

34th Infantry Division Association

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34th Infantry Division 65th Reunion –

Dates Announced

The dates for the 2012 34th Infantry Division National Reunion are now set for Friday and Saturday, October 5th & 6th, 2012 at the Johnston, Iowa Stoney Creek Inn. A special emphasis will be made to invite our young Red Bull soldiers to the 2012 reunion. During the "War on Terror" we have had four major deployments of our NG soldiers in Minnesota, Iowa, and Nebraska to Iraq and Afghanistan. We plan a special welcome back for these soldiers at the upcoming reunion in October. Watch for news on this special invite as well as a registration form available in the Spring issue of the 34th Infantry Division newsletter.

Please note that this reunion date will not conflict with the Iowa-ISU Foot Ball game, or the UNI- Iowa foot ball game, which have been major conflicts during the past three years.

Initially the association attempted to have the 34th Inf Div reunion the same Sept weekend as the Iowa National Guard Alumni Day, but too many conflicts occurred and our volunteers could not support the effort in a way that would satisfy our members. We will have a Special Welcome table at the IA NG Alumni Day.



34th Infantry Division Association President COL Ron "Curly" Albrecht (L) is shown in this photo with past president and current Historian and Web Master Pat Skelly (R). Both will welcome you to the 65th Annual National Reunion this coming October 5th & 6th in Johnston, IA at the Stoney Creek Inn.

RED BULL SOLDIERS

CONTINUE TO SERVE IN KUWAIT

by LTC Kevin Olson

ALI AL SALEM, Kuwait- More than 2,600 soldiers of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division (1/34th BCT, Minnesota National Guard, continue to serve in Kuwait in support of Operation New Dawn. Their mission is to provide security for remaining convoys coming out of Iraq.

The 1/34th BCT is due to return from their one-year tour this spring. "Through the professionalism of the soldiers and support of their hometown communities, employers, and families, the Minnesota National Guard completed all missions in Iraq with success and honor," said Rochester, Minn. native Col. Eric D. Kerska, 1/34th BCT commander. "We drove 2.5 million miles and 1,800 missions and everybody made it back to Camp. No Red Bulls were seriously hurt."

The mission in Kuwait is the largest deployment of Minnesota Guardsmen since World War II, and the brigade played a significant role. The brigade's mission included base management, convoy security, reaction forces, and management of specialized units from the Army, Navy and Coast Guard.

The brigade escorted 25,970 trucks during its deployments prior to the last U.S. military convoy departing Iraq through a 1st Brigade border checkpoint on Dec. 18.

The 1/34th BCT was also an important part of the 2006 "Troop Surge" in Iraq. As a result of the extension of their tour to 16 months in Iraq, and 22 months overall, the "Red Bulls" are recognized as having served the longest tour of duty in Iraq of any military unit, active or reserve. Major organizations that served under the 1/34th Brigade Combat Team during the surge were the 1-133rd Infantry (Iowa), 1-167th Cavalry (Nebraska) and 2-135th Infantry (Minnesota).

For more information on the deployment of the 1/34th BCT Red Bulls, visit

<http://www.MinnesotaNationalGuard.org/1bct>

The next four issues of the 34th Infantry Division Assn. newsletter will show the lineage of the four infantry regiments that have made up the combat structure of the 34th Division since 1917. See page 7 of this document.

Note from the 34th Infantry Division Assn. President

Greeting to the RED BULL TEAM!

January 2012

Happy New Year to all Red Bull Soldiers and 34th ID Association members.

We have just completed a year that will go down in history with the closing of the U.S. military involvement in Iraq and the drawdown of forces in Afghanistan. We have welcomed home a record number of Red Bull Veterans from Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska. And, we look forward to the return of the 1st Brigade Combat Team from Minnesota in 2012. We can be proud of the accomplishments of our RED BULL 34th ID Soldiers over the past ten years!

The Association Officers met for a planning meeting in late November at Camp Dodge. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Membership and the upcoming 65th Annual National Reunion in Johnston, IA. This meeting was the first step in moving down the trail for the association in focusing on increasing the membership of our organization. The outcome of the meeting was a committee head appointed and a rough plan was put in place, more to follow.

