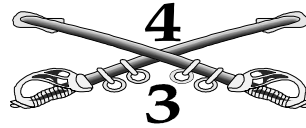


# MACKENZIE' S RAIDERS



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3/4 CAVALRY



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## LAST CALL FOR OUR 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION

We are down to just over a month for you to register to be with us to celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Get registered with the hotel and Jerry. Sign up for the tours.**

**Call the Drawbridge Inn in Fort Mitchell, KY. 800-354-9793** outside of Kentucky., **800-352-9866** in side. It is located just off Interstate I-71/75 at exit 186. Free shuttle to and from the airport. The van leaves the hotel at the top and bottom of every hour and is marked "Drawbridge". There is a phone in the baggage claim area that says Drawbridge. A **great rate of \$75 per night** is good for three days prior to and after our reunion. Tell them it is for the **3/4 Cavalry reunion. As of 15 April 53 of you have reservations with the Inn but have not registered with Jerry. 10 of you are registered with Jerry but do not have a room. On May 26** rooms being held for the 3/4 CAV and not reserved will be withdrawn. If rooms are available, you may get a reservation. You will also receive a 10% discount in their restaurants. Just show your reunion name - tag.

If you're interested in Riverboat gambling, the Argosy Casino is located in nearby Lawrenceburg, IN. They run a shuttle to the Marriott Hotel located at the airport. That will be about 4 miles from the Drawbridge. You can call 513-733-0999 and make reservations to be picked up. .

**A special 3/4 CAV Coin is being made and each member attending will receive a free coin as a memento.**

Following are the main events:

Wednesday, 25 June

1:00PM-4:00PM Early Bird registration  
2:00PM-12:00AM Hospitality Room

Thursday, 26 June

8:30 AM Golfers meet in lobby  
9:00AM-3:00PM Golf Tournament  
10:00AM-7:00PM Registration  
12:00PM-12:00AM Hospitality Room  
6:00PM-9:00 PM Ice Breaker

Friday, 27 June

9:00AM-10:00AM Memorial Service  
11:00AM-4:00PM Registration  
11:30AM-2:30PM City Tour  
12:00PM-4:00PM Hospitality Room  
4:00PM-5:00PM Group Photos  
6:00PM-9:00PM Bavarian Dinner  
9:30PM-12:00AM Hospitality Room

Saturday, 28 June

9:00AM-10:30AM Business Meeting  
11:00AM-3:00PM Riverboat Cruise  
11:30AM -4:30PM Hospitality Room  
5:00PM-7:00PM Cash Bar, Banquet  
7:00PM-9:00PM Banquet  
9:10PM-9:45PM Raffle  
10:00PM-12:00AM Hospitality Room

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Sunday, 29 June

9:30 AM Breakfast Buffet

We will have registration on Wednesday for **early arrivals**. The hospitality room will open a day early.

On **Thursday** we'll have our **icebreaker**. Meet new attendees and old friends. Finger food available.

Our **Memorial Service** will be in the Stuart Room Friday morning. Afterwards, a **great city tour** has been planned with a stop at Newport on the Levee. More than 10 restaurants are located here with the **Hofbrau Haus** just across the street. **The Newport Aquarium** is here. After you return, group **photos** will be taken near the pool. Sequence of photos is group, HHT, A, B, C, D/F. Please be on time. **Friday evening** we will have a **Bavarian dinner** with live German music. Dress is casual. The **guest speaker will be former squadron XO MG (Ret) Tom Tait**.

**Saturday** starts with our **business meeting**. A **riverboat luncheon follows**. The **banquet** will be that evening and **GEN Glenn Otis will speak**. Our raffle will follow. Again, being our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary we will have some special gifts to hand out. Plus, the money raised always goes to a good cause.

**Sunday** we will have a **breakfast buffet** to give us a final opportunity to say our good-byes.

As always, **volunteers** will be needed to help with registration and QM sales. Please help.

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

The golf tournament will be at Twin Oaks Golf Course, Covington, KY on Thursday. if you want to play. Include names of those you wish to play with.

All golfers will meet in the hotel lobby at 8:30 a.m. The drive to the course takes about 30 minutes, Plan on car-pooling. Directions to the course will be in your registration packet. Each player should give \$5.00 to Carl Quickmire to reimburse him for the tournament prizes. Prices: \$40.00 per person. Senior (age 62 and up) \$35.00. Pay cash or credit card at the golf course. **No checks** accepted.

Dress Code: No cut off shorts. No sleeveless T-shirts. Only soft spike golf shoes.

Rental Clubs: The course has 5 right hand and 1 left hand sets for rent. Cost \$10.00. Call the course directly to reserve rental clubs – 859-581-6410.

## POTPOURI

You can still buy a memorial brick for the 25<sup>th</sup> IDA Memorial at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Go to the 25<sup>th</sup> IDA web [www.25ida.org](http://www.25ida.org) or the 3/4 CAV web [www.3-4cav.com](http://www.3-4cav.com) for information.



