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34th Infantry Division Association Reunion



Words from a Combat Chaplain

“Let’s Prevent Suicides”

The 2014 Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Association will be Friday and Saturday, October 3rd & 4th, 2014 at the Johnston, Iowa Stoney Creek Inn. This will be the 67th Reunion of the Association. Please refer to the Reunion Program Information Sheet on page 3 as well as the Registration Form on Page 8, of this newsletter. This is the only mailing for the reunion.

The Des Moines Chapter will host the Reunion at the Stoney Creek Inn, which is the same hotel as last two years. A special effort is being made to include recent combat veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan deployments of the 1st BCT, the 2nd BCT and the deployment of the 34th Inf Div HQ's.

Current Des Moines Chapter President, Col (Ret) Curly Albrecht, said he is anxious to host many of the new soldiers and their spouses who have joined the organization since the “War on Terror” involved the 34th Infantry Division. The Des Moines Chapter is the official host of the reunion and will sponsor activities at Camp Dodge as well as at the Stoney Creek Inn.

The main speaker at the reunion banquet will be Lt Col David Nixon, who mobilized with the 1-133rd Infantry Bn for the Afghanistan deployment in 2010-11. LTC Nixon will talk about his Afghanistan combat deployment with the 2nd BCT in 2010-2011.



Who are these men?

We invite them, and all of their buddies, to the 34th Infantry Division Association Reunion on Friday and Saturday, 3-4 October at the Stoney Creek Inn in Johnston, Iowa.

Captain Chad Mackie of Grundy Center, who is an Iowa Guard Chaplain, said the military is making a concerted effort to prevent Suicide tragedies.

“We see people reaching out for help as a sign of strength, not a sign of weakness.” He said. Chaplain Mackie said, “that’s a real mind-shift.”

Mackie, who served in Afghanistan, suggests that family and friends of soldiers keep in close touch with them after they return from deployment. People should ask soldiers and veterans how they’re doing, Mackie said, and a simple “fine” should not be considered a sufficient answer.

“Ask the person how their jobs going. Ask how their families are doing,” he said. Then, he said, take time to really listen. If soldiers or veterans start insulating themselves, acting sad or seeming different in any substantial way, people should speak up and urge them to seek counseling, the chaplain said.

Sometimes, mental health issues can crop up long after a soldier returns from war, he said. “Just because we’re back home, doesn’t mean we’re doing fine.”

During the last week of April, it was reported in the Des Moines Register and other regional news outlets, that SGT Jacob Hutchinson, an IED wounded Combat Veteran from the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, committed suicide after 19 months of rehabilitation.

The Iowa National Guard, which has 9,200 members, has recorded (10) suicides among its soldiers and airmen since 2008.

According to a USA Today newspaper report, across the nation, the National Guard rate of 30.8 suicide deaths per 100,000 service members was nearly 36 percent higher than the overall military rate.

The U.S. Defense Department reported that Nationally military suicide rates might be dropping, but they remain higher than civilian rates.

In conclusion, “We still have to watch over our Fox Hole Buddies.” Just because we have returned from combat duty, does not mean our job is complete. Take a moment to stop and visit with a friend, send a email or Text to check in. Make a phone call, and ask the question, “How are you doing?”

Free help can be found by calling the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255.

Web Site of : suicidepreventionlifeline.org

Greetings to the RED BULL TEAM!

As we close in on summer, the season of growth and remembrance, I want to start this message by recognizing and honoring the many brave men and women who gave their lives in defense of our great nation. I also want to thank all of our service members, veterans, and their families for their sacrifice, duty, and commitment in serving both state and nation. As we move forward to enjoy these upcoming days of summer, I want to stress the obligation each of us has to not only remember, but to actively engage our former comrades to promote fellowship and more importantly, provide support.

As members of this great organization, we must never forget the bond and trust forged with our fellow Red Bulls and we must continuously attempt to reach out and ensure the security of our brothers and sisters, be it on deployment, at training, or after leaving active service. It is our responsibility to maintain association with those who served in our former ranks, those former Red Bulls who distinguished themselves by their past service and sacrifice while serving with, or attached to, the 34th Infantry Division.

