

34th Infantry Division Association

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72nd Annual Reunion at Cp Ripley



The 2019 Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Assn. was hosted by the Commanders Own Chapter on Oct 4-5, 2019, at Camp Ripley, MN.

The new president elected by the 34th Infantry Division Association is 1SG (Ret) Nicholas Jedlicka. He is retired from the 168th Infantry and is now employed as the Veterans Service Officer for Pottawattamie County in Council Bluffs, IA.

The new 1st Vice President is COL (Ret) Wayne Hayes. The 2nd VP is CHP Maj Skip Manus. The new three year trustees are CSM (Ret) Chris Stroner, BG (Ret) Paul Wieck, CW5 (Ret) Herman Poggensee and 1SG (Ret) Larry Woodworth.

We were blessed with a total of 45 members and guests attending the 34th Infantry Division Reunion Banquet at the Hanger Conference Center. The main speaker at the reunion was Mr. Andy Biggio, a Combat Marine Veteran and nephew of a fallen Red Bull soldier who died in Italy during WWII. Andy Biggio was presented a Red Bull book, "The Roaring Bull", which covered the 34th Infantry Division in the Global War on Terror. The Association was honored to have one WWII veteran of the 34th Inf Div recognized at the reunion banquet. He was Donald Halverson from the 168th Inf Regt. "God Bless Him."

The 34th Infantry Division Chaplain, CHP LTC Buddy Winn, led reunion participants in a memorial prayer for our fallen comrades during the Service.

Guests at the dinner included three past 34th ID Commanders, MG (Ret) Rich Erlandson, MG (Ret) David Elicerio and MG Jon Jensen, the current Minnesota Adjutant General.

National Reunion 2020 Dates

The dates for the 2020 Reunion are now set for **2-3 October 2020** at Johnston, IA. Please mark it on your calendar now. Activities will be at the Johnston Lions Club as well as Camp Dodge, home of the Iowa National Guard and the site of the 34th Infantry Division WWII memorial. The Des Moines Chapter will host the reunion with an informal social on Friday, October 2nd, and optional daytime activities on Sat as well as the traditional dinner banquet on Saturday evening.

We especially invite the "War on Terror" veterans who served in the 34th Division in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as other deployments for homeland defense in the U.S. to attend this upcoming reunion.



Donald Halverson, a former 168th Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division, WWII soldier, is shown with Andy Biggio, who was the guest speaker for the Association Banquet. Donald is autographing an M1 Garand rifle provided by Mr. Biggio, who is having all living WWII veterans he meets sign the rifle to support wounded and disabled veterans from all wars, especially the Global War on Terror.



1SG (Ret) Nicholas Jedlicka, shown with his spouse Penny, is the newly elected President of the 34th Infantry Division Association, after the 72nd Reunion on 4-5 October, 2019 at Camp Ripley, MN. Nicholas has served two tours of duty in Afghanistan with the 1-168 Infantry, 2nd (IBCT) Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division. He follows MAJ James Avrams as President from the past year.

Greetings Fellow 34th Inf Div Assn. Members,

I personally want to say thank you to the 34th Infantry Division Association for honor and privilege to serve you as the President for this upcoming year. I am humbled to carry on the tradition into the association's 73rd year. I have been a member of this division my entire military career, and cannot imagine being part of another. Our history is second to none and our dedication to our Red Bull Soldiers past and present is what makes this Division stand out head and shoulders above others.

This year the 2019 Association Reunion was held at Camp Ripley, MN. My wife and I had a great time catching up with friends, and hearing old war stories. We enjoyed the Socials and the Guided Tour. I was completely amazed by the amount of different activities that are done daily on Camp Ripley. It is a outstanding training site for our soldiers with excellent training ranges and billeting options.

I would like to make the focus of this year to be membership. We owe it to all Red Bull Soldiers to be part of this great association. **Let's spread the work, encourage the younger Soldiers to join the local chapters, and follow the social media platforms.** The links are listed below. **ATTACK! ATTACK! ATTACK!**

Nicholas Jedlicka
President, 34th ID Association
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Final Roll Call Prayer
*May they have no
more hills to climb,
nor cold, nor rain, nor mud,
nor enemy fire,
and may they now rest in
Peace.*

34th Infantry Division Final Roll Call

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| Louis Carrosino, I 168 th Inf, 34 th ID | George I. Hey, 34 th Inf Div |
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| Clifford Hullinger, 34 th Inf Div | John C. Jackson, 34 th Inf Div Band |
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| Brent Hunter, 194 Cav, 34 th Inf Div | Loren Tungesvik, 34 th Inf Div |
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73rd Reunion..... 4-5 Oct 2019 Johnston, IA

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Major Generals Rick Erlandson and David Elicerio are shown at the Banquet of the 34th Infantry Division Association Reunion. Both of these gentlemen have served as commanders of the 34th Infantry Division. They were recognized and honored with a round of applause by the attendees before the dinner. We appreciate the support shown by past senior officers of the division.



