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## The 11th Armored Cavalry’s Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia

### Army Museum Marching Toward 2020 Opening

*(Editors Note: The 11th ACVVC thanks The Magazine of the Association of the United States Army for allowing us to reprint the article below. On September 7, 2019, 11th ACVVC VP Frank Church and I participated in a “hard-hat” tour of the still under construction National Museum of the United States Army. The 11th ACVVC made a significant donation to the museum by purchasing an 12”x18” Unit Tribute Plaque commemorating our service. It will be installed along the Path of Remembrance leading up to the Museum. We urge all of our members to visit the National Museum of the United States Army. Pete Walter, President, 11th ACVVC)*



Gina Cavallaro, Senior Staf Writer

#### Admission Will Be Free, Experience ‘Priceless’

Next year, as the Army celebrates its 245th birthday, the National Museum of the United States Army will open its doors, marking the first time the contributions of soldiers in shaping the nation are shared, honored and remembered in a common space.

Located on 84 acres about 15 miles south of Washington, D.C., the museum is at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on publicly accessible land with a dedicated entrance. Some 700,000 visitors are expected each year, and admission will be free.

The museum’s glass and steel facade stands in contrast to its wooded surroundings. It will soon offer an enduring home for soldiers past, present and future to gather,

share their history, read their stories and honor their fallen.

Construction began in March 2017, and progress has been made possible chiefly through \$42.5 million in financial contributions from the Association of the U.S. Army. The educational nonprofit’s contribution exceeds the combined contributions of the next 20 donors, making it the single-largest museum donor. One-third of AUSA’s chapters have also donated money.

AUSA’s support is in line with its core missions of supporting the U.S. Army, informing the public about the vital role the Army has played in American history, and promoting and perpetuating Army values and traditions.

“Without our association, the National Museum of the United States Army would still be an unfulfilled idea,” said retired Gen.

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### State of the Reunion

Planning for the 35th Annual reunion in Indianapolis, Indiana is in full motion and I have a lot of information for you.

The hotel for this year is the JW Marriott, 10 S. West St. Indianapolis, Indiana. The dates are Wed. Aug. 26 - Sun. Aug 30, 2020. Registration fee is \$80 and the cutoff date is August 5, 2020. The room rate is \$159.00+ tax and reservations must be made by Aug. 3, 2020. These rates are good 3 days prior to reunion dates. The reunion registration form is elsewhere in this issue.

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Parking is discounted 30% per night from the prevailing rate. We get a 15% discount at Osterio Pronto, High Velocity, TGI Fridays and the Bistro restaurants in the hotel. In room Wi-Fi is complimentary.

There are many things to do in Indy other than the Racetrack, which is a good place to visit. It has a car museum and you can take a ride around the track (in a bus). There are approximately 200 monuments in Indy, second only to Washington D.C. Many can be seen by taking a walk along the canal walk which has an entrance across the street from the hotel. Some “do

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# President's Message

By Pete Walter

Greetings Blackhorse Troopers from Galmy Mount Holly, New Jersey where the temperature is a remarkable 70 degrees Fahrenheit in mid-January! I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season as we all look forward to a new year. There is much to report on so here goes.

**HACKING:** Officers and Chairpersons of the 11th ACVVC have received numerous e-mails from people claiming to be me and/or other members of the 11th ACVVC asking for money or gift cards, etc. We are working on provisions to prevent such actions in the future but until we find a resolution to this problem, we have deleted our e-mail addresses and phone numbers from page 2 of Thunder Run and from the website. Our contact info is in back issues of Thunder Run and on the annual calendar. We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

**HEROES OF THE 11th ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT:** Elsewhere in this issue you'll find an article about a new book "Heroes of the 11th ACR"; Allen Hathaway was been deeply involved in the development of this book. We carry it in our QM Store and have sold 175 copies in the past few months. The book has been selling so fast that we have not been able to keep up with demand, so please be patient. Buy it, read it, enjoy it!

**ANNUAL EAST-TEXAS ROUND-UP:** It's coming soon! For the RV'ers out there who can, please come early as we start arriving on April 29th! We will be together May 29 through May 3rd. On Friday May 1st The ladies will be on an excursion to Canton Trade Days. As in the past it will be a lot of fun for them. Just in case you're not a camper (RV'er) There is a Regency Inn that is about a mile away and the room rates are reasonable. Our Friday evening fish fry will begin about 4-5'ish until??? Then Saturday lunch will begin between 11:30 -12:00 and lasts until?? Location is the Antique Capital RV Park, 500 South Loop 485 Gladewater, Texas 75647. Everyone is welcome! You can contact Jan at 903-780-5621 or: [janwowwe@gmail.com](mailto:janwowwe@gmail.com).

**11th ACVVC 2020 CALENDAR:** By now every member should have received

their 2020 calendar.

If you have not received yours, or if you want to order additional calendars, please contact Allen Hathaway or Pete Walter.

**BLACKHORSE WREATH-LAYING AT THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN:** The annual wreath laying in honor of the Regiment will be held on February 2, 2020, the 119th birthday of the Regiment at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery immediately following the 11:00 a.m. changing of the guard. Afterwards, Troopers, families and friends usually meet at Champs, 1201 S Joyce St, C-10, Arlington, VA 22202-2066 in the Pentagon City Mall. If you have questions, please email Guillermo Guillén at: [guillermo.guillen.03@gmail.com](mailto:guillermo.guillen.03@gmail.com).

**REGIMENTAL BALL:** The active duty Regiment at Fort Irwin will hold their annual Regimental Ball at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino, 3700 W Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89103, on April 22, 2020. Tickets are \$90 per person. The Regiment has reserved 35 tickets for 11th ACVVC members, but that number can be adjusted if needed. Room rates are being negotiated; check our website for additional info. If you are interested in attending, please contact CPT McKinney for more information or to "sign up" to attend at: [davidlmckinney18@gmail.com](mailto:davidlmckinney18@gmail.com)

CPT McKinney would like to have the names of those wanting to attend by February 12. Checks can be made to "11th Armored Cavalry Regiment." Please send checks to:

Regimental Adjutant, BLDG 182,  
B Avenue, Fort Irwin, CA 92310

For additional info contact CPT McKinney at: Work: (760)-380-5740, Cell: (757)-903-5369

**ARMY MUSEUM OPENING & 11th ACVVC UNIT TRIBUTE PLAQUE:** Last September, VP Frank Church and I had the privilege of participating in a private "hard-hat" tour of the still under construction National Museum of the United States Army at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. The museum is huge and promises to be an exciting and long over-due honor to the United

States Army. Elsewhere in this issue is a story about the museum. Thanks to the Magazine of the Association of the United States Army for reprint permission, especially to Rick Maze, whose boss is Guy Swan III, LTG, USA (Ret), 57th Colonel of the Blackhorse. It is a small world indeed!

**ORDER OF THE SPUR:** In COL Woodward's message he mentions certificates. He had been asked at the Members meeting about Order of the Spur, etc. This is a huge task as we have about 7,000 Troopers who qualify. We will establish a data base of names of the Troopers requesting certificates that we can present to the active duty Regiment that will include mailing address, rank, unit and years of service. A daunting task to be sure, but we'll get it done! Thanks to COL Woodward for his continued efforts at amending the Blackhorse crest (Regimental Unit Insignia) to include some symbol of our service in Vietnam.

**VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER (VSO):** Recently we have run articles on VA benefits, applying for them, appealing decisions, etc., written by Chuck Bosko. Chuck is a Veterans Service Officer in Chicago, Illinois and specifically an Appeals Specialist. He served as a Medic in F Troop in 1969-70. In this issue he addresses the importance of having copies your DD-214 available. Jim Scahill, (who has been a big help with proofreading) wants to remind everyone to have a copy of your DD-214 filed with your County Clerk's Office. If you hope to successfully navigate the churning and changing seas of the VA bureaucracy, it all starts with your DD-214! Additionally, Chuck welcomes feedback from our readers and would like to receive suggestions on future topics for his column. His contact info is at the end of his article.

**EDITOR'S CORNER:** As I write the President's message, I no longer feel there is any need for the Editor's Corner, ergo, it has gone away! If you have any questions or suggestions for topics for future issues, please contact me directly. If there is enough interest and response, I would like to publish a "Letters to the Editor" column. Let me know what you think.

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Carter F. Ham, AUSA president and CEO.

Under the direction and stewardship of the Army Historical Foundation, the idea for the museum became reality, and the project has taken shape since ground was broken in September 2016. The 185,000-square-foot facility will eventually be transferred to the Army to maintain and manage. The Army Historical Foundation will remain responsible for generating revenue over the life span of the museum.

### Packing a Lot of History

Designed by Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, the six-story museum building and sprawling grounds comprise a multidisciplinary complex that will invite visitors to explore and linger through displays, gardens, trails and interactive educational experiences.

Entering the expansive lobby pavilion, visitors will step onto a cool white terrazzo floor emblazoned with the Army seal. Straight ahead, they will see an imposing 21-foot-high Honor Wall etched with the names of each of the Army's battles. Overhead, illuminated glass campaign streamers will line the beamed ceiling.

The educational experience will begin with a series of chronological and thematic galleries on the ground floor that include elaborate exhibits with artifacts, documents, images, life-size plaster-cast figures of soldiers through history, and artwork that tells the Army's story since it was founded in 1775.

Chief among the galleries and installations will be three main attractions, starting with the Soldiers' Stories Gallery, a column of interactive pylons beginning on the walkway approaching the museum's entrance and continuing inside, leading visitors into the main display area. Each pylon will contain personal stories told by generations of soldiers.

Within the main exhibit wing will be an area dedicated to the Army and Society Gallery, highlighting the Army's long-standing mutual relationship with civilians, and the Fighting for the Nation Galleries, a series of six smaller galleries that cover different periods in the Army's history from the Revolutionary War to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On the museum's second floor, a Special Exhibits Gallery for temporary installations will highlight U.S. Army art on a rotational schedule.

### Something for Everyone

An attraction that promises to become popular with visitors is an immersive sensory theater that will show *Of Noble Deeds*, a film about the Army's history told through the Army Values. The film will be shown several times each hour.

The theater's 300-degree, 4D video screen surrounds a seating area with swiveling chairs, flashing strobes and a vibrating floor. The experience will re-create the sound of a helicopter and the feel of the rotors' wind, the rumble of a passing Humvee and the clacking rifles of the U.S. Army Drill Team.

On the opposite side of the lobby, through a set of glass doors, a dedicated, highly interactive educational space will be geared toward younger visitors, including small children.

The inviting Experiential Learning Center is close to being complete. It is illuminated by the glow of oversized interactive screens in five stations that focus on kids working in teams to carry out Army missions. The learning space and mission modules provide the opportunity to test and develop skills in geography, science, technology, engineering and math.

Within the space is a smaller enclosed area with a carpet-and-rubber floor called

Fort Discover, where kids can climb on a two-story mock Army fort, play educational video games or see themselves in different Army uniforms through Camo Camera, an interactive photo booth.

Another feature of the learning center is an interactive wall installation called Growing Up Army, which allows visitors to touch different images on a screen to see firsthand accounts from Army families around the world.

Museum Director Tammy Call explained that, while generations of soldiers and their families are expected to visit, the museum is designed for the public, including visitors who may be learning about the Army for the first time.

"It's a public-facing museum, and while we tell the history of the Army through the eyes and voices of the soldier, we're also aware that many people are not necessarily familiar with the Army's history," Call said. "The goal is for the visitor to see a reflection of themselves, that soldiers are their neighbors."

Among the many ways visitors will learn more about the experiences of soldiers, veterans, Army civilians, the supporting community and the animals that worked with the Army will be three digital registry kiosks.

### Group Settings

The museum's interior also has areas for gatherings and is complemented by exterior gardens and surrounding grounds, where visitors can relax in one of many landscaped park and seating areas, attend events or explore additional interactive activities.

One of the most anticipated areas is the Medal of Honor Garden, a contemplative space nestled into a rooftop terrace garden that highlights the Army's recipients of the highest award for valor on the battlefield.

An interactive Army Trail through a wooded area will have a series of stations where participants can learn lessons about Army survival tactics. An amphitheater will be a place for ceremonies and events, while a grandstand with a parade ground will be used for demonstrations and reenactments.

Back inside, flooded in natural light on the museum's second floor, the multipurpose, patriotic-themed Veterans' Hall is a space ideal for meetings, reunions, dinners



and banquets. Larger events may take place in the lobby, which can accommodate private events for up to 460 people.

Visitors can get a bite to eat at the cafe, which includes an outdoor patio, and remember their visit with a purchase at the museum store.

## Continued Funding

Army supporters and museum visitors can help with the continuing need to fund the museum or honor their soldier's legacy in several ways.

The Army Historical Foundation's Commemorative Brick Program is a fundraising mechanism, but it also serves as an enduring tribute to soldiers, units, families and supporters. Each personalized brick will line the Path of Remembrance, the brick walkway that will lead visitors to the museum's main entrance.



There are outdoor spaces dedicated to commemorating Army units, and seats in the theater and benches in the museum's gardens can accommodate a dedication. The alcoves in the museum's Veterans' Hall can be dedicated.

