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John E. Longhouser to Address 11th ACVVC Reunion in Santa Clara



We are pleased to announce that Major General John E. Longhouser (USA Ret) has accepted our invitation to be the guest speaker at the 24th annual reunion

banquet on Saturday, September 12, 2009, in Santa Clara, CA.

MG John E. Longhouser has recently retired after four years as President of MTC Technologies, Inc. as well as its Logistics Operations Group Executive.

Prior to his leadership roles at MTC, General Longhouser served as the Senior Vice President for the Army Sector at Burdeshaw Associates, Ltd from 1997 to 2003. General Longhouser completed 33 years in the Army in 1997, with experience in Armor and Systems Acquisition and service in combat as Commander, K Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse) in Vietnam in 1968.

As an expert and steward of Army

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Five Firebases

By David Drake, (541st MID, 1970-1971)

Editor’s Note: David Drake has been a successful science fiction writer for many years. His “Hammer’s Slammers” series has become successful enough that a British company is turning it into a role playing game aimed at civilians. He wrote this essay as a forward to the game booklet.

I was very pleased when I got the materials for the Hammer’s Slammers role-playing game. The text had been written by someone familiar not only with my fiction but also with life in the military (which to me is a much more important consideration).

I like the art as well, but that leads to a different question: does it look the way I meant it to? The truth is that I write from the mental pictures I formed in the field in 1970 with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, and I wasn’t thinking much about US equipment then.

An M48 tank (for example) was something I rode on, having generally mounted by climbing the bow slope. I spent much more time looking from tanks than at them. Therefore I write from the viewpoint of people who don’t think much about the appearance of their own vehicles or fellow crewmen, and whose view of the surrounding landscape is primarily concerned with potential ambush sites and whether the fellow with the hoe in the rice paddy has a Kalashnikov hidden nearby.

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Blackhorse Troopers gathered at the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C. Memorial Day, 2009

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Allen Hathaway,
President

From The Command Track

By Allen Hathaway, President



There are only a few more weeks until the 24th Annual Reunion of the 11th ACVVC in Santa Clara, CA, on Sept 9-

13. The Hyatt Regency Santa Clara is a great location for this year's reunion. Although folks travel from all over the country to attend our reunions, this is an excellent opportunity for those who live on the west coast to attend. Folks are looking forward to seeing their old friends again, some for the first time since leaving Vietnam. Each reunion is special but meeting an old friend after so many years is even more special.

We are pleased that John E. Longhouser (MG, USA RET) will be our guest speaker this year. General Longhouser completed 33 years in the Army in 1977, with experience in Armor and Systems Acquisition. As a captain, he commanded K Troop, 3rd Squadron, 11th ACR from February – June 1968. He has attended several of our reunions in recent years and is a strong supporter of all Blackhorse troops. We are pleased to have him as our guest speaker.

We have arranged three optional daytime activities for Thursday and Friday to visit nearby San Francisco, Monterey and a local military vehicle museum. Link up with old friends and plan one or more of these activities. Please see the activities descriptions and sign-up sheet in this issue or on our website.

The Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning. Elections will be held this year for president, vice president, secretary and treasurer to serve a two year term beginning Jan 1, 2010. One board member will be elected to serve a three year term beginning Jan 1, 2010. The Women's Meeting is also scheduled for Saturday morning. Our Memorial Service will be held Saturday afternoon. We will top off the day's activities with our Saturday evening banquet, program and Blackhorse Salute.

The deadline for early registration is August 20. Mail your registration early and avoid the additional \$25 late registration fee.

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We urge you to please read the important article on the 11th Cavalry Memorial in this issue. Please give careful consideration to the long and distinguished history of our regiment and how best to tell that history for our generation and for future generations of armor and cavalry soldiers.

The Scholarship Fundraising activity continues to do well. Our scholarship fundraising consists of three activities; the annual raffle, silent auction and the Blackhorse calendar.

The raffle tickets for our 21st annual raffle were mailed in late June. Jim Holt (How, 1/11, 1967-68) is once again heading up this activity. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each with the chance to win 1st prize of \$1,000, 2nd prize of \$750, 3rd prize of \$500 or 4th prize of \$250. Drawing will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2009, at the annual reunion. Winners need not be present to claim prizes.

Rod George (How, 3/11, 1966-67) is heading up the silent auction again this year. This is always a fun and interesting activity at our annual reunion. Donations of items for the auction are always appreciated. Items with an 11th Cavalry theme are always in demand, but any item of value and good taste is welcome. Please see the separate article in this issue for the mailing address. If you plan to mail items, please ensure they are mailed so they arrive before September 8, 2009.

The number of scholarships awarded each year depends on the total donations made during the year. Since beginning the scholarship program in 1996, 228 scholarships have been awarded totaling \$646,000. This has been achieved through the very generous donations and support of our members. The \$1.00 raffle tickets and \$10.00 calendar donations all add up. Let's make 2009 another outstanding year.

We would like to take this opportunity to offer a special "Welcome Home" to the

nearly 300 new members who have joined in the past three months. If you recognize any of these newest members and would like to contact them please feel free to contact me or any board members and we'll put you in contact with them. We also have several hundred unit rosters from 1966 – 1972. Contact any board member to see if we have a roster listing your name.

We have had two recent staff changes. Frank Cambria, who has served as Secretary since 1998 and Scholarship Chairman since 2007 has stepped down because of medical issues cited in the 1st Quarter 2009 issue of Thunder Run, stating "...I believe I am no longer able to perform my Officer and Secretarial duties at the level to which I am accustomed." Before submitting his official resignation, Frank identified and recommended to the Board of Directors two well qualified members to replace him, Adrian Vaaler and Mike Rafferty, thereby avoiding any detriment to the Board or the Association as a result of vacant positions. The Board considered and approved Adrian to serve as Secretary pro-tem until the elections at the general membership meeting in September. Mike, who served as co-chairman of the Scholarship Committee since 2007, has accepted the appointed position of Scholarship Chairman.

Lastly, and most importantly, I ask that you continue to support our troops. The young men and women in uniform and their families sacrifice every day for the freedom we enjoy. We hope and pray for the success of their endeavors in Iraq, Afghanistan, and wherever they are posted in the United States or abroad and the safe return of those in harm's way. Reach out to our men and women in uniform, shake their hand, and thank them for their sacrifices.

ALLONS! – It's good to be "Together Again".



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Acquisition over his latter ten years of service, General Longhouser has served as Program Manager Abrams Tank Systems, Assistant Deputy for Systems Management in the Army Secretariat, and Program Executive Officer for Armored Systems Modernization. General Longhouser also served as the Military Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Research Development and Acquisition and to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, where he contributed to laying the foundation for continuing acquisition reform. As Commanding General of the Army's Test and Evaluation Command, he began transforming the test and evaluation process from the physical to the virtual environment.

General Longhouser was commissioned in Armor from the United States Military Academy in 1965, and earned a BS degree. He received his ME degree from Stevens Institute of Technology in 1971 and completed a year's industrial training with General Motors Corporation in 1977. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of Virginia and taught Weapon Systems Engineering as an associate Professor at the United States Military Academy from 1973 to 1975.

Early in his career, General Longhouser was assigned to command and operational staff positions from company to brigade. He served with both the 1st and 3rd Armored Divisions in Germany as well as the Blackhorse in Vietnam.

General Longhouser now resides in Savannah, Georgia with his wife, Cheryl, and consults for defense companies, large and small.

FIREBASES from page 1

The art in this booklet is fine. In a way, you're seeing more of an armored cavalry regiment than I describe in my stories—and more also than I saw when I was a part of one.

I was an interrogator at squadron level (what would be battalion level if we'd been infantry or armor instead of armored cavalry). That meant most nights I was in the firebase with however many of the six self-propelled howitzers (Hogs) were operational, along with Headquarters Troop (which included support as well as combat vehicles) and one of the squadron's line troops or (more often) the tank company for additional security. (Technically, this was a Fire Support Base, an FSB; I never once heard any term except firebase used until long after I'd left Viet Nam.)

I was very shut down in 1970 (and for that matter, for a lot of years after I came back to the World). I didn't keep a journal nor did I own a camera (there's one picture of me at the time, taken by a buddy when I was with 1st Squadron).

You see things in the field that you don't expect until you've been there. Very little got through the mental shields I had up, but I'm going to mention five things that did. You won't find them or their like either elsewhere in this booklet or in my own fiction. I don't know where they happened or even in what order they occurred. Some were probably in Cambodia, with the rest after we withdrew into Viet Nam.

Particularly during the monsoon season, the sunsets in Southeast Asia were gorgeous, although they were extremely brief compared to those I was used to in higher

latitudes. One evening I was sitting outside our six-man tent, writing a letter. The sky directly above was clear, but there were low clouds on the western horizon and a huge bank of thunderheads in the eastern sky.

As the sun set, it shone through holes in the clouds to the west to throw three enormous keyhole-shaped patches of red on the eastern cloudbank. Then it went below the horizon. The sky almost instantly became blacker than you can imagine if you haven't been in a Third-World jungle.

We generally traveled by road, occasionally on four-lane concrete highways built by the US government, but we always placed our firebases in undeveloped country. Bulldozers, some with Rome Plow land-clearing blades, cut a path through the jungle and then cleared a circular area large enough for the number of vehicles involved. After clearance, the engineers threw up an earthen berm around the whole area.

The combat vehicles were placed around the berm with their bows facing outward. The command group, the Hogs, the support vehicles, and tents for people like the intelligence section (we had a trailer for the tent and gear but no vehicle of our own) were inside that ring. Everybody was pretty close together.

Each firebase was on bare dirt (generally clay; rain forest soils are very shallow) which minutes before had been a thriving jungle. The local wildlife didn't vanish, but every new firebase seemed to have a different fauna.

One night I walked out of the tent in the dark to take a leak at the piss tube. This was

Show Your Pride



LEFT: Art Aguilar (L Trp., '71) shows Blackhorse pride still wheeling with the Cav 29 years later.

FAR LEFT: Joseph Clark (F Trp., '71) displays his Blackhorse and American pride on his Chevy Cavalier.

a metal casing that had held the bagged charges of 155-mm howitzer propellant. Ideally the lower end was sunk into a box of gravel, but realistically nobody worried about that in the field. We displaced frequently, after all.