The Association also has a commitment to better inform and share information while working to improve the service and support to our members and families. Currently we are striving to improve our methods of communication through a more effective and efficient use of digital media, social media, and local media outlets. We are working to better preserve our history and continue to tell the Red Bull story while seeking greater engagement with other social and military organizations. We are also in the process of evaluating our current mission statement and vision in order to ensure we maintain relevancy as a military support organization, today and in the future.

Soon we will seek input from all members and friends of the organization in an attempt to ensure we are meeting the needs of our members while generating ideas to reach all Red Bulls. We will work to increase the communication and collaboration with the leadership of the 34th Infantry Division in order to ensure we remain synchronized and are able to respond to the ever-changing needs of today's Soldier and his/her family. As I have said previously, our expectations are simple; communicate, stay connected, share your story, and invite others to do the same.

Finally, please mark your calendars and plan to attend the 67th Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Association on 3-4 October at Stoney Creek Inn in Johnston, Iowa. I hope to see a great turnout in support of the Association, the 34th Infantry Division, and our many great Soldiers and alumni.

ATTACK!

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34th Inf Div Final Roll Call

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Derrald J. Martin, 34th ID
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Francis Springer, 34th ID
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Tom Tsuda, B 100th Inf, 34th ID
Ben Matsui, B 100th Inf, 34th ID

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

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34th Infantry Division Association • 67th Annual Reunion

October 3rd & 4th, 2014 • Johnston, Iowa

This year's 67th Reunion of our Association is being hosted by the Des Moines Chapter, under President "Curly" Ron Albrecht, (1-133rd), on October 3rd & 4th, 2014 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 \$84.00 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. NLT: 15 Sep 14
- Send in your Reunion program registration - the form is included in this newsletter at page 7. NLT 15 Sep 14

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

THE PROGRAM

Thursday, October 2nd. 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 bus service, the Friday Evening (Heavy) Hors d'oeuvres, the Sat Banquet and snacks. The Registration Fee, for the two day event is \$100, to be paid with the registration submission.

Friday Morning, October 3rd, all are invited for the Kick Off event of the Reunion. Join us for the "Gathering of the Red Bulls", 9 to 11:30 A.M.. Pioneer Room (Lower Level Hotel).

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

Lunch will be an individual responsibility.

Friday Afternoon: 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, October 3rd, 5 PM will include a Open Bar Social with (Heavy) Hors d'oeuvres dinner in the Green Acres Room Lower Level (Food & Drinks Paid thru Registration Fee).

Saturday Morning, October 4th, will start at 9:00 a.m. with the business meetings of our organization: the presentation and approval of reports, elections, and old & new business.

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 an open 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 as well as any losses in our currently 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 Lt Col David Nixon, who mobilized with the 1-133rd Infantry Bn for Afghanistan. The evening will end with music provided by Ross the DJ."

Sunday morning, October 5th, No program events. meeting at 8 A.M.

Reunion Pocket Program

Thursday, 2 October (For those arriving early) Green Acres Room 4:00 to 8 PM. Registration, Open Hospitality Room Stoney Creek Inn

Friday, 3 October

8:00 AM. Registration & Hospitality Rooms open,

Green Acres Room, Lower Level-Coffee, Soda, Snacks

9:00 A.M. Gathering of the Red Bulls. Pioneer Room

(Afghan War Briefing w/ Red Bull Soldiers) Lt Col Timothy Sulzner

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, 4 October

7:30 A.M. Presidents Breakfast, John Deere Room (Invite only)
Hospitality Room remains Open, (Coffee, Soda n/vite)

8:00 A.M. Late Registrations, Green Acres Lobby, Snacks)

9:00 A.M. 34th Inf Div Assn Business Meeting, Pioneer Room

10:30 A.M. Italian Campaign- Briefing on WWII Battle Field Tour
Of May 2014 - CSM Bob Warrington

12:00A.M. Lunch at Area Restaurants (Individual Pay)

1:00 P.M. Tour of Army ES2000 Lazar Range & Weapons Firing
at Camp Dodge. Bus departs from Hotel Front Door

1:30 P.M. Briefing on WWII Battle Field Tour 34th Inf Div

5:00 P.M. Social (Open Free Bar) Green Acres Room

6:00 P.M. 34th Inf Div Assn Memorial Service, Pioneer Room

34th Inf Div Assn Reunion Banquet, Pioneer Room

Guest Speaker, Lt Col David Nixon 133rd Inf Bn
Door Prize Drawing

After Dinner Entertainment with DJ & Dancing

Sunday, 5 October No Activities – Thank You- Travel Safe.

