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34th ID Change of Command

Brig. Gen. Benjamin Corell took command of the 34th Infantry Division in a ceremony on Saturday, December 9th at the 34th Infantry Division Headquarters at the Community Center and Armory in Rosemount, MN.

Brig. Gen. Corell succeeds Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen, who last month became the adjutant general of the Minnesota National Guard.

Brig. Gen. Corell is currently the deputy adjutant general of the Iowa Army National Guard, which is home to the 34th Infantry Division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team. Brig. Gen. Corell was brigade commander of the 2nd IBCT from 2010 to 2012 and led the brigade during a deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Brig Gen Corell had earlier commanded the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry located in North East Iowa with a headquarters in Waterloo. During the 2005–2007 Iraqi Freedom mobilization, then Lt. Col.. Corell would command the organization during what is referred to in the division as, "the longest deployment," which extended to just short of two years...

The Red Bulls of the 34th Infantry Division HQ's are preparing for deployment to Kuwait in fall of 2018.



Brig Gen. Corell is shown receiving the 34th Inf Div colors as a symbol of the Change of Command.



Brig. Gen Ben Corell, a 32 year veteran of the Iowa National Guard assumed command of the 34thInfantry Division at Rosemount, MN. Brig Gen Corell is a native of Strawberry Point, Iowa. He enlisted in Company B, 133rd Infantry in Oelwein, IA and attend Officers Candidate School to earn his commission as an Infantry Officer in the Iowa Army National Guard. He recently completed a one-year tour as the deputy commander for NATO Multinational Division-Southeast in Bucharest, Romania.

2018 National Reunion Dates & Site

The dates for the 2018 34th Infantry Division Association Reunion are now set for Friday and Saturday, **12-13 October 2018** at Johnston, Iowa. Please mark it on your calendar now.

The Des Moines Chapter, led by CSM Willie Adams, will host the 2018 34th Inf Div Reunion.

We invite all to attend the next association reunion where current and retired soldiers can meet old friends and meet fellow soldiers who have served our great nation as "Red Bulls." We will have copies of the "Roaring Bull, 34th Infantry Division in the Global War on Terror" book available or purchase at the reunion.

34th Infantry Division Association Iowa Gold Star Museum, Camp Dodge 7105 NW 70TH Ave, Johnston, IA 50131

Greetings RED BULLs,

As students of history, we look to the past as a way to see into the future. Over the last the thirteen years we had over 20,000 Red Bull Soldiers serve throughout the world. Their stories are captured in Roaring Bull, articulating Red Bull contributions to our nation's war effort. As we look to the future our Nation once again is calling the Red Bulls to action.

The 34th Infantry Division HQ is preparing to deploy in 2018, the 34th Combat Aviation Brigade is preparing for a potential 2019 deployment, and 1/34 ABCT, (Armored Brigade Combat Team) is preparing for a potential 2021 deployment. The strong history of the Red Bulls ensures our nation will continue to call upon our Soldiers to do the nations work.

As we look to the future, we must continue to focus our membership drive on our new Soldiers. This not only ensures a strong organization, but also introduces our new Soldiers to the rich history and heritage of the 34th Infantry Division as they write the next chapters of our history.

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34th Infantry Division Final Roll Call Fall 2017

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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.

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New Commander of 34th Infantry Division

Staff Sgt. Christie Smith (Edited) IA NG Public Affairs

Brig. Gen. Benjamin J. Corell, Deputy Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard, assumed command of the 34th Infantry Division "Red Bulls" during a ceremony in Rosemount, Minnesota, on Saturday, December 9, 2017.

The 34th Infantry Divisions ranks are filled by soldiers of the Minnesota and Iowa National Guard.

"I've spent almost my whole career wearing the Red Bull patch," Corell said. Of his 32 years in uniform, Corell has worn the 34th Infantry Division for all but a few. At the beginning of his career he belonged to the 47th Inf Div, before it was reorganized into the 34th Infantry Division of WWI and WWII fame in 1991. The only time he took the Red Bull off was to serve a one-year tour as the deputy commander for NATO Multinational Division-Southeast in Bucharest, Romania.

