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Dear Colonel Henderson and Trooper Davis:

It is my pleasure to extend an invitation to you to hold the 143<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Reunion of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Horse) Cavalry Association at Fort Ethan Allen in Colchester, Vermont, next summer.

A very active planning committee has assembled preliminary plans for the Vermont Reunion and I am confident it will be an outstanding event.

The famed 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment of African American soldiers was stationed at Fort Ethan Allen from 1909 to 1913 as a period of quiet, as well as training, for these soldiers who had been involved in many difficult campaigns during their military careers. History tells us that the community was sad to have them leave Fort Ethan Allen.

Vermont offers a wide range of experiences from charming villages and historic downtowns to great dining and entertainment. Our distinctive Green Mountains, rolling hills, and lush valleys offer scenery not found in other parts of the country.


In addition, it would be particularly exciting for Vermont to host the Reunion in 2009 as we will be celebrating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of Samuel de Champlain upon the lake that now bears his name. During the year, Vermont will celebrate the many aspects of culture and history of Lake Champlain and the region. A possible "Fort Ethan Allen Living History Day" during the Reunion to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry arrival in

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Vermont is being discussed by the committee as well, and would be a wonderful addition to the celebration.

Vermont looks forward to hosting your conference next year. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance as you select the 2009 location.

Sincerely,

  
James H. Douglas  
Governor

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c: Ms. Rose Mary Graveline ✓  
Ms. Sharon McCollum