

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

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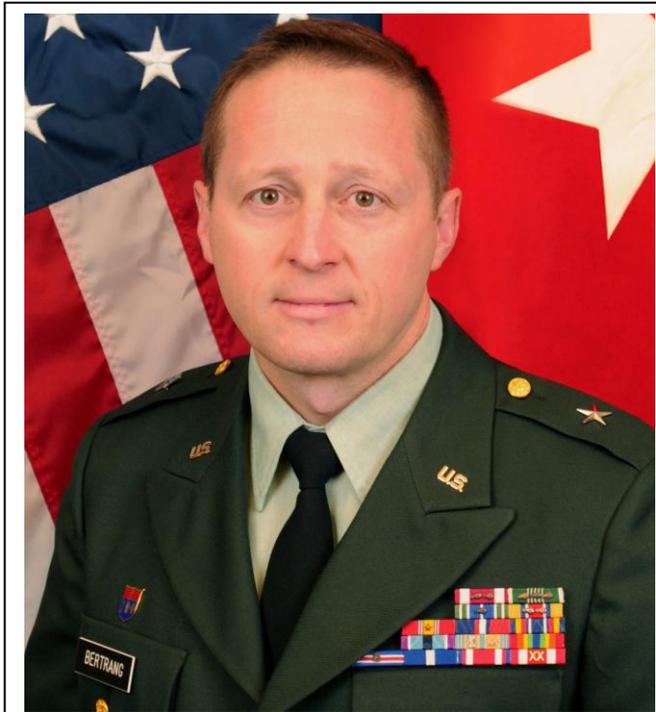


## 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Ass. 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion

The 2012 Reunion of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association will be Friday and Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at the Johnston, Iowa Stoney Creek Inn. This will be the 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the Association. Please refer to the Reunion Program Information Sheet on page 3 as well as the Registration Form on Page 7. The Des Moines Chapter will host the Reunion at the same hotel as last year. A special effort is being made to include recent combat veterans from the Iraq and Afghanistan deployments of the 1<sup>st</sup> BCT, the 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT and the deployment of the 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div HQ's.

Please note that this reunion date will not conflict with the Iowa-ISU Foot Ball game, or the UNI- Iowa foot ball games.

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 guest speaker for the Banquet for the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association will be Brig Gen Jeffrey E. Bertrang, Deputy Commanding General-Operations, 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division**

The next three issues of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Assn. newsletter will show the lineage of the four infantry regiments that have made up the combat structure of the 34<sup>th</sup> Division since 1917. See page 6 of this document.

## RED BULL SOLDIERS HAVE RETURNED FROM KUWAIT

More than 2,600 soldiers of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division (1/34th BCT, Minnesota National Guard) have returned home to their duty stations in Minnesota from their Kuwait deployment. The last of the soldiers returned in May. The commander of the 1/34<sup>th</sup> BCT is Col. Eric D. Kerska, from Rochester, MN. For more information on the deployment of the 1/34th BCT Red Bulls, visit <http://www.MinnesotaNationalGuard.org/1bct>

## Silver Star for Battle of Do Ab

A Washington National Guardsman, who was working with the HHC, 1-133<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Recon element, helped repel a massive ambush by more than 200 Taliban insurgents in a 13-hour battle last year has received a Silver Star for his heroism.

Technical Sgt. Tavis Delaney's honor represents the third Silver Star for the Washington National Guard to emerge from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Delaney received his medal in a ceremony on Sunday, May 6.

He distinguished himself by putting himself in mortal danger to call in close air strikes against Taliban fighters who held the high ground in an ambush against a U.S. patrol on May 25, 2011 near the village of Do Ab in Nuristan Province.

"His gallantry under fire saved the lives of more than 64 U.S. soldiers and coalition forces and contributed to the destruction of more than 200 Taliban insurgents," the commendation reads. For seven intense hours, the battle that should have resulted in multiple U.S. and Afghan army casualties did not. In that time, Delaney "bravely stood upright" as bullets and rockets rained down on coalition positions so he could establish communications with aircraft overhead and call in the coordinates of enemy positions.

It took 13 hours for coalition aircraft to run down the Taliban forces aligned against the American and Afghan troops who entered Do Ab that day.

"They owned the high ground," Delaney told Air Force Times in an interview. "They had fire superiority. They had hundreds of people. And we killed almost all of them and didn't lose a single American in seven hours of battle. It was seven hours of full-blown, slugfest, back-and-forth, rounds-smacking-right-over-your-head battle."

