



Blackhorse Women's News

By Kathy Tandberg, Women's Group Co-coordinator

Women's Fiesta Luncheon Set for Friday

Ladies, get ready for luncheon! There, the cat is out of the bag! Details to follow below! I'm excited! While it seemed so far off, it's actually less than three months that the 11th ACVVC Blackhorse family will gather in San Antonio, Texas, for the 31st annual reunion of our Vietnam and Cambodia Veterans!

The Women's Group Board has been busy planning for you. The biggest items on our agenda involves things you, the Women, have asked us for. Because the reunion is packed with many activities in addition to being located in a historic tourist location at the infamous Alamo, there was no time slot to fit in a women's tour. However, we still have something great planned! I'll spill the beans on what we have confirmed for Friday! Oops, I've already dropped a clue – beans!

Women's Group Luncheon

Ladies, the Women's Group invites you to attend a fun, San Antonio Style Fiesta Luncheon from 12:15 - 2:15 p.m., Friday, August 26 at the Rio Rio Cantina. Price of Luncheon is \$25 per person, including taxes and tip.

The venue has worked with us on a menu that we think will please any palate. There are three options to choose from:

Appetizers- Served on Tables

Tortilla Chips and Salsa

Plated Entrée, Selection one of three choices

#1. Chicken Fajitas al Carbon: Grilled Marinated Breast of Chicken

Cut Fajita Style Topped with Sautéed Onions, Green and Red Bell Peppers.

Served with Spanish Rice, Rio-Rio Refried Beans, and Flour Tortillas.

Garnish: Guacamole, Pico De Gallo, and Sour Cream

#2. Enchiladas de la Casa: Cheese Enchiladas topped with a Mild Chile Sauce, served with Spanish Rice, Rio-Rio Beans (This is a nice choice for Vegetarians.)

#3. Gluten Free option, a gluten free fajitas may be served depending on numbers; regardless there will be a nice gluten-free meal choice available

Dessert- Served Family Style

Cinnamon Churros

Beverage Included

Iced Tea and Water

**Bar Service Available as Cash Bar, not included in luncheon price*

We have a fun event planned for the luncheon in addition to great food so we hope you will join us for an early afternoon of fun, food and good conversation!

The Rio Rio Cantina is located along the River Walk at 421 East Commerce Street, San Antonio, within a 5 to 8-minute walk from the reunion hotel, the Grand Hyatt Riverwalk. It's a walking

location because transportation costs as a group in the city would cost us out. However, if walking isn't an option, individuals are welcome to find their own transportation to the venue. More details and simple directions will follow in the next Thunder Run. Please note that Pre-payment and Pre-registration is required to attend the Women's Luncheon. Registration is limited to the first 175 women and their reunion guests. There are no refunds available. However, you may find someone to take your place and they would reimburse you, just inform us so we can change the name on your reservation. Please use the Registration form that is included with this issue of the Thunder Run. A firm deadline of July 15 is set to guarantee this price without increase from the venue.

Speaker

The annual women's meeting, set for 9 a.m. - 12 noon, Saturday, August 27, will be informative as well as fun. Our guest speaker is Chaplain Larry Haworth (HHT 2/11, 69-70), Chaplain of the 11th Armored Cavalry Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia. The Chaplain will speak to us on his experiences while ministering to our troops in Vietnam. In addition, Chaplain Haworth has authored a book on his experiences and will be available following for a book signing.

Prayer Shawl Project

In speaking with our prayer shawl chairperson, Cherry Platt, she noted how supportive 11th ACVVC members and their families have been in keeping this very important, worthy project going. Since the last reunion, August 2015, Cherry has mailed 31 prayer shawls to those who have passed on to Fiddler's Green. That's 31 Troopers who have left us. Cherry receives beautiful thank you notes from many families. She recently received the sweetest letter from one recipient who said she and her daughter sat and cried when they received it in memory of their Trooper.

"They were surprised to receive it because while their trooper was a member of the 11th ACVVC, he had not been able to attend a reunion. Reaching out to the wives is just as important as reaching out to the husbands," Cherry said.

Cherry is right. The Prayer Shawl Project, an idea brought to the Blackhorse Women's Group by Cherry just a few years ago, has taken the lead as the most important project our group has. It's a way to make sure that each and every Trooper is valued and remembered. Not every Trooper felt valued when they returned home from Vietnam/Cambodia so many years ago. You are important to us! Anyone can be a part of the Prayer Shawl Project whether they come to the women's meetings or not. If you can knit or croquet and would like to help, please contact Cherry for more information by email at or by phone at 770-445-7534.

San Antonio/River Walk Trivia

Who reads the Blackhorse Women's Group column? Below you'll find some information that just may become useful at our San Antonio Fiesta Luncheon. You never know what might hap-

pen with this knowledge.

- How many people visit San Antonio each year? (Approximately 20 million)
- What is the Spanish name for the River Walk? (The Paseo del Rio)
- What is the Indian name for the river? (Yanaguana, “fresh water”)
- How many bridges are built over the River Walk? (22 bridges)
- What is the most common type of tree on the River Walk?

(Cypress)

- Why are River Walk patrons not eaten by mosquitos? (The presence of Purple Martins)

Kathy can be reached by email at kathy.tandberg@yahoo.com or by phone at 701-873-2970. Also, be sure to check out the Blackhorse Women’s webpage site by going to www.11thcavnam.com and locating Blackhorse Women’s News tab in the white box near the bottom. Find and “Like” us on Facebook by searching Blackhorse (11th ACVVC) Women.

Women’s Group Luncheon Registration Form

Please join us for a San Antonio Style Fiesta Luncheon.

- **Time:** Friday, August 26, 2016, 12:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- **Location:** Rio Rio Cantina, 421 East Commerce Street, San Antonio, TX. (5 to 8-minute walk from Reunion Site).
- **Price:** **\$25.00 per person** includes tax and tip.

Sign-up must be received by **July 15, 2016**.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Meal Choice: Includes garnishes and more, dessert and ice tea

Chicken Fajitas Plate # _____ Cheese Enchiladas# _____ Gluten Free Selection (to be decided)# _____

Make checks or money orders payable to: Blackhorse Women’s Group

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