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Longest Continually Running Cavalry Units in the  
United States and Canada  
Together for the First Time at Dressage at Devon

*Demonstrations include Military Maneuvers and Mounted  
Exhibitions*

September 20, 2018 (Devon, PA) - Dressage at Devon  
([www.dressageatdevon.org](http://www.dressageatdevon.org)) is very proud to host the First Troop  
Philadelphia City Cavalry, the oldest continually running cavalry  
unit in the the US and the Governor General's Horse Guard  
(GGHG) Cavalry Squadron, the oldest running cavalry troop in  
Canada – riding tog for the first time!

The First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry is a purely volunteer  
cavalry troop, the first organized in defense of the colonies. Today  
the Troop is certainly the oldest mounted military unit and quite

possibly the oldest military unit of any kind that has been in continuous service to the Republic. The times that called it into being, and the character of the original members who fought through the seven years of the American Revolution, together forged concepts of service and a body of tradition that have given it a continuity of purpose since 1774. **The First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry** is a private military organization in the service of the United States. Because unique demands and opportunities are imposed upon its members, they become a closely knit fraternity. Membership is by election.

The Governor General's Horse Guard (GGHG) ([www.gghgsociety.org](http://www.gghgsociety.org)) Cavalry Squadron was reformed in 1956 by members of the Regiment who, upon returning from war, wished to maintain the Regiment's cavalry skills and traditions. The Squadron has had the honour of providing escorts to the Queen, the Queen Mother and many Governors General and Lieutenant-Governors. The Squadron participates in a number of ceremonial functions such as parades and guard duties. The Squadron also performs a number of demonstration rides, including tent-pegging with the sword and lance. This is a military maneuver used to catch the enemy off guard by pulling the pegs of their tents – with the enemy in them - and then attacking. They will demonstrate during the breaks Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

In addition, members of regional mounted police will be on hand demonstrating their talents and experience on horseback.

"Dressage has a long military history, dating back hundreds of years," said Dressage at Devon President Lori Kaminski. "Dressage movements are based on military maneuvers created to protect horse and rider in battle. Ultimately this led to the cavalry units and later to the mounted police." And to the Dixon Oval at

Dressage at Devon.

Exhibitions will take place during afternoon and evening breaks on Friday and Saturday and on Sunday during the afternoon break.

Plus members of the cavalries will be on hand for a meet and greet on Sunday. For more information, please visit [www.dressageatdevon.org/index.php/spectators/explorers-day-for-kids](http://www.dressageatdevon.org/index.php/spectators/explorers-day-for-kids).

General admission tickets are available at the door. For reserved seating, please visit [www.dressageatdevon.org/index.php/box-office/](http://www.dressageatdevon.org/index.php/box-office/)

Calendar details:

What: Dressage at Devon

When: September 25-30, 2018

Where: 27 Dorset Road, Devon, PA 19333

For tickets: [www.dressageatdevon/box-office](http://www.dressageatdevon/box-office).

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