



MINUTES – **78th** ANNUAL REUNION
Camp Dodge, IA HOST: Des Moines Chapter

SATURDAY – 27 Sep 2025

President Dan Cain called the business meeting to order at 0817 hrs.

The President called for all to rise and face the Colors. President Cain led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Daryl Drake gave the Invocation.

President Cain called for a Roll Call of Current Officers of the Association: Secretary Ed Graybill called the Roll Call of Officers by name. Those present are marked with a P, and those Absent A, those Excused marked with a X.

34th Infantry Division Assn. Officers & Trustees (FY 2024-2025 Current)

2025-2026 Officer /Trustee Roll Call, Present, Absent, Excused

President SGM (Ret) Danial Cain IA	P	
1 st VP MG (Ret) Jerry Lang MN	P	
2nd VP BG (Ret) Michael Beaman IA		X
Past President SGM Lucas Queck		X
1 Year Trustees		
COL (Ret) Ron “Curly” Albright		X
LTC Randall Stanford	A	
LTC (Ret) Jeremy DeGier MN		X
LTC (Ret) Daryl Drake	P	
2 Year Trustees		
CW5 (Ret) Herman Poggensee	P	
1SG (Ret) Larry Woodworth	P	
BG (Ret) Paul Wieck	P	
CSM (Ret) Chris Stroner MN	P	
3 Year Trustees		
COL (Ret) Dr. Chris White	P	
MSG (Ret) Daniel Ewer MN		X
LTC (Ret) Rose Williams		X
COL (Ret) Russ Bierl, Asst. Secretary	P	
Secretary COL (Ret) Ed Graybill		
Treasurer COL (Ret) Mark Newhall	P	
SGT at Arms MSG Zack Richardson	A	
Website Mgr / Historian MSG Daniel Ewer, MN		X
Chaplain CHP Col Martha Kester, Appointed		X

Secretary Minutes / Report: The president called for Secretary Ed Graybill to read the minutes of the 2025 Reunion business meeting that was held at Camp Dodge, Iowa. Ed Graybill stated, “Mr. President, I ask that we accept last year’s minutes as published. If there are any exceptions or additions, please let me know and I will make the changes.” There were no corrections to the minutes. Motion to approve by Doug Clabaugh. Seconded by Russ Bierl. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Russell Bierl stated that he and Ed Graybill will get together the next week to submit the Federal Income Tax Return of the Association to the IRS using the automated, on line IRS Form 990. This report was filed on Tuesday, 30 Sep 2025. No Taxes were due this year as our income was under \$50,000.

Russ Bierl stated that we are in good Corporate Standing with the State of Iowa and the Federal IRS as a recognized Non-Profit with a Registered EIN #80-0670639. All associate Chapters of the Association use the National EIN Number.

Treasurers Report: The President called for the presentation of the Treasurers report. Mark Newhall presented the Treasurers Report. Please refer to the enclosed spread sheet as Exhibit 1. (Grinnell State Bank, Johnston, IA)

As of 9/21/2025

Month: 9/1/24-8/31/25

Year: 2025

Beginning Account Balances

Memorial Fund	10,230.46
Business Fund	19,122.79
Cash on Hand	-
PayPal Fund	5,125.69
CD 39963	7,751.38
CD 39964	2,574.18
CD 40421	<u>15,869.08</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>60,673.58</u></u>

Revenues

Membership Dues	
- Annual (8)	75.35
- Life (22)	1,588.53
- Unknown	-
Donations	
- Operations	100.00
- Memorial	15.00
- Reunion	

Store Sales	2,428.20
Roaring Bull Sales	110.00
Website Sales	-
Interest Income	1,080.25
Miscellaneous	490.83
Total Receipts	5,888.16

Expenses

Complimentary Registration	
Network Solutions	-
Memorial Activity (Flowers)	504.27
Office Supplies	-
Newsletter Expenses (Postage/tape/etc)	224.97
Postage (Lifemember Card/Merchandise)	115.40
Inventory Purchase	833.17
Reunion Expenses	-
Army Historical Foundation Dues	-
Bank/Credit Card Fees	88.19
Miscellaneous	1,229.06
Total Expenditures	2,995.06

