

34th Infantry Division Association

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73rd Reunion - 34th Infantry Division Association

The 2020 Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Association will be Friday and Saturday, October 2nd and 3rd, 2020 at the Johnston, Iowa Lions Club. This will be the 73rd Reunion of the Association.

This is the only mailing for the reunion. Please refer to the Reunion Program Information Sheet on page 6 as well as the Registration Form on Page 7, of this newsletter. This newsletter, as well as the information sheet and registration form can be downloaded off the 34th Inf Div Assn Web Site, www.34ida.org

The Des Moines Chapter will host the Reunion at the Johnston Lions Club. The Reunion Hotel will be the Quality Inn and Suites in Des Moines. All reunion activities will be at the Johnston Lions Club location and Cp Dodge Gold Star Military Museum.

This reunion is designed to appeal to the young soldiers. The location of the reunion, the catered meals and hotel were chosen to minimize costs. The cost of attending the events for one person at the Friday evening BBQ, and Saturday all day, to include the Banquet, will be approximately \$47.00. There will be a "Free Will Offering" for alcoholic beverages.

This year, the Iowa Infantry Association will again join with the Des Moines Chapter of the 34th Infantry Division Assn. in hosting the reunion. Due to the upcoming deployment of many current soldiers of the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team, we hope to cater to our retired Red Bull soldiers to support the reunion.

All who register and attend the Fri and Sat events of the 73rd Reunion will be able to purchase a copy of "The Roaring Bull: The 34th Infantry Division in the Global War on Terror," book, at the reduced price of \$25.00, as part of the reunion package.

Late Announcement – Stand By

We will continue to plan for the 73rd Reunion, but due to the continued spread of the Coronavirus in the U.S., we may have to cancel the event. The leadership of the Association will make a decision in Late July, and pass the news to all members of the association by U.S. mail or email.

President Nicholas Jedlicka

133rd Infantry 'Ironman Battalion' Receives Mobilization Orders

As part of the U.S. Army's ongoing overseas operational requirements, the 1st Battalion (Ironman), 133rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, Iowa Army National Guard, recently received deployment orders for Operation Spartan Shield in the U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) Area of Responsibility (AOR).

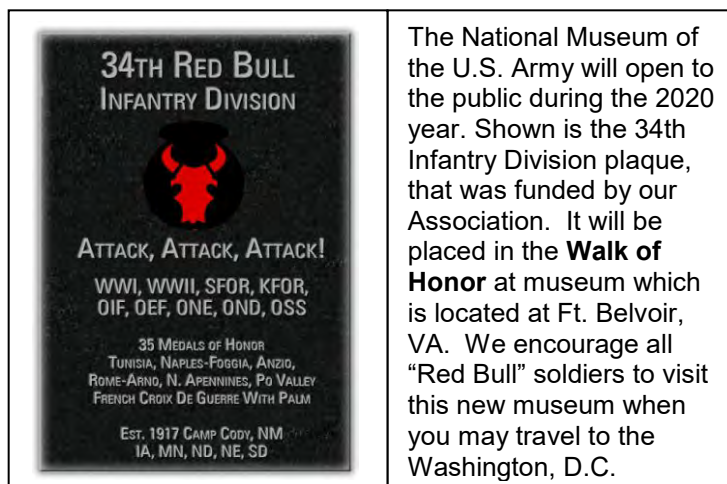
This is the first of a number of deployments announced by Maj. Gen. Ben Corell, former 34th Infantry Division Commander, and current Iowa National Guard Adjutant General, during his recent Condition of the Guard address to the Iowa General Assembly.

The 133rd Infantry Battalion will deploy with approximately 550 Soldiers mobilizing from National Guard armories in seven Iowa communities: Charles City, Davenport, Dubuque, Iowa City, Iowa Falls, Oelwein and Waterloo.

Their primary mission will involve area security and force protection operations in the CENTCOM AOR, which encompasses 27 countries including Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, among others.

This is the fifth federal mobilization for the Ironman Battalion since 2000, including a nearly 22-month mobilization in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, (The Long Deployment), from September 2005 through August 2007. The battalion's most recent deployment was to Afghanistan in 2010.

