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68th Annual Reunion in Twin Cities

The 2015 Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Assn. was hosted by the Commanders Own Chapter in Rosemount, MN on October 2-3, 2015, at the National Reunion Banquet.

The new president elected by the 34th Infantry Division Association is LTC Tim Sulzner, who is assigned as the Commander of the 1-168th Infantry Battalion, of the Iowa National Guard and former officer of the 113th Cavalry Sqdn. The 1st Vice President is Randall Stanford. The new three year trustees are Mark Zirkelbach, CSM Chris Stroner, 1Lt Trent Whitcomb and CSM Willie Adams.

We had a total of 52 members and guests attend the 34th Infantry Division Reunion Banquet. The main speaker at the reunion was Brig Gen John Bathke, former Chief of Staff of the 34th Infantry Division. He spoke about his time serving in the 34th Infantry Division as well as the history of the 3rd Minnesota Volunteer Infantry Regiment in the Civil War.

We were blessed to have three WWII combat veterans of the 34th Infantry Division attend the Reunion. They included, Warren Milner and his spouse Virginia, from Comfort, TX, Vincent Shields (2 Purple Hearts) of Minnesota, and Donald Halverson also from Minnesota.

Chaplain, MAJ Buddy Winn, who is assigned to the 34th Infantry Division, gave the memorial service and 77 names were read off during the service.

During the 34th Infantry Division Association business meeting, the time and place committee recommended the 2016 reunion be hosted by the Des Moines Chapter in Johnston, Iowa on 14-15 October 2016. The recommendation was approved by the trustees and members by voice vote.

All those who attended the Reunion enjoyed the visit to Fort Snelling, which is set up to show the U.S. Army presence on the Mississippi River in 1820. Numerous reenactors were present as Infantry soldiers, an artillery half section, and as civilians who supported the post on the Western Prairie.

During the eleven years of the "War on Terror" we have had over 20 thousand soldiers serve in the 34th Division in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as deployments for Nobel Eagle and support for homeland defense in the U.S. We are now seeing these soldiers joining as members of the 34th Infantry Division Association. We welcome all to attend future reunions, especially the 69th Reunion in Johnston, IA.

CSM Willie Adams gave a special thanks to the Rosemount Commanders Own Chapter members for hosting their first reunion. Thank You to MAJ Kristen Augé for serving as the host for the Commander's Own Chapter. It was really a fun reunion and everyone enjoyed visiting the 34th Division Headquarters in Rosemount, the banquet at the Char Steak House in St. Paul as well as the VFW event in Rosemount. See more photos of the 67th Reunion in this newsletter.



CSM Willie Adams, the outgoing President of the 34th Infantry Division Association passes the gavel off to Lt Col Tim Sulzner at the concluding Banquet of the 34th Inf Div Reunion. Lt Col Sulzner is the current commander of the 1-168th Infantry Battalion. He had deployed with the 113th Cavalry Squadron in 2009. CSM Adams is the CSM of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Inf Div and has served in Iraq and Afghanistan.



CSM Willie Adams, of the 2nd BCT & President of the 34th ID Assn. presents the "Honor of a Large Division Coin" to CSM Chris Stroner of the 2-135th Inf Bn at the Banquet session of the 34th Infantry Division Reunion.

Hello RED BULL TEAM!

It is with great honored and pride that I have been given this opportunity to serve as your Association President. A quick introduction of myself. I have been a RED BULL for almost 20 years and have had the privilege to serve in the 133rd IN, the 194th LRSD (ABN), 113th Cavalry Squadron, the 2nd IBCT HQ, and currently as the Battalion Commander of the 168 IN Battalion. My Grandfather fought with the 113th CAV in WWII and I deployed to Afghanistan with 113th. My son Koltin is a 168 IN BN Soldier and just became a Cadet at the University of Dubuque. I want to recognize and thank CSM Willy Adams for his leadership and dedication over the past year as he served as President of the 34th Infantry Division Association. He managed to move the organization forward while simultaneously preparing the 2nd IBCT for JRTC.

