

34th Infantry Division Association

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74th- Reunion - 34th Infantry Division Association - Oct 16th

This Spring Newsletter has been delayed until it was determined if we could safely conduct a traditional 34th Infantry Division Reunion due to the ongoing national COVID pandemic. The Officers and Board of Directors have determined we can host a one day Association Reunion at Camp Dodge, on Saturday, Oct 16th, 2021, at the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum. This will be the 74th Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Association since WWII.

This is the only mailing for the reunion. Please refer to the Reunion Program Information Sheet on page 3 as well as the Registration Form on page 5, of this newsletter. This newsletter, and the information sheet, with registration form can be downloaded from the 34th Inf Div Assn Web Site, www.34ida.org

The Des Moines Chapter will host the Reunion. A Morning Coffee will start at 8 a.m. Sat Oct 16th, with a Business Meeting to follow at the Gold Star Museum Education Room. Later a speaker will give us an update on the deployments and status of the 34th Infantry Division. All are invited to a museum tour that will start at 1 p.m. followed by an Ice Cream social.

This year, the 1st Iowa Infantry Association will again join with the Des Moines Chapter in hosting the Infantry Association Awards Program, the reunion Memorial Service and Banquet at the Dodge House at 4 p.m. in the afternoon. We are anxious to host our seasoned soldiers and young soldiers who have recently returned from the many deployments the past years.

The Reunion Hotel will be the Quality Inn and Suites on Merle Hay Road in Des Moines. Current soldiers and Retirees are authorized to rent BOQ quarters at Camp Dodge – page 3 information sheet. The cost of attending the events for one person on Saturday, to include the Banquet, will be approximately \$15.00.

All members who register and attend the Saturday Reunion will be able to purchase a copy of “The Roaring Bull: The 34th Infantry Division in the Global War on Terror,” book, at a reduced price of \$10.00, as part of the reunion package.

133rd Infantry Battalion Arrives Home

Soldiers of the “Ironman” 133rd Infantry Battalion were honored at welcome home ceremonies across four North East Iowa communities during the week of April 7th, 2021. The organization served for a short year in the State of Qatar, in support of Operation Spartan Shield, under the control of the U.S. Central Command. The battalion commander, LTC Garrett H. Gingrich, was happy to report the successful accomplishment of their mission. Ironman!! Advance!!

Qatar, is a country located in Western Asia, occupying the Qatar Peninsula on the northeastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula. Its sole land border is with neighboring Gulf Cooperation Council monarchy Saudi Arabia to the south, with the rest of its territory surrounded by the Persian Gulf. Qatar hosts U.S. and British forces at the Al Udeid Air Base, which acts as the hub for all American and British air operations in the Persian Gulf.

In Dubuque approximately 130 Soldiers from Co A, 1-133d Inf Bn, were honored at a homecoming ceremony on April 13, 2021, at the Dubuque Regional Airport.

In Cedar Rapids approximately 130 Soldiers from Co B, 1-133d Inf Bn, were honored at a homecoming ceremony on April 9, at the Eastern Iowa Airport.



The 133rd Infantry Battalion commander, LTC Garrett H. Gingrich, is shown at the Waterloo Airport with the Adjutant General of Iowa, MG Ben Corell, and the State Command Sgt. Maj. Joseph Hjelmstad.

Greetings Fellow 34th Inf Div Assn. Members,

We will again host our traditional 34th Infantry Division Association Reunion this Fall, on Sat, 16 Oct 2021 at the Iowa Gold Star Museum at Cp Dodge, Johnston, IA. Please see the plans in this newsletter.

We are so pleased to see the return of the 1-133rd Infantry, the 2-135th Infantry, and the 1-113th Cavalry back from deployment to Qatar and the Horn of Africa. Welcome Home fellow Soldiers! I know from personal experience how good you feel, and I wish you well in picking up your civilian life and family life again.

