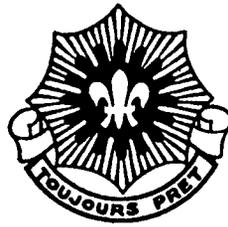


2D CAVALRY



ASSOCIATION

726 MANCILL ROAD
STRAFFORD, PENNA. 19087

2d Cavalry
Association



Charter No _____

In accordance with a resolution of the Board of Governors, this CHARTER is awarded to the _____, establishing it as a local, non-profit, fraternal sub-division of the 2d Cavalry Association, whose members are Members in Good Standing of the Parent Association who reside in the geographic area defined by the Board of Governors, and whose Chapter Seat is in _____.

The aims and purposes of this CHAPTER are to Support the activities of the Parent Association and to foster social and fraternal comradeship among its own members and their families. This CHAPTER is dedicated to the basic theme of Patriotism and Americanism.

Issued this _____ day of _____ 19 _____

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

THIS CHARTER IS TO BE RENEWED TEN YEARS FROM ABOVE DATE.

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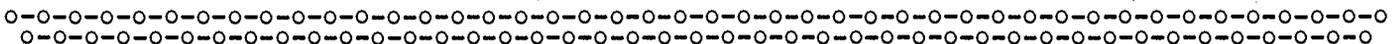
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1. CHARTERS: The cover page shows a reduced photocopy of the Chapter Charter form used by the Association for decades. A Chapter is created, as the charter says, as a "... sub-division of the 2d Cavalry Association ..." whose aims and purposes "... are to support the activities of the Parent Association ...". Charters are not issued for life, but are renewed periodically. Active chapters whose charter has lapsed have been notified so that they may request renewal by the National Board of Governors when it convenes this October. One Chairman of a former chapter engaged a civilian attorney to advise the Parent Association that his client will retain his chapter and remain its leader un-dis-ir-regardless of what National says. Yes, Virginia, this really happened, incredible as it may sound to a true Cavalryman. The latest Chapter Charter was issued to the Louisiana State Chapter, with Chapter Seat at Fort Polk. The Chairman is William J. HEIDNER, Curator of the Reed Museum. The Chapter has 43 members, some civilian, some active duty in Bosnia.

2. BOSNIA: This may be the first news you've heard that elements of our Regiment are in Bosnia. It has been in the press and on television. Obviously, we want to show our support to "GI Joe", just as we did during Desert Storm. But we don't especially like the idea of writing to "any soldier". We suggest you write to a specific Troop unit, or preferably to two different Troop units. We have provided you with a list of all of them in this issue.

3. AUTOGRAPHED HISTORIES & PHOTOES: Through the aid of a fellow editor, 'THOROUGHbred' was able to locate the widow of Gilbert B. LAYTON, a co-author of the 2d Cavalry's WWII history. She will be in Norfolk this October along with Arthur L. LAMBERT and Carter N. CATTLET, and all three will be available to autograph any appropriate artifacts of that period. Read Dora LAYTON's incredible saga of what had to be done to get a history published.

4. NORFOLK - 1997: Of course, much of this issue is being devoted to the events of 22-26 October 1997. The first thing you do right after you have finished reading the Reunion Itinerary is to dial 1-800-422-7474 to make your hotel reservation. If you need a travel agent to book your flight, ours may be reached at 1-800-533-2012. When you arrive in Norfolk will depend on what you want to see and do. If you want to make the trip to Jamestown Island and Williamsburg (7 hours, 9 to 4), you should be at the hotel Tuesday evening. If you want to visit the Air & Space Center, the incredible IMAX Theater, historic Hampton, and Fort Monroe (6 hours, 9:30 to 3:30), you should be at the hotel by Wednesday evening. If you wish to visit MacArthur's Memorial and Tomb, the fantastic "Nauticus" exhibit, and the Norfolk Navy Yard, you should be at the hotel by Thursday evening. According to the survey we took, all of our travelers will have arrived by Friday morning. Now, as far as costs are concerned, we can't break it down any further. All you have to do is read these pages. And then please mail the Registration Form with deposit back to us promptly.