LTC Jayson Hackett, SGT (Ret) Kyle Kosloske, SFC Matthew Aeschelman, CSM (Ret) Chris Stroner and, LTC (Ret) Travis Voegel at the Reunion Banquet of the 72nd Annual Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Association. Chris Stroner was elected as a 3 Year Trustee for the Association. The group enjoyed sitting around the table together again as retired soldiers.

72nd Annual Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Association



On the left are CSM (Ret) Curtis and Debbie Jasper, a Life member of the 34th Infantry Division Association. The couple on the right are COL (Ret) Eric Kerska, former 2-135th soldier and Cdr of 1st ABCT, 34th ID, enjoying the Banquet Dinner. They had lots of friends stop at their table at the Banquet to say hello.



Past President, MAJ James Avravs and his spouse Shelly attended the reunion at Camp Ripley. James is currently the S3 of the 2nd IBCT, in Boone, IA. James was instrumental in the set-up of the Italian Associate Chapter of the Assn. Shelly said, she still had yet to see a bear at Camp Ripley!



SGT Todd Humbert, & spouse Samantha, attended the reunion supported by the Stanley Vomacka Grant Program. The family of WWII Vet, PVT Vomacka provides a grant annually, to a young soldier couple to support their attendance at the reunion by providing funding for all expenses to include registration fees, hotel costs.

34th ID Assn. Associate Chapter in Italy

During the past year, the 34th Infantry Division Association has granted the recognition of a 34th Infantry Division Association Associate Chapter in Italy. The Chapter is known as the “Ironman Battalion Group” located at, Via Del Castello 22 00024, Castel Madama – Italy. This was successful largely due to the efforts of Past President James Avrams & Treasurer Mike Musel.

The Chapter is led by Alessandro Querci. They have registered 17 paid members in the association who are WWII era reenactor soldiers who dress as 34th Infantry Division soldiers. They meet regularly to present historical reviews and honor the service of the U.S. Army soldiers of WWII, who fought in Italy. One of the activities of the Chapter have been to provide a Honor Guard at the American Military Cemetery in Florence on **Memorial Day of this year and a “Reenactment Staff Ride” of the Battle actions of the 34th ID on the road between Florence to Calenzano, Italy, which occurred in August of 1944.** The 133rd Infantry Regiment, 34th Inf Div led the attack against the German Army in that battle.

Iron Man Battle Group 133rd Inf, Chapter Report

Dear Sirs,

On behalf of the associates, I inform you that on May 27, we will be present at the American Military Cemetery in Florence to take part, as every year, in the "Memorial Day" celebration to be held on that date.

In agreement with the direction of the Cemetery, our staff will be present with the flag of the Association, we await your indications on the matter.

Kind Regards.

Alessandro Querci



This photos shows the Italian, “Iron Man Battle Group” at a Memorial Day service at a Italian church.

34th Inf Div “Red Bulls” Return Home

July 2019 (KUWAIT) – More than 650 Citizen-Soldiers of the Minnesota Guard and four surrounding states returned home in late July from their ten-month Middle East deployment to Kuwait.

The 34th Inf Div Headquarters Battalion was responsible for leading **U.S. Central Command’s, Task Force Spartan Shield.** The Red Bull Division led ten brigades of coalition soldiers during its tour, including air defense artillery, field artillery, engineers, armor and aviation units. The supported units were spread-out to locations in 20 countries and amassed 9,000 soldiers.

By the end of their deployment, the Red Bulls had left their mark in their area of responsibility, having commanded ten brigades during their ten months in-theater, while overseeing dozens of training missions with partner nations.

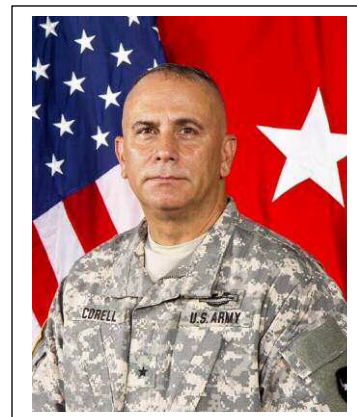
Mission command was officially handed off by the 34th Inf Div Commander, Maj Gen Ben Corell, to the **Indiana National Guard’s 38th Infantry Division** in July, which became the forward command force for **Task Force Spartan.** During the Division HQ’s Transfer of Authority ceremony, Lt. Gen. Terry Ferrell, CG of U.S. Army Central, gave high praise to the Red Bull soldiers and said, **“I would fight with you, in your ranks, at any time, because I have total confidence that you will do your job, and do it right.”**

Red Bull Soldiers made a brief stop at Fort Hood, Texas, to finish the demobilization process before returning home to their communities and families. Throughout the deployment, support from families, employers and communities back home never wavered, and the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division successfully accomplished the Task Force Spartan mission.

