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President's Message June 2013 June is always a busy time for membership and for the Troopers of the 1-102nd Cavalry. Our February and April meetings were very busy. You can take a look at the minutes from each meeting to catch up on what happened. June's meeting will also have a full agenda. LTC Bill Morris, commander of the 1-102nd CAV, will be giving us an update on the squadron's activities. We will also be recognizing members of the community and the Family Readiness Group for their continued support of the Troopers of the 1-102nd Cavalry and the 117th Cavalry Association and we will continue our discussions on events plans for both organizations.

The 1-102nd CAV is completely engaged in preparations for this year's Annual Training Period at Ft. Pickett, Virginia in August. Take a look at the pictures from April's Drill in this issue of The SPUR to see just a portion of what goes on during a demanding drill weekend. This is just the beginning of what it takes to get ready for the 3-week annual training period this August. There will be both an internal and external evaluations of individual and collective skills necessary culminating in an external evaluation by the First United States Army evaluation team.

There are two important dates to put on your calendar now for this upcoming September. First, our September meeting date has been changed. LTC Morris has invited our members to attend the upcoming *Stable Call* for the Officers and NCOs of the squadron on 21 September at 1800 in the Westfield Armory Heritage Room. Those of us who attended know that this was a fantastic event last year and promises to be so again.

In addition, LTC Morris has extended an invitation for our 117th Cavalry Association to join with the Troopers of the 1st Squadron 102nd Cavalry Regiment for a great joint social event, *The Spurs and Sabers Dinner Dance*. It will take place on Friday, 27 September 2013 at the Grand Summit Hotel, 50 Springfield Avenue, Summit NJ. (See the attached flyer for details). It promises to be a special event, a time for fellowship and camaraderie, and a chance to recognize the service of our members who have served in our nation's conflicts from WWII to the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. As always, when we come together it will be a time to remember those who have served and those who continue to serve. Today the Cavalry Troopers of the 1-102nd Cavalry Regiment carry on this collective heritage of Armor and Cavalry in New Jersey. I would like to personally thank LTC Bill Morris, the Squadron Commander for his invitation to join with his Cavalry Troopers and encourage all our members to attend *The Spurs and Sabers Dinner Dance* on 27 September 2013.

Seventy years ago New Jersey Cavalrymen of the 2nd Squadron, 102nd Cavalry (3 reconnaissance troops, a Tank Company and an Assault Gun Troop and Headquarters, a total of 785 enlisted men and officers) had been deployed to Algeria, North Africa. (They would not be re-designated as the 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz.) until November 1943.) Their primary mission was combat security for General Eisenhower's Allied Force Headquarters. In addition to this mission they were given the mission of training many Regiments of the French Army in North Africa, which included the Third, Fourth, and Fifth *Chasseurs* (cavalry) and the First, Second, and Third *Spahis* (light cavalry) which were the main elements of the *French Foreign Legion*, headquartered at Sidi-N-Bes in Algeria. Back in England, redesignated as the 102nd Cavalry Group, consisting of Group HQ and the 102nd and 38th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons (Mecz) were heavily engaged in training in Southeastern England preparing for what would become *Operation Overlord*, the invasion of Europe by the Allies.

A special good news story, congratulations to Colonel Dean Spenzos, Squadron Commander during the 2008 deployment to Iraq for his recent promotion and assumption of Command of the 254th Regiment NJARNG. Continue to *Show 'em the Way!*

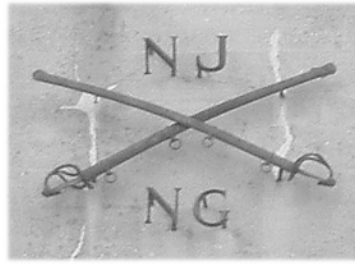
A last bit of news, the 1-102nd Cavalry was scheduled to deployment to Jordan in the spring of 2014. This has been cancelled. New Jersey Cavalrymen have been deployed twice overseas to Iraq since September 11, 2001. (Troop C 5-117 Cavalry and 1-102nd Cavalry). Good news for both families and troopers. We would like to thank all our current and former troopers and their families for the special commitment that they have all made to serve and defend our state and nation.

