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

ON THE ROAD TO SNUOL

By Mike “Doc” Rafferty
(G Troop, 69-70)

During the first week of May 1970, second squadron was driving towards the town of Snuol which is located at the crossroads of highway 7 and 13 in Cambodia. I was the 3rd platoon medic in G troop at the time. I remember we stopped at an abandoned Cambodian village located on highway 7 on our way to Snuol. I took the opportunity to explore the village. The houses were constructed of bamboo with thatched roofs and they were

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raised off the ground on wooden poles several feet high. I entered one of the houses and noticed the owners must have left in a great hurry because I observed several per-

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Honoring the Men of the Blackhorse



Original dedication of the Blackhorse Monument at Blackhorse Basecamp Fall, 1967. (Courtesy of Christian J. Buehler, HHT Regt. 1967). Please see the renovated Monument in this issue of TR (page 13).

2009 Reunion

Big Election

by Secretary Frank R. Cambria

The 11th ACVVC has five elected Officer and Director terms expiring on 12/31/09. As of this writing, at least two of these members of the Board of Directors announced that they would *not* be seeking reelection.

11th ACVVC Officers are elected to two-year terms, and Directors to three-year terms.

The 11th ACVVC members attending the General Meeting on Saturday morning at the 2009 Reunion will select by majority vote the most qualified candidates to fill the following Board of

Directors positions, each listed with the incumbent’s total years serving on the Board in various capacities:

- President, currently Allen Hathaway – 16 yrs
- Vice President, currently Pete Walter – 9 yrs
- Secretary, currently Frank Cambria – 15 yrs
- Treasurer, currently Ollie Pickral – 23 yrs
- Director, currently Rod George – 4 yrs

Nomination with acceptance for candidates to fill the above positions may be mailed or emailed to me as Secretary who will post them on a preliminary ballot in the next issue of *Thunder Run*. Nominations may also be made and accepted from the

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Allen Hathaway,
President

From The Command Track

By Allen Hathaway, President



The first leg of our 2009 Scholarship fundraising activities kicked off in early December with the mailing of our annual

calendar to all members. The 2009 11th ACVVC calendar once again featured 12 new photos submitted by our members. The calendar also contains significant historical events of your regiment in Vietnam.

Our Scholarship Fund is a separate, self sufficient fund. That is, all scholarships awarded as well as the printing and mailing cost associated with the calendar are paid directly from donations made to the Scholarship Fund. Membership dues are not used to pay for the calendar. The number of scholarships awarded each year depends on the total donations made during that year.

For 2009 a portion of all calendar donations will be used to offset the nearly \$25,000 debt remaining for the repair and restoration of the 11th Cavalry Memorial at Fort Knox, Kentucky. While the calendar you received is unsolicited, we ask that you make the most generous tax-deductible donation that you can. I once again appeal to your generosity as we ask for donations to support our Scholarship Program and Memorial Restoration Fund. All donations of any amount are welcomed and tax deductible. An envelope is included with the calendar for your convenience to mail your donations. Your donation ensures that you will continue to receive a calendar each year.

The 2008 reunion in Chicago was a huge success with over 1,100 attending. Over 60 attended their first reunion. One "first timer" was heard to say, "I don't know what took me so long to get here". Comments like these are heard every year from many of the "first timers".

Planning is well under way for the 2009 reunion in Santa Clara, CA, on September 9-13. Our Reunion Chairman, Steve Page (B Troop, '66-67) and many volunteers from California have been working hard to ensure this is another

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successful and memorable reunion

The Hyatt Regency Santa Clara is a great location for the 2009 reunion. This is an excellent opportunity for a short vacation. Nearby San Francisco is famous for its landmarks, including the Golden Gate Bridge; Fisherman's Wharf; Alcatraz Island; the cable cars; Coit Tower and Chinatown. The bay area is home to sports teams such as baseballs Giants and Oakland A's and football 49'ers and Raiders. There are many wineries in the Santa Clara Valley that offer tours and tastings. Final arrangements are being made for San Francisco area tours. You are encouraged to take advantage of some of these tours. More details are posted on our website and will be in the next newsletter. Please sign up early as space is limited.

