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"it's never the horse's fault"

National Lancers Website Update...Come Visit!

by Pvt. Dennis Williams – Troop B



The year 2007 has experienced a number of advances for the National Lancers. Not only has Camp DiCarlo experienced revitalization in its infrastructure, physical facilities, the activation of a new Troop B training program, and organizational communications but also a great deal of effort is under way to improve the National Lancer internet website www.nationallancer.org. Many website updates have been implemented over the past few months, including the Lancer Photo Gallery. With the advent of the spring Troop B training program, the Lancers have benefited greatly by the addition a troop member with web-site, graphics design, and photographic experience. The Lancer website is truly worth the visit. Please come check out our:

- Lancer events gallery with thumbnail links to sub-galleries
- Substantial thumbnail and photo links of each documented 2007 event have been added

- The Lancer Leadership page depicting its leaders
- The new Camp DiCarlo Photo gallery with panoramic views of our beautiful facility
- The photo gallery of each of the Lancer mounts
- Additional changes are planned in 2007 (Stay Tuned)

Special thanks must go to Lancer commanders, Major General Mario DiCarlo, Brigadier General Leonid Kondratiuk, Lt. Ted Sarandis, and Major Rich Reale, Jr., for helping facilitate and getting these website changes made, to Audrey Burn for her prior work and assistance in new page implementations and design review, and finally to Pvt. Dennis Williams (Troop B) for his photography work, graphics designs and web-page implementation experience.

Please come visit our improved Lancer Website at: www.nationallancers.org. Please add your email address to our list.

D-DAY VETERANS ARE HONORED

by Major Richard Reale

The National Lancer Color Guard was proud to be selected to perform the honors of Color Guard at the opening ceremony of the 29th Infantry Division Veteran's Convention. Many of the attendees were D-Day Veterans. The head of the National Guard, LTG H. Steven Blum; The Color Guard consists of Majors Reale and DiCarlo and Ssgts Andy Tobin and Matt Johnson.



Lancer Color Guard In Action

Colonel “K” now General “K”

by LT. Ted Sarandis - National Lancers Public Affairs

Colonel Leonid Kondratiuk, our adjutant, Col “K” was promoted to Brigadier General, Mass. Organized Militia on 14 July 2007 by BG Oliver Mason, Jr., The Adjutant General of MA National Guard. BG Kondratiuk continues to serve as unit adjutant but has also been assigned the additional duty of serving as Director, Militia Affairs, Office of the Adjutant General. In this new capacity he supervises the operations of the State Guard, National Lancers, 26th Division Band and the Governor’s Military Aides and serves as the interface between the Mass. National Guard and the state militia.



BG “K” joined the Lancers in September 2002. He retired from the US Army in 1999 where he served as a military historian. He continues his weekday job as Director, Historical Services, Office of the Adjutant General in Worcester. General Kondratiuk’s promotion brings great credit to himself, his family and the National Lancers. HOOF!

THE LANCE - The Ultimate “Old World” Weapon

by CPT. Darin Reale

Have you ever wondered what is a Lance? For all Lancers it’s their most famous weapon , it’s why they existed thru numerous generations, and countless battles. It’s just a basic, but affective weapon.

In many battles at first the Cavalry would use a Javelin, which was thrown at the enemy and meant to penetrate thru the armor. As armor technology advanced for the soldier so did their weapons. The cavalry needed a more effective weapon that they could use, that would be more precise and effective.

With the invention of a saddle stirrup, came the Lance. A Lance is a pole weapon based on a spear. Used for thrusting by heavy cavalry. It is a longer pole, stronger and heavier, then their cousin the Javelin. Made to sit in a pouch that is on the stirrup. While in the stirrup the rider can guide the Lance more accurately at the enemy, with also the weight and momentum of the horse behind it, it would penetrate thru any armor. The Europeans enforced the art of using a Lance, when their knights would use them, in battle and jousting.

On the Lance there is a swallow-tailed flag, known as the Lance Pennon. These Pennons where put just below the spear of the Lance. The Polish where the first to put them on by the late 19th century. These Pennons were meant to disconcert the horse of the opposing cavalry in close combat.

The Lance was only as effective, for what it was designed for. The Lance proved to many that it was a very clumsy weapon, it was only meant to be for the charge and the initial shock at the line. A one time use in battle.