## ATTA BOY/GIRL

Atta Boy/Girl to:

**Anonymous members for their donations.**

**Bob Rahnefield, for his donation.**

**Tom Fleming inducted into the Syracuse University ROTC Hall of Fame.**

**Jon Narimatsu for promotion to LTC. Jon is the son of Galen Narimatsu**

**To all of you who renewed or upgraded your membership.**

Your tax deductible donations and dues keep our chapter running. Please send you tax-deductible donations to Bob Bingham, treasurer.



## TAPS

**JAMES THOMPSON**

**D TROOP  
(AIR), 66-67**

**KEITH REAMY**

**D TROOP  
(AIR), 69-70**

*To the family and friends of those departed, you have our deepest sympathy and we share your grief.*

## **SQUADRON NEWS**

Aloha fellow troopers!

It's exciting to think about the approach of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for this association. We simply could not be more honored to play our part in writing the continuing chapters of this proud Squadron's history. Simply put, history strengthens...our culture is one of preserving tradition...I believe that the one of the distinguishing features of the U.S. Cavalry is that when freedom threatened, Cavalry Troopers muster. They tend to freedom first. All else is a distant second, including self-interest or personal gain.

Troopers understand that freedom is a legacy on loan for all Americans; it is ours to enjoy, and to cherish...and to preserve and protect in order to pass it on to the next generation of Americans...honorably and intact.

While formations and equipment change, the Troopers of today share the same principles as the Troopers who settled the American West, fought in the Hurtgen forest, and persevered at Ton Son Nhut and Cu Chi. Where we once scattered in isolated outposts in the Indian territories, we now do the same in Combat Outposts in Iraq. These Troopers, like the Troopers who went before us, remain true Patriots, true Americans.

The Squadron once again prepares diligently for our rapid return to combat. Our training path includes live fire training on the Big Island followed by a month-long training rotation to the Army's premier National Training Center at Fort Irwin, California. In every respect, Troopers will find the training to be both rewarding and challenging (mentally and physically). Many in our ranks are combat veterans who have served multiple tours in Afghanistan and Iraq with distinction. These veterans will help to insure our new Troopers will deploy confident in themselves. their fellow Troopers, their equipment, and their leaders. Some of you would be happy to know that we are executing a "Spur Ride" in late April to kick off the collective training density. This event will deviate from the "traditional" stakes cycle event with day and night Air assaults into the toughest training area that Oahu provides. Current spur holders will lead their small unit formations through a 72 hour tactical scenario that will test the limits of their endurance and stamina while presenting tactical problems

similar to those we see in Iraq...all Troopers will participate in this event reminiscent of the "Air Cavalry" days. I look forward to providing a subsequent report with highlights from the event.

This, of course, is part of building our team. The Army Force Generation Cycle (ARFORGEN) continues to cycle leaders and Troopers in and out of deploying/redeploying units to sustain the force. Our squadron recently received 1SG Shark for C Troop and 1SG Marrero for B Troop. Both are combat veterans with many years of experience. The Squadron also received CSM Mike Stout as the new Squadron Command Sergeant Major. CSM Stout brings with him experience from the streets of Mogadishu, Somalia and the streets of Iraq with multiple combat tours overseas. We'll rotate our field grade officers in the summer and welcome Major Scott Naumann (82<sup>nd</sup> ABN, 2<sup>nd</sup> DIV Stryker, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger battalion experience) and Major Tim King (who previously commanded HHT, 3-4 CAV in 2000). Scott will serve as the SQDN S-3 and Tim will be the SXO.

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, Randie and Jamie Zylman, the parents of Corporal Casey Zylman, will receive the Hawaii Medal of Honor at the State Capitol on his behalf. This is an award recently approved by the Hawaii State Legislature and instituted to express the deep appreciation and gratitude of the people of Hawaii to the loved ones of service members who sacrificed their lives in defense of our nation and its freedoms. We're honored to host the Zylmans during their return to Oahu.

In closing, the senior leadership of our Army anticipates that the road ahead in Iraq (end of 2008 and transition to 2009) will be the most critical and the most difficult point in the War...We fully expect to receive orders to deploy during this crucial period.

I'll simply confirm your expectations...3<sup>rd</sup> Squadron, 4<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry remains a confident, competent Cavalry Squadron that will accomplish all assigned missions; defeat any enemy, anytime, anywhere...and do this under any conditions. We will enable our Iraqi counterparts to establish security and governance. Professionalism, not fanfare, is our trademark. No Trooper is more important than another...all fit, motivated, and disciplined; and fitting of our proud heritage.

We remain "Prepared and Loyal!"

DAVID M. HODNE  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Commanding

**.FOUND TROOPERS**

James Arthur, D Troop (Air), 3/67-3/68, Mill Creek, WA  
Mike Kramarczyk, D Troop (Air), 5/66-10/66, Crystal lake, IL  
Nick McCullum, D Troop (Air), 2/66-8/66, Galt, CA  
Eugene Prosser, D Troop (Air), 67, Bonita Springs, FL  
Eugene Tucker, LRRP, 66, Colorado Springs, CO  
Michael Wood, LRRP, 3/67-6/67, Schaumburg, IL

Current number of former 3/4 Cavalry troopers found – **1,430**

**NOTE: 504 are on the mailing list.**

Keep searching for former troopers.



**SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association awards scholarships to all sons/step-sons, daughters/step-daughters, and grandchildren of ELIGIBLE 25<sup>TH</sup> IN DIV veterans. For the student to be eligible the parent or grandparent has to have been a member of the **25<sup>th</sup> IDA** for a minimum of one year. **JOIN NOW.**

The 3/4 CAV Chapter annually donates at least \$1,000. Joanna Roe, daughter of Dennis Roe, B Troop, 68-69, received the 3/4 CAV Scholarship. **NOTE: There was only one 3/4 CAV applicant in 2007. Get the applications mailed!**

**DUES**

**3/4 CAV Dues**

Send your dues (**\$10 Annual/\$75 Life**) payable to 3/4 CAV Chapter to P.O. Box 23678 Lexington, KY 40523-3678. Your dues pay for the publication and mailing of your *MackENZIE'S RAIDERS* newsletter.

Attach a copy of your DD-214, if you've never sent one.

**25th Infantry Division Dues**

Send your 25th Infantry Division Association dues to P.O. Box 7, Flourtown, PA 19031-0007. **Attach a copy of your DD-214 or other documentation of service.** Check out their web [www.25thida.org](http://www.25thida.org) for dues costs.

***“Dear Lord, lest I continue my complacent way, help me to remember that somewhere, somehow out there a man died for me today. As long as there be war, I then must ask and answer am I worth dying for?”***

***A wartime prayer by Eleanor Roosevelt***



**QUARTERMASTER STORE**

**NOTE: POSTAGE FOR SHIPPING AND HANDLING IS INCLUDED IN YOUR ORDERS. SEND YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO 3/4 CAVALRY CHAPTER TO P.O. BOX 23678, LEXINGTON, KY 40523-3678, EXCEPT WHERE NOTED.**

**SPECIAL OFFER.** Red T-shirts with design when squadron was in Afghanistan. Limited supply. Only L, XL left. Cost \$15.00

**POLO SHIRTS.** Navy Blue with embroidered 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Crest, crossed sabers and Mackenzie's Raiders on left front. Cost \$35.00. S,M,L, XL, \$40.00 2X, 3X

**SWEATSHIRTS.** Navy Blue with embroidered 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Crest, crossed sabers and Mackenzie's Raiders on left front. Cost \$35.00. S,M,L,XL. \$40.00 2X,3X.

**T-SHIRT.** Navy Blue T-Shirt with embroidered regimental crest on front. Cost \$22.00. S,M,L,XL. \$27.00 2X, 3X.

**PINS, WINDOW STICKERS.** We have a few cap pins, and window stickers left from the last reunion. Pins are \$5 and stickers are \$3. Get them while they last.

**CAPS.** Cost \$15.00. Black with embroidered regimental crest and motto. Better get two!

**CAV LICENSE PLATES.** Cost is \$12.00. First come first served. Order now!

**PATCHES.** We have two different types that are like our crest. One is ornate and for wear on a blazer or sports jacket. Cost \$25. Another is a sew on like you had in Nam. Cost \$5.

**CROSSED SABERS.** Crossed sabers pin like on our newsletter. Cost \$8.00.

**MINATURE CREST.** Cost \$5.00.

**PRINT.** Commissioned by the squadron while in Afghanistan. Portrays the history of the 3/4 CAV. Each copy is signed by the artist. Cost \$30.00

**POEM.** Cost \$10.00. Jim Locklear wrote the poem "Vietnam Vet" and his new one "Welcome Home". Jim will donate all money made from the sale of these poems to the scholarship fund. **Send your order to Jim Locklear. P.O. Box 824, Pembroke, NC 28372.**

**MUG.** White with crest and scroll. Sold at reunion. \$10.00. Order from Quartermaster.

**NEW! 3/4 CAV CARDS. Pkg of 25.** Color drawing of unit crest, crossed sabers, unit guidons on front cover. Old Bill on top of inside. Description of crest on back. Use for personal notes, thank you, or whatever. Includes envelopes \$26.00

**Band of Brothers Poster.** Bob McCarthy will provide a free poster of the Henry V siloquoy, "We Band of Brothers." Write to The Printing Center, 7518 Fullerton Rd., Springfield, VA 22153 or email [yourprinter@aol.com](mailto:yourprinter@aol.com).

## TROOPER NEEDS HELP

Stanley "SKI" Homiski needs your help in filing a claim with the VA. "Ski" served with B Troop, 2/68-2/69, as the commo sergeant.

The VA is denying him his claim because of his MOS (31B, communications). He has been told it is not a combat MOS and therefore not entitled to any benefits.

This is, of course absurd! We all know that an MOS was not relevant in an Armored cavalry unit. That all of us were combatants in the field.

If any of you served with "Ski", please write a letter on his behalf so he can include it in his packet. Send your letter to Stanley Homiski, 93 Fourth St., Norwich, CT 06360



### CHECKLIST: HAVE YOU

- X Paid your dues?
- X Joined the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Association?
- X Made a donation to the scholarship fund, general fund, or division memorial?
- X Found a new member?
- X Registered for the Reunion?