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Annual Unit History

*Due NLT 01 February each year for the previous calendar year.
Refer to 28ID Military History Program SOP, dtd. 15 August 2008, for specific guidance.*

For Calendar Year: 2008

Unit: Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1-104th Cavalry

Unit Address: 5350 Ogontz Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19141

Unit POC: SSG Boyd, Bruce Unit Readiness NCO

Unit POC Phone Number: 215-457-1249

I. Introduction or Forward *(A brief account on the unit's origin and its accomplishments over the years and a statement about the current period covered)*

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop 1-104th Cavalry traces its roots back to the Revolutionary War and the 8th Pennsylvania Infantry. On December 6, 1869 the First Cavalry of Philadelphia, PA. became the 8th Regiment of the line.

In the reorganization of the Pennsylvania Cavalry following the World War, the First Cavalry Regiment expanded into the 52nd Cavalry Brigade, elements of the 1st Cavalry Regiment going into the 103rd and 104th Cavalry Regiment.

The 104th Cavalry Pennsylvania National Guard was organized June 21, 1921 (Federal recognition granted July 21, 1921), by the consolidation of various units of the 1st Cavalry and the 8th Infantry, both Pennsylvania National Guard. At this time the Regiment was composed of Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, Service Troop, including the Band, Medical Detachment, and 2 Squadrons of three Troops each.

On September 23, 1940 the regiment was again reorganized according to a new Table of Organization, redesignating the 104th Cavalry with the following units: First Squadron HQ and HQ Detachment (Horse) Troop A, Troop B, Troop C. Second Squadron HQ Detachment (Mechz), Troop D, Troop E, and Troop F (motorcycle troop).

The history of the National Guard from the Civil War shows only independent troops of cavalry without brigade or regimental organization until the formation of the First Cavalry Regiment on July 6, 1914.

The 2007-2008 deployment of HHT 1-104th Cavalry was the second such for the unit since 2002. The MFO mission is a peaceful one, and helps to facilitate the Middle East peace process by enforcing the 1979 Treaty of Peace between Egypt, Israel, and the United States. This is accomplished through political dialogue and monitoring troop levels and movement throughout the Sinai Peninsula using air/ground/naval forces. HHT contributed to this mission by conducting service support operations at South Camp, and by providing South Camp force protection. HHT conducted this mission in a professional, expedient manner and suffered no casualties.

II. Organization and Administration

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A. Organization *(Select the type of organization from the pull-down menu)*

Calvary

B. Mission *(A brief mission statement and the Mission Essential Task List)*

To conduct reconnaissance and surveillance in support of the development of the brigade's situational awareness and knowledge in the area of operations. Squadron operations empower the brigade to anticipate, forestall and dominate threats, ensuring brigade mission accomplishment through decisive action and freedom of maneuver.

Conduct Service Support Operations
Conduct Logistical Packages

C. Personnel

1. Commander and Staff *(Brief biographical sketches)*

CPT Mitchell S Drucker, Troop Commander (May 2007)

CPT Drucker was born in Middletown, New York in 1977 and graduated from Pine Bush High School in June, 1995. He entered the United States Army in June 1995 attending Camp Challenge at FT Knox, Kentucky as an ECP Cadet for Valley Forge Military College. In October 1995 CPT Drucker joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and was assigned to Troop A, 1st Squadron, 104th Cavalry where he served as an Armor Crewman in 4th Platoon. CPT Drucker completed Advanced Camp at Ft Bragg in 1996.

Upon graduation of Valley Forge Military College in May 1997, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 104th Cavalry where he served as a Liaison Officer, and Support Platoon Leader.

In 1998, CPT Drucker was re-assigned to Troop C for 6 months to fill in as the Executive Officer. In 1999, CPT Drucker returned to HHT to serve as the Support Platoon Leader. In 2000 CPT Drucker completed the Armor Officers' Basic Course and returned to HHT. In February 2001, CPT Drucker was transferred to Troop B, 1st Squadron, 104th Cavalry, serving as 4th Platoon Tank Platoon Leader. While serving with Troop B, CPT Drucker was activated and re-assigned to HHT as the Personal Security Detachment Platoon Leader and deployed to Bosnia-Herzegovina in August 2002 upon completion of MRE at Hohenfels, Germany. While in Bosnia, CPT Drucker was assigned as a Battle Captain in the S-3 section and performed as the Liason Officer for two joint contingent operations.