Calculated Balance	<u>63,566.68</u>	(Begin Balance + Revenues - Expenses)
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Account Balances

Memorial Fund	9,741.19	
Business Fund	20,141.03	
Cash on Hand	-	
PayPal Fund	6,409.57	Explain the Pay Pal Balance

CD 39963	8,003.50	
CD 39964	2,676.06	
CD 40421	<u>16,595.33</u>	
Total Assets	<u>63,566.68</u>	-

+Continued Treasurer Report **New**

We started the year with total assets of \$60,673.58. This includes our business account, memorial fund, PayPal account and two Certificates of Deposit. Both of those CDs were closed during the year. One was rolled into a new CD. The other was split into two smaller CDs over a relative short time period. The remaining balance was deposited into the Memorial Fund.

Total Revenues for the year were \$5,888.16. The majority or \$2,538.20 came from merchandise sales at the Gold Star Museum on Camp Dodge. In addition to that we took in \$1,663.88 in membership dues, \$115 in donations, and \$1,080.25 in interest from our CDs.

Total expenses for the year were \$2,995.06. Our biggest expense, \$833.17, this year was the purchase of merchandise for sale in the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum. \$750 for the purchase of memorial bricks of past National Association Presidents at the museum. Another ongoing expense from the Memorial Fund is place wreaths in the American Cemeteries in Italy where the majority of 34th ID soldiers are interred. This year those wreaths cost \$504.27. Our Italian Chapter continues to be instrumental in coordinating with local vendors as well as assisting with the presentation of the wreaths on the Association’s behalf.

We ended the year with total assets of \$63,566.68. Read down the list of account balances. I have coordinated with COL (Ret) Al Meyer, Retired USP&FO Iowa, to conduct the audit of this year’s accounts.

NOTE: This report does not include two 2024-2025 transactions that were made following the 8/30/2025 end of the FY reporting period Year. On 9/15/2025, a deposit of \$1,242.82 was made for June, July and August 2025 museum sales. On 9/16/2025, a payment of \$908.17 was made for a July purchase of 60 camouflage hats for sale in the museum in which the vendor failed to bill in a timely manner. (The organizations FY is 1 Sep thru 31 Aug.)

Motion to approve by Herman Poggensee. Seconded by Chris Stoner. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

FY 2025 Membership Report

Discussion on inclusion of the 34 Division Sustainment Brigade (DSB) into the 34 ID Association, and possibility of new Chicago/ 34 DSB Chapter by Ed Graybill. 34 DSB officially changed their name from the 108 Sustainment Brigade (a Corps Sustainment Brigade) to the new 34th Division Sustainment Brigade on 02 September 2023. Since that time the new commander, COL Elizabeth Roxworthy, has been working to officially re-patch the 34th DSB to the 34 ID Red Bull patch. The 34th DSB hopes to conduct a re-patching ceremony in October 2025 at Fort McCoy, WI. MG Jerry Lang suggested that Ed Graybill coordinate with the 34th DSB to attend the 34 DSB Re-patching Ceremony as a representative of the 34 ID Association to encourage Esprit de Corps and membership into the 34 ID Association with the purpose to extend a formal invitation to COL Roxworthy and the 34 DSB to become a new Chapter for the 34 ID Association. Chris Klink, MG Jerry Lang and many others stated that they would help with providing By-Laws and assistance to the 34 DSB to help form a new chapter and encourage membership and comradery as part of the Red Bulls. Ed Graybill said that he would contact the BDE S-1 at 34 DSB and coordinate this with the 34 DSB team.

Currently there are 494 members of the National Association. These include annual and lifetime members as well as spouse of deceased members, associate members and units who receive the Association's newsletter which is sent out three times a year. This includes life members of the former Tri-State Chapter. During Fiscal Year 2025, the Association added a total of 30 new members and removed 51 members from the rolls resulting in a decrease of 21 members. Details on new membership numbers are found on the financial sheet shown as Exhibit A.

The current membership list includes

- 30 Annual Members
- 2 Associate Members
- 426 Life Members
- 6 Spouses
- 5 Units
- 25 Tri-State Life Members
- 494 Total Members

Daryl Drake moved to accept the report. Second by Herman Poggensee, Unanimous. Motion Carried

The only old business was to reiterate the purpose of the organization.

