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**President's Message** It is the continuing objective of *The SPUR* to foster and preserve the Spirit of the *New Jersey Cavalry and Armor Association*, and to promote and enhance the friendships and camaraderie of our members, who are mutually bound by service and devotion to our country.

The "friendships and camaraderie" bind us together, through our service, devotion to our country, and now by sharing the past, present, and future through our membership and participation in our Association. We represent multiple generations of service in our Squadron, or the U.S. Armed Forces, and share in the freedom that we cherish and took an oath to defend.

We have forged a bond with our Squadron Troopers who are currently serving on the front lines of freedom. LTC (Ret.) Chris Sands, a former Association President, gave a stirring speech about Veterans Day during our last meeting on 10 November

2017. He reminded us what a commitment we all made when we first took our oath to serve our great country. LTC Sands also described how the current force is an Expeditionary Force that deploys our Troopers, both active and reserve component, all over the world to secure our freedoms and those of others. He reminded us that it is a very different Army than the one we served in, and it is our commitment that stays the same. We served all over and now our counterparts are serving in multiple theaters and operations. It was an honor to be among so many who have done so much for our country and its many freedoms.

Our current Troopers don't even drill the same anymore. In December, they have a MUTA 1, with no drill in January, and in February a MUTA 4 Periodic Health Assessment (PHA) for their readiness preparation for another deployment. The Army Chief of Staff, GEN Milley, has been preparing the Army for major changes as he foresees our next adversaries being world class peer armies, which will require our utmost Combined Arms Armor and Mechanized Army, with doctrine that will prepare them to defeat what our potential adversaries are developing, such as the Russian Army New Generation Warfare. CPT Nicolas J. Fiore wrote an article "Defeating The Battalion Tactical Group" in the Spring 2017 Armor Magazine <http://www.benning.army.mil/armor/earmor/content/issues/2017/Spring/> He describes how the Russian Army has deployed their BTG (Battalion Tactical Group) in the Russo Ukrainian War in Eastern Ukraine, and how the Ukrainian Army has developed Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures (TTP's) to defeat them, and how our Brigade Combat Teams (BCT's) need to prepare appropriately. It is an eye opener, and studies the strengths and weaknesses in their tactics, as well as how our strengths in our doctrine can be used to defeat and degrade their efforts. Every one of us will recognize new tactics as Cold War tactics that we practiced and trained over and over when facing the Soviet Threat. Our Squadron is now in the middle of preparing for current, as well as future, operations, and it won't be easy.

I have to share my enthusiasm while watching our Heritage Committee's work and progress. The Heritage Room is taking an entirely new format, which will share the Squadron's past and current service. When you enter into the Heritage Room you are immediately exposed to a work in progress that has taken our history to the present. Those that have been working almost every Wednesday afternoon, and those that have helped in between, are untiring and have formed a strong image of what they see as the future for our unit's rich history and culture.

The *Spurs and Sabers Dinner-Dance* is another current tradition that combines Troopers, past and present, from privates to generals (yes, we had two former Squadron Commanders who became flag officers), in a dress blues social event that includes our loved ones as well. The cake was cut by the oldest and youngest Trooper with a spread of almost six decades. The Association sponsored 5 couples, as it has for the past several years, ensuring junior Troopers attend as well. We hope to see even more Troopers attend next year, even if we have to expand into a larger venue.

Our FRG (Family Readiness Group) has again completed another successful Casino Night on 18 November 2017. It was attended, just as the Spurs and Sabers Dance, by junior through senior Troopers, their loved ones, and their supporters. The spirit and camaraderie could be felt by all, and it seemed the party could go on for the rest of the year. The FRG contributes, both in their efforts as well as financially, in many different ways to support the Association and the Squadron. We are truly blessed that so many want to be part of what we all stand for. This is who we are, where we came from, we served together at some point and met many great Troopers and Soldiers, and this camaraderie is who we have become. May we always stay in touch, and be remembered as having served in the defense of our great nation's freedoms.

Next Meeting: 2000 hrs. Heritage Room, Armory 500 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 9 February 2018.

Show 'em The Way!  
Michael P. Hrycak LTC, USA, Retired



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**Squadron Commander's message** I hope that everyone has enjoyed the holiday season and had the opportunity to spend time with your families. I would like to take the opportunity to introduce the new Squadron Command Sergeant Major, CSM Eric Maney. Eric jumped in with both feet and you can rest assured that the Squadron is in great hands. CSM Maney enlisted as a mortarman in 1987 and soon after his initial assignment to the 112<sup>th</sup> Infantry, transferred to the 2-102d Armor. He has had many assignments over his career and a thorough background in intelligence. His most recent assignment as the First Sergeant of D Co 104<sup>th</sup> BEB (MICO) gives him a perspicacious insight into the reconnaissance mission of the Cavalry. He has deployed multiple times in support of overseas contingency operations in Iraq and Afghanistan; his awards and decorations are too many to list here. Please join me in welcoming him back to the 102d!

As we all know things change pretty rapidly in the Army and the Squadron is no different. We were scheduled to participate, as part of the Brigade, in Operation Northern Strike at Camp Grayling Michigan. However, due to multiple State Active Duty (SAD) missions and the upcoming Brigade deployments, we were withdrawn from this rotation. Instead the Squadron will continue with its MTOE training through the March/April timeframe and then begin to focus on its pre-mobilization training. HHT, A Troop and B Troop, with elements of D Co (FSC) will deploy to Jordan in the CENTCOM AOR to train the Jordanian Armed Forces and Border Guard. C Troop, augmented with elements of A and B Troops will deploy to Somalia in support of the Joint Special Operations Command in the AFRICOM AOR. The Squadron has an aggressive training schedule to execute and multiple pre-mobilization tasks to perform prior to movement to Fort Bliss, Texas for the Mobilization Readiness Exercise and final validation. Finally, as many of you are aware the 50<sup>th</sup> IBCT has been re-designated the 44<sup>th</sup> IBCT. This was an effort by our leadership to recognize the WWII heritage of the NJARNG. So, if you see the 44<sup>th</sup> patch resurfacing you'll know why. I wish everyone well and thank you again for your continued support of the Squadron as we prepare yet again to answer our nations call.