The 34th Red Bull Infantry Division held an official Welcome Home Ceremony on Aug. 27th, 2019 at the Minnesota State Fair.

Story by Sgt. William Boecker

MG Ben Corell is the Commander of the 34th Infantry Division which has deployed to Kuwait for Operation Spartan Shield.



34th Infantry Division Assn. Officers



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| Chaplain | CPT Nathan Perry |

More 34th ID Reunion Photos



MSG Daniel Ewer is shown at the 34th Inf Division Assn. Reunion at Camp Ripley. He serves as the Association Historian, Web Site Master and as a Trustee. MSG Ewer returned from the 34th **ID HQ's deployment to Kuwait** in late July. Welcome home Daniel, and thank you for your service!



CHP LTC Buddy Winn and spouse Colette are shown with COL (Ret) Russell Bierl and his spouse Dianne. Chaplain Winn, who serves as the 34th Infantry Division Chaplain, conducted the Memorial Service for the Reunion. Russell Bierl had served as Cdr of the 1-194 FA BN and G3, Iowa National Guard. He is currently the Secretary for the association and drafts the 34th Inf Div Association Newsletter three times a year.



Names from the left are CSM (Ret) Paul Ragitz, 2-135, CSM Matt Erickson, CSM Marcus Erickson, served in 2-135 and 2-136 and now 1/34 BDE CSM, and another active Red Bull soldier.

Purpose of the 34th Infantry Division Association (Short Version)

- Maintain association with our comrades with whom we served in the 34th Infantry Division.
- Maintain and honor the memory of those who died in action and remember all of us who pass later.
- Gather and maintain the History of the Organizations, Units and Soldiers of the 34th Division.
- Support our **“Wounded Warriors”** who have **faithfully served our nation.**
- Support the museums, historical buildings and Armories of units associated with the 34th Division.

“To the Last Man” Chapter, Southern MN



2nd Battalion, 135th Infantry Regiment
Badger Company 2-135 Infantry conducts Company Defense at XCTC 2019! 72 hours of hard work and Soldier discipline resulted in overwhelming destruction of the enemy! More importantly, a ton of lessons were learned from individual Soldier to leaders at all levels during the Annual Training at Camp Ripley, Minnesota July 2019. To the Last Man!



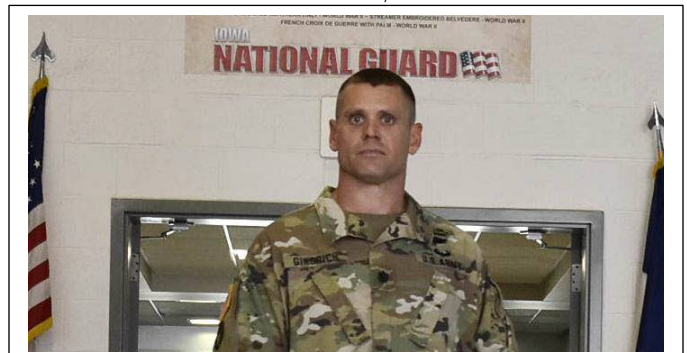
Attack Company 2-135 Infantry issues an operations order in preparation for the 2/34 FTX (Field Training Exercise) as the Capstone Training Event at XCTC Annual Training at Camp Ripley, MN 2019. The soldiers are given a Map Based walk through of the plan of attack, using a large graphic laid on the floor. This is the **modern version of the “Sand Table” model** that were used just a few years ago. The best part of this briefing is that it was done in a Air Conditioned building.

“The Iron Man Chapter, 133rd Infantry Battalion



1st Battalion 133rd Infantry Regiment

Far Left in photo: Platoon Leader e) 1LT Thomas Baumhover Far Right in photo: Acting Platoon Sergeant (at AT): SGT Nicholas Hitchcock. The BN Mortar Platoon was part of the XCTC rotation. They were integrated with the Company defense lanes allowing the maneuver commanders to plan fires and train with their supporting forward observers as well. The Mortars also trained on executing fire missions on the move (hipshoot) with their 120mm towed Mortar Fire Control Systems (MFCS) increasing response time getting rounds down range faster and more accurately, which also increases the mortar platoons survivability. Two of the Soldiers received BN Coins for fulfilling leadership positions above their grade: SGT Hitchcock & SGT Bandin, Dir Cntr Section Leader.