5. MEMORABILIA: We appreciate your kind comments regarding the return of memorabilia. There will be lots of it available in Norfolk. It is also available through the mail.

6. LAST ISSUE - #102: In the last issue, we welcomed the 4th (Aviation) Squadron back to the Regimental garrison. They are still there as of this writing and will join their colleagues in Bosnia shortly. Incidentally, on behalf of the Association, COL James STEELE, CSM Ray THOMAS, Chm Louis HOLZ, and Pres. Harry EBREY are tentatively

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scheduled to visit Bosnia next spring. *** We also regretfully announced the temporary suspension of the Widow Fund because it was nearly out of Money. We note sadly that the fund has received no subsidy at all since that announcement, not even from the widows themselves who have benefited from the fund all these many years.

*** Those of our LIFE members who have children/grandchildren of college age, please go back to pages 5 and 6 of Issue #102, and refresh yourselves with the 1997 Scholarship Grant. Essays are still being accepted at

CO, 2d ACR
Attn: Scholarship Selection Committee (RS-5)
6351 Mississippi Ave - Bldg 1072
Fort Polk LA 71459-5000
(Fax) 1-318-531-0560

7. PERSONAL THANKS: As many of you must have known, judging from the number of 'Get Well' cards and personal letters, Ye Olde Ed underwent vascular surgery on 7 May 1997. The anticipation of having veins removed from one's extremities was more painful than the procedure itself since the patient was medicated into unconsciousness. The kind mail both before and after the operation was greatly appreciated, although marred by some hate mail, both to my home and to the Norfolk hotel, which has been going on now and then for more than 30 years. There are some misfits who can contribute nothing positive who must get their gratification some other way. The surgery was followed by eight weeks on one's back with the culprit leg in an elevated position. Some 16-18 hours per day, asleep and awake, were spent in that boring and awkward position. Thank God for classical music. Regretfully, anything which had to be done standing or sitting (such as attending to 'Thoroughbred' matters) was given a lower priority than the therapy to learn to walk again. The patient stumbled with a cane for some four weeks. He progressed to stumbling without a cane for next four weeks. He now can drive for longer periods than he can walk - which is painless except for going up a flight of stairs. Going down a flight of stairs produces no pain, but does produce a problem of balance. Now, when one starts feeling sorry for one's self, all one has to do is to return to the (a) hospital and walk around a bit. Sooner than later, one will encounter a medical problem worse than the one you have. That applies to all of us equally - the senders of the hate mail as well as the receivers.

8. YEAR OF TRANSITION: This year, 1997, witnessed the loss of two Cavalry giants who shall be sorely Missed by their contemporaries, and long remembered by history: Generals Sandy FRASER and Bud SCHLANSER. Both were close Advisors to the Chairman of the Board, who himself will step down as Chief Executive Officer to allow for fresher and younger personnel to join the National Board of Governors. The two departed Cavalry giants, and others who have recently left us, will be remembered in memorial services on Sunday morning in Norfolk. We urge you to come to participate in this final tribute. We especially urge the Border Trooper to come to Norfolk because this will mark the beginning of command and control of the Association's destiny by their generation. How better to get started than by getting started? Most Border Troopers have left the Army by now, and as such are more available to participate in reunions - as opposed to the Gulf War veterans, for example, most of whom are still in the Army.

2D CAVALRY ASSOCIATION



726 MANOLL ROAD
WAYNE-STRAFFORD, PA 19087-2005

OPERATION JOINT GUARD (Bosnia)
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(1) We urge all our members and their families to write to a cavalryman in your former Troop, by addressing it to

First Sergeant
 Your old Troop/Your old Squadron, 2d ACR
 OPERATION JOINT GUARD (Bosnia)
 Fort Polk, LA 71459

(2) Start your letter by saying: "Dear First Sergeant, Please share this letter with several of your troopers", and then add whatever you wish. In your return address on the envelope as well as inside, please identify yourself as 2d Cavalry Association.