The battalion is currently working to schedule send-off ceremonies, which will occur at the end of May. The Ironman Battalion will then travel to Ft. Bliss, Texas, to complete its final training and readiness checks before deploying overseas. The deployment is expected to last approximately one year.



Greetings Fellow 34th Inf Div Assn. Members,

I hope that you all are doing well in the midst of this pandemic. This is an unprecedented time we are living through. Let's take this time to reach out to our Army friends and ensure they are doing ok. A quick phone call will mean the world to those who can't go outside.

Unfortunately, I have some bad news to be shared. Our treasurer for the past 15 years, LTC (R) Mike Musel, age 74, passed away suddenly after a broken ankle, surgery, bad reaction to the anesthesia, a short hospital stay & complications. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Mike will be missed & we acknowledge his faithful service to our nation and the 34th ID Association.

In the last newsletter, I talked about meeting with SPC Robert Soloth from Tryenor, Iowa in January. He belonged to the 168th Infantry in Council Bluffs for many years. During the meeting, I presented him a framed copy of the "Red Bull in the Winter Line" and a 168th Infantry Battalion Coin. He was very happy to receive the recognition, and will be joining the Council Bluffs chapter of the 34th Inf Div Assn. soon at their upcoming Chapter meeting.

I know we have had to cancel Chapter meetings due to the Crono Virus, but please keep in contact with everyone. Find out when the next meeting is, and do your best to attend and bring a buddy.

Please mark your calendars for the 73rd Annual Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Assn. on 2-3 October 2020, in Des Moines, Iowa. Stand by for cancelation announcement.



ATTACK! ATTACK! ATTACK!
Nicholas Jedlicka, 1SG (Ret)
President, 34th ID Association
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President Nick Jedlicka & Rob Soloth

34th Infantry Division Final Roll Call

Fall 2019

- Brent Hunter, 194 Cav, 34th Inf Div
- Loren Tungesvik, 34th Inf Div
- Julien Richard Jacobs, 34th Inf Div
- James Kessler, 34th Inf Div
- James E. Tadlock, 2-133 Inf, 34th Inf Div
- Eugene T Goode, Sr. L 135 Inf 34th ID
- Walter S. Nowotarski, 2-135 Inf, 34th ID
- Carl D. Dnyder, HQ 133rd Inf, 34th Inf Div
- Mark Bernhard, B 1-194 FA, 34th Inf Div
- Takamori Miyagi, C 100th Inf, 34th Inf Div
- Tsugio "Bob" Sakai, C 100th Inf, 34th Inf Div
- Shiro Aoki, D 100th Inf, 34th Inf Div
- Toshio Funai, B 100th Inf, 34th Inf Div
- Larry Tsukasa Sekiguchi, B 100th Inf 34th ID
- Sonsei Nakamura, B 100th Inf Div, 34th ID
- Paul Takashi Kusunoki, A 100th Inf, 34th ID
- Ryoji Yamakuchi, A 100th Inf, 34th Inf Div

Winter 2020

- Masaur "Dick" Fujiwara B 100th Inf, 34th ID
- John A. Velar, 1st Marine Div/ 34th ID
- Agie Harada, B 100th 34th Inf Div
- Jean L. DeCurtins, D 135th Inf, 34th Inf Div
- Takeo Kojima, C 100th, 34th Inf Div

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- Kiyoshi Kami, A 100, 34th Inf Div
- Arthur Van Erem, B/ 133 Inf Bn, 34th ID
- Ralph Rose, 34th Infantry Division
- Reginald Ballantyne, C 133rd Regt, 34th ID
- Ed Gabbard, Aviation /Cav, 34th Inf Div
- Rocky Roque Riojas, 135th Regt, 34th ID
- Richard Lee Taylor Jr. 2-133 IN Bn 34th ID
- John Robert Rodgers, ILL, 34th Inf Div
- Michael Musel, 1-194 FA Bn, 34th Inf Div

Final Roll Call Prayer

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

National Office-34th Infantry Division Association

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73rd Reunion..... 2-3 Oct 2020 Johnston, IA

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Internet 34th Inf Div Assn: <http://www.34ida.org>