The next step for the TEAM is a Five Year plan on the direction the association wants to go as an organization, we will have a plan together to present at the Annual Meeting in OCT. The rebuilding of Chapters in the association is another hot rock for this year. I have talk to 2nd BCT CDR and the new Battalion Commanders of the 168 and the 133 and also the Division HQ at Rosemount about this topic and I feel that we are moving down the road on this very important mission for our association, again 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. In closing a special prayer for our Red Bull soldiers and their families still deployed who are protecting our FREEDOM. I am looking forward to see everyone at the Annual Meeting in October.

ATTACK!

COL Ron "Curly" Albrecht
34th ID Association President,
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133rd Infantry "Ironman" Battalion

34th Inf Div Final Roll Call

John Hoffman, 185th FA Bn, 34th ID
Laurence M. White, 135th, 34th ID
Robert Smith, 34th ID
Donald D. Baker, 168th Inf, 34th ID
Walter A. Mondor, D 168th In 34th ID
Otto Arndt, Co E 168th Inf, 34th ID
Lynn W. Miller, Svc Co, 168th 34th ID
Hideo Uchida, B Co, 100th Inf, 34th
Arthur Komiyama, HQ, 100th Inf, 34th
Francis Seichi Shinohara B Co, 100th
Roy Y. Nakatani, B Co, 100th Inf, 34th
John L. Harms, E Co, 136 Med Regt
Jack Kiyoto Mizushima, C Co, 100th 34th
George Robert Olson, Sr., 34th ID

Recent Names

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

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

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65th Planned Reunion 5-6 October 2012, Johnston, IA

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Internet 34th Inf Div Assn: <http://www.34infdiv.org/index.html>

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>

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

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

**34th Infantry Division Association
Newly Elected Officers and Trustees 2011-12**

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

**34th Infantry Division Association
Facebook Pages**

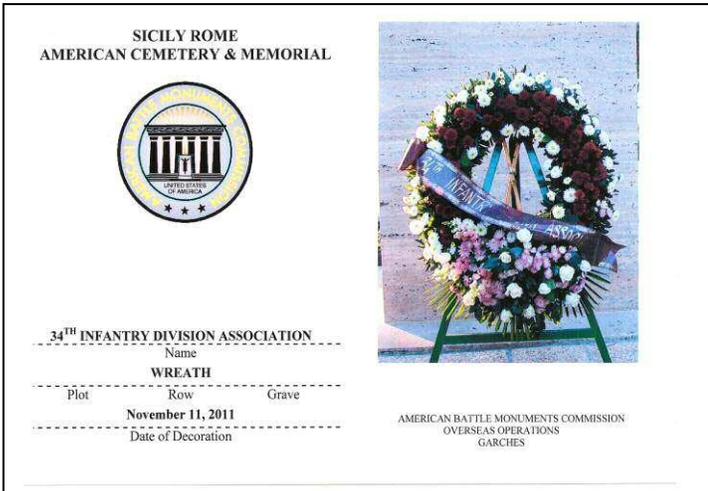
Many of our members as well as recently returned soldiers already know that the Association has an active Facebook site. We are all excited to have The Association on Facebook, where all members of the 34th ID returning from tours overseas spend time and can get exposure to our organization. We hope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

The 34th Infantry Division Association gives a "Big Thank You" to Dave McChesney, 113th Cavalry Squadron and, Ashlee Lolkus, 2nd Brigade Combat Team HHC. 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.