*Show 'em the Way!*

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**From the Editor – Phil Notestine** Troopers, I have been editor of *The SPUR* since 2006, some 11 years. It is time to pass the Guidon. It has been an honor and an adventure. Interviewing WWII veterans, writing about them and the WWII 38<sup>th</sup>, 102d and 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Recon Squadrons (Mecz) from mobilization January 1941 through the European war's end – VE Day – 8 May 1945. People searching for information about their relative's service in these glorious cavalry squadrons found us at [www.117th-cav.org](http://www.117th-cav.org) many learning for the first time about their relative's unit, wartime battles and more. My message is short to make room for articles and obituaries...sad to see so many. This is my last issue. I look forward to helping the new editor and reading *The SPUR* in the future. Email: [notie@msn.com](mailto:notie@msn.com) phone 910-420-2968.

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**117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association Meeting 9 JUN 2017** After our Pledge of Allegiance (2000 hrs), and Moment of Silence, Troopers who went to Fiddler's Green SGT Kenneth A. Sikorski 27APR17; CPT William R. Apblett, CWO Robert E. Goebel, SP5 Charles B. Ward, SP5 Leonard T. Vellucci 24MAY78. SGM (Ret.) Ken Mahan, unfortunately at a rehabilitation facility, advised at the 7APR17 meeting 207 paid members and 6 new Life Members (\$400 for under 55 years old, and \$200 for 55 years and older). Our new Membership Chairman, SSG Pedro Martinez advised that his address list is from 2016, and the members discussed getting everyone's address, home and electronic, updated and reported that all hats were sold during Annual Training. Next, Treasurer- SFC (Ret.) Bill Gruss reported, that since the last meeting, the Association Collected \$195 (\$135 dues, \$60 Boosters), made payments totaling \$1,517.22; \$82.97 for refreshments, \$60.25 for pizza, \$375.00 for printing *The Spur*, \$164.00 for mailing, and \$835.00 for hats, leaving a balance of \$6,030.02. The members decided to allow our members to opt out of receiving a hard copy and request electronic delivery to reduce the printing and mailing cost (send electronic mail to SSG Martinez and CPT Harty at [117thcavmemberships@gmail.com](mailto:117thcavmemberships@gmail.com) or call Headquarters, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 102d Cavalry (732)499-5662). Next COL (Ret.) Dennis Dougherty, our defacto Quartermaster, reminded the membership

that we are selling hats for \$20, and Association crests for \$25, and we sold all hats and ordered 48 more. This was followed by the Heritage Room Reorganization Committee Co-Chairman CW5 (Ret.) Frank Mnich; explained that the sheetrock, donated by the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, has been installed at a cost of \$1,700 for labor, and now the Association will request paint (Westfield Sherwin Williams may donate), and a contractor to paint The Heritage Room. Members were reminded again that *The Spur* Editor Phil Notestine is looking for someone, who can attend meetings, to take over as editor of *The Spur*, our Association newsletter (Phil's email address and telephone number in *Spur*). Then, we moved onto new business. CPT Stephen Pruser explained the Squadron's accomplishments during Annual Training from 20 May 2017 to 10 June 2017, where they accomplished the Exportable Combat Training Center (XCTC) evaluation at Fort Pickett, Virginia, reminiscent of ARTEP evaluations of the 1980's and 1990's, at platoon level, culminating at troop level, which followed rail loading and transporting all Squadron equipment, about 250 pieces. CPT Pruser explained that A and B Troops were validated, D Troop was evaluated for forward support, which included towing vehicles under fire. The Headquarters and Headquarters Troop (HHT) was evaluated for Tactical Operations Center (TOC) defense and a CASEVAC (Casualty Evacuation) exercise and FA (Field Artillery) integration. Next year, LTC Stiles will lead the Squadron in Operation Northern Strike in Michigan, an annual exercise that includes sister services Marine Corps and Air Force in an intensive combined arms operation. Next, Michael Hrycak shared Phil Notestine's accolades for the newly published "*Sabers though the Reich: World War II Corps Cavalry from Normandy to The Elbe*" by MAJ William Stuart Nance, PhD. Members remember that MAJ William Stuart Nance had made a presentation about the Squadron's World War II participation during a meeting. There is a significant amount of information regarding the Squadron's actions. COL (Ret.) Dougherty reminded us that the 38<sup>th</sup> Cavalry was awarded a *Presidential Unit Citation*. Michael Hrycak also shared another recently published book, "*Ramadi Declassified: A Roadmap to Peace in The Most Dangerous City in Iraq*" by COL (Ret.) Anthony Deane, who had been his Readiness Group Dix advisor when he was A Troop Commander. COL Deane was the commander of 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion 35<sup>th</sup> Armored Regiment, Task Force Conqueror, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division. Michael Hrycak ran into him while his unit was the call forward force at Camp Adari, Kuwait, at the end of March, 2006, on his way to Iraq. After reminiscing it became obvious that something was being planned, and in May, 2006, COL Deane's unit was deployed forward to Ramadi, considered one of the most dangerous places in Iraq, and he was part of establishing security and Iraqi Security Forces in that area. Finally, members were reminded of the Association website [www.117th-cav.org](http://www.117th-cav.org) with member password **njangcav**, maintained by SSG (Ret.) John Crescenzi, which can also be used to access *The Spur* as well as update your contact information. Michael Hrycak welcomed our newest member, Craig W. Boylan, who served in B Troop in 1974 to 1976. It was moved to Conclude Meeting- 2055 hours,

Next meeting Friday, 8 September 2017, 2000 hrs at the Heritage Room Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

Attendance: Frank Mnich, James Anglim, Dennis J. Dougherty, Michael Hrycak, Bill Gruss, Pedro Martinez, Stephen Pruser, Craig W. Boylan, Rochus E. Lawrence, Christopher Sands

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**117<sup>TH</sup> Cavalry Association Meeting 8 SEPT. 2017** No minutes posted.