Also, follow the 2-34th Red Bulls at! <http://www.dvidshub.net/units/2-34IBCT> <http://www.twitter.com/IowaRedBulls>
<http://www.flickr.com/IowaRedBulls>

1st BCT: <http://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaRedBulls>

2nd BCT: <http://www.facebook.com/IowaRedBulls>

IOWA 113th CAVALRY TROOPS RECEIVE MOBILIZATION ORDERS FOR AFRICA

As part of the U.S. Army's ongoing overseas operational requirements, Troop C, 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, Iowa Army National Guard, recently received deployment orders for Operation Enduring Freedom in the United States Africa Command (U.S. AFRICOM) (AOR). U.S. AFRICOM is responsible for U.S. military operations, exercises and security cooperation activities on the African continent, its island nations and surrounding waters.

Troop C, based in Le Mars, Iowa, will deploy with approximately 90 Soldiers. They will be joined by 40 Soldiers from Troop A, 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry Regiment, assigned to the Freedom Center located on Camp Dodge in Johnson, Iowa. This is the third federal mobilization for Troop C since 2001. The troop previously deployed to Iraq in 2005 and Afghanistan in 2010.

The 113th Cavalry Troop will serve as part of a Task Force, with the 700 soldier, 2-135th Infantry Battalion, Minnesota National Guard, which improves security posture at U.S. installations and forward operating bases in the AFRICOM region, while maintaining a rapidly deployable force prepared to respond to crisis.

For the last four years, Troop C, along with several additional Iowa Army National Guard units, has completed increasingly complicated training events in preparation for mobilization.

The troop is currently working to schedule send-off ceremonies, which will occur in June. They will travel to Ft. Bliss, Texas, to complete their final training and readiness checks before deploying overseas. The deployment is expected to last approximately one year.

133rd Infantry "Iron Man Chapter"

President: Gary Czuba

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The Waterloo Iron Man Chapter of the Association was formed in 1947 and reactivated in the Summer of 2019 to cover all "Red Bull" units & and veterans in NE IA.

11 Jun 2020 – Quarterly Meeting and Dinner
Cedar Falls Family Rest. 2627 Center Street, CF, IA 5 PM.

CW5 (Ret) Marv Peters marvpeters@southslope.net

Iron Man Chapter, 34th Inf. Div. Assn.

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Association Officers:

President 2020	1SG (Ret) Nick Jedlicka
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WWII Combat Veteran and Published Author Dies

COL (Ret) Robert "Bob" Joseph Berens, 96, died peacefully surrounded by his family on Aug 16, 2019 at Greenspring Village, Springfield, VA.

Robert was born in Dunlap, IA and was mobilized with the 3rd Battalion, 168th Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division, as a 17 year old soldier, on 10 Feb, 1941. He served throughout the entire North Africa and Italian Campaign as an infantry soldier and earned a Battlefield Commission by the end of the war.

Bob stayed in the U.S. Army after the war, became an Airborne Soldier, and served a second round of infantry combat duty in Korea, where he was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, 2nd Award. Robert continued his military service for our country, which brought him to his third combat tour in Vietnam prior to retirement in 1974.

Robert often stated that his toughest combat experience was the Italian Battle of Monte Cassino. He served 32 years, rising in rank from infantry recruit to full Colonel.

Robert was a Life Member of the 34th Infantry Ddivision Association.

During this time, he earned a Master's degree in Journalism from the University of Wisconsin. After retiring from the Army, he taught college-level written communications, wrote articles for professional military magazines and published one novel and four nonfiction books; "Second Time Around," Citizen Soldier- The Fighting Ed Bird, and "Limbo on the Yalu, plus a collection of his army combat experiences which were published in the Washington Post.

Robert graduated from the Iowa State University (BA) and married his college sweetheart Betty-Lou Ehлке. They were married over 59 years, traveling the world throughout their time together. Robert is survived by three daughters; 11 grandchildren; and forty-seven great-grandchildren.

He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Council Bluffs Chapter, 34th ID Assn.