The reunion this month was top-notch. The Minnesota team nailed it. I would like to thank everyone who attended. The reunion honored some amazing WWII veterans. I was humbled to be sitting at the same table as Donald Halverson who fought in the Winter Line with the 168 Infantry. Thanks Donald for your Polka tips. Next year's reunion will be at the Stoney Creek Inn in Des Moines, Iowa. Although October is a busy month we would love to see you there. For those who will attend next year's reunion, I would like to challenge you to invite someone who is a current or former member of the 34th Division to join us. There will more details to follow on the 2016 reunion in the next newsletter.

As we project into this year with new ideas to reach younger veterans, we must embrace multiple levels of delivery of information to include more social media. We need to foster establishing more local Chapters in areas such as Council Bluffs, Waterloo, and Dubuque. Meshing our present and past allowing them to share the history of those who served before them.

As an Association, we will continue to work to ensure our purpose, our history, and our future is maintained. I want to thank every member of the Association and every Soldier within the 34th Infantry Division, past and present, for your service, commitment, and support.

I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.

ATTACK!

LTC Tim Sulzner

34th Infantry Division Association President

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34th Inf Div Final Roll Call

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Kaoru "K" Matsumura, C 100th In, 34th ID

Hiroshi "Joe Stone" Matsunami, A 100th Inf, 34th ID

Fred Toshimori Takahashi, HQ 100th Inf, 34th ID

Raymond Kunio Iwamoto, F/C 100th Inf, 34th ID

Hideo Ueno, HQ 100th Inf, 34th ID

Martin J. Tohara, D 100th Inf, 34th ID

Donald S. Rogers, 34th ID

Edwin L. Hlavka, B 135th Inf, 34th ID

Richard L. Holmes, 34th ID

Carl L. Montello, 133rd Inf, 34th ID

Dr. Kermit Laidig, 34th ID

Kakuichi Shimabukuro, C100th In, 34th ID

Masao Mas Takahashi, C100th In, 34th ID

Thomas Hiroshi Ibaraki, A100th Inf, 34th ID

Robert Tomiya Sato, A 100th Inf, 34th ID

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69th Reunion 14-15 October 2016, Johnston, IA

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Facebook 34th Inf Div Assn: <https://www.facebook.com/34InfDivAssoc>

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

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

<http://www.flickr.com/IowaRedBulls>

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

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



The three World War Two veterans who attended the 68th Reunion of the Association are L to R, Vincent Shields (2 Purple Hearts) 135th Infantry from Minnesota, Warren Milner, H/ 133rd Inf, from Comfort, TX; and Donald Halverson, G/ 168th Infantry, from Brooklyn Center, MN. Each of the veterans were presented with a 34th Infantry Division Jacket and a framed 34th Infantry Division print which shows the Battle of Mount Pantano, Italy.



The trumpet plays Taps after the Memorial Service at the 34th Infantry Division Reunion Banquet at Mancini's Char House in St. Paul, Minnesota on 3 October 2015. The names of 77 deceased veterans were read at the Reunion Memorial Service.

Photos of the 68th Annual Reunion



Major General Neal Loidolt, Commander of the 34th Infantry Div. is shown talking with Warren Milner, who served in Company G, 133rd Infantry Regiment during WWII. Mr. Milner's comment to Major General Loidolt was, "You look to young in appearance to be an Infantry Division Commander." MG Loidolt said, "Thank You." Shown in the background is Col (Ret) Don Kerr, who served in the 34th Infantry Division.



MG Rodney Hanulia and Don Kerr are talking about old times during the VFW. The 34th Red Bull Infantry Division held its 2015 National Reunion in Minnesota Oct 2-3. Current and Veteran Red Bulls met over dinner at the Rosemount VFW on Friday. The Rosemount Armory, home of the division headquarters, hosted the business meeting and lunch on Saturday. Reunion attendees toured Historical Fort Snelling during Saturday afternoon and later gathered for a memorial service and formal dinner at Mancini's Char House in St. Paul. The weekend was hosted by the 34th Infantry Division Association's Commander's Own Chapter.



Chaplain MAJ Buddy Winn conducted a Memorial service prior to the Banquet dinner. He graced us with a powerful memorial message about service and sacrifice while serving in the U.S. Army. Everyone enjoyed the keynote address by BG (Retired) John Bathke. The Colors were posted by the Minnesota Funeral Honors Detail and Taps were played by a member of the 34th Division Band. All the guests joined in during the singing of "America the Beautiful."