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**117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association Meeting 10 NOV. 2017** After our Pledge of Allegiance (2008 hrs.), and Moment of Silence and Michael Hrycak read poem Fiddler's Green; for Troopers who went to Fiddler's Green; SFC McGoonan; 1SG Scannel. Our new Membership Chair, SSG Pedro Martinez couldn't make the meeting; regular dues are \$20/year, and Life Member dues are \$400 for under 55 years old, and \$200 for 55 years and older. Next, Treasurer- SFC (Ret.) Bill Gruss reported, that since the last meeting, the Association Deposited \$1,320 (\$60 dues, \$180 Boosters, \$1,180 Spurs & Sabers Dance), and made payments totaling \$7,862.00; paid \$64.87 refreshments; \$837.50 blinds (Heritage Room); \$4,280.00 dance; \$835.00 dance (tip, DJ, etc....) \$24.28 Heritage Room; \$837.50 blinds, 2<sup>nd</sup> payment; \$62.97 refreshments; \$150.00 cake (dance) \$470.00 sponsored guests (dance); \$362.00 molding (Heritage Room), leaving a balance of \$8,480.42 (Heritage Room expense so far \$5,944.40). The members need to update their contact information and decide electronic or hard copy delivery of *The Spur* to reduce the printing and mailing cost (send electronic mail to SSG Martinez and CPT Harty at [117thcavmemberships@gmail.com](mailto:117thcavmemberships@gmail.com) or call Headquarters 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 102d Cavalry (732)499-5662). Next, COL (Ret.) Dennis Dougherty, our Historian/Quartermaster, reminded the membership that we are selling hats for \$20, and Association crests for \$25, and we sold all hats and ordered 48 more. This was followed by the Heritage Room Reorganization Committee Co-Chairman CW5 (Ret.) Frank Mnich; explained that the Heritage Room is slowly being refurbished, shades are up, walls, flags, exhibits, but he would like to contact Squadron Commander and have an officer's call to get attendance during the weekend, or COL Dougherty suggested an Officer's call for an Association Meeting. CPT Harty is getting flooring estimates, and a work order will be submitted to clean outside of windows. Recently COL Lyons and MAJ McNamara came by and approved the work completed so far. Members were reminded again that *The Spur* Editor Phil Notestine is looking for someone, who can attend meetings, to take over as editor of *The Spur*, our Association newsletter (Phil's email address and telephone number in *Spur*). Then, we moved onto new business. CSM (Ret.) Art Maggs shared his military biography. He had enlisted in B Troop 5/117 Cavalry in Elizabeth Armory on 19 July 1965, and served until 1970, when it was reorganized, and during 1967 Newark riots. He then transferred to C Company, 2-113 Infantry Battalion in Newark until 1985, at which time he was promoted as the 3-113<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion Command Sergeant Major in Riverdale until 1987, then he was Commandant at the NCO Academy in Sea Girt until 1988, at which time he became an Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) until 1994, when he was involved in running IET at Fort Dix, followed by active duty from 1996-2003, including CSM in

10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division, as well as Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Fort Jackson, North Carolina. In summary, CSM Maggs served 38 years, of which 19 years as a Command Sergeant Major. Next, the members were apprised of the Squadron schedule, a MUTA 1 in December, no drill in January, and February drill is at Sea Girt for a PHA (Periodic Health Assessment), so they won't have a regular drill until March, 2018. Next, LTC (Ret.) Chris Sands gave a stirring Veterans' Day presentation, reminding all of us that we should take a few days a year to honor our veterans, and that now the Army is an Operational Force, using both Active Component and Reserve Component for multiple deployments, that it is a much tougher commitment now. Everyone was reminded of Casino Night on 18 November 2017. CPT Pruser won the 50/50 (\$17), which he donated to the treasury. It was moved by COL (Ret.) Mahon, seconded by SGT (Ret.) Mormak to Conclude Meeting- 2056 hours,

Next meeting Friday, 9 February 2018, 2000 hrs. at the Heritage Room Westfield Armory, 500 Rahway Avenue, Westfield, New Jersey 07090. Future meetings 13 April 2018; 8 June 2018.

*Attendance: Frank Mnich, James Anglim, Dennis J. Dougherty, Michael Hrycak, Bill Gruss, Peter D'Elia, Dave Mormak, Keith Meehan, Chris Sands, Don Kondroski, Stephen Pruser, Danielle Nugent, Arthur Maggs, Daniel Mahon.*

*Of note: MSG (Ret.) Thomas Bullock my former Platoon Sergeant, who served in A Troop for two decades, is currently residing at Veteran's Haven North, 200 Sanatorium Road, Suite 101, Glen Gardner, NJ 08826 Fax: 908-537-1987 Telephone: 908-537-1999 Toll Free: 877-648-0091.*

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*The following are testimonies from German civilians of Eppenbrunn Germany witnessing to the actions and behavior of Troopers of the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz) as they passed through in March 1945. This has been provided by Stabsfeldwebel (Ret) Arnold Schmitt, whose home is in Eppenbrunn. Arnold used this outline in a presentation he did recently "ALS DIE AMIS KAMEN" (When the Americans Came) - He had a CD made and sent it to me. The CD was shown in a recent Association meeting in the Westfield Armory Heritage room.*



**Eyewitness Report 1:** Martha Kippler, formerly Hollerith, 83, 19 March 1945 about 1330 hours. Little Martha Hollerith, 11, was with her mother in a homemade bunker behind their house located at Talstrasse 7. Bored, she asked if she could go outside and play on the street. After her mom told her to be very careful, she left. When she looked towards the exit of town, in the direction of Trulben, she saw a strange soldier with a rifle in his hand waving at her. Concerned, she called for her mom and together they approached the soldier to find out what he wanted. As they got closer they recognized that he was not wearing a German uniform and they become more and more concerned. The soldier asked them in German if there were any German soldiers left in town. As soon as they told him that none were left, he motioned with his hand and all of a sudden, a whole reconnaissance patrol of about 15 soldiers appeared. They approached their house and seized it for the upcoming night. The Americans loved the German feather beds over all, since all they had been using for a long time were their scratchy woolen blankets. The next morning, they were gone and nothing was damaged inside the house.