LTC Garrett Gingrich, 39, assumed command of the 1-133rd Infantry Battalion at Waterloo IA in September. Gingrich joined the Guard as a private in 1998 and has served in Iraq & Afghanistan.

168th Infantry Chapter (SE Iowa Red Bulls)
President: [Robert Wege](#) Sec: [Leslie Jerome](#)
Our chapter is forty members strong. Our members meet at monthly luncheons or dinners. We also host an annual Christmas Dinner at the Armory.
Contact: nicholas.jedlicka@gmail.com
Council Bluffs Chapter, 34th Inf. Div. Assn.

34th Infantry Division National Membership Application Form

NOTE: If your address Label shows (L), (W), (T) or (O) you do not owe dues for the Current Year

- () Enclosed is \$10.00 for my Annual Membership in the 34th Infantry Division Association. Annual membership period is – 1 Sep thru 31 Aug of each year. (Open to past and present members of units / organizations assigned to the 34th Inf Div or soldiers who have been members of the National Guard for six years or longer.)
- () Enclosed is \$10.00 for my Associate Membership in the 34th Infantry Division Association. (Annual Fee) (Period is – 1 Sep thru 31 Aug of each year). (Individuals who do not meet membership requirements, ie: Spouses , Friends, Other Services)
- () Enclosed is \$_____ for my LIFE MEMBERSHIP in the 34th Infantry Division Association.
(See Fee Schedule Below) {No Further Annual Fee}.
To Age 60 \$100.00 At age 60 & older \$50.00
- () Enclosed is \$ _____ for my donation to the 34th Infantry Division Memorial Fund.
(Maintain all monuments and annual flowers for the Cemeteries in North Africa, Italy & U.S.)

Name _____ Street _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 E-Mail: _____ Phone Number _____
 AGE _____ Military Unit/ Organization _____ Signature: _____

Note: The purpose of the 34th Infantry Division Association is to preserve the history of the 34th Divisional units & attached organizations of soldiers that have served their nation since 1917. The National Association schedules an annual meeting each September.

The National Secretary is COL (Ret) Russ Bierl. His E Mail address is bierlhome@msn.com The National Association WEB Site is <http://www.34ida.org> Phone No 515-252-4531 or email goldstarmuseum@iowa.gov
 A newsletter is sent to current members three times a year by U.S. mail. All newsletter are shown on the Association WEB site.
 The Iowa Gold Star Military Museum maintains an office for the association. WEB site www.iowanationalguard.com

Museum Store - 34th Inf Div Assn Price List – Dec 2013

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| 34 th Red Bull Polo Shirts Size _____ | \$ 25.00 | 34 th Red Bull Div Insignia Pins (Lapel Pin) | \$5.00 |
| 34 th Red Bull T-Shirt Size _____ | \$15.00 | Red Bull Patch (Black & Red) | \$5.00 |
| 34 th Div "Red" Red Bull Ball Cap | \$15.00 | 34 th Div Red Bull Neck Tie | \$15.00 |
| 34 th Red Bull Window Decal | \$2.00 | 34 th Div Red Bull Flag (3X5') | \$65.00 |
| 34 th Red Bull Jacket Size _____ | \$45.00 | Red Bull Memo Pads, 50 Sheet | \$ 2.00 |
| 34 th Div "Camouflage" Red Bull Ball Cap | \$15.00 | 34 th Red Bull Coffee Mug | \$ 6.00 |

Books Available: Roaring Bull, 34th Infantry Division in the Global War on Terror\$25.00

*Add \$5.00 for shipping the first ITEM and \$2.00 per each added ITEM in the same shipment.

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133rd Infantry “Iron Man Chapter” News

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Treasurer: Curley Albrecht ronald.l.albrecht4.ctr@mail.mil

The Waterloo Iron Man Chapter of the Association was formed in 1947. It was reactivated in the Summer of 2019 through the efforts of Soldiers, Veterans and friends of the Waterloo-based 133rd Infantry Battalion, to cover all the **many “Red Bull” units and veterans in NE Iowa.**

The Chapter meets Quarterly at the 133rd **Inf Bn HQ’s Army** and Cedar Falls ANVETS.

Please send a note to Marv Peters to get the date and time for the next meeting.

Contact:

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Iron Man Chapter, 34th Inf. Div. Assn.

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