



NEWSLETTER MAY 2007

34th Infantry Division Association
7105 NW 70th Avenue
Johnston, Iowa 50131

Greetings to All Red Bulls,

I am serving as the acting Secretary/Treasurer since the death of COL (Ret) Jerry Gordon. This mailing is the pre National Reunion issue. Please note the enclosed registration form and agenda for the reunion scheduled for Sept 6-7-8-9 in Des Moines. Thank you to everyone who has assisted me in the transition after Jerry's death. It has made the job easier. Hope to see everyone at the reunion.

My email address is csmprock@aol.com.

Don Prock, CSM (Ret)
Secretary/Treasurer
515.252.4531

60th Reunion for the 34 Div Assn

6-9 September 2007
Holiday Inn
4800 Merle Hay Road
Urbandale (Des Moines), Iowa

Tri-State Reunion

July 12-17, 2007
Holiday Inn, Pittsburg, PA
See the Association Website.

INQUIRY- FRED EDGAR

Does anyone remember Chaplain Fred Edgar who followed Chaplain Hoffman as Regimental Chaplain for the 133rd. His son, Fred Edgar, Jr. of 3224 Oliver St, Dallas, TX 75205 would like to be contacted with info on his father.
Ph: 214.528.1479 or 214.303.1688.

Thanks for the Help.

We have received a number of donations at the Gold Star Museum of items collected by 34th Division Soldiers during WWII. Thank you to SGT James Moloney who donated a large number of 168th Infantry Regiment photos of his service in Italy in WWII. We are still looking for stories of your army life- funny or sad. - Books, notes, journals, letters home etc. They will be archived in the museum under the 34th Division file for researchers and historians.

34TH ID ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

The current officers were elected as follows:

President	Roque Riojas
1 st Vice President	Don Singlestad
2 nd Vice President	John Taylor
SGT at Arms	Mildred Fencil
Chaplain	Howard Ashcroft
Historian/Web	Pat Skelly
Trustees 1 year	John Jackson
	Dick Tennant
	Paul Barnett
Trustees 2 years	Ben Krall
	Ellen Ankrum
	Phil Daurio
Trustees 3 years	Lloyd Jerome
	John Churchman
	Richard Holmes

Meet the President - Roque Riojas

Roque served in the U.S. Army from 11 Nov 1942 to Nov 45. He was a Communications Lineman and was assigned to 1st Bn 135th Infantry. He lives in Kansas City, Mo. He is proud to serve as our President for 2006-2007.

Lost Addresses

Ray Hefner- Taylorville, North Carolina
Bruce Karn- Des Moines, Iowa
Pasquale Toscos-Washington Turp, New Jersey
Gordon Thomas- Ohio City, Ohio
Paul McGinnis- Belle Fourche, South Dakota
Cody Klein- West Des Moines, Iowa
David Bolender- West Des Moines, Iowa
Andrew Schriber, Battle Creek, IA
Thomas Gordon, Ohio City, OH
John D. Schildnecht, St Joseph, MO
John V. Melucci, San Deigo, CA
Raymond F. Lawrence, Norristown, PA
Morris Ingram, Yuba City, CA

Final Roll Call since Reunion 2006

Glenn Rathbun- Boise, Idaho
Edgar Boggan- Wilmington, Illinois
Corrections to last news letter
George W. Frode is still with us.
Correction of the spelling of his name is "FRODE", not Forde!

National Office- 34th INF DIV ASSN

The National Office is located at the Iowa Gold Star Museum on Camp Dodge in the suburb of Johnston.

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Gold Star Museum, Bldg A-9
7105 NW 70th Avenue
Johnston, Iowa 50131

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Letter from WWII Red Bull Soldier

Dear Sirs:

I am interested in joining the 34th Inf. Div. Assn, having recently been informed of it.

Briefly, I was in a detachment which was assigned to the 34th in North Africa in Sept. of 1943 shortly before we invaded Italy. We boarded the Atrato, a British troop transport and I remember we lost one of the freightliners in the convoy to a sub or a mine. Going down a cargo net to a pitching Higgins boat was a first and last for most of us. However, we encountered little or no resistance landing, just some sporadic small arms fire from some high ground towards Naples, I recall we stayed at a place called the Racetrack for a few days and then were trucked close to the front while the 135th Inf. was getting ready to cross the Volturno River. We could hear a lot of yelling and firing but they held us in reserve. A lot of guys who didn't get shot got drowned when their boats capsized.