Wild Ride ---

Ironman truck drivers help perform "Speed Ball" delivery at Do Ab Battle (Afghanistan)



By Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Matson
Task Force Red Bulls Public Affairs Office

LAGHMAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan – There is an old Army expression: Don't volunteer for anything. The theory behind the expression is that a Soldier may not like the duty or detail for which they volunteered.

But even after delivering bags of supplies under heavy enemy fire to the 133rd Infantry Battalion Recommence Platoon engaged in a fierce battle in the mountains of Nuristan Province, U.S. Army Spc. Tyler Parker-Bellinger, a truck driver from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, with Company E, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry Regiment, Task Force Ironman, a part of the Iowa National Guard's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, Task Force Red Bulls, said he would volunteer to do it all again.

"We were up at the flight line helping load the bags," Parker-Bellinger recalled. "A bird landed and said they needed a couple guys to help unload it. I figured, being a truck driver, I don't get to ride on a helicopter too much, so I said, 'Alright.'"

"Somebody had to do it and I thought it'd be kind of fun. I didn't know what the outcome would be necessarily. I'd do it again if they asked for volunteers. In fact, we were ready to go back after the first run."

The bags Parker-Bellinger was referring to are known as speed balls. They are black bags (body bags) filled with water, food and ammunition sent to troops in heavy contact as part of a quick re-supply mission.

It was the afternoon of May 25, 2011. Soldiers from the Reconnaissance Platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 133rd Inf. Regt., were in heavy contact near the village of Do Ab in Nuristan Province.

Knowing that troops were in contact and pinned down, anyone and everyone on Forward Operating Base Mehtar Lam was rushing to put the speed balls together.

The entire distribution platoon, along with every available officer and enlisted Soldier, were at the flight line putting the bags together, Parker-Bellinger said. The hastily-assembled team packaged around 25 bags before helicopters from Company A, 1st Battalion, 169th Combat Aviation Brigade, arrived to deliver the supplies to the troops in contact.

U.S. Army Sgt. Jared Henkle, a truck driver from Cincinnati, Iowa, was one of the Soldiers from Co. E's distribution platoon loading bags when the birds arrived.

"Spc. Parker-Bellinger and another Soldier were going to go first, but the commander pulled the other Soldier off and put me on it, because she needed a non-commissioned officer and didn't think he was big enough to throw the bags off the bird," Henkle said. Both he and Parker-Bellinger stand over 6-feet tall and weigh more than 200 pounds.

The pair said the bags they loaded weighed several hundred pounds. The bags of water consisted of 14 cases of water, each case being 12 20-ounce bottles, while the ammunition speedballs contained in excess of 1,000 rounds of 5.65, and 7.62 millimetre rounds.

"Once the helicopters landed, the crews briefed us that there was a lot of enemy activity in the area," Parker-Bellinger said. "Once we got to the designated landing zone, immediately there was small arms fire, medium arms fire and rocket propelled grenade fire."

Henkle said his meeting with the crew chief was humorous. "They were real laid back about it when we took off," Henkle said. "The gunner on my side asked what we did in the Army and we told them we were truck drivers."

"He said, 'Oh this will kind of be the same thing. You deliver supplies, we deliver supplies, kind of the same deal.'"

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Henkle said that he and Parker-Bellinger started hearing gunfire as the helicopter was about 20 yards from landing.

"Just hearing that much fire and knowing you're about to be landing in the middle of it...that's when it all kind of hit me," Henkle said. "We knew it was hot up there, but we didn't know it would be right by the landing zone like that. Once the doors opened, I couldn't even tell you that I heard much of anything, we were just throwing bags as fast as we could."

At that point, the two said only one thing was in their minds: get the supplies out as quickly as possible.

"We got out nine of the ten bags before our bird took off," Parker-Bellinger. "The other bird didn't even unload anything because they were taking so much fire."