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 former soldiers who pass later.
- Gather and maintain the History of the Organizations, Units and Soldiers of the 34th Infantry Division.
- Support our "Wounded Warriors" who have faithfully served our nation and assist their families today.
- Support the museums, historical building and Armories of units associated with the 34th Infantry Division.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS;

Time and Place Committee Report was presented by Dan Cain for the 78th Annual Reunion:

Camp Ripley, MN Dates 02-03 October 2026

A motion was made by Doug Clabaugh w/ a 2nd by Mark Newhall to approve the Commander's Own Chapter recommendation to host the 2026 Annual Reunion of the 34th Infantry Division Association at Camp Ripley, MN. The President asked for a Vote on the question. Motion Carried. Unanimous. Passed.

The 2026 Reunion is set for 02-03 October 2026, at Camp Ripley, MN

Nominations Committee:

Report and recommendation by Carroll Tungesvik of the Nominations Committee for the 2025/2026 year.

An Initial Motion for Discussion on upcoming Trustee & Officer Election / Appointees for the organization FY 25-26 FY, was made by Carroll Tungesvik. A second to the motion was made by Doug Clabaugh. Motion to approve by Carroll Tungesvik. MG Jerry Lang asked Russ Bierl to open the discussion. on the issue to be discussed. Discussion followed. Russ Bierl noted that BG Paul Wieck would like to step down as Trustee after serving for four (4) years. Mark Newhall has volunteered to serve as a new Trustee beginning 01 January 2026, as he is stepping down as National Treasurer with his resignation effective 31 December 2025, or later, depending when the parties of (Newhall, Cain and Bierl) together on the same date, all sign the Bank Checking and CD Documents at the Grinnell State Bank in Johnston, IA.

Motion to approve the Nomination by Carroll Tungesvik, Seconded by Doug Clabaugh. Unanimous. Motion Carried to vote on these items during the National Election that will follow.

Election: There were no additional nominations from the floor. President Jerry Lang called three times for any additional nominations from the floor. No Response!

Motion by Carroll Tunesvik, with 2nd by Chris Stroner to accept the names as nominated. Vote Unanimous Consent, Motion Carried. Passed

Officers elected by acclamation. Congratulations to all.

Resolutions Committee: Secretary Ed Graybill reported there were no resolutions presented to by the 2025 Resolutions Committee. No action taken on Resolutions

Other New Business:

FACEBOOK and Web Site Report:

Herman Poggensee called and Texted in his report for the Five Facebook Pages managed. - All pages now have uniform information including a YouTube video page. - 34IDA Facebook has approximately 2,500+ with 25 different pages following.

- Minnesota “Commanders Own” Chapter.

- 1st MN Facebook has 700+ followers. - Commander's Own Facebook has 400 followers.

- Des Moines Facebook has 173+ with 13 different pages following our posts.

- Iron Man/Waterloo Facebook has 775 followers with 25 different page followers. CW5 Marv Peters is the Administrator, and CW5 Herman Poggensee.

- 168th Inf Bn Council Bluffs does not have a FB page for the 34 ID Assn. The Bn does have a unit FB page [<https://www.facebook.com/168INBN/>]. We need all organizations to share posts directly to the National page.

-Italian Ironman Battalion Chapter 34th Inf Div Association has 823 followers, with 62 page (different) followers. Mr. Alessandro Querci is the Administrator. FB address is:

<https://www.facebook.com/ironman.battalion/>.

The 34th Infantry Division WEB Site is to be used by anyone who has an interest in the affairs of the division. We now have a site for all Chapters to post their information. The Chapters include: Des Moines Chapter; Council Bluffs Chapter; Minnesota “Commanders Own” Chapter: Mankato - “The 1st Minnesota, To The Last Man” Chapter; Waterloo “Iron Man” Chapter.

WEB Site Name: <http://www.34ida.org>

He gave us numbers of users and the average daily traffic.

- PayPal option now on Website for Reunion Registration fees

- New Iron Man/Waterloo page

- Link to new Italian Chapter

- Update information has been requested of all chapter leaders

Motion to approve, Carroll Tunesvik with 2nd Mark Newhall. Moved & seconded to approve Report. Passed.

