

34th Infantry Division Association

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34th President Curly Albrecht



our nation during the “The War on Terror” ether in the states or deployed overseas. We know that you are our future in the continuation of the 34th Infantry Division Association, which has been carried on for the past 64 years by our forefathers.

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team will have arrived home before the next annual reunion in September 2011, and we invite all our combat veterans & spouses to attend. We hope to organize some special opportunities for the recently returned soldiers and their spouses.

34th Infantry Division Association 2011 Reunion – Des Moines, IA

The 2011 Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division will be held Friday & Saturday, September 9th & 10th in Des Moines.

Our Association President, Curly Albrecht, made the announcement that the upcoming 64st reunion will be held on the first weekend after the 2011 Labor Day holiday.

The 2011 National Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Association will again be hosted by the Des Moines Chapter. (Note the Reunion schedule at page 3 and reservation form at page 8.)

This year a special extended tour will be conducted at Camp Dodge, the site of the 34th Infantry Division World War II monument. We will be treated to a visit at the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum which supports the activities and research of the 34th Infantry Division Association members. The museum has moved into an entirely new building during the past year and will have many new exhibits in place by the next reunion. If any member has extensive research to do on 34th Division records, there will be an opportunity on Friday, 9 Sep, to conduct research at the State of Iowa Archives where the records are maintained.

The reunion hotel will be the Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center. This is a new hotel located two blocks off of Interstate 35 / 80 at Exit 129 / 86th Street. A complete schedule of events is shown on page 3 of this newsletter. Bus service will be provided. 1-800-659-2220

The hotel phone number is 515-334-9000. The hotel has shuttle service from the Des Moines Airport and provides a free hot breakfast daily to all guests.

President COL Ron Albrecht wants to make a special effort to invite all the soldiers who have served with 34th Divisional organizations and units during the past years. Especially those who have been mobilized and served



Iowa Gold Star Museum President Bob Holliday, holding the 34th (Red Bull) Infantry Division Colors and Gold Star Museum Director Sherri Colbert, welcome the 34th Infantry Division Association to the museum to visit the museum and the 34th Infantry Division exhibits.

National Office-34th Infantry Division Association

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64th Reunion for the 34 Inf Div Assn

9-10 September 2011

Stony Creek Inn & Conference Center, Des Moines, IA
(See Page 8 of Newsletter for 2011 Reservation Form)

A Note from Association President Curley Albrecht

Greeting to the RED BULL TEAM!

April 2011

Well Spring is finally upon us and I gladly accepted it.

As everyone can see, we have a lot of events and information to share with you in this news letter. The Des Moines Chapter has put together a great plan for the National Reunion at the Stoney Creek Inn and Conference Center. I believe that the total TEAM will be very pleased with this new location for the Reunion on the 9th and 10th of September.

Some great news for the Association last week. I had a chance to talk to COL Jon Jensen, the new Chief of staff for the 34th Division in Rosemount, MN. The Division HQ wants to start a new Association Charter in Minnesota which is a great deal for us all. Just some quick history on Jon, he grew up in the 1-168 IN BN with many leadership positions. Later Commanded the 2-135 IN BN in Minnesota and was on 1st BCT Staff during their 22 month deployment to Iraq. Jon was the G3 for the Division when we deployed to Iraq under MG Nash as our Commander. You can see why I am so happy to hear this from Jon, who knows the value of the RED BULL History.

I am very focused on the growth of membership into the Association to keep our Division History alive and well for future generations. I have come to the conclusion that there is no one event that will achieve this goal. It will be a total TEAM effort to reach the high ground for our Association.

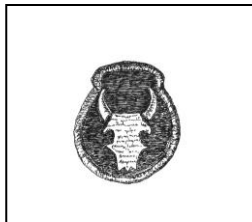
So keep the ideals for recruiting for the Association coming in! With that said I look forward in seeing everyone in Des Moines in September.

ATTACK! ATTACK! ATTACK!