168th Infantry (SE Iowa Red Bulls)

President: Skyler Dooley

Sec: Bill Wege

Our chapter is forty members strong. Our members meet at monthly luncheons or dinners. The next official meeting of the Council Bluffs Chapter is **TBD** in the Fall at Barley's, 114 W Broadway, Council Bluffs, IA

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3 Year Trustees	CSM (Ret) Chris Stroner	Paul Wieck
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34TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

2020 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM - CELEBRATING 73 YEARS

Friday P.M., October 2nd thru Saturday October 3rd, 2020

NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST(S) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

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President Nicholas Jedlicka

Obituary of Michael J. Musel

Michael J. Musel, the Secretary of the 34th Infantry Division Association passed away from this life, at age 74, on April 12th. He joined the US Army as an Iowa State University student, attended Engineer OCS at Ft Belvoir, VA and served 18 months of duty in Vietnam with six years of active duty. He later joined the Iowa National Guard and served in the 194th Field Artillery as well as the 185th Training Regiment, and the Iowa National Guard Joint Forces HQ's as a Operations, Personnel and Mobilization Officer. LTC Michael J. Musel retired from the Iowa National Guard with over 27 years of Active Duty and ARNG service.

Mike was a very proud member of the 34th Infantry Division Association. As Secretary he kept the organizations financial records and membership rooster with high standards. After his retirement from the USDA, Mike started at the museum as a volunteer before he became a temporary employee in 2004 and then hired permanently in 2014. Mike was the museum historian and administrative assistant at the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum.

Mike's interest outside of the museum included being a member of the Ray Society. Mike was also a civil war history buff. He maintained a library with many books and papers on the Civil War, and was always willing to learn more.

Michael is survived by two sons and their families. After a private family service, Mike was buried, with full Military Honors, at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Chelsea, IA.





2-135th Inf BN at Camp Ripley - AT 2019

The entire BN during the BDE Culminating Force on Force mission at the CACTF where the BN was the Main Effort.

2019 was another busy year for the 135th Infantry, preparing for an upcoming deployment in the summer of 2020. Annual training for the Battalion focused on Platoon live fire exercises and integrating engineer and aviation assets.

Additionally the Battalion conducted an Exportable Combat Training Capability (XCTC) rotation and the main effort in the Brigade Culminating Force on Force mission at the Camp Ripley Combined Arms Collective Training Facility (CACTF). The Mankato based 2nd Battalion 135th Infantry Regiment (First Minnesota) is Commanded by LTC Charles "Chip" Rankin and CSM Benjamin Schieber.

Approximately 700 Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry are expected to deploy to the Horn of Africa this summer in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. They will serve as a Task Force, including approximately 130 Soldiers from C Troop, 1-113 CAV, which improves security posture at U.S. installations and forward operating bases in the AFRICOM region, while maintaining a rapidly deployable force prepared to respond to crisis.

This will be the 9th deployment for the Battalion, in whole or in part, since 2001. The last deployment for the Battalion was 2016-2017 to the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt as part of the Multination Force and Observers (MFO) mission.

During the BN's Annual Training this summer a BN Deployment ceremony is tentatively scheduled for 13JUN2020 at AASF#2 in Saint Cloud. Further information will be published through official authorities.

1-125th Field Artillery Trains at Fort Hood

By: MAJ Blake St. Sauver, 1-125 FA BN XO

The 1-125 Field Artillery Battalion conducted Exportable Combat Training Center (xCTC) at Fort Hood, Texas 2-22 August 2019 to validate Field Artillery mission essential tasks including conducting a comprehensive validated platoon live-fire range.

The lane consisting of major objectives such as: receiving the mission, conducting R3SP (refuel, refit, resupply and supply point) operations, day/night occupations, conducting a platoon defense and executing an assortment of fire missions. The platoon validation lane along with the execution of mission command, sustainment, medical and fire-support in direct support of the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team was a lofty objective even under 17 days scheduled in the field.

Upon arrival, the battalion was tested with its first major task, the heat. Each day brought temperatures over 90 degrees and 100% humidity, and with a tight timeline for execution, the entire brigade felt like ants under a microscope just trying to move fast enough to meet the tasks-at-hand.

