



# The Essex Troop

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## President's Message

As we come upon our 115<sup>th</sup> Reunion Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Essex Troop, we must all keep in mind why the unit was founded. To serve our nation and our state is indeed a very honorable and proud ambition. We have certainly displayed our honor and pride in doing just that for these many years, from the French and Indian War to the shores of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Let us step back and envision all those who have gone on before us, many of whom made the supreme sacrifice of their lives, as we prepare to honor their memories and service to our nation. On Saturday 22 October 2005, we will honor them and all our members and show our appreciation with a grand anniversary ball to be held at Mayfair Farms Restaurant in West Orange, New Jersey. Please mark this date on your calendar and make every effort to attend. More information will follow.

The Armed Forces are currently undergoing a reorganization to eliminate most of the heavy armor units and form light, quickly deployable units to fight in today's battlefield environment. The New Jersey Army National Guard is deeply involved in the force restructuring. We are currently in touch with The Adjutant General, Major General Glenn Rieth, to insure that the lineage and history of the "Essex Troop" and the 102D survives to maintain its historical place in the military units of the State of New Jersey.

Mrs. Fahey and I recently attended, by special invitation of MG Rieth, an unveiling ceremony of a monument at the Lawrenceville Armory to honor the memory of three New Jersey National Guard members who made the supreme sacrifice in the sands of Iraq. There was a VIP reception to recognize organizations and individuals who had made a sizeable contribution to the fund to erect this monument. I was happy to accept a certificate of appreciation on behalf of The Essex Troop Association presented by The Adjutant General MG Glenn Rieth. More importantly, Betty and I participated in the ceremony, along with hundreds of guests, that honored the sacrifice made by SSG Frank T. Carvill KIA

### President's Message Cont'd

4 June 2004 - SPC Christopher M. Duffy KIA 4 June 2004 - SSG Humberto F. Timoteo KIA 5 June 2004 - SGT Ryan E. Doltz KIA 5 June 2004. All were members of the New Jersey Army National Guard. It was indeed a somber moment as we listened to MG Rieth read the homily to our fallen comrades and watched the expressions of grief from the wives with small children, and other family members and guests in attendance. One could not help but be touched by such a fitting and eloquent tribute. These young men made the supreme sacrifice and will be remembered as their names are etched in granite for all to see down through the generations. Our deepest sympathy goes out to the immediate family and to all our extended family members - for when we lose only one, it is a loss to all.

One last item. Our Annual Family Picnic is scheduled for Saturday 30 July 2005 at the ET Memorial Arch in front of the museum at Sea Girt Training Center. A short meeting for members starts at 11:30 hours, with the picnic starting immediately afterwards. The association provides the food and beverages. All you need bring is yourselves and games for the kids (both large and small) and your swim suits. It is usually a great time and all are invited. Know someone who we haven't seen in a while?? Bring them along. Guests are welcome. We'll have little gifts for the kids and a couple of door prizes.

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## Meetings, Etc.

<u>EVENT / MEETING</u>	<u>DATE</u>
Family Picnic, Sea Girt	30 Jul 05
West Point Football Game	TBA
Annual Muster Get Together	TBA
115 Anniversary Reunion	22 Oct 05
Christmas Party	17 Dec 05

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## From The Turret

A message from the  
Commander, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 102<sup>nd</sup> Armor

STRIKE WITH STEEL  
LTC John Manfre

## Dues Notice

**Annual dues** are due January 1 of each year. If you have not yet sent in your dues, please renew your membership as soon as possible. Send in your \$15.00 to the attention of the Membership Committee.

**We need your input.** Please send in news and articles of interest that can be published in the newsletter. Help spread the news.

## **Troop Donates Public Address System to Sea Girt**

As promised, "The Essex Troop Association" has recently completed the installation of a newly donated Public Address System at the National Guard Training Center located at Sea Girt, New Jersey in May 2005. To those of us who have attended functions there, we found it difficult many times to hear guest speakers when there was a sizable crowd in attendance. This system should alleviate that problem. It will also allow music to be played for the entertainment of the guests.

Essex Troop President MAJ (Ret) Ron Fahey and Trustee LTC (Ret) Stan Krenkowitz were on hand at the pavilion behind quarters three for a demonstration of the new sound system. Sgt Toby Torrito, who was responsible for assembling and installing the components, gave a demonstration to LTC (Ret) Mark Clemmensen, the training site director, and his staff on the proper assembly and use of the system. With the exception of two permanently mounted supplemental speakers at the pavilion, the entire PA system is 100% portable and can be used anywhere on the post that there is electrical power available, to include a portable generator. It has a wireless microphone, CD capability, and an AM/FM radio component, in addition to the public address capability. LTC Clemmensen was very pleased to accept the much-needed system and will establish a sign out/in accountability procedure that will be controlled from his offices for those who wish to use the system.

## Mass Reenlistment

CAMP TAJI, Iraq, April 6, 2005

One hundred seventy-seven right hands were raised together April 3 at the airfield here as that many soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division's Aviation Brigade re-enlisted in a mass ceremony.

Gen. Dan K. McNeill, commander of U.S. Army Forces Command, administered the Oath of Enlistment. Maj. Gen. William G. Webster, 3rd Infantry Division commanding general, accompanied McNeill.

Division officials said the mass re-enlistment was the largest for the division and the largest for an Army unit in the Iraqi theater of operations. The 101st Airborne Division, which re-enlisted 158 soldiers on July 4, 2003, held the previous record.