Ron "Curly" Albrecht
IRONMAN

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133rd, Ironman Battalion

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<http://www.facebook.com/IowaRedBulls>
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34th Inf Div "Final Roll Call"

Wilbur C. Darnell, 168 Inf
George F. Nichols, 34th ID
Richard J. Czimer, 34th ID
Laverne E. Walters, D 168th Inf
Kenneth G. Castor, HQ 168th Inf
Katsumi "Kats" Maeda, B 100th Inf
Fumio Akisada, Medics 100th Inf
Takashi "Jiggs" Uyeno, C 100th Inf
Sye Seichi Terauchi, C 100th Inf
Hiroshi "Hank" Yamamoto, HQ 100th IN
Kenneth Kazuto Katayama, B 100th Inf
George Kurisu, D 100th Inf
Edward V. "Ed" Regan, 34th ID
James G. Paterson, 34th ID
Kenneth D. Orte, 34th ID
Steve Brinza, HQ 100th Inf
Masayuki Yoshimura, A 100th Inf
Hideo Yamashita, HQ 100th Inf
Yoshito Yoshino, D 100th Inf
Robert W. Smith, 34th ID
Carl "Dick" Radtke, 34th ID
Phillip Matsuyama, C 100th Inf
Herbert Belleau, I (India) 135th Inf
Harold C. Dode, A 133rd Inf
John McCloskey, 34th ID
Yasuyuki Kurokawa, B 100th
William Hideo Kaya, D 100th
Alex McKenzie, HQ 100th
Hayato Tanaka, C 100th
Darrell Mayfield, HQ 133rd
Sgt. Brent M. Maher, B 168th Inf
SPC Donald L. Nichols, HQ, 133rd Inf
SSG James A Justice, C 113th Cav

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

Internet Sites for Information on 2nd BCT, 34th Infantry Division operations in Afghanistan

34th Infantry Division Association WEB Site: www.34indiv.org

The 2-34 BCT Defense Video Distribution Service (DVIDS) website: <http://www.dvidshub.net/units/2-34IBCT>

The 2-34 BCT Department of Defense (DOD) Live website: <http://iowaredbulls.armylive.dodlive.mil/>

The Combined Joint Task Force (CJTF) 101st Airborne website: <http://www.cjtf101.com/>

The Des Moines Register "Iowa National Guard" blog:

<http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/category/news/national-guard/>

The KCRG-TV9/Cedar Rapids Gazette "Operation Enduring Freedom" blog: <http://www.kcrg.com/enduringfreedom>

Also Follow the 2-34th Red Bulls at! <http://www.dvidshub.net/units/2-34IBCT> <http://www.facebook.com/IowaRedBulls>

www.military.omaha.com <http://www.twitter.com/IowaRedBulls>

<http://www.flickr.com/IowaRedBulls>
<http://www.iowaredbulls.org>

34th Infantry Division Association • 64th Annual Reunion

September 9th & 10th, 2011 • Johnston, Iowa

This year's **64th Reunion** of our Association is being hosted by the Des Moines Chapter, under President Herman Poggensee, (2-133rd), on **Sept 9th & 10th, 2011 at Johnston, IA.**

Johnston, Iowa is the home of Camp Dodge, the 34th Infantry Division Memorial, The Gold Star Military Museum and the HQ's of the Iowa National Guard. The 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division has units stationed at Camp Dodge.

THE ARRANGEMENTS

Lodging: the Reunion Headquarters will be the Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center, 5291 Stoney Creek Ct, Johnston, IA 50131 – Phone Number 1-800-659-2220 or local 515-334-9000.

The room rate at the hotel will be \$86.00 plus taxes. Breakfasts are complimentary. Parking is free. Please make your reservations individually using the phone numbers shown above. Tell them when you register that the Group Rate is for the 34th Infantry Division Association Reunion.

A Hospitality Room will be available Thursday evening through Saturday, during the hours announced in the Reunion Program. Our memorabilia and historical documents will be displayed in the Green Acres Room. Snacks, coffee and non alcoholic beverages will be available. This is a fun area!