Again, I would like to thank all our members who have contributed to help defray the cost of the publication of "The SPUR." Please continue to show your support in your sponsorship of our 117th Cavalry Association newsletter "The SPUR." Many of you have made and continue to make donations to help pay the cost of publication and its mailing. Thanks to all of you for your generosity in support of our association's many initiatives in support of our membership and the 1-102nd Cavalry.

Show 'em the Way!

Dennis

COL (Ret) Dennis Dougherty





Commander 1-102nd Cavalry Within a few short months we can see many changes to our plans, and so it is with us now. Our preparation for a deployment to Jordan has ended as that mission rotated back to the active component. Much of that kind of evolution is occurring across the force. There is a lot of talk about sequestering, budget cuts and lean times ahead. I'm here to tell you that we've been here before. Budget cuts and changes in mission are something we've dealt with through the ages as conflicts draw to a close, economies cycle through lean times and requirements change.

I'm sure you can draw your own conclusions about what hasn't changed, what is solid and unyielding is the dedication and resolve of the men and women in our formations. We will see a training year ahead that is focused on sustainment of core competencies and continually striving for excellence. The Army's Force Generation Model, I think, will evolve into a cyclical model that does not have a year zero that would normally follow a deployment that does not have a year where we don't focus on collective training. Our challenge is to maintain what we have while continuing to send Soldiers for MOS qualifying courses, NCOES, OES and other specialized training like the Army

Reconnaissance Course, Vehicle Recovery or Sniper School.

Many times the changes we're facing bring a period of uncertainty. I would challenge you to look upon this change as a well-earned rest from the toil of recurring deployments. We likely are entering a cycle of a National Guard focused on preparing for response to natural disaster, on America's need for a Homeland Security response force and only occasional deployment overseas for combat operations. I don't see us returning to the strategic reserve of the past but maintaining ourselves as an operational force but with a tempo that is more predictable, achievable and most of all, sustainable.

"Show 'em The Way"

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From the Editor Phil Notestine Good news! We will have an English version of the article mentioned in the last issue extracted from a French WWII History magazine “39/45”, a Journal of the Second World War. The article is by Frédéric Deprun, about the Battle of Montrevel. One of my friends here in Pinehurst, NC knew of a French lady, a teacher in the local high school who is now very much into it! I expect that we will have it to begin a serialization in the Fall issue of The SPUR. I will include an article about Evelyn Freeman, our translator as well. Evelyn was 7 years old when her village near Fontainebleau was liberated by the US Army. Eleven years later, she married a GI and eventually settled here. She speaks English with a southern accent, but her French heritage is to be heard as well! It was my friend LTC (Ret) Theodore Mataxis II, PhD who “connected” us. Ted, a true warrior-scholar, is a retired and highly decorated Special Forces career officer who earned a PhD in Education. He retired in 2012 from Moore County Schools, after teaching and administration. Ted’s story and that of his father BG Theodore Mataxis Sr. (deceased) and son CPT Theodore Mataxis III are compelling, too. More in the next issue.



It was gratifying to receive an inquiry from Hilton Hooks (803-593-3238), a retired Master Chief Petty Officer, US Navy, searching for information about his uncle Hilton Claxton, who served in Troop A, 117th Cavalry and captured in Montrevel, 3 September 1944. A Georgia man, he was a Tech 5 truck driver. Maybe he drove LT Daniel Lee, also from Georgia! Lee was Platoon Leader, Headquarters Platoon, Troop A. In the adjacent picture, Claxton is the T5. I can’t figure out who is the SGT, but the SSG is Joe S. Pioletti. Nephew Hilton Hooks found others – Henry E. Ceci and Solomon Alper. If anyone recognizes them, let me know! And, call MCPO (Ret) Hilton Hooks.

Another great contact is from MAJ William Nance, an instructor at the US Military Academy at West Point NY (USMA). Major Nance teaches Military History. He is doing his Doctoral Thesis on WWII Mechanized Cavalry. He has our permission to use anything on our web site www.117th-cav.org and has

interviewed some of our WWII veterans. More on this, as it develops.