Corporate programs and tribute gifts are available, and opportunities for individuals or organizations are set up to help with fundraising.

But none of these options is required for a great visit to the museum, because admission will be free and "the experience will be priceless," said retired Lt.

Gen. Roger Schultz, president of the Army Historical Foundation. "After a visit to the museum, you'll have an appreciation for soldiers' selfless service to our nation."

Funding for the museum has come from some 178,000 founding sponsors, Schultz said.

"Every donation counts," he said. "It's the collection of donations at all levels that make this project what it is. Without that, we couldn't get it done."

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not miss" sights are the Medal of Honor Memorial, the World War memorial, the Vietnam Memorial, the USS Indianapolis Memorial (it has a very interesting history in WW II) and the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Monument Circle. A nightly light show has just been added using state of the art light and sound for a patriotic salute. You can even take a horse carriage ride there if you like. There are two museums across the street from the hotel that are very interesting, the Eiteljorg Museum and the Indiana State Museum; the Eiteljorg also has a small café.

There will be a scooter rental program in place again but the hotel is not involved this year. I am working on a discounted rate from them, more to come in the next issue of the TR. There will also be a trolley service to the downtown area's restaurants, shops, breweries, monuments and memorials. Please take advantage of the transportation away from the hotel. It is there to provide some relief from the hotel food and beverage costs.

The trolley service is of no cost to the membership and gratuities are included, and are quite generous. So, unless you just have a desire to tip it is not required. However, gratuities are expected at the hotel to basically anyone that touches your luggage or parks your car if valet services are used. So be mindful of the proper etiquette. The amount is up to you.

The trolley will run from 8 AM - 8PM Wed. the 26th to Fri. the 28th. The schedule and stops will be available when you pick up your name tags at the registration booth. The trolley does not go to the airport.

There is shuttle service from the airport to the hotel priced at \$12 each way. Taxi service is \$25-\$30 each way, and there is always Uber or Lyft if you are into that type of transportation.

I must remind everyone again to make your reservations before the cut off dates, and the earlier the better, those dates again are August 3, 2020 for the hotel and August 5, 2020 for the reunion. Reservations for either will not be accepted after these dates. You can cancel reunion reservations up to August 15th and receive a refund.

The 11th ACVVC Officers/Board of Directors put a lot of work into making this reunion as affordable as possible; the first being the \$80 registration fee. Please take advantage of the 15% discounts at the previously mentioned hotel restaurants and the downtown trolley, scooter rentals and discounted parking.

There will be more updates as the year progresses. I am looking forward to seeing each of you in August and having another great reunion.

*Frank Church-Reunion Chairman  
Vice President*





# The Real Rambo

*"In regards to serving his country he felt  
"It was the price you pay for living here"*

**Helen Ryan Rambo Christensen**

Arthur John Rambo graduated first in his class from Field Artillery NCO School (aka, "Advanced Combat Leadership" or in a derogatory fashion as "Shake-N-Bake" or "Instant NCO") at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and was promoted to Staff Sergeant,

E-6. Shortly thereafter he shipped out to Vietnam, arriving in country on Aug 19, 1969. He was assigned to the Howitzer Battery, 3rd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. The 11th ACR was a unique unit in that it had M-109, 155mm Self Propelled Howitzer batteries (one in each squadron) integrated into the TOE. Each battery traveled with the "line" troops and tank companies and occupied fire bases with these units.

The character displayed by SSGT Rambo in Vietnam was formed early in his life in farmlands near Libby, Montana. His "kid" sister Patty remembers her big brother as "... my sense of strength and solid ground."

*"I do remember one incident that speaks of Artie's character. One New Year's Eve (1961, 62, 63ish?!) when he was still in high school, he came home late but before my parents. He had me clean some blood off him before they saw him. He had been to the hospital and had a butterfly bandage on his eyebrow over his left eye but they hadn't cleaned him up very well and he wanted me to help. Well, I was a little shocked cause I never knew Artie to GET into a fight before, at least not to this extent. He finally told me what happened in his modest downplayed version. He and some of his friends had been "out" (kids didn't get in trouble in Libby in those days - they would just "pal around") and someone had been harassing an Indian kid who was a few years younger than Artie but his family was friends of our family. Adrian's mom had babysat for me and Dan over the years. So Artie stepped in to stop the situation and apparently took the brunt of the bully's action. As Artie would say: "t's the price you pay'...for doing the right thing."*

On November 25, as part of Operation Texas Traveler, elements of 3rd Squadron,

including L Troop, Headquarters Troop, 919th Engineer Company and Howitzer Battery set up a Night Defensive Position (NDP) between An Loc and the Cambodian border. At 0400 hrs on 26 NOV 69 the NDP came under attack from Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) fire.

SGT John Walters (Charles Town, West Virginia) remembers, *"I was awoken by explosions, fire and screaming. We were being overrun by two companies of NVA. Sp4 Shockley got in our gun (M-109) to drive and I led him and our crew out of the area. SSGT Beavers and the Lieutenant and our crew hid in the jungle until daylight. I remember the Cobra's mini-guns shell casings falling on us. Sam King was directing the Dust-off helicopters with a flashlight to get the wounded out. Guns #1 and #6 were blown up that night. Even after fifty years I relive that night at least twice a week. I received the Bronze Star and Purple Heart that night but I would gladly trade them for the life of Art Rambo, a true friend and a real hero in my book. Every time Sylvester Stallone has a movie it brings back bad memories. Thanksgiving is my worst holiday but I am thankful I am still alive. SSGT Rambo will always be remembered as long as I am alive."*

Sam King (Sherwood, Arkansas) describes the events of Nov 26, *"I was on the #5 gun and didn't know Art that well. Farmer (Johnnie Reynolds, Bloomfield, Nebraska) and I were sleeping besides our M-548 (tracked cargo/ammo carrier) when everything blew up. The first vehicle hit was an ACAV (Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicle) from Headquarters, Headquarters Troop, 3/11. There was a Captain from HHT who lost his leg that night. I helped dust-off the wounded and when the wounded were evacuated we discovered SSGT Rambo's body."*

1LT Rod Chisholm (San Antonio, Texas) recalls of SSGT Rambo, *"Many times after the conclusion of a fire mission, Art would drop by the TOC (Tactical Operations Center) to ascertain how effective we were in achieving our assigned goal. Art was unique in this regard and I enjoyed our conversations."*

*I recall one specific fire mission that*

*required all the care and experience to be put to work. There was a frantic call from a squad that was operating in our AO (Are of Operations). 'Infantry...ambushed...leadership out of commission.' The squad was in a ditch on one side of a dirt road, while the enemy was on the other side. Our mission was to provide fire on their (enemy) side of the road and not on ours...a tall order.*

*I got Art on the land-line and told him this specific fire mission was to be using only his gun. To allay the risk, I calculated that we would aim the round to land 100 meters behind the enemy, so that a gust of wind wouldn't have an adverse effect. Art fired, the single round was a direct hit on the enemy! This changed the entire battle in our favor.*

*Art reloaded, we made a slight adjustment, moved the impact 50 yards and fired again. Home run!*

*The next morning we met the infantry squad. They came by to express their thanks for saving their lives.*

*All in a day's work!*

*Much has been reported on the Thanksgiving Eve battle whereby we lost Art. The singular item that I will always remember is the act of heroism that was provided by Art Rambo."*

(Editor's note: At the 1997 reunion in Las Vegas a number of 3rd How Bat Troopers got together and reminisced late into the night. I remember Rod talking about the days of Nov 25-26, 1969. In the afternoon of 25 Nov he had been given a teletype in an envelope which he stuck in his pocket. Following the Nov 25 ambush and the chaos of the early morning of Nov 26, he had endured a very busy day. Sometime later, when all the casualties had been medevaced out, ammo resupplied and a perimeter secured, he finally had a chance to sit down and take a breather. He remembered the teletype letter and opened it to read the news that his wife had just given birth.)

Patrick Garmon (Columbia, Tennessee, deceased Sep 22, 2016) was a Captain and the 3rd Squadron Howitzer Battery Commander. In an interview with West 57th Street (televised ~1985) he recalls writing the letter to Art's parents: *"It was the hardest thing I ever did. He was a good soldier and*

## **As I crouched down and looked around, pure, absolute, soul-sucking hell was no comparison to what I saw. Vehicles everywhere were on fire, demolished, or simply not there anymore.**

*a good human being. He was the only soldier killed under my command. It was hard to accept and I never really forgot. (Regarding the Rambo movies) Any person that lets their children see something like that and doesn't remind them that it's entertainment, he ain't never been there and he'll never understand what it's really like. The guy in the Rambo movie...if he behaved like that in my unit he would've lasted ten minutes. There's something wrong with our society if they want to glorify that type of action. There's absolutely nothing glamorous about war. It's very hard, it's hard on individuals...it's even harder on their families."*

*Dennis Ashby (Effingham, South Carolina) writes: "I knew him and then he was gone. I was young at the time Art was killed but I remember well the early morning when it happened. When daylight came, I then knew I was in a war that would change my life forever. I was only 18 and saw death and destruction all around me. I was scared and angry at the same time. Scared that I would be next, and angry that the NVA took your life. Art was a hero to me.*

*Jim "Doc" Moses (San Jose, California) was a Combat Medic assigned to the 3rd Squadron Howitzer Battery. Jim provided a ten-page narrative of the action and of his impression of Art Rambo, the man. "It's been almost fifty years, but I remember some of those times as if they happened yesterday. (Late afternoon, Nov 25, moving through the jungle) The sounds of M-60s and .50 cal's firing and the distinctive sounds of RPGs became every Troopers reality.*

*The column stopped. The leading elements had entered the area we were to set up in, encountered enemy troops who initiated an ambush. An ambush they had all day to plan...*

*Because of the density of the jungle and the undulations in the terrain I was unable to see where this was happening. Still, there was no doubt that what was happening was "right there". (The ambush was repulsed, the wounded evacuated and Jim continues.)*

*"We did eventually move into our night-defensive-position where everyone immediately began preparation for an attack that was sure to come. (Gun chiefs and section chiefs were called to a briefing and told to expect to "get hit". Jim continues.) "Walking back with Gary Ogles and Art Rambo, whose gun was set up to the right of Gary's by about thirty yards, Art and I parted with words of caution and encouragement. Probably something along the lines of, 'be careful, man' and 'watch out for yourself'. These were ordinary words; nothing particularly articulate or prophetic about them. But whatever the words, they were the last words I would exchange with Art, at least while he was alive. (The Troopers would settle in for the night...Jim continues.) I had a mental picture of the position and location of the vehicles and 'my guys'.*

*I don't know what time it was but I turned to my buddy and whispered 'I can smell them cooking'. And it was true; there were definitely cooking smells coming from somewhere close by. Ordinarily the NVA/VC would direct the vents of kitchens and common areas away from their origins. In this case the smells were so strong it seemed as if they didn't care if we knew they were there or not.*

*Around 0400 a whooshing sound passed over our heads. And something exploded behind us as we dove into the depression in front of us. I immediately realized we were between the origin of the attack and our vehicle. I remember thinking, this was not a good place to be and as we started up the incline a second RPG went over our heads and hit the ground. (Jim and his buddy seek cover inside SSGT Ogles Howitzer just as an RPG hits the 548 behind them.) Howitzer rounds and powder exploded, spraying shrapnel all over the back of the gun. I knew I had work to do and I told SSGT Ogles I had to get out there. The rear hatch was unusable, but he told me we could drop down through the trap door, which we did.*

*As we lay there under the gun I saw an entire turret, with gun tube included, flying*

*through the air trailing flames, smoke and debris as another gun exploded.*

*Upon hearing the call of 'Medic' I responded and found a Trooper on the ground holding his leg. To get some cover I carried him to the closest vehicle, an M-88, and slid him in. I used the red interior lights to look at his foot after I cut his boot off. I dressed his foot, exited the vehicle and slid the Trooper back onto my shoulder.*

*As I crouched down and looked around, pure, absolute, soul-sucking hell was no comparison to what I saw. Vehicles everywhere were on fire, demolished, or simply not there anymore.*

*I spotted a silhouette kneeling down with a radio handset to his ear, so I ran to him and set my casualty down. I didn't know who he was but he appeared and acted like he had a plan, not to mention the radio. (Jim thinks the 'kneeling figure' was LtCol David Doyle, 3rd Sqd Cmdr.) I identified myself as the How Battery Medic, and he said we would set up a rallying point right there, and treat who we could with what we had then wait for the Medevacs to come in. Training, and adrenalin, having already kicked in, I went back out to pick up more wounded, wherever they were.*

*After bandaging one, then two, then more coming in I heard 'Check him out' as a couple of Troopers brought in another litter with another casualty. I found no head wounds or any obvious bleeding, but he was clearly going into shock. I heard later that he had been hit full frontally by a huge piece of metal from one of the M-109s, a spade used to stabilize the gun when firing. I tried to load him on one of the first medivacs but was told 'the dead and dying go last'. This was a harsh lesson but the reality of military triage meant he had to wait. I stayed with him as much as I could under the circumstances, until after dawn when he was flown out. (Jim learned the Trooper died of his wounds the next day.)*

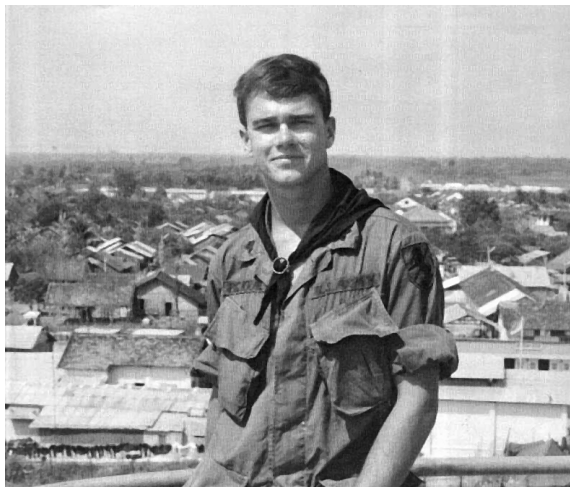
*The attack was repelled with the aid of the line troops, helicopter gunships and a visit from "Spooky"; all very much appreciated and for which I am grateful to this day, but serious damage had been done.*

*After I checked back in with How Battery, I learned Art Rambo had been killed, and the world dropped out from beneath me. I had admired Art from the time I had met him sev-*

Please turn to **RAMBO** on page 16



# Meet the Officers of the 11th ACVVC



Ollie Pickral,  
then and now.