The 11th Cavalry is no stranger to this part of California. The regiment was stationed at the Presidio of Monterey in 1919 and remained there for over two decades. It was here that the regiment got its nickname "The Blackhorse Regiment". During this time the regiment also received its Grant of Arms or "Allons" crest. On 14 September 1924, "the Great Monterey Oil Fire" erupted and lasted for five days. The 11th Cavalry assisted in the fire fighting effort. Two Blackhorse troopers were lost fighting the fire. Streets in the Monterey area are named in honor of these troopers. John Philip Sousa had written the tune "The Black Horse Trooper" and the 9th Colonel of the Regiment, Herbert J. Brees, adopted it as the Regiment's song. On June 1, 1937, the regiment participated in the opening ceremony of the Golden Gate Bridge

Start making your plans to attend. If you have put off attending a reunion, this should be your year to attend. You can help make this another successful

reunion by keeping a few things in mind: Mail your registration early and avoid the late registration fee. Reserve your hotel room early. Hotel reservations can be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to check-in. Many have already made their reservations. Be sure to contact old friends early giving them plenty of time to make their plans to attend. Contact any board member if you need help finding an old friend. Finally, come prepared to enjoy yourself!

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Our treasury is solvent. The investments made over the years are guaranteed and safe investments. The investments were made to ensure we will continue to have operating funds for the future of this organization. Currently we rely on two main sources of operating income: membership dues and quartermaster sales. There may be a time in the future when we need to draw on these investments if membership or quartermaster sales decline. We ask that you support both of these areas. We continue our effort to locate and account for Blackhorse troopers who served in Vietnam. If you are not yet a member or your membership has lapsed, take this time to join and become a member or renew your membership. Also, the quartermaster offers a variety of "insignia products" to show your colors. You can see the entire line of products and order form in this issue and on our website.

Our website is one of the best among veteran's organizations. The website offers a central place for current informa-

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tion on the activities of this organization and its members. Our newsletter *Thunder Run* has been published and mailed every quarter for the past 23 years. This is our commitment to our members to continue to bring them news of their organization. Our scholarship program has been very successful over the years. Since it's beginning in 1996 we have awarded 251 scholarships totaling \$647,000.

We also have a group of dedicated board members and volunteers who work daily to ensure the continued success of this organization. Finally, we have a membership base that is second to none. Your support as a member throughout the years has helped this organization grow and succeed in every area. This support is a result of the pride we all have from serving in the best unit in the United States Army!

Several of our members have sons and daughters serving in the military. I ask that you keep them in your thoughts and prayers. Reach out to all men and women in uniform who contribute daily to the security of our country, offer your hand, and thank them for their selfless service.

In closing, the 58th Engineer Company "Red Devils" will return to Fort Irwin, CA, soon from their third combat tour as part of our Global War on Terror. We welcome them home and thank them for a job well done. ALLONS! – It's good to be "Together Again".

Show Your Pride

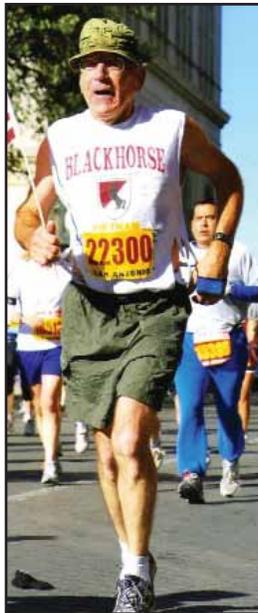
➤ Ron Struble, (I Trp., 68-69) proudly displays the Blackhorse on his silo next to his barn.



▼ Jose Juarez, (B Trp., 66-67) shows pride with his profusely Blackhorse decorated SUV.



▼ Frank Church (G Trp., 69-70) shows pride with his 36" subdued Blackhorse patch, formed from iron, hanging on his "Party Hooch."



◀ Wayne Molhoff, (409th RRD) deserves kudos for showing Blackhorse pride while winning the San Antonio 1/2 Marathon in November 2008



➤ Archie Grandaw, (B Trp., 66-67) shows Blackhorse pride on his parade special, 1929 Model A



◀ Beau Richards (H Co., 69-70) lets it be known that he is proud of the Blackhorse and his Nomads Motorcycle Club.

**2009 11th ACVVC REUNION
SEPTEMBER 9-13, 2009**

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Are You A Member?



This issue of *Thunder Run* is being mailed to over 16,000 Blackhorse troopers on our mailing list, including members, lapsed memberships and those who have not yet joined.

If you haven't yet become a member of the 11th ACVVC, or if your membership has expired, this is a good time to take a minute and become a member or renew your membership.