After a few days of constant heat and sweat the 1-125 FA got into a groove and began its field operation by tweaking the conduct of their lanes throughout the entire training met organizational expectations while also exceeding evaluations by our Active Duty evaluators from the 2-307th FA BN.

Overall the organization met all training objectives while operating safely in the roughest environment the battalion could have expected outside of the National Training Center (NTC). The battalion will utilize its little downtime during 2020 to prepare for its upcoming NTC rotation and will continue the Fire Support mission at Ft. Irwin.



The 1-125 FA: HQ's & HQ's Battery is located in New Ulm, A Battery in Pipestone & Luverne, B Battery in Jackson, C Battery in Fairmont, F Company in St. Peter and St. James and the Headquarters and HQ's Btry, Det in Anoka. The battalion fires the M109A6 Paladin, 155MM Howitzer, which has a range of approximately 30 Kilometers.

This year's **73rd Reunion** of our Association is being hosted by DSM Chapter Pres, CSM William "Willy" Adams, (1-168th), on **October 2nd and 3rd, 2020** 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 lodging will be at the Quality Inn & Suites, 4995 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, IA 50322 Phone # 515-278-2381. At intersection of I-80 and Merle Hay Road.

The room rate at the hotel will be \$75.00 plus taxes. Breakfast is complimentary. Please make your reservations individually using the phone numbers shown above. Tell them your with the Group Rate for the 34th Infantry Division Reunion.

A **Hospitality gathering**, on Friday P.M. & Saturday, will be at the Lions Club building in Johnston. It is located 6501 Merle Hay Road, just 15 blocks North of Interstate I 35/80/during the hours announced in the Reunion Program. Snacks, coffee, non alcoholic beverages will always be available.

The Hotel does not provide airport van transportation to and from the Des Moines International Airport. The 34th Infantry Division Association will assist with ride sharing to the Lions Club and Gold Star Museum. Please keep in mind that you need to do two things in order to join us in Johnston:

- Send in your **Reunion Registration** - the form is included in this newsletter at page 4. NLT 15 Sep 2020
- Make the **Hotel reservation** – Quality Inn and Suites, 4995 NW Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, IA 50322 Phone Number 515-278-2381 NLT: 15 Sep 2020

Updated information will be posted to our 34th Association website (<http://www.34ida.org>)

THE PROGRAM

The registration fee for the two day conference will cover the Friday Evening dinner, the Saturday Business Meeting, Banquet, ice cream social. We ask that a free will offering be made for purchased beer & wine.

The Registration Fee, for the two day event is \$47, to be paid with the pre registration. Single day reservation is \$17 for Friday & \$30 for Saturday.

Friday Afternoon and Evening- October 2nd

All are invited for the Kick Off event of the Reunion. Join us for the "Gathering of the Red Bulls Party" at the Johnston Lions Club building Friday after 3 PM. Drive there directly or we will share rides from the hotel for the short trip on Merle Hay Rd to the Lions Club building at 6501 Merle Hay Road, Johnston.

The Registration Table will be open from 3 to 6 P.M. Fri, in the Lions Club Lobby, with refreshments and snacks provided. We will serve a sit down BBQ dinner at 6:30PM. The Infantry Association will assist with hosting the refreshments. This time will be spent with meeting old friends and making new friends into the evening.

The Lions Club is at 6501 Merle Hay Road, just 15 blocks North of Interstate I 35/80. We will share rides back to the Quality Inn at the end of the evening.

Saturday Morning, October 3rd, 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.

A Briefing will be atn 2020 34th ID Mob & Deployments 10:30am.

Noon Lunch will be an individual responsibility.

Saturday Afternoon we will tour the WWII 34th Infantry Division Memorial at Camp Dodge, the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum with special 34th Infantry Division exhibits, plus visit the Archives of the 34th Infantry Division Assn. All are invited for an old time **Ice Cream Social** at the museum at 3:30PM. Soldiers from Iowa Infantry Association, will join us for afternoon & evening events.