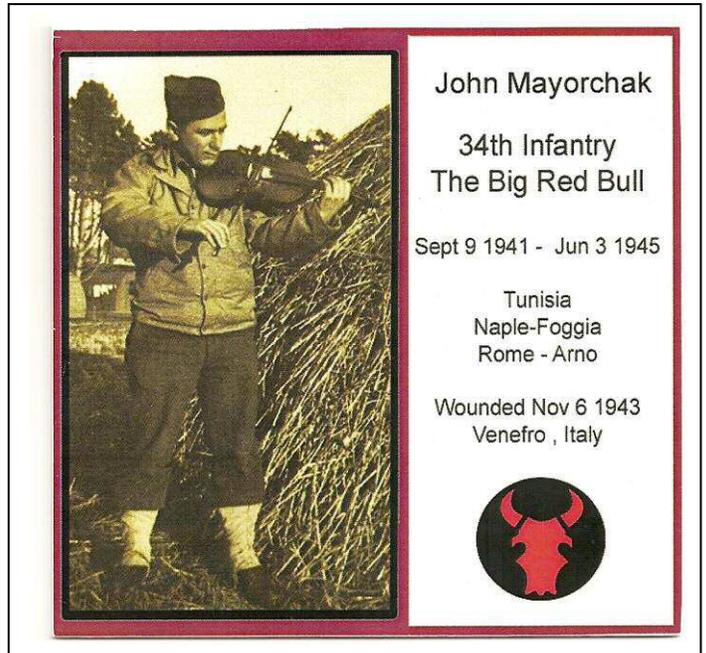
The URL for the 34th ID Assn. National page is here:
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/34th-Infantry-Division-Association/168699226545671>

The URL for the Des Moines Chapter 34th 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.



Shown in the above photograph is a wreath that the 34th Infantry Division Association had placed at the Sicily Rome American Cemetery this past Veterans Day. Each year, for the past 64 years, the Association has paid to have wreaths placed at the North African, Sicily-Rome and Naples American Cemeteries. Next year the Association will also place wreaths at the Iowa and Minnesota Veterans Cemeteries on Memorial Day. We recognize the sacrifice of our lost comrades and thank all veterans for their service to our country.



Not all soldiers are pictured with a rifle. Pvt John Mayorchak, HQ Co, 2nd Bn, 135th Inf Rgt., from Endicott, NY was inducted Sep 9, 1941 at Governor's Island, NY. He was trained as a radio operator and joined the 34th Inf Div on Apr 30 1942. He served in Northern Ireland, North Africa and Italy. He was wounded prior to the Battle of Cassino. He returned to U.S. on April 21, 1945 and separated at Ft. Dix, NJ. John passed away in 2010.

2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Div 2010- 11 Afghan Deployment Report

by COL Ben Corell

Over a two week period in July of 2010 we mobilized 2,900 Iowa National Guard Soldiers and 300 more from Nebraska as part of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team (BCT), 34th Infantry Division and reported to Camp Shelby, Mississippi for training. The brigade task organized for its required mission and then conducted two months of company and organizational level combined arms training that built on an extensive pre-mobilization training program. We were issued all the required individual equipment and enough organization equipment to conduct training for the Afghanistan mission and later validated our combined arms team at the National Training Center (NTC) at Fort Irwin, CA.

My thoughts and previous experiences of Fort Irwin were from the old days of supporting the NTC as a young officer when the 1-133rd (Light) Infantry Battalion would provide an augmentation of OPFOR infantry for the Active Duty (Heavy) Brigades going through an NTC training rotation. I remember how tired the AC brigade commander looked after he had been drug through the “knot hole of the exercise program.” “I didn’t want that to happen to me! But, I was drug through that same knot hole, and I probably looked about the same as I remembered them looking at the end of a rotation.”

We were given the opportunity to send an expanded leader element to conduct a Recon of the Area of Operations in Afghanistan. During this time we met the commander of the 101st Air Assault Division, MG John Campbell, whom the BCT would be working for as a subordinate element in Regional Command- East. We also met with soldiers of the 86th BCT, VT National Guard, who we would be reliving. They, as an organization, had really done a fine job and it was easy for us to pick up the mission requirements. We got to see, “What Right Looked Like.” This gave us the opportunity to get a firsthand look at what we believed our mission would be; the difficult mission of conducting “Full Spectrum Military Operations.”