If you are not sure of your membership status in the 11th ACVVC, take a second and check the mailing label on the back page of this newsletter. Look for these words:

FREE COPY or EXPIRED

If the words "FREE COPY" are printed on the first line of the label, take this opportunity to join and become a member. If the words "EXPIRED" are printed, you should take a minute to renew your membership. Expired members will also have their membership number printed on the same line.

There may be some confusion about membership in this organization, the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia (11th ACVVC) and the Blackhorse Association (BHA). They are two separate organizations, each with their own charter, by-laws, officers and membership dues. Many of us are members of and support both organizations. Some of the people we have contacted for membership renewal have written back and furnished a copy their LIFE membership card only to discover it is not from the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia (11th ACVVC).

To join or renew your membership in the 11th ACVVC just fill out and mail the membership form printed in this newsletter. Make sure you give your full name, address, service number, unit(s) and dates in country (month/year). This will help us match you with others that served in the same unit. We also encourage you to sign the release line at the bottom of the form. This gives us

permission to give your address and/or telephone number to other troopers who may be looking for you. Your name, address, etc are NOT sold or given out to vendors or anyone other than Blackhorse troopers.

Membership dues are only \$15 per year, or \$100 for a LIFE membership. We also offer an easy and convenient LIFE payment plan which divides the \$100 membership dues into four payments of \$25 each. We also accept Visa and MasterCard credit cards for all transactions.

Your membership dues provide you with this quarterly newsletter *Thunder Run*. The newsletter keeps you informed of your organization, its members, and the activities of the 11th Cavalry, both past and present. We pride ourselves on our continued commitment to bring the news to our members through this newsletter.

Thunder Run has been printed and mailed every three months for the past 22 years. This shows our reliability and commitment to our members.

A small portion of the dues is used to support these special projects:

- Support to locate other Blackhorse troopers (paper, envelopes, and postage. Labor is free!).
- Support for Memorial Day / Veterans Day activities. The organization places a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to honor the 730 men of the regiment whose names are on the Wall. When you become a member or renew your membership you will receive your new membership card. All members are assigned a membership number that appears on their membership card. LIFE members receive a plastic membership card with their name and membership number embossed. All new members will be listed in the "Welcome New Members" section of *Thunder Run*. Show your support and join today!

Show Your Pride

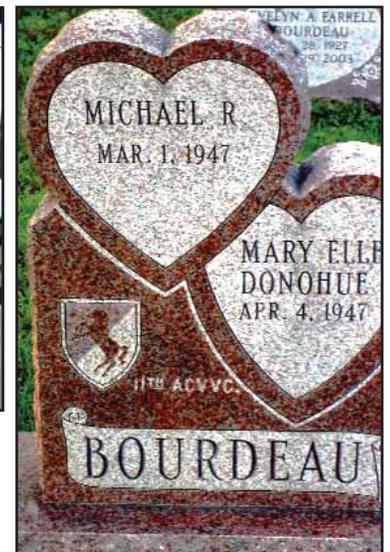


Steve Spriggs, (31st Combat Engr. Bn., 68-69) delivered Christmas gifts to 11ACR RCO, Paul Laughlin, for the Children of the 11th ACR collected from his Legion Post and showed pride with his bumper sticker and his Blackhorse shirt and hat in the process.



ABOVE: Dennis Gallegos, (B Trp., 68-70) is very proud of his truck loaded with Blackhorse regalia including a Purple Heart plate and a Blackhorse license frame.

RIGHT: Michael Bourdeau, (E Trp., 68-69) is planning on showing his Blackhorse pride into the distant future.



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floor at the 2009 Reunion General Meeting. All candidates must be Life members. Each eligible candidate will have an equal opportunity to state his qualifications for the position at the General Meeting.

All elected members of the Board of Directors must be able to attend the Reunion and two Board meetings each year of his elected term, and to be in regular email communication with the Board of Directors regarding a multitude of ongoing association projects and business requiring decisions and oversight by the Board. Furthermore, each member of the Board of Directors must be able to commit themselves to "specific areas of interest" (committees, projects, etc.) within the 11th ACVVC as directed by the President. Candidates for all Board positions should be highly organized individuals capable of communicating via email and using MS Word.

11th ACVVC Officers are elected to two-year terms, and Directors to three-year terms. An Officer or Director may succeed himself no more than two consecutive terms, with the exception of the incumbent Treasurer and Secretary who may run for reelection to those offices without term limitations. This exception for the Treasurer and Secretary is to facilitate continuity of key administrative functions and the coordination of the Board of Directors and its numerous committees. Besides their respective duties as Treasurer and Secretary, both Officers will have active participation in all Board discussions and the decision-making process regarding all 11th ACVVC business.