If you are having a hard time adjusting back to civilian life after your arrival home from deployment, please talk to your buddies, talk to your 1SG, ask for help from the VA, or just call me at 712-310-1234. We do have answers. Don't forget to file any claims you may have with the VA. Every County has a Veteran Service Office, and they will assist you in submitting your claims.

We still await the return of the 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT) and the 194th Field Artillery, sometime in July. We wish them a safe return home.

I again ask that those of you who have an email address, to send it to the Association. Our objective is to send the majority of the newsletters to members by email. You will save our volunteers much work and the Association a lot of money \$\$ in print and mailing costs.

Please mark your calendars for the 74th Annual Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Assn. on 16 October 2021, in Johnston, Iowa.

ATTACK! ATTACK! ATTACK!
Nicholas Jedlicka, 1SG (Ret)
President, 34th ID Association



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34th Infantry Division Final Roll Call

Winter 2021

Bennie Reich, 34th Inf Div
Mancel Kirk, Co C, 168th Inf, 34th Inf Div
John Peterson, 2-135th Inf, 34th Inf Div
William Detrick, HHB, 1-194th FA 34th Inf Div
Edward E. Williams, C/1-113rd CAV 34th ID
James G. Nelson, 334th BSB & 194 FA 34th ID
David E. Sullivan, 133rd Inf Regt, 34th Inf Div
Kirk Mancel, Co G, 168th Inf 34th Inf Div
James R. Brown, 194th FA, 34th Inf Div
Frank A. Celsi, 34th Infantry Division
Richard V. Lohrens, 34th Infantry Division
Joe Ed Jeffries, Trp C, 194th Cav 34th Inf Div
Adam R. Sanders Co B 133rd Inf 34th Inf Div
Adam Ray, C Co, 133rd Inf, 34th Inf Div
Lester Cook 168 Inf 34th ID & 1st Ranger Bn
Neal G. Moeller, 2-133 Inf 34th Inf Div
Shad Ray Myers, 211th Avn, 34th Inf Div

Spring 2021

Robert Bob George Watts, 125 FA, 34th ID
Dave L. Campbell, HHC, 34th Bde, 34th ID
John M. Hood, Btry B, 194th FA, 34th ID
Donald D. LaRue, Co B, 1-133rd IN 34th ID
Jeffery G. Brown, 1-133rd IN, 34th Inf Div
Masayoshi Tsuida Co C, 100th Bn, 34th Inf Div
Richard L. Schuett, 2-133rd Inf Bn, 34th Inf Div
John P. Miller, Sr. Co B, 168 Inf, 34th Inf Div
Robert W. McInroy, HHC, 133rd Inf 34th Inf Div
Gerald Klinkefus, 168th Inf Regt, 34th Inf Div
Albert Valentine, 168th Inf Regt, 34th Inf Div
Donald Otis Allen, 168th Inf Regt, 34th Inf Div
MG Clayton Hovda, 34th Inf Div
MG David H. Lueck, 2-135th Inf, 34th Inf Div
Walter Straka, 194th Tank Bn, 34th Inf Div
Richard Andrew, 135th Inf Regt, 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
Peace.***

National Office-34th Infantry Division Association

Iowa Gold Star Museum, Camp Dodge - Bldg 3692,
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74rd Reunion..... 16 Oct 2021 Johnston, IA

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2nd IBCT: <http://www.facebook.com/iowaRedBulls> <http://www.dvidshub.net/units/2-34IBCT>

<http://www.twitter.com/iowaRedBulls> <http://www.flickr.com/iowaRedBulls>

34th Infantry Division Association • 74th Annual Reunion

This 74th Reunion of our Association will be hosted by Des Moines Chapter Pres, LTC James Avrams (1-168th), on **October 16, 2021** 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 I-80 and Merle Hay Road. The room rate at the hotel will be a King Room for \$105 + Tax and Double Queen Room for \$114 + Tax.

Breakfast is 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.