**Eyewitness Report 2:** Hilde Petry, formerly Breiner, 83, 21 March 1945. The family of Nikolaus Lang, also known as "Nikola" and Rosa Breiner, a mother of two girls, Hilde, 11 and Erna, 17 were staying in an old bunker at the "Vorderen Geisskopf". It was their hiding place from the war and they lived there in defiance of a German mandatory evacuation order of their town. A total of 8 people shared this small bunker of approx. 12 square meters (129 square feet.) At night it was very tight quarters and all of the cooking and washing had to be done outside. It was a very quiet morning in the forest on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March when Nikola left with 2 buckets to get water from the "Müllerbrunnchen", which was approximately 500m (1640 ft.) to the NE of their hiding place. As he approached the well, he experienced the scare of his life as he found himself surrounded by a whole US regiment (troop), which was hiding in the forest waiting for further orders. Before he could do anything two soldiers approached him and wanted to know what he was doing with the buckets. After he told them that he was getting drinking water for the families living in the bunker, the US soldiers made Nikola drink the water. Afterwards the Americans (abbreviated Amis) started to fill their canteens and cups and drank the well water. An officer and a sergeant, rifles in hand, made him walk back to the bunker, where they ordered all people into the bunker and then followed them inside. When they did not find any enemy soldiers, they told everybody living there to return to their homes. On their way there, in the vicinity of the "Stützenbacher Forsthaus", (forester's lodge) they encounter more US soldiers hiding on the embankment and in the brush, waiting for further orders. Just before the intersection with L-478, towards Eppenbrunn, they saw the first tanks and vehicles of the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.

**Eyewitness Report 3:** Richard Hollerith, 88. Eppenbrunn was within the red mandatory evacuation zone of the "Westwall" (Siegfried Line) and a lot of its inhabitants, just like those of other towns within the "Red Zone", had followed the German evacuation orders. Richard Hollerith, 16 was supposed to stay with relatives in the nearby town of Heltersberg, but had returned to Eppenbrunn along with other citizens. They came back to take care of the livestock and/or because they were homesick. Richard's family lived on Neudorfstrasse, today's address # 2. In 1945 there was a stable attached to the house and he stayed busy taking care of the animals and milking the cows. When the Americans started searching the town Richard

was inside his house. On the wall of the stairs leading up to their kitchen hung an embroidered picture with the saying "Heil der beste Führer in der Not, das ist und bleibt der liebe Gott" ("Hail God, who is and will remain the best guide in need.") The first American entering the house saw this picture and pointed towards the word "Führer". A second soldier, who spoke German, explained that "Führer" did not refer to the "Führer" in Berlin, but to God. The first soldier left the house disappointed since he had not found a souvenir from the "Führer ". Richard also saw the Americans arresting a few remaining German soldiers who voluntarily left their hiding places. As soon as the US soldiers had secured Eppenbrunn, they relaxed and started to look for souvenirs. Favorites were anything that had a swastika on it - flags, medals and knives, as well as pictures of Hitler. But a lot of people had already destroyed or hidden those items out of fear of being considered a Nazi.

While the Amis were in town, the boys followed them around and heard that a commanding officer appointed the local butcher Nikolaus Keller, also known as Keller Metzger, to be town mayor. Nikolaus Keller was told that from now on he would be responsible for anything that happened.

**Description of the behavior of US soldiers in town:** Our eyewitness Richard Hollerith saw US soldiers doing house-to-house searches looking for German soldiers. While watching them Richard saw an American leaving a bar of chocolate on a wall. As soon as the soldier left, Richard walked over, picked up the chocolate, and left a sports medal with a swastika symbol behind. The same soldier who left the chocolate returned, picked up the medal and pinned it on his left breast pocket. Eyewitnesses Hilde and Martha reported that some of the soldiers who came through Eppenbrunn looked frustrated, while others laughed and smiled at the citizens. They also distributed lots of chewing gum and chocolate to the kids. Soap and other personal hygiene products were hard to come by during this time and the citizens of Eppenbrunn were very thankful if they found soap or toothpaste left behind by US soldiers.

The night of the 21st/22nd of March, the Americans seized the Zollhäuser (Customs/Border patrol housing) in Eppenbrunn (Gimpel) for their overnight stay. The town kids kept a close eye on them and on the morning of the 22<sup>nd</sup> they saw that the Amis dug a large hole in the backyard and put all of the excess food in there without burying it. As soon as the soldiers left, the kids started to run towards the hole – one can only imagine how good that food tasted to them. Hilde saw and ate her first banana and orange. Unbeknownst to the children, a few US soldiers had remained behind and they smiled while watching the kids. After leaving Eppenbrunn Troop A marched towards Trulben, and Troop C north towards Hochstellerhof. The town was neither ransacked nor destroyed by any of the American soldiers.



Recently retired from the German Army, Arnold Schmitt has become a friend. He continues to study WWII as regards the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry during Operation NORDWIND in the Vosges Mountains near Bitche, France. This is well documented in our WWII History of the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Recon Squadron (Mecz) in [www.117th-cav.org](http://www.117th-cav.org) and COL Harold Samsel's book OPERATIONS HISTORY OF THE 117<sup>TH</sup> CAVALRY RECONNIASSANCE SQUADRON (MECZ) WWII.