Corell, originally from Strawberry Point, Iowa, joined the Iowa National Guard in 1986 for a \$5,000 cash bonus. He and his wife Beth had a growing family to support. "I needed extra money because I had three kids and they were hungry all the time," Corell laughed. At 24, Corell was a little older than many of the recruits joining right out of high school. "When I went to [basic training], they called me grandpa," Corell said. Corell was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry, 2nd Inf Bde Combat Team in Oelwein, Iowa as a new private. His commander at the time encouraged him to go to Officer Candidate School. "I wasn't sure what that was, but I went," Corell said.

started down a long path of leadership assignments that took him through every stage of command in the lowa National Guard's 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team.

"We've kind of paralleled paths through our whole career," said Maj. Gen. Timothy Orr, Adjutant General of the Iowa National Guard. Orr and Corell served as platoon leaders in separate companies in 1-133rd Infantry at the same time. Later, as they moved through their careers, Corell was often one of Orr's trusted subordinates. Orr said Corell was a part-time Soldier for the majority of his career. Corell owned a business, did volunteer work in his community, raised a family, and served the Iowa National Guard one weekend a month and, typically, for a few weeks in the summer. "He is the

epitome of what I would say is a traditional Guardsman," Orr said.

Despite his traditional status, Corell's service has been rather non-traditional. He has served on five overseas deployments – one of them, coined The Long Deployment by Iowa Red Bulls, lasted nearly two years. "He's deployed at every level," Orr said. "He probably has more deployments and deployment time than any other officer in his equivalent position in the country." His experience commanding, and deploying, at every level on his way to division command, makes him uniquely qualified for the job, according to Orr.

"In addition to his personal skill sets [and] his dedication, his overall military background makes him the right person for the position," Orr said. In July 2017, Corell was named Orr's deputy adjutant general of the Iowa Army National Guard, a position he will continue to hold in the near term while serving as the division commander for the 34th Infantry Division on drill weekends.

The Long Deployment

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Joel Arnold, a former Iowa Guard Soldier and 34th Infantry Division command sergeant major, has served closely with Corell during his 32years of duty. "The thing I appreciate about his leadership style is that he absolutely demands and allows subordinates to do their job," Arnold said. Arnold first served as a squad leader under Corell when he commanded Company B, 1-133rd Infantry in 1996.



Maj. Gen. Ben Corell is speaking at the Change of Command of the Division at Rosemount, MN.

Later, Arnold would be Corell's command sergeant major at both the battalion and brigade levels.

"He was always very, respectful and faithful to his senior Non-Commissioned Officer," Arnold said. "He recognized clearly the line of responsibility between officers and Non-Commissioned Officers, and as a commander he allowed me full range and supported the recommendations and decisions I made as his sergeant major."

In 2005, Corell and Arnold took the 1st Battalion, 133rd Infantry to Iraq with the 1st ABCTof the Minnesota Guard, for what was sure to be a routine combat deployment for two seasoned infantrymen. Almost two years later, the battalion returned. "We started getting inquiries from families back home about, 'Hey, we hear you're getting extended,' and at that time, we didn't know it," Corell remembered. The rumors were true and in early 2007, Corell received news his battalion was staying in Iraq for up to an additional 180 days.

"We were outside the wire every day and there was an enemy out there that was aggressively trying to do as much damage to our formation as they could," Corell said. "So we had to keep our heads screwed on straight." Arnold said Corell made his expectations clear to the battalion's leadership. "He kept his leadership team together and made sure everyone knew that the Soldiers in the unit were going to be taking their clues off our reaction," Arnold said. And then, Arnold said, "the 1-133rd Infantry went back to business as usual.

A decade later, Minnesota and Iowa Red Bulls still refer to the time spanning 2005-2007 as The Long Deployment." Though there's little fanfare about the length of their stay in Iraq, because, perhaps, that's the Red Bull way.

Attack Attack Attack

In WWII, the 34th Infantry Division – whose motto is "Attack! Attack! Attack!" – spent more days in consecutive combat in the European Theater than any other division in the U.S. military. In Corell's office, there's a photo of him sitting in front of a Red Bull emblem with a WWII veteran.

"When I was a kid, my dad was a Marine Corps vet and he would take me to the Legion Hall...and that's where I first saw the Red Bull," Corell said. "It was on WWII veterans that were from my hometown. The respect that the other members of those associations gave to those WWII vets was noticeable to me, even as a kid."