I could see the path by moonlight. As I approached the tube wearing flip-flops (shower sandals), something jabbed the big toe of my left foot. I yelled and hopped back inside to lantern light: there was a cut an eighth of an inch long in the toe. I was sure I'd stumbled into a coil of barbed wire. I pulled on my boots and took care of my business, but the next morning I checked for the obstacle. There wasn't any barbed wire, but large ants had worn a visible trail in the clay (which here had a purple cast like no dirt I've seen anywhere else). The trail went all around the berm. I followed it with a can of insecticide, squirting each ant I came across. It made as much sense as anything else I was doing while I was In Country.

One of our firebases had rats. Our tent was very crowded, with three cots the long way on either side and our personal gear (generally packed in boxes that had held mortar shells) underneath them. Nobody mentioned a rat coming through the mosquito netting onto him, but at night they'd crawl over the boxes, forcing their way against the canvas where the cots sagged with the weight of our bodies.

We weren't fastidious but this was pretty unpleasant, so we set rat traps (ordinary spring traps, but much larger than the mousetraps I was familiar with). It didn't do any good, but one afternoon while we were playing cards a trap snapped. (Banged, actually; these were big.)

We checked it. It had flipped upside down, but there didn't seem to be anything in it. It was back in a corner behind lots of gear, and because the interior of the tent was sunk two feet down for protection we couldn't get at it from the outside. We didn't bother to reset it, figuring the wind had blown netting into the trigger.

Normally the squadron displaced every week, but we remained at this site three or four weeks; for all we knew, we'd still be there when we DEROSed (Date of Estimated Return from Over-Seas). Nobody tells the guys in the field anything.

The tent started to smell musty, then

very musty. We weren't, as I say, fastidious, but very musty. Eventually we took everything out to find where the smell was coming from.

We found nothing until we removed the last item, that overturned rattrap. Beneath it, in a liquescent pool, were the delicate, still articulated, bones of a rat's severed tail. Apparently it hadn't been netting that set off the trap after all.

One of the firebases was full of wolf spiders with leg spans of three inches and more. These spiders run down their prey like, well, wolves: they don't use webs like most spiders or hide in holes like tarantulas.

Three of the six guys in the intelligence unit went by Mitch, so I won't embarrass anybody by saying that Mitch said he was really afraid of spiders. I thought, well, who isn't? I sure was.

An unusually large spider ran across the dirt floor of our tent. We all—except Mitch—jumped to our feet and shouted. Mitch froze in his folding lawn chair. The spider ran up the inside wall of the tent, onto the sloping roof, and then stopped—directly over Mitch. We laughed. I said, "Better move, Mitch. He's getting ready to jump on you."

Then I realized Mitch was crying and mumbling, "Please, please. I'll die. Please."

I grabbed my steel pot—my helmet; they weren't Kevlar then—and swiped the spider to the floor, then crushed it. Mitch thanked me, but I felt bad about joking. I'd

never met anybody face to face with a full-blown phobia before.

During the days in the field, I often sat outside the tent reading or writing letters. It was the closest thing to privacy I had at the time. There were people and moving vehicles all around, but nobody was likely to bother me. That was good enough, because it had to be.

One firebase had many praying mantises in it. I was reading a book on the roof of a trailer of some sort—it wasn't the stakebed that held the intelligence section's gear, but as I said above, I didn't pay a lot of attention to our own equipment in the field. I was probably as high a point as anything for twenty yards around.

A mantis at least six inches long landed on my left shoulder. Her body was bright green, but her wings were brown and barely translucent. I turned my head to look at her, but because of the angle I had to close my right eye to focus on her with my left: otherwise I got a headache. She cleaned herself and waited. Eventually I went back to reading. It was painful to try to look at something so close, and nothing much was happening. She flew away after a few minutes.

So; there are five memories I brought back to the World with me. When you prepare your campaigns, keep in the back of your mind the fact that each setting has its own unique natural features. They'll come to you even if you're not looking for them.

I wish the only vivid memories I had of that time were those involving the natural phenomena of Southeast Asia.

Show Your Pride



Paul "Ike" Icovitti (HHT & H Co. 2/11, 67-68) shows great Blackhorse pride with outstanding 11th Cav imagery on the rear of his trailer.



Jim Griffiths, Editor
Thunder Run

Editor's Corner

James M. "Jim" Griffiths

While thinking in anticipation of this year's Reunion my mind wandered back to last year's reunion where I had the honor of receiving the Jack Quilter award. It has been stated that the award indicates (paraphrasing) 'exemplifying the values of the 11th ACVVC and contributing to the enhancement of the Regiment, our organization, and members.' Quite an honor and I said at the time that I hoped I would try to continue to uphold the standards the award represented. I hope that I have succeeded!

I was not very well versed in the origin of the award and assume that many of you are not either. Jack had received a P-38 as a door prize at the 1986 Reunion He decided to make an award out of it by nailing the P-38 to a board and creating a plaque that was to be passed on to a different person each year. He wrote a note prior to taking his trip to Fiddler's Green in 1987 and the award was first presented at the Reunion in Arlington, Texas later in 1987 and continues to be passed on to a new caretaker at each reunion.

Jack Quilter's Note

2-6-87

"We have all seen the story about the group of veterans who get together and buy a bottle of Brandy or something and the last surviving member is supposed to toast the memory of the others. Well I thought we could do something similar. At the reunion I was given the enclosed P-38 can opener. I already have one so I am returning this one. I couldn't help but embellish it a little. I also took some liberties that I hope no one will mind. My hope is that if everyone agrees, it can be given into the care of a different member each reunion. The caretaker gets to have his name engraved on it and is responsible for getting it to the next reunion where it will go to a new caretaker. Eventually as we all die off the last care taker will have an arti-

fact of dubious significance and value with the names of the previous holders engraved on it. It would be something tangible to connect us with our past. It is just an idea. I hereby give it to the group."

Jack Quilter

I leave it up to you to glean whatever meaning you receive by reading Jack's note. I personally take it as Jack encouraging the 11th ACVVC to remain together and share brotherhood until all of us have taken the trip to Fiddler's Green. So far we have done very well in my opinion. Hopefully you will gain understanding from this article about the award.

This issue, being the pre-Reunion issue is loaded with beneficial information for you. Read it, understand it, and act upon it and your Reunion promises to be a great experience. They all are. If this is your first reunion, you should simply relax as you will no doubt find that you will be warmly welcomed by your "brothers" in the 11th ACVVC.

I also think we have some great articles by our regular contributors as well as a few excellent personal contributions by some of our members. Make sure you do not overlook our 'Incoming' section as it has some information about a celebration honoring one of our KIA's Glenn E. Nicholson and also information about other mini-type reunions. Enjoy your *Thunder Run* and enjoy your reunion.

11th ACVVC Scholarship Update

We received twenty-nine scholarship applications by the May 15th deadline this year. This is twenty fewer applications than last year but it is still a significant number considering the economic climate in our country and the ever increasing age of our membership.

Among the applicants are twenty-eight children of members and one trooper. Twenty applicants are female and nine are males. Our twenty-nine applicants come from twenty-two different States! All regions of the country are represented ranging from California to New York and Texas to Idaho. The largest number of applications came from Iowa (three). The twenty-eight children of members who applied average twenty-two years of age.

These scholarship applicants have a wide variety of interests as well. Some of the fields of study they are interested in pursuing in college include: Marketing, History, Bio-Medical Research, Teaching, Nursing, Athletics, Accounting and Sociology just to name a few.

An independent panel of judges is currently reviewing these applications and will rate each applicant according to the formulas described in the Scholarship Guidelines. After the 11ACVVC Board of Directors determines the number of scholarships we are able to award this year, I will notify the scholarship winners. Those not qualifying for an award will be notified as well and encouraged to apply again next year.

Mike "Doc" Rafferty
Scholarship Committee Chairman

Show Your Pride



Robert Sandlin (HHT 3/11, '70) proudly shows he rode with the Blackhorse while driving his 1993 Mercedes Benz around.

Incoming...

From Judith Dietz (Daughter of Blackhorse KIA PSGT Glenn E. Nicholson).....A ceremony honoring PSGT Glenn E. Nicholson, a Blackhorse Trooper killed in Vietnam and a former instructor for the University of Kansas (KU) Army ROTC program will be held at the University of Kansas on September 10, 2009. The ceremony will be held in front of the University of Kansas Army ROTC Battalion and is designed to recognize PSGT Nicholson's service and sacrifice and to highlight the vital contributions of the Army's Non-Commissioned Officer Corps to the Army and to our nation in this the Army's Year of the NCO. LTC John Basso, KU Professor of Military Science (and Blackhorse Trooper in Germany and Kuwait), and Cadet LTC Kyle Daniels will host the ceremony which will include Blackhorse Vietnam Veterans at the KU Army ROTC Field Training Site on the University's West Campus adjacent to Youngberg Hall, Building 128 on the KU Campus Map found at: http://www.ur.ku.edu/ku_resources/campus_map-color.pdf. Inclement weather site is the KU Military Science Building (#67

Information provided by and for our Troopers

on the same map). Following the ceremony, Blackhorse Troopers in attendance are invited to gather at a location to be announced at the ceremony. Any questions you have should be directed via email to Judith Dietz kansas@goldstarfamily.us.

From A Troop, 1/11.....This year is the 40th Anniversary of the January 11, 1969 counter ambush on Highway 13 by A Troop led by 1LT Harold Fritz (which resulted in his award of the Medal of Honor) and is the subject of the Dietz Print titled "Find the Bastards, Then Pile On. 2nd Platoon medic, Bart "Doc" Fabian, is reaching out to all A Troopers involved in this action inviting them to reunite at the Santa Clara Reunion in September. Please contact Doc Fabian at bart11acr@aol.com or Joe Coopet at (651) 246-8009 for more information

From Adrian Vaaler.....The 6th Annual Eugene Blackhorse Picnic will be held, Saturday, October 3rd from Noon to 5pm. For further information and directions please contact Adrian Vaaler (HHT, 69-70) at 11thsecretary@gmail.com. Or call 541-344-2113(cell).