February 1, 2013 117th Cavalry Association February’s meeting was a busy night for our 117th Cavalry Association. The night’s agenda was very special for a lot of reasons. First, we were able to recognize members of the Westfield community for their continued support for the Family Readiness Groups of both HHT 1-102nd and Company D 250th BSB. Mr. John Blake, Mr. Rodney Rose, MSG (Ret) Bob Ryan, Mr. Chris Boyle and Mr. Tim Boyle were appointed Honorary Members of the 117th Cavalry Regiment for their continued sustaining support of both Family Readiness groups at the Westfield Armory. All four individuals have played an extremely important role in mobilizing the Westfield community’s efforts in their support of all the troops stationed at the Westfield National Guard Armory.

MAJ Kevin Welsh was appointed as a *Distinguished Member of the Regiment* Friday night. Distinguished Members help perpetuate the history and traditions of the 117th Cavalry Regiment. As the Commander of Troop C, 5-117th Cavalry, he led the deployment of Troop C to Iraq from 2005- 2006. This was the last deployment of the 117th Cavalry before it was redesignated as the 102nd Cavalry. He continues to serve in the New Jersey Army National Guard, deploying again to Iraq with the 1-102nd Cavalry in 2008-9 and presently serves as the Operations Officer of the 50th Brigade Special Troops Battalion.

Also recognized that evening was Dr. Bill Foley, President of the Westfield Foundation. We publicly thanked the Westfield Foundation for their generous grant that has become the foundation of our “Share Our Story” initiative. This program has helped our 117th Cavalry Association tell the story of all New Jersey’s Cavalry and Armor units and to continue to tell the story of those who now serve our community, state and nation as members of the 1-102nd Cavalry.

In September 2012, the Northern NJ Chapter of the *Association of the United States Army* donated a plaque to 1-102nd Cavalry to recognize the achievement of an Outstanding Trooper of the Year to be selected by the Squadron Command Sergeant Major and the First Sergeants of the squadron. The award was named in honor of 1SG William B. Maloney. 1SG Maloney served in the WWII 102nd Cavalry and the post war 50th Recon Battalion and the 5-117th Cavalry with honor and distinction in all three units. He later went on to serve as President of our 117th Cavalry Association. SFC Paul Greenberg of Troop C 1-102nd Cavalry was this year’s recipient. Bruce and Brian Maloney, son and grandson of 1SG Maloney, awarded him this honor.



The lineage, honors and heritage of all New Jersey's Cavalry and Armor units now presides in the current 1-102nd Cavalry. With that in mind, LTC (Ret) Chris Sands was appointed to head a committee of six members to survey the membership and research the feasibility and/ or the desire of the membership to review the name the 117th Cavalry Association to report back to the membership In June of 2013 with recommendations.

The final business on the agenda was the announcement of a date for the next Spurs and Sabers Ball. The Troopers of the 1-102nd Cavalry and the 117th Cavalry Association will again come together at the Grand Summit Hotel on September 27, 2013. A flyer will be published with the details this spring.

As you can surmise from reading the minutes of the meeting it was a busy night. At the conclusion of the formal portion of the meeting, the 42 members in attendance (a record for attendance for a cold February night) adjourned to the bar to continue the informal portion of the meeting over good conversation and slice or two of pizza.

Attending: *Bill Gruss, Jim Pressman, Ken Mahan, Bill Merring, Dennis Dougherty, Michael Klock, Paul Greenberg, Clement Curry, Chris Sands, Mike Hrycak, Kevin Welsh, Dave Ellis, Don Tracy, Mary O'Donnell, Tim Boyle, Chris Boyle, Matira Elene Whelen, Joan D. Blake, Rodney W. Rose, A. John Blake, Bill Foley, Don Emery, Sergio L, Suarez, Anne Bergin, Robert Ryan, Arthur Maggs, Henry Wetzel, Steve Petroski, Patricia Bellon, Alba Valentin, Genano Reyes, William Araujo, Ikis Araujo, David Mormak, Robert Apgar, Brian Maloney, Bruce Maloney, Don Kondroski, James Anglim, Frank Mnich, Dan Mahon, Rochus E. Lawrence, Danielle Bracco, Jennifer Silva and Bill Morris.*

April 5, 2013 117th Cavalry Association Our meeting started with a remembrance of the loss of four troopers in a tragic accident on May 24, 1978. While undergoing aerial gunnery training at Fort Drum, NY, a UH-1M Gun Ship crashed killing all aboard: CPT Rick Apblett (Pilot), CW3 Bob Goebel (Co-Pilot) SGT Charles Ward (Crew Chief) and SP4 Leonard Valucci (Medic). Please take the time to remember them and their families in your prayers.