Camp Dodge BOQ Lodging Information **515-252-4238**. On Post Quarters are available to Retirees and current drilling soldiers.

Call the phone number and make your reservation. Check in is after 3 pm. Check out is at 8 am.

Rates run between \$26 for a single bed w/ shared latrine, and \$58 for a Full Bed with Private Bath, WIFI. Frig.

- Send in your **Reunion Registration** - the form is included in this newsletter at page 5. NLT 15 Sep 2021

- Make the **Hotel reservation** – Quality Inn and Suites, 4995 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, IA 50322 Phone Number 515-278-2381. NLT: 15 Sep 2021 for a room.

Call Camp Dodge Lodging 515-252-4238.

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

THE PROGRAM

Registration:

The registration fee for the one-day conference will cover the Saturday Banquet, ice cream social and soft drinks & snacks. The Registration Fee, for the one-day event is \$15, to be paid with the pre registration.

Saturday Morning, October 16nd

All are Invited to 8 am Coffee donut time & 9:00 A.M. Business Meeting of our organization: the presentation and approval of reports, elections, and old & new business.

Briefing at 10:30 AM on 2020-2021 34th Inf Div Deployments to Africa, Iraq and Bosnia.

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 dedicated time is 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 at 3:30PM.

Saturday Evening, will be our last formal gathering of this reunion. **The First Iowa Infantry Association**, has asked us to join them for afternoon & evening events.

At 4:00 P.M. we will gather at the Dodge House. 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 \$15.)

After recognition of our guests, we will feast on a buffet dinner and then enjoy some words from our keynote speaker, LTC Aaron Baugher, former Cdr, 1-168 IN BN,, 2/34IBCT and current Deputy G3, Iowa ARNG..

Reunion Pocket Program

Friday, 15 October No Planned activities.
Travel to Des Moines and Cp Dodge

Saturday, 16 October

8:00 A.M. Welcome Coffee, Registrations, Gold Star Museum Lobby, Camp Dodge (Coffee, Soda, Rolls, Snacks)

9:00 A.M. 34th Inf Div Assn Business Meeting, GS Museum
10:30 Briefing on 2020 - 21 34th Inf Div HQ's Deployments Speaker - TBD

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

1:00 P.M. Military Museum & 34th Inf Div Exhibit, Camp Dodge
Tour of 34th Inf Div Memorial Monument & Gold Star

3:30 P.M. Ice Cream Social at Gold Star Museum, Cp Dodge

4:00 P.M. Dodge House Veterans Gathering

5:15 P.M. Posting of the Colors / Pledge of Allegiance
Iowa Infantry Association Awards/ Presentations

6:00 P.M. Fallen Soldier Memorial Service, 1LT Nate Perry

7:00 P.M. Memorial Dinner Banquet,
Guest Speaker, LTC Aaron Baugher,
1st Iowa Infantry Association

Sunday, 17 October No Activities– Thanks- Travel Safe.

2nd Bn 135th Infantry Returns From African Deployment

April 21, 2021 (ST. PAUL, Minnesota) –

Over 700 Soldiers from the Minnesota National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment headquartered in Mankato, Minnesota, will be returning to Minnesota over the coming weeks after an 11-month deployment in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa.

"Our Soldiers successfully accomplished their mission while facing numerous challenges including a global pandemic," said Lt. Col. Chip Rankin, the task force commander. "We were one of the first to deploy in this new normal, and our Soldiers handled it with discipline and professionalism."

Task Force Bayonet's mission in the Horn of Africa was to provide force protection through security forces in the region of Djibouti, Somalia and Kenya, to support the Africa Command Theater Security Cooperation Strategy, and to ensure the success of the East Africa Response Force.

The 2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry, which made up the majority of the deployed task force, Task Force Bayonet, left Minnesota in June 2020 for Fort Bliss, Texas, to conduct pre-mobilization training. The task force arrived in the Horn of Africa in July.

