



THE DISPATCH

102nd Cavalry Regiment Association - The Essex Troop



17 March 2025

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

We made it through another winter, and we look forward to better weather in the coming months. The Annual Business Meeting of the 102nd Cavalry Regiment Association is scheduled for 26 April 2025 at 1400 hours in the West Orange Armory.

This year could be considered a mid-term election year. There are two seats open for election for the Board of Trustees. The Essex Troop is a unique organization in that our Board members are also working members of the Association. These are the guys that are primarily responsible for setting up the Christmas party, arranging for the baseball outing in June. So, when someone is elected to the Board they are expected to "get their hands dirty!" Below are the standards for election to the Board of Trustees, if you are interested get your letter in to the Adjutant immediately.

CONSTITUTION OF THE ESSEX TROOP(Extract) ARTICLE IV

The number of Trustees shall be nine (9) of whom shall be elected and shall be divided into three classes, to hold office for a period of three (3) years from the date of their election or until their successors shall be elected and qualified. The election of each class shall be staggered so that two (2) Trustees, comprising a class, shall be elected each year at the appropriate annual meeting corresponding to each expiration of term of office. The Immediate Past President, the President and the First Vice-President shall be Trustees ex officio. Three Trustees shall be, insofar as may be practical, ineligible for active military service or recall thereof.

BY-LAWS OF THE ESSEX TROOP (Extract)

ARTICLE V ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Section 1. Election of Officers and Trustees will take place at the Annual business meeting. Elections for the

offices of President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Adjutant, Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms will occur during even numbered years.

Section 2. Nominations for all open/vacant positions will be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Nominating Committee not later than March 31 of that year.

Nominations received after March 31 will not be accepted. Each letter of nomination shall specify the position being sought and appropriate statements that specify that the individual meets the qualifications for the office sought. The Chair will review each nomination and verify that the candidates meet the following criteria:

a). The candidate has been a dues paying member for five (5) years.

b). The candidate has paid dues for three (3) years preceding nomination, Life members excluded.

c). The candidate has been an active participant in the meetings and social functions of the Troop for the preceding three (3) years.

d). The candidate is willing to devote the time in the performance of the office.

e). Candidates for the office of Trustee shall be Life Members.

f). Nomination from the floor; for the office of president, first vice-president and trustee, during the general election of officers and trustees will not be accepted.

g). Nominations from the floor will be allowed, for the office of Second vice-president, Adjutant, Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms; if qualified, during the general election of officers and trustees.

h). The Chair of the Nominating Committee will notify the membership in writing no later than the 1st of April as to the names of the candidates conforming to the Articles and Sections of the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 3. Voting for all positions shall be conducted by voice vote of the members present, unless there is a contested position. In said case, a paper ballot shall be used to determine the winning candidate. A signed proxy vote may be utilized by any dues paying member or Life Member who cannot, for good cause, attend the meeting and personally cast a vote. Said proxy vote must be delivered to the Adjutant prior to the date of the election. Electronic votes shall be acceptable

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provided that the member meets voting eligibility, and the email address clearly identifies the voting member.

Section 4. Removal of Elected Individual(s). The President may, with the advice and consent of the majority of trustees, suspend or remove from office any individual(s) who, for cause, impairs the effective conduct and efforts of the organization.

Once again there are two positions up for election in the coming business meeting.

BASEBALL TICKETS

Mark your calendars and save the date. The 6th Annual 102d Cavalry Regiment Association Baseball outing is scheduled for:

**Somerset Patriots
vs.
Portland Sea Dogs
Saturday
14 June 2025
Gates open at 6pm,
game time 705pm**

The Committee is working on the catering for food and drink arrangements. Watch out for an announcement in the next week or so about the cost and availability of seats.

TROOP WEBSITE

When you get the opportunity check out the Association's website at:

102cavalry.org

The archives section contains over 5000 pages of documents and photos. We update the site every month and are planning some new features sometime this year.

HELP WANTED

The Troop needs a Facebook manager to assist with the maintenance of our Facebook page. If you are interested and can help out, please send

an email to Walter Hill at essex.troop@yahoo.com

Qualifications: willing to work and a working knowledge of Facebook ins and outs.

BOOKKEEPER NEEDED

The Association is looking for a Bookkeeper to assist in the management of the financial records for the Association.

The Association is currently using QuickBooks, experience in using QuickBooks is a BIG plus. Compensation for this position is available.

If you or someone you know is interested, please email Walter Hill at essex.troop@yahoo.com

REMEMBER THE DATES

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| 5 APRIL | RHI | 0830-1300 |
| 26 APRIL | Annual Business Mtg | |
| | 1400 hours WOA | |
| 3 MAY | RHI | 0830-1300 |
| 17 MAY | St Joan Award Luncheon | |
| | 1400 hrs WOA | |
| 7 JUNE | RHI | 0830-1300 |
| 14 JUNE | Annual Baseball Social | |
| | 1830 hrs Somerset Ballpark | |
| 12 JULY | RHI | 0830-1300 |
| 2 AUGUST | RHI | 0830-1300 |
| 6 SEP | RHI | 0830-1300 |
| 4 OCT | RHI | 0830-1300 |
| 18 OCT | Annual Muster of the Regiment | |
| | 1400 hours WOA | |
| 1 NOV | RHI | 0830-1300 |
| 7 DEC | Annual Christmas Social | |
| | Christmas Hawaiian Style | |