**34th Infantry Division Association Officers
Election New for 2025-2026 Year**

The names of all Officers and Trustees are shown who were Elected or appointed at the annual Business Meeting.

President MG (Ret) Jerry Lang MN
1st VP BG (Ret) Michael Beaman IA
2nd VP COL (Ret), John Kolb MN
Past President SGM (Ret) Danial Cain IA

1 Year Trustees
CW5 (Ret) Herman Poggensee
1SG (Ret) Larry Woodworth
COL (Ret) Mark Newhall
SGM (Ret) Chris Stroner MN

2 Year Trustees
COL (Ret) Dr. Chris White
MSG (Ret) Daniel Ewer MN
LTC (Ret) Rose Williams
COL (Ret) Russ Bierl

3 Year Trustees
COL (Ret) Ron “Curly” Albrecht
LTC Randall Stanford
LTC (Ret) Jeremy DeGier MN
LTC (Ret) Daryl Drake

Secretary COL (Ret) Ed Graybill
Treasurer COL (Ret) Mark Newhall (until 31 Dec 2025 or assumption of duties by SGM (Ret) Dan Cain) upon the Signature date at Grinnell State Bank.
SGT at Arms Pending (Appointed by President)
Website Mgr / Historian MSG (Ret) Daniel Ewer,
Chaplain CHP COL Martha Kester (Appointed)
Secretary (Asst) COL (Ret) Russ Bierl (Appointed)

Chapter Reports:

Des Moines Chapter. Carroll Tungesvik, Des Moines Chapter Secretary, gave a report on what the Des Moines Chapter did during the past year. This past year now have 76 paid members and this year the Chapter met six times for dinner meetings. Recently had 39 members attend our dinner meeting. All is well in the Des Moines Chapter.

Council Bluffs Chapter. A report was given by Russ Bierl that the chapter meets socially once a month in Council Bluffs. This year they have had two No Host Social meetings after drill at a local refreshment facility. The 1st Battalion, 168th Infantry Regiment's Facebook site is <https://www.facebook.com/168INBN/>. SFC Jim McCoy, battalion HR NCO, is the POC for the 1-168 FB page (phone – 212-322-1168, cell – 402-990-9555).

Minnesota Commanders Own Chapter: Chad Sackett is the president and the "Commander's Own" Chapter that meets four times a year at the Arden Hills, Minnesota, the site of the new 34th Inf Div HQ's Armory. Two meetings after drills and two meetings at a local Veterans organization. They have had a good money making project with the Whiskey Bottle Sales sponsored by Brother Justus Whiskey Company (brotherjustus.com). Excerpt from the Brother Justus website honoring the Red Bulls' legacy, "The Commanders Own Chapter of the 34th Infantry Division Association selected this exclusive spirit handcrafted by Brother Justus Whisky Company from Minnesota-sourced malted barley and aged up to 3 years in Minnesota white oak barrels, blended with whisky aged at least 2 years for robust oak character". They are proud to report that money continues to be raised with Whiskey Sales which is available through the Brother Justus website and will be available at next year's reunion in Minnesota. This year the Commander's Own presented three (3) \$500 scholarships. The new Vice President of the chapter is Steve Hall. The unit continues to invite several Senior Leaders to meetings which helps with attendance and recruiting new members as guests. Chad Sackett also mentioned that next year the Commander's Own Chapter will set up tours of the new Minnesota National Guard Museum just outside of Camp Ripley which is one of the premier museums for the Army National Guard. Chad also mentioned that they may also provide tours of the 34th Infantry Division Headquarters on the Friday of the Reunion if members are interested. The new 34th ID Headquarters in Arden Hills is an amazing facility, which also has many significant historical displays and a 34th ID gift shop as well.

First Minnesota To The Last Man Chapter: Chris Stroner gave a report. The Chapter continues to meet at the Stillwater VFW on a non-regular basis. They meet each year at the Cemetery Grave Site of the Gettysburg Regimental Commander of the 1st Minnesota, COL William Colvill, on 2 July, at 1800 hrs, the date of the Battle. All are invited. SGM Stroner also sold a case of the Roaring Bull books this year at the Gettysburg observance at the Stillwater Cemetery. Thank you Chris!