Upon return CPT Drucker was transferred back to Troop B, 1st Squadron, 104th Cavalry, where he serves as 3rd Platoon Scout Platoon Leader. Upon completion of annual training, CPT Drucker was selected to be Troop B's Executive Officer where he remained until his promotion to CPT in May 2004. Upon selection for promotion CPT Drucker was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 104th Cavalry where he served as the Squadron Maintenance Officer until December 2006. 1st Squadron, 104th Cavalry was reorganized to become an

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ARS. CPT Drucker was selected to serve as the S-4 until receiving his Command of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop in May 2007.

CPT Drucker is a distinguished military graduate of Valley Forge Military College in Wayne, PA, where he earned an Associates degree in Military Science and General Studies. CPT Drucker is a cum laude graduate of Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA, where he earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in Business Administration with a dual major of Management Information Systems and Finance. He has also completed numerous military schools including Anti-Terrorism Level 2, Contracting Officer Representative, Cavalry Leaders Course, Armor Officer Basic Course, and Maneuver Captain's Career Course.

His awards and decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal w/ 2 oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal w/Bronze Service star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/bronze hourglass and M device, Army Service ribbon, NATO Medal, Multinational Force and Observers Medal.

Louis Mazzocchi III, First Sergeant (August 2007)

1SG Louis Mazzocchi III was born in East Meadow, New York in 1972. He graduated from Tunkhannock Senior High School in 1990. He joined the Pennsylvania Army National Guard in April 1990, he completed Basic Training and AIT as an 11B in August at FT. Benning, Georgia.

In 199, the 2nd Battalion 109th Infantry was reorganized to the 2nd Battalion 103rd Armor. 1SG Mazzocchi served as a driver in Company A where he stayed for 17 years growing through the ranks. In 2003 Alpha Company merged with Bravo Company and deployed to Iraq for OIF II. On 7 August 2007 1SG Mazzocchi was transferred to HHT, 1st Squadron, 104th Cavalry serving as the HHT First Sergeant.

1SG Mazzocchi has completed numerous military schools and certifications to include PLDC, BNCOC, ANCOC, AFIST I/O, UCOFT I/O, Proofing team training, Driver Examiner certification, and UPL.

1SG Mazzocchi awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal w/ 3 oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal w/Bronze Service star, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal w/bronze hourglass and M device, Army Service ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon with Numeral 3, Multinational Force and Observers Medal, Pennsylvania Service Ribbon with 3 Bronze Stars, and a Combat Action Badge.

2. Medal of Honor Winners *(Brief biographical sketches, if available, and a brief account of the action or a copy of the citation) (If none, enter "NONE")*

NONE

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3. Others (Winners of Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Bronze Star, and other) (If none, enter "NONE")

NONE

III. Major Accomplishments during the Year

A. Operations

Completed Multi-National Force & Observers rotation #51 in A.R.E.

B. Training and Exercises

October STX Lanes (Egypt), Officers of the Unit participated in OPDs to Israel, conducted numerous squad & platoon collective mini exercises. Troopers maintained proficiency in Army Warrior Tasks and MFO Tasks throughout the year. HHT competed and won 3rd place with 2 teams in the Columbian Battalion Death March, part of a Multi-national competition. HHT also supported the MFO Force Skills Competition.

C. Special Events

1. Unit Day Ceremonies

2. Civil Actions (State active duty)

3. Permanent Changes of Station

TCS move from Ft. Lewis (MOB SITE) in Feb 2008 to Sharm El Sheikh Egypt. HHT returned from Egypt to Fort Lewis on November 17th 2008. The unit released from Federal Active Duty on 29 December 2009.

4. Recruiting Initiatives

Unit's excellent performance and strong R&R program enabled the unit to achieve greater than 100% end strength.

5. Other (Include community activities, morale support activities, Christmas party, etc.)

Conducted Family Readiness Group Christmas Party in December 2008. HHT Family Readiness Group also sponsored a variety of other activities such as picnic's, spa day, homecoming preparation, and a St Patricks day walk. These events were planned and implemented by the FRG leader and the other members of the Family Readiness Group. FRG president: Christina Drucker

IV. Special Equipment Fielding

None

V. Appendices

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A. Lineage and Honors Certificate

Unit will add GWOTEM streamer for service in MFO.

B. Unit Citations

No new Citations.

C. Selected Orders *(Include alert orders, mobilization orders, etc)*

PERMANENT ORDER: 1A-07-250-017(A1), 10SEP07 Mobilization order for MFO 51
PERMANENT ORDER: 005-019, 05JAN09, Re-Organization order from DA releasing
unit from Active Duty

D. Other.

VI. Glossary *(A list of words not commonly used, acronyms and their explanations)*