

2014 Major General Guy V. Henry, Jr.



Major General Guy V. Henry, Jr. was a leader of equestrian sport for decades. An 1898 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and a career Cavalry officer in the U.S. Army, Henry was director of equitation at the U.S. Military Academy, chief of the U.S. Cavalry, and commandant of the U.S. Cavalry School. He was the first U.S. Army officer to attend the French Cavalry School at Saumur, and he developed the equitation curriculum at the Mounted Service School at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Henry organized the U.S. Team for the 1912 Olympic Games, the first Olympics to include modern equestrian competition. He also competed in all three disciplines in those Games, winning a team Bronze Medal in the three-day event and helping the U.S. team to a fourth-place finish in show jumping.

Henry was Director of Equestrian Activities at the 1932 Olympics and was chef d'equipe for the 1936 and 1948 U.S. Olympic equestrian team. He also served as a judge at the 1932 and 1936 Olympic Games as well as at other international competitions. He was a director of both the AHSA and the USET in their formative years and also of the National Horse Show. He served as both vice-president and president of the FEI and remains the only American to have served as FEI president.