Maj. Gen. Tim Orr pointed to the service Red Bull Soldiers gave in WW I & II and to the impact Red Bull deployments have had on small Midwestern towns as they've sent their sons and daughters to war. "We've got blood and sacrifice that has come out of the 34th that relates back to our communities and relates back to our families," Orr said.

Moving the ball down the field

"I can't think of any time that I thought to myself, 'God, I wish I hadn't done this,'" Corell said, looking back on a career full of hard work and nights away from his wife Beth and his three sons.

As a father to three young boys in the beginning, Corell was aware he was setting an example. I didn't overtly ask them to join," Corell laughed, remembering teaching his sons to rappel from trees in the backyard and hosting a weekly Meals-Ready-to-Eat night.

All three of Corell's sons serve as Soldiers in the National Guard and all three wear the 34th Infantry Division's Red Bull patch.

With a career spanning three decades, Corell said he's not ready to quit just yet. "I can look back and say I've had a great career," Corell said. "But I still feel I have something left to offer – in this position here and as the division commander of the 34th Infantry Division. I'm excited about moving the ball down the field in the time that I have left here."

With two offices in two states, Corell's ability to influence future leaders expands.

"The majority of my career, I've been the commander of something," Corell said. "And when you are the commander, either you're able to make a decision or you're able to lead others to help them make a decision. And if you can do that effectively and successfully, then you probably should have the opportunity to command at the next level."

Conclusion

Corell's pride in the Red Bull and the Midwest Soldiers who wear the patch is strong. "As I look at my experience as a Red Bull Soldier, I couldn't be prouder," Corell said. "Not only of the service and sacrifice of those that went before us, but of the service and sacrifice of those that I've served alongside in my career."

Camp Cody New Mexico, October 1917



The 34th Inf Div celebrated the 100th Anniversary of it's founding during WWI in 1917. The above photo shows a funeral procession through the main street of Deming, New Mexico. This is possibly the funeral of Private Charles Knutson, from the 2nd Iowa Infantry, who was killed by a lightning strike on the tent cantonment area during a thunder storm the first week of Oct, 1917. Quote from the Camp Cody Newspaper, "The Trench and Camp."

Pvt, Knutson, the K Company barber, was shaving Lester Stinton, when a bolt of lightning struck the tent, instantly killing Knutson and seriously burning Stinton. Sinton was taken to the base hospital where he is now said to be on the way to towards recovery. Private Knutson lived in Jewell, Iowa, and enlisted about the first of April. He was 25 years of age. Private Stinton's home is Akron, Iowa, he having enlisted about the same time as Knutson.

The 2nd Iowa Infantry would soon become the 133rd Infantry Regiment after the U.S. Army implemented the new national regimental system. Pvt. Lester Stinton would continue his service in the 34th Infantry Division.

The 34th Infantry Division deployed to France in September 1918, and arrived in theater just prior to the Armistice on November 11, 1918.

The Red Bull Insignia

The symbol of the 34th Infantry Division features a red bull skull imposed on the shape of an "olla", a Mexican ceramic water container. The insignia is a nod to the region and the harsh training conditions at Camp Cody, New Mexico in 1917, where the Red Bulls were training to deploy for Europe.

The motto of the 34th Infantry Division is "Attack! Attack! Attack!"

The original nick name of the 34th Infantry Division in 1917 was the Sand Storm Division, which later evolved to the Red Bull Division during WWII, and has remained ever

The motto really epitomizes the nature of the Division's combat operations in North Africa and Italy during World War Two and was reinforced during the War on Terror deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan.

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34th Infantry Division Association 2018 Year Meeting Site: Iowa Gold Star Museum at Cp Dodge, Johnston, IA

Jan 2018 NO MEETING Happy New Year

Feb 2018 NO MEETING

Mar 20, 2018 Meeting w/ Meal Meal: Curly Albrecht

Apr 17, 2018 Meeting w/ Meal Meal:

May 2018 NO MEETING Memorial Day Event

Jun 19, 2018 Meeting w/ Meal Meal:

Jul 2018 NO MEETING Independence Day

Aug 21, 2018 Mtg, Membership Night Meal

Sep 18, 2018 Meeting / Meal: Reunion Update Oct 12-13, 2018 34th Inf Div Assn. Reunion Johnston, IA

Nov 13, 2018 Meeting/Election/Free Beverage Night Meal:

Update by TAG Iowa,

Dec 2018 ...NO MEETING Merry Christmas

Chapter Dues (\$5) & National Dues (\$10) Due 1 Sept.