The highly visible positions of President and Vice President need little description of their duties other than both positions require considerable time and superb organizational skills. The President needs to frequently multi-task in his responsibility to oversee all projects, programs, and activities of the Association, and the Vice President serves as his right hand man. Obviously, sound leadership and organizational abilities are fundamental to both positions.

Candidates for Treasurer must have verifiable experience in accounting and/or finance, and be competent using MS Excel. Most importantly, the Treasurer is accountable for maintaining accurate financial records, preparing financial reports, budgeting, forecasting, etc. of the General Fund, the

association's investments, and all expenses and obligations incurred from the various projects supported by the 11th ACVVC. Incumbent Treasurer Ollie Pickral (also the founding father of the 11ACVVC and former multiple term President) has served very competently as Treasurer for at least 13 years since founding the 11th ACVVC in 1986.

After twelve consecutive years serving as Secretary and three years as a Director in the 1980s formative years of the 11th ACVVC, I have decided to not seek reelection. I have reached a point where I believe I am no longer able to perform my Officer and Secretarial duties at the level to which I am accustomed. While it is tough to admit, the fact is that I have a much-reduced capacity to multi-task or perform demanding tasks that require my undivided attention. Like too many other Blackhorse combat veterans, the combination of medical issues and decades of adrenalin-filled PTSD symptoms have taken their toll. I must say, however, that serving as Secretary and Director of this exemplary and model not-for-profit organization of Blackhorse Vietnam War combat veterans has been a most wonderful and personally rewarding experience. I feel honored to have been elected by you, my fellow Blackhorse Troopers, numerous times in the past 23 years to serve the members of this association. Thank you.

Candidates for Secretary should be able to intently follow, record, and prepare organized Minutes to summarize reports, actions, and decisions from official meetings, and maintain records of association business and its numerous projects. He should have above average skills in language and writing, and know the basics of Robert's Rules of Order and information management computer applications. He may be a confidant of the President...and must have thick skin!

Director Rod George has decided to not seek reelection. As Director, Rod is also responsible for managing the Association's Silent Auction, a significant fund raising activity for the Scholarship Fund. Rod has served selflessly and diligently as a Director for the past four years, preceded by eight years as our Quartermaster with the able assistance of his wife Elida. The 11th ACVVC owes Rod (and Elida) a tremendous debt of gratitude for 15 years of faithful service.

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sonal items which they had left behind. The one-room structure contained sleeping mats, pillows and a child's crib as well as a large wooden cabinet standing against one wall. Some china plates and bowls were stacked neatly in one corner of the cabinet and I found photographs of a man and his family and what looked to me like a religious book in one of the drawers. I left all of the items where I had found them. As I walked back to my track, I felt sorry for the family which had to abandon some of their precious possessions because of the war.

For the next couple of days we traveled towards Snuol. Our progress was hindered by the fact the NVA had blown several bridges between us and the town. On the morning of May 7th, we were assigned a newsman to ride with us on our track. I remember his name was Maynard Parker and he was a correspondent for Newsweek magazine. With six men on our track it was crowded but it was interesting having him with us. He asked a lot of questions; most of which I can't remember. I do remember he asked us if we had a nickname for our track. I told him we hadn't given it a special name. It was just 3-6 to us. I was hoping he would write a story about us in his magazine but to my knowledge he did not. I also remember he was amazed at the number of armored vehicles in the squadron and our firepower.

When we entered Snuol, we found the NVA were waiting for us. It seemed like there was firing coming at us from all parts of the town. We told our newsman to get down inside of the vehicle under cover as we raced across the airstrip next to the city.

The troop pulled up on line along the edge of the jungle firing with everything we had for several minutes. Then we moved back as the air force followed up by bombing and strafing the area. Thankfully, 3rd platoon didn't take any casualties in this action.

After the skirmish at the airstrip, we paused along the highway for a break. During this time, Mr. Parker and some other correspondents were picked up by a chopper and flown back to Saigon to file their stories. At that moment, I really envied those men who could drop in and out of the war as they pleased. We did not have that option.