# Note from the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Assn. President

Greeting to the RED BULL TEAM!

May 2012

It is finely Spring Time for all Red Bull Soldiers and 34th ID Association members.

We have Great news! We are seeing the return of the soldiers from the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34 Infantry Division from Kuwait. They are arriving back to their home station this month as we write this newsletter. It is a given that we are proud of the accomplishments of all our RED Bull 34th ID soldiers during their combat deployments over the past ten years!

The Association Officers had a Phone Conference meeting in March. We focused on five main topics at this meeting. The first was rebuilding Chapters and adding new Chapters. Second was executing the Recruiting Objective for 2012 with focus on the Annual Training periods of Red Bull units at their training sites and the Reunion in October in Des Moines. Third in the order of march was getting our Facebook and Web page Membership sign up running with a PayPal style online payment system. We are on track and almost operational with on line computer payments. Last but not least is the development of educational events for our new Red Bull soldiers in the long proud history of the Division.

We will offer units that train at Camp Dodge the opportunity to schedule a block of time at the Gold Star Military Museum to receive a briefing on the history of the Division. The teachers will be volunteers from the Association to give the insight and their experience when they wore the Red Bull patch.

My last thought is that by executing the plan shown in the above paragraphs, we will get the younger leadership involved in the Association. In turn they will want to be on the Board and work the events at their own Chapters. More to follow and we will have a presentation at the Annual Meeting. As you can see we will have a lot to review and talk about in October at the Reunion.

In closing, I say a special prayer for our Red Bull soldiers and their families who are protecting our FREEDOM. I am looking forward in see very one at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion in October in Johnston, Iowa.

ATTACK!

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133<sup>rd</sup> Infantry "Ironman" Regiment

## 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div Final Roll Call

Toshio Gibo, C Co, 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Choichi Shimabukuro, HQ, 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
John R. "Ray" Stinn, 168<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Richard L. Matousek, 2-133, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Jack D. Montgomery, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Ben Thatcher, D Co, 168<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Satoru Nakamura, B Co, 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Saburo Nishime, D Co, 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Jitsuri Yoshida, D Co, 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Howard Barnett, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Charles C. Bearoff, Svc 168<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Paul D. Polley, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Warren R. Peterson, C 175<sup>th</sup> FA, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Gene Pfeifer, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Robert E. Putnam, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Tad "Tadao" Kanda, D 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
John Mayorchak, HQ 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 135<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Earl W. "Andy" Anderson, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Alec Pahon, E Co, 34<sup>th</sup> ID

### Recent Names

Harry Hirata, D 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Lawrence M. Kamiya, C 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Robert Takashige, B 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Motoyoshi Tanaka, D 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Haruo Yamashita, C 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Joseph F. Hayes, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Arthur C. Hansen, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
John F. Zeller, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Eugene Eguchi, A 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Harry Kamikawa, A 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Ben Tagami, A 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
David H. Smith, 168<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Jack R. Eakin, 168<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
James J. Keane, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Harold A. Segelstrom, H 133<sup>rd</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Jack J. Barrier, 168<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Robert T. Takato, C 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Bernard S. Akamine, B 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Seie Oshiro, A 100<sup>th</sup> Inf, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Janis "John" Sunins, Co C, 747<sup>th</sup> Mt Bn

*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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**65<sup>th</sup> Planned Reunion** 5-6 October 2012, Johnston, IA

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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> <http://www.iowaredbulls.org>

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

## 34th Infantry Division Association • 65th Annual Reunion

October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012 • Johnston, Iowa

This year's **65th Reunion** of our Association is being hosted by the Des Moines Chapter, under President Herman Poggensee, (2-133rd), on **October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6th, 2012** Johnston, IA.

Johnston, Iowa is the home of Camp Dodge, the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Memorial, The Gold Star Military Museum and the HQ's of the Iowa National Guard. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, 34<sup>th</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> 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 12
- Send in your **Reunion program registration** - the form is included in this newsletter at page 7. NLT 15 Sep 12

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

### THE PROGRAM

**Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.** 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 5<sup>th</sup>,** 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 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Memorial at Camp Dodge, the Gold Star Military Museum with special 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division exhibits, plus dedicated time available for veterans and family to research the Archives of the

34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Assn.. All are invited for an old time Ice Cream social at the museum.