The Hotel will provide **airport van transportation** to and from the **Des Moines International Airport**. The 34th Infantry Division Association will provide bus transportation to local events. Let us know your requirements on the reservation form.

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

- Make the **Hotel reservation** – Stoney Creek Inn, Phone Number 1-800-659-2220 or local 515-334-9000.
- Send in your **Reunion program registration** - the form is included in this newsletter at page 8.

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

THE PROGRAM

Thursday, Sept 8th. This is a travel arrival day for people coming from a distance. The Registration Table and Hospitality Room will be open at 4 P.M. in the Green Acres Room & Lobby.

The registration fee for the two day conference will cover the transportation service, the Friday Evening (Heavy) Hors d oeuvres, the Sat Banquet and snacks. The Registration Fee, which covers the Fri Hors d oeuvres dinner & Sat Banquet meal cost, is \$100, to be paid with the registration submission.

Friday, Sept 9th, all are invited to the Green Acres Room for the Kick Off event of the Reunion. "Gathering of the Red Bulls", 9 to 11:30 A.M.. Green Acres Room (Lower Level).

This time will be spent with introductions, recent deployment briefing, Videos, and meet Red Bull Solders who deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq.

Lunch will be an individual responsibility.

A bus will depart from the front door of the hotel at 1 P.M. for a tour of the WWII 34th Infantry Division Memorial at Camp Dodge, the Gold Star Military Museum with special 34th Infantry Division exhibits, plus dedicated time available for veterans and family to research the Archives of the 34th Infantry Division Assn.. All are invited for an old time Ice Cream social at the museum.

Friday evening, Sept 9th will include a Open Bar Social with (Heavy) Hors d oeuvres dinner in the Green Acres Room Lower Level (Paid thru Registration Fee).

Saturday morning, Sept 10th, will start at 9:00 a.m. with the business meetings of our organization: the presentation and approval of reports, elections, and old and new business. A spouse activity will be conducted during the Business Meeting.

Noon Lunch will be an individual responsibility.

Saturday afternoon will start with a bus departing the hotel front door at 1 P.M. for Tour of U.S. Army Camp Dodge Lazar Simulation ES2000 Range and Weapons Firing Qualification Range at Camp Dodge. All will be returned by 4:30 P.M. to prep for the banquet. An alternate function of recent Afghan & Iraq soldiers is planned at the hotel.

Saturday evening, will be our last formal gathering of this reunion. At 5:00 P.M. we will gather for refreshments with cash bar. At **6:00 P.M.** we will join together for the posting of the colors and a **Memorial Service** conducted by a Chaplain of the Iowa National Guard which will include a remembrance of recently deceased members of the 34th Infantry Division Association, as well as any losses in our presently and recently deployed forces. Dinner at 6:30, (paid thru reservation).

After recognition of our special guests, we will feast on a Buffet Dinner. Our keynote speaker will be, COL Ben Corell, who will have recently returned from Afghanistan. The evening will end with music provided by a "Ross the Des Moines DJ."

Sunday morning, September 11th, No program events. Elected officers will meet for a short meeting at 8 A.M.

Reunion Pocket Program

Thursday, 8 September (For those arriving early) Green Acres Rm 4:00 to 8 PM. Registration, Open Hospitality Room Stoney Creek Inn

Friday, 9 September

8:00 AM. Registration & Hospitality Rooms open,
Green Acres Room, Lower Level-Coffee, Soda, Snacks
9:00 A.M. Gathering of the Red Bulls. Green Acres Room
(Briefing w/ Photos & Videos by current Red Bull Solders)
11:30 A.M. Lunch at area Restaurants (Individual Pay)
1:00 P.M. Bus departs – Front door of Hotel
Tour of 34th Inf Div Memorial monument & Gold Star
Military Museum & 34th Infantry Exhibit, Camp Dodge
4:00 P.M. Ice Cream Social at Gold Star Museum, Camp Dodge
5:00 P.M. Social (Open Bar) Green Acres Room
6:00 P.M. Evening (Heavy) Hors d oeuvres -Green Acres Room
After Gathering Entertainment