11th ARMORED CAVALRY MEMORIAL RESTORATION DONATIONS

The memorial restoration at Fort Knox, KY, is still ongoing. There are granite bricks available for purchase and we encourage your continued support of this worthwhile project. Troopers and their families have purchased bricks to honor the service of family members and friends. The next group of bricks will be placed at the memorial in late Summer 2009. Approximately 200 bricks are available for purchase. Order forms can be found on our website under "Brick Order Form."

The 11th ACVVC gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the following individuals and groups, to include B Troop and Air Cavalry Troop, who have purchased bricks between March 28, 2009 and June 30, 2009.

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Steven Joseph Greenlee

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- Doug Ralph Hodgson
- Kenneth Vern Jensen
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- Robert Louis Mingle
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- Gary Bruce Nichols
- Thomas William Skiles
- Steven Wayne Wilson

So that his brethren shall know...

Please report the death of any member of The 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia to Allen Hathaway, 13194 Rettew Dr., Manassas, VA 20112; Phone: (703) 791-6610; Email: 11thcav1966@comcast.net; for listing in "Journey to Fiddler's Green."

A Vietnam Veterans Memorial Primer

By William Harris, (541st MID, 1968)

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is one of the most emotional sites administered by the National Park Service. It is a place of great reverence, not unlike a cemetery, where friends, loved ones, and veterans come to grieve, remember, and reconcile. Fewer visitors today seem to understand the somber nature of the place. It seems a victim of its own popularity, as there are more tourists than veterans and family members. At the dedication on 13 November 1982, there were 57,939 names inscribed on the Memorial. 322 names have been added since then, and as of Memorial Day, 2009, the Memorial Wall contained 58,261 names. Many of names were added pursuant to a correction or clarification of military records and other additions recognize those military personnel who were wounded during the Vietnam War, but died of their wounds after the memorial was dedicated.

The portion of The Wall on each side of the chevron is 246 feet, eight inches in length. They meet at an angle of 125.12 degrees at the vertex. The western side of The Wall points at the northeast corner of the Lincoln Memorial, while the eastern side of The Wall points at the northwest corner of the Washington Monument. At the vertex, the sides of the chevron are 10.15 feet in height. The stone for the panels, safety curbs and walkways are black granite quarried near Bangalore, India. All cutting and fabrication of the stones was done in Barre,

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Vermont using five different finishing techniques. The names and inscriptions were grit-blasted in Memphis, Tennessee using stencils produced through a photographic process. The names were arranged chronologically and typeset in Atlanta, Georgia, from a computer tape of the official Vietnam casualty list. The names are approximately .53 inches in height, and .015 inches in depth, typeset in Optima.

Each name is preceded (on the West Wall) or followed (on the East Wall) by a symbol designating that person's status. The diamond symbol denotes that the service member's death was confirmed; the plus sign (or cross) denotes the person was missing at the end of the war and remains missing and unaccounted for. The diamond symbol is superimposed over the plus sign when a formerly missing service member's remains are returned or otherwise accounted for; and a circle will be inscribed around the plus sign should a missing serviceman ever return alive. Currently there are no circles inscribed around any symbol. The names are in chronological order, according to the date of casualty (which is not necessarily the date of death). The chronological listing begins below the inscription of the year 1959, carved at the top of Panel 1 East (1E), just to the right of the intersection of the two walls.

The list continues down each panel, like you would read a book, then to the right, to the end of the East Wall. It resumes at the end of the West Wall at Panel 70 W (70W) and continues to the right to Panel 1 West (1W), with the last of our losses annotated just above the date 1975, inscribed at the very bottom of the granite panel.

Names may be found on The Wall by use of one of the Directories of Names located on the tables at the east and west walkway entrances to The Wall. The books list casualty names in alphabetical order. The last two columns of the page will indicate the recorded panel and line numbers of a name's location on The Wall. White dots are found on the sides of each even numbered panel to assist in counting the number of rows from the top of the panel.

The years 1959 and 1975 are the years of the first and last official losses in the designated combat zone. Since The Wall was dedicated, the Department of Defense has approved the addition of names of individuals killed in 1956, 1957, and 1958.

The Flag post was erected in 1983, the Three Servicemen Statue was erected in 1984 and The Vietnam Women's Memorial was erected in 1994.

The memorial was established by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc. (VVMF), a nonprofit, charitable organization incorporated on April 27, 1979. The VVMF, led by Jan Scruggs, a wounded Vietnam veteran from Colombia,

Show Your Pride



RIGHT: Mike Denote (Air Cav Trp., '68) proudly converted his driveway into Blackhorse Dr

LEFT: Rick "Gunner" Wagner (D Co., 66-67) proudly displays his Blackhorse adorned vehicle at a little known monument to Cavalry Regiments (including the 11th) that served in the Philippines circa early 1900's and which he jointly visited with fellow Blackhorse Trooper Jerry Williamson, (D Co., 68-69).



Maryland, wanted Vietnam veterans to have a tangible object that captured the empathy of the American people for these maligned warriors who selflessly did what their government asked them to do. VVMF officials hoped to begin a process of national reconciliation by commemorating the service and sacrifices of these veterans while avoiding the controversial and divisive issue of U.S. policy in Vietnam. One of the most important goals stated by the sponsors was to have the memorial constructed upon a prominent site. They also envisioned that it would be part of a large, park-like space. They therefore requested the western end of Constitution Gardens. On July 1, 1980, Congress passed Public Law 96-297 which authorized construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on a two-acre section of the northwest quadrant of Constitution Gardens. This law would place the memorial near the Lincoln Memorial. In October, 1980, VVMF officials announced a national design competition open to any U.S. citizen over 18 years of age

By December 29, 1981, there were 2,573 registrants, and the competition became the largest of its kind ever held in the United States. By March 31, 1981 the deadline for submissions, 1,421 design entries had been submitted. All entries were judged anonymously by a jury of eight internationally recognized artists and designers, who had been selected by VVMF. On May 1, 1981, the jury presented its unanimous selection for first prize, which was accepted and adopted enthusiastically by VVMF.

The Winning Design and Designer: The winning design was authored by Maya Ying Lin of Athens, Ohio, who at the time was a 21 year old Yale University senior and architectural student. She is the daughter of two creative spirits: her father is a ceramicist and her mother is a poet. In August of 1981, the VVMF selected a building company and architectural firm that would convert Ms. Lin's design into formal plans and turn her vision into a physical structure. Ms. Lin became a design consultant to that architect of record, Cooper-Lecky. Site preparation began on 10 March 1982, with a formal groundbreaking ceremony being held on 26 March. The formal dedication ceremony was held on 11 November and the memorial was turned over to the National

Park Service on 13 November.

The Three Servicemen Statue and Flag Post: Artist Frederick Hart wanted to convey an honest and accurate image of Vietnam-era soldiers and is not based on real Vietnam War veterans. He conducted exhaustive research into how servicemen dressed and what equipment they carried, but he did not model the figures after specific combat veterans. The lead serviceman was reportedly modeled after a 21 year old Marine who was stationed in the Washington, D.C. area in 1983. The serviceman carrying the machine gun on his shoulder was supposedly modeled after a Cuban-American, and the African-American is a composite of several young men whom the sculptor used as models. The Three Servicemen also represent the majority of the racial mix of the military during the Vietnam conflict). As you face the statue, the serviceman on the right is an enlisted member of the US Army (based on the style of the flak jacket he is wearing), the center serviceman is an officer of the Marines (flak jacket and pistol) and it is assumed the serviceman on the right is a member of the US Air Force.

The Vietnam Women's Memorial: This was the third addition to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and stands 200 yards due south of the apex of the memorial wall. Although the names of the eight military women who died in Vietnam are inscribed on The Wall, Vietnam veteran and nurse Diane Carlson Evans did not believe the statue of the Three Servicemen adequately honored women who served. Driven by her own nagging memories of the war and her respect for other women who served, she founded the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project in 1984.

Many of the 250,000 women veterans worked in concert with her and others to place the Vietnam Women's Memorial near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. As a result of their combined actions, Congress authorized the Vietnam Women's Memorial in 1988. Sculptor Glenna Goodacre of Santa Fe, New Mexico was selected to design the bronze statue which depicts three women, one of whom is tending to a wounded soldier. Planted around the statue's plaza are eight yellowwood trees, one to commemorate each of the women who died in Vietnam.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Plaque: The plaque honors those veterans who died after their service during the Vietnam War as a result of that service and whose names are not otherwise eligible for placement on the Memorial wall (Agent Orange and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) and whose names are not eligible for inscription on The Wall. This latest design alteration is another attempt to complete the circle of healing at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The plaque, dedicated in November 2004, sits flush with the paving in the northeast corner of The Three Servicemen Statue plaza and reads: "In memory of the men and women who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of their service. We honor and remember their sacrifice."

There are 730 members of the Regiment on The Wall. Colonel Leonard D Holder, the 37th Commander of the Regiment is the highest ranking member of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment on The Wall, and his name is found on Panel 45E, row 47. One MIA from the Regiment, PFC Walter M. Pierce is also on The Wall, and his name is found on Panel 9W, row 40. The first member of the Regiment to die in Vietnam was PFC John R. Pierce, a draftee from Illinois, and his name is found on Panel 11E, row 64. The latest member of the Regiment to be added to The Wall was SGT Larry D. Callaghan, a draftee from MA. He died of complications from his wounds in 2001 and his name was added to The Wall in 2004 on Panel 46W, row 32.

Eight women have their names on the wall, seven US Army nurses and one US Air Force nurse. One of the Army nurses, 1LT Sharon A. Lane, Panel 23W, row 112, was killed as a direct result of a combat action, dying from injuries received in a mortar attack on the hospital at Chu Lai where she was assigned. The other ladies either died in aircraft crashes or from illness while in-country.

United States National Park rangers and Park Service staff the memorial daily and will provide assistance to visitors in locating names and in making rubbings of the names. The volunteers come from 19 states, with the majority of them living in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and the District of Columbia. Most of the volunteers served in Vietnam; however, 17 of the volunteers are women.