Arnold invites members and friends to travel to Eppenbrunn Germany in August 2019 to see his next presentation: *"My Intention, if someone from NJ Cavalry comes to Eppenbrunn to visit my next Exhibition (Aug 2019), I would like with the visitors the whole route with an original Dodge US Army truck. There is alot to see , including the Country with Castles and dark forests. I would like to show the route, Bannstein / Stürzelbronn (France) – Ludwigswinkel – Eppenbrunn – Trulben – Lemberg and Busenberg ."* Arnold's email: [anesarn@outlook.de](mailto:anesarn@outlook.de)

*"Larry's War" continued - Final Installment...*

.... These "Special Orders" were, to a certain extent, pure propaganda, but you must remember that we had just finished a long and bitter war, had lost many friends, and at that time, we didn't like or trust the German people very much.

We were now back in the Security Patrol business, twenty-four hours a day. The Squadron was responsible for a radius of about fifty miles in every direction, Frankfurt being the center point. We settled down to a regular schedule of patrol, motor maintenance and of course, close order drill. We had passes to Frankfurt where, across the street from the bombed-out railroad station, down in a basement was a U S O Club, where coffee, donuts and hot dogs were served to the tune of Strauss Waltzes, played by a ten or twelve-piece orchestra, and led by the fattest maestro I have ever seen.

All of us were waiting for the point system to send us home, and no one was too interested in close order drill, except the Captain. So, we would march our platoons out of the courtyard, down the road into the country side, where we would sit in the shade of the trees, smoke a cigarette or two, and engage in philosophical discussions until it was time to return. We would then form up, march back to the courtyard, and dismiss the troops. This made everyone happy---the Captain, because he knew we were drilling, and the men, because they knew they were not.

Remember the booze that we liberated and I said we would get back to later? Now is the time. The liquor was divided up equally between all the troops, and in Neider-Erlenbach C Troop rented a club, bar saloon or whatever it is called in German, and this became the C Troop Social Club. No dues, free booze and the mess sergeant supplied snacks. We had only one rule, and that was that nobody was to get drunk. And of course, this rule was followed meticulously. Once in a while. The club was open for a few hours every evening, but on Saturday night we put on some of the biggest bashes around. We sent trucks into Frankfurt to invite the local and displaced persons (female, of course) to our parties. We had a four-piece band who played after a fashion, and we enjoyed every minute of it. As time went by and restrictions were relaxed, we allowed the local girls to join us too.

During this period of time, I had been in touch with my brother, Els, and found he was stationed in the town of Marburg, which was about forty or fifty miles away. I got permission and a car to go see him, and left early in the morning for Marburg with the intention of bringing him back with me for the week.

*July 11, 1945*

*Dear Mom:*

*Els is in a town called Marburg, which is about forty miles north of Frankfurt. I went up there this morning- left here about 7:30 AM and got there around 9:30. He had left there at 8:00 AM to come down here to see me, so I turned around and came back, but I didn't see him on the road.*

*It's twelve o'clock now, and he's not here yet. I probably passed him along the way, but didn't see him. I hope he gets here soon. It'll be awful if he can't find me. However, I got permission for him to stay here with me tonight, and I'll take him back tomorrow afternoon. Gosh, I hope he gets here soon. He did! Right after lunch.*

*I took him to Frankfurt and we had something to eat and have spent the rest of the afternoon just talking. Had supper, and now both of us are writing letters to be put in the same envelope.*

*It's swell to see him, and he really looks good. Do you realize that it's almost three years since I've seen any member of the House of Haskett? Els is staying overnight, and some time tomorrow I'll take him back to his station. It's difficult to tell you anything about either one of us, except that we've discussed everyone and everybody, and both agree in the fact that they should let Bob out of the Army.*

*I guess we'll just sit here tonight and talk. It's raining outside, so there's no place to go, anyway. Els looks awfully good, and both of us feel a little strange after such a long time. But you don't have any idea how happy it makes me to be with him. Will, write you again tomorrow and let you know what we did to amuse ourselves.*

*Love, Lawrence*

*July 11, 1945*

*Dear Mom:*

*You will probably be quite surprised when you get this letter; as I told you, I was going to try to see Lawrence, and you said that he was going to try to see me. I wrote him directions for getting to Marburg and finding me, and also made necessary arrangements for my going to see him.*

*So, this morning I set forth at about 8:00 AM for Neider-Erlenbach. I would have been here about 10:30, except that I had a long way to walk, and had a hard time finding my way from Frankfurt. But I finally got here about 1:00 PM.*

*While I was doing this, Lawrence, having received my letter yesterday, set off this morning to find me. Although he didn't find me, he got back here before I arrived. (Having his own transportation made his trip much more rapid.) I'm staying here tonight, and he will drive me back in the morning.*

*I hope you start getting my mail soon. I've written a number of letters, more than you have received. But I guess that the mail situation is bad in both directions. I asked you for \$10 in one of the letters. Forget about it. I held Lawrence up for \$10 and he gave me \$30. So, I'm set for a long time. Well, that's all for now. I'll write again when I get back to Marburg.*

Love, Lester

Els came to see me a few more times (on our big bash nights) and I drove up to visit him at Marburg too. Then he was transferred away.

*Packed and ready to go HOME!* It got to be August, and my number in the point system came up. A couple of Atom Bombs had put an end to the war with Japan, so I wouldn't be going there. Just HOME! It took a couple of weeks to take care of the necessary paper work, and it was on my twenty sixth birthday, September 15, 1945, that I finally boarded a train to Marseilles, the first step on my way home. The train went south through the Rhone Valley, and back through many of the towns that we had fought so hard for, going the other way. I especially remember going through Montelimar, which still bore the battle scars of our first crucial meeting with the German 19th Army. (We had had small skirmishes along the way, but this is where we caught up with the main body,)

In recent conversations with my brother Els. I found that he was also in that camp outside Marseilles at the same time I was. The camp was a transfer station, and held upwards of about twenty-five thousand or so soldiers, so obviously, we didn't meet each other here. When we got to Marseilles, there was talk about airplanes to take us home, but this was all wishful thinking, and we ended up on a Liberty Ship named *Patrick Henry*.