Jim Griffiths, Editor
Thunder Run

Editor's Corner

James M. "Jim" Griffiths

Back in 3rd Quarter 2008 *Thunder Run* we ran an article concerning Blackhorse Trooper Richard Stobbs successfully leading the group effort for passage of legislation in the State of Ohio authorizing Gold Star Family license plates. These plates became available to families of the Fallen Warriors of our many conflicts that reside in Ohio.

Good news! I have received communication from Trooper Stobbs stating the following,

"We have been contacted by a Gold Star Daughter (Vietnam) who wishes to have GSF license plates issued in the State of Kansas. We are presently working with her to set up a Gold Star Family Committee for Kansas and help get legislation passed! This contact is a direct result of the story in 'Thunder Run,' 3rd Quarter, 2008"

It gets more important to us! It turns out that the Gold Star Daughter in Kansas pursuing the establishment of GSF license plates is *Judith Dietz* who is the Daughter of *PSGT Glenn E. Nicholson, H Company, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. PSGT Nicholson was Killed in Action on May 5, Cam My, South Vietnam.*

PSGT Nicholson was KIA at a battle in the town of Cam My, which was south of Blackhorse Basecamp. According to Volume Number One, *The Blackhorse*, p.15, "Early on the morning of 5 May, 1968, the village of Cam My was attacked by a large enemy force. Reacting immediately E Troop, F Troop and H Company fought their way through booby-traps, road blocks, mines, and ambushes to the beleaguered village. As F Troop began a sweep through the village, E Troop and H Company attacked an extensive bunker complex to the south. Encountering anti-tank, small arms, and automatic weapons fire, the 2nd Squadron elements pushed on leaving 104 Viet Cong bodies in their tracks. By the end of the

day, the enemy threat was eliminated and the village was back under allied control."

Judith Dietz has initiated the push in Kansas by contacting state legislators and certain media people in Kansas. She has related to us, "I have been in contact with our State Representatives and they plan on introducing the bill as soon as possible." Judith has also stated to me "Like the Tom Petty song goes, 'I won't back down, I'll stand my ground!'"

Judith is resolute and 11th ACVVC Members and 11th ACR Veterans in general (especially in Kansas) should be as resolute in their support of her as possible. She can be contacted via email at jdietz@cox.net to find out if you can be of assistance.

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I hope you enjoy your *Thunder Run* and thanks to all of you for submitting your contributions. The best way to submit is via email and MS Word attachment. I do not have caller ID so if you call me on the phone make sure I get your name and number clearly. If I don't understand the rest that you say I can straighten it out with your name and number. If you don't hear back from me call me back. Those who submit via hard copy also need to give me a way to contact you as well. Sometimes everything cannot be published or published immediately. I try my utmost to get everything permissible in as soon as possible.

2009 Newsletter Deadlines

The following are the due dates to submit articles for *Thunder Run*

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Fourth Quarter 2009.....Oct 1

All submissions for publication must be sent to: Jim Griffiths, Editor, 3784 Michigan Ave., Bridgman, MI 49106. Email: JGriff11@aol.com.

Your 11 ACVVC Funds

By *Ollie Pickral, K Troop '68-'69, Treasurer*

We are all aware of the current and ongoing financial crisis we as a country and as individual investors are going through. Most of us have been affected adversely by our 401K or retirement funds that are invested in the market.

I am pleased to let you know that your 11 ACVVC funds, approximately \$447,000 that is invested, is safe and for the year 2008, we actually made money instead of losing. Of course, this could change and we feel our funds are secure. Approximately \$335,000 of your funds is in CD's and protected. The remainder is invested with the reputable firm, Smith Barney. These CDs and invested funds are your Life Membership monies to be used to finance our day to day expenses in the future. We are hopeful that the country's economy will improve and your funds will work positively for our organization.

To highlight our finances for 2008, I report the following:

- Membership income was at \$31,000
- Quartermaster sales were at \$109,000
- Administrative expenses were at \$21,000
- Quartermaster expenses were at \$67,000
- Newsletter expenses were at \$34,000
- Scholarship income that includes the Silent Auction, Raffle and Calendar donations totaled \$78,000
- Scholarships and Administrative fees totaled \$162,000 (includes some previous year obligations)
- Reunion registration totaled \$90,000
- Reunion expenses totaled \$104,000
- Reunion Assistance income was at \$8,300
- Assistance totaled \$2,000
- Income from the Memorial Fund account totaled \$40,000
- Expenses for the Memorial Fund were at \$6,500

Our net worth for 2008 was at: \$553,000

Outlook: It is hard to say what will happen to our financial markets and the current crisis makes it hard to predict what our situation will be for 2009. Most of our funds are with CD's and unaffected and we are

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Meet Our 2008 Scholarship Winners

This issue contains brief statements from another 13 winners of our 2008 Scholarship. The 4th Quarter 2008 issue also contained statements from 13 winners. The remaining winners will be presented in the 2nd Quarter issue.