Phase III of our Share of Story Project has now been completed with the hanging on the wall in Classrooms I and K of the 1SG William B. Maloney Outstanding Cavalry Trooper Award. The first recipient of this award is SFC Paul Greenberg of Troop C. >>

As most of you know from visiting the Heritage Room of the 117th Cavalry Association there are a series of Guidons that reflect the presence of Cavalry units that have been part of our states heritage of Cavalry and Armor. There are presently guidons that reflect the service of the 102nd Cavalry, the 38th Cavalry, the 117th Cavalry, the 50th Reconnaissance Battalion and the 5-117th Cavalry. Our next goal for the *Share of Story* Project will be the fundraising and procurement of a set of Guidons that reflect the organization of the 1-102nd Cavalry and Company D 250th BSB.

Also discussed was the addition of a *Pay Pal* account as a means for our membership to pay dues on line. This step into the 21st Century is being considered as a means of expediting dues payment. Don't worry, we will still be accepting both checks and cash. This step is just another option for dues payment.

LTC Morris briefed those in attendance on the upcoming plans for Annual Training at Ft Pickett this upcoming August 2013.

Important dates for inclusion into your calendar: Spurs and Sabers Dinner Dance – Friday, 27 September 2013; Stable Call with the Officers and NCOs of the 1-102d Cavalry September 21, 2013; Next meeting of the 117th Cavalry Association June 7, 2013. The following members were present: *Bill Gruss, Jerry Infantino, Bill Morris, John Blake, Al Aballo, Ken Mahan, Bob Apgar, Don Emery, Bob Foley, Ron Nier, Emil Allgeier, Ken Wondrack, Don Kondroski, Frank Mnich, Jack Nafus, Sandy Goldstein, Don Tracy, Henry Forstenhausler, Jim Anglim, Art Maggs, Steve Petroski and Dennis Dougherty*





Class "41" Luncheon 7 March 2013 At the Tuscany Restaurant in Brick. So sorry about the passing of Helen Ferguson, deepest Sympathy to John and Family. We were talking between one another when found that John Grun was from Cranford as a child, John's wife Grandfather was W. Phillipot in the Class "41". He was in Troop "D", 2nd Squadron, 102nd Cavalry Regiment (H-MECZ). I loaned John Grun several of my books *Steeds of Steel* and *Operational History of the 102nd Cavalry Regiment Essex Troop*. Which John and his brother-in-law went over trying to piece their family history, seems that the grandfather never talked too much about what he went through. Present: *Robert Apgar, Jim Coburn, Charlotte & Bill Merring, Irving Partelow, Don Tracy, Joyce Owen, and daughter Dr. Heidi Ahlborn, John Grun and Ken Mahan.*



WAAC NCO was the poster girl! Being on a recruitment poster brought publicity and fame during World War II.

By Anne Bradley Carnevali, Lakeland, Florida I had two brothers in the service during World War II, one in the Army and one in the Navy. I joined the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in May 1942. We all felt we were doing our part for the war effort. My basic training took place at Fort Des Moines, Iowa. I was promoted to corporal after basic and sent to Daytona Beach, where I was eventually made a drill sergeant.

Early in 1943, we set sail for places unknown, leaving from Staten Island, New York. I was calling my company to board ship when an Associated Press photographer snapped my picture. He sent my photo to the War Department, and it was chosen to be on the WAAC recruitment poster. The WAAC was changed to the WAC, Women's Army Corp, later in 1943. Our destination turned out to be North Africa. There were 90 of us young women, assigned to various jobs in many departments. We lived in a convent in El Biar, a suburb of Algeria.



Being on the recruitment poster brought me some notoriety. During my time in the service, I met General Omar Bradley and Miss Pearl Mesta, the U.S. ambassador to Luxembourg, and had a few lovely lunches with Ernie Pyle, the famous war correspondent.