11th ACVVC Reunion XXIV, Santa Clara, CA

Reunion registration is into full swing here in Tomah. I will admit that they have been rather slow coming in this year but I expect that to pick up as we get closer to the actual time of reunion. Please remember that there is a cut off date for the advance fees, or cheaper rate if you will. I bring this up only because I want you to be aware that if you mail in your registration and I don't receive it before I leave, or if you just decide to 'show up' that you will be charged registration plus an additional fee. Now if we do find that you mailed your form and fees in, we will see that you receive a refund for the extra fee you paid. Also note that if for some reason you are unable to attend, again you will receive a refund.

We are pleased that so many of you are using address labels this year. You have no idea how much time it saves us when we know exactly how to spell your name. Also thank you for your understanding about what to put on your name tag. If you aren't sure what I mean let me explain. Due to the size of the nametag there is only so much room to put your name. We have to take into account that the type needs to be large enough for our aging eyes to see it. So when we get someone who wants "John 'DOC' Guggleheim" on theirs we try, but sometimes it just doesn't fit. We then have to decide if we put John Guggleheim or DOC Guggleheim. When you fill out your registration form if you tell us exactly what you want, then that's what we try to do. If not, then you leave it up to us. If you insist on having the whole thing, we will do it, but it will be in much smaller type. Bottom line is - we want to make you happy as well as your registration process quick and easy.

Don't forget to tell us what meal you want or we will be making that decision for you also. And here's a new one we just ran into - be sure you put the correct amount of meals on the form. If there are 3 of you

coming then you should have 3 meals marked, not 6.

So it's time to make those airline reservations, hotel reservation, dust off the suitcases, drag out the photos and prepare for

a weekend of fun, friendship and memories.

See you all soon in Santa Clara.

Bob Moreno

G Trp. 2/11 68/69

Board of Directors- Registration Chairman

2009 11th ACVVC REUNION SEPTEMBER 9-13, 2009

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2009 Silent Auction, Santa Clara

Greetings to all: We are moving into mid summer here in Montana and are continuing the preparations for our upcoming reunion. As you know, one of our fund-raisers for the 11th ACVVC Scholarship fund is the annual silent auction held at the reunion site. It is time to take my hat in my hand and once again ask you to put your imagination and your talent to work for the organization! I was amazed by the impressive array of items that you provided for last years SA. I hope that we can match or surpass the beautiful items and the amount that those items brought in for our scholarships. Remember, if you want to donate an item purchased for

the auction we gladly accept them also. Items that have military significance, tools and especially Cav related items always go well. If you wish to donate an item please make sure that it is accompanied by a Silent Auction Donors Form so that I have all the appropriate information on that item. You can bring items to the reunion or mail them in advance to: **2009 Silent Auction, c/o Ron Krueger, 1819 Raintree Place, Davis, CA 95618**

Thanks in advance for all that you do to keep this the best organization ever.

*Rodney H. George
Silent Auction Chairman*

11th ACVVC Silent Auction

DONATED ITEM INFORMATION FORM

Please provide the following information with your donated item. It is important for our records. If you wish to donate anonymously there will be a section to make that request.

Description of item donated: _____

Name of Donor: _____

Address of Donor: _____

Value of item donated: \$ _____ I wish to remain anonymous: (check box)

REGISTRATION FORM



11th ACVVC Reunion XXIV, Santa Clara, CA

Wednesday, 9 Sept. thru Sunday, 13 Sept. 2009



**PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT
Hyatt Regency Santa Clara, 5101 Great American Parkway
Santa Clara, CA 95054
408-200-1234 800-233-1234**

Registration fee is \$85.00 per person. This fee is required for attendance at any of the scheduled events including the Thursday and Friday night Bunker Parties and the Saturday Banquet dinner.

Please register early. **Deadline for registrations is August 20, 2009.** The registration fee will be an additional \$25.00 per person for registrations postmarked after August 20, 2009

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

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Telephone No: _____

Unit Assignment _____ Years in Country _____
(Example: B TRP, D CO) (Example: 1966-1967)

Attendees

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Registration Fee Total	\$ _____

Banquet Meal Selection (Choose one selection per attendee) Chicken _____ Beef _____ Veggie _____

Special Dietary Needs: Yes No (Please indicate needs) _____

Is this your first reunion? Yes No KIA Relative? Yes _____

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 TREASURER
C/O OLLIE PICKRAL
571 DITCHLEY RD
KILMARNOCK, VA 22482**

Great Activities Available For Santa Clara Reunion

Final arrangements have been made for some great activities for you to enjoy during the 2009 reunion in Santa Clara. These activities are being offered so you can take advantage of some of the sights in and around the Santa Clara area.

Thursday, September 10

San Francisco/Fisherman's Wharf/Pier 39: Spend the day in San Francisco and enjoy some of the sights in the "city by the bay". This activity includes round trip transportation between the Hyatt and Fisherman's Wharf. From Fisherman's Wharf you can go at your own pace to enjoy a ride on the famous cable cars, take one of the "city tours" or "bay tours" offered, see the Golden Gate Bridge, and enjoy some of the many restaurants and shops in the area. Departs Hyatt at 9:45 am and returns at 8:00 pm. \$30.00 per person. More information at: www.fishermanswharf.org www.visitfishermanswharf.com and www.pier39.com

Golf Tournament: For the golfers there's the 18th Annual Marty Ognibene Golf Tournament. This is always a fun day. Fee includes greens fees, carts, balls, tees, lunch and prizes. The outing is opened to men and women. See the separate sign-up sheet in this issue.

Friday, September 11

Monterey Bay: Spend the day in beautiful Monterey. You can choose to visit the Monterey Bay Aquarium. Aquarium fee is \$30.00 per person paid at the door. Visit the Presidio of Monterey Museum. The 11th Cavalry was stationed in Monterey from 1919 to 1939. The museum has several 11th Cavalry exhibits from that

period. There is no entry fee to the museum – donations are welcome. Also enjoy the many restaurants and shops in Monterey. This activity includes round trip transportation between the Hyatt and Monterey. Departs Hyatt at 9:45 am and returns at 6:00 pm. \$30.00 per person. More information at: www.monterey.org/museum/pom and www.montereybayaquarium.org

Military Vehicle Museum: Visit the Military Vehicle Technology Foundation Museum in Portola Valley, CA, the largest privately owned military vehicle museum. See vintage military vehicles of all types, weapons and uniforms. Activity includes round trip transportation between the Hyatt and the museum. A separate \$20 per person admission fee is payable at the museum. Departs Hyatt at 8:45 am and returns at 2:45 pm. \$18.00 per person. More information at: www.milvehitechfound.com

Transportation for all tours (except golf tournament) is 55 passenger air-conditioned motor coaches.

Make your plans today to take advantage of these activities. Seats for these activities are limited. Tickets are on a first come basis and they will be filling fast. Tickets for all activities must be purchased in advance. Tickets will NOT be sold at the hotel. Reserved tickets can be picked up in the reunion registration area beginning on Wednesday, September 9.

Tour Contact: Paul Gissible, 209-577-5819, gissible@yahoo.com

Golf Contact: Joe Coopet, 651-578-2857

We hope you take advantage of these exciting offers. We're looking forward to another great reunion!

REUNION ACTIVITIES

11th ACVVC Reunion XXIV, Santa Clara, CA Wednesday, 9 September thru Sunday, 13 September 2009

	# Tickets	Price	Total
Thursday, September 10, 2009 San Francisco / Fisherman's Wharf.....	_____ X\$30.00 Ea =	_____
Friday, September 11, 2009 Monterey Bay: Museum - Aquarium	_____ X\$30.00 Ea =	_____
Friday, September 11, 2009 Jacques Littlefield Military Vehicle Museum.....	_____ X\$18.00 Ea =	_____

Handicapped Coach Required? Yes No

Name _____ Telephone No: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Make checks payable to **11th ACVVC**. Mail Registration Form with payment to: **Paul Gissible, 509 Castle St, Modesto, CA 95350-6013**

Deadline for registering: August 20, 2009

11th ACVVC Reunion XXIV, Santa Clara, CA

Schedule of Events – September 9-13, 2009

Wednesday, September 9

10:00am - 4:00pm

Registration Open

Thursday, September 10

7:00am- ????

18th Annual Marty Ognibene Memorial Golf Tournament

9:00am - 6:00pm

Registration Open

9:00am - 5:00pm

Quartermaster Store Open

9:45am - 8:00pm

San Francisco/Fisherman's Wharf (optional \$30 charge)

2:00pm - 12:00am

Bunker Open

Friday, September 11

9:00am - 6:00pm

Registration Open

9:00am - 5:00pm

Quartermaster Store Open

8:45am - 1:45pm

Military Vehicle Museum (optional \$18 charge plus \$20 entrance fee)

9:45am - 6:00pm

Monterey Bay (optional \$30 charge)

10:00am -12:00pm

Veterans Seminar

12:00pm -12:00am

Bunker Open

5:00pm - 9:00pm

Silent Auction

Saturday, September 12

9:00am - 12:00pm

Annual General Membership Meeting (Members Only)

9:00am - 12:00pm

Women's Group Meeting

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Memorial Service

2:00pm - 5:00pm

Registration Open for Late Arrivals

3:00pm - 5:00pm

Quartermaster Store Open

5:45pm - 6:45pm

Cocktail Hour

7:00pm - 9:30pm

Banquet, Presentations, Raffle Drawing, and "Blackhorse Salute"

9:30pm - 1:00am

Dancing

Sunday, September 13

10:00am - 11:00am

Chapel Worship Service (Nondenominational)

10:00am - 2:00pm

Quartermaster Store Open All Day

All Day

Farewells and Departures

NOTE: This is a tentative schedule. Times may vary as the reunion draws closer. Locations of all activities will be posted at the reunion registration desk.

THE 18TH ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, September 10, 2009

Summit Pointe Golf Club

Cassi Kreft, Tournament Director

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Phone 408-262-8813

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You don't need a foursome to enter. Include your average score for 18 holes and I'll pair you 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. Don't delay!!! Mail today!!! FORE!

18TH ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Name _____ Average Score _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Name _____ Average Score _____

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Mail Checks To: **Joe Cooper, Golf Tournament Director,**
9289 Parkside Draw, Woodbury, MN 55125

Call 651-246-8009 if you have questions. You will receive confirmation in the mail if your registration fee is paid by August 27, 2009. All entries must be prepaid. This year we will be playing at one of best facilities in the Santa Clara area. They have a dress code to include: 1) No denim (Blue jeans), 2) No tank tops or T-shirts. Shirts must have collars. 3), Soft spike only facility. Tee times will be in the 7:30-8:30 am range with lunch between 12:30 and 1:30. The golf course is a short 15 minute ride from our hotel. Rental clubs are available.