## Ollie W. Pickral, 11th ACVVC Treasurer

Ollie Pickral was born in 1947 in Newport News, Virginia, under extreme poverty. Orphaned in 1951, Ollie was sent to the Baptist Orphanage of Virginia, situated in the Blue Ridge mountains near Roanoke, VA. Times were hard there as well. With as many as 200 children, they milked cows, raised chickens, hogs and beef cattle and they raised their own vegetables. Ollie stayed there until graduating from high school and entering college at local, Virginia Western.

After one year of college, Ollie failed to return to school and Uncle Sam was quick to draft him in the Army. On May 13, 1968, he was sent to basic training at Fort Benning, GA where it was sandy, hot and muggy. With the completion of basic, no leave was granted and he was bused to Fort Knox for armor training. After 8 weeks training there, he was granted 13 days leave then sent to Vietnam in late September of 1968. At the 90th Replacement Center, he was assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. He recalls the hum of comments made as soldiers were assigned to the Blackhorse as if they were going into a hellish inferno. Once at Blackhorse basecamp near Xuan Loc, he was assigned to K Troop, 3rd Sqdn.

K Troop had just replenished its troopers after firefights and Deros out so the CO sent him to the K Troop mortar section of 3 ACAVs with 4.2 inch mortars (M106) and one ACAV (M113) for the Forward

Observer. Having had no experience or training with artillery, he learned quickly to be one of those "mortar guys".

On May 13, 1969, K Troop was ambushed and Ollie received shrapnel from an RPG round, was "dusted off" but was back in the bush in just a couple of days. Six months after joining the mortars, he was assigned to be Track Commander for the F.O. track and remained there until leaving Vietnam in late September, 1969. After returning back to "the world", Ollie was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Div. at Fort Bragg for the remaining 8 months of his two year obligation.

Ollie was hired by the Immigration and Naturalization Service as a Contracts Specialist in Richmond, VA in 1972. They later moved their office to Dallas, TX and Ollie moved there, working for the INS for 15 years. He was later hired and promoted to Contracting Officer, Dept. of Defense (DoD) and he retired from Federal Service after 30 years of serving our country.

In 1984, Ollie attended the ceremony of the Three Fighting Soldiers dedication in Washington DC. There he met many Blackhorse Vietnam troopers and contacted them via letter to have a reunion of Blackhorse war veterans in the Dallas area. In late 1985, Ollie founded the 11 ACVVC and pursued organization requirements with the State of Texas and the Internal Revenue Service to promote membership and start having reunions.

Ollie was the first President of 11 ACVVC and went on to be President again for a total of 12 years. During his presidency, he also handled the funds of 11 ACVVC and has been the Treasurer for over 30 years.

After retirement from the Defense Dept., Ollie moved back to his home state, residing in the coastal town of Kilmarnock, VA, noted for its crab and oysters and small town atmosphere.

Ollie has one daughter, April "Punkie" who grew up in the 11th ACVVC, son-in-law Chris and his granddaughter Haley who reside in Plano, Texas.

With two years of service in the Army, Ollie's awards include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, National Service ribbon, Vietnam Service ribbon, Vietnam Campaign medal, Meritorious Unit award and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. Since Vietnam, he was selected as the 11 ACVVC Trooper of the Year in 2010, selected to be in the Honor Rolls of the Blackhorse Regiment and also selected for the 11th Cavalry's Order of the Spur.

He is a member of the VFW and served as Post Commander in Texas. He is a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and was Southwest Regional Treasurer for Vietnam Veterans of America.

Ollie spends his retirement being the Treasurer of this organization, working out at the YMCA, travelling to Texas and spoiling his granddaughter as much as he can.





# From the 68th Colonel of the Regiment

**COL Scott Woodward**

December 26th, 2019

## 68th Colonel's Greeting

To all the Troopers of the Best Damn Regiment, we hope your holiday season was happy and healthy as you spent time with family and friends. As we begin a new year we look forward to continuing to connect with all of YOU – our fellow Blackhorse Troopers and honored veterans.

There will be a lot going on in the Regiment this year. Our tanks are being upgraded with the newest generation of thermal sights to increase our lethality, we are scheduled to receive our first fielding of unmanned ground vehicles and the conditions are set to replace our aging M1A1s with M1A2s. It will be a busy few months as we take on units from the 2d IN DIV, 3d IN DIV, 4th IN DIV and 1st CAV DIV here in the desert.

At the reunion banquet dinner, the question was asked about getting spur certificates for those that served in combat in the Regiment (or replacement certificates for those that misplaced them). The Regiment would be happy to provide them to you and we've already mailed out several to Troopers that have contacted us. The most efficient way to get your certificate is to have the Association send us a consolidated list with all the

Troopers who need them. We'll need your Name, Mailing address, Rank, Unit and years you served. An example would be:

SGT John A. Doe  
B TRP 2/11 68-69  
123 Main St  
Arlington, VA 12345

The request to have the Regimental Unit Insignia amended is still slowly moving along and we should know soon if it will be approved or not. It has successfully cleared every obstacle thus far and is now in the Pentagon for final determination. Once we find something out, you will be the first to know.

This Regiment is so proud of all of you. The support you give to the Regiment and to each other after all these years is impressive. If any of you are near our Nation's capital on the Regimental Birthday – 02 February – we will be there to place our BLACKHORSE wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Please join us if you can.

Find the Bastards and Pile on!  
ALLONS!

*Scott C. Woodward – 68th Colonel of the Regiment*

## VSO STUFF

# Veteran's Benefits

*...from the perspective of a Veterans Service Officer.*

## How important is your DD 214?

### Happy New Year Blackhorse!

As I work for a State Department of Veterans Affairs, I and other VSOs receive requests from veterans for a copy - or copies - of their DD 214. Most of the time, we do have a vet's document, provided they have given us one previously. Occasionally, we do not. When this occurs, we will assist a vet, or family member, submit a request to the National Personnel Records Center. This process though is rather slow. And of course, the need for a DD 214 is often urgent.

I share this with readers as a point of advice- keep plenty copies of your DD 214 available and inform your family of where those copies are! I cannot emphasize this enough! Hey- in the advent of your demise, your family will be bur-

dened enough with other matters without the turmoil and anxiety of locating your DD 214. That one-page piece of government paper is required for all last honors to which you and all veterans are entitled to. Here's why-

For every portion of military honors- the Flag, headstone, burial expense reimbursement, burial in a VA cemetery and related items, a copy of your DD 214 must be included with every form. Granted- most funeral homes are very adept and professional assisting families during the process- yet having plenty of DD 214's makes the process easier. Further, make the process smoother still.

The following forms are the most frequently used. Each is available to download at [va.gov](http://va.gov), forms. Complete each form as much as possible then set aside and inform your family where to locate same (do not keep these in bank safety box!)

- Flag .....VA Form 21-2008
- Headstone .....VA Form 40-1330
- Medallion .....VA Form 1330M
- Burial .....VA21-530

Okay, I know what you're probably thinking- has this Chuck guy got this stuff done? YUP! And my wife knows where those are. I share this with you as I do with any vet who needs to know this. If you already have this done- congrats to you. If you have not done so- please do.

I welcome your questions or suggestions on future topics. You can contact me at: [chuckbosko@att.net](mailto:chuckbosko@att.net)

Allons

*Chuck Bosko*

**PS Visit:** [archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records](http://archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records) to obtain a certified copy, a very user friendly site.

**Editor's note:** It is highly recommended that all veteran s file a copy of their DD-214 with their County Clerks office.



## 20/20 Hindsight

In January of 1972, the last Blackhorse Firebase in Vietnam was under construction. By the end of January, the 2nd Squadron's security responsibility included the area bordering on the Song Be River to its north and east and the Dong Nai River to the south. Firebase Fiddler's Green was being constructed, but not without interruption.

*Halfway down the road to hell, in a shady meadow green*

*Are the souls of all dead troopers camped,*

*Near a good old-time canteen.*

*And this eternal resting place,*

*Is known as Fiddler's Green.*

While the engineers worked to turn the "shady meadow green" into a dusty and arid plain, E, F and G troops swept the surrounding area with mounted and dismounted patrols. The engagements with the enemy were frequent, tediously dangerous and yet effectively successful. But nonetheless, we lost five courageous troopers and suffered numerous casualties both at Fiddler's Green, in the Aero Rifle Platoon, and on the dismounts of E, F and G Troops.

But in 1972, we were also pulling out. Not retreating. We engaged every day with fewer and fewer troops and yet it was the enemy who pulled away. Possibly biding its time until the Blackhorse went away; or, and in fact, because they couldn't take the heat generated by the diesel giants nor the aggressiveness of the men who rode them. [Looking forward to the 11th ACVVC Historian, Don Snedeker's soon to be published book: Blackhorse in Vietnam.]

The so called "down-sizing" was in effect. Not instituted by the military gurus on the ground, but by the diplomats in Paris and Washington. The last Blackhorse Squadron (the 2nd) was to go home. Not in the proud and traditional sense that they would march out with banners flying in perfect formation and before a cheering crowd. No, instead the Colors were to go to Saigon with a small contingent of officers to be "cased" and flown to Fort Lewis, in Washington state. There they were to be retired, until the Pentagon found another use, another theatre for an Armored Cavalry Regiment. Though at the time, we were disheartened to hear that our proud record of six years was to be buried in a closet, no one was surprised how quickly the Regiment was brought back to the forefront and shipped off to Germany to plug a gap. Before 1973, I doubt that any of us had heard of Fulda Gap.

But back in Vietnam, in February and March, the Blackhorse troops who had completed a hundred and eighty-one days in country, were going back to the states: individually. No fanfare, no parade, no salute for a job well done. They left the field, in ones and twos, packed their gear one day and jumped on a truck or Huey the next. Those who hadn't reached that magic number remained behind and by the end of March were reassigned in-country.

48 years later, we can look back and shake our heads. We told them so, they didn't listen and our understanding didn't come from 20/20 hindsight. But that's all behind us now. Now we only recall the routine life in the field, the rush to clear and pack our gear, a

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quick good bye to buddies we only knew by nicknames, and then standing in line to complete the paper work and to catch that "Freedom Bird."

Some of us watched flights take off from Bien Hoa, where we stood in our stained and torn khakis with another outfit. But as Blackhorse veterans we still stood out. Our olive-drab greens were really "olive-drab" next to freshly starched uniforms of our new units. Though we spruced up as best we could, still our drab and worn garb became a symbol of pride; a pride that was not a sin, a pride that was well earned – proud that we had served with the Legendary Blackhorse Regiment.

2020 may be this year's number, but it invokes laughter for me. 2020 reminds me of my own father; his fellow steelworkers of Pittsburgh called him "Dutch." He was a joyful guy who as I recall, everyone liked. He died 30 years ago, but is still well remembered. When the old and mostly widowed aunts and cousins of our Slovak ethnic family greeted him with: "Dutchie, you look good." He would answer with a Santa Claus twinkle: "that's because you still have 20/20 vision." Some didn't get it right away, but sooner or later everyone smiled.

Of course, my prayers and good wishes are that you have a joy-filled year in 2020. That this year, you look back at your life and smile and then look forward with hope and smile all the more. For some of us there may be tragedy, but we will still be able to smile at our memories, at our accomplishments, at the good times we had, and those we can still look forward to.