(3) World War I and 1920's-30's veterans who had three Squadrons, use the same Troop and Squadron as then, except for the Machine Gun and Special Weapons Troops, which are no more. World War II and Constabulary in which each Squadron had an "A (etc) Trp", have become the following units - but with more firepower and better equipment.

<u>ex-2d Sqdn</u>	<u>write to</u>	<u>and/or to</u>
Hqs Trp	HHT/1st Sqdn	44th ADA, 2d ACR
Srv Trp	HHT/RSS	HHT/4th Sqdn
A/2	A Trp/1st Sqdn	N Trp/4th Sqdn
B/2	B Trp/1st Sqdn	O Trp/4th Sqdn
C/2	C Trp/1st Sqdn	P Trp/4th Sqdn
(no D)	D Trp/1st Sqdn	
E/2	How Btry/1st Sqdn	D Trp/1st Sqdn
F/2	Tk Co/1st Sqdn	R Trp/4th Sqdn

<u>ex-42d Sqdn</u>	<u>write to</u>	<u>and/or to</u>
Hqs Trp	HHT/2d Sqdn	S Trp/4th Sqdn
Srv Trp	HHT/RSS	502 MI Co, 2d ACR
A/42	E Trp/2d Sqdn	84 Engr Co, 2d ACR
B/42	F Trp/2d Sqdn	HHT/C & C Sqdn
C/42	G Trp/2d Sqdn	87th Chem Co, 2d ACR
D/42	H Trp/2d Sqdn	Maint Trp/RSS
E/42	How Btry/2d Sqdn	Med Trp/RSS
F/42	Tk Co/2d Sqdn	S & T Trp/RSS

<u>ex-66th Sqdn</u>	<u>write to</u>	<u>and/or to</u>
(and other Constabulary Squadrons)		
Hqs Trp	HHT/3d Sqdn	44th ADA, 2d ACR
A/66	I Trp/3d Sqdn	D Trp, 1st Sqdn
B/66	K Trp/3d Sqdn	502d MI Co, 2d ACR
C/66	L Trp/3d Sqdn	84 Engr Co, 2d ACR
D/66	M Trp/3d Sqdn	87th Chem Co, 2d ACR
E/66	How Btry/3d Sqdn	Maint Trp/RSS
F/66	Tk Co/3d Sqdn	Med Trp/RSS

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Since you may be in the writing spirit, please check pages 13 and 14 of this issue: They both require a bit of money to be sent.

p. 13 - The last issue had a survey form, the intent of which was to determine who was interested in what tourist attraction before we booked the buses. You have NOT yet registered. NOW you register. Send in \$60.00 regardless of how many persons in your party and how many bus trips your group is taking. There is also an optional \$10.00 for door prize tickets. So far, \$70.00. Anything in addition will be credited to your final package price.

p. 14 - This is your Memorabilia Order Form. Indicate the items you want and how many. Add up the line items across and then add up the Total \$\$\$ right-hand column. That's the money you send in. Please note that each form has a different mailing address. A photo is acceptable.

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IMPORTANT!

(Not just another aside: Carter Nelson CATTLET, the Troop Commander of the lead Recon Troop in the 1945 rescue and evacuation of the Lipizzan herd, will also be available to autograph Lipizzan photographs. Bring your own from home as there are but a very few available for purchase.)

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page 5.

I remember a wooden hinged-top box he had constructed to hold his papers which stayed at the foot of our bed. As his part of the book developed, the wooden box filled. He also set up two sets of financial records for the publishing of the book. One was for the Army and the other for the actual cost of the book.

There was no paper and no ink, and there were no rags for wiping the printing machines. The hardest effort was the on-going search for rags in post-war Germany, thus the printing process became an international task.

We drove to Berlin to apply for written permission to obtain 50 sheets of paper initially which would actually allow purchase of thousands of sheets later. Dashing across the Russian sector was exciting and potentially dangerous. We were checked out on the American side and if we had not arrived at the other end at a given time, a police search party would have been dispatched.

We crossed into the British occupation zone to acquire printing chemicals and a barrel of magnesite to polish the plates making them suitable for printing in an Austrian printing shop on the Italian border. I think this printing arrangement was coordinated with Munchner Graphische (Bisher F. Bruckmann) in Munich, Germany.