For the next two years we took part in all of the campaigns- Rome- Arno, North Apennines, Po Valley, etc. President Roosevelt died in April and all of a sudden the war was over in May, 1945, but I wound up in the hospital with an infected shrapnel wound. I didn't complain though as I was extremely lucky. Two forward observers a few feet away from me were both killed by the same shell burst. I never knew their names or who they were but it took me a long time to cope with what happened that day.

Very truly yours,

M.S. Tucker Lazarus
8 Heritage Farm Drive
Mount Airy, MD 21771

Cedar Rapids Artist Designed Red Bull Insignia

By Sgt. Mike Nyman

When called into service during WWI for combat training, members of the 34th Infantry Division from Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and the Dakotas reported for duty, but did not have a unit identity or a unit patch.

While training at Camp Cody in 1917, a dry area with a blazing hot landscape of sand plains located near Deming, N.M., the 34th Division was referred to as the "Sandstorm Division."

The following year, the Division, while looking for an insignia, organized a contest in order to select the best entry. The winning entry turned out to be a bull skull with an elongated Indian jar as a background. This design was officially approved as the division insignia on Oct 29, 1918.

The insignia designer was a young private from Iowa, Marvin Cone. He based his design on elements of pre-Aztec history. Heavy jars placed over the heads of skeletons were found during the excavation of Indian grave sites in the region.

Cone, who later became head of the Coe College art department, created a painting depicting life on the desert where the 34th Division was formed. He painted an elongated Indian jar combined with a white buffalo skull. In the background are sand hills, rocks, cacti, and a red sunrise. In the clouds at the top of the painting appear the words "Duty-Honor-Country."

The painting now hangs at the Veterans Memorial Commission hall in Cedar Rapids.

Information on the Red Bull insignia was provided by Eldon Cone

World War II, 34th Infantry Division

Motto- "Attack Attack Attack"

The 34th "Red Bull" Infantry Division, was a National Guard division that was mobilized February 10, 1941. After training at Camp Claiborne, LA and participation in the Louisiana Maneuvers, the Division was the first to arrive in Europe, increments arriving in North Ireland, January 26, 1942.

The 34th Division participated in the invasion of North Africa, November 7, 1942. The Division was credited with cracking the Axis lines at Hill 609 leading to the end of the War in Africa.

The Division arrived at Salerno Beachhead in Italy, September 22, 1943 and earned streamers for Tunisia, Naples-Foggia, Anzio, Rome, Arno, North Apennines, and Po Valley.

By wars end the Division had amassed 517 days of combat. One or more of the fabulous "Red Bull" Division units were engaged in combat with the enemy 611 days - more combat than any division in theater.

REUNION 2007 SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Registration - 12PM Missouri room, Lower level, Holiday Inn
Hospitality Room - 12PM - Illinois room, Lower level, Holiday Inn

FRIDAY, September 7, 2007

Registration 9AM - 7 PM- Missouri Room, Lower level, Holiday Inn
Hospitality Room - 9 AM - ?; Illinois Room, Lower level, Holiday Inn
Bus Trip to Camp Dodge - Leave Hotel at 1:30 Pm
Free Time - 4:30 - Until - 6 PM
Buffet - 6PM Salon C, Lobby area, main floor
"Entertainment - After meal"

Saturday 8, September , 2007

Registration - 8AM - Missouri Room, Lower level, Holiday Inn
Hospitality Room - 8 AM - ? - Illinois room, Lower level, Holiday Inn
Presidents Brunch 7:30 Am- Bennigan's East
Business Meeting: 10 AM - Salon C - Main Lobby
Bus tour of Terrace Hill, Iowa Governors Mansion
Social Hour: 5 PM - Cash Bar.
Banquet - 6 PM - Heartland South, Lobby Area Entrance
Entertainment afterwards by 34th Army Band Combo

Sunday 9, September 2007

Memorial Service - 7 AM - Heartland South
Breakfast Buffet - 8:30 AM - Heartland South
Officers/Trustees Meeting - 10- AM Missouri Room, Lower Level
Dismissed - Have a safe trip home