68th Annual Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Association



This photo shows a 1820's era Artillery Half Section at the historic Fort Snelling, which is located at the junction of the Minnesota and Mississippi Rivers. Reunion guests received a tour of the old post, which played a significant roll in the settlement of the West, the fur trade, the Dakota War of 1862 and the Civil War.



LTC Tim Sulzner, current commander of the 1-168th Infantry Battalion and Administrative Officer of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, was installed as the new president of the 34th Infantry Division Association at the 68th reunion. Last year LTC Sulzner spoke about his combat experience with the 113th Cavalry Squadron in Afghanistan. The team work of the Cavalry Squadron with the U.S. Army and Air Force Air Liaison Team made the organization very successful during their combat tour. No other organization was as successful and caught as many "Bad Guys" High Profile Targets as the 113th Cavalry Squadron, while they were in Afghanistan.



Virginia and Warren Milner, from Comfort, TX are shown with Major Kristen Augé at the Reunion Banquet. MAJ Augé was the OIC for the 68th Annual Reunion. She also serves at the Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in Rousemount, MN. "Thank You," MAJ Augé!



34th Infantry Division Assn. Officers

President	LTC Tim Sulzner
1st Vice President	MAJ Randall Stanford
2nd VP	MAJ Jacob Helgestad
1 Year Trustees	Hermann Poggensee LTC Scott Keeley BG Ben Corell SSG Tanner Johnson
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Purpose of the 34th Infantry Division Association (Short Version)

- Maintain association with our comrades with whom we served in the 34th Infantry Division.
- Maintain and honor the memory of those who died in action and remember all of us who pass later.
- Gather and maintain the History of the Organizations, Units and Soldiers of the 34th Infantry Division.
- Support our “Wounded Warriors” who have faithfully served our nation.

34th Infantry Division Association Internet and Facebook Sites

We ask that all members and friends of the 34th Infantry Division view our Web Site and FaceBook pages for information updates.

The 34th Infantry Division Association thanks Ashlee Sherril, 34th Div HQ's and CW5 (Ret) Herman Poggensee for updates to the FaceBook pages.

The URL for the 34th Inf Div Assn. national page is:
www.facebook.com/34InfDivAssoc

The URL for the Des Moines Chapter 34th ID page is:
www.facebook.com/34IDAssocDesMoinesChapter

The URL for the Minnesota Cmdr's Own Chapter is
www.facebook.com/commandersownredbullassociation

We encourage all Red Bull Soldiers who have a Face - book account to log on and share their stories with friends who share their common interests.

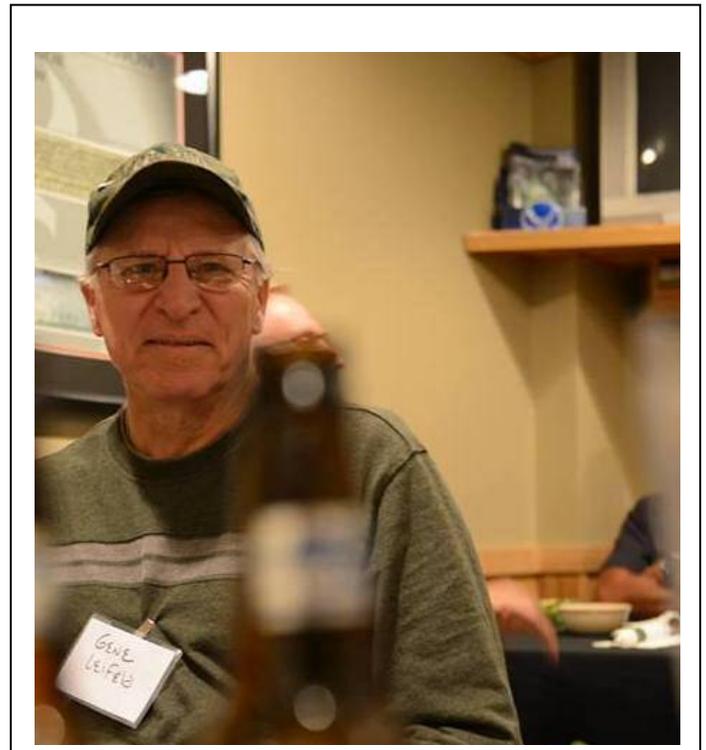
Pat Skelly, the Association Senior Historian and Archivist continues to make archival posts at the site:

<http://www.34infdiv.org>

Pat is well respected for his detailed work has done much to bring together WWII and War on Terror archive documents for veterans, their families and historians of the 88th and 34th Infantry Divisions as well as other allied units.

MSG Daniel Ewer is completing the architecture of the new Association Web Site, 34IDA.org The site was launched at the 2014 Reunion. Please continue to watch the new Web page as it develops.

The Web Site for the actual MTOE 34th Inf Div is:
www.MinnesotaNationalGuard.org/34id/



Gene Leifeld, from Zembroda, Minnesota has attended the past two reunions that were held in Johnston Iowa and Rosemount, Minnesota. Thank you for joining us again this year Gene. We appreciated your input at the Business Meeting on Saturday morning. Someone was playing a joke with the camera when this picture was taken at the VFW Club in Rosemount.

Willmar Minnesota Guard Unit Mobilized for Kuwait

WILLMAR, Minn. - The sea of red in the Willmar High School gym Thursday was more than a show of support for the Willmar High Cardinals. Families and friends of the 682nd Engineer Battalion, wearing red unit t-shirts to Remember Everyone Deployed, gathered to send off the Willmar-based Minnesota National Guard unit prior to their departure for a deployment to Kuwait.

The more than 150 Soldiers from the 682nd's Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Forward Support Company will travel to Fort Bliss, Texas, for additional training prior to departing for Kuwait in November. The unit will be responsible for managing engineer sustainment operations across the Middle East in support of Operation Spartan Shield.

"We'll be deploying with horizontal engineers and vertical engineers so we can build across the ground or we can build upwards," said Capt. Michael Lovas, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company. "It really depends on what mission is given to us. We'll be flexible to those needs and as engineers we can adapt to whatever mission is necessary.

"Our battalion will be part of Task Force Wild in Kuwait. Our battalion has the mission of managing engineer sustainment operations throughout the Middle East, meaning we manage road and building infrastructure maintenance for coalition forces," said Ferdon.

"The deploying Soldiers of the 682nd Engineer Battalion are eager to begin the one year deployment to Kuwait. This will be the first deployment for two-thirds of the unit, they are ready to create their own deployment experience," said Lt. Col. Keith Ferdon, the battalion commander. (MN NG press release.)



The Camera Man is in the photo! Usually MSG Daniel Ewer is taking the pictures, but in this photo he is shown in the Artillery Shed at Old Fort Snelling, MN. We had a perfect day for a visit at the fort because the weather was perfect and all enjoyed the interaction with the local volunteer reinactors. Shown L to R is MSG Daniel Ewer, Tom Halverson & Mr. Donald Halverson.

WWII Veteran Letter

Sept 8, 2015

Gentleman,

Enclosed is my yearly dues. Also find a copy of an honor certificate I received from the Historical Association at Casino, Italy.

Regret that I can no longer travel to get to a 34th Div Reunion. I do appreciate the newsletter the Assn. sends out regularly.

Hope all is well with everyone. I passed my 91st B'day in Aug. Can still get around - Slowly. At present time I'm not only the oldest veteran in town, but the only WWII Vet. Do any WWII vets get to the annual reunion? A big salute to all!

A. E. "Buddy" Morse
PO Box 58, Cimarron, NM 87714

Answer to Mr. Buddy Morse,

Yes, this year we had three WWII veterans attend the 68th Reunion. See the story on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter. Thank You.