While in Berlin, we were invited to the British Officers' Club for lunch which we were happy to accept. Some of our meals had become a problem since food was rationed. We weren't aware at the time but several British officers had donated their rations to offer the hospitality of a sumptuous lunch. What an embarrassment when we found out later that we'd eaten all of their allotted food.

Throughout this operation, we traveled by car with a trunk full of coffee and cigarettes which could be used for exchange. Food and American cigarettes were far more valuable than currency after the war. A few long distance calls to Switzerland and we were able to arrange for a supply of casein, a white odorless protein used to make the slick part of paper, among other things, to be transported in two excavated hogs head barrels. Another exchange of food and cigarettes for the price of the casein accomplished the deal.

At that time of the occupation, allied communication was set up all over Europe. Knowing the name of the right person in the designated country and location was the only requirement for contact. Since so many calls were necessary throughout Europe to arrange for this publication, Chink became known as "General Jones" to the long-distance operators who recognized his voice and connected him without delay.

The final task was to find a good artist for the illustrations. We felt lucky to find Walter Gerling in Staltach, Bavaria, a famous artist whose sketching appears throughout the book. The Second United States Cavalry - A History Book by Captain G.B. Layton and Major A.L. Lambert was successfully completed and published in 1947.

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Letters

Your thoughts, notes, approvals and reproaches

Greensboro, N.C.
July 1997

Gentlemen: I wish I could join you for our Reunion, but my health has me restricted to my local area.

Thank you very much. s/ Thomas E. CHAPPELL
910-668-0336

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Poway, California
23 June 1997

Dear Lou: Since my last communication we've been doing some steady work on the Association Web Site. So far we've gotten about 250 visits, or "hits" in Web vernacular, including at least two former commanders. The most recent changes include the ability for people to post their own contact information and post requests for information about other dragoons, and a Recollection Section which would allow people to E-mail me recollections of their time in the Regiment. I hope this section grows rapidly to add some color to the official history. I have been contacted by several former Dragoons about the Association and have sent out six membership applications as a result of the web site. Not a huge success, but a start.

All of the feedback I have gotten has been very positive, and my employees who have worked on this project, and I, are really excited about the interest the site is generating. LTG HOLDER has indicated he will also assist in getting material for the site from his varied sources. I think that with a little effort we could find a dozen businesses which, for \$120 a year, would love to advertise to a narrowly defined market.

Fraternally, s/ Bob
Bob DOBSON * RAD Solutions
www.radsolutions.com
(619) 486-8647

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Tampa, Florida
5 May 1997

Dear General Holder:

News in the March 1997 issue of the THOROUGHbred concerning Lou HOLZ' and Board plans for leadership transition caught my eye and stimulated some of the following thoughts. Please give them serious consideration. From what I have read, the 2d Cavalry Association was vibrant from the end of World War II until shortly after Colonel Hank REED, the Regiment's wartime commander died.

When I joined the Regiment as acting CO, 1st Battalion, in the summer of 1957, the 2d Cavalry Association was not mentioned. But before we sailed for and flew to Germany the next spring, Lou HOLZ and Colonel Les WILCOX made certain that the Association was worthy of our support - and the Regiment worthy of the help of the Association. As Regimental Commander, Les WILCOX encouraged those of us on active Border Duty to join the Association; and the rewards of membership continue to this day. Under your leadership in the Gulf War, interest and pride in the Regiment rebounded. That interest and that pride should be preserved.

As the World War II veterans get older, and even as some of us who served on the Border decades ago fail in health, the Association deserves a relatively young and proven leader in the image of Colonel REED. You are such an Officer. When the time

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS 2d CAVALRY MEMORABILIA ORDER FORM (or a photocopy) AND MAIL TO:

Ray THOMAS, Esq. *** 116 S. New Ardmore Ave. *** Broomall PA 19008-2717
(Tel: 1-610-356-0502)

These items may be ordered for pickup at the next national reunion. If you wish them mailed to you, a Packaging & Postage (P&P) charge must be added. All monies will go to the General Fund which purchased this inventory initially, except if noted (**) in which case proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund. Tell us what you want held and what you want mailed. We are ordering (re-ordering) additional items for Norfolk.