My prayer is that the 11th ACVVC cadre, all of you – with your family and friends will continue on, still gathering in places that bring us together ... to smile. By the time you get this newsletter, some will have already celebrated the 119th birthday of the 11th Cavalry Regiment by placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. A few hearty souls from the DC Area, as well as troopers from the active duty regiment at Fort Irwin, gather in the early morning cold on February 2nd to stand in awe, to salute our fallen veterans and all American veterans in silence and reverence. They brave the cold, which is uncomfortable to say the least, and then they see those Tomb Guards who march precisely and with sincere 'gravitas' no matter what the weather conditions and feel ashamed that we might dare complain about cold feet.

Other troopers will gather in Wisconsin, Texas, California, Colorado and other places around the nation to greet their brothers.

We go back to Washington each year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor our fallen and those who wore the uniform. This summer we gather in central Indiana for our 35th Reunion, and a special moment there will be a Memorial Service to salute “the souls of all dead troopers camped near a good old-time canteen.”

Our reunions have been successful, but still not inclusive enough. We get large crowds compared to other veteran organizations: we are at the top of the heap. But far less than 10% of our enrolled members make it to the reunions. For those who do come, they know the trip was worth it. The chance to share our pride with our battlefield brothers is nothing short of a joyful jolt; a physical and mental high.

Sure, we will probably know very few, and hardly anyone from our unit and time, but we will meet other Blackhorse Troopers who wore the same uniform, the same shoulder patch and rode on the same kind of tracked vehicles. And together we will laugh and play, frolic and pray, and share a hearty back slap or a fraternal “manly hug.” Maybe only for a few moments, a few days, but we go home refreshed and with new memories, new appreciation, a new understanding of those brave men and women who showed-up, served their country and put their lives on the line for each other, for the regiment, and for God and Country. Allons!

*Blandin “Bill” Karabinos, BOD & Chaplain*

## 2020 Silent Auction

By Greg Mason

The 2019 Silent Auction raised \$9,233 for the 11th ACVVC Scholarship Fund with 237 items donated and available for bid. The donated items included many hand-crafted items and one of a kind items with a Blackhorse theme. We look forward to another successful auction.

The auction process will be as follows:

Items are needed for the Silent Auction to be conducted during our 35th Annual Reunion in Indianapolis, IN. Items peculiar to the 11th Cavalry are always favorites, and any item of value is welcome, Cavalry related or not.

We will have a collection site set-up in the registration area to collect donated items brought to the reunion beginning on Wednesday from 1pm to 5pm, Thursday from 1pm to 5pm, and Friday from 1pm to 4pm.

You can ship items to Donald LaFontaine, to collect, hold and bring the items to the reunion for display. If you plan to ship items, please use the convenient Silent Auction Donor Form printed below. If you bring the items to the reunion, also complete the donation form and include it with the item.

The auction will be from 6pm to 9pm on Friday night with the bidding ending precisely at 9pm.

Winning bidders must be present and pick up their items and pay for them between 9pm and 9:30pm after the bidding is complete.

If the item is not picked up, the item will be awarded to the next highest bid at 9:30 or auctioned off at 9:45pm Friday evening. The bid form will have a place for you to leave a cell phone number in case we need to call you to let

you know to pick up your item.

We will be able to accept cash, checks, Visa or MasterCard for payment.

We do need volunteers to work the collection site and the night of the auction. We are setting up the collection site schedule in 2 hour shifts and if you would like to volunteer please contact me at [gregmason311@gmail.com](mailto:gregmason311@gmail.com) or 813-220-9027. I will respond to your email as I receive them.

Our reason for requiring items to be picked up and paid for the evening of the auction is because of the difficulties we have had in prior years getting all the items delivered and paid for. We appreciate your understanding.

We look forward to seeing you in Indianapolis and thanks in advance to all the donors!

### 11th ACVVC Silent Auction

#### Donated Items Information Form

Please provide the following information with your donated item. If you wish to donate anonymously, please check the box below.

**Please print clearly.**

Description of item donated: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_ Value of Item Donated \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to remain anonymous (check box)

**Mail silent auction items to: 11th ACVVC, C/O Donald LaFontaine, 175 Tracy Ridge Blvd, New Whiteland, IN 46184**



# 2020 Reunion Registration Information

by Robert Moreno, Reunion Registration Chairman

I hope everyone had a great Christmas & New Year's holiday. Here it is 2020, it's been 51 years since I was in Vietnam. Some memories are still crystal clear, but the "fading away" part is starting to be more frequent...time to write it down and pass it on to our families.

All the information you need to register for the 35th Annual Reunion in Indianapolis, Indiana is in this issue of "Thunder Run". Accompanying this article is a checklist called "DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE" with a list of suggestions and instructions to aid registration processing.

§ All participants have to be pre-registered!

§ No Walk-In Registrations will be taken at the Reunion!

One of the most important planning tools we have is the "Deadline" or Cut-Off Dates to ensure a smooth transition. For the Indianapolis Reunion, there are three important dates, as follows:

- Hotel Registration cutoff date: **Mon. August 3rd** (to get the discounted 11th ACVVC room rate)
- Reunion Registration cutoff date: **Wed.: August 5th**
- Reunion Registration Cancellation cutoff date: **Sat., August 15th**

We have had good attendance at our Annual Banquet. Delivering the right meal is extremely important to keep the conversation about the Regiment flowing and enjoying our dinner mates. The cutoff date triggers the "final count of meals". Once the last Registration form is processed, I give the hotel the numbers of meals by type of meal; this is the "meal count". There are many other logistics that are fulfilled by the Hotel. Once we turn in a count, we cannot change it or add additional meals. The count we submit is the bill we pay, and there are not refunds!! If you have any registration or general questions, call me at (Home) 608-372-5892; (Cell) 608-387-3346, or e-

mail at: [gtrouppob@gmail.com](mailto:gtrouppob@gmail.com).

As always, thank you for all the support you and your family give this great organization! On behalf of Barbara, Raleigh and me, we hope you and your family have a great and safe Spring & Summer this year. Get out there and enjoy, and we hope to see you in August. ALLONS!!

Robert (Bob) Moreno, Ret., G Troop 2/11th Dec 68-69  
11th ACVVC Board of Directors, Registration Chairman

## DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE

- If you make a copy of the registration form from Thunder Run, PLEASE don't trim the page!
- I suggest you use those free address labels you get in the mail. If not, PRINT CLEARLY so we get the information correct.
- For Guests with a different City or State address, put that information next to their name. That will be on their name tag as the right location.
- Be aware the list on our web site (and at the Reunion) showing who is coming, will have YOUR Unit, City & State next to your guest name(s). (That's how we keep your group together!)
- Even if you live in the city of, or vicinity of Indianapolis, you still need to register by the deadline guides.
- Is everything you printed legible and accurate? Did you fill out the form completely?

## The Easiest And Fastest Way To Get It To Me Is To Register Online.

- 100% of the money donated for the calendars goes into the Scholarship Account. Try to help us grow!
- We have added grandchildren to the program and need more help!!
- Register Early! "DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!"

Robert Moreno, Reunion Registration Chairman  
11th ACVVC Board of Directors



## Welcome Aboard!

New Members of the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia (11th ACVVC) since our last issue of *Thunder Run*. Are you looking for an old friend? Please contact any Officer or Board Member listed on page 3 for help.

NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES
	HHT, 2/11		HHT, 2/11			K TROOP, 3/11	
Dunn, William T		67-68	Strauts, John A	65-67	French, John M		69-70
	HOWITZER BATTERY, 1/11			HHT, 3/11			
Pollard, Albert R		67-68	Sporer, Charles E	66-68			

REGISTRATION FORM



35th Annual 11th ACVVC Reunion
Indianapolis, Indiana

August 26 - 30, 2020

JW Marriott

10 S. West Street Indianapolis, IN 46204

Reservations: 1-317-860-5800



Registration fee is \$80 per person. This fee is required for attendance at the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night Bunker Parties and Saturday evening banquet dinner.

All registrations must be received by Wednesday, August 5, 2020. Any registration received after this date will be returned. Registration refunds will be paid in full to our members if cancellation is received by the Treasurer no later than August 15, 2020.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION
(print clearly or use mailing label)

Name Telephone No:

Address

City/State/Zip

E-Mail Address

Unit Assignment Dates in Country

(Example: B TRP, D CO - List only one unit. This is your banquet seating.) (Example: 1966-1967)

KIA Relative? Yes, Name of KIA:

Relationship to KIA: Unit:

ATTENDEES, INCLUDING YOURSELF (please print)

Table with 2 columns: Name, Amount. Includes Total Registration Fee row.

Banquet Meal Selection (Indicate number for each selection) Chicken Beef Veggie

Is this your first reunion? Yes No Wheelchair or special needs seating? Yes No

Visa MasterCard

Card No. Exp. Date

Signature (Required for credit card)

Make checks payable to 11th ACVVC. Please mail registration form along with payment to:

11th ACVVC
C/O OLLIE PICKRAL
571 DITCHLEY RD
KILMARNOCK, VA 22482



# 11th ACVVC 35th Annual Reunion Indianapolis, IN August 26 – 30, 2020



## Wednesday, August 26

9:00 am - 12:00 am BOD Meeting: Room 310  
 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Quartermaster Store open: Ballroom 4  
 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Silent Auction items accepted  
 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Registration open :3rd Floor Registration  
 2:00 pm - Midnight Bunker open: Ballroom 5-6

## Thursday, August 27

7:00 AM 27th Annual Marty Ognibene Golf Tournament: TBD  
 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Quartermaster Store open: Ballroom 4  
 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm Silent Auction items accepted:  
 3rd Floor Prefunction  
 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Registration open: 3rd Floor Registration  
 2:00 pm - Midnight Bunker open: Ballroom 5-6

## Friday, August 28

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Quartermaster Store open: Ballroom 4  
 10:00 am - 12 noon Veterans Seminar: Ballroom 1  
 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Silent Auction items accepted:  
 3rd Floor Prefunction  
 2:00 pm - 9:00 pm Registration open: 3rd Floor Registration

2:00 pm - Midnight  
 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

## Saturday, August 29

8:30 AM  
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 9:00 am - 12:00 pm  
 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm  
 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm  
 6:00 PM  
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm  
 10:00 pm - Midnight

## Sunday, August 30

10:00 am - 11:00 am  
 All Day

Bunker Open: Ballroom 5-6  
 Silent Auction Sell Off: Ballroom 3

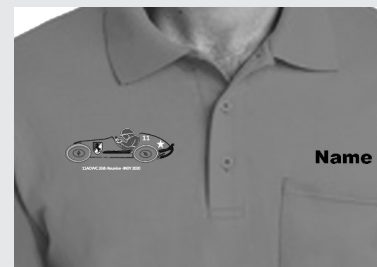
Raffle Drawing: Ballroom 7-10  
 Annual Membership Meeting:  
 Ballroom 7-10  
 Women's Meeting: Ballroom 2  
 Memorial Service: Ballroom 7-10  
 Quartermaster Store open: Ballroom 4  
 Registration open for late arrivals:  
 3rd Floor Registration  
 Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar): 3rd Floor  
 Prefunction  
 Banquet Doors Open: Ballroom 5-6  
 Banquet, Presentations and Salute:  
 Ballroom 5-6  
 Dancing (DJ): 3rd Floor Prefunction

Worship Service: Ballroom 2  
 Farewell and Safe Travels

## 2020 11TH ACVVC REUNION SHIRT ORDER FORM

All pre-ordered shirts will be available for pick-up at the Quartermaster Store during the 2020 reunion in Indianapolis, IN  
**Orders must be received by July 24, 2020.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



**Shirt Color:** White with reunion logo embroidered on **left** side; name, troop, year on **right** side.

**Adult Sizes:** S, M, L, XL - \$42.00 each / 2XL, 3XL - \$44.00 each. **Shirt size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shipping:** If you can't attend the reunion, you can still order the shirt. Add \$7 for shipping and we will mail your shirt to you.

Prices include up to 3 lines of 40 characters per line of personalized embroidery (Name, Unit, Dates, Etc.)

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Make checks or money orders payable to **11th ACVVC**. If paying by check, write your drivers license number on the check.  
 Mail form to **11th ACVVC Quartermaster, C/O Jerry Beamon, 15926 Cedar Bay Dr., Bullard, TX 75757.**



# THE 29TH ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

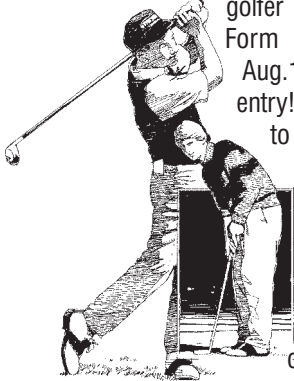
Thursday, August 27, 2020, Purgatory Golf Club, 12160 E. 216th Street, Noblesville, Indiana 46460; 317-776-4653

“Artful earthwork has rendered nearly every hole a world unto itself...” (Golf Magazine)

In 2020 we will make our initial visit to Purgatory Golf Club (“Your Gateway to Golfing Heaven”) in Noblesville, Indiana. “Spread across 218 acres, the Ron Kern-designed Purgatory Golf Club is the longest par-72 course east of the Mississippi River. Nevertheless, the course is set up to be enjoyed by all, with six different sets of tees ranging from more than 7,700 yards all the way down to just under 4,600 yards. Bunkering is one of the club's defining features, with more than 130 coming into play. Nowhere is this more apparent than on the par-3 17th, where eight massive bunkers almost completely surround the putting surface.” (Golf Advisor)

Your \$100 entry fee includes breakfast, range balls, balls & tees, greens fees, cart, contests, lunch and prizes!