Saturday, 10 September

7:30 A.M. Presidents Breakfast, John Deere Room (Invite)
8:00 A.M. Late Registrations, Green Acres Lobby
Hospitality Rm remains Open, (Coffee, Soda, Snacks)
9:00 A.M. 34th Inf Div Assn Business Meeting, Pioneer Room
Spouse Card Making activity will be conducted in Green Acres Rm
11:00 A.M. Briefing on Afghanistan 2nd BCT Deployment,
12:00A.M. Lunch at Area Restaurants (Individual Pay)
1:00 P.M. Tour of U.S. Army FATS Range & Weapons Firing
at Camp Dodge. Bus departs from Hotel Front Door
1:30 P.M. Special meeting for Afghan & Iraq Veterans in Green Rm
5:00 P.M. Social (\$ Bar Open) Green Acres Room
6:00 P.M. 34th Inf Div Assn Memorial Service, John Deere Room
34th Inf Div Assn Reunion Banquet, John Deere Room
Guest Speaker COL Ben Corell, Cmdr, 2nd BCT, 34th ID
Door Prize Drawing
After Dinner Entertainment with DJ & Dancing

Sunday, 11 September No Activities – Thank You- Travel Safe.

This is a story about my Dad, Staff Sgt. Luther Phillips, and his welcome home. He's one of the veterans of WWII who served proudly with the 34th Infantry Division Red Bulls in Africa and Italy. During the war he was wounded three times while he served with the 135th Infantry Regiment as a First Scout, then Squad Leader and eventually became Staff Sergeant. After his third Purple Heart, he ended up working for Peninsula Base Section, in Leghorn, Italy.

After being away for home for almost three years and surviving the battles of North Africa, Salerno, Anzio Beach, Rome and others, he had to endure a treacherous journey to get home to Climax, Kentucky. The return trip that was supposed to take 48 hours by aircraft, stretched into two weeks. There were delays at each stop in Italy, North Africa, South Africa, Brazil and Puerto Rico and a heart wrenching moment when the C-54 he was on lost an engine over the Atlantic and fell 1000 feet! Finally reaching US soil, the returning soldiers hopped on a train in Miami and arrived in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 3. After official processing, Phillips and his Southern comrades took a bus to Lexington, Kentucky and then on to Berea, Kentucky. He arrived at Midnight. There was no one to greet the returning soldier. His family lived in a rural area without electricity or phones, so there was no way to notify them of his arrival. There was no taxi available that late so he slept in a booth at a diner.

Early morning, July 4, 1945, he got a ride for his last leg home. The ten mile journey around Big Hill was a gravel road and ended at the Climax Post Office. That was the end of the journey for the taxi driver. "The guy that ran the cab wouldn't take me on up the hill," he said. "It was a good solid dirt road up to the house, but no, no, no, he wouldn't take me up there." Phillips left his suitcase at the neighbors and walked the final mile home.

"It turned out to be the best walk I ever had," he said. "Rover, my childhood dog, met me on the hill. He was standing on the steepest bank of the hill and he ran and jumped up on me two or three times. He was so glad to see me; he just hugged me and loved me to death. Then, he started barking and carrying on as we walked up to the house. Mama would never let him in the house, but this morning she said, "Let him in". I went in and sat down and he came right over beside of me. It was great to see my family, but the part I liked best about coming home was that my old dog remembered me after all those months and was really glad to see me."

Staff Sgt. Phillips had grown up in Three Links, Kentucky. He was the oldest brother of nine brothers and sisters. He attended a one room school and farming was done by mules and lots of hand work. As a teenager, he delivered mail on horseback and he grew a crop of tobacco to purchase his first car.