Making-Do

"Make do with what you've got." "The right way, the wrong way, and the Army way." Where've you heard those phrases before? I heard the first phrase, or something like it, from my mom and dad while I was growing up. Whenever I'd want something they weren't going to get for me, I'd hear about being satisfied with what I already had. As for the second, I heard it over and over all my years in the Army. It was a joke, sort of. Or was it more of an observation? Now that I get to thinking of it, it was probably an observation of how we saw things.

Look at it this way, you know what it means to cannibalize. (Yes, Virginia, there is such a word. If it wasn't one before, it became a word in the Army). "Eccchhh," you might say if you think it had to do with eating your own kind like a black widow spider. The Army definition of cannibalize had nothing to do with eating anything. For you non-Army types, in the Army cannibalize was when you needed a part to get your vehicle or piece of equipment working and supply couldn't get you what you needed. What happened was that you went to an identical piece of equipment which wouldn't work either. Tanks, jeeps, rifles, generators and such are examples of what got cannibalized. You took the same part off that other item and put it on your thing. Cannibalizing happened regularly, at least in our day if you're Viet Nam era, which I am. Why do I suspect that nothing's changed? Don't you young guys cannibalize too?

Another similar activity was jerry-rigging. You might ask, "Do I know where jerry-rigging came from?" That's a logical question. My reply would have to be, "No, but I expect it came from the World War days, whether WWI or WWII, I don't know." Jerry sounds sort of German so I guess that's where it came from. Regardless of where the word was invented, you and I both know what it means. It means to make something hang together, to make it work, when you have no parts that were made for the thing and no twin item to cannibalize. In the old days we used baling wire to hold things together so

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they would work without falling apart. For you youngsters who're listening, baling wire was very useful. It was strong but thin enough so you could work with it - sort of like stiff metal string. Farmers used it to hold bales of hay together, a bale of hay being like an eighty pound, rectangular lump of hay. What do we use now in place of baling wire? You're absolutely right if you said duck tape! Actually, it's officially called duct tape, but who cares? Duck tape is more fun. You can jerry-rig almost anything with that silver tape, except now it comes in different colors - what will they think of next?

In case you think I'm off the subject, fear not. All this talk is ways of making-do. It's getting the job done when you don't have the right parts. It's using what you have, not what you don't have, to make it work. Sound familiar? I know. You did it all the time. Let's be clear about one thing, though. Making-do, jerry-rigging, and cannibalizing had nothing to do with "Midnight Auto Supply" or "re-appropriating." I'll skip explaining these activities because you either know what they mean, you can figure them out for yourself, or you can ask someone who was there and knows. Making-do was a practical way of fixing or getting along with what you had. And it was legal (we won't go down that road).

Out in the jungles riding with the Blackhorse, I gained a new appreciation for making-do. Our guys were skilled at getting along with what they had regardless of whether it was the right, the wrong, or the Army way. For example, every once in a while one of our ACAV's would hit a mine. A mine could do a job on an ACAV or even an M48 tank. Usually they could be fixed in the field. Our maintenance troopers were unbelievable at fixing things in the field, in the mud, the dirt, and such. One time that I remember one of the ACAV's couldn't be fixed in the field - no way. So our troopers cannibalized good

parts off the bad ACAV and put them on the good ACAV that could be fixed. They took bad parts off the good ACAV and put them on the bad ACAV. They kept the good ACAV in the jungle so it could keep fighting the war. They strapped the bad ACAV under a Chinook helicopter, which was big and strong, and flew the bad ACAV back to the rear. What they did with it back at the rear I couldn't tell you. I can only guess that they put it on a Navy ship and sent it back to the world (aka, USA) for rebuilding. That's a pretty good guess but it's not certain. That's one of my making-do stories. It wasn't about jerry-rigging. It was about cannibalizing. It was making-do with what they had. Of course, most making-do wasn't that extreme. Usually someone just needed a part for his vehicle so he'd go find one sitting around from an earlier problem that would do until supply could get him a new part. Is that clear? Oh well, you can come up with your own making-do story which I'm sure you have.

Here's a true and powerful story of making-do: One of the main men in the Bible was named Paul. He became a leader so his title was Apostle. His original name was Saul of Tarsus because he was from a city named Tarsus. That's how they named people in those days. God changed his name to Paul when he became a follower of Jesus Christ. I'll quote from his story as he told it. It's from a letter he wrote to the Christians in the city of Philippi (Philippians 4:10-13), "I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living

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Blackhorse Hoofbeats

Echoes from the Regiment's Service in Vietnam 1966-1972

By Don Snedeker, 11th ACVVC Historian

1967: While engaged in Operation Cedar Falls in January 1967, Blackhorse Troopers captured a document recording the minutes of a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Viet Cong Supply Council for Chau Thanh District located on the southern edge of the Iron Triangle. The minutes of the meeting, held just ten days earlier, recorded the usual platitudes as to how the people of the district were “always ready to contribute goods and men” and “filled with patriotism and love for our [VC] troops as well as keen hatred against the enemy”. In reality, however, the committee noted that these same liberation-loving people of the district were not supplying the VC and NVA with rice, forcing the National Liberation Front to buy rice on the black market “through profiteering middlemen at exor-

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bitant prices.” Similarly, support from the civilian population of the district was lagging and logistics “could be maintained only by working the sick and wounded during their convalescence,” resulting in “bad morale throughout the infrastructure”. It never was just about the body count after all.

1968: From the 919th Engineer Company (Armored) 1968 Annual Historical Report: “Being the only unit of its type in Vietnam has placed the 919th Engineers in the prestigious position of writing the book on the operation of an armored engineer company in a counter-insurgency type environment. In addition, the Army has used the unit as a proving ground to check the effectiveness of new items of equipment. The unit has covered the depth and breadth of III CTZ [Corps Tactical Zone] during the past year, participating in all major tactical operations conducted by the Regiment... Their effectiveness as engineers first and cavalrymen second was put to the test upon many occasions with a high degree of successful missions to their credit and a low percentage of resultant casualties.”

1969: Remember Quan Loi, where the Regiment was based in 1969 and 1970? Here's a description from the Regimental records in August 1969. “Quan Loi...village and installation squats on a broad hill, fifty meters higher than the valleys which surround it. Beyond the valleys are other hills, not as broad or flat-topped as QUAN LOI. The sides of the QUAN LOI

hill are bare, giving it the appearance of a shaved, sun-burnt neck. Half-way down the sides the line of bunkers begin. Twenty-five meters apart, partially dug in the sides, from the air they appear to be grey moles, peeking above the surface at the green hills beyond, whose view is obscured by the strands of wire which encircle QUAN LOI. The last of the four strands of wire is almost in the valley; beyond it the vegetation begins its slow climb up the next hill. In day-time one overlooks seventy-five meters of red clay from the bunkers. Beyond the clay the grass is low, making movement easily seen. But at night, when it is cloudy, nothing can be seen beyond ten meters without the aid of illumination.”

1971: In his remarks at the standdown ceremony for the Regiment at Di An on 22 February 1971, Colonel John Gerrity, 42nd Colonel of the Regiment, noted that “since 7 September 1966, 24,421 men” had served in the Blackhorse Regiment. He concluded his remarks by saying: “To those who have fallen, we owe an unpayable debt. Those who depart the Blackhorse have much to remember, those who remain have much to defend. We have all been privileged to ride together in the Black Horse Regiment in the cause of freedom. All Black Horse Troopers close ranks behind 2nd Squadron as you carry forward the colors, traditions, and spirit [of the Black Horse]. I bid you: Allons.”

Show Your Pride



Robert Cummings, (E Trp., 65-66) shows his Blackhorse and Cavalry pride on his two Ford vehicles.

God bless you. God loves you. So do I.

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11th Cavalry Memorial

A crucial situation has arisen regarding the future location of the 11th Cavalry Memorial currently located at Fort Knox. The Armor Center and School will be moving to Fort Benning by 2011. Do we move our memorial along with the other memorials when the Armor Center relocates to Fort Benning or do we remain at Fort Knox? The 11th ACVVC Board of Directors needs your help, your feedback, and your opinions to determine the best course for the Board to pursue on behalf of our members. We are working closely with the Blackhorse Association on this issue. We must provide a final decision to the CG of the Armor Center by October 2009. Any move would not take place until 2011 or 2012.

In April 2009 we received a copy of the following letter from MG Campbell, CG Armor Center, through the Blackhorse Association regarding the move of the Armor Center and School from Fort Knox to Fort Benning. This move is part of Base Realignment And Closing (BRAC).

“The US Army Armor Center and School will be relocating to Fort Benning to combine with the Infantry Center to form the Maneuver Center of Excellence. This move will improve both the training and cohesion of our already preeminent ground combat forces.

“Fort Benning will soon transition from being the Home of Infantry to becoming the Home of Maneuver, as well as the Home of Armor with construction having already begun on world class facilities to train future Armor and Cavalry Soldiers. As part of that construction effort a state-of-the-art climate controlled facility, which will serve as the nucleus of the National Armor and Cavalry Museum, will be built to house one of the largest and most varied collection of armor vehicles in the world. Our facility will be co-located with the new National Infantry Museum, a collection of World War II era training buildings once occupied by the 2d Armored Division, the Maneuver Center Parade Field, and a monument park honoring our Infantry, Armor, and Cavalry forces past and present.

“The bulk of the armored vehicle collection presently on Fort Knox will move into this new museum, forming the backbone of the collection that will represent our historic lineage. Some of the current collection, along with the General George S. Patton, Jr. collection, will remain at Fort Knox. I would like to move all the Armor and Cavalry unit monuments presently on Fort Knox to the new monument park planned for Fort Benning to serve as inspiration for future generations of Armor and Cavalry Soldiers. However, if you would rather that it stay at Fort Knox and be part of the Human Resource Center of Excellence, your monument will not be moved. Should you allow your monument’s movement, rest assured that once at the new Home of Armor and Cavalry, it would be part of the largest museum complex in Georgia, visited and viewed by tens of thousands of Soldiers, their families, and civilian visitors annually.