**Friday Evening, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 6<sup>th</sup>,** 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. Spouse activity will be conducted during the Business Mtg, GA Room.

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, Brig Gen Jeffrey E. Bertrang, who will have recently returned from Afghanistan. The evening will end with music provided by Ross the DJ."

**Sunday morning, October 7<sup>th</sup>,** No program events.

### Reunion Pocket Program

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

#### Friday, 5 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  
(Briefing w/ Photos & Videos by current Red Bull Soldiers)  
11:30 A.M. Lunch at area Restaurants (Individual Pay)  
1:00 P.M. Bus departs – Front door of Hotel  
Tour of 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div Memorial monument & Gold Star  
Military Museum & 34<sup>th</sup> 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, 6 October

7:30 A.M. Presidents Breakfast, John Deere Room (Invite)  
8:00 A.M. Late Registrations, Green Acres Lobby  
Hospitality Room remains Open, (Coffee, Soda, Snacks)  
9:00 A.M. 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div Assn Business Meeting, Pioneer Room  
Spouse activity will be conducted in Green Acres Rm 11:00 A.M.  
Briefing on Afghanistan 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT Deployment,  
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. Special meeting for Afghan & Iraq Veterans in Green Rm  
5:00 P.M. Social (Open Free Bar) Green Acres Room  
6:00 P.M. 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div Assn Memorial Service, Pioneer Room  
34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div Assn Reunion Banquet, Pioneer Room  
Guest Speaker, Brig Gen Jeffrey Bertrang, DCG, 34<sup>th</sup> ID  
Door Prize Drawing  
After Dinner Entertainment with DJ & Dancing

**Sunday, 7 October** No Activities – Thank You- Travel Safe.



Soldiers, family members and supporters are shown standing together at the starting line for the Pledge of Allegiance during the 2011 Iowa Fallen Soldier Remembrance Run in Des Moines, Iowa.

### 2012 Iowa Fallen Soldier Remembrance Run!

Registration is now open for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Remembrance Run which is being held on Sunday, Sept 30, 10:00 a.m. at Raccoon River Park in West Des Moines, Iowa. This annual event is open to the public, and sponsored by Iowa Remembers and the United States Army Survivor Outreach Services. Raccoon River Park is located at 2500 Grand Avenue in West Des Moines. The point of contact for this event is Heather Johnson (515)-473-0282, Email: [iowaremembersinc@live.com](mailto:iowaremembersinc@live.com), and website: [www.iowaremembrancerun.com](http://www.iowaremembrancerun.com).

Last year the Remembrance Run had a wonderful turnout, especially from the 113<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Squadron, Iowa National Guard and everyone enjoyed the many displays and the Brother Tucker band who played for the military members and families at the event. Johnston Fire Department and other sponsors were there to support the event, and we had some outstanding meals from Smokey D's BBQ and Morning Glory Bakery. The Remembrance run expects even better participation this year! Troop B, 1-113 Cavalry had the largest military members showing and the unit ran with their guide-on during the entire race.

The State of Iowa lost 91 Soldiers, Marines, Sailors and Airmen to date during the ten year war. The Iowa Army National Guard lost 23 of that total number of men and women soldiers.

Early bird registration is now open – only \$20 until May 28, 2012 (that's \$5 off the standard registration fee)! If you register early you can get in on the great long-sleeve T-shirts too. You can register as an individual or team. You can also check the Iowa Remembrance Run on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/IowaRemembersInc>).

We hope to see a good showing from 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association members at the Remembrance Run this year as the Des Moines Chapter of the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association is a local sponsor.

### Red Bull Awarded Bronze Star For Actions in Afghanistan

SGT. Jeffery J. Hall, 25, was awarded the Bronze Star for Valor for his actions during combat operations in Kapisa Province, Afghanistan on April 23, 2011 as a member of Troop A, 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry. SGT Hall is a former Carroll resident currently assigned to the 294th Medical Company.

SGT. Hall distinguished himself during a rescue operation of a U.S. Army OH-58 helicopter crew who were injured when their aircraft made a hard landing in Alah Say, Kapisa Province, Afghanistan. Hall responded to the scene as a member of a Quick Reaction Force ("QRF") that came under fire from enemy forces at the crash site. Staff SGT. James Justice of Grimes, Iowa was killed in the operation, and SPC. Zachary Durham of Des Moines, Iowa was seriously wounded during the mission.