Complete the form below and mail it to the address shown with a check for \$100 per golfer (payable to Peter L. Walter). Form must be postmarked by Aug.10, 2020 to guarantee your entry! You don't need a foursome to enter. Include your average score for 18 holes and you'll be paired with a golfer of equal talent or include the names of all golfers in the group for whom you are paying. This outing is open to men and women. Dress code: no denim, shirts must have collars, shorts must be Bermuda length, soft spikes only!



Call 609-261-5629 if you have questions. You will receive confirmation of your registration either by e-mail or surface mail. All entries must be prepaid. Tee times will be at 8:00 AM with a shotgun start with lunch and prizes following golf. A limited number of rental clubs are available at \$35 per set (call the course directly to reserve). Don't delay!!! Mail today!!! **“FORE!”**

## 29TH ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Mail Checks To: Peter L. Walter, 8 Tallowood Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060-3721

### Blackhorse Women's Group Offers Tote Bags For Sale!



Are you looking for Christmas, Hanukkah, or birthday gifts for family and friends? The Blackhorse Womens' Group has just the gift for you! Our 2020 fundraising item!

Handy and custom made tote bags. These two colored black and red heavy duty totes are offered for \$10 each, plus postage/shipping as follows: **1-3 bags \$7.00; 4-8 bags \$14.50.**

Remember this is a fundraiser that helps support the Prayer Shawl and Wreaths Across America projects.

Please complete the order form below and mail, with payment to:

**Marguerite Austin, 4189 11th Ave. SE, Willmar, MN 56201**



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping address (all bags in an order will be shipped to one address.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of bags \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 each = .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping amount as listed below .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Check or money order only, sorry, no credit cards).

For the Bags: 1-3 bags \$7.00 Postage, plus cost of bags at \$10 each. 4-8 bags \$14. 50 postage plus cost of bags at \$10 each. Fill out form above and send with payment in full in check or money order only (sorry, no credit cards) to the address above.

Thank you for supporting the Blackhorse Women's Group!

eral months before.

He embodied all the virtues I thought were valuable, as well as being an outstanding Trooper and a natural leader. I had talked with him many times and understood the love he had for his family, and the good care he took of those under him. He was in Vietnam for the same reason I was, which was to fulfill his obligation to his country. I admired him to the extent that his loss was devastating to me for many years. I thought about him every day and tried unsuccessfully to make sense out of what happened.

Life did finally carry on when I realized that I had to be a better person; a person with the very virtues and values I had so much admired in Art. I carry his memories close to my heart and it has worked out very well for me.

I have been very happily married for forty-six years, and retired from a successful career in the medical field. There have been challenges, but life always has them and it's up to us to deal with them. Thanks to Art Rambo I've become a better person; hopefully a fitting tribute to the man I had looked up to so long ago"

Billy Mitchell (Nevada City, California) was the Gunner on Art's M-109. "We were good friends. Art talked about Helen and Kerry all the time. He was very excited when Amy was born – I wish I had a cigar to give him. About 3:30 in the afternoon, we came upon them...we could see the dinks in the woods setting up. It was our first firefight (both survived). At 0400 I was laying on my cot, Art was getting up off his cot. When we got hit – it was so quick – whether it was our track or the one next to us, that got hit first, they were both gone. It was a wall of jagged flame an inch above your nose. Art didn't suffer." (Billy was severely wounded but survived and was medevaced out the next day.)

Back in Libby, Montana, the Rambo family was preparing for Thanksgiving. Art's "kid sister" Patty recalls:

"Artie was reported "missing" on Thanksgiving Day. I was with my boyfriend's family in Kalispell when our family got the word. His death was not official until later. I was back at school in Spokane when I was told to get on the plane and fly to Missoula, MT where my folks and Dan were for Dan's high school basketball game. My best friend

from Libby and past roommate from Helena met me at the airport and took me to the family home of some of Artie and Helen's friends from college (who had lost their only son [2LT David P. Sullivan] in Viet Nam semi-recently as well). The Sullivan family, in spite of their grief, took our family under their wing and "protected" us in our numbing shock and grief stricken state (we ALL knew Artie was coming home - none of this new news was computing!!!?) Dan's coach told Dan he could sit out the game but Dan played... he was the high point scorer and he led in rebounds that night. That's how he dealt with his sense of loss.

I have never enjoyed the holidays since... any of them. I am grateful that there is now recognition not just for the Gold Star Mothers but for the Gold Star Families as well.

Daddy playing his guitar and Artie playing his ukulele. There had always been a lot of music in our house with Mom playing the piano, Daddy on the guitar... Artie performed in groups and solo so he was always practicing his music. (I knew all his music because, when no one was around, I'd plunk out the songs on the piano - my hero worshipping again).

After Artie was killed, my Dad never sang nor played the guitar again as far as I know, and I don't remember my mom ever playing the piano again.

I never knew until after my Dad's funeral, that Artie's death was so painful for him, he never let my mom say his name in the house. The night before he went into the hospital (and never came out again), Daddy watched the documentary on Artie.... he died several days later.

Another thing that tore my Dad up was a comment that the military representative said to my Dad at Artie's funeral. It was meant as the highest of compliments - that Artie 'was who he was because of my Dad' - but unfortunately, my Dad took it as HE was responsible for Artie going into the Army instead of taking either one of his legitimate deferment options... and therefore HE was responsible for Artie's death.

I never discussed how hard of a time I was having dealing with the loss of 'my big brother' because everyone else seemed to be healing OK and I didn't want to 'scratch any

scabs off'. After he was killed, I was angry at God because there had been TWO times I came very close to being hit by a car in two different incidents... WHY was I spared... I, who was no one, who had no direction in life/no foresight to my future/a "nothing" ...when Artie who WAS everything, had a wife and two beautiful baby girls (who needed a daddy), had a high powered chemical engineering degree from Notre Dame and a high powered future with Texaco Oil Company and who everyone NEEDED in their life\* - why did God take him and not me? I should have died and Artie would have been HOME on leave for MY funeral. I carried a lot of guilt around for a lot of years over that thought.

\*I wasn't the only one whose life was centered around Art - he was the heart of our family.

'After', I was going to school in Dillon, Montana where Artie's widow Helen lived with the two babies. That's where I got to know her and become close with her. I was privy to some things through her. She and I would talk about Artie. While she did eventually remarry, she told me she would NEVER forget Artie... and her two children she had with her new husband (and her subsequent grandchildren) were raised knowing about "Daddy Art". While Kerry Lynn remembered her dad - she had been about 18 months old - the youngest daughter Amy was born after Artie was in Vietnam. She never really felt a connection to Art (I think she felt that was Kerry's heritage to treasure - all the pictures were of Artie and Kerry, Amy wasn't born yet to be in any photos with him)... until part of her senior class took a trip to DC and the Wall. She had her fingers on Artie's name when her teacher came up and asked if it was someone she knew. Amy said, 'Yes, it's my Dad'. No one even knew that her step dad wasn't her real dad until then. I think that's the first she ever really felt a true connection... or claimed her connection.

A commitment I took on when I returned to the classroom in 2006, was on each Veteran's Day and Memorial Day, speak to my students and tell them Artie's story... and remind them that war is not glamorous, that there is pain that sometimes never goes away... and some one paid the price for the freedoms and life they often take for granted.

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*I usually cry the whole day but I feel it's important that there NEVER be a repeat of how the soldiers were treated when they came back from Vietnam! (There has only been one Veterans' Day that I wimped out and stayed home from school rather than face the day and the telling of the story.) Kathleen and I partake in one of Libby's Memorial Day ceremonies at the cemetery laying the Gold Star Mother's wreath on behalf of Mom. I do the presentation of Artie's scholarship at school each year and, being in school - seeing the students up close and personal - help select a student that most exemplifies Artie.*

In the West 57th Street broadcast, Art's widow Helen recalls: "After Art graduated from NCO school at Fort Sill there was a party. I remember very clearly looking at all these guys and thinking out of this bunch someone's not going to come back. I wonder who it's going to be? I never, ever thought it would be Art.

*Art wrote me in a letter that one night he was on guard duty on top of the Howitzer with the machine gun in his hand wondering 'Why am I doing this?' He wasn't a killer; he wasn't a soldier - he was an engineer. (About the movie and the name) It bothers me, the name is my family. Art was not a violent person. Those movies appeal to the very basic instincts in people - the desire for revenge.*

(Initially informed on Nov 27 that SSGT Rambo was listed as Missing In Action, the family held out hope that Art was alive. Helen and Art's parents were visiting friends, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Sullivan, parents of 2LT David Sullivan who was killed in action Sep 5, 1968) *Three soldiers came to the door. It was a nightmare for us but for the Sullivans it was like living it all over again."*

Howard Rambo is a WWII vet (Regarding the Rambo movies): "Nobody ever saw anything like that in the war and why they ever made a story like that I'll never know. I saw 'First Blood' and that took about all I could stand. (On Art's death) When it first happened you thought about it all the time - I kind of trained myself to think

*of something else. You think of it less and less after...and the pain eases a little bit. They say time heals all wounds - I don't think that's 100%."*

Viola Rambo was Art's mother: (On Art's death) "We always accepted it and we've never been bitter. People say 'How can you not be bitter?' Bitterness would only hurt us and there's three other kids. On our trip back East, every time we checked in somewhere they'd comment about the name and ask 'Is there a tough guy out in the car?'"

Dan Rambo (Ontario, Canada) was Art's younger brother by ~7 years: "I'd like to meet Stallone. I'd like to ask him why he's doing it besides the obvious reasons. Maybe he doesn't even know it - about this family. Of all the thousands and thousands of people who were killed in Vietnam, there is only one Rambo...and his middle name is John."

At Libby High School, over fifty-five years have passed since Art Rambo attended classes there, but through the efforts of his family - and Patty Rambo in particular - the "Arthur John Rambo Memorial Scholarship" is presented every year to the student that "...exhibits the best grasp regarding the concept of patriotism. Traits taken into consideration are character, academics and service". In Patty Rambo's words: "In the sense that this is a memorial, I feel you should know the person in whose memory this scholarship is awarded. Art Rambo grew up south of Libby, in the country doing farm chores, swimming in Libby Creek, hunting and fishing...absorbing life and living it to its fullest in small town America. He went through the Libby School system, graduating in the Top Ten of his class.

*He had been guaranteed a draft deferment based on parental as well as occupational status. Texaco wanted to keep him where he was. Artie wouldn't let them. In part, due to the draft protesters and chaos that was happening at the time, in part to being the man he was becoming...and possibly, in part to the song he sang at Carroll College as Sir Lancelot which asked 'who*

*will stand up, who will take the lead?' Sir Lancelot said 'C'est Moi' - 'it is I. I will stand up and take the responsibility'.*

*What's patriotism? It's serving your country - but not just in a military capacity. It involves how you live your life on a daily basis - at whatever your assignment is at the moment... Be it as a student, a parent, a productive member of society - no matter what capacity...how you serve your family, how you serve your community. Remember that the freedom we enjoy today... these freedoms we possibly take for granted...these freedoms take a conscious commitment and hard work from each citizen just to maintain and preserve."*

*"Remember that freedom is not free."*

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- Art's wife Helen Ryan Rambo Christensen died April 27, 2018.
- Art's parents, Howard and Viola are both deceased.
- Sisters Kathy Bache and Patty Rambo live in Libby, Montana. Both have attended 11th ACVVC Reunions.
- Brother Dan Rambo lives in Ontario, Canada and frequently attends our reunions, most recently in 2019 accompanied by his son Art Rambo.
- SSGT Arthur John Rambo was the only member of the Howitzer Battery awarded a Silver Star. He was the last Trooper from the Howitzer to be killed in action.
- Art Rambo's story is one of 730 stories of young men who wore the Blackhorse patch and died in Vietnam.
- Art is buried in Libby Cemetery. Rest in peace Art.



*(The Editor thanks John Walters, Sam King, Pat Garmon, Dennis Ashby, Doc Moses and Rod Chisholm for providing their first-hand input. My heartfelt gratitude goes to Kathy, Patty and Dan Rambo for trusting me with their story.)*

*Pete Walter*



# 2020 11th ACVVC Calendar Appeal


By now all dues-paid members of the 11th ACVVC should have received their personal copy of our 2020 calendar. If you have not received a calendar please contact Allen Hathaway (11thcav1966@comcast.net) or me (basepiece70@verizon.net). The 2020 calendar features fourteen color photographs, all submitted by members of the 11th ACVVC. In addition it includes historical information on significant dates in the history of the United States and your Regiment. We have already received many compliments on the 2020 calendar along with many generous donations and we thank you for your continued support!

