

## **A message from Director Whitey Reese**

We now are authorized to move forward on an incentive awards program!! It has been named the "**Davis Award**" program in honor of its originator, Life Member Bruce Davis. Bruce proposed this program about a year ago, and we have finally brought it to a start. The program is being designed to provide recognition for past, present and future association personnel who have selflessly and significantly performed active productive work contributing to the successes of our association. With this award program it is hoped that it will also provide some incentive for all current and future members to become actively engaged in the operation to further our association mission and goals.

### **Basically, the program will be conducted along the following guidelines:**

- a. Candidates for the award are to be nominated by *you*, the association members.
- b. A committee will select two (2) winners annually from the nominated candidates to receive the awards which will be presented at the following 8th Cav Regt Assn Reunion.
- c. Eligible candidates shall only be association Life Members, Regular Members and/or Associate Members. Past members are also eligible. Awards may also be awarded posthumously.
- d. Awards will consist of trophy type awards, citation, and also inclusion of embroidered name and year of award on an 8th Cav Regt Assn fabric wall hanging that will be kept and displayed in the vicinity of our colors and standards. This fabric hanger, or "banner", will be of the perpetuity type, names being added each year.
- e. *Davis Award* committee members shall not be eligible candidates while holding positions on the committee. Nor shall they be authorized to make nominations for candidates while on the committee.

Current members of the Davis Award committee are troopers Whitey Reese (Chairman) and Charlie Freeman (Member). Before selection of the first two awardees it is planned that two more members will join the committee.

The first phase of the program, **Candidate Nominations** for the *2010 Davis Award* **is now open and will remain open until 31 December 2009!!** Submit your request for the candidate of your choice to Committee Chairman Whitey Reese via E-mail or regular US Postal Service. Your nomination should be submitted in **narrative form** and should include **all the reasons you believe your candidate should receive the award**. Your candidate will not be considered on your writing ability, only on content, and there are no set limits on the maximum/minimum length of your entry. Should you desire to nominate more than one candidate, make sure you use a **separate submission** for each of them!! All submissions will go before the selection committee. Committee members may, at their own discretion, check and research claims/items/reasons for your submissions. Names of candidates and winners of the award will be kept confidential within the Committee until presentation time.

Bear in mind that the Davis Award is being awarded to association personnel for Exceptional Supportive Service to our 8th Cavalry *Regiment Association* and not to the active Regiment. **Now, let's get those nominations rolling in!!** I'll be checking mail boxes daily and holding them until we get a selection committee organized!!!!!! Should you have questions.... Give me a shout!!!!

### **Send your submissions to:**

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