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team was given this mission because we were judged to be able to accomplish the Full Spectrum Mission in the Provinces of Laghman, Parwan, Paktya, and Panjshir Afghanistan. We had trained hard and had the experiences of previous deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan within the BCT. Our mission required us to be able to perform all the kinetic options of using Artillery Fire Support, Attack Rotary Aviation, Tactical Air Support and organic fire support. In addition, the BCT had to be able to work with a multitude of departments and countries efforts in order to meet our requirements to district and provincial levels through non-kinetic means.

The 2nd BCT commanded over 6,000 men and women



General David Petraeus, Commander, U.S. Forces Afghanistan, with COL Ben Corell, Commander, 2/34th BCT, at the office of the Laghman Province Governor Mohammed Azzi in April 2011. This discussion was focused on what was needed to transition security responsibility over to the Afghan Security Forces in the coming months.

Photo by SSG Ryan Matson, 210th MPAD, U.S. Army.

including; 3-National Guard Agriculture Business Development Teams, 5- Provincial Reconstructions Teams, multiple Security Force Assistance Teams, 3-Operational C & C Centers, USAID and USDA Teams, Civilian Engineer Infrastructure Teams, and US State Department personal. To make all these different elements all work together as a team was a challenge.

We were accomplishing all of these requirements with our Iowa and Nebraska soldiers from the 1-133rd Infantry, 113th Cavalry, 334th Bde Spt Bn, 2-34th BSTB, and the 167th Cavalry. The 1-194th Field Artillery, which was mobilized with the BCT, had been broken up and spread among the different organizations of the command in order to accomplish our unique mission. The 168th Infantry Battalion, 2nd BCT, was assigned a separate Full Spectrum combat mission in Paktya Province, first under the operational control of 3rd Bde of the 101st Div (TF Rakkasan), and subsequently under operational control of 3rd BCT of the 1st Infantry Division (TF Duke).

During the first six months in Afghanistan the Brigade Combat Team served under the 101st Air Assault Division, commanded by MG John Campbell. During the remainder of our tour we were under the command of MG Dan Allyn’s 1st Cavalry Division. Each division operated a little differently but we were able to quickly adapt. We were relieved by the 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team out of the Oklahoma, ARNG.

One of the largest kinetic battles that the TF Red Bulls was engaged in was the “Battle of Do Ab.” Twenty-five soldiers from HHC, 1-133rd Infantry Battalion and 45 Afghan National Army Soldiers from the 1st Brigade 201st Corps were immediately attacked upon their helicopter insertion near the mountain village of Do Ab in the Nuristan Province. When the two CH-47 helicopters

touched down on the only available landing site on the narrow valley floor they were next to a river on one side and were taking heavy direct weapons fire from above at every turn. The soldiers were in a valley surrounded by steep canyon walls. There was no good cover or concealment on the landing zone with the enemy volley firing RPG's exploding all around them while tracer rounds were splitting through their formation.

The battle lasted seven hours and involved the use of small arms fire, organic machine guns and mortars, U.S. Air Force Tactical Air Support, Army Attack Helicopters, and a C-130 Gunship directed by a JTAC Team. The enemy had the high ground and we were under their plunging fire and observation the entire time of the fight. In the end our soldiers killed over 300 of the enemy and we did not sustain any casualties. The Red Bull Soldiers on the ground, the young soldiers from NE Iowa, won this fight and brought death to the enemy on their own ground, which had been set as a ambush site. We later watched as they carried the enemy dead away by the pick-up truck loads for burial. Several Valor Awards were submitted for this battle, everyone who fought this day are hero's in my eyes.