Waterloo "Iron Man" Chapter: Report given by Russ Bierl. The chapter is active under the leadership of CW5 Ret Peters. The Chapter serves the Christmas Holiday meal and has a Monthly coffee at the Waterloo Armory from Sep and continues thru May each year. They continue to have the Alumni Dinners on the 3rd Monday in Oct, Jan, Apr and Jul of the year at the HWY 63 Diner in Waterloo.

Italian 133rd "Ironman Battalion" Chapter: Report given by Russ Bierl. The Italian Ironman Chapter is very active conducting several events throughout the year at Camp Darby, Italy. The Italian Ironman Chapter also presents the 34th Inf Div colors at the Florance NBMC WWII cemetery and Rome- Arno NBMC WWII cemetery each year on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day on behalf of the 34th Infantry Division Association. They also present the 34th Infantry Division Memorial Day wreaths at both Italian cemeteries. The Facebook website for the Italian Ironman Chapter is: <https://www.facebook.com/ironman/battalion/>. Mr. Alessandro Querci is the leader of the chapter.

Motion by Paul Wieck. 2nd by Daryl Drake, to accept the reports. Unanimous. Motion Passed.

New Business A: Russ Bierl reminded everyone that the Reunion will be titled, "The 34th Infantry Division Reunion," hosted by the 34th Infantry Division Association. It is a reunion for all Red Bulls, not just for members of the Association.

President Elect Jerry Lang "Thanked" SGM Carrol Tungesvik and 1SG Doug Clabough for all the work he put into the hosting the 78th Annual 34th Infantry Division Reunion at Camp Dodge, IA Sep 26th and 27th. Well Done!!

President's Comments:

President Dan Cain thanked all for attending the annual business meeting, as well as the assistance he received over the past year while serving as president. He thanked everyone again for their enduring support to the 34th Infantry Division, the U.S. Army and our combat soldiers.

The Memorial Service Program and the Banquet with the Guest Speaker, Major General Charles Kemper, former Commander of the 34th Infantry Division, will start at 5:15 pm.

President Cain stated that if there was no further business the morning business meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Resumption of the Association Agenda / Program Evening Events: Banquet

Posting of Colors 5:18, Pledge of Allegiance, Memorial Service by CHP COL Martha Kester, Iowa National Guard Senior Chaplain. The Banquet Dinner was served.

Banquet Speaker for 2025 Reunion, Major General Charles G. Kemper, IV, former Commander of the 34th Infantry Division and current Special Assistant to the Director Army National Guard US Army Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, KS. President Cain presented a 34th Inf Div Assn. Base Ball Cap and “Roaring Bull” War on Terror book as a thank you gifts to MG Charles Kember.

President Dan Cain announced the name of the new president of the Association, Congratulations to MG Jerry Lang, (Serving a second round) as the President of the 34th Infantry Division Association. Dan Cain was presented a 34th Inf Div Base Ball Cap as a token of our thanks for his service as President during the past year.

MG Lang recognized a special “Thank you” to Mr. Robert Rutherford and his wife, Ms. Nancy Rutherford, who traveled all of the way from Lititz, Pennsylvania (near Lancaster) to Camp Dodge for the 34th Infantry Division Reunion! Mr. Rutherford and his wife were former members of the Tri-State Chapter for the 34 ID Association and are Life Members. Mr. Rutherford’s father, Russell, serviced in World War II with I Company, 1-168 Infantry Regiment in both the North Africa and Italian campaigns from 1943-1945.

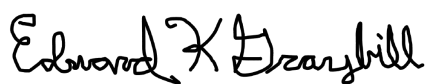
MG Lang noted that key of his goals for the association were to increase membership and awareness of the 34th Infantry Division Association, and continue his leadership in the Freedom Flight, Inc. organization to help identify servicemembers who died in combat who are still missing as MIA’s.

MG Lang formerly thanked SGM Carroll Tunesvik for all his hard work towards making the 78th 34th Infantry Division Reunion such a great success.

Motion to adjourn the 78th Infantry Division Reunion by SGM Carroll Tunesvik. Second by BG (Ret) Chris White.

The 2025 78th Annual Association Banquet adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectively Submitted:



Edward Graybill, COL (Ret), Secretary