Saturday Evening, will be our last formal gathering of this reunion. At 4:00 P.M. we will gather for refreshments with a Free- Will Bar - beer & wine. At 5:15 P.M. we will join together for the posting of the colors and Infantry Association recognition awards event. At 6:00 P.M. the 34th Infantry Division **Memorial Service** will begin to honor our deceased comrades & members. **Dinner** at 7:00, (paid thru the Sat reservation fee of \$30.00) After recognition of our guests, we will feast on a buffet dinner and then enjoy some words from our keynote speaker from the 2nd-Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

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Late News Addition on additional 34th Inf Div Unit Mobilization Notifications

330 soldiers to support US Central Command in the Mid East. Mobilize in July for Deployment
1- 194th Field Artillery, Ft Dodge, Estherville, Spencer, Charles City, Cp Dodge, IA & Alexandria, MN

400 Soldiers to support NATO's ongoing Kosovo Force (KFOR) mission. Mobilize for Aug – Sep Deployment
Headquarters, 1-113th Cavalry Squadron, Sioux City, Iowa
B Troop, 1 Squadron, 113th Cavalry Regiment, Johnston, Iowa
Headquarters, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Boone, Iowa
D Company (MI), 224th Brigade Engineer Battalion, Johnston, Iowa
334th Brigade Support Battalion, Cedar Rapids, Iowa
135th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Johnston, Iowa

34th Infantry Division National Membership Application Form

NOTE: If your address Label shows (L), (W), (T) or (O) 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 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 60 & older \$50.00
- () 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.34ida.org> 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 Infantry Division Assn Price List –

34 th Red Bull Polo Shirts Size _____	\$ 25.00	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 Neck Tie	\$15.00
34 th Red Bull Window Decal	\$2.00	34 th Div Red Bull Flag (3X5')	\$65.00
34 th Red Bull Jacket Size _____	\$45.00	Red Bull Memo Pads, 50 Sheet	\$ 2.00
34 th Div "Camouflage" Red Bull Ball Cap	\$15.00	34 th Red Bull Coffee Mug	\$ 6.00

Books Available: Roaring Bull, 34th Infantry Division in the Global War on Terror\$25.00

*Add \$5.00 for shipping the first ITEM and \$2.00 per each added ITEM in the same shipment.

Sub Total \$ _____
 Shipping \$ _____
 Total \$ _____
 Name: _____

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

”To The Last Man Chapter”

President: CSM (Ret) Chris Stroner

VP: Adam Stock

Secretary / Treasurer: Joseph Kelly

Mankato-based 2-135 Infantry Bn & Southern MN

Contact: **Chris Stroner** cstroner@hotmail.com

First Minnesota Chapter, 34th Inf. Div Assn.

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<https://www.facebook.com/1stMN34thIDAssociation>

The “First Minnesota” Chapter of the 34th Infantry Division Association was established in 2015 with the goal of promoting comradery amongst current and former members and preserving the legacy of the 135th Infantry Regiment (1st MN Vol Inf Regt & 13th MN Vol Inf) and the 34th Infantry Division. The Chapter meets 3 times a year. In the spring quarter in the metro area (generally April), July 2nd in Cannon Falls for the annual pilgrimage to Col Colvill’s grave site, and at the 34th Inf Div Assn annual reunion. This year’s reunion will be 2-3 Oct 2020 in Johnston IA.

The 2020 34th ID Assn. Reunion is Cancelled!

NOTE: The 34th Inf Div Assn. Reunion scheduled on Oct 2-3, 2020 has been cancelled due to the current "COVID-19" Corona virus pandemic!

The 34th ID Assn. Board of Directors voted, on July 2nd, to cancel the planned 73rd Reunion that was scheduled for Oct 2020.

The news continues to show the Virus Pandemic increasing rather than slowing down during the heat of summer. It is most doubtful, under the best of circumstances, that the virus would be subdued by our Reunion date. We have been notified that our Reunion Site will not let us use their facility for a gathering of more than 10 people, so it was prudent to cancel the event. The Association's 74rd Reunion is set for Oct 1st & 2nd, 2021 at Johnston, IA, which will be hosted by the Des Moines Chapter of the Association. More information will follow in the Fall newsletter.

President Nicholas Jedlicka

We Need Your Email Address:

The 34th Infantry Division Association is working on plans to send at least 95% of all newsletters by Email, by October 2021. The objective is to discontinue using the U.S. Mail System, except for those members who do not have a computer or an internet connection. No one will be left without a newsletter.

