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Lt. Col. Mark Viney, Army Heritage and Education Center, helps retired CW4 Lewis Ney, of Carlisle, Pa, celebrate his 100 birthday July 10 at AHEC. Ney was one of the last Soldiers to serve in a horse cavalry unit when he served with the 3rd Cavalry Regiment at Fort Myer.

July 10, 2009 -- Joined by his two daughters, Lewis Ney celebrated his 100th birthday July 10 at a party held in his honor

at the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center.

Ney was born July 11, 1909 in Harrisburg and developed a love for horses while living on his grandparent's farm. He joined the Army in 1928 when he was only 17 years old. After serving most of his career with the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, he retired as a Chief Warrant Officer after 33 years of service. He currently resides in nearby Church of God senior home in Carlisle.

While touring the facility, Nye had the rare opportunity to don a pair of white cloth gloves and hold a 1905 experimental saber designed by Gen. George Patton. He took a moment to reflect and gestured how he saluted by raising the hilt of the saber up in front of his face then lowering it.

Following the tour, the AHEC staff presented him with various memorabilia and photos relating to his time in the 3rd Cavalry Regiment, as well as photos of him taken during one of his many visits to AHEC's events.

With the assistance of Lt. Col. Mark Viney, Ney cut the cake using a saber while friends, family, and AHEC staff members sang "Happy Birthday".

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