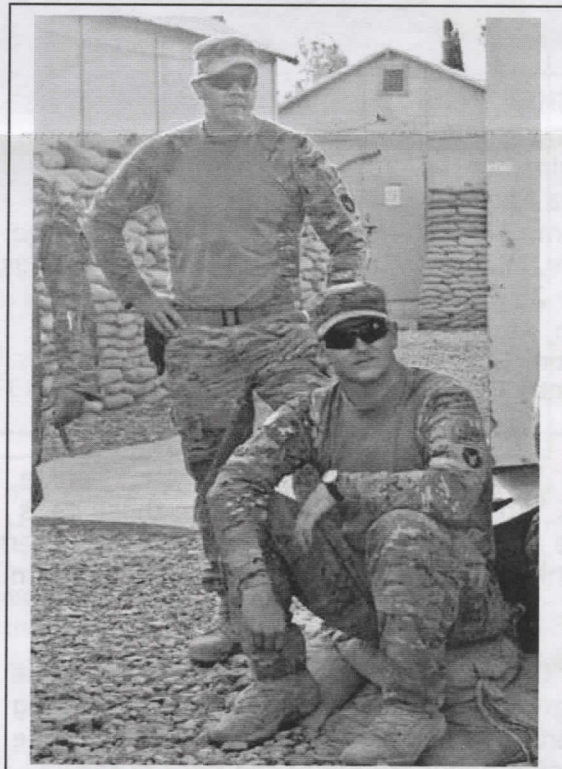
The helicopter in front of Parker-Bellinger and Henkle's aircraft had flown in tandem with their helicopter to the valley. While no battle damage was observed to the helicopter Parker-Bellinger and Henkle were on, the helicopter in front of them was found to have damage from approximately six bullets which struck the engine and rear fuselage. Both aircraft were still able to return safely to FOB Mehtar Lam.

Henkle said the gunners could not return fire due to the steep elevation of the valley around them, which prevented them from traversing their weapons high enough to return fire, and the fact they could not get positive identification of where the fire was originating from. Instead, several of the crew chiefs left their guns and helped unload the supplies. Parker-Bellinger and Henkle threw the bags from inside the aircraft, while the crew chiefs actually exited the aircraft to assist them.

The gunner on Henkle's side was unloading a bag when he fell and the bag ripped out his communication wire. The crew reported seeing numerous RPGs fired at the aircraft, and rounds landing within feet of the aircraft and personnel. Henkle said the gunner said when he fell, he heard rounds hitting the ground right behind him and when he returned to the base he was visibly shaking. During the unloading of the aircraft, an RPG also landed within 50 yards of the aircraft.

"We heard sort of a muffled explosion, and saw the black smoke," Henkle said. The two, who have completed about 120 convoy missions through North-eastern Afghanistan, had been in convoys which took fire, but both said they had never experienced an attack of that magnitude. Henkle and Parker-Bellinger said they were not on the ground more than a minute, yet it was one of the most intense moments of their lives.

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LAGHMAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan - U.S. Army Sgt. Jared Henkle (standing), of Cincinnati, Iowa, and U.S. Army Spc. Tyler Parker-Bellinger, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, both truck drivers with Company E, 1st Battalion, 133rd Inf Regt, Task Force Ironman, a part of the Iowa National Guard's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Inf Div, Task Force Red Bulls, listen to a mission brief June 6 on Forward Operating Base Mehtar Lam in Afghanistan shortly before going on a convoy. The pair found themselves resupplying Soldiers from the 133rd while under heavy fire in Nuristan Province.

(Photo by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Matson, Task Force Red Bulls Public Affairs Office)



LAGHMAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan - Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry Regiment, Task Force Ironman, a part of the Iowa National Guard's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, Task Force Red Bulls, load speed balls, or quick resupply bags, May 25 at Forward Operating Base Mehtar Lam, Afghanistan. (Photo by U.S. Army Spc. Kristina Gupton, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division)

"We were talking about it later," Henkle said. "And with all the adrenaline, those bags were a lot lighter when we were throwing them off the birds than when we were loading them up!"

On their way out of the landing zone, the enemy unleashed one more RPG attack, firing several RPGs at the helicopters in unison. The RPGs hit about 50 feet to the right of the helicopters as they lifted off.

Due to the damage to the aircraft, as well as an imminent storm, the crews did not return for a second resupply.

U.S. Army Capt. Jodi Marti of Knoxville, Iowa, Henkle and Parker-Bellinger's company commander, was clearly proud of her Soldier's performance.

"When they got back and landed the air mission commander raved about how well they did and said he'd love to take them back if they could come back for a return trip, which didn't end up happening," she said.