After the war, Phillips lived in Centerville, Ohio and worked as a machinist for General Motors. Last July 4, 2010, was the 65th Anniversary of his returning home from WWII. He and his buddies from Centerville Memorial VFW Post # 9550 rode in the 2010 Americana 4th of July Parade. He said the parade was his Official "Welcome Home" Parade after WWII.

Luther Phillips, and his bride (Esther), celebrated their 65th anniversary on August 11, 2010. They live in Centerville, Ohio and he will celebrate his 89th birthday this April. He is the father of three children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Luther Phillips, 476 Cedar Leaf Drive, Centerville, OH 45459

In 2009 I wrote and published a book about him, *One Red Bull's Life Journey* and sent a copy to the Gold Star Museum. The book is his personal narrative of growing up in rural Kentucky through his experiences in WWII and ends with a heartwarming account of his visit to the WWII Memorial. If anyone from the 34th Division might be interested in his book, I do have copies to sell. People could contact me patdaum@bellsouth.net. The charge would be \$19.95 and that includes shipping.

Thanks so much for all that you do for the 34th Red Bull Veterans.
Blessings, Pat Daum, Daughter of Luther Phillips



S Sgt. Luther Phillips & wife Esther

Tri-State 34th Infantry Division 2011 Reunion Information The Annual Tri-State Reunion will be held on July 22-23- 24 at Carlisle, PA. The site will be the Carlisle Comfort Suites. Contact Steve Tennant, 34th Tri State Treasurer, 10600 Rivers Bend Lane, Potomac, MD 20854 Phone 301-983-0848 Email Sstennant@comcast.net
Secretary, Marilyn Andrews, 262 Florida Ave, Amsterdam, NY 12010 Phone 518-843-3731
Email dandrew6@nycap.rr.com All 34th Tri-State members receive the 34th Div National News Letter which is published three times a year. The current Tri State Pres is Gary Giacomantonio. Thank you for carrying on the tradition of the Red Bull soldiers.
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34th Infantry Division National Membership Application Form

NOTE: If your address Label shows (L), (W), or (1) you do not owe dues for the Current Year

- () Enclosed is \$10.00 for my Annual Membership in the 34th Infantry Division Association. Annual membership period is – 1 Sep thru 31 Aug of each year. (Open to past and present members of units / organizations assigned to the 34th Inf Div or soldiers who have been members of the National Guard or for six years or longer.)
- () Enclosed is \$10.00 for my Associate Membership in the 34th Infantry Division Association. (Annual Fee) (Period is – 1 Sep thru 31 Aug of each year). (Individuals who do not meet membership requirements, ie: Spouses , Friends, Other Services)
- () Enclosed is \$_____ for my LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the 34th Infantry Division Association.
(See Fee Schedule Below) {No Further Annual Fee}.

To Age 60	\$100.00	At age 62	\$80.00	At age 64	\$60.00
At age 61	\$90.00	At age 63	\$70.00	At age 65 & older	\$50.00
- () Enclosed is \$ _____ for a donation to the operation of the 34th Inf Div Assn.
- () Enclosed is \$ _____ for my donation to the 34th Infantry Division Memorial Fund.
(Maintain all monuments and annual flowers for the Cemeteries in North Africa, Italy & U.S.)

Name _____ Street _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Phone Number _____
 AGE _____ Military Unit/ Organization _____ Signature: _____

Note: The purpose of the 34th Infantry Division Association is to preserve the history of the 34th Divisional units & attached organizations of soldiers that have served their nation since 1917. The National Association schedules an annual meeting each September.