Shelf Count	ITEMS (Revised July 97)	Basic Price	P&P	Mailed	How Many	Total \$\$\$
<u>MEMORABILIA w/ UNIT INSIGNIA</u>						
8	Belt Buckle w/ insignia & "2" crosssaber	\$15.00	\$ 3.00	\$18.00		
38	Ass'n Necktie w/ "2" crossed sabers	14.00	3.00	17.00		
25	Golf Cap (black) w/ insignia	8.50	3.00	11.50		
2	Golf Cap (khaki) w/ insignia	8.50	3.00	11.50		
2	Unit Crest Tie Tac (w/ short chain)	6.00	1.50	7.50		
23	Shoulder Patch (normal dress)	2.00	.50	2.50		
7	Shoulder Patch (field camouflage)	2.00	.50	2.50		
19	Unit Crest Label Pins w/ clasp	6.00	1.50	7.50		
23	Gold Thread Breast Patch w/ prong clip	23.00	3.00	26.00		
<u>BOOKS & PRINTED MATTER</u>						
20	1946 Regt'l History 367 pp bound	\$30.00	\$ 3.00	\$33.00		
81	Desert Storm, 8x10 booklet	2.00	1.00	3.00		
58	Ghosts of Patton's Army (1944 reprint)	.50	.50	1.00		
2	The Dragoon (old issue Regt'l newspaper)	.75	.75	1.50		
39	150-year History 2d ACR (1986)	3.00	1.00	4.00		
<u>PRINTS and POSTERS (Can be Framed)</u>						
34	Remember Your Regiment (1846 Capt May)	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 5.00		
4	ZINKOVY (Site Czech 2d Cav Memorial)	3.00	2.00	5.00		
1	(**) Tawakalna Sunset (Iran 1991)	100.00	5.00	105.00		
24	(**) Lipizzaner Rescue (Hostau 1945)	100.00	5.00	105.00		

Total amount enclosed, payable to "2d Cavalry Association": \$ _____

To whom should this memorabilia be mailed?

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: () _____

COMMENTS:

THIS FORM INVALID AFTER 20 FEBRUARY 1998

The memories will last a lifetime. This offer won't.

General Co-Chairmen: Louis T. HOLZ & Henry J. EBREY, Jr.
National Board of Governors
Host Co-Chairmen: Ray THOMAS * Delaware Valley Chapter
Clifford FRYMIER * Eastern Carolina Chapter

Wednesday, 22 October to Sunday, 26 October 1997

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1500 North Military Highway * NORFOLK VA 23502

(Please make your reservation today by calling the 800 number.)

You may use CARLSON-WAGONLIT TRAVEL * 1-(800)-533-2012 in Rochester, Minnesota, for your 2d Cavalry discount if you do not have your own travel agency.

(This article is a continuation of "GREATER NORFOLK CONVENTION COUNTDOWN" which appeared in the last issue of 'Thoroughbred'.)

1. There is a Registration Form further on in this issue. Please mail it back as soon as feasible. The survey returns from the last issue were rather sparse (but they are still coming in) and we found it difficult to decide whether to finalize or cancel some events. Please cross-reference this article to the Registration Form before you complete it.

2. Even though the first scheduled event is at 9 am on Wednesday (22d), we assume that the persons on that trip will have stayed over at the hotel the night before. We had planned a group breakfast on Wednesday prior to going out to Williamsburg and Jamestown Island; and on Thursday (23d) before going over to Fort Monroe and the IMAX/Space Center, but the survey results were very light (60 on Wed/76 on Thurs); and while we had enough for tours, we did not have enough for a group breakfast in a private room, based on our main meal projection (175-210). Instead, our breakfast-goers on Wednesday and Thursday may order from the hotel restaurant menu. No group lunches are planned except for Saturday (25th) on the River Boat.