In March 2011 we planned and executed a military operation that cleared insurgents from the Eastern portion of the Galuch and Hindor Valleys. Earlier the Afghan Army had attempted a unilateral operation that turned into a world media negative event. Dozens of ANA were killed and captured leaving weapons, ammunition, and vehicles for the insurgents to use. We worked collectively with our Afghan Army Brigade to develop a plan for clearing of these valleys. "Operation Bull Whip" kicked off with an aerial leaflet drop to the village leaders and people. We incorporated elements from the 1-113th Cavalry Squadron and their ANA partners from the 3rd Bde, 201st Corp, in the Air Assault operation inserting them on the high ground where they could direct attack aviation assets while we conducted clearing operations on the valley floor. Next we brought elements of the 1-133rd into a blocking position to deny the enemy to squirt out of our noose or receive support. Then we brought in the Ironmen from the 1-133rd and their Afghan partners from the 2nd Kandak, 1st Bde 201st Corps to clear both valleys. All of the Air Assault's into OP's and Assault positions were done in complete darkness. The Red Bulls spent a week scouring the valleys and found multiple weapons storage locations and engaging the local population. Most importantly we built confidence in the abilities of our Afghan Army partners and in the eyes of their people as we cleared these insurgent strong holds of insurgents. The provincial governor held a peace shura and declared a new district that would be called "Bad Pach" District. As a district the people would gain police, district leadership and money

to assist with employment and projects for the local people of this new district. This is all in place and opportunity is now in the hands of the people as a result of the efforts of the Red Bulls and our Afghan partners.

During our combat operations we always worked with the local Afghan police, the Afghan National Army and the local Afghan government officials. I saw real potential and capability being developed in the Afghan National Army, many of our District and Provincial leaders were focused on making a better way of life for the people they represented. The Afghan police force has much work to do in becoming a professional force that the people can trust. We spent much time and effort on improving their capabilities and showing them what right looks like as they provide police protection for their people. They still have a ways to go in order to be fully successful in this important aspect of being a capable community police force.

The 2nd BCT was de-mobilized at Fort McCoy, WI and we returned back to Iowa where MG Orr and the state leadership conducted multiple "Welcome Home" events through the month of July. The hardest part about serving as a commander and coming home from a combat tour is that sometimes you don't bring every soldier home alive. We lost four soldiers from the 2nd BCT and four from an attached U.S. Army Military Police Company that was assigned to the brigade. The four Iowans were SGT Brent M. Maher, of Council Bluffs; assigned to Co B, 1st Bn, 168th Infantry, Shenandoah, Iowa; SPC Donald L. Nichols, of Shell Rock, assigned to HQ Co.1st Bn, 133rd Inf Regt, Waterloo, and SSG James A. Justice, of Grimes, assigned to C Troop, 113th Cav Sqdn, 2nd BCT, 34th Inf Div, and SFC Terry Pasker of Cedar Rapids, assigned to the 334th BSB. Soldiers from the 164th MP Company who were killed by an IED were Sgt. Devin A. Snyder from Cohockton, N.Y., Sgt. Joshua D. Powell, of Tyler, TX, Sgt. Christopher R. Bell, of Saint Joseph, MI., and Spc. Robert L. Voakes, Jr., of Hancock, MI.

The 2nd Brigade Combat Team is starting again at the front end of the U.S. Army Force Generation Model. This means that, beginning now in November 2011, we must be postured for any potential future deployment if the need exists as we complete the training model over the coming years. As part of that effort, we will have a change of command in five of the six battalions in the 2nd BCT in the coming months.

Our job is to build and train the organization to peak again to support the military efforts of the United States. At the time we are in this ramp up process, we must remember that as National Guardsmen, we must be prepared for any local or state emergencies that may call us to duty for our home defense mission at any time. Our leaders and soldiers must live by our Iowa National Guard motto of "Mission Focused - Warrior Ready."

2012 Tri-State Chapter Reunion Bulletin July 13-15, Philadelphia



Tri-State Chapter, 34th Infantry Division Association
2012 Reunion in Old City Philadelphia
Holiday Inn Philadelphia - Historic District
400 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106
Phone 800-843-2355
<http://www.phillydowntownhotel.com>
Friday - Sunday July 13 - 15, 2012

**Tri-State Chapter
34th Infantry Division Assn.
262 Florida Ave
Amsterdam NY 12010**

World War II Veterans of Tri-State Chapter, 34th Infantry Division, will receive free lodging and free hotel parking on Friday and Saturday nights covered by the Tri-State Chapter. Families and friends are most welcome and may book rooms at our group rate of \$129./night. When making your reservation, indicate you are with the **Tri-State Chapter 34th Infantry Military Reunion**.