I also met my future husband while in the service. Calvary Lt. Santi Carnevali and I met in April 1943 and were married in August. Not long after our honeymoon, I contracted malaria and came home to the States. I spent several weeks in the Halloran Hospital on Long Island, New York, until my discharge on Aug. 31, 1943.



Editor's Note: About Anne, Ernie Pyle wrote, "The most soldierly of all the WACs I've seen is Anne Bradley of Philadelphia. Furthermore, she is so good-looking it makes you hurt. In addition, she has a personality that breaks you down without resistance. And to top off the indignity of one small person having all those blessings, she's got brains as well." But Anne didn't need Ernie Pyle or even that poster to help her career in the WAC. She was competent enough on her own. Anne was one of three WAC sergeants selected to lead the women in a parade in North Africa, the first time American women soldiers paraded on foreign soil. In addition, Anne was promoted to staff leader, the equivalent of staff sergeant, which made her

the second highest-ranking non-commissioned WAAC in Africa.

Taken from <http://www.reminisce.com/1940s/waac-member-was-the-poster-girl/>



Anne and Judge Santi Carnevali will be married 70 years this coming 20 August! Santi joined the 102nd Cavalry Regiment (Horse-Mecz) in Fort Jackson as a 2LT - ROTC. A New Yorker, he was made a Platoon Leader in Troop B, 1st Squadron (Horse). He advanced to 2-102nd Cavalry HHT Troop Commander and later S4 while in North Africa. Captain Carnevali developed an excellent team, insuring timely supply and maintenance for the "new" 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz) during combat in Italy, France, Germany and Austria. The Squadron S4 had supply lines extending from coastal southern France into Alsace-Lorraine!

Anne is being cared for in a nursing home and doing well. Santi is often with her; he will be 95 on 6 June and Anne will be 95 in 14 September 2013.

Anne and Santi invite communications – home address is 3033 Pullman Av. Lakeland, Florida 33805. Telephone 863-688-2282.



Membership Update – SMG (Ret) Ken Mahan Trooper! Look at your address label! If the date is not September 2013 or later, you are behind in your dues. Your Subscription to *THE SPUR* is going to run out, due to non-payment of dues. A sample of label:

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To Members behind in their dues, you will have date circled in RED! This is the only notice you will receive. Send information and/or dues to me at the Metuchen address shown above. **Annual regular dues of \$20.00 and Associate dues \$15.00 are due in September.** Make checks Payable to **117th Cavalry Association.** **Boosters** help pay for SPUR mailings to WWII veterans and their widows, *not* for your dues! We cannot continue to mail *The SPUR* to lapsed members. Stick with us, we want you as a member, but you must pay your own “freight”. **Email:** Please send your email address to me at kmahan117@aol.com . We are compiling an email list of members and we want to include you. **Association web site:** www.117th-cav.org/ Read past issues of *The SPUR*, look up the WWII histories of the 38th, 102nd and 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons (Mecz). All WWII Veterans will no longer pay dues, you will see WWII over your name. **New Member:** SSG Boris Arias of Troop B.

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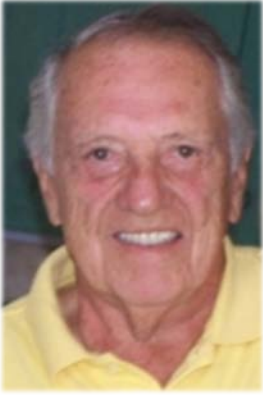
James Michael Blazakis passed away on Jan. 6, 2013, in Panama City, FL. Jim is survived by his wife of 43 years, Christine Blazakis; his mother, Sophie Blazakis; sister, Carole (Frank) Boccanfuso; son Jason (Lisa); daughter, Rebecca (Mike); six grandchildren, Kevin, Ethan, Cameron, Cooper, Nick, and Harper; nephew Chris (Stacie), and niece Lauren (Mike). His family will miss Dad, Pop-Pop, and Uncle Jimmy tremendously. Jim retired as a Command Sergeant Major, NJ Army National Guard, after more than 37 years of service, much spent at the Phillipsburg Armory. He was awarded numerous medals and ribbons, including the Meritorious Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal. A highlight of his career was to brief the activities of the New Jersey National Guard Battle Laboratory to William J. Perry, the U.S. Secretary of Defense, and influential foreign dignitaries. After retirement, Jim worked at Skytop Lodge Resort in the Poconos as a fly-fishing guide and shooting instructor. Born on Feb. 4, 1948, to Michael and Sophie Blazakis, Jim was a hunting, fishing and golf enthusiast. He graduated from Princeton High School and North Carolina State University, where he was forestry major.