The National Secretary is COL (Ret) Russ Bierl. His E Mail address is bierlhome@msn.com The National Association WEB Site is <http://www.34infdiv.org/index.html> Phone No 515-252-4531 or email goldstarmuseum@iowa.gov
 A newsletter is sent to current members three times a year by U.S. mail. All newsletter are shown on the Association WEB site.
 The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum maintains an office for the association. WEB site www.iowanationalguard.com

Museum Store - 34th Inf Div Assn Price List – Dec 2010

34 th Red Bull Polo Shirts Size _____	\$ 22.00	34 th Red Bull Div Insignia Pins (Lapel Pin)	\$5.00
34 th Red Bull T-Shirt Size _____	\$15.00	Red Bull Patch (Black & Red)	\$5.00
34 th Div Red Bull Ball Cap	\$12.00	34 th Div Refrigerator Magnet	\$1.00
34 th Red Bull Window Decal	\$2.00	Div Red Bull Neck Tie	\$ 8.00
34 th Red Bull Jacket Size _____	\$30.00	34 th Div Red Bull Flag (3X5')	\$65.00
34 th Red Bull Coffee Mug	\$6.00	Red Bull Memo Pads, 50 Sheet	\$ 2.00
		<u>Books Available:</u>	
		Dogfaces Who Smiled Through Tears	\$30.00
		(The 34 th Red Bull Infantry Division in WWII)	
		Citizen Soldier in WWII	\$10.00
		Story of the 168 th Inf from Lt /CPT/ MAJ / LTC Ed Bird)	

*Add \$5.00 for shipping any Book. or * Add \$3.00 for shipping any other items.

Sub Total \$ _____
 Shipping \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

34th Infantry Division Association
7105 NW 70th Ave, Camp Dodge, Bldg 3692
Johnston, IA 50131

Name: _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Email: lowagoldstarmuseum@iowa.gov or Call 515-252-4531 if you have a question.

News Interview with COL Ben Corell

Jan 2011 2nd BCT, 34th Inf Div, Afghanistan,

From presidential visits to enemy contact, Iowa National Guardsmen are deeply involved in the war in Afghanistan, Col. Ben Corell, commander of the 2nd Brigade Combat team, said.

The Waterloo-based 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry unit is part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team.

Corell, speaking with Iowa media reporters on a conference call from Afghanistan, said Iowa Guardsmen attended Pres Barack Obama's visit to Bagram Airfield in January 2011, while others provided security.

He also described how Iowa soldiers have had contact with insurgents, ranging from improvised explosive devices that rattled convoys to small arms and rocket-propelled grenade attacks.

"This is a very dangerous place, just like Iraq was," Corell said. "There are times you look at the mountains and think that is a very beautiful, but like Iraq, you have to remember it is dangerous," he said.

He has visited Guard units that are spread out across Afghanistan, assigned to large bases and remote operating bases in the northeast.

Some areas are proving to be fairly secure, while in other areas security is still being established. "We have to build the partnership with the State Department, USAID (United States Agency for International Development) and build the government of Afghanistan," he said. "We have to allow the security to occur so they can build their ability to (govern) on their own."

Despite soldiers being stationed in what he described as "austere conditions," Corell said morale remains high and that the biggest complaint is for better Internet access.

"They would much rather be where they are than back at one of the bigger bases," he said. "These young soldiers today, when they can't use their cell phones anymore, that is a bigger hardship. They are used to that access and communication."

People back home are being generous with care packages, Corell reported. "Our mailrooms are full of care packages and letters from home," he said. "Our mail clerks are working overtime to get the packages out."



2nd BCT, 34th ID Soldiers Die in Afghanistan

The U.S. Army has announced that three 2nd BCT, 34th Inf Div soldiers have been killed in combat in Afghanistan.

—Sgt. Brent M. Maher, 31, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; died April 11 in Paktia Province, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device; assigned to Co B, 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry Regiment, Iowa National Guard, Shenandoah, Iowa. Spc. Maher was posthumously promoted to sergeant.

—Spc. Donald L. Nichols, 21, of Shell Rock, Iowa; died April 13, in Laghman Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using an improvised explosive device; assigned to the HQ Co, 1st Battalion, 133rd Inf Regt, Waterloo, Iowa. promoted to sergeant.

—S Sgt. James A. Justice, 32, of Grimes, Iowa; died April 23 of wounds in Kapisa Province. He was assigned to C Troop, 113th Cav Sqdn, 2nd BCT, 34th Inf Div. See the link shown below for more information.