*Waiting for the Boat Home* It was a pleasant, but slow trip back across the Atlantic Ocean, and at long last, we came in sight of the United States at Newport News, Virginia. The Naval Command on shore was flashing a signal to our ship, and those of us who could read it told the others that the message was, "Welcome Home, and thanks for a job well done."

It was October 12, 1945 that we disembarked, a little over three years from the day that I had sailed across the ocean in the other direction, aboard the "*Dempo*." A band was playing as we got off the ship, and we were formed up, and marched to a row of buses, loaded up and taken to the barracks where we would be staying for the next couple of nights, and then on to the mess hall, where we were served steak, baked potatoes, corn, apple pie ala mode and all the milk and coffee we could drink.

In charge of our barracks (they thought) was a group of "Acting Noncoms" who believed it was their job to keep us occupied with things like dismounted drill and stuff like that there. I'm afraid that we weren't overly cooperative with them. Most of us were combat soldiers of various grades, waiting for discharge, and we'd had just about all the "military discipline" we could take, after almost three years of fighting a war. They (the Acting Noncoms) were probably just as happy to see us leave as we were to go. Processing didn't take too long and in a day or so we were all on trains, taking us to our various discharge points. Mine was Fort Sheridan, a few miles north of Chicago. The train was made up of special Troop cars, and the seats, when made up into berths were three deep, lower, middle and upper. We didn't think the train was moving very fast, but in due time, we reached Fort Sheridan. Here, we were given new clothes where needed, new boots and a partial payment of the money coming to us. The following morning, we were given ten-day passes, at the end of which time we were to return and be formally discharged.

I called home, and then a bunch of us grabbed a cab to Chicago's loop, where we stopped in a bar and had a couple of drinks that we were not allowed to pay for, talked a while, and then I said, "So long," went out into the daylight and found another cab, this time to take me 206 Forest Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois, paid the cab driver, shouldered my duffel bag, walked in the front door and said, "Well, Mom, I'm home!"

The next ten days were spent eating and drinking and getting reacquainted with relatives and old friends. Now it was time to head back to Fort Sheridan for Physical examinations, counseling and payment of the remainder of the money due us.

Then, at long last, on October 27, 1945, there was a Ceremony in which I received that piece of paper that said Sergeant Lawrence G. Haskett was Honorably Discharged from the Army of the United States, and

"*Larry's War*" was finally over!

**Membership Update – SSG Pedro Martinez:** First, please join me in extending our warm gratitude to SGM (Ret) Ken Mahan for his many years of faithful service to the organization. You have always been an outstanding supporter of the organization, will be grateful for your dedicated service. Fellow members, we will soon begin a campaign to remind you when your dues are due and extend the ability to pay electronically. *The Spur* will be soon be published electronically to all members, unless you specifically request hard copy. Please send an email to me or CPT Harty at <[117thcavmemberships@gmail.com](mailto:117thcavmemberships@gmail.com)> or call the Headquarters 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron 102d Cavalry (732)499-5662 so that we have your email on file. Send your dues to the return address on this issue. **Annual regular dues of \$20.00 and Associate dues \$15.00 are due in September.** Make checks Payable to **117<sup>th</sup> CAV Association.** Association web site: [www.117th-cav.org/](http://www.117th-cav.org/) Read past issues of *The SPUR*, look up the WWII histories of the 38<sup>th</sup>, 102d and 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons (Mecz). All WWII Veterans and members over 80 will no longer pay dues, you will see WWII over your name.

### TAPS



**Leon F. LaPoint**, age 70, passed away on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at his home in Brick. Born in Newark, Lee grew up in Union, and had lived in North Edison and then Wall for 27 years and has been residing in Brick for the past seven years. Mr. LaPoint is a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the New Jersey Army National Guard for 34 years. Lee was an independent mortgage settlement agent, owned and operated a corporate transportation company for many years in Neptune and retired from AT&T. In his spare time, he was a member of the Shark River Beach and Yacht Club. Surviving are his beloved wife, Kathleen Ann (Duffy) LaPoint; his son, Michael LaPoint, his daughter Alicia Keating and her husband Robert of Old Bridge; his grandchildren, Robert, Leigh-Ann, Alexandria and Daniella and many extended family and friends.



**Henry Forstenhausler**, 88, of North Caldwell passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 21, 2017. Born in Scotch Plains, N.J., Mr. Forstenhausler lived in Linden and Bloomfield, before moving to North Caldwell in 1958. A proud member of the New Jersey National Guard for over 42 years, which included 13 years in the Air Defense, Mr. Forstenhausler retired as a Master Sergeant in 1989. He was a life member of the *NJ NCO Association*, a member of the *117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association* in Westfield and the *42d DISCOM Alumni Association*. He was also awarded the Samuel Sharpe Medal.

He worked at General Motors and in construction. He later worked for the Department of Motor of Vehicles in Morristown and the North Caldwell Court Clerk.

Active in his community, he was a recipient of the *200 Club Valor Award* for helping to save the occupants of a burning car. Mr. Forstenhausler was a member of the North Caldwell Special Police for 28 years and the North Caldwell Volunteer Fire Department for 39 years, where he was a life member and served as president. He was also a life member of the New Jersey Firemen's Association and New Jersey State Exempt Firemen's Association.

He was a founding parishioner of Notre Dame Church where he served as an usher, a member of the North Caldwell Senior Citizens, the North Caldwell Centennial Committee, and an Assistant Scout Master of the North Caldwell Boy Scouts Troop One. Mr. Forstenhausler was a member of the American Rose Society, Garden State Rose Club and the North Jersey Rose Society. As a member of the American Rose Society, he received the Silver Honor Medal of the Penn-Jersey District in 2002 and the Bronze Medal from the North Jersey Rose Society in 2000.

The beloved husband of 62 years to Marion (nee Grimm), he was the loving father of Mark Forstenhausler and his wife, Susan, and Matt Forstenhausler and his wife, Diana, and cherished grandfather of Lauren, Alex and Emma. He was predeceased by his dear siblings, George and John Forstenhausler, Elizabeth Danko and Matilda Allen.