Anthony Cecero, Jr., beloved husband and best friend of Rita (Fiocchi) Cecero for 59 years, passed away peacefully surrounded by the ones he laughed with, lived for and loved, on Friday, Jan. 11, 2013. Anthony, a lifelong Vineland resident, joined the 102nd ARMOR, 50th Armored Division NJARNG in 1950 and served for 40 years. Known as "Cheech" among his fellow Guardsmen, he was a diesel technician, shop chief and master sergeant at the Vineland Armory. Tony enjoyed hunting, trout fishing, traveling, was an avid carpenter, woodworker and loved to play the guitar. Tony also enjoyed the many travels he had taken with his wife and family to Italy and camping trips in the U.S. He is predeceased by his parents, Anthony and Angelina (Silvester) Cecero; siblings, John and Albert Cecero, Madeline Polidore, Mary Ciccio, Rose Durham, Minnie Yeager, Phyllis Yeager, Sonny Cinmarosi, Lucy Abruzzo; and extended family, James, August and Adeline Fiocchi. He is survived by his wife, sons Glenn and Wayne Cecero; daughter and son-in-law, Toni and Steven Anderson; grandchildren, Kristian and Stevi Anderson; brother-in-law and dear friend, Joseph Fiocchi and wife Elaine; sisters-in-law, Lynne Fiocchi, Charlotte Brock, Mary and Judith Cecero; and many nieces and nephews and his loyal dog, Bella.

John Francis Carnevali (1928 - 2012) Bonita Springs, FL. Dr. John F. Carnevali passed away peacefully on January 11, 2012. Formerly of White Plains, NY, he had been a Florida resident since 1993. John was born October 13, 1928 the son of John J. Carnevali and Catherine A. Dolci. He graduated from Georgetown Medical School in 1953, receiving a Doctorate of Medicine Cum Laude. He was awarded the "Georgetown Gold Medal for Excellence in Surgery". Following

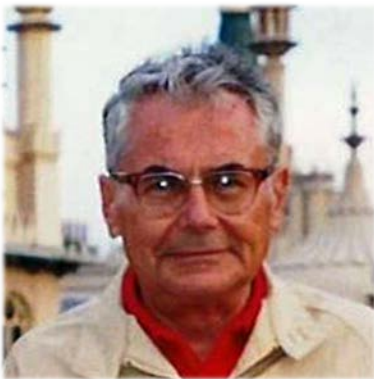
his internship, he started his fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota. His fellowship was interrupted when he was called to active duty into the Air Force, commissioned as a Captain.



After two years, he returned to the Mayo Clinic. He was certified by the American Board of Surgery and inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in 1965. He served on the staff of White Plains Hospital and was elected Director of Surgery there from 1973 to 1981. John was also Director of Surgery at St. Agnes Hospital from 1982 to 1985.

John was an active member of Westchester Country Club, Bonita Bay Country Club in Bonita Springs, FL. and the DeBruce Fishing Club in NY. He and his former wife Catherine (deceased) had four children: Catherine Cherubini (Jay) of Hobe Sound, FL., Karyn Marks of Los Angeles, CA, John Carnevali Jr. (Lauren) of Pine Bush, NY and Thomas Carnevali (Georgeann) of Lawrenceville, NJ. John will be missed by his loving wife of 43 years, Carolyn (nee Rodney). Carolyn has two children by a former marriage: J. Michael Rodney (Bonnie) of Larchmont, NY and Janice Gierer (Peter) of Mt. Sinai, NY whom he raised as his own. John had seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren and is survived by his brother, Santi Carnevali (Anne) and his sister, Carol Anne Sibilia. John was brilliant in his career. He loved fishing and golf. He will always be remembered for his warm heart, hearty laugh and endless stream of jokes.