We hope to convert to a totally digital newsletter format, due to the difficulty we are experiencing with the printing, addressing and mailing of the newsletters that we send to over 840 individuals, three times a year. With a digital format we will reduce costs and hope to be able to increase the mailings to four per year.

Please send **your Name and Email address** to the Association Treasurer, COL (Ret) Mark Newhall 515-210-1812

Email: mark.d.newhall@gmail.com or mark.newhall@iowa.gov

Stand By for Possible "On Line" Oct National Meeting

Nicholas Jedlicka, Russ Bierl and Chris Stroner communicated after the Board of Directors Meeting, and talked about the idea of hosting a short on line computer "Zoom type" meeting on Sat, 3 Oct 2020, to mark the 73rd Annual Reunion. President Jedlicka, who has experience with on line computer meetings, will follow up on this idea, which would allow us to meet using our computers.

We see it as maybe limited to 15 or 20 connections, with gatherings at local Chapter member homes, Legion Halls, or where ever, for Des Moines Chapter, Commanders Own Chapter, Last Man Chapter, Council Bluffs and Waterloo Chapters, and maybe with deployed Battalions. Please watch for more info to follow.

We would start with a Pledge of Allegiance, business announcements, Chapter Reports, receive an update Brief on the Combat Operations of deployed 34th Division Organizations, conduct a Final Roll Call & Memorial Service and end it with a Toast to Fallen Comrades.

Platoon of 168th Infantry Battalion to Deploy with the 2-135 Inf Battalion

One platoon of the 168th Infantry Battalion was called up and will depart Iowa the first part of July to support the 2-135th Infantry Battalion during their deployment to the Horn of Africa. The actual deployment destination is Djibouti, which is located on the Gulf of Aden.

The official language of the region is French and Arabic. The U.S. Navy Expeditionary Base, known as Camp Lemonnier, is located in Djibouti. Approximately 4,500 U.S. troops are stationed in East Africa.

Maj Gen Jensen Nominated for Director of the Army Guard

Washington Report, NGAUS, June 02, 2020

Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen, who is currently serving as the Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard, is expected to be nominated to serve as the next director of the Army National Guard.

Jensen has served in the National Guard for 37 years and twice deployed to Iraq while serving with the 34th Infantry Division. He commanded the division prior to becoming his state's adjutant general in 2017.

"Those who know Major General Jensen are not surprised he's been picked for this top position," Walz said. "Not only has he served our state well, but he's worked with his colleagues across the country to build relationships and expand the partnership between NG forces and the federal government."

Pending confirmations, the Guard is expected to see new leaders at all four of the top positions at NGB later this year. They also include nominations for the next NGB vice chief and Air Guard director.

If nominated and confirmed, Jensen would replace Lt. Gen. Daniel Hokanson, who is awaiting confirmation to serve as the next chief of the NG Bureau. Leaders of the Senate Armed Services Committee have said they would likely delay confirmation hearings while they are focused on preparing the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act.



EXTRA Pages In Newsletter

You will find two extra pages added as an insert to the mailed version of the Spring 2020 Newsletter. The mailed newsletter is being sent six weeks later than the Email version due to data base and printing problems after we lost some instructional knowledge and skills with the death of LTC (Ret) Mike Musel.

34th Inf Div News Updates

The Minnesota National Guard currently has nearly 700 soldiers from the 34th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade and more than 200 airmen from the Minnesota Air National Guard deployed to the Middle East.

Approximately 700 soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry are expected to deploy to the Horn of Africa this summer in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. They will serve as part of a Task Force to improve security posture at U.S. installations and forward operating bases in the AFRICOM region, while maintaining a rapidly deployable force prepared to respond to crisis. They will serve as part of a Task Force to improve security posture at U.S. installations and forward operating bases in the AFRICOM region, while maintaining a rapidly deployable force prepared to respond to crisis.

The 34th Infantry Division Stillwater-based, 34th Military Police Company, with more than 150 soldiers, will deploy to Naval Station Guantanamo Bay in support of Joint Task Force