Temple Foulks
Daughter of Michael Foulks, HHT 1/11, 70-71

It's a great honor to receive this scholarship by the 11thACVVC. I really appreciate the opportunity to pursue my culinary interests and talents. However, I'm going to put off my culinary dreams for a while because I have decided to join the Army. Following in the footsteps of my brother and my father, I am going to serve my

country as many have before me. Thank you for the tremendous support in helping me further my education. I will continue to make you proud.

Scholarship dedicated to SP/4 RONALD ANTHONY LONGFELLOW; Air Cav Troop 11ACR; KIA January 19, 1972; Age 20; Single



Daniel J. Herman
Son of Paul Herman, L Troop, 67-68 and A Troop, 69-70

I want to thank you wholeheartedly for your assistance and generosity. I was worried about my ability to pay for my final year until I received notification about the scholarship, which will allow me to graduate in May. My father has always been proud of his time spent in Vietnam,

and I am honored to represent in some small way the organization he belonged to. I only hope I can do him and the entire 11th ACVVC proud. Again, thank you so much.

Scholarship dedicated to SP/4 THOMAS M. FITZPATRICK; B Troop 1/11ACR; KIA April 18, 1969; Age 21; Single



Bruce J. Johnson
Son of Bruce Edward Johnson, E Troop, 66-67.

Thank you so much for the scholarship. Throughout my life, I have always had the desire to help people and my field of study, pharmacy, allows me to do just that. With this scholarship I can take my first steps toward that dream.

My aunt is a pharmacist and she has already been through the obstacles that I am about to

face. With her help and a determined work ethic for my studies, I will not lose focus of my goal and your assistance will not be in vain. Thank you again for this scholarship.

Scholarship dedicated to 1st LT. EDWARD CLAUS POWERS; HHT 3/11ACR; KIA May 2, 1969; Age 22; Married



Roxanne Johnston
Daughter of Robert F. Bensch, HHT 3/11, 68-69

Please accept my sincerest gratitude for selecting me as a recipient of this generous scholarship and for the sacrifices that so many of the 11ACVVC have made for our country. I consider being a recipient of the 11ACVVC scholarship to be both an honor and a blessing.

As a recipient of the 11ACVVC scholarship, I will

pursue my Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. It is my goal to graduate with highest honors, ensuring that I build a solid foundation for suc-

cess and express how inspired I am by your generosity.

Scholarship dedicated to PFC JOHN LA VERNE CRANE; K Troop 3/11ACR; KIA October 27, 1968; Age 20; Single



Bridget Long
Daughter of Richard Long, C Troop, 69-70

I would sincerely like to thank all the members of the 11th Cav, those that selected me to receive this scholarship, as well as all the soldiers who have been, and are part of the 11th Cav. I was really surprised and so excited when I received the Email telling me of the award.

Receiving this scholarship means that I may be able to work a little less and devote more time to my studies. I am interested in Physical Therapy as well as Computer Technology and hope to be able to combine studies in both these areas. What your organization is doing to help the children of its members is wonderful, and means very much to myself and my family, as I'm sure it does to many others. Once again my most sincere "Thank You" to the 11th ACVVC and its members.

Scholarship dedicated to SP/4 JAMES ALEXANDER BACA; B Troop 1/11ACR; KIA Friday, April 18, 1969; Age 21; Single



Joyce Ludwicki
Daughter of Raymond Ludwicki, 541 MI Det., 70-71

First I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your consideration of my application for the 11th ACVVC scholarship. It is truly an honor to receive this scholarship for both my family and I. I have to admit that both my father and I were surprised upon the news and this was cause for great excitement. I

felt that this scholarship was a "team effort" between my father and me; because he served in Viet Nam, sponsored me, and then I was awarded this great scholarship.

Upon receiving the news that I was awarded this scholarship I was immediately encouraged. I truly believe that God is leading me to teach young children and to be awarded \$3,000 gives me a greater confidence to keep pressing on. It means a lot to me to be able to speak freely about the gifts I believe God has given me, the paths He is leading me down, and my vision for providing an efficient and loving environment for children to learn in. Thank you so much for taking my essay into consideration and helping me to contribute to my parents in their efforts to pay for college. Thank you for your time and kindness again.