Upon assumption of its mission in Africa, Task Force Bayonet immediately experienced an evolution in its primary mission by increasing its force protection footprint throughout Somalia. Task Force Bayonet personnel managed base operations for over 600 personnel and 30 separate entities. Towards the end of the deployment, the task force began Operation Octave Quartz, and assisted in repositioning U.S. Department of Defense forces from Somalia to other areas in East Africa.

The battalion deployed as a multi-state Army National Guard task force including Soldiers from units in Iowa and Illinois. While deployed, the battalion worked with several foreign partners, including the French Forces of Djibouti, the Armed Forces of Djibouti, the Uganda People's Defense Force, the Kenya Defense Forces, the Somali National Army, the Royal British Army, the African Union Mission to Somalia and many more key international partners in the Horn of Africa.

The 2-135th Infantry has a long and proud history of service to the nation, dating back to the First Minnesota Regiment's service in the Civil War.

"The storied legacy of the First Minnesota Infantry Regiment as witnessed at Gettysburg back in 1863 lives on today through Task Force Bayonet over an 11-month deployment serving multiple commands in a variety of security missions across multiple countries on the continent with discipline, dedication and pride," said LTC Rankin.



The Photo shown above shows LTC Chip Rankin and the Color Bearer casing the 2-135th Infantry Battalion Colors at the conclusion of their mission before their return to their Bn HQ's station in Mankato, and other Minnesota communities .

The photo shown below is the final formation of a group of soldiers that made up part of the 700 soldiers in the 2-135th command, before dismissal at the airport, upon arrived back in Minnesota after an 11-month deployment in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel and Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa. Welcome Home!



34TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION



2021 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM - CELEBRATING 74 YEARS

Reunion Site: Iowa Gold Star Military Museum, Camp Dodge, Johnston, IA

Saturday, October 16th 2021 (One Day Event start at 8 a.m.)

NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST(S) _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE () _____

E-MAIL _____ UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS UPON ARRIVAL _____

REGISTRATION FEES (SAT) Saturday Association Meeting, Ice Cream Social, Banquet Dinner, Entertainment, Hospitality Table snacks & Beverages.

NUMBER OF PERSONS _____ X \$15.00 = TOTAL _____

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

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

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE IN TO MOTEL NOT LATER THEN SEPT 15TH 2021.

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The National Association WEB Site is <http://www.34ida.org>

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The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum maintains an office for the association. WEB site www.iowanationalguard.com

34th Division HQ Moves to Arden Hills, MN

Story by MSG Blair Heusdens, 34th Red Bull Infantry Division

Soldiers from the Division Headquarters of the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division conducted their first weekend of training at the newly-constructed General John W. Vessey Readiness Center in Arden Hills, Minnesota, Nov 21-22, 2020.

“This facility will provide a significant benefit for our soldiers, enabling us to continue to meet the needs of our state and nation,” said Maj. Gen. Michael Wickman, Commanding General of the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division. “We value our relationships with the communities we serve and look forward to working with the city of Arden Hills to strengthen our partnership in the future.”

The 149,000 square-foot facility was designed to incorporate all elements of the headquarters battalion into one location to accommodate growth in personnel, equipment and technology over the last decade. The building provides space for administrative, training, work and storage areas to meet the increased demands. Previously, the battalion was distributed between armories in Rosemount, Faribault and Inver Grove Heights.

The armories in Rosemount and Inver Grove Heights will soon be home to units from the 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division and 34th Expeditionary Combat Aviation Brigade, respectively.

The readiness center is located on the site of the Arden Hills Army Training Site, a 1,500-acre training area that serves military, civilian and law enforcement agencies.