Just imagine what it was like, to be on the opposing army line, and seeing 100 strong cavalry coming at you, all carrying Lances. **WOW, I’m glad to be a LANCER!**



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National Lancers Basic Training Weekend 2007

by Michelle Domey- Troop B

The first National Lancers Basic Training Weekend, in over 40 years, took place from May 4-6 2007. Two highly motivated B-Troop candidates, Michelle Domey and Dennis (Denny) Williams reported to Camp DiCarlo on Friday at 1800 under the leadership of MAJ Richard Reale.

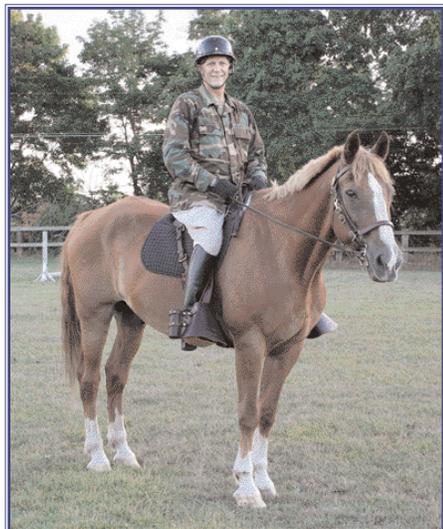
The candidates promptly prepared their quarters, tack, and mounts for an intense weekend of cavalry training. Several "A" Troopers assisted in the training of Domey and Williams. MSG Paul Tobin and SGT Elaine Corda instructed the candidates in General Stable Operations and Equine Care & Maintenance. Proper Handling and Maintenance of Tack was lead by SSGT Andy Tobin. The History and Mission of the Lancers was given by COL Leonid Kondratiuk and a Uniform and Military Bearing class by SGT Matthew Johnson. The candidates completed an Introduction to Basic Horsemanship and accrued approximately 8 hours of saddle time under the instruction of MAJ Reale and SGT Corda. SGT Chris Tobin, MSGT Johnson, and SGT Corda concluded the candidates training with a group trail ride through "Sun Shine Dairy".



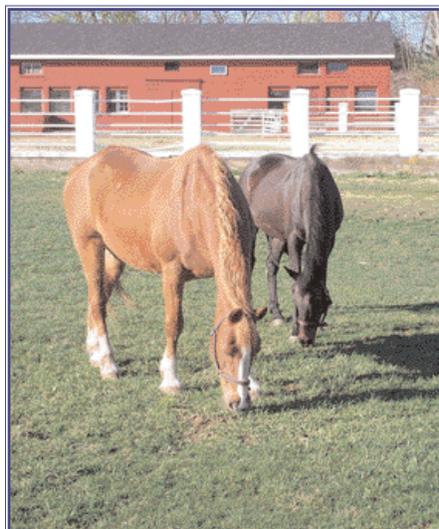
On Sunday at 1900, Domey and Williams, reported to the center of the Parade Field where they were sworn into the Massachusetts Organized Militia by BG Kondratiuk and inducted into the National Lancers, Troop "B", by BG Mario DiCarlo. As members of Troop "B", Domey and Williams will participate in mandatory weekly drills for 1 year while preparing for Troop "A". A warm welcome and celebratory cookout closed out the first, of what hopes to be many, National Lancers Basic Training Weekend. *HOOF!!!!*

Horse Update: 2 More Join The Troop

MacArthur and Lightning were donated in May by Ann Mary Corey. Both horses came from Elf N Wood stables in Falmouth Massachusetts. MacArthur is a twenty five year old Belgium Thoroughbred cross. Lightning is a fifteen year old Thoroughbred. Both horses were used in a therapeutic riding program for children prior to entering service with the Lancers. Both horses have proven themselves to be prized mounts. They have participated in numerous troop functions throughout the season. Come meet MacArthur and Lightning at the next troop event. Meet all the Lancer mounts at nationallancers.org. *HOOF!!!!*



MacArthur



MacArthur and Lightning



Lightning

**Visit www.nationallancers.org or
call (508) 872-7779 for more information.**

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The National Lancers are a completely non-profit organization comprised of members and volunteers. They operate entirely on tax deductible donations of funds, services time and materials of the public and it's members. To learn more about joining or contributing to this worthwhile historical organization, please call General K. at (508) 797-0334 or visit our website @ www.nationallancers.org

Why Join The Lancers?

If you enjoy horses, or want to be part of a great historical organization that is active in the community, please call General K. at (508) 797-0334.

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Quote Corner

*"The air from heaven is
that which blows
between a horse's ears."*

-Arabian Proverb



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*Using your hands,
legs, seat & voice,
a Horse can learn
up to 82 commands!*

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