Scholarship dedicated to SP/4 JERROLD LOUIS VESEY; 37th Med Co. Medic in ARP/11ACR; KIA August 25, 1970; Age 20; Single.



Kelly N. Meredith
Daughter of Danny C. Towe, E Troop 69-70

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia scholarship. This scholarship means the opportunity to further my education. As a result of this award, I will be able to return to school to complete a degree

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Scholarship Winners

Wesley Alsup	son of Lance Alsup	M Co 3/11	69-70
Emily Bacon	daughter of Dean Bacon	C Trp 1/11	69-70
Rachelle Burns	daughter of Samuel Caldwell	Air Cav Trp	67-68
Madeleine Byrnes	daughter of Robert Byrnes	HHT 3/11	68-69
Desmond Delk	son of Daniel Delk	2nd/11	71-72
Leigh Ann Dixon	daughter of Stephen Dixon	409th RRD	69-71
Kyndel Evans	daughter of James Evans	L Trp 3/11	69-70
Christine Farmer	daughter of Thomas Farmer	B Trp 1/11	60-70
Temple Foulks	daughter of Michael Foulks	HHT 1/11	70-71
Francis Gowrie III	son of Francis Gowrie Jr	Air Cav Trp	66-68
Daniel Herman	son of Paul Herman	L & A Trps	67-70
Kami Higa	daughter of Guy Higa	I Trp 3/11	69-71
Bruce J. Johnson	son of Bruce E. Johnson	E Trp 2/11	66-67
Roxanne Johnston	daughter of Robert Bensch	HHT 3/11	68-69
Peter Kvale	son of Gregory Kvale	E Trp 2/11	67-68
Bridget Long	daughter of Richard Long	C Trp 1/11	69-70
Joyce Ludwicki	daughter of Raymond Ludwicki	541 MI Det	70-71
Kelly Meredith	daughter of Danny Towe	E Trp 2/11	69-70
Joanna Messier	daughter of Richard Messier	H Co 2/11	68-68
Andrew Nichols	son of Robert Nichols	HHT 1/11	70-71
Alyssa Rose	daughter of James Rose	A & G Trps	69-71
Summar Schiller	daughter of Nelson Schiller	A Trp 1/11	67-68
Katie Sexton	daughter of Patrick Sexton	M Co 2/11	67-68
Priscilla Snook	daughter of Lane Schultz	HHT 3/11	67-68
Christopher Stevens	son of Donald Stevens	F Trp 2/11	68-69
Joseph Stromberg	son of Wallace Stromberg	M Co 3/11	70-71
Troy Stuedemann	son of Robert Stuedemann	K Trp 3/11	67-68
Deborah Terry	daughter of Gary Terry	HHT Regt	69-70
Tamera Thompson	daughter of Jerry Furr	D Co 1/11	67-68
Kelsey Weaver	daughter of William Weaver	HHT Regt	69-70
Morgan Williams	daughter of Terry Williams	F Trp 2/11	68-69
Jonathan Worthey	son of Kenneth Worthey	B Trp 1/11	69-70

Incoming...

Information provided by and for our Troopers

.....From Steve Spriggs..... 4th Annual Hoedown Fundraiser To Support 11th ACR Blackhorse Troopers and The Blackhorse Association Scholarship Fund.....

Make your plans to travel to the American Legion Newport Harbor Post, Newport Beach, CA. Once again the charge will be lead by 11th ACVVC member, Blackhorse Association member and Post 291 Commander Steve Spriggs.

The Hoedown has raised an average of \$10,000 each year and we expect a full house once again..... Saturday, March 7, 2009, American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291, 215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663, 5:00 PM- 11:00 PM! DONATION \$25.00.....

For tickets please call (949) 673-5070 (no tickets sold at the door)...Dress: Hoedown duds.

.....From Dan Stroia.....A new program for our 11th Cavalry Veteran Troopers who live relatively close to VA Hospitals and would like to have their name posted for your State as a volunteer- Thunder Run Pizza Run .

To find out more about this program call Dan at Cell# 480-242-7040.

11th ARMORED CAVALRY MEMORIAL RESTORATION DONATIONS

The 11th ACVVC gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the following individuals who have purchased granite bricks in support of the 11th Armored Cavalry Memorial restoration. The list includes orders received between September 21, 2008 and January 11, 2009. This brings the total number of bricks purchased to 702.