"I'm very proud of them. They jumped right up and even though they might not have known exactly what they were getting into, they went anyway, and when they got to the task at hand, they never hesitated, and did what they went up there to do. Not too bad for a couple of truck drivers from Iowa!"



LAGHMAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan - U.S. Army Spc. Tyler Parker-Bellinger, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a truck driver with Company E, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry Regiment, Task Force Ironman, a part of the Iowa National Guard's 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, Task Force Red Bulls, puts on his body armor outside a mine-resistant ambush-protected on Forward Operating Base Mehtar Lam, Afghanistan, before a convoy mission the early morning of June 6. Parker-Bellinger participated in a quick resupply of water, food, and ammunition to 133rd Inf. Regt. troops under heavy fire on May 25th 2011, in the mountains of the Nuristan Province, Afghanistan. (Photo by U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Ryan C. Matson, Task Force Red Bulls Public Affairs Office)



2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 34th ID Receives Army Meritorious Unit Commendation



2ND BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM, 34TH INFANTRY DIVISION MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION PRESENTATION

15 NOVEMBER, 2010 - 20 JULY 2011
OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM - AFGHANISTAN

During the Iowa National Guard Joint Commanders Call, on March 28th, Major General Tim Orr, The Adjutant General of Iowa, presented the Iowa National Guard's 2d Brigade Combat and subordinate battalions with Meritorious Unit Commendation battle streamers for their performance of duty in Afghanistan in 2010-11. United States Army Permanent Order #176-07 DATED 25 JUNE 2013 reads:

(The Award Reads)

"The Meritorious Unit Commendation is presented to for exceptionally meritorious service during the period 15 November 2010 to 20 July 2011. The Headquarters 2d Brigade Combat Team 34th Infantry Division and the cited units demonstrated the ability to execute counterinsurgency operations and accomplished the mission beyond the call of duty. Their expertise in bringing decisive combat power to bear on the enemy wherever and whenever needed set the conditions for overwhelming victory and represents a phenomenal effort. **The units' support of the Afghan government and Afghan National Security Force partners facilitated the creation of a safe and stable environment for Afghanistan's citizens and set the conditions necessary for sustainable progress in governance, development and**

agriculture. The dedication and performance of Headquarters 2d Brigade Combat Team 34th Infantry Division and the cited units are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon the units, the 34th Infantry Division and the U.S. States Army. **BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY."**

Photo includes the organizational colors with the CURRENT Command Teams (Cdrs & CSM's). These Colors represent 3,500+ Soldiers who served.

- "Headquarters 2nd Brigade Combat Team 34th Inf Div – COL Damian Donahoe & CSM Willie Adams"
- "Headquarters 1st Battalion 133rd Infantry Regiment– LTC David Nixon & CSM Joedy Dennis"
- "Headquarters 1st Squadron 113th Cavalry Regiment– LTC Scott Keeley & CSM Matthew Strasser"
- "Headquarters 1st Battalion 194th Field Artillery Regiment – LTC Derek Adams & CSM James Cline"
- "Headquarters 334th Brigade Support Battalion – LTC Chad Stone & CSM Daniel Collins"
- "Headquarters 2/34th Brigade Special Troops Battalion – LTC Wade McKnight & CSM Steven Dreher"
- "Headquarters 185th Combat Service Support Battalion – LTC Joni Ernst & CSM David Enright standing in for CSM Thomas Newton"
- "The Headquarters 1st Battalion 168th Infantry, commanded by LTC Tim Sulzner & CSM Matthew Miller.

CELEBRATING 67 YEARS
34TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

2014 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

Friday, October 3th thru Saturday October 4th, 2014

NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST(S) _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE () _____

E-MAIL _____

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS UPON ARRIVAL _____

REGISTRATION FEES (FRI – SAT) FOR Hospitality Room, Coffee & Soda, Fri Hors d oeuvres dinner, Entertainment, Association Meeting & Saturday Banquet Dinner & Open Free Will Bar

NUMBER OF PERSONS _____ X \$100.00 = TOTAL _____

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

NUMBER OF PERSONS _____ X \$50.00 = TOTAL _____

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK BY U.S. MAIL TO:

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REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPT 15TH 2014

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE INTO MOTEL NOT LATER THEN SEPT 15TH 2014.

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