<http://www.34infdiv.org/34infdivng/2bctheroes.html>



Laghman Province, Afghanistan —SSgt. Nick Rossin (left), a squad leader from Waterloo, IA and Sgt. 1st Class Steve Beireis (right), a platoon sergeant from North Liberty, IA both with the Reconnaissance Platoon, HQ's Co, 1-133rd Inf Regt, 34th Inf Div, salute the memorial stand of Spc. Donald Lee Nichols, who served in their Platoon. The memorial service took place on April 18th.



334 BSB Spec. Mike Lindenburg from Monticello, Iowa, hands a socket wrench to U.S. Army Spec. Kevin Miller from Ankeny, Iowa, both are mechanics with Company B, 334th Bde Spt Bn, a part of the 2nd BC T, 34th Infantry Division, Task Force Red Bulls, while they perform a monthly maintenance check on a mine resistant all terrain vehicle at Co B's forward repair station on Bagram Air Field, Afghanistan.



Co B/133rd Infantry Mortarman at Torkham Gate
 NANGARHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan - U.S. Army Sgt. Dusty Rhoades, left, a mortarman from Stanley, Iowa, and Spec. Abraham Saleh, a mortarman from Williamsburg Iowa, both of the 34th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade in Company B, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry Regiment, relay information from a forward observer on a target to the mortar pit firers March 3 at Forward Operating Base Torkham Gate, Afghanistan. The mortars soldiers were practicing registering rounds at Torkham Gate.



Spec. Lance Weiskamp, a mortarman from Washburn, Iowa, with Co B, 1st Battalion, 133rd Inf Reg, prepares to drop a 60mm mortar round into the mortar tube at Forward Operating Base Torkham Gate, Afghanistan. Weiskamp and the other mortars soldiers were practicing registering rounds at Torkham Gate. Co B is a part of the 34th Inf Div, 2nd Brigade Combat Team in Afghanistan.



LAGHMAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan - 1st Lt. Ryan Lett, (right), platoon leader of 3rd Platoon, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with the 832nd Engineer Company, 2nd BCT, 34th Infantry Division, Task Force Red Bulls, addresses his troops before a potentially dangerous route clearing mission of the Sanghar Valley on March 17 near Forward Operating Base Mehtar Lam, Afghanistan. The company had been hit by an improved Explosive Device (IED) the last two times in the valley. The area remains a hotbed of enemy activity. While patrolling, the Soldiers pay meticulous attention to their environment to discover any threats that may harm coalition forces or Afghans. "One of three things is probably going to happen," said Staff Sgt. Donni Rooks, a platoon sergeant from Mount Pleasant, Iowa. "Based on what's been going on in that valley lately, we're either going to come into contact, get blown up, or find something." (Photo by Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Matson, TF Red Bulls Public Affairs Office)

CELEBRATING 64 YEARS
34TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

2011 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Friday, September 9th thru Saturday Sept 10th, 2010

NAME _____
SPOUSE/GUEST(S) _____

HOME ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
HOME PHONE () _____

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT _____
YEARS IN ASSOCIATION _____
E-MAIL _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS UPON ARRIVAL _____

REGISTRATION FEES (FRI – SAT) FOR Hospitality Room, Coffee & Soda, Fri Hors d oeuvres dinner, Entertainment, & Sat Banquet Dinner

NUMBER OF PERSONS _____ X \$100.00 = TOTAL _____

SPECIAL SATURDAY ATTENDANCE ONLY Hospitality Room, Entertainment, & Sat Banquet Dinner

NUMBER OF PERSONS _____ X \$50.00 = TOTAL _____

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO:

DES MOINES CHAPTER
34TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSN.
7105 N.W. 70TH AVE, BLDG 3692
JOHNSTON, IOWA 50131-2416

REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 15TH 2010

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE INTO MOTEL NOT LATER THEN AUGUST 15TH 2010.

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