This full-color calendar is the first of our 2020 Scholarship fundraising efforts. It is yours to keep and enjoy whether you donate or not. We do however, ask for your support with the most generous tax-deductible donation that you can make to assist the children of 11th ACVVC members to begin or continue their post-secondary education. Scholarships can be used for college, trade school, or any other educational training following high school. The Officers of the 11th ACVVC voted last year to extend scholarship eligibility to grandchildren of 11th ACVVC members. Please see the revised application in this issue.

You donated almost \$74,000 to the 2019 calendar appeal; we have awarded a total of approx. \$1,715,000 in scholarships to the children of members of the 11th ACVVC! Every member of this organization can be proud of their service with the legendary Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam and Cambodia; fifty years later we continue to serve and show our pride by our generous support of the children, and now grandchildren, of our Blackhorse brothers.

As of Jan 7, 2020 we have received donations of \$61,178.28 from 1,312 of our members. This is an incredible average of almost \$46.63 per donor! Many of you write a check for \$100 or more and this is generosity at its best. But I am still left wondering about the ~5,000 members, who choose not to donate.

## 11th ACVVC Calendar



# 2020

### 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia

The 11th U.S. Cavalry was formed on February 2, 1901 at Ft. Myer, Virginia. In December it was assigned to duty in the Philippines where, in 1902, the 1st Squadron would earn the first of the Regiment's many battle streamers, "Samar 1902."

In the Mexican Expedition of 1916-17, the 2nd Squadron engaged Pancho Villa's men on May 5, 1916 at Ojo Azules, Mexico, killing forty-two enemies in the last mounted cavalry charge in U.S. History.

The Blackhorse Regiment would see action in World War II where it earned five more battle streamers, but the Regiment's finest performance would be in the Republic of Vietnam and the Kingdom of Cambodia. Blackhorse Troopers served there for 2,040 days and earned eleven battle streamers.

From December of 2004 to January 22, 2006, the Blackhorse deployed to Iraq earning the Regiment's most recent battle streamer for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 11th Armored Cavalry returned from Iraq in January 2006, and has once again assumed the challenging task of training America's Army in the desert environment of Fort Irwin, California. Although the primary mission is preparing units for deployment to the war in Iraq, our Regiment is simultaneously training intensely to remain the best Regiment in the United States Army! During the recent deployment fighting in "Operation Iraqi Freedom III," the famed Blackhorse Regiment continued to uphold the great legacy established by Troopers who fought the war in Vietnam and Cambodia.

**Philippine Insurrection**  
Samar 1902

**Mexican Expedition**  
Mexico 1916-17

**World War II**  
Normandy  
Northern France  
Rhine/land  
Ardennes-Aisace  
Central Europe

**Vietnam**  
Counteroffensive Phase II  
Counteroffensive Phase III

Tet Counteroffensive  
Counteroffensive Phase IV  
Counteroffensive Phase V  
Counteroffensive Phase VI  
Tet 1969 Counteroffensive  
Summer-Fall 1969  
Winter-Spring 1970  
Sanctuary Counteroffensive  
Counteroffensive Phase VII

**Operation Desert Storm**  
Southwest Asia Cease Fire

**Operation Iraqi Freedom**  
Iraqi Governance 2004-2005

In 2019 we awarded 50 scholarships for a total of \$151,000. To date, the 11th ACVVC has awarded \$1,715,000 in scholarships. This is an incredible achievement...

Almost, 8 of 10 of our members contribute nothing to the annual calendar which is our premier fund-raising project. We have entertained suggestions from our members on how we can improve participation in this project; we continue to request your input. Please consider donating \$5 or \$10 to this worthwhile project if you haven't done so.

In 2019 we awarded 50 scholarships for a total of \$151,000. To date, the 11th ACVVC has awarded \$1,715,000 in scholarships. This is an incredible achievement for an organization of approximately 7,000 members; even more impressive when realizing that these donations came from ~1,500 of our members. Imagine what we could award if every member donated!

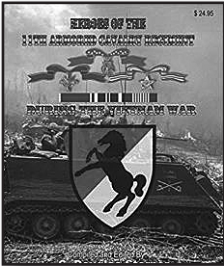
It is imperative that you the members of the 11th ACVVC continue to search through your old photos and submit the best quality photos you can find to be considered for inclusion in future issues. We transitioned to the full-color version

three years ago and to continue to publish a full-color calendar we need a large pool of high quality color photographs. The best photos for reproduction purposes are high quality 35mm prints or slides showing groups of Troopers performing every-day combat missions and chores along with images of the landscape, hamlets and indigenous Vietnamese. If you have the capability of electronically scanning photos at a resolution of 300 or 600 dpi, you can send them to me as attachments to an e-mail. This is the easiest, cheapest, safest and quickest way to submit images. If you choose to mail your images, please send copies and retain your original. Information describing the subject matter, identity of Troopers, date, location, etc., is appreciated. This calendar shows your service, your history...please help me continue to make it a great production that we can all be proud of! Thank you. "ALLONS!"

*Pete Walter, President*

# Heroes of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment

By Allen Hathaway



In July 2019 a new book was published that honors many of the Blackhorse troopers who served in Vietnam. The book "Heroes of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment During the Vietnam War" is hailed as the most complete collection of the nations highest awards earned by Blackhorse Troopers of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment during the Vietnam War.

This book includes the names and citations for the 3 Medals of Honor, 29 Distinguished Service Crosses, 1 Distinguished Service Medal, 463 Silver Stars, 11 Legions of Merit, 269 Distinguished Flying Crosses and 89 Soldier's Medals awarded to members of the Regiment in the Vietnam War. It includes a history of the Regiment and concludes with Appendixes that analyze awards by criteria such as Rank, MOS, Troop/Squadron, Month/Year, and Hometown. It also includes a listing of the 730 Blackhorse Troopers who died or were

killed in action in Vietnam.

This book is a result of several years of research at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland, and other sources. It is estimated that the book contains at least 95 percent of the nations highest awards earned by Blackhorse troopers in Vietnam.

There were countless acts of valor and heroism by Blackhorse troopers that occurred every day in Vietnam. There are another 3,000 citations for Bronze Star Medals for Valor and Army Commendation Medals for Valor that are available, equal to another 4 books of this size. This particular book contains the citations for those troopers who earned the nations highest awards for valor.

This is a book that every Blackhorse trooper should have. The detailed accounts of valor are a reflection of the personal bravery and courage of these and all Blackhorse troopers and of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Paperback: 506 pages, Dimensions: 8.5 x 11 x 1.1 inches, Author: C. Douglas Sterner, Price: \$20.00; Item 33 on the Quartermaster Order Form

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## PRESIDENT from page 3

**DON SNEDEKER'S BOOK:** Don has served as our Historian for decades and his column "Blackhorse Hoofbeats" always provides interesting – and at times humorous – facts about the Blackhorse in Vietnam. His long awaited book "The Blackhorse in Vietnam: The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam and Cambodia, 1966–1972" will be published this spring. We plan to highlight the book in our next issue of *Thunder Run*.

**BLACKHORSE SALUTE:** The Officers of the 11th ACVVC will determine the best way to make the "Blackhorse Salute" available to all members. We understand there are members who cannot travel and may never be able to attend a reunion. This video is how we close the annual banquet and it is "goose-bump" stuff...watch for details in *Thunder Run*.

**GEORGE S. PATTON IV:** The November, 2018 issue of Smithsonian magazine has a story titled "The News From Over There" by Andrew Carroll. It's about the effort to find and preserve letters from United States service members during wartime. I actually had the good fortune to hear a PBS broadcast about this project. They played a 50 year old audio recording of (then) COL George S. Patton IV (39th Colonel of the Blackhorse, 15 JUL 68 – 6 APR 69) from Lai Khe to his wife Joanne just before leaving Vietnam to return to the

U.S after his third tour. The recording ends with Patton saying "I'll just never have an experience like this again...I'm sick of this war a little, but leaving this unit is tough. It's tough. And I can't describe it more than that." If you get chance to read the story or hear the PBS broadcast/podcast, don't miss it.

**FUNERAL HONOR GUARD:** - The Funeral Honor Guard continues to serve, as you would expect, with honor. If notified in time, we make every effort to have members attend the services of our deceased Blackhorse brothers. On a related note, if you cannot get a bugler from the active duty military, please go to: [www.buglesacrossamerica.org](http://www.buglesacrossamerica.org).

Bugles Across America, NFP was founded in 2000 by Tom Day, when Congress passed legislation stating that Veterans have a right to at least two uniformed military personnel to fold the flag and play Taps on a CD player. Bugles Across America was founded to take this a step further. In recognition of the service these Veterans have provided to their country, we felt that they each deserve a live rendition of Taps by a real bugler. To this end, we provide this valuable service to Veterans and their families. Bugles Across America now has over 4000 bugler volunteers located in all 50 states and a growing number overseas. Since the Department of Veterans Affairs is expecting

more than 1/2 million veterans to pass every year for the next 7 years, Bugles Across America is ALWAYS recruiting new volunteers.

**CIB & COMBAT MEDIC MEDALLIONS:** We have CIB car magnets in our QM Store as Item #9. We are still working on procuring medallions, decals, etc., of the Combat Medics Badge for display on your car. We're not carrying them yet, but we are looking and negotiating! We are carrying a limited supply of a new t-shirt, item #40 in the QM store. This is the typical Hanes Beefy T that we sell. Check it out!

**THANK YOU:** We frequently take for granted the work and time that so many people put in to make the 11th ACVVC the premier Vietnam unit alumni association. Many of the names that follow perform duties that you might not be aware of but their work is invaluable. So I want to say "Thank you" to: Mike McFarland, Ernest Kaupi, Jim Scahill, Terry Opp, Raquel Edwards, Ed Reinfeld, Nicole Mc Nerney, Haig Tufankjian, Ron Krueger, Dr. Elwyn Rexinger, Ken Jankel, Steve Page, Cherry Platt, Ed Hotz, Jerry Wadley and Tim Brooks. Finally, it is my greatest honor and greatest challenge to serve you, the 11th Armored Cavalry's of Vietnam and Cambodia Thank you all.

"Together Then – Together Again"  
Pete Walter, President

# Thank You For Your Donations In 2019!!

By Ollie Pickral, Treasurer

During the calendar year of 2019, our organization received generous donations from you, our membership. Below is a listing of our projects funded and completed by you for the year:

Donations to our Reunion Assistance program of \$960.00 assisted a member attend our last reunion.

Contributions to our Scholarship program totaled \$10,635.00 for the year.

Donations to our Memorial account totaled \$350.00, assisting in repairs and maintenance of the monument site.

Donations from our annual calendar totaled \$96,793.00 which funded 50 scholarships to the children and grandchildren of our members and for future scholarship awards. Funding of scholarships throughout the years total over \$1,700,000.00.

Your bidding at the reunion Silent Auction added \$9,237.00, resulting in additional scholarship funding.

Our General account that handles our administrative expenses was provided \$1,605.00 with your donations.

Although not considered donations nor

tax deductible, another \$52,894.00 was raised with our raffle for our Scholarship Fund.

These accomplishments were achieved because of your generous donations throughout 2019. We thank you and hope you'll continue to contribute your tax deductible donations to the 11 ACVVC, allowing our organization to continue service to our members and our 11 ACVVC families.

ALLONS and have a wonderful Blackhorse 2020!!

## 11<sup>TH</sup> ACVVC DONATIONS

Donor Levels: Platinum Level \$500+ Gold Level \$100-\$499 Silver Level \$50-\$99 Bronze Level \$1-\$49

Members donations are used for the sole purpose for which they are intended. Whether it be for Scholarship, Reunion Assistance, Memorial or the General Fund, member donations are used to support that specific fund.

### General Fund

In Memory of David Riley

Birch, Manuel

Daub, August

Graham, James

Lafranchi, Mel

### Platinum Level

Reinhart, William

Bowen, J.S.