“I look forward to hearing your organization’s desire on this important matter as we build a wonderful new branch home post.

Sincerely,

Donald M. Campbell Jr., Major General, US Army, Commanding”

The proposed relocation of the Memorial is an emotional issue for 11th ACVVC because the centerpiece of the Memorial area is the Blackhorse Vietnam Memorial, dedicated to 730 Troopers who were killed in action while serving with the regiment in Vietnam. Many of us know men who are listed on this Memorial.

We are extremely proud of the 11th Cavalry Memorial and the men it honors. This memorial is unique in many ways. It is located at the entrance to the Armor Memorial Park and is the first memorial seen upon entering the park. It is also the tallest memorial and covers the largest area of all memorials.

The Vietnam Memorial has a unique history which began in mid 1967. The regiment had been in Vietnam nearly a year. The months of May, June and July of 1967 were particularly challenging as the regiment suffered a number of casualties.

In the summer of 1967, an idea was conceived to create a memorial to honor the sacrifice and preserve the memory of those courageous Blackhorse troopers. A team was formed; their mission was to build a memorial. The team was assembled and with the help of the regiments’ engineers, a large stone was cut from the rock quarry at Gia Ray, not far from the Blackhorse Base camp. Local stone cutters worked to chisel, cut and smooth the rock into a four sided obelisk which would become the memorial. The finished memorial was placed in front of the regimental chapel at the Blackhorse Base camp near Xuan Loc. In the fall of 1967 the monument was officially dedicated. In those days, to honor our fallen comrades, brass name tags were engraved and attached to the monument.

In mid 1969 the regiment would receive orders to move. The regiment would take up positions in new locations such as An Loc, Loc Ninh, Quan Loi and Di An. In October of that year the Blackhorse base camp at Xuan Loc was officially turned over to the Vietnamese Government. But before the last elements of the regiment rolled out of the front gate for the final time, and with the dignity and honor so deserving of our fallen comrades, the monument was carefully packed up and moved with the regiment to a new location.

In early 1971 as part of the drawdown of US Forces in Vietnam, Regimental Headquarters along with 1st and 3rd Squadrons would be deactivated. Their mission was complete. The regimental colors would be cased for the final time and sent home.

One of the principles of the current Soldiers Ethos is: I will never leave a fallen comrade. We knew it by other terms: you never leave a buddy. The monument represented our fallen comrades, our buddies. True to this principle and with Blackhorse spirit, the memorial was carefully packed up. It too was coming home.

The memorial would eventually make its way to Fort Knox and be placed in front of Gaffey Hall. The brass name tags were still attached and many were tarnished and corroded from years

of adverse conditions in Vietnam. Eventually, the individual name tags were replaced with four bronze plaques, listing the names of our Blackhorse troopers. Names were listed in chronological order. A plaque was also added listing the units that made up the Order of Battle of the regiment in Vietnam. In the early 1980's the monument would be moved again and be placed at the entrance of The Armor Memorial Park. In the years that followed many memorials would be added to the park.

In recent years the monument has undergone a major transformation. Over \$100,000 has been invested in repairs and additions to the memorial. In 2004 four small plaques were added to the memorial. One plaque lists the names of the three Medal of Honor Recipients; CPL Jerry W. Wickam, SFC Rodney J. T. Yano and Captain Harold E. Fritz. The three other plaques show the nicknames used by each of the squadrons in Vietnam: 1/11 – Iron Horse; 2/11 – Eagle Horse and 3/11 – Work Horse. Those names are still used by the regiment today.

In 2007 the four large bronze plaques listing the names were replaced. After four years of extensive research a full accounting of all Blackhorse troopers was complete. Several names that were previously missing were added. A few names were removed as official documentation indicated they did not serve with the regiment. Each of the four plaques represents one of the four squadrons. Names are now listed chronologically by unit within that squadron.

Three new memorials were also been added to honor all Blackhorse troopers who served in all campaigns since the regiment was formed in 1901. One memorial is dedicated to the 11th US Cavalry and the campaigns during the Philippine Insurrection (1902) and Mexican Expedition (1916-1917). A second is dedicated to the 11th Cavalry Group and the campaign in Europe during World War II (1944-1945). Research

for these campaigns is ongoing. When all troopers from these campaigns are accounted for new plaques will be added to the memorials listing those names.

The third memorial is dedicated to Operation Iraqi Freedom. A bronze plaque lists the names of the 21 troopers lost during the regiments deployment in 2005-2006 as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Another major change is the addition of The Circle of Honor and the granite bricks. This is another unique feature of the monument. The bricks add a new dimension to this memorial with the many personal messages of support.

The repairs and additions to this memorial have been made to ensure the legacy of our great regiment and of all Blackhorse troopers will continue on well into the future. We are fortunate in this day and age that our regiment it still serving on active duty. The 11th Armored Cavalry is one of the premiere units of the US Army. Much of the reason for this can be attributed to its long and distinguished 108 year history, a history that each Blackhorse trooper helped write.

There are many things we need to consider:

Considerations of the 11th ACVVC:

- The Armor Center and School will move to Fort Benning as a result of the Base Realignment and Closing (BRAC) recommendations.
- Fort Benning will become the Home of Armor
- The Armor School and Infantry School will combine and be called the Maneuver Center of Excellence.
- Future generations of armor, cavalry and infantry soldiers will train at Fort Benning.

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11TH ACVVC DONATIONS

Donations to various 11th ACVVC activities since the 2nd Quarter 2009 issue of *Thunder Run*

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- A new National Armor and Cavalry Museum will be built at Fort Benning and co-located with the new National Infantry Museum officially opened in June 2009.
 - The armor and cavalry monuments currently at Fort Knox will be moved to Fort Benning and the New National Armor and Cavalry Museum
 - The bulk of the armor vehicle collection at Fort Knox will be moved to Fort Benning and the new National Armor and Cavalry Museum.
 - We have the option of moving the 11th Cavalry Memorial to Fort Benning or leaving it at Fort Knox.
 - There are 43 armor and cavalry memorials in the Armor Memorial Park at Fort Knox.
 - The Army will pay for relocation of all monuments, including the 11th Cavalry Memorial if a decision is made to move with the Army's planned relocation.
 - The 11th Cavalry Memorial (all 4 monuments) and bricks would be moved.
 - Any move would not occur until 2011-2012.
 - A response must be given to the Commanding General by October 2009.
 - The Human Resources Command will move from Alexandria, VA, to Fort Knox.
 - Fort Knox will be known as the Human Resource Center of Excellence.
 - The Patton Museum will remain at Fort Knox.
- Current status of the proposed expansion of the Patton Museum is unknown at this time.
- The 11th Cavalry Memorial would be the only armor and cavalry memorial if it remained at Fort Knox.
 - Which location (Fort Benning or Fort Knox) offers the highest visibility of our monument for armor and cavalry soldiers as

well as other visitors?

For Blackhorse troopers the decision of whether to move the 11th Cavalry Memorial may be difficult. Perhaps the most important consideration is which location offers the highest visibility for our monument to tell our history. While we may tend to think of the memorial in the present and our generation, we also need to think of the memorial in the future, long after we are gone. The memorial is part of the tangible history of our regiment. The real importance of the memorial is in passing on the honor, traditions and history of this great regiment to future generations of armor and cavalry soldiers – it should be visited and revered by them.

The Board of Directors feels that Fort Benning, home of the new Armor Center, would be the best location and provide the highest visibility to honor our fallen Blackhorse troopers and to tell the distinguished history of our regiment.

Please take time to read this article again and give careful consideration to this proposal. Also take time to review the information on the websites listed below. The Board of Directors has discussed the Army's proposal at length and we want to hear from you. Please take a minute to complete and mail the Monument Survey below. We want to hear from all Blackhorse troopers before a final decision is made.

Thank you for your support and ALLONS!

Allen Hathaway, 11th ACVVC President

Please review these websites:

Armor Center and School BRAC:

www.knox.army.mil/school/mcoe/time.asp

National Armor and Cavalry Museum:

www.armorcavalrymuseum.org

National Infantry Museum:

www.nationalinfantrymuseum.com

11th Armored Cavalry Monument Survey

Please select your choice of where the 11th Armored Cavalry Monument should be located:

FORT BENNING, GA

FORT KNOX, KY

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Unit _____ Dates _____

Please return this form no later than SEPTEMBER 14, 2009. Additional comments can be submitted on a separate page.

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Women's Corner

By Barb Moreno, 11th ACVVC Women's Coordinator

Well here we are again, another month closer to this year's reunion. Look out California here comes the 11th ACVVC. Not only am I looking forward to seeing everyone, and visiting California, but most of all, right now it's the warmer weather. I think here in Wisconsin, spring and summer have skipped right over us. It has been down right cold lately. Usually by now I have windows open to air out the stuffiness of winter. But it's just been too cold and wet to do it yet. Please, Mother Nature where are you?

Despite the cool, wet weather, things in the community are moving right along. As usual any road work that needs to be done has been started, just in time for vacationers. We had our annual community wide garage sale two weekends ago, although I saw no garage's for sale. The local movie theater has begun its midday matinees. And this weekend is the annual Butterfest. Yes, I said Butterfest. They actually celebrate butter! Although to tell you the truth I don't remember ever seeing butter at the festival but lots of beer and brats and other wonderful things to eat. There are also loads of craft booths and flea market items. I just love it. I get so much of my Christmas shopping done at these small town festivals. I just really hope it doesn't rain.

Things are moving right along for this year's fund raising project as well. What is it? Well, here's a hint – it's something we all use everyday and can be used on a trip to the coast. Of course we still have a few dozen horses left and many address books. Both of them will be discounted in price and would make great stocking stuffers. And since we had such a nice response to the lanyards last year, we will have new ones this year. So if you missed out last year be sure to get one this year. While on the subject of fundraisers, we can't continue to do them if we don't get some of you ladies to help. Just spend an hour or two in the ladies booth helping. That's all I'm asking for. After all it is a group project, a project that you ladies voted for.