Thursday and Sunday night add-on: Our group rate of \$129./night and \$10. hotel parking includes Thursday July 12th and Sunday July 15th for additional sightseeing/activities on your own.

Within 1-5 blocks of the Holiday Inn are: Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Constitution Center, Christ Church, Friends Meeting House, The First Bank, Visitors Center, Betsy Ross Home, Franklin Mint, Benjamin Franklin's Post Office, Print Shop and Home and horse drawn carriage rides through Old City and much more.

Program details will be forthcoming which will include Holiday Inn room reservation code, packet with sightseeing details and information on discounted passes.

For additional information, contact Marilyn Andrews, Tri-State Chapter Secretary or Dan Andrews, President at dandrew6@nycap.rr.com or phone at 518-843-3731, 262 Florida Avenue, Amsterdam, NY 12010

For membership information, contact Steve Tennant, Tri-State Chapter Treasurer at sstennant@comcast.net or phone (Jacquie) at 301-983-0848, mail to Stephen Tennant, Tri-State Treasurer or Jacquie Tennant, Chaplain, 10600 Rivers Bend Lane, Potomac, MD 20854

Please see the WEB Link on the 34th Infantry Division Association web page <http://34infdiv.org/tristate/t1202.pdf>
The two pages provide additional information and website links about sightseeing, entertainment, and historic opportunities.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS FROM PAST 34th Infantry Division Commander

From: "Nash, Richard C MG NGMN" <rick.nash@xx.yyy.mil>
Date: 2011 December 30 10:31:30 AM EST
To: "Skelly" <patskelly@earthlink.net>, "Albrecht, Curly L. (IA)" <curly.albrecht@us.army.mil>
Subject: RE: Website in transition (UNCLASSIFIED)

Classification: UNCLASSIFIED Caveats: FOUO

Pat, Colonel;

I and the entire Red Bull team in Minnesota want to wish both of you and your families a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year. Thanks for what you guys do researching, recording and promoting the history of and the legacy of the great soldiers that have worn and are wearing a Red Bull patch. You are doing what most people don't realize is so important for future generations and I thank you personally for that. Sorry I was not able to attend the annual get together this year, but I will make an attempt this upcoming year to be with all of you again. Thanks again Pat and Curly.

As always, Attack, Attack, Attack,

Major General Rick Nash, TAG-MN.

But more importantly, former Commander of the 34th Red Bull Division.....

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168th Infantry Regiment (Third Iowa)
(As of Published Date 1953)

NG (Iowa)
(34th Inf Div)

Lineage

Organized from independent companies in Southwestern area of State (including Council Bluffs Guards organized 1855-1856) as 4th Regiment, Iowa Volunteer Infantry, Col Grenville M. Dodge, and mustered into Federal service 8-31 August 1861 by companies; mustered out 24 July 1865 at Louisville, Ky.

Reorganized 1868-1876 as independent companies of volunteer militia. Companies consolidated 1876-1877 to form 3rd Infantry Regiment (organized 18 February 1876) and 5th Infantry Regiment organized 15 January 1877). (Iowa State Militia redesignated Iowa National Guard 3 April 1878) Regiments consolidated and redesignated 3rd Infantry Regiment, I.N.G., 30 April 1892.

Mustered into Federal service as 51st Infantry Regiment, Iowa Volunteers, 30 May 1898 at Des Moines; mustered out 2 November 1899 at San Francisco, Calif. Reorganized as 51st Infantry Regiment 26 March 1900. Redesignated 55th Infantry Regiment 26 November 1902. Redesignated 3rd Infantry Regiment 4 July 1915.

Mustered into Federal service 26 June 1916 for Mexican Border; mustered out 20 February 1917. Called into Federal service 15 July 1917; drafted in 5 August 1917. Redesignated 168th Infantry Regiment, 42nd Division, 16 August 1917. Demobilized 17 May 1919 at Camp Dodge, Iowa. (42nd Division demobilized 9 May 1919 relieving component from assignment.) Reorganized and Federally recognized 1920-21 as 168th Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division.