**Vito "Vic" Morgano**, US Army National Guard Major General Retired, 81, husband of Louise Russo Morgano, passed away peacefully Sunday, November 26, 2017. Born in Manhattan, NY, he was a son of the late Paul and Mary Longo Morgano. Major General Morgano attended Long Branch High School in Long Branch and enlisted in the New Jersey National Guard on his 17th birthday in 1953. He earned a Bachelor of Science from State University of New York.

Major General Morgano was the 28th Adjutant General of New Jersey from December 7, 1990 until his retirement in February 1994. Prior to becoming Adjutant General, he was employed by the Prudential Insurance Company, retiring in 1990. He and his wife, Louise (Russo) were married on February 21, 1959 and lived in the West Long Branch community for many years. Major General Morgano served as a council member, police commissioner, and fire commissioner in West Long Branch. In addition to his loving wife of 58 years, he is survived by two sons, Victor Morgano and wife, Michele and Paul Morgano and wife, Susan; six grandchildren, Courtney Rivera and husband, Jose, Gabrielle Morgano, Patrick Morgano and wife, Jill, Noelle Morgano,

Victoria Morgano, and Mary Page Morgano; three great grandchildren, Camden, Ava Gianna, and Vito; and a brother, Carmine Morgano, of Long Branch. Major General Morgano was also preceded in death by his sister, Mary Ann Fasano.



**Stanley Krenkowitz**, 85, died on Friday, Oct. 13, 2017, at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Paramus, N.J. Born and raised in Irvington, N.J., Mr. Krenkowitz moved to West Orange, N.J., in 1968 and was an active member of the Essex Troop of West Orange for many years. Mr. Krenkowitz was career military, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in the NJ Army National Guard. After his time in the Army, he was a sales manager for Carrier Air Conditioning in Long Island City, N.Y. He was predeceased by his parents, Peter and Victoria Krenkowitz; sisters, Helen Smith and Mary Baker; son John E. Morrison, and nephew, Paul Krenkowitz. Mr. Krenkowitz is survived by his devoted and loving wife, Ann M. Krenkowitz; son Michael Krenkowitz; daughter, Valerie Ann Sloboda and her husband, Robert Jr.; grandchildren, Robert J. III, Alicia Ann, and Louis J. Sloboda, and great-granddaughter, Layla Sloboda. He is also survived by his brothers, Robert P. and William P. Krenkowitz, and nieces, Linda Krenkowitz and Susan Ford.



**Benedetto Carroccetto**, 67, of Palmer Twp., PA passed away on October 27, 2017, in St. Luke's Hospice House in Bethlehem, PA. Ben was born on August 2, 1950, in San Fratello, Italy to the late Cirino and Carmela (Lo Balbo) Carroccetto. He grew up in Sicily and Easton, PA then graduated from Wilson High School in Easton, PA in 1970. After high school, he attended Northampton Community College in Bethlehem, PA where he received an Associate's Degree in General Studies in 1978. Ben was a 37-year veteran, serving both the regular Army and the New Jersey Army National Guard on active duty. His initial assignment was as a General's Aide during the Vietnam War and he continued serving thru the Gulf War until his retirement. He achieved the rank of Master Sergeant and was highly decorated with numerous awards and distinctions, including Meritorious Service Medals (awarded 3 times), Army Commendation Medals (awarded 6 times), Army Achievement Medal (awarded 4 times), the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and The Honorable Order of St. Martin. After retiring from active duty, Ben

worked at Picatinny Arsenal as an Analyst for 4 additional years. He was a member of the First and Fifth Tank Battalion Association, Essex Troop Association and Iron Horseman. He worked tirelessly as a Senior Counselor for the New Jersey National Guard Youth Camp.

Ben was a member of St. Jane Frances de Chantel Catholic Church, in Easton, PA. He enjoyed his retirement and spending time with his grandson Luca, woodworking, and walking his dog Leo. Ben was married to Maria T. (Todaro) Carroccetto with whom he celebrated 40 years of marriage last August. In addition to his wife, Ben is survived by his daughter Carmelina Lombardi and husband Mario; grandchildren Luca Carmen Lombardi and expected granddaughter of Easton, PA; his brother Alfio Carroccetto and wife Susan of San Antonio, FL; nephews Charles Carroccetto and wife Kellie, and Alfio Carroccetto and wife Stephanie. He is preceded in death by his parents, Cirino and Carmela Carroccetto and beloved niece and goddaughter Bettina Carroccetto.



**Stephen McGoonan**, age 45 of Wantage passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at Karen Ann Quinlan Home for Hospice in Fredon. Born in Englewood, Steve graduated from High Point Regional High School in 1990 and has lived in Sussex County all of his life. He had enlisted in the United States Army on April 10, 1990 and served in Afghanistan from December 19, 2007 until September 18, 2008. He retired as a Sergeant First Class from the New Jersey Army National Guard. Steve had been employed as an elevator constructor for Otis Elevator Company. He was predeceased by his mother, Dona McGoonan; his maternal grandparents, Pat and Fred McAliege; and his paternal grandfather, Stephen McGoonan, Sr.. Steve is survived by his parents, Stephen and Joy McGoonan of Wantage; his brothers, Jim McGoonan and his wife Amanda of Wantage and Sean McGoonan of Hardyston; his paternal grandmother, Gladys McGoonan of Wantage; his fiancé, Maureen Las and her daughter Olivia; his niece, Dona McGoonan; and his cousins, Lori, Keith and TJ Fedirko and Tammy, Jim and Megan Hobart.

