE PAYABLE TO:

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These prices are available 3 days prior to and after your event should you choose to extend your stay.

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