

Membership

Membership in the United States Cavalry Association is open to anyone with an interest in preserving the memory and traditions of the American Cavalry. As a member you will:

Be awarded the proud title of **Trooper** and thereby join the ranks of generations of dashing American cavalymen.

Receive quarterly *The Cavalry Journal* magazine and **Crossed Sabers** newsletter.

Be invited to the **Annual Bivouac** to share your interest in cavalry with like-minded troopers. The bivouac takes place at historical locations with fine hotel facilities.

Be eligible to participate as a competitor in the **National Cavalry Competition** held concurrently with the Annual Bivouac.

To join, visit our website at www.uscavalry.org, call **(785) 784-5797** during Central Time business hours, or fill out and return the membership form on the next page.

The U.S. Cavalry Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational organization.

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I wish to become a Trooper with the United States Cavalry Association:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

_____ Phone: _____

Country (other than U.S.): _____

e-mail: _____

Membership Levels (please check one):

- Individual Membership: \$40 annually
- Family Membership: \$55 annually
(2 adults & minor children)
- Overseas Membership: \$60 annually
- Organizational Membership: \$55 annually
- Corporate Membership: \$100 annually
- Life Membership: \$400
- Overseas Life Membership: \$600

Check enclosed for \$ _____

Charge to my Visa or MasterCard Account No.:

Name on the card:



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**Preserving the traditions
of the
U.S. Cavalry since 1976**

History

In 1976 a group of Cavalrymen met to determine the status of efforts to preserve the history, traditions, artifacts, and literature of the U.S. Cavalry. The outcome of that meeting was the formation of **The United States Cavalry Association**.



Cavalry Captain Earl F. Thomson at the 1936 Olympic Trials. Thomson won a gold and two silver medals in the Olympic games of 1932 and 1936.

Today the Association preserves the rich and colorful history of the cavalry through:

The **U.S. Cavalry Memorial Research Library** at Fort Riley, Kansas. The literature, documents, photographs and artifacts in the library are available to the public to support historical research. Support for the **U.S. Cavalry Museum**, also at Fort Riley, and loan of artifacts in support of other museums throughout the country.

Publication of the **Cavalry Journal** history magazine and **Crossed Sabers** member newsletter. Sale of books, videos, memorabilia, and apparel through the **Sutler's Store**.

The U.S. Cavalry Association website, a source of historical data, membership information, upcoming events, and access to the Sutler's Store. Visit us at www.uscavalry.org.

Heritage

The U.S. Cavalry Association membership roll includes veterans of both the horse and mechanized cavalry, soldiers currently serving in cavalry units and horse-mounted ceremonial units, historians, authors, families of cavalrymen, and equestrian competitors. Regardless of their background, all members share a deep commitment to preserving the legacy of the U.S. Cavalry.

Members of the Association support the active and reserve military through consultation on history and traditions, equestrian training and competition, and monetary support for military families.



LTC John Richardson instills the spirit and traditions of the cavalry into modern U.S. Army troopers outside the Cavalry Museum at Fort Riley.

The **Annual Bivouac** brings together Association members from around the country to renew old acquaintances, make new friends, and participate in the traditions of the cavalry service. Highlights of the Bivouac are the Cavalry Punchbowl Ceremony, the National Cavalry Competition, the Annual Banquet and awards presentation, and the Fiddler's Green Ceremony.

Horsemanship

Nothing says "Cavalry!" like the thunder of horse's hooves and the flash of sabers in the sunlight. Still today, many members of the United States Cavalry Association ride with horse-mounted ceremonial and historical units.

Every U.S. Olympic horse and rider through 1948 came from the Army, most from the cavalry branch. To preserve this legacy of fine horsemanship and improve the skills of modern troopers, the Association conducted the first **National Cavalry Competition (NCC)** at Fort Sill in 2002 and continues to hold the competition every year, concurrently with the Annual Bivouac.

The NCC includes equitation, jumping, mounted saber, mounted pistol, cross-country mobility, and platoon drill. After three days of competition one trooper is named **National Cavalry Champion**. The only prerequisites for participation are the ability to ride and the willingness to learn the traditional skills of the cavalry trooper.



Trooper Jeff Wall on the pistol course at the 2005 National Cavalry Competition, Fort Robinson, Nebraska.