SGT. Hall, is a five-year veteran of the Iowa National Guard, and works as an emergency room technician at Des Moines' Methodist Hospital. Troop A, 1st Squadron, 113th Cavalry from Johnston, Iowa is part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division which deployed approximately 2,900 Soldiers to Afghanistan in 2010-11.

Air Force Capt. Elliot Milliken, an HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter pilot, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross as part of the operation. Milliken was co-pilot of "Pedro 83," one of two Pave Hawks dispatched on April 23, 2011, to rescue a crashed Army helicopter crew. His helicopter endured intense enemy ground fire, eventually rescuing an injured pilot, recovered the body of the second pilot, and retrieving a wounded soldier.

Notice: CW4 (Ret) Janis "John" Sunins, past Vice President and Board member of the Assn., died from esophageal cancer on April 7<sup>th</sup> in Des Moines. Janis, an immigrant from Latvia, served 37+ years in the Iowa Army National Guard and was buried at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery at Van Meter, IA.

**34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association  
Newly Elected Officers and Trustees 2011-12**

President	COL Ron Albrecht
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	COL Stephen Osborn
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres	COL Ben Corell
1 Year Trustees:	Richard Holmes, Darline Smith, Rebecca Snyder, Don Prock
2 Year Trustees:	Pat Skelly, MAJ Ed Graybill, Hal Turner, SPC David McChesney
3 Year Trustees:	LTC Stephen Boesen, COL David Visser, BG Craig Bargfrede, SFC Ashlee Lolkus
Secretary	Russell Bierl
Treasurer	Michael Musel
SGT at Arms	Mildred FencI
Historian/Web Site	Pat Skelly
Chaplain	Steve Cunningham

**34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association  
Facebook Pages**

Many of our members as well as recently returned soldiers already know that the Association has an active Facebook site. We are all excited to have The Association on Facebook, where all members of the 34<sup>th</sup> ID returning from tours overseas spend time and can get exposure to our organization. We hope the Facebook page will assist in recruiting new members from the younger demographic and expand membership for all chapters.

The 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association gives a "Big Thank You" to Dave McChesney, 113<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Squadron and, Ashlee Lolkus, 34<sup>th</sup> CAB. Dave created the page for the overall National organization, as well as the Des Moines Chapter. Ashlee, with her public affairs expertise has done a wonderful job updating and promoting the National page. Pat Skelly, the Association Historian, has also provided information and support from his experience with the Association Web Page.

The URL for the 34<sup>th</sup> ID Assn. National page is here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/34th-Infantry-Division-Association/168699226545671>

The URL for the Des Moines Chapter 34<sup>th</sup> page is here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/34th-Infantry-Division-Association-Des-Moines-Chapter/246653428705992>

We encourage all Red Bull Soldiers who have a Facebook account to log on and share their stories with friends who share their common interests. This can be a site where you may be able to track down a buddy or report updates to your military career.



**All Soldiers Like Puppies**

SFC Taylor Green of Troop B, 113<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team, who served in Afghanistan from November 2010 to July 2011, is show playing with a stray young pup at Dandar Patrol Base, Afghanistan. SFC Green has served 16 years in the U.S. Army National Guard and works full time as a Readiness NCO in Troop B, 113<sup>th</sup> Cav.

SFC Green had served his first combat tour in Iraq, with the 194<sup>th</sup> LRSD, in 2004 thru 2005. According to SFC Green, "There were lots of dogs at the Patrol Base and they were always looking for something to eat. The dogs played a huge role at the Patrol Base, not only for security but the morale of the Soldiers. The Soldiers really became attached to these dogs, as it was a little reminder of home. Just like home, these dogs were always happy to see us when we returned to the base. With their tail wagging, they would sniff us and look us over as to check to see if we were all OK. Some guys even had their families send flea collars and dog treats to help care for the neglected pups. It was always a great time to sit down and pet and play with the little pups."

Vehicle Patrol Base Dandar was a small "temporary" base in Koh-e Safi district of Parwan Province. The base was initially an old civilian market that was built by a past Provincial Reconstruction Team years before we got there. It never got much use from the Afghans in the area, so the 86th IBCT, VT Army National Guard, that we replaced, re-purposed the building as a vehicle patrol base. The structure was essentially a bunch of small garages build up in a U-shape. The garages served as temporary living quarters for the troops that stayed out at the base. The base had an Afghan National Police Station right next door, so the troop would work with the ANP officers and set up training events with them.