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The Treasurer will account for refreshment funds.

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Artist Marvin Cone 34th Infantry Division Patch

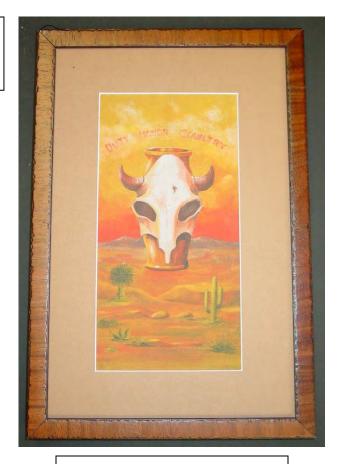
In 1917 young men from the Midwest states of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and South Dakota were mobilized with the 34th Infantry Division to prepare for service in France. The 34th Infantry Division mobilized to Camp Cody, New Mexico for training. Among the young men mobilized from Iowa were young regional artists Grant Wood and Marvin Cone.

While at Camp Cody, the division held a contest to design a shoulder patch that would be worn by the division soldiers. Marvin Cone of Cedar Rapids, IA designed a steer skull imposed on the shape of a Mexican water jar (called an "olla") which recalled the division's desert home not far from the Mexican border. Cone won the contest and the division also adopted the nickname of the "Sandstorm Division." During WWII German soldiers in Italy referred to the soldiers who wore the familiar patch as "Red Devils" or "Red Bulls." The division soon adopted "Red Bulls" as the new nickname replacing the WWI name of the "Sandstorm Division." This patch is still worn by the Soldiers of the 34th Infantry Division today.

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of WWI the 34th Infantry Division Association with the cooperation of the Veteran Memorial Commission Museum and Gallery in Cedar Rapids, Iowa are offering for a limited time a framed, high quality reproduction print of the 1918 Marvin Cone painting "Duty, Honor, Country."

The prints will come completely framed and matted as pictured to the right. Each print will be numbered and this offer will be limited to a run of 334. Each print will come with a certificate of authenticity. The framed size of the print is 10.5" x 16".

Pre-sales only. This may be your only opportunity to own this piece of 34th Infantry Division history. Orders will begin shipping around the 1st of April.



Duty, Honor, Country

The print framed as pictured is available for \$80.00 plus \$20.00 shipping online with PayPal at www.34ida.org/paypal.html or by mail with the form below.

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"ROARING BULL

The 34th Infantry Division in the Global War on Terror"

By Brian Leehan

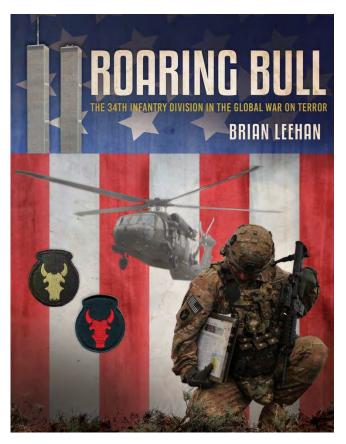
Published October 2017, this book is made available through the efforts of the 34th Infantry Division Association, a non-profit organized to support the soldiers and veterans of the 34 Infantry Division.

The book is a comprehensive overview of the 34th Infantry Division's part in the Global War on Terror from 2001 to 2017. The book is bursting with first-person accounts of soldiers in the field — stories of hardship, comradeship and the pride in service shared by Red Bulls in the deserts of Iraq, the mountains of Afghanistan, as well as in Bosnia, Kosovo, Sinai, Kuwait and sites within the US. The hardcover book includes maps, graphics and nearly 200 color photos that aid in telling the story.

Each 34th Infantry Division unit is covered; details of deployments, combat operations and the return home tell a universal story of all those who served. A special memorial section includes all soldiers who were killed in action while in service with the division.

We offer this book to give each soldier, and their family, a publication to remember their service and their part in the Global War on Terror.

Visit <u>www.34ida.org</u>, for information on the 34th Infantry Division Association and becoming a member.



The book is available for \$37 online with Paypal at www.34ida.org/paypal.html or by mail with the form below.

Books can also be purchased for \$32 at the following museum store locations:

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