COL (Ret) Bierl



34th Infantry Division Battle Honors:



- **Indian Wars:**
 - Pine Ridge (134)
 - Dakota 1863 (134)
 - Nebraska 1864 (134)
 - Nebraska 1865 (134)
 - Colorado 1865 (134)
- **Civil War:**
 - Alabama 1862 (136)
 - Alabama 1863 (168)
 - Antietam (135)
 - Arkansas 1862 (168)
 - Arkansas 1864 (134)
 - Atlanta (133,136,168)
 - Bull Run (135)
 - Chattanooga (136,168)
 - Chickamauga (136)
 - Fort Donelson (133)
 - Fredericksburg (135)
 - Gettysburg (135)
 - Henry & Donelson (134)
 - Kentucky 1862 (136)
 - Mississippi River (134)
 - Missouri 1861 (134)
 - Missouri 1862 (134)
 - Missouri 1863 (134)
 - Missouri 1864 (134)
 - Missouri 1865 (134)
 - North Carolina 1865 (136,168)
 - South Carolina 1865 (168)
 - Peninsula (135)
 - Petersburg (135)
 - Tennessee 1862 (136)
 - Shiloh (133,134,136)
 - Valley (135)
 - Vicksburg (133,168)
 - Virginia 1861 (135)
 - Virginia 1862 (135)
 - Virginia 1863 (135)
 - Virginia 1864 (135)
 - Virginia 1865 (135)

What Are Battle Streamers

Many times people have asked, what do the streamers mean that are attached to the staff of the 34th Infantry Division Colors?

These battle honors are shown as Battle Streamers attached to the colors of the 34th Infantry Division and represent the campaigns of the division, its regiments, and their predecessors in military lineage over the years. This is, in effect, the genealogy of the Red Bull Division.

The numbers in parentheses are those of the Infantry Regiments which fought in each campaign. Where no regiments are shown, the entire division shares the award.

The Army carries a streamer for each important action in all wars in which that service has participated, each shows the name of the action commemorated. Currently, the Army allows 187 streamers. Battle honors are tracked and awarded to individual regiments.

- **War with Spain:**
 - Manila (134,135)
- **Philippine Insurrection:**
 - Luzon (135)
 - Malolos (134,168)
 - Manila (134,135,168)
 - San Isidro (135)
- **World War I:**
 - Aisne-Marne (168)
 - Champagne 1918 (168)
 - Champagne-Marne (168)
 - Lorraine 1918 (168)
 - Meuse-Argonne (168)
 - San Mihiel (168)
 - without inscription (133,134,135,136)
- **World War II:**
 - Algeria-French Morocco
 - Tunisia
 - Naples-Foggia
 - Anzio
 - Rome-Arno (133,135,168,442)
 - North Apennines
 - Po Valley
 - Belvedere, with wreath (Croix de Guerre with Palm)
- **Iraq**
 - War on Terror (Campaign Credits Pending)
- **Afghanistan**
 - War on Terror (Campaign Credits Pending)

34th Infantry Division National Membership Application Form

NOTE: If your address Label shows (L), (W), (T) or (6) 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 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 Sept / Oct.

The National Secretary is COL (Ret) Russ Bierl. His E-Mail address is bierlhome@msn.com The National Association WEB Site is <http://www.34ida.org> Phone No 515-252-4531 or email goldstarmuseum@iowa.gov
 A newsletter is sent to current members three times a year by U.S. mail. All newsletters are shown on the Association WEB site.
 The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum maintains an office for the association. WEB site www.iowanationalguard.com

Museum Store - 34th Inf Div Assn Price List – Dec 2013

34 th Red Bull Polo Shirts Size _____	\$ 22.00	34 th Red Bull Div Insignia Pins (Lapel Pin)	\$ 5.00
34 th Red Bull T-Shirt Size _____	\$15.00	Red Bull Patch (Black & Red)	\$ 5.00
34 th Div Red Bull Ball Cap	\$12.00	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 _____	\$30.00	Red Bull Memo Pads, 50 Sheet	\$ 2.00
34 th Red Bull Coffee Mug	\$ 6.00	Red Bull Refrig. Magnets (1.75 x 1.5 inches)	\$ 2.00

Books Available: Dogfaces Who Smiled Through Tears (The 34th Red Bull Infantry Division in WWII) \$30.00
 Citizen Soldier in WWII (Story of the 168th Inf by LT /CPT/ MAJ / LTC Ed Bird) \$10.00

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

Sub Total \$ _____
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