



THE DISPATCH

102nd Cavalry Regiment Association - The Essex Troop



3 April 2025

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

26 APRIL 2025

1400 hours

Annual Business Meeting!

There will be a brief update on the Associations' activities from 2024 and the future projects coming in 2025-26.

There will be an election for two trustee positions.

Following the business at hand, lunch and refreshment will be served in the Trooper's Bar.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As better weather starts to take over, the Essex Troop moves into a season of historical milestones. May of 1890 marks when the first call went out to organize a troop of cavalry in Newark, NJ. Our founder Colonel James E. Fleming referred to this organization as "A

mounted body, a troop of cavalry." As was the custom in those days, a letter went out, approximately sixty copies from a local print shop. One June 3, 1890, fifty men attended the first meeting, forty of the fifty attendees sign the charter.

Another nineteen men would sign on within a few days. The final roster dated June 3, 1890, indicated there were thirteen officers and NCO's and forty-six troopers. The roster further records there were six sets of brothers, three prominent business men from Newark, two lawyers, two accountants and one politician.

Three years later, the Troop would be mustered into the NJ National Guard by Colonel Michael T. Barrett on the evening of May 17, 1893. At this time the Troop assembled at the Hill's Roseville Riding Academy, the site of the current Newark Armory. Short of equipment, arrangements were made to borrow pistols and sabers from Troop A of the NY National Guard. Additional arrangements were made for each Trooper to purchase a saddle suitable for cavalry drills from J. Newton Van Ness Manufacturer of Saddlery Hardware on Mechanic St in Newark at the cost of \$12.50.

Other notable dates:

24 April 1895 – Monmouth Troop mustered into NJNG

29 May 1913 – First Squadron of Cavalry NJNG organized

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12 July 1916 – Squadron mustered into federal service for the Mexican Border

28 July 1917 – Squadron mustered into federal service for WW I

9 December 1919 – Squadron reorganized after WW I

1 March 1921 – Squadron reorganized into 1st Cavalry Regiment NJNG

17 August 1921 – Regiment reorganized as 102nd Cavalry Regiment

16 November 1940 – Regiment alerted for possible mobilization to federal service

6 January 1941 – Regiment mobilized for federal service

8 June 1944 – Group and squadron land at Omaha Beach, Normandy, France

23 September 1946 – Regiment reorganized after WW II

1 February 1968 – Regiment and battalions reorganized as 102nd Armor Regiment.

12-27 April 2005 – ordered to federal active duty.

11-26 April 2005 - ordered to federal active duty

16 June 2008 - ordered to federal active duty deployed to Iraq, released from federal active duty on 20 July 2009

21 January 2019 - ordered to federal active duty for service in Somalia and Jordan

15 October 2023 - ordered to federal active duty for service in Jordan during Operation Inherent Resolve. Released from active duty on 10 December 2024.

REMEMBER THE DATES (CORRECTION NOTICE)

5 APRIL RHI 0830-1300

26 APRIL Annual Business Mtg
1400 hours WOA

3 MAY RHI 0830-1300

***18 MAY St Joan Award Luncheon
1400 hrs WOA (Correction)**

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



HELP WANTED

BOOKKEEPER. The Association needs to find a bookkeeper to assist in records our financial transactions on a weekly schedule. If you or anyone you may know that has computer skills and is willing to work the position, please have them send an email to Essex.troop@yahoo.com. There is compensation for this activity.

PART-TIME ARCHIVIST. The Essex Troop currently has over 3000 pictures in one format or another. We need help to organize these photos. If you are interested in serving in this position, please send an email to: Essex.troop@yahoo.com.

FACEBOOK PAGE MANAGER. The Essex Troop currently has an ACTIVE Facebook Page and we need someone to help manage this modern method of communication. If you are interested in serving in this position, please send an email to: Essex.troop@yahoo.com.