LTC (Ret) James A. Broderick, 84, of West Keansburg, NJ, died on January 25, 2013 at Bayside Manor in Keansburg, NJ. He was born in Newark and lived in the West Keansburg neighborhood of Hazlet most of his life. A retired Lieutenant Colonel in the New Jersey National Guard, his career spanned 40 years. During his time in service, he served in multiple positions, including Superintendent of the National Guard Training Center and State Safety Officer. He also worked as a part time reporter for the Asbury Park Press covering local government and other events for over 30 years. Colonel Broderick was a founder of the National Guard Militia Museum of New Jersey, a member of the 117th Cavalry Association, the National Guard Association of New Jersey, and the Military Officers of America. He was a quiet and generous man with a sense of humor, had a passion for writing, loved reading, spending time with his grandchildren, and could make a mean gumbo. Colonel Broderick is survived by his wife of 63 years, Doris Broderick, son - James (Laura) Broderick; 3 daughters - Maria (Francis) Dean; Carolyn (Edward) Huntington; Jane (Michael) Vamos; all of W. Keansburg, NJ. Daughter in Law - Wendy Fleming of MI; sister - Susan (George) Schaefer of CT; 13 Grandchildren; Melody, Delia, Matthew, Jimmy, Bryan, Eric, Patrick, Michael, Mariah, Jack, Grace, Lily, Francis, and four Great Grandchildren; Noah, Ashley, Megan, and Brandon.



Peter Hrycak, 89, of Cranford, passed away on Thursday, March 7, 2013, with his loving wife and family by his side. Peter was born on July 8, 1923, in Przemysl, Poland to his parents Eugene and Ludmyla (Dobrzanska). He graduated from Jaroslawska Gymnasium in Przemysl in 1941 and attended University of Vienna, Austria 1942-46; University of Tubingen, Germany, 1946-48, where, on April 3, 1947 he met Rea Meta Limberg, from Estonia, and married her on June 13, 1949. Soon after immigrating to the United States in 1950 he enrolled in the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, earning a B.S. in 1954, an M.S. in 1955, and a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering in 1960. Maria and Michael were born, in 1953 and 1959, respectively. In 1960, Dr. Hrycak was picked to be part of the design team for the first communications satellite being designed and built by Bell Telephone Laboratories, and, as a result, the family moved to Cranford, New Jersey. He was responsible for designing and implementing the thermal design of the Telstar Satellites (Telstar 1 was launched July 10, 1962, and Telstar 2 was

launched May 7, 1963). Orest was born in 1962 and Alexandra in 1966. After this pioneering project, Peter became the Senior Project Engineer for Curtiss Wright Corporation in Woodridge in 1965, followed by selection as an Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering at the Newark College of Engineering (later becoming New Jersey Institute of Technology) in 1966, where Professor Hrycak became the Director of the Jet Engine Research Laboratory and received grants from NASA, National Science Foundation, and the U.S. Air Force for his work on the SST (Super Sonic Transport) project. Dr. Hrycak became a full professor in 1968 and taught Heat Transfer, Fluid Dynamics, Turbomachinery and Thermodynamics, other core subjects, and graduate courses in Mechanical Engineering until his retirement in 1993. During his 27 years as an academic, Professor Hrycak taught and mentored our future scientists and engineers, as well as researched and published in areas ranging from cryogenic surgery (collaborated with University of Medicine and Dentistry of NJ faculty), thermal and applied mechanics, to issues as diverse as global warming and related environmental problems. In the years following his retirement he reflected upon his life and experiences, with 69 articles published in Svoboda, Ukrainian Daily Newspaper, as well as publishing an autobiography and several papers that he presented at academic conferences in the United States, Israel, Canada, Greece, England and Japan. Peter was an avid hiker and backpacker, including the Carpathian Mountains, Ukraine; Alps, Austria; Catskill and Adirondack Mountains, NY and kept himself physically fit, even until his 70's he could do one legged knee bends and one-handed pushups and pull-ups.

Survived by his wife, Rea Meta (Limberg), daughter: Alexandra Hrycak and David Mandel with son Askold of Portland, Oregon; sons: LTC (Ret) Michael Hrycak and Marta Biskup with sons Brandon and Jared of Cranford, New Jersey and Orest Hrycak and Margaret Begley with sons Peter and Arthur of Cranford, New Jersey. He was predeceased by his parents, Eugene and Ludmyla Hrycak, brother Paul Hrycak, and daughter Maria Hrycak.