3. Wednesday, we will be bused to Colonial Williamsburg with a tour guide at circa 9 am. Cash lunch will be in one of the several Colonial Taverns. Then to Jamestown Island and the first permanent English settlement of 1607. Return circa 4 pm (7 hours). Tour: \$30.50. Thursday, we will encounter much civil war history in and around Fort Monroe and Hampton; plus the incredible 6-story movie screen of the IMAX theater at the NASA Air & Space Center. Depart circa 9:30 am; return circa 3:30 pm (6 hours). Tour: \$ 31.50.

4. As far as the tours are concerned, all were scheduled so as to give the traveler time for breakfast, and a flexible return schedule six or seven hours later with nap time in mind. If you want to stay out later, just keep asking the guide questions. Friday (24th) breakfast is the first of five group meals at the hotel (\$12.00 includes tax & tip):
Fresh sliced Fruit w/ Seasonal Berries & Vanilla Yogurt ** Freshly squeezed Orange Juice
** A selection of cold Cereals w/ milk ** Grapefruit Juice, Tomato Juice, & Apple Juice
** Freshly baked Croissants ** An assortment of Danish Pastries and Muffins **

Long-Awaited Reunion

THE MEMORIES WILL LAST

"GREATER NORFOLK CONVENTION COUNTDOWN ... "

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Fruit Preserves and Butter ** Coffee, Decaf, and Tea. Breakfast 8:00 to 9:00 am.

5. Six hours of touring on Friday (24th) to three sites unique to Norfolk: (a) the largest naval installation in the world; (b) the world renowned 'NAUTICUS' exhibit; and (c) the MacArthur Memorial and Tomb and a multi-story collection of memorabilia in Douglas MacArthur's home town. Tours (9am-3pm) \$28.50.

6. Friday dinner at the hotel (cocktails 5-6:30/dinner 6:30-8) will consist of Tossed Garden Salad w/ assorted Dressings ** Grilled Chicken Breast w/ Brown Sauce ** Green Beans Almondine ** Baked Potato ** Butter & assorted Rolls ** Carrott Cake ** Coffee, Decaf, and Tea. (\$20.00 includes tax and tip.)

7. Saturday (25th) breakfast at 8 am for everyone will be followed by a 9 to 10:45 am business meeting & elections for members in the same room. (Family & Guests: free time or Avenue shops walk-a-thon.) Breakfast consists of Fluffy Scrambled Eggs w/ bacon or sausage ** Choice of fresh Fruit Medley or Chilled Juice ** Golden Brown potatoes ** Assorted pastries and breads ** Coffee, Decaf, and Tea. (\$11.00 includes tax & tip.)

8. We tried to make Saturday "Ladies' Day" by combining (a) a river cruise on a sleek modern ship to include (b) a wonderful luncheon buffet aboard, followed by (c) a rousing musical floorshow; and on the return trip, a (d) running narrative of some of the visible land sites you had earlier visited. Back on land, we go to the Casbah! - more than 125 shops under one WATERSIDE roof. Then it's old houses time as we finish our visit to Norfolk by riding through the restored area plus the historic district. Slated for five hours (11am-4pm) the tour cost of \$46.00 includes the cruise, the lunch, and all stops. Back at the hotel, two hours free time; then Cocktails at 6pm; group dinner at 7 pm.

9. OKAY, NOW HEAR THIS !!! If you want music during or after dinner, either on Friday or Saturday (but not both), or dance music, or a floor show - speak up now or forever hide your disappointment. We had said we would go ahead with a 40% 'yes'. We're only up to 35% with so many of our regulars not heard from. The cost of the band can possibly be covered by the sale of lottery tickets.

10. This is Saturday (25th), the highlight event, and the finale!, except for tomorrow's Farewell Brunch. Traditionally, it has been the most extensive group meal of the visit. Today's dinner which attempts to prolong that tradition, consists of Petite Filet Mignon w/ Mushroom Caps & Bernaise Sauce ** Tossed Garden Salad w/ assorted dressings ** Baked Potato ** Freshly steamed vegetables ** Glass of Chardonnay ** Dinner Rolls with Butter ** Cheese Cake w/ Strawberry Topping * Coffee, Decaf, or Tea. (\$25.00 includes tax & tip.)