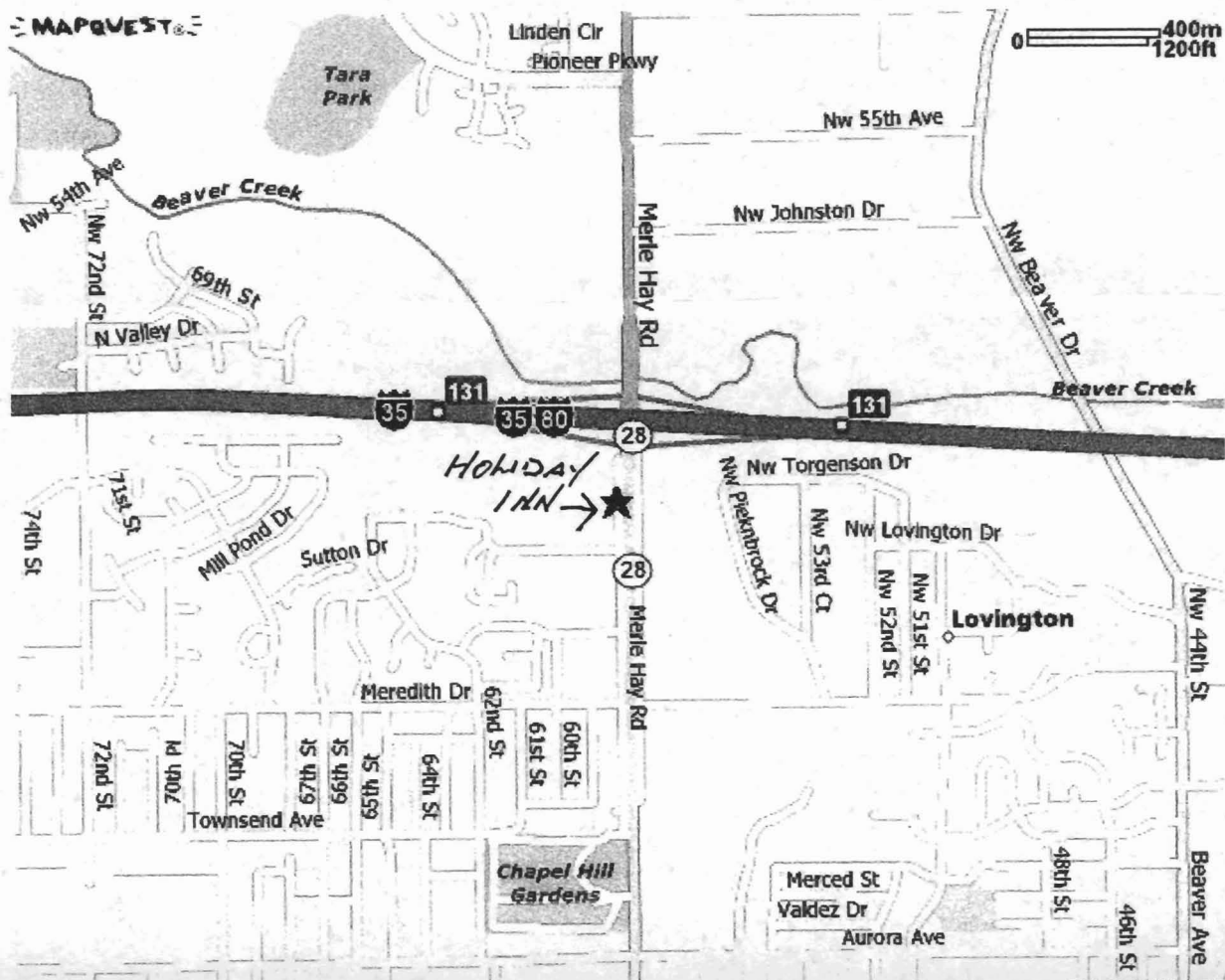
HOLIDAY INN HOTEL & SUITES

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DES MOINES, IA 50322

PH: 515-278-4755

2007 REUNION SITE



CELEBRATING 60 YEARS
34TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

2007 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE SIGN ME UP

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6 THROUGH SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2007

NAME _____ **SPOUSE** _____

HOME ADDRESS _____ **CITY** _____ **STATE** _____

ZIP CODE _____ **HOME PHONE()** _____

UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT _____ **E-MAIL** _____

NAME OF OTHER GUESTS _____

PLEASE LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS UPON ARRIVAL _____

REGISTRATION FEES _____ **NUMBER OF PERSONS** _____

X \$100.00 = TOTAL: _____

**PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK OR MONEY
ORDER TO:**

**DES MOINES CHAPTER
34TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
7105 N.W. 70TH AVE
JOHNSTON, IOWA 50131-2416**

REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 15TH 2007

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE INTO MOTEL NOT LATER THEN
AUGUST 15TH 2007, TELEPHONE: 515-727-0401**

Please call the Hotel directly to make your reservations.