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dedicated entirely to desserts and appetizers. And yes, we are including a section on beverages. So either e-mail, mail, or bring to reunion your favorites. We are asking for 2 recipes in each category from everyone. If everyone could get their recipes into me by the 1st of May, 2010 then Kathy and I will be able to get it done and printed in time for the Washington D.C. reunion. This book will make a great companion to the first one we did. Let's make this book as big a success, if not a bigger one than the first.

I have made this years selection for the Women's award and I'm sure it's going to surprise everyone. She has shown a true love for her soldier, her country and the Blackhorse. Any more information than that and it could be figured out so let's leave it at this.

The registration process is in full swing here at our house. A little slow but they are coming in. Ladies, if your man has not sent in the registration yet, get on him to get it in. Don't wait until the last minute. If you do then you'll end up paying a late fee. Airline prices are looking pretty good

and you know all of us want to see each other again. So get busy and get yours in.

Besides our 11th ACVVC reunion, Bob and I will also be traveling to Pennsylvania for my 40th high school reunion. This has made me feel very melancholy lately. I keep trying to imagine how so many of my classmates look now. I keep picturing them still being 17 and 18 years old. But we've all aged 40 years, have married, had children and most of us have grand-children. Where did the time go?

Being on the reunion planning committee has been really tricky. My best friend from school and me are in charge of the awards. Of course some of these awards will be very serious but of course you know some will be funny; funny but not hurtful. It's sure to be a lot of fun reconnecting with everyone again.

Well it's almost time for Bob to come home so I guess I better run. See you all soon in sunny, warm California

Barb Moreno
11th ACVVC Women's Coordinator
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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.



Name: _____

Old Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Effective Date: _____



Fiddler's Green

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. Funeral Honor Guard, please check daily at www.11acr.com/hg.htm. We check over 500 U.S. Newspapers. The daily obituary keyword is 11th Cavalry. Information is then posted on our website to allow us to attend the funerals.

John Blied, HHT Regiment (1967-1968) passed away on April 23, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Royal Oak, MI.

Bert C. Bolerjack, HHT, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on December 29, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in San Antonio, TX. He was laid to rest in Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX.

William A. Brooks, 398TH Transportation Det (1970) and HHT Regiment (1970-1971) passed away on March 17, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Seale, AL. He was laid to rest in Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery, Ft Mitchell, AL.

Earlice Carter, 919TH Engineer Co (1972) passed away on January 21, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hazlehurst, GA. He was laid to rest in Hazlehurst Memorial Cemetery, Hazlehurst, GA.

Dale S. Chapin, I Troop, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on January 5, 2009. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Rhodes, MI.

James E. Clair, HHT, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on February 22, 2009. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Las Cruces, NM.

Joseph J. Clancy, HHT, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on January 31, 2009. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Sarasota, FL. He was laid to rest in Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL.

William R. Davis, G Troop, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on December 25, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Los Altos, CA.

Charles H. Fulghum, HHT, 1/11 (1970) passed away on May 9, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Raleigh, NC.

Lowell B. Ganster, HHT, 1/11 (1967-1968) passed away on March 9, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Norman, OK. He was laid to rest in Hillside Cemetery, Purcell, OK.

Wayne C. Haas, L Troop, 3/11 (1968-1970) passed away on April 18, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Brookfield, WI. He was laid to rest in Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, King, WI.

Patrick Harbin, 409th RRD (1970-1971) passed away on March 16, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Stanley, NC. He was laid to rest in Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Black Mountain, NC.

Richard G. Hervatin, H Company, 2/11 (1967) passed away on June 7, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Pueblo West, CO. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Fred H. Hoyt, HHT, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on March 10, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lebanon, MO. He was laid to rest in Harrill Cemetery, Stoutland, MO. Fred was also a veteran of the Korean War.

Gary E. Kemp, F Troop, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on March 17, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Brandenburg, KY.

Edward R. Kozar, Air Cavalry Troop (1966-1967) passed away on June 5, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Parker, PA.

Edward L. Manson, D Company, 1/11 (1970) passed away on January 5, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Rochester, NH.

Marida R. Purvis, HHT Regiment (1969) passed away on February 5, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in La Fayette, GA.

John A. Radcliffe, D Company, 1/11 (1968) passed away on December 25, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Somers Point, NJ. He was laid to rest in Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery, Estell Manor, NJ.

Robert G. Roecker, K Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on January 23, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Saginaw, MI. He was laid to rest in Oakwood Cemetery, Saginaw, MI.

Luther M. Rood, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1970-1971) passed away on January 20, 2009. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Huxley, IA. He was laid to rest in Iowa Veterans Cemetery At Van Meter, Adel, IA.

Robert P. Samples, 409TH RRD (1971) passed away on March 18, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Sun City West, AZ. He was laid to rest in Springdale Cemetery, Peoria, IL.

Jacob E. Singer, E Troop, 2/11 (1970-1971) passed away on March 11, 2009. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Merritt Island, FL. He was laid to rest in Highland Memorial Gardens, South Point, OH.

Timothy J. Spinder, F Troop, 2/11 (1968-1969) and G Troop, 2/11 (1969) passed away on March 3, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lyndora, PA.

Jimmy D. Tarver, Air Cavalry Troop (1968-1969) passed away on December 28, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Enterprise, MS.

Robert N. Tredway, Air Cavalry Troop (1966-1967) passed away on March 10, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Washington, DC.

Lester E. Warren, HHT, 1/11 (1968) passed away on January 19, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Brownfield, TX. He was laid to rest in Brownfield Cemetery, Brownfield, TX.

Paul M. Welch, Air Cavalry Troop (1965-1967) passed away on November 10, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Mahomet, IL. He was laid to rest in Shiloh Cemetery, Mahomet, IL.

Dennis G. Wilson, 919th Engineer Co (1966-1967) passed away on April 23, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in The Villages, FL.

Ronald E. Withers, Howitzer Battery, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on January 17, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Richmond, KY. He was laid to rest in Winchester Cemetery, Winchester, KY.

Orie E. Woods, HHT, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on March 14, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Newllano, LA. He was laid to rest in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Leesville, LA.

You might want to make copies of these dog tags, place one on your refrigerator



and extra dog tags on your adult children's refrigerators



From the 63rd Colonel of the Regiment

Greetings again from the High Mojave Desert – Home of your Blackhorse Regiment! The Regiment is currently enjoying some well deserved leave after putting the 4th Brigade, 1st Infantry Division through their paces last rotation in preparation for their deployment to Iraq. 4th Brigade is one of the first Army units deploying to Iraq in an Advise and Assist configuration, so 2nd Squadron and some former Iraqi Army Officers now living in the US replicated an Iraqi Army Division for them to advise and assist. What rotational units are now learning is that the mighty Blackhorse troopers know their stuff and can fight like the devil in our desert home! This means it is very tough for our expert professional insurgents from K Troop to get away with their dastardly deeds and ends up as a great show for visiting units to watch our operations as they try to advise and assist us. Meanwhile 1st Squadron had the daunting task of replicating all the towns in the training area, but they also get to execute our own warfighter training to stay sharp in case we are called on to deploy again.

The line squadrons (plus our Maintenance Troop (-) and the 58th Engineers) will rotate every two rotations, so that everyone gets to maintain proficiency at US tactics, Iraqi/Afghan operations, and portraying the local population. As always, Support Squadron gets to do their job every rotation pushing the beans, bullets, and everything else it takes to keep the Regiment running in the field. As usual, July will be a smoker with Mojave temperatures soaring above 110 degrees as we welcome in 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division from Fort Stewart, Georgia. Later this summer we will host 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division from Fort Bliss, Texas and get a chance to execute more mounted operations as we maintain some focus on operations beyond Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

Our two National Guard units – 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry (Wildhorse) from Las Vegas, Nevada; and 1st Battalion, 144th Field Artillery (Mustangs) from Burbank, California continue preparing to deploy. 1-221 CAV will

As always, we invite you to visit us here at the NTC as a Tour program has been recently developed which gives visitors an opportunity to see this realistic training and to visit our Museum.

execute a security mission in Afghanistan, and 1-144 FA will deploy on a peacekeeping mission to Kosovo later this year. 1-221 CAV was recently at Camp Atterbury, Indiana conducting their final mobilization training prior to deploying overseas. The CSM and I had a great opportunity to visit them in mid-June and their spirits are high and skills getting sharp as they complete their final preparations to depart.

After activating on 16 October 2008, our 51st Translator Interpreter Company (the only one in the Army) is fully up and running in support of rotations and their own predeployment training. Over 30 Interpreters from the 51st are currently deployed to provide critical support, and these Troopers will continue to deploy on a regular basis. The unit is up to over 100 Troopers who are native speakers of critical languages (Arabic, Pashtu, Dari, etc.) and have joined the US Army to support

ongoing operations in key regions of the world.

We continue to update the training in “the box” here at NTC by replicating the Contemporary Operating Environment (COE). With the continued help of Hollywood set designers and special effects experts, it is truly amazing how realistic the training can be. Throw in several hundred Iraqi- or Afghan- Americans speaking in the native languages and playing key roles in the scenario and it is easy to forget that you are not already deployed. We stress the leaders, systems, and Soldiers of rotational units each month through the realism and the expertise of our K Troop professional insurgents. As always, we invite you to visit us here at the NTC as a Tour program has been recently developed which gives visitors an opportunity to see this realistic training and to visit our Museum. Please contact us if you are interested in the tour or if you just want to meet some of our current Troopers!

Thanks for all you’ve done, and all you continue to do in support of the legendary Blackhorse Regiment – we ride on the legacy of excellence established by the Troopers who served before us and are very proud of representing you.

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Paul J. Laughlin

Show Your Pride



L to R: C.E. Dunkle, (F Trp. '68), Rick Shannon, (AirCav Trp. 68-69), Duke Doubleday, (AirCav Trp.68-69), Jim Jenkins, (F Trp. 68-69), Bill Cox, (L Trp. '68), & David Hynes, (G Trp. 68-69) showed outstanding Blackhorse Pride when they took a Blackhorse wreath to the 22nd Annual Vietnam & All Veterans Moving Wall & Veterans Reunion held in Melbourne, Fla. this past spring.



Welcome Aboard!

New Members of the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia (11th ACVVC) since our last issue of *Thunder Run*.