Davenport, Allen

Greenwood, Eugene

Lamgo, Floyd

Diersch Family Foundation

### Bronze Level

Dunlap, Bruce

Bowen, Alfred

Davis, Gregory

Griffiths, James

Landt, George

### Gold Level

In Memory of David Riley

Brandt, Wesley

De Long, Robert

Grundy, Earl

Larner, Wayne

Baerman, V. Paul

Bricker, Warren

Decker, Joseph

Gulley, Gerald

Levasseur, Mark

### Silver Level

Helgeson, Steven

Brooks, Timothy

Drake, David

Harestad, Paul

Ludwig, Carroll

Minor, Charles

In Memory of John Aducci

Brydger, Donald

Drake, Charles

Helm, Thomas

Lynch, Michael

### Bronze Level

### Calendar Fund

Dunn, William

### Platinum Level

Bachman, William

Campbell, Douglas

Eichelberger, Jerald

Hippes, William

McDonough, John

### Scholarship Fund

### Platinum Level

Brumm, Errol

Caporiccio, Guy

Emery, Dennis

Hogan, Sean

McGee, Thomas

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Smith, Dale

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England, Billy

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Chipman, Stephen

Evens, Steven

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Hudnall, Dennis

Cartwright, Wavely

Frank, Donald

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Cobb, Richard

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Wallace, Peter

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Fedorinchik, William

Hunt, Francis

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Field, Richard

Janke, Roger

Mackenzie, Thomas

Anderson, Craig

Cornelius, Jerry

Field, Richard

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Atchley, John

Cousin, ITT

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Johnson, Gary

In Memory of David Riley

Baker, Edward

Cox, Alan

Fisher, Kenneth

Kathman, Michael

Russell, W. Arthur

Barnes, Bruce

Cox, Ralph

Fisher, Robert

Keller, Steven

Skinner, Byron

Barrett, Donald

Crabbs, Richard

Foreman, James

Kenyon, Richard

Trebeck, William

Barrows, William

Craig, Michael

Franks, Fred

Kern, Paul

Keys, William

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Creal, Dennis

Gilbert, Robert

King, George

Klein, Earl

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Croft, Robert

Gilmore, Jeffrey

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Belver, James

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Glenn, James

Kohler, Rudolph

Krieg, Steven

Benitez, Joachim

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Goode, David

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We are sorry to report the following Troopers have taken the journey to Fiddler's Green. We send our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences to their families and friends. We honor their service to our country and to our regiment by posting their names. Over 500 U.S. newspapers are checked daily for the keywords "11th Cavalry" or "11th Armored Cavalry". Information is then posted on our website to allow us to post notices. Please check the "Funeral Honor Guard check daily" at [www.11thcavnam.com](http://www.11thcavnam.com)

**Rodney S. Adams,**

398TH TRANS (1968-1969) passed away on October 13, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Cumberland, KY. He was laid to rest in Mountain View Cemetery, Cumberland, KY.

**Seferino M. Baca,** HHT, 2/11 (1968-1969)

passed away on March 27, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hollywood, FL. He was laid to rest in Santa Fe National Cemetery, Santa Fe, NM.

**Harold T. Collins,** HHT, 2/11 (1969-1970)

passed away on May 12, 2012. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Coos Bay, OR.

**Joseph J. Curioso,** 37TH MED CO (1968-

1969) passed away on December 11, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Pawcatuck, CT. He was laid to rest in River Bend Cemetery, Westerly, RI.

**Robert J. Eveler,** 919TH ENGR CO (1970-

1971) passed away on November 6, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Porter Ranch, CA.

**John A. Finzel,** K TRP, 3/11 (1967-1968)

passed away on August 5, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Los Lunas, NM. He was laid to rest in Sunset Memorial Park, NM.

**Anthony L. Fortunato,** E TRP, 2/11 (1970-

1971) passed away on October 27, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Fresno, CA.

**Robert O. Harris,** B TRP, 1/11 (1968-1969)

passed away on September 26, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Salado, TX. He was laid to rest in Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, Killeen, TX.

**Michael J. Holmes,** B TRP, 1/11 (1969-

1970) passed away on May 9, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Fond Du Lac, WI.

**Edwin C. Hotz,** B TRP, 1/11 (1966-1967)

passed away on October 7, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Ann Arbor, MI.

**David N. Hutchinson,** HHT, 3/11 (1969-

1970) passed away on December 2, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in East Derry, NH.

**John S. Kratky,** E TRP, 2/11 (1968-1969)

passed away on October 13, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Inverness, FL. He was laid to rest in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

**Ihor Kurniawka,** 27TH ENGR BN (1966-

1967) passed away on May 11, 2015. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Somerville, MA. He was laid to rest in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA.

**Mark A. Main,** HHT, 1/11 (1969-1969)

passed away on December 29, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Westminster, MD.

**Thomas G. Mcfarland,** B TRP, 1/11 (1970-

1971) passed away on April 24, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Jackson, MI. He was laid to rest in Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI.

**Michael L. Olinger,** AIR CAV TRP (1970-

1971) passed away on November 6, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Indianapolis, IN.

**Darwin G. Paskett,** 409TH RRD (1966-

1967) passed away on June 10, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Everett, WA. He was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery, Everett, WA.

**Brian L. Platt,** B TRP, 1/11 (1970-1971)

passed away on November 22, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Vacaville, CA. He was laid to rest in Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery, Dixon, CA.

**Ronald R. Pope,** B TRP, 1/11 (1966-1967)

passed away on November 19, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Clinton Township, MI.

**Patrick R. Smith,** L TRP, 1/11 (1966-

1968) passed away on September 29, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in La Crosse, WI.

**Calvin D. Vander Kooi,** B TRP, 1/11 (1969-

1970) passed away on April 26, 2019. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Annville, KY. He was laid to rest in Camp Nelson National Cemetery, Nicholasville, KY.

## MOVING?

**We want you to get your copy of *Thunder Run* without a lot of trouble.** Complete this form and mail it to: 11th ACVVC Membership Update, Allen Hathaway, 13194 Rettew Dr., Manassas, VA 20112; Email [11thcav1966@Comcast.net](mailto:11thcav1966@Comcast.net)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Old Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# Blackhorse Women's News

By Sheryl Myers, Women's Group Co-coordinator

**M**ay your year 2020 be filled with all that brings you joy!

If you have never heard of the Blackhorse Women's Group, we are "Family, Friends and Supporters" of the 11th Armored Cavalry Veterans of Vietnam & Cambodia. We meet on Saturday morning of reunion week, while our Troopers are attending their Annual Membership Meeting.

Please come and join us.

The Women's Group wants to extend a big thank you to all those who have in the past, supported our Projects, that in turn support our Troopers. You have attended our meetings, bought our Lanyards, and other fund-raising items, crocheted and knitted hundreds of Prayer Shawls, placed memorials at our KIA's gravesites and attended our special events. We look forward to being with you again in Indianapolis !

### Wreaths Across America

The Women's Group purchased 21

wreaths in 2019 as part of the Wreaths Across America project at Arlington National Cemetery . There are twenty-one 11th ACR KIA's buried at Arlington. We have also begun a project to recognize those KIA's buried at other cemeteries across the country. This is how you can help:

1) Your state's listing of cemeteries and names of troopers buried there is provided on the 11ACVVC website under Fiddlers Green/Vietnam/Cemetery listing by State. Or contact me and I will see that you receive your state listing at 571-721-9189 or sheryl.e.myers@gmail.com

2) We ask that you send a PICTURE of the gravesite plaque or stone marker and the memorial you placed, to me by email or mail (19155 Royal Troon Dr. Monument, CO 80132). The memorial could be a single flower, a note, a wreath, or a bouquet, etc. We will reimburse you the cost of the memorial if you include your receipt. The Women's Group will maintain of book of remembrances by state as we receive your

Photos. See below.

### Prayer Shawls Project

Please contact Cherry Platt if you would like to help with the Prayer Shawl Project at: fredplatt@att.net

### Fund Raising

At the Indianapolis Reunion, our fund-raisers will be our popular site-specific lanyards and the Blackhorse Shopping Bags. We will need your help working the fund raising tables, so let us know if you would like to join in the fun.

### Indianapolis Reunion

Your Blackhorse Women's Group coordinators will be researching the possibility of adding a special event to be held on Friday of Reunion Week. Stay tuned for the details.

**Looking forward to seeing you in Indianapolis! Sheryl, Renee, Lajaunda, Marguerite, Cherry, Kathy, Jan and Cathi**

## Remembering 11<sup>th</sup> ACR KIA's



Edward Lee Fails, Jr



Cyril E. Stirnkorb



Terrence W. Weldon

Memorials contributed by Laurie Honican, widow of Myron Honican, H CO, 2/11, 1969-1969



## Membership is Our Strength

It's not the price you pay to belong,  
It's the price you paid to become eligible to join







# SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

by Mike "Doc" Rafferty, Director and Scholarship Chairman



Mike 'Doc' Rafferty

## Important New Information

Beginning in 2020, scholarship applicants will be divided into two categories: those who plan to enroll or are enrolled in colleges and universities; and those who plan to enroll or are enrolled in a trade school or a community college vocational program. The same percentage of scholarships will be given to each group of students. For example: in 2020, if we are able to give 30% of the applicants a scholarship then 30% of each group of students would receive a scholarship. Both groups of students will use the same application which can be found in this issue of Thunder Run or on our website. This is an updated application form and must be used by all applicants applying for scholarships in 2020. Please contact me if you have questions.

The 11th ACVVC Scholarship Program has awarded 536 scholarships totaling \$1,715,000 to the children and grandchildren of our membership since its inception in 1996! Every scholarship dollar paid to these deserving scholarship winners was donated by YOU, the members of this great association of Blackhorse combat veterans!

Our **Scholarship Guide** provides more information on the scholarship process and contains detailed assistance on completing the scholarship application. You can print a copy of the Guide and the Application at [www.11thcavnam.com](http://www.11thcavnam.com). If you have a child or grandchild who is planning on attending a college, community college or trade school this fall, please encourage them to apply for a scholarship (application deadline 05/15/2020).

Beginning in 2008, each recipient's Scholarship Award has been dedicated to honor a specific 11th Cavalry "Blackhorse" Trooper who was Killed in Action (KIA) in Vietnam or Cambodia. The Blackhorse KIAs honored each year are selected on an impartial and random basis. An attractive certificate suitable for framing containing information about the trooper in whose honor their scholarship is dedicated is sent to each recipient.

In addition, each year, one recipient is selected to receive a special Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Scholarship award in honor of former 11th ACVVC President Chuck Schmidt for his leadership and devotion to the 11th Cavalry "Blackhorse" Troopers of the

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Vietnam War. Chuck died on Veterans Day 2007 as a result Agent Orange-related cancer shortly after being elected to his third term as President. Chuck's widow, Mrs. Bonnie Schmidt, selects the recipient of this award from the list of scholarship winners.

### A Scholarship applicant must fall into one of the following categories:

1. A child or grandchild of an 11th Armored Cavalry Trooper who was Killed In Action (KIA) in Vietnam or Cambodia.
2. A child or grandchild of a deceased life member of the 11th ACVVC.
3. A child or grandchild of a current life member of the 11th ACVVC in good standing.

*"Child" is defined as a natural born, adopted or step-child  
"Grandchild" is defined as a natural born, adopted or step-grandchild.*

### Additional Criteria

1. The applicant must have maintained a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 during the last two years of high school (or college if applicable).
2. The applicant must be a high school graduate (by fall semester 2020).

*Graduate and doctoral level students are not eligible.*

2020 scholarship winners will receive an award of \$3000. The Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Scholarship award winner will receive \$5000. All scholarship awards are sent directly to the school the recipient is attending.

Mike "Doc" Rafferty, [platoonmedic36@gmail.com](mailto:platoonmedic36@gmail.com)

## Blackhorse 1901 Whiskey

Anyone interested in procuring a bottle of Blackhorse 1901 Whiskey, please contact me ASAP via e-mail or home phone to reserve a bottle. Those of you who attended the Members Meeting at the 2018 reunion in Grand Rapids, Michigan, may remember that MG Terry Tucker (56th Colonel of the Blackhorse) donated two cases of Blackhorse 1901 Whiskey.



do justice to the bottle as the image that shows through the glass is an ethereal vision of horse-mounted Troopers from 1901 in full cavalry charge with sabers drawn! A ghostly likeness of Blackhorse Troopers from over 100 years ago! This beautifully appointed bottle contains an 8 year old, 80 proof American Whiskey, distilled and bottled in Radcliff, Kentucky. Contact: Pete Walter, 609-261-5629 or e-mail me at: [basepiece70@verizon.net](mailto:basepiece70@verizon.net)

The photo shown does not

## Military Quotes

**"Out of every one hundred men, ten shouldn't even be there, eighty are just targets, nine are the real fighters, and we are lucky to have them, for they make the battle. Ah, but the one, one is a warrior, and he will bring the others back."**

.....Heraclitus

**"The best tank terrain is that without anti-tank weapons."**

.....Russian military doctrine.