113<sup>th</sup> Cav soldiers, serving as part of Task Force Redhorse, conducted a 5-day accelerated training course to train Koh-e Safi ANP on basic police skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship, detainee handling, and other skills. (Photo by U.S. Army SFC Ashlee Lolkus, TF Red Bull Public Affairs)

## 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment (First Minnesota)

(As of Published Date 1953)

NG (Minn)

(47<sup>th</sup> Inf Div)

### Lineage

1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, organized 27 April 1861 at Fort Snelling, Minn. (Company A, Pioneer Guards, organized 17 April 1856 at St. Paul.) Mustered into Federal service 29 April 1861 for three years. Reorganized April 1864 as 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry. Expanded and redesignated 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, 23 February 1865. Mustered out of Federal service 14 July 1865 at Jeffersonville, Ind.

Reorganized 1870 from regimental veteran association as 1<sup>st</sup> Regiment, Minnesota Enrolled Militia. (Active or volunteer element of Minnesota Enrolled Militia redesignated Minnesota National Guard by Act of Legislature 1 March 1871.) (Regimental organization remained inactive after about 1875, except for St. Paul Light Infantry active 1875-1879.)

Reorganized 1880 as 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, M.N.G., to embrace following independent volunteer companies in St. Paul-Minneapolis area: Minneapolis Light Infantry, organized 1879, as Company A; Minneapolis Zouave Corps, organized 1879, as Company B; St. Paul Guards, organized 1879 as Company C; Allen Light Guards, organized 1879 in St. Paul, as Company D. Expanded and redesignated 1883 as 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, M.N.G., with companies as follows: Co A, Minneapolis; Co B, Minneapolis; Co C, St. Paul; Co D, St. Paul; Co E, St. Paul; Co F, Fergus Falls; Co G, Red Wing; Co H, Litchfield; Co I, Minneapolis; Co K, Stillwater. Redesignated 13<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Minnesota Volunteers, 4 May 1898 and mustered into Federal service 7 May 1898 at Camp Ramsey, Minn.; mustered out 3 October 1899 at San Francisco, Calif. Reorganized as 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, M.N.G., 27 March 1900.

Mustered into Federal service 30 June 1916 at Fort Snelling, Minn., for Mexican Border; mustered out 14 March 1917 at Fort Snelling. Called into Federal service 25 March 1917 and mustered in 26 March-7 April 1917; drafted in 5 August 1917. Redesignated 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 34<sup>th</sup> Division, 1 October 1917. Demobilized 18 February 1919 at Camp Grant, Ill. (34<sup>th</sup> Division demobilized 18 February 1919 at Camp Grant, Ill.; reorganized about 1922.) Reorganized as 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Regiment, M.N.G., 31 January 1920. Redesignated 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 34<sup>th</sup> Division, 21 November 1921.

Inducted into Federal service 10 February 1941 at Minneapolis. Inactivated 3 November 1945 at Camp Patrick Henry, Va after WWII. Relieved from assignment to 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and assigned to 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 19 June 1946. Reorganized, less former companies of 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion with Headquarters Federally recognized 23 September 1946 at Mankato.

It was reorganized (less former 3rd Battalion) and Federally recognized on 23 September 1946 with Headquarters at Mankato, Minnesota. The former 3rd Battalion, 135th Infantry thereafter had a separate lineage. It was ordered into active Federal service on 16 January 1951 at home stations. The 135th Infantry was organized and was Federally recognized on 16 January 1953 with Headquarters at Mankato, Minnesota. It was released on 2 December 1954 from active Federal service and reverted to state control. Federal recognition was concurrently withdrawn from the 135th Infantry.

The unit was reorganized on 22 February 1959 as a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System to consist of the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Battle Groups, elements of the 47th Infantry Division. On it was reorganized on 1 April 1963 to consist of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Battalions, elements of the 47th Infantry Division. On 1 February 1968 it was reorganized again to consist of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, elements of the 47th Infantry Division. It was withdrawn on 30 November 1988 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the United States Army Regimental System. 1st and 2nd Battalions, 135th Infantry were relieved on 10 February 1991 from assignment to the 47th Infantry Division and assigned to the 34th Infantry Division. The 135th Infantry was reorganized on 1 September 1992 to consist of the 2nd Battalion, an element of the 34th Infantry Division. Initially assigned to the 2nd Brigade, 34th Infantry Division as an air assault infantry battalion, the unit was eventually reassigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division.