11. Our Sunday (26th) Farewell Brunch and Memorial Services will run two hours (9:45-11:45 am). This super-hearty all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet should take the place of two meals and cover half your trip home. \$14.25 covers tax and tip, as well as sliced fresh fruit w/ seasonal Berries ** Assorted chilled fruit juices ** selection of Cold Cereals w/ Milk ** Fluffy Scrambled Eggs ** Goldenbrowned potatoes ** Crisp Bacon and Link Sausages ** Freshly Baked Croissants ** Butter and fruit preserves ** Danish pastries and muffins ** Coffee, Decaf, and

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Tea. Cameras and Camcords are suggested for this farewell event.

12. If you accompany all four days of tours, including the most expensive - the river cruise with buffet lunch, the total tab will run \$136.50 per person, or an average of \$34.13 per day. We feel there are very few places left where you can get a full days outing at top-drawer locations for less than \$35.00. Likewise, if you partake of all five(5) group meals at the hotel, but without music, that total tab will be \$82.25 (or an average of \$16.45 per meal) per person. Again, we feel that is a most competitive price for a top-rated kitchen, since we are talking about a full meal, and not the entree alone. The two total figures combined equal \$218.75 (or less) as the package price, depending on when you arrive and what you choose to do.

13. If you arrive on Tuesday, and stay through Sunday, your Package equals \$218.75 (or an average of \$36.46 per day per person.) Wednesday thru Sunday equals \$218.75 (or an average of \$43.75 per person per day.) Thursday thru Sunday equals \$188.25 (or an average of \$47.06 per day per person.) Friday thru Sunday equals \$156.75 (or an average of \$52.25.) Saturday and Sunday equal \$96.25 (or an average of \$48.13.) Sunday only equals \$14.25. Come when you can, but please come. Once you have decided when you can arrive, call 1-(800)-422-7474 to make your reservation. The \$68.00 room rate is valid only if booked prior to 8 October, and we have only 125 rooms blocked out which we must surrender by that date if not booked. After the cut-off date, the discount rate will depend on the luck of space available. Please don't wait until the last minute.

14. When the Eastern Carolinas Chapter and the Delaware Valley Chapter (the closest chartered Chapters to the south and the north of NORFOLK respectively) next convene, Clifford FRYMIER and Ray THOMAS, the Co-Host Chairmen of the National Reunion, will address their local membership for reunion volunteers. These good folks will man the registration desk, staff the hospitality room, sell our memorabilia, monitor our buses, and do all sorts of little things which are never noticed by our critics. Members from other parts of the country - especially Virginia itself, may volunteer as well, by contacting this publication. (P.O. Box 915 * Southeastern PA 19399.) We also apologize to the two Carolinas Chapters because a typo error on the cover sheet of a previous issue credited the wrong chapter with the co-host status. Sorry about that.

15. We remind you also that our members who have previously used CARLSON-WAGONLIT TRAVEL 1-(800)-533-2012 have saved appreciable percentages of their airfares. If you still have the last issue (#102/June 97), please pull it out and reread our paragraph on travel tips as well as our previous article on reunion events. And we beg of you to be reasonably prompt about mailing in your Registration Form and deposit. Don't procrastinate.

16. This will be our last reunion under the old guard and the old Chairman. Many decades of dedicated service by the same people who were so loved and so hated have produced many irreplaceable memories, and have changed the pattern of some lives, and have bonded more lasting friendships, both among the veterans and among the spouses, than the war itself. And the friendships keep expanding to include the successor generation - the Border Troopers who will soon take over the reigns of leadership. Do come to NORFOLK if only to say 'thanks' to the old guys, as well as 'good luck' and 'we support you!' to the new guys. (Will you be up to that much the next time in '99?)