Inducted into Federal service 10 February 1941 at Des Moines. Inactivated 3 November 1945 at Camp Patrick Henry, Va. Reorganized with Headquarters Federally recognized 23 January 1947 at Council Bluffs.

The Battalion was reorganized on 1 May 1959 as a parent regiment under the Combat Arms Regimental System to consist of the 1st Battle Group, an element of the 34th Infantry Division.

Reorganized on 1 March 1963 to consist of the 1st Battle Group, and relieved from assignment to the 34th Infantry Division. Reorganized on 1 March 1964 to consist of the 1st and 2nd Battalions. Reorganized on 1 January 1968 to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 47th Infantry Division. It was withdrawn on 1 May 1989 from the Combat Arms Regimental System and reorganized under the U.S. Army Regimental System to the 34th Infantry Division. Reorganized 10 February 1991 to consist of the 1st Battalion, an element of the 34th Infantry Division.

Ordered into active Federal service on 5 March 2004 at home stations and deployed to Afghanistan and released from active Federal service 1 September 2005 and reverted to state control.

Company D, 1st Battalion, 168 Infantry ordered into active Federal service 4 June 2007 at Denison, IA to deploy to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and released from Federal service in July 2008.

The Battalion was ordered into active Federal service on 31 July 2010 at Camp Shelby, MS to deploy to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). The organization was released from Federal Active duty in July 2011 at Fort McCoy, WI.

Home Area

Southern Iowa

Campaign Streamers

Civil War

Arkansas 1862, Vicksburg, Chattanooga, Alabama 1863, Atlanta, North Carolina 1865, South Carolina 1865

Philippine Insurrection

Manila Malolos

World War I

Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, Lorraine, Champagne, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne

World War II

Algeria-French Morocco (with arrowhead), Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, Po Valley

War on Terror (Pending Campaign Credits)

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



Distinctive Unit Insignia (Crest)
of the 168th Infantry Regiment

Decorations

Fr CdeG with Palm embroidered Belvedere. DA GO 24, 1947

Company B (Des Moines) entitled to DUC embroidered Mt. PANTANO, ITALY. (WD GO 86, 1944)

Following elements each entitled to DUC embroidered CERVARO, ITALY: Co E, (Shenandoah), Co F (Villisca), Co G Centerville), (WD GO 6, 1945

Following elements each entitled to Fr CdeG with Silver Star embroidered FRANCE: Mortar Section, HQ Co, 1st Plt Co B, 2nd Plt Co B, (WD GO 11, 1924)

Shield. Argent, a bend archy in the colors of the rainbow between a chief a prickly pear cactus and in base a palm tree on a mound proper.

Crest. That for the regiments and separate battalions of the Iowa National

Guard: On a wreath of the colors (argent and azure) a hawk's head erased proper.

Motto. On Guard.

Distinctive Insignia The insignia is the shield and motto of the coat of arms of the regiment.



LTC Steve Boesen and Company Commanders of the 168th Infantry Battalion, Sep 2011

(L-R Back Row): CPT Jim Avrams, HHC 1-168 Cdr (Team Hammer), LTC Steve Boesen, Cdr 1-168 (Task Force Lethal), CPT Kent Greiner, Cdr D 1-168 (Team Diesel) and CPT Brandon Gray, Cdr B 1-168 (Team Lycan) (L-R Front Row): CPT Mike Minard Cdr, C 1-168 (Team Titan), CPT Ryan Vogel, Cdr A 1-168 (Team Hitman) and CPT Rob Hanna, Cdr F 334 BSB (Team Spear)

34th 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 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 62	\$80.00	At age 64	\$60.00
At age 61	\$90.00	At age 63	\$70.00	At age 65 & older	\$50.00

() Enclosed is \$ _____ for a donation to the operation of the 34th Inf Div Assn.

() Enclosed is \$ _____ for my donation to the 34th Infantry Division Memorial Fund.
(Maintain all monuments and annual flowers for the Cemeteries in North Africa, Italy & U.S.)

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

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

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 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

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