**11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam & Cambodia  
Scholarship Application (effective October 1, 2018)**



Please review Scholarship Guide at [www.11thcavnam.com/scholar.html](http://www.11thcavnam.com/scholar.html)  
Application Deadline May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

**IMPORTANT: A PERSON WHO HAS BEEN AWARDED AN 11<sup>TH</sup> ACVVC SCHOLARSHIP IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY AGAIN.  
Students working on advanced degrees (master's, doctoral) are not eligible to apply.**

Applicant's full name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's social security number: \_\_\_\_\_ E mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt./Unit # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant's Status:**  Child  Grandchild of a current life member of the 11<sup>th</sup> ACVVC.  
 Child  Grandchild of a deceased life member of the 11<sup>th</sup> ACVVC.  
 Child  Grandchild of an 11th ACR veteran who was killed in action in Vietnam or  
**Cambodia.**

Applicant's Sponsor (11<sup>th</sup> Cav Veteran): Full name: \_\_\_\_\_ E mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's 11<sup>th</sup> Cav unit in Vietnam: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates in Vietnam \_\_\_\_\_ 11thACVVC member# \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of College or Trade School you plan to attend:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Schools and Colleges Attended (10<sup>th</sup> Grade to Present)**

Name	City, State	Dates (From/To)

What was your High School GPA? \_\_\_\_\_ College GPA (if applicable)? \_\_\_\_\_

**You must attach a copy of your grade transcripts from your last 2 yrs. of High School or College.**

**You must have at least a 3.0 Grade Point Average to apply for a scholarship.**

Briefly tell us about your extra-curricular and volunteer activities in the **space below:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

I, the undersigned verify the answers given above are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I give my permission for a copy of my high school/college grade transcripts to be submitted with this application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Applicant** **Printed Name** **Date**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature of Sponsor Veteran or Guardian** **Printed Name** **Date**

Please send your completed application and grade transcripts to:  
 Mike "Doc" Rafferty, 11<sup>th</sup> ACVVC Scholarship Chairman, PO Box 13188, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88013  
 Email: [platoonmedic36@gmail.com](mailto:platoonmedic36@gmail.com)

# The 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia QM Store



#1 Coffee Mug \$15.00



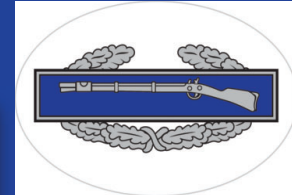
#2 Key Ring Embroidered \$6.00



#3 Bumper Sticker \$3.00



#4 Window Sticker \$3.00



#9 CIB car magnet, 3"x4" \$6.00



#7 Blackhorse Patch Colored \$5.00



#8 Mouse Pad \$12.00



#10 Web Belt with buckle \$25.00



#13 License Plate, Blackhorse \$9.00



#11 Flag, Indoor/Outdoor \$60.00



#16 Tote Bag, Embroidered \$22.00



#17 Blackhorse Pin \$5.00



#14 License Plate Frame, Black w/white letters \$13.00



#15 Attache Case \$30.00



#18 11th ACR Regimental Crest \$5.00



#19 Blackhorse Cavalry Pin \$5.00



#26 Large Magnetic Patch (8" x 7 3/4") \$7.00



#20 Vietnam Blackhorse Pin, Wreath \$5.00



#21 Small Magnetic Patch (5"x4 3/4") \$5.00



#23 Leather Gear Bag \$45.00

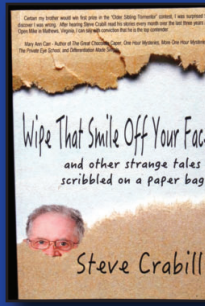


#22 Overnight Bag \$25.00

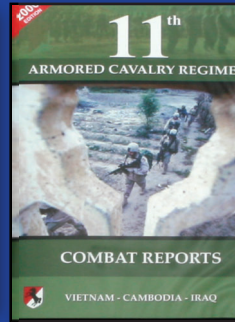




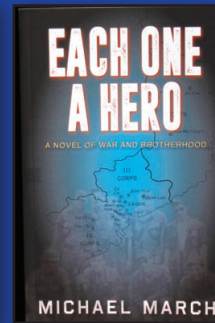
#5 Hoodie Sweat Shirt \$30.00



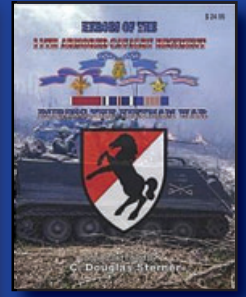
#27 Book, "Wipe That Smile Off Your Face" \$16.00



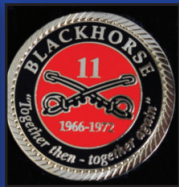
#28 Video (DVD) Combat Reports \$30.00



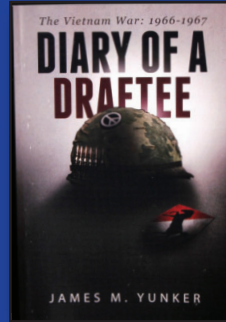
#31 Book, "Each One A Hero" \$20.00



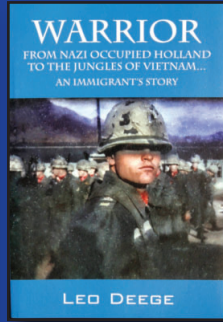
#33 Book: Heroes of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment



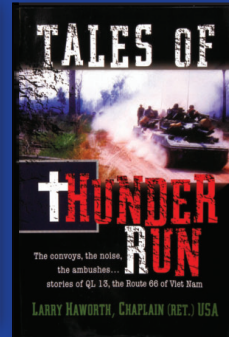
#25 Blackhorse Coin \$15.00



#32 Book: Diary of a Draftee \$22.00



#35 Book, "Warrior" \$16.00



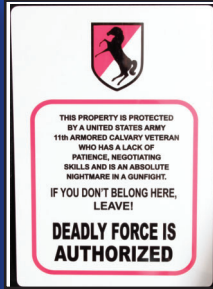
#37 Book, "Tales of Thunder Run" by Chaplain Larry Haworth \$11.00



#30 Car Flag \$25.00



#34a  
#34 Signs \$25.00



#34b



#29 Ladies Necklace \$18.00



#36. Sweatshirts w/ BH patch, \$28.00

#40 Specialty T-Shirt: sizes S, M, L, 2X, 3X, 4 X \$20



#38a



#38b



#38c



#38d

#38 Poplin Hats \$17.00



#39 a/b T-Shirt, Light Gray & Green \$20.00



#43 Windbreaker, black w/snap front & BH Insignia & VN Ribbon, \$35.00



#41 Light (A) or Dark (B) Denim Shirt, w/BH & VN Ribbon \$35.00



#42 Blackhorse Jacket (lined), 100% Nylon \$95.00





# From the Quartermaster...

Jerry Beamon

Jan and I hoped you all had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and have started out this New Year with the purpose of making plans to attend this year's reunion in Indianapolis, Indiana. As Jan and I are already making plans for the reunion, we are looking forward to seeing all of you there. So please go ahead and make your reservations now. The JW Marriott is ready for your call to reserve your room and the reunion registration form is here in Thunder Run and the website is already up and running. So, there is NO reason not to mark your calendar for August 26th – 30th 2020.

Also, we will be taking orders for Reunion Golf shirts as usual. So look elsewhere in this issue of Thunder Run for the reunion shirt order form

PLEASE, PLEASE, Be careful when ordering out of Thunder Run. We are making some changes in the items we were carrying.

Our sales had been going down for some time on some items, so we are making changes... for the better we hope. So many of you guys have said we have plenty of this and that, so it is time to make some changes. Many items will be dropped over the next several issues of Thunder Run and unfortunately, prices are going to change as well. So please pay close attention to the items you order. Also, if you use an older copy of Thunder Run to order, you might not receive what you order. So please pay close attention.

On another note: Are you ready to join us for our annual East-Texas Round-Up? For the RV'ers out there that can, come early, as we start arriving on April 29th – May 3rd. On Friday May 1st The Ladies will be on an excursion to Canton Trade Days. As in the past it will be a lot of fun for them. Just in case you're not a camper (RVer) there is a Regency Inn that is about a mile away and the

room rates are reasonable. Our Friday evening fish fry will begin about 4-5'ish until ??? Then Saturday lunch will begin between 11:30 -12:00 and last until??

Antique Capital RV Park , 500 South Loop 485, Gladewater TX 75647 is where we will be gathering for the Round Up. And it is open to all our dining hall is by the entrance . So everyone is welcome to attend.

You can contact Jan at 903-780-5621, to get more information. Or e-mail at [jan-wowwe@gmail.com](mailto:jan-wowwe@gmail.com)

We would love to have a huge group this year, our location is so very nice....no entrance fee to pay..like Tyler State Park....no mud all concrete paved sites, it's sooo nice...

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon! Be safe and be happy.

ALLONS

Jerry Beamon, Quarter Master

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

### 11th ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

Membership is open to all troopers who served with or were attached to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment while in the countries of Vietnam or Cambodia from August 1966 thru March 1972. Membership is also open to the wives, parents and children of our Troopers killed in action.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT \_\_\_\_\_ DATES: FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_  
(Troop,Sqdn) (Mo/Yr) (Mo/Yr)

SER NO RANK (during tour) \_\_\_\_\_ SSN NO \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER INFORMATION \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE MEMBERSHIP:  NEW  RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_  
 ANNUAL (\$15)  LIFE (\$100)  
 LIFE Plan (\$25 enclosed, plus 3 payments of \$25 in 3, 6 and 9 months)

IN ADDITION, PLEASE ACCEPT MY TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize the release of my address/phone number to other Troopers who served with the 11th ACR

(Sign) \_\_\_\_\_

Visa  Mastercard Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks/money orders payable to: **11th ACVVC**. Mail this form with your check or money order (no cash) to: **11th ACVVC Membership, Ollie Pickral, 571 Ditchley Rd., Kilmarnock, VA 22482.**



# Quartermaster

ORDER FORM • 1st Qtr 2020

11TH ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

Item No.	Product Description	\$ Amt	Size	Qty	\$ Total
1.	Coffee Mug, white, ceramic (glass) 11oz w/full color Blackhorse insignia .....	15.00	_____	_____	_____
2.	Key ring, 1.5" Embroidered square w/full color Blackhorse insignia .....	6.00	_____	_____	_____
3.	Bumper Sticker "I Rode With The Blackhorse" w/full color BH insignia .....	3.00	_____	_____	_____
4.	Window Sticker, full color BH insignia and Vietnam service ribbon .....	3.00	_____	_____	_____
5.	Hoodie Sweat Shirt.....	30.00	_____	_____	_____
7.	Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, Colored .....	5.00	_____	_____	_____
8.	Mouse Pads .....	12.00	_____	_____	_____
9.	CIB car magnet, 3"x4" .....	6.00	_____	_____	_____
10.	Belt: Military style 'web' trouser belt with Blackhorse buckle.....	25.00	_____	_____	_____
11.	Flag, indoor/outdoor 3'x5' with color insignia .....	60.00	_____	_____	_____
13.	License Plate, metal red & white background with crossed sabers & 11 .....	9.00	_____	_____	_____
14.	License Plate Frame, metal, black w/Blackhorse 11th US Cavalry in white .....	13.00	_____	_____	_____
15.	Attache Case w/shoulder strap 11.5" x 15.5" w/dir emb. BH insignia & VN rib .....	30.00	_____	_____	_____
16.	Tote Bag, red & black, 14x1x6 w/full color BH insignia and VN rib .....	22.00	_____	_____	_____
17.	Blackhorse Pin .....	5.00	_____	_____	_____
18.	11th ACR Regimental Crest .....	5.00	_____	_____	_____
19.	Blackhorse Cavalry Pin, brass, 11 over crossed sabers .....	5.00	_____	_____	_____
20.	Vietnam Blackhorse Pin w/wreath.....	5.00	_____	_____	_____
21.	Small Magnetic Patch "Blackhorse" (5"x 4 3/4") .....	5.00	_____	_____	_____
22.	Overnight Bag.....	25.00	_____	_____	_____
23.	Leather Gear Bag w/Blackhorse Insignia and pull handle.....	45.00	_____	_____	_____
25.	Blackhorse Coin .....	15.00	_____	_____	_____
26.	Large Magnetic Patch "Blackhorse" (8" x 7 3/4") .....	7.00	_____	_____	_____
27.	Book, "Wipe That Smile Off Your Face" by Steve Crabill .....	16.00	_____	_____	_____
28.	Video: "Combat Reports" (DVD Only) .....	30.00	_____	_____	_____
29.	Ladies Necklace .....	18.00	_____	_____	_____
30.	Car Flag .....	25.00	_____	_____	_____
31.	Book, "Each One A Hero," by Michael Marsh .....	20.00	_____	_____	_____
32.	Book, "Diary of a Draftee," by: James M. Yunker .....	22.00	_____	_____	_____
33.	Book, "Heroes of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment" .....	20.00	_____	_____	_____
34.	Signs 'Veteran' <input type="checkbox"/> (34a), 'Deadly Force' <input type="checkbox"/> (34b).....	25.00	_____	_____	_____
35.	Book, "Warrior," by Leo Deege .....	16.00	_____	_____	_____
36.	Sweatshirts w/ BH patch, gray only. Size: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL .....	28.00	_____	_____	_____
37.	Book, "Tales of Thunder Run," by Chaplain Larry Haworth .....	11.00	_____	_____	_____
38.	Hat, Poplin adjustable <input type="checkbox"/> 38a, <input type="checkbox"/> 38b, <input type="checkbox"/> 38c, <input type="checkbox"/> 38d .....	17.00	_____	_____	_____
39.	Blackhorse T-shirt, 100% cotton, preshrunk, full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Light Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Green .....	20.00	_____	_____	_____
40.	Specialty T-Shirt: sizes S, M, L, XL, 2X, 3X, 4 X .....	20.00	_____	_____	_____
41.	Denim shirt (men's) <input type="checkbox"/> Light (A) <input type="checkbox"/> Dark (B) .....	35.00	_____	_____	_____
42.	Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon, zipper front, fleece lining w/full color BH insignia, (6" back), and ACVVC front left .....	95.00	_____	_____	_____
43.	Windbreaker, black w/snap front, BH insignia & VN Ribbon .....	35.00	_____	_____	_____
<b>Subtotal</b>					_____

Note: unless otherwise noted, all clothing items are available in size medium through size 3XL. Specify size and color preference of item requested.

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