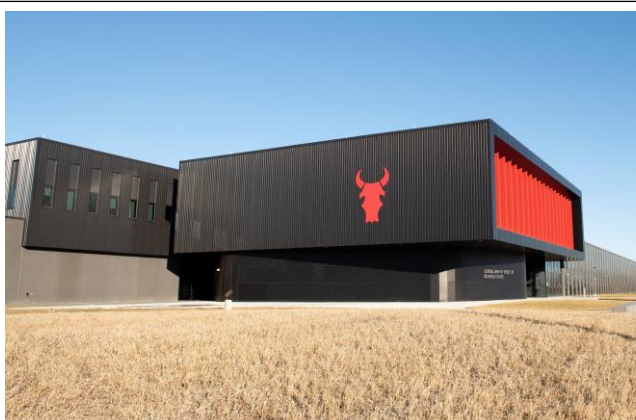
The facility was constructed at a cost of \$39 million and is designed with sustainability and energy conservation in mind to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, Silver Certification standards. The site includes geothermal systems, photovoltaic arrays, and energy efficient equipment.

The facility is named after General John W. Vessey Jr., the 10th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who served with the 34th Infantry Division during World War II. Vessey went on to serve for a total of 46 years, retiring in 1985 at the highest military position having served the longest of anyone then in the service.

The Division most recently deployed to provide command and control for Task Force Spartan in support of Operation Spartan Shield from 2018-2019.



34th Infantry Division Headquarters, Arden Hills, MN



Exterior view of the 149,000 Sq Ft Training Center (Armory) at the Arden Hills MN Training Site, built as a cost of \$39 Million dollars. Page 6 Spring 2021



(l-r) Grand Opening Photo, 34ID Commander Maj. Gen. Michael Wickman, Minnesota Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Shawn Manke, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, and 34ID Chief of Staff Col. Joe Sharkey.



Soldiers of the 133rd Infantry Battalion are formed up on the tarmac of the Waterloo Airport awaiting dismissal.

In Cedar Rapids approximately 130 Soldiers from Company B, 1-133d Inf Bn, were honored at a homecoming ceremony on April 9, 2021, at the Eastern Iowa Airport.

In Davenport approximately 110 Soldiers from Company D, 1-133d Infantry BN, were honored at a homecoming ceremony on April 9, 2021, at the Quad City Airport.

In Waterloo approximately 100 Soldiers from Company C, 1-133d Inf Bn, were honored at a homecoming ceremony on April 7, 2021, and on April 13th, approximately 150 Soldiers from Headquarters Company, 1-133d Inf Bn, were honored at a homecoming ceremony at the Waterloo Regional Airport.

This was the fifth federal mobilization for the Ironman Battalion since 2000, including a nearly 22-month mobilization, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from September 2005 through August 2007.

133rd Infantry "Iron Man Chapter" Waterloo

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Meetings 2nd Thur Mar, Jun, Sep, & Dec at 1700

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

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Council Bluffs Chapter,

168th Infantry (SE Iowa Red Bulls)

President: Skylor Dooley Sec: Bill Wege 402-212-3204

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Our chapter is forty members strong. Our members meet at monthly luncheons or dinners.

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**113 Cav & 168 Inf Soldiers
Return to Iowa**



Community and Iowa National Guard leaders great soldiers from the 113th Cavalry and the 168th Inf Battalion returning home to Iowa from a deployment to the Horn of Africa. The soldiers arrived at the Des Moines and the Sioux City airport on April 13 & 14th, after serving in the 2-135th Infantry Battalion Task force.

Des Moines Chapter 34th Inf Div Assn.

Meets at the Iowa Gold Star Museum
Bldg 3692, Cp Dodge, Johnston, Iowa

Meeting Dates Mar 16, Apr 20, Jun 15 Aug 17
5 PM Social. 6 PM Dinner and Meeting.

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1st Minnesota Chapter – "To The Last Man"

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The Stories of WWII Soldiers Warren Milner & Harold W. Au



World War II soldier, Warren Milner, who served in Co. G, 133rd Infantry Regiment, was visited by the Secretary of the 34th Inf Div Assn., Russ Bierl, in late March of this year, at his home in Comfort, Texas. Also present at the gathering, was Jeff Wells, who is the grandson of Harold W. Au, a member of the 168th Inf Regt who fought in North Africa and Italy.