**Distinctive Unit Insignia (Crest) of the 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment**

### Home Area

Southern Minnesota

### Campaign Streamers

Civil War Virginia 1861, 1862, 1863, 1864, 1865, Bull Run, Peninsula, Valley, Antietam, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Petersburg  
War with Spain Manila  
Philippine Insurrection Luzon San Isidro  
World War I (Without Inscription)  
World War II  
Tunisia Rome Arno Naples Foggia  
Po Valley North Apennines Anzio  
War on Terror (Campaign Credits Pending)

### Decorations

Fr CdeG with Palm embroidered BELVEDERE (WD GO 24, 1947)

### Coat of Arms

Shield. Argent, on a saltier azure between in chief a fleur-de-lis gules, in fess the Corps badge of 2<sup>nd</sup> Div, VIII Army Corps, during the War with Spain proper (two white circles overlapping resembling the figure "8") fringed of the third, and two bolos saltier wise and in base a bull's skull of the like.

**Crest.** That for the regiments and battalions of the Minnesota National Guard: On a wreath of colors (argent and azure) a sheaf of wheat proper.

**Motto:** To the Last Man.

LTC Charles Kemper, Commander

Command Sgt. Maj. Mitchell Hellkamp, CSM

### Current Organization

2-135 IN: HHC Mankato and Owatonna; A Co West St. Paul; B Co Rochester; C Co Winona; and D Co Albert Lea; and 1135th Support Company in Austin.

This lineage document is an extract of The Army Lineage Book, Volume II: Infantry, dtd 1953, prepared at the Office, Chief of Military History, with locally updated lineage to the present day.

**CELEBRATING 65 YEARS  
34<sup>TH</sup> INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION**

**2012 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**

Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> thru Saturday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012

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:

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

REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY SEPT 15<sup>TH</sup> 2012

HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE INTO MOTEL NOT LATER THEN SEPT 15<sup>TH</sup> 2012.

STONEY CREEK INN HOTEL TELEPHONE: 515-334-9000 OR 1-800-659-2220

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Treasurer: LTC (Ret) Mike Musel E-mail: [michael.musel@iowa.gov](mailto:michael.musel@iowa.gov) Gold Star Museum 515-252-4531

# 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division National Membership Application Form

**NOTE: If your address Label shows (L), (W), or (2) you do not owe dues for the Current Year**

- ( ) Enclosed is \$10.00 for my Annual Membership in the 34<sup>th</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> 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 a donation to the operation of the 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div Assn.
- ( ) Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for my donation to the 34<sup>th</sup> 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 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association is to preserve the history of the 34<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.iowanationalguard.com)

## Museum Store - 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div Assn Price List – Dec 2011

34 <sup>th</sup> Red Bull Polo Shirts Size _____	\$ 22.00	34 <sup>th</sup> Red Bull Div Insignia Pins (Lapel Pin)	\$5.00
34 <sup>th</sup> Red Bull T-Shirt Size _____	\$15.00	Red Bull Patch (Black & Red)	\$5.00
34 <sup>th</sup> Div Red Bull Ball Cap (red)	\$12.00	34 <sup>th</sup> Div (Large) Medallion	\$25.00
34 <sup>th</sup> Red Bull Window Decal	\$2.00	34 <sup>th</sup> Div Red Bull Neck Tie	\$8.00
34 <sup>th</sup> Red Bull Jacket Size _____	\$30.00	34 <sup>th</sup> Div Red Bull Flag (3X5')	\$65.00
34 <sup>th</sup> Red Bull Coffee Mug	\$6.00	Red Bull Memo Pads, 50 Sheet	\$2.00
34 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Coin (3" dia. x 1/4" - Scene from Winter Line Fighting-front & Inscription-back)			\$25.00



### Books Available:

- Dogfaces Who Smiled Through Tears \$30.00  
(The 34<sup>th</sup> Red Bull Infantry Division in WWII)
- Citizen Soldier in WWII \$10.00  
Story of the 168<sup>th</sup> Inf from Lt/CPT/ MAJ / LTC Ed Bird

\*Add \$5.00 for shipping any ITEM

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Email: [lowagoldstarmuseum@iowa.gov](mailto:lowagoldstarmuseum@iowa.gov) or Call 515-252-4531 if you have a question.

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