**John Scannell**, 88, of Scotch Plains, died on Friday, September 29, 2017. John was born in Newark, NJ. He was raised and lived in Hillside, and settled to Scotch Plains in 1963. For 35 years, John worked as an aircraft mechanic for the Army National Guard. He was mostly stationed in NJ but, traveled throughout the Country with the Army National Guard; where he received the rank of First Sergeant, Troop D (air) 5-117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry. Upon his retirement, John then worked for Sears in Watchung, NJ for many years. John was a certified scuba instructor, who enjoyed to travel and go on adventurous dives. He was an avid golfer who always finds time to squeeze in a couple of holes whether it was with family or friends. John had a great sense of humor, and was always able to make people laugh. He loved his family unconditionally especially his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed nothing more than cooking for and entertaining his family and friends at his home.

John is survived by his wife of 62 years, Jane B.; his two sons Ret. Col. John W. (Cathy) and James A. (Pamela); his two daughters Debra J. and Diane L.; and his four grandchildren Sean, Danny, Ryan, and Gabriella.

**Clarence William 'Bill' Hettrick** Army veteran, retired supervisor at Westfield Armory Clarence William "Bill" Hettrick, 87, passed away peacefully on June 24, 2017. Born in Union, N.J., Bill was raised in East Orange, N.J. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was the supervisor for the Division of Military and Veterans Affairs at the Westfield Armory, retiring in 2001. After retiring, he was an avid golfer and loved spending time with his faithful companion, AJ. Bill was the beloved husband of Jacqueline; devoted father of Peggy Ann Hettrick, Donna (Paul) Farrelly, Susan Dougherty, Diane (the late Larry Weiss) Hettrick, Mary (Victor) Maksimow, and Billy Hettrick. Bill is also survived by his step-sons, Robert Fallat and Ronald Franz, 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Deborah Lynn Hettrick, and grandson, Lance Corporal John Dougherty.



**Anne Bradley Carnevali**, Lakeland Florida passed away on February 27, 2016. She was born on September 14, 1918, in Philadelphia, PA. In 1942 Anne enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary. First a drill sergeant, she was later assigned to General Eisenhower's Headquarters in Algiers, North Africa. Before leaving for that assignment on a Navy ship, an Associated Press photographer took her picture and that led to her selection to appear on WAAC recruitment posters and in an Army movie short film. Anne was the second highest ranking non-commissioned WAAC in Africa. War correspondent Ernie Pyle wrote 'The most soldierly of all the WAC's 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. In 1943, Anne met and married Cavalry Lt. Santi Carnevali while serving in North Africa. Soon after, she was transported back to the United States after contracting malaria. She left the service as a Master Sergeant. After the war, the couple settled and raised their family in White Plains, NY. Their retirement years were spent in Sea Isle City, NJ and Lakeland, FL. Anne was predeceased by her husband, Judge Santi Carnevali, parents, Joseph and Nora Bradley, and five siblings Joseph, Mary, Gerald, Virginia, and Joan. She is survived by her four children and their spouses, Kathleen and Dan Venezia, Nancy and Walter Skloss, John Bradley, and Cindy Carnevali and Paul and Grace Carnevali; siblings, Edna Otten, David Bradley, and Sr. Barbara Bradley, SSJ; sisters-in-law Carol Sibilila and Mary Bradley; ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and very good friends. Anne was a generous, fun-loving, unique individual who enriched the lives of those who knew her. She was loved and will be missed.

Dan Venezia, Nancy and Walter Skloss, John Bradley, and Cindy Carnevali and Paul and Grace Carnevali; siblings, Edna Otten, David Bradley, and Sr. Barbara Bradley, SSJ; sisters-in-law Carol Sibilila and Mary Bradley; ten grandchildren, two great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, and very good friends. Anne was a generous, fun-loving, unique individual who enriched the lives of those who knew her. She was loved and will be missed.



**Judge Santi L. Carnevali** of Lakeland Florida passed away on November 30, 2015. He was born June 6, 1918 in White Plains, New York. He graduated from the University of Georgia and Fordham Law School. Santi served during World War II in North Africa and Europe as a Captain in the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron (Mecz) of the U.S. Army. He was awarded the *Bronze Star* and the *Croix de Guerre*. During his service, he married WAAC Master Sergeant Anne Bradley in Algiers. He was recalled to duty during the Korean War. During his professional career, he was employed by the City of White Plains, New York as a corporation counsel, city prosecutor, and city court judge. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Catherine Carnevali and his brother, Dr. John Carnevali. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Anne Carnevali; his sister, Carol Sibilla; and four children and their spouses, Kathy and Dan Venezia, Nancy and Walter Skloss, Jay and Cindy Carnevali, and Paul and Grace Carnevali; 10 grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. His retirement years were spent with his wife in Sea Isle City, New Jersey and Lakeland, Florida.



**Marvin Douglas Carlile** Dec. 25, 1919 ~ Aug. 20, 2015 Resident of Orinda, CA. He touched many lives with his sweet spirit and great sense of humor. Marv was born in Bellevue, Kansas on Christmas day 1919 to Charles Carlile and Anna Rohrer. He attended Richmond High and San Francisco State. Marv then entered WWII at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri Army Corps of Engineers, then into the European Theatre from December 1, 1941 - 1946. He joined the 117<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Recon Squadron (Mecz) in Algeria. He had a very distinguished Army career and was privileged to encounter Charles DeGaulle as well as Winston Churchill. He left the Army with 2 *Purple Hearts*, a *Bronze Star* and rank of Captain. Upon returning home he married Patricia Keading and they had their first child, Sandy. They moved to Saudi Arabia where Marv was head of Human Resources for Standard Oil. Two more daughters were born in Arabia, Judy and Nancy. While in Arabia the family traveled often thru Europe. Upon returning home to live in Orinda, his son Jeffery was born. He owned two business, one being the Brass Rail Restaurant in Alameda. Marv is survived by his wife Patricia his daughters Sandy Fraser, Judy Rossi, Nancy Johnson, and his son Jeffery Carlile. He is also survived by two grandchildren; Erin Martinez &

Mandy Harbrecht also three great grandchildren; Anthony McKay, Savannah Martinez, Kayleigh Harbrecht. Marvin had a beautiful life well lived.



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