Helen G. Ferguson died March 10, 2013 Spring Lake Heights, NJ. She was 89. Her husband John and family were at her side. She was born in Orange, NJ and graduated from Columbia High School in South Orange where she met her future husband John "Jack" Ferguson. They were married in 1942 and lived in Florida where she served in the USO. A "Class of '41" man, Jack was enlisted in the 102nd Cavalry Regiment, called into Federal Service in January 1941. He was commissioned into the Army Signal Corps and later became a USAAF radar-radio officer in Boeing B-17 "Flying Fortress" search and rescue aircraft over the North Atlantic. Post WWII, they lived in West Orange and later Livingston where Helen became involved in her church, garden club, Girl Scouts, oil painting, golf, and bowling. She was a volunteer at St. Barnabas Hospital. In 1982, Jack and Helen moved to Spring Lake Heights. She loved the beaches at Sea Girt, where she summered for many years. She was a beauty and a lovely person in every way. Helen is survived by her husband John of 70 years, son Gary of Vermont, daughter Patricia of Spring Lake Heights, grandson Alexander and wife Sarah with great-grandchildren Rebecca and Elizabeth of Woburn, Mass; two nephews, one niece, cousins, great-nieces and Jim, who was like a son and great friend.



Colonel (Ret) Kenneth C. Klein, 75, of West Chester, Pa., died Sunday, May 5, 2013, at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. Interment with military honors will be held at Birmingham-Lafayette Cemetery in West Chester. He was the husband of the late Joann Infanger Klein. Born in Roselle Park, N.J., he was the son of the late Joseph Klein and the late Edith Heipertz Klein. Ken worked as a facilities manager for Exxon, retiring in 1995 after 40 years of service. Ken served his country during the Vietnam War and retired from the U S Army Reserve in 1997, holding the rank of Colonel. During his time in the NJ Army National Guard, he was Commander, 5th Squadron 117th Cavalry. Klein was founder of the 117th Cavalry Association in 1980, with members throughout the USA and France. He was recently inducted into the *National Armor and Cavalry Heritage Foundation*. He enjoyed traveling and being with his grandchildren. Ken is survived by his four children, Jennifer Klein-Kearns and her husband, Michael, of West Chester, Linda Klein of Roselle Park, Kenneth Klein Jr. and his wife, Ezzie, of Broomall, Pa., Kathrine Klein of Kinnelon, N.J.; and his seven grandchildren, Joann, Kenny, Cuinn, Paddy, Brigid, Logan, and KC. He is also survived by his sister, Lorna Ferreri, of Whiting, N.J.

COL Klein receives *Member of the Year – 117th Cavalry Association* during the 2010 Biennial Reunion at Gibbs Hall, Fort Monmouth NJ,

19 April 2013 – Arlington National Cemetery – Burial of SGM Anthony Amato Freda

SGM Freda died 27 September 2012. A contingent of family and his fellow cavalrymen attended the services, remembering his devotion to family, comrades-in-arms and our Nation.





Spurs and Sabers Dinner Dance
Friday 27 September 2013
The Grand Summit Hotel
50 Springfield Avenue, Summit NJ

Please join the Troopers of the 1st Squadron 102nd Cavalry Regiment and the 117th Cavalry Association for The Spurs and Sabers Dinner Dance, Cocktails at 6PM, Dinner at 7PM. Cash Bar.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Grand Summit Hotel (908) 273-3000.

Rates for overnight accommodations are \$129 Single, \$139 Double and include a full breakfast.

Rooms are blocked under the 117th Cavalry Association.

Ticket Information

Dinner Choice for Each Guest

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 WWII B TROOP 117th CAV
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Congratulations to 1LT James Giacchi. He assumed command of Troop A, 1-102nd Cavalry January 2013 from CPT Mike Cruze. CPT Cruze is now the Assistant Operations Officer in the S3 section. Congratulations are also due to CPT Noel Lyn-Kew, the new S3 Operations Officer and MAJ Joe McNamara as the new squadron Executive Officer. Farewell to MAJ Dave Melendez who has moved on to the New Jersey Army National Guard Training Technology Battle Lab at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. We wish them well in their new assignments.



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