Warren Milner was drafted in March 1944, during his Senior year of High School. He was trained at Ft. Hood, TX, and sent to England, and then on to the Omaha Beach head in a landing craft in August 1944. After arriving in France, he and the other 39 replacement soldiers were flown on C-47 aircraft, in a two-day flight, to an airfield south of Florence, Italy, where he joined the 34th Infantry Division as a combat infantryman. He proudly wears the Red Bull patch.

Warren Milner and the other men with him had no idea they would be sent to Italy for combat duty. Warren was assigned to Company G, 2nd Battalion, 133rd Infantry, and served in Italy thru the end of the war. When the 34th Infantry Division was sent home in September 1945, he was reassigned to the 88th Infantry Division, for continuing occupation duty in Trieste, in North Eastern Italy. He came home from the war, as a SGT, in Feb 1946.

The grandfather of Jeff Wells, Harold W. Au, was drafted into the 34th Division and trained at Cp Claiborne, LA, and was assigned to the 168th Infantry Regiment Band. We will have an extended article about SGT Harold W. Au in the Fall 2021 newsletter.



L to R. Russ Bierl, Secretary of the 34th Inf Div Assn. with Warren Milner, Co G, 133rd Infantry Regiment, and Jeff Wells, former U.S. Army soldier and grandson of a 168th Infantry Regiment soldier.

113th Cavalry and 168th Infantry Soldiers Return to Iowa from Africa



The families of returning 113th Cavalry and 168th Infantry Soldiers were full of joy upon the return of their soldiers from their eleven month deployment to the Horn of Africa. In the **Horn of Africa**, CJTF-HOA is the U.S. **Africa** Command organization that conducts operations in the region to enhance partner nation capacity, promote regional security and stability, dissuade conflict, and protect U.S. and coalition interests.

Approximately 70 Soldiers from Troop A, 1-113 Cavalry Regiment and 1-168th Infantry Regiment were honored at a homecoming ceremony at the Camp Dodge Freedom Center on April 13, 2021,

Approximately 90 Soldiers from Troop C, 1-113 Cavalry Regiment and 1-168th Infantry Regiment were honored at a homecoming ceremony on April 14, 2021. at the Sioux City Armory. Immediately following the ceremony, Soldiers were transported to the Le Mars Readiness Center where they were reunited with family members.



These guys are happy to see their Dad come home!

34th Infantry Division National Membership Application Form

NOTE: If your address Label shows (L), (W), (T) 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 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 Fall.

The National Secretary is COL (Ret) Russ Bierl. His E-Mail address is bierlhome@msn.com The National Association Website is <http://www.34IDA.org>
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Museum Store - 34th Inf Div Assn Price List – Dec 2013

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" Red Bull Ball Cap	\$15.00	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

Special Price on Books: Roaring Bull, 34th Infantry Division in the Global War on Terror \$15.00

*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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Street Address _____ City _____ ZIP _____

Call 515-210-1812 if you have a question.

Hastings MN Based 434th Chemical Company to deploy

May 13, 2021 (HASTINGS, Minnesota) —

Approximately 150 Soldiers from the Minnesota National Guard's 434th Chemical Company, based in Hastings and Red Wing, will deploy to Kuwait in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

While deployed, the Soldiers will provide Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) defense in the area of operations. The unit is trained to respond to multiple hazards in the event of a CBRN or weapons of mass destruction attack or threat.

"I am proud the members of this unit and their willingness to go above and beyond to prepare for this mission," said Capt. Andrew Duitsman, commander of the deploying troops. "We have had almost two years of training leading up to this event. I am confident in the abilities and professionalism of these Soldiers."

The unit's deployment ceremony was streamed live on Facebook at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2021. The Minnesota National Guard Armory in Hastings at 3050 Highway 316 South, Hastings, MN 55033



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