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President

**34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association**  
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Johnston, Iowa 50131

**NEWSLETTER 20 DECEMBER 2006**

*Happy Holidays to all Red Bulls*

**REPORT ON COUNCIL BLUFFS**

The Red Bulls and their ladies **ATTACKED IN FORCE** on the Holiday Inn Hotel in Council Bluffs, Iowa for their 59<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

Chapter 7 of the 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div Assn Council Bluffs hosted a fine Reunion. Early birds signed on Thursday, Sep 7, 2006. Friday most of our members arrived and gathered around the hospitality room and hall ways to reminisce with old friends. Our standard Ice Cream Social was held in the afternoon. The evening was spent with a Buffet and entertainment provided by the "Dancing Grannies." Saturday began with President's/Trustees Brunch.

The Business meeting began with a Color Guard from the 1-168. Sadly President Bill Smith had suffered a stroke and was unable to attend.. Motion was received for Roque Riojas the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President to serve as President for the Reunion.He then will serve as President for the 2006-2007 year as well. The various reports were read and approved. The Resoulution for including the Battle of Cassino on the WWII memorial was not approved the Battle Monuments Commission even tho we had received support from Iowa's Congressmen and Senators. The Resolution supporting the wearing of the Red Bull patch by the units mobilized for combat was approved. Red Bull units of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team

from Minn and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team of Iowa are in fact wearing the 34<sup>th</sup> Inf Div "Red Bull" patch in the combat zone.

- The new officers were elected as follows:
- President – Roque Riojas
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Don Singlestad
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - John Taylor
  - SGT at Arms - Mildred Fencel
  - Chaplain - Howard Ashcraft
  - Historian /Web - Pat Skelly
  - Trustees 1 years - John Jackson  
-Dick Tennant  
-Paul Barnett
  - Trustees 2 years -Ben Krall  
-Ellen Ankrum  
-Phil Daurio
  - Trustees 3 years -Lloyd Jerome  
-John Churchman  
- David Holmes

Larry Lewer swore in the new officers for 2006-2007. The Des Moines Chapter will host the 2007 and the 2008 Reunions.

Bus tour took place in the afternoon. An excellent Banquet was held in the evening. MAJ Todd Lucas S-3 of the 168 IN Bn gave an address about the 168 Task Force that had deployed to Afghanistan. Two of President Bill Smith's daughters received Bill's Presidential momentos. "Jim Pikes Band "provide entertainment into the night. Sunday Chaplain Howard Ashcraft delivered the Memorial Service. Mildred Fencel read the Names of 111 for their Last Roll Call.

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1942 ?

1943 ?

1944 ?

1945 ?

*If you haven't told your family – do so.*

# 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division WWII Memorial Camp Dodge, Johnston Iowa



WARDS AND MEDALS  
THE FOLLOWING WERE AWARDED  
TO MEMBERS OF THE 34th INFANTRY  
DURING WORLD WAR II:  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS  
18 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE  
MEDAL (NUMBER STAR) 1072  
PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATIONS  
313 UNIT COMMENDATIONS  
LEGION OF MERIT 116  
DISTINGUISHED TOYOTA CROSS  
SILVER MEDAL 15 (NUMBER  
STAR) 1072  
PURPLE HEART 1000  
AND MEDALS WITH 32 1/2  
AND 100 STARS IN ADDITION  
TO THE ABOVE THEY  
RECEIVED 100 STARS THROUGH  
SUPPORT OF THE 34th  
INFANTRY DIVISION  
AND THE 34th INFANTRY DIVISION  
SERVICES

199th INFANTRY REGT  
105th INFANTRY REGT  
58th INFANTRY REGT  
100th INFANTRY BN  
442nd INFANTRY REGT  
HQ & HEADQUARTERS 34th INF  
125th CA BN 105-40W  
151st FA BN 105-40W  
17th FA BN 103-40W  
162nd FA BN 103-40W

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LET NONE FORGET  
THEY GAVE THEIR ALL  
AND ENTERED NOT  
WHEN GAVE THE CALL  
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MEDAL OF HONOR  
HASEMOTO, MIKIO  
HAYASHI, SHIZUYA  
KOBASHIGAWA, YETKI  
MOTO, KAORI  
NAKAMINE, SHINYU  
OHATA, ALLAN  
MURAHAGA, HIYOSHI  
NAKAMURA, WILLIAM  
O'DONOGHUE  
ODS, RAZOR  
YAMAGUCHI, SHUN

MEDAL OF HONOR  
IN WORLD WAR II THE MEDAL  
OF HONOR WAS AWARDED BY  
THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED  
STATES TO 292 PERSONS 10 OF  
WHICH WERE TO MEMBERS OF THE  
34th INFANTRY DIVISION  
PATRICK, D. BOOKER  
2nd INFANTRY DIVISION  
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**The 34th Infantry Division in WWII had the distinction of being not only the first to land in the European Theater, but also had more days in combat (Over 600) than any other, and is accredited with capturing more than 40,000 prisoners. The Division had 16,401 casualties. Soldiers assigned to the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division received 20 Medals of Honor during WWII.**

**Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome-Arno, North Apennines, Poe Valley**

**20 MOH's, 98 DFC's, 1052 Silver Stars, 1713 Bronze Stars, 116 LOM's, 3 Pres Unit Citations**

**FINAL ROLL CALL**

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Walter Marshall  
Emil Mantifel  
Hugh Shockley Jacobs  
Thomas Kaihara  
Everett Kirkman  
Mitchell J. Knapp  
Frank H. LaCrosse  
Glen Little  
Robert E McCann  
Clement V. Marrier  
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George R Nehls  
Carl Norman  
Richard Ollinger  
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Young Oak Kim  
Thomas Kaihara  
Hatsuo Satoshige  
Edward Mamoru Yamane  
Ben Yamanoto  
Tadao Ibaraki  
Masata Fujitani  
Kiichi Kohatsu  
Isami Yamashiro  
Raymond Harada  
Yasuto Furusho  
James Ishikawa  
Tadaso Muraoka  
Satoshi Furuya  
Richard Arakaki  
Ralph Fukunaga  
Jurei Kuyabu  
Robert Oshiro  
Wataru Kansshina  
Katsum Murai  
Raymond Kitsu  
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Shigeru Tokuuke  
Kiyoshi Yonemori  
James Kawashima  
Yeiho Higa  
Ben Takayesu  
Hichiro Hashimoto  
Tom Fujise  
Raymond H. Harada  
Noboru Sugahara

Michael Hanamoto  
Donald S. Ishiki

**442<sup>nd</sup> 2005-2006**

Yoshimi Hiraoka  
Thomas Espineda  
Takao Fukai  
Robert Honda  
Lizo Hanma  
Ryuzo Horie  
Monte Matsuda  
George Myashiro  
Richard Naito  
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Kiyoto Yamate  
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