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“Agent Orange”
By Dale Sabine, (K Troop 1967)

**Tis the time to tell all,
The good the bad, How men did fall.**

**Of songs unsung, and tales untold,
The soldier served, his Life was sold.**

**A country faltered in its trust,
Condemned her sons beneath its dust.**

**Poured it down despite the cry,
Our soldiers and sons could shortly die.**

**They came back home to face disgrace,
Hoping to forget what took place.**

**Trying to escape, was no way,
Branded him, his life he’ll pay.**

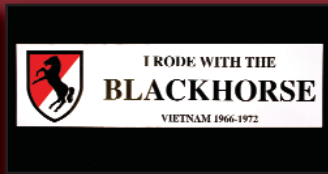
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#15 Attache Case \$30.00



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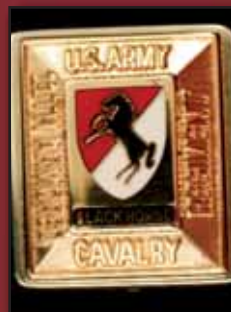
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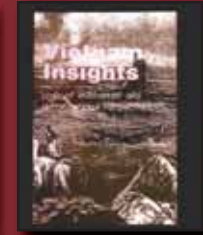
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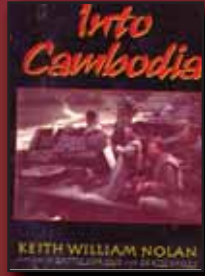
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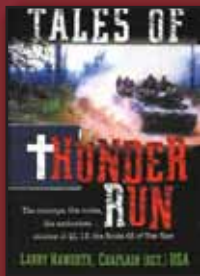
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#38 Book: The Blackhorse Reg't in Vietnam \$25.00



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#42a/b/c Golf Shirt, w/BH Insignia & VN Ribbon, red/white/black \$32.00



#40a Old Blackhorse Hat \$12.00



#40b New Blackhorse Hat \$12.00



#43 Golf Shirts, Crossed Saber, Women's gray only \$18.00



#47 Windbreaker, black w/snap front & BH



#46 Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon \$75.00



#45a/b Denim Shirt, w/BH & VN Ribbon, Mens \$30.00; Womens \$18.00

Discovery of the 11th ACVVC Reunion, 1993

By Robert O'Neal, (K Troop 67-68)

I was at work which was several blocks from downtown Indianapolis. I thought that I would stop downtown after work to get a ham sandwich for dinner. The day was a Sunday, early August, 1993.

My thought process was that I had always wanted to see or hear from my Trooper Brothers over the years (just wondering). The only contact that I had was with a fellow trooper and close friend Robert (Bobby) Pucket. So as my day went by I got off work and then I stopped downtown at Ruth Restaurant

I have now been to 15 consecutive Reunions (1994 – 2008).

(for the good ham sandwich they served there).

Now mind you, I never stop downtown because of the hassle of parking and finding a spot to park! So I did something that I never, ever do and stopped downtown as the ham sandwich was something that I really wanted. I placed my order and while standing in

line I noticed the Blackhorse Patch on the shoulder of a Soldier outside on the sidewalk. Spotting the patch I turned and dashed outside the restaurant to the sidewalk where two Troopers were walking and cutting up. I caught their attention and I asked them what was going on. Their response was that Blackhorse was in town for a Reunion.

I followed them down to the Westin Hotel where the Reunion was wrapping up for the weekend. I was able to place my name on the mailing Roster, and the rest is history. I have now been to 15 consecutive Reunions (1994–2008).

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

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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.

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

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Item No.	Product Description	Code	\$ Amt	Size	Qty	\$ Total
1.	Coffee Mug, white Acrylic 11oz w/full color Blackhorse insignia	C	10.00			
2.	Key ring, 1.5" Acrylic square w/full color Blackhorse insignia	A	3.00			
3.	Bumper Sticker "I Rode With The Blackhorse" w/full color BH insignia	A	2.00			
4.	Window Sticker, full color BH insignia and Vietnam service ribbon	A	2.00			
5.	Watch, BH insignia on face, leather band (indicate choice) <input type="checkbox"/> Man's <input type="checkbox"/> Woman's	B	35.00			
6.	Watch, BH insignia on face, metal band (indicate choice) <input type="checkbox"/> Man's <input type="checkbox"/> Woman's	B	35.00			
7.	Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, Colored	B	4.00			
8.	Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, Subdued	B	4.00			
9.	Coin, 11th ACVVC, BH insignia, crossed sabers, together then, together again	B	10.00			
10.	Belt Buckle, solid brass w/crossed sabers & BH insignia	B	30.00			
11.	Flag, indoor/outdoor 3'x5' with color insignia	B	50.00			
12.	Lighter, "Zippo" style brushed chrome w/full color BH insignia	B	15.00			
13.	License Plate, metal red & white background with crossed sabers & 11	B	5.00			
14.	License Plate Frame, metal, black w/Blackhorse 11th US Cavalry in white	C	7.50			
15.	Attache Case w/shoulder strap 11.5" x 15.5" w/dir emb. BH insignia & VN rib	C	30.00			
16.	Tote Bag, red & black, 14x1x6 w/full color BH insignia and VN rib	B	20.00			
17.	Blackhorse Pin	A	5.00			
18.	11th ACR Regimental Crest	A	5.00			
19.	Blackhorse Cavalry Pin, brass, 11 over crossed sabers	A	5.00			
20.	Vietnam Blackhorse Pin w/wreath	A	5.00			
21.	Blackhorse Women's Pendant w/chain, sterling silver w/full BH insignia	B	45.00			
22.	Gear Bag, red with color BH insignia (11x11x21)	C	35.00			
23.	Men's Ring, gold & silver w/full color BH insignia on face (specify size)	A	225.00			
24.	Men's ring, gold, silver, & diamonds	A	280.00			
25.	Lapel Pin: "Support Our Troops"	A	3.00			
26.	Magnetic "Blackhorse"	A	5.00			
27.	Magnetic "Support Our Troops" Ribbon	A	4.00			
28.	Video: "Combat Reports" (DVD Only)	C	30.00			
29.	Video combo #1: "Combat Reports" & Blackhorse Video (DVD only)	C	50.00			
30.	Video combo #2: "Combat Reports" (DVD) & Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam (VHS)	C	40.00			
31.	Book, Video (DVD) Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam	C	30.00			
32.	Book, "Vietnam Insights" by James Griffiths	C	10.00			
33.	Book, "Battle Captain" by Sewall Menzel	C	20.00			
34.	Book, "Into Cambodia" by Kieth Nolan	C	23.00			
35.	Book, "Tales of Thunder Run" by Larry Haworth, Chaplain	C	11.00			
36.	Book, "Fiddlers Green" by Jack Stoddard	C	16.00			
37.	Book, "The Anonymous Battle" by John Poindexter	C	16.00			
38.	History Book, "Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam"	C	25.00			
39.	Book, American Warrior" by "Doc" Bahnsen	C	20.00			
40.	Hat, Black Poplin adjustable w/full color direct embroidery Blackhorse insignia. <input type="checkbox"/> a (old) <input type="checkbox"/> b (new)	B	12.00			
41.	Blackhorse T-shirt, 100% cotton, preshrunk, full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black	B	16.00			
42.	Golf Shirt, w/BH insignia and VN Ribbon: Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black	B	32.00			
43.	Golf Shirt, crossed sabers, Women's gray	B	18.00			
44.	Combo: DVD and Book The 11th Armored Cavalry in Vietnam	C	40.00			
45a.	Denim Shirt, Mens	B	30.00			
45b.	Denim Shirt, Womens	B	18.00			
46.	Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon, snap front, quilted lining w/full color BH insignia, (6" back), crossed sabers (front right) and Allons insignia (front left)	B	75.00			
47.	Windbreaker, black w/snap front, BH insignia & VN Ribbon	B	35.00			
Subtotal						
Shipping and Handling						
Total						

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

Shipping Costs: A items = \$3.00; B items = \$6.00; C items = \$9.95 (items totaling over \$75.00 = \$13.95 cost of shipping)

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From the Quartermaster...

Jerry Beamon

Hello to all Blackhorse Troopers,

It is that time of year again, Reunion! Oh Boy! Are we looking forward to it!

Jan and I have been busy this year. Thanks to Jerry Mitchell, an I Trooper, who has been a big help to us in keeping things rolling here.

Those of you who use the website to order from, hasn't it changed for the better? Our men Otis Cary and Pete Echon have done a remarkable job with it. Their hard work has made my work load increase. Thanks guys on the web site up date, it looks great. Thunder Run has been kept busy with all our changes and we sure do appreciate all the hard work and time put in too keep us rolling. Thanks to all involved in support of our efforts at QM

About the time this issue of the Thunder Run comes out Jan and I will be in full Reunion mode gearing up for the trip out west. As of August 20th I will not be able to fill your orders due

to our move from Texas to California. All mail in and web orders will be filled just as soon as we return.

We do have one new item at QM and that is a black golf shirt which is just another color added to our red and white ones. Also, we have had a price increase on some items. So PLEASE use the updated 3rd quarter order form. The Post Office has also once again done something on a whim. They have started with the boxes. There again we are trying to ship our orders out in certain size boxes, to keep it to a reasonable rate. For extra large orders that require large boxes, the rate has risen to \$13.95. *All orders over \$75.00 will now cost \$13.95 for shipping.*

Lastly, Jan and I still need volunteers to help in the Quartermaster store in California. So if you have time please stop by and help us out. Looking forward to seeing everyone in September in Santa Clara. Hope everyone has a safe trip to California looking forward to visiting with you in the QM store.

Allons, Jerry

QUARTERMASTER CLEARANCE & FEATURED ITEMS

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST: Past reunion golf shirts: Chicago 2008 in size large only and Louisville 2007 in x large and xx large, \$15.00. Ladies Gray Golf Shirts, all sizes, \$18.00. Ladies Denim Shirts in all sizes \$18.00. Combo: DVD and Book 'The 11th Armored Cavalry in Vietnam' \$40.00; a \$15 savings when purchased together.



#45 Denim Shirt, w/BH & VN Ribbon Women's only \$18.00



#43 Golf Shirts, gray/bark, Crossed Sabers Womens only (gray) \$18.00



#44 Combo: DVD and Book The 11th Armored Cavalry in Vietnam \$40.00