The 177 soldiers pledged a total of 990 years of additional service to the Army and will receive a total of nearly \$1.8 million in bonuses. Some 121 re-enlistees received stabilization and education options in their contracts to stay with the 3rd ID.

The key to organizing so many soldiers was finding out their needs, wants and desires, then working hard to make sure they could be fulfilled, said Master Sgt. James R. Jay, the aviation brigade's reserve-component senior career counselor.

"Most of the soldiers who re-enlisted didn't do it for money or anything like that. They wanted to volunteer to continue serving their country, and it meant a lot to them to do it here in the war zone with General McNeill giving the oath," said Barry S. Norris, the brigade's senior active-duty career counselor. "Many of them have told me it gives them a great feeling of camaraderie."

During the ceremony, the brigade received the Presidential Unit Citation for its service in Operation Iraqi Freedom I, and McNeill and Webster promoted Chief Warrant Officer 3 Sezandra Pinckney, 603rd Aviation Support Battalion. Pinckney's husband, Sgt. Maj. Allen Pinckney, and son, Pfc. Allen Pinckney Jr., accompanied her. All three members of the Pinckney family serve in the 3rd ID.

## Military Instruction

"AIM TOWARDS THE ENEMY."

-Instruction printed on US Rocket Launcher

"WHEN THE PIN IS PULLED, MR. GRENADE IS NOT OUR FRIEND."

-US Marine Corps

"CLUSTER BOMBING FROM B-52s IS VERY, VERY ACCURATE. THE BOMBS ARE GUARANTEED TO ALWAYS HIT THE GROUND."

-U.S.A.F. Ammo Troop.

"IF THE ENEMY IS IN RANGE, SO ARE YOU."

-Infantry Journal

"A SLIPPING GEAR COULD LET YOUR M203 GRENADE LAUNCHER FIRE WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECT IT. THAT WOULD MAKE YOU QUITE UNPOPULAR IN WHAT'S LEFT OF YOUR UNIT."

-Army's magazine of preventive maintenance

"IT IS GENERALLY INADVISABLE TO EJECT DIRECTLY OVER THE AREA YOU JUST BOMBED." -US. Air Force manual

"TRY TO LOOK UNIMPORTANT; THE ENEMY MAY BE LOW ON AMMO."

-Infantry Journal

"TRACERS WORK BOTH WAYS."

-U.S. Army Ordnance

"FIVE-SECOND FUSES ONLY LAST THREE SECONDS."

-Infantry Journal

"BRAVERY IS BEING THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS YOU'RE AFRAID."

-David Hackworth

"IF YOUR ATTACK IS GOING TOO WELL, YOU'RE WALKING INTO AN AMBUSH."

-Infantry Journal

"NO COMBAT-READY UNIT HAS EVER PASSED INSPECTION."

-Joe Gay

"ANY SHIP CAN BE A MINESWEEPER....ONCE."

-Anon

"NEVER TELL THE PLATOON SERGEANT YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO."

-Unknown Marine Recruit

"DON'T DRAW FIRE; IT IRRITATES THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU."

-Infantry Journal

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**Fiddlers Green**

# Essex Troop Post Exchange

## PRICE LIST

	<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u> <u>ORDERED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>PRICE</u>
<b>NEW</b>	Essex Troop Blanket	\$35.00	_____	_____
	Golf Shirt w/Crest	\$25.00	_____	_____
	ET History DVD or VHS	\$10.00	_____	_____
	Ft. Jackson Marker Video	\$12.00	_____	_____
	Blazer Crest	\$15.00	_____	_____
	Epaulet Crest	\$ 3.00	_____	_____
	Decals	\$ 1.00	_____	_____
	Old Fashion Glasses	\$ 7.00	_____	_____
	Pilsner Glasses	\$ 5.00	_____	_____
	Brandy Snifters	\$ 5.00	_____	_____
	Key Chain	\$ 3.00	_____	_____
	Lithograph (19" x 25")	\$20.00	_____	_____
	Mugs with 1st NJ Crest	\$ 7.50	_____	_____
	Mugs with 102d Crest	\$15.00	_____	_____
	Tie with 1st NJ Crest	\$14.00	_____	_____
	Tie with 102d Crest	\$14.00	(Temporarily Out Of stock)	_____
	ET US Uniform Poster	\$ 5.00	_____	_____
<b>NEW</b>	Guantanamo Bay T Shirt	\$10.00	_____	_____
	ET Baseball Hat	\$15.00	_____	_____
	Tie Tack 102d Crest	\$ 3.00	_____	_____
	Watch 102d Crest	\$30.00	_____	_____
	Coin Tray	\$ 5.00	_____	_____
	Gallop Ho! William Walsh	\$20.00	_____	_____
	Reprint Dash to Paris	\$ 2.50	_____	_____
	March Song Sheet Music	\$ 2.50	_____	_____
			<b>Total</b>	_____

Shipping & Handling : add the following to the merchandise total  
 \$1.00 to \$5.00 add \$2.50  
 \$5.01 to \$20.00 add \$3.50  
 \$20.00 and over add \$5.50

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Including Area Code \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose your check made payable to "The Essex Troop"

Email: [etroop@bellatlantic.net](mailto:etroop@bellatlantic.net)

**NOTE:** A limited number of items are available at the Port Murray Armory. See CPT Gill for assistance.