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Issue # 92 (March 1994) had an aerial photo of Shelter Island, San Diego Bay, California, on the cover. This site of the 1993 convention and reunion was termed "the prettiest site to date." ** 1993 also witnessed the move of most of the Regiment from Fort Lewis WA to Fort Polk LA, where they had a duel mission. The peacetime mission was the training and maneuver support of the Joint Readiness Training Center at Polk; the crisis mission was to deploy as a combat element of the XVII Airborne Corps and to conduct reconnaissance and security operations in support of the Corps' mission. **

The San Diego reunion included an optional side-trip to Hawaii, and a group bus trip to Mexico, as well as a full menu of local stuff - city tours, ferry rides and harbor cruises, Seaworld, San Diego Zoo, et al. Our keynote speaker was an old Cavalry friend, Dr. Tom W. EMBLETON of Riverside CA. Present also was the then CO of the Regiment, Thomas MOLINO. An extra feature was the appearance of author, actor and TV producer, and ex-2d Cavalryman, Ib J. MELCHIOR, who spoke about his recent book, "Case By Case", a compilation of intelligence missions.

Issue # 82 (March 1990) had a cover photo of MSG William M. SLAYTON being awarded a cash door prize. William was born to a career NCO, Barney D. SLAYTON, while his dad served in the 2d Cavalry. He grew up with the 2d Cavalry where his dad spent most of his 36 years of active duty. Later he himself served as a Trooper in the 2d Cavalry. Ditto all of the above for his brother, Barney M. SLAYTON. ** This issue told of a spectacular reunion held in Louisville the previous September. As an aside, we are pleased to note that that same 1989 Louisville reunion was voted in San Diego as the most enjoyable reunion the attendees recalled - with dazzling San Diego itself coming in a strong second. Paul SHULTZ, host Chairman of the Louisville bash, was in San Diego, and received a round of applause as appreciation. Our side trips there included (a) the Kentucky Derby Museum at Churchill Downs; (b) a catered lunch in the Museum Sculpture Room; (c) a town tour on the Toonerville Trolley; (d) an Ohio River Paddle Steamer dinner-cruise, pronounced by Dick BENN of Michigan as the best single event of the reunion; (e) Lincoln's birthplace; (f) a group luncheon at Fort Knox; (g) a visit to the Patton Museum, and more. ** On 12 March 1990, COL E. deTreville ELLIS celebrated his 100th birthday and Sam SORTINO and Louis HOLZ visited him to take pictures for 'Thoroughbred'.

Issue # 72 (June 1985) had the entire issue devoted to the trip to the Panzer and to the Regiment - eleven days in detail taking up twelve pages! The cover photo showed Association Cavalrymen FRASER, HOLZ, IRVIN, PRESTWOOD, James SMITH, et al, marching in formation and in step down the main street of Koetzting. Here we wore US Cavalry Civil War Campaign Hats across Europe as part of our "uniform". There were so many events competing for "highlight" of the trip, but most seemed to agree that it was the Bundeswehr Zapfenstreich (Military Grand Taps Tatoo) - a medieval ritual performed in the dark with torche, which lasted about two hours. Each of our Association visitors attended a private Mayoral Reception in the Koetzting City Hall where they all signed the town's "Register of Distinguished Visitors", aka: the 820-year-old Golden Book. (The town itself observed its own 900th birthday the year we were there.) As we read this issue, we opined that issue # 72 was perhaps the best issue ever written. ** We also published six (6) pictures of the 1983 Charleston reunion. We were already discussing a 1986 trip to Europe to coincide with the Regiment's 150th birthday. ** And that little human warmth among deep friends, as Joe GARO wrote: "I want to express my thanks to ... whoever selected me for induction into the Dragoon's Honorary Squadron. It was an event I shall never forget."

Issue # 62 (August 1981): We were giving last-minute publicity to the Philadelphia reunion, which was our "Honor Hank Reed Memorial" Hank REED was not the only Commander we had just lost. There was Gen. Creighton W. ABRAMS as well. In a 6-page article, the following is the opening paragraph: "Even though Creighton W. ABRAMS, as a Corps Commander in Europe, as a Military Advisor in Vietnam, and as Chief of Staff, had been kind enough to exchange correspondence with me over a number of years, we were to meet only once. ... It took but seconds for him to agree to address that year's convention in Boston. General ABRAMS died later the same year. The convention did not hear his voice. Instead it paid him a moment of silent tribute."