- John J. Beas
- Rodger F. Cook
- Jack A. Dulaney
- James H. Fair
- Paul P. Foley
- Joseph E. Gehring
- Gerald F. Kallina
- Peter B. Kotzo
- Rick Langley
- Stephen H. Linthwaite
- Larry R. Longsworth
- Benedict P. Maurer
- Paul A. Peters
- Fletcher Pressgrove
- Jack L. Rawlings
- James B. Reed
- Frank D. Renda
- Michael J. Sena
- Val A. Swan
- Warren J. Townsend
- Peter P. Wallace
- John C. Berry
In memory of Michael Lansing
- David M. Coover
In memory of Norman M. Lindjord.
- Dorothy Giorgio
In honor of Vincet J. Giorgio.
- Hale Family
In memory of Richard D. and Roger A. Hale.
- Michael J. Komisin
In honor of a fellow trooper.
- Sandoval family
In honor of Frank L. Sandoval.
- Charles Max Torno
In memory of Stephen Alan Spencer.

11th ACVVC Reunion XXIV, Santa Clara, CA

Reunion Registration

Dear fellow members of the Blackhorse;

Here it is time to start the registration process for our reunion in Santa Clara in September. Here at our house we have cleared away all the holiday stuff and begun to set up the various spaces for registrations.

Since Barb is housebound for the winter, she has begun putting together the name tag holders. We are also ready to start printing the name tags for this year. We are still working on the design for the meal ticket, but be assured it will be something you will find hard to lose.

It is a really good idea that as soon as you see the registration form either on the web site or in the *Thunder Run* to fill it out and get it sent in. The cut off date will be a little earlier than usual this year as Barb and I will be leaving for California a full week before the reunion since we will be driving out.

We had thought about flying but since we will have all the registration packets we decided it would be easier to drive than it would be to have several extra pieces of luggage to have to take and pay for. That way too, we will also take an enjoyable cross country trip discovering parts of our great country.

When you do fill out your registration form we ask once again that you use one of those little address labels that we all receive in the mail. They really do make the process of spelling your name correctly on your name tag easier. Also, be sure to PRINT neatly everyone's name who will be attending with you. If for some reason I am unable to read your writing then I will have to call you for that information. The same goes for all the requested information. Remember when it asks for your unit and year(s) that you put only the primary unit. We realize several of you changed troops but you need to list the one with which you feel you were more a part of and would therefore want to sit with at the meal. Also, the year means the year(s) that you were in Viet Nam. Example, I was there in 68-69, not just 1 year. We need to know which year(s).

Santa Clara Reunion

The planning for Santa Clara 2009 is well under way. We have a very good group that is very willing to work with this Reunion. We are working on tours to San Francisco and local wineries as well as a tour of Monterrey. There will be much more on these tours in the next *Thunder Run*. We will publish a schedule as well as tour prices.

Remember our 2011 reunion site will be voted on in Santa Clara. I will get all the specifics of the sites to be presented along with the estimated costs. We will start a new process when presenting the sites. Besides knowing the location and room rate you will also know of the other costs that affect the registration fee. We believe that this will give all the voters a better understanding of what the Reunion will cost you through the registration fee.

We are looking forward to a very good turnout in Santa Clara. Please

make your Hotel reservations early. You can hold a room with a credit card number. If for some reason you are not able to attend, your reservation will be released with no charge to you. You must give at least a 24 hour notice to the Hotel to do this. There will be a listing of restaurants and attractions published in TR as well as on the Web Site. Remember that the room rate is good three days prior to and three days post reunion. The room rate is \$125.00 single thru quad. Occupancy and State Tax on the rooms is 9 1/2 % as well as a \$1.00 dollar District improvement fee and \$0.13 Tourism Tax.

For those who drive there is free parking. The San Jose Airport is 15 minutes away from The Hotel. Those who choose to fly into Oakland or San Francisco it is about a 1 hour trip.

Steve Page
Reunion Committee Chairman

Again we will have different colors or designs for board members, people NOT eating a meal and maybe even a special one for guests as well as families of our Fiddler's Green folks.

So be sure to start watching for that registration form and get registered early. Any questions may be addressed to myself or to Barb. Our e-mail addresses

and phone numbers are on the web site and in the *Thunder Run*. If you do call our home number you will get our answering machine so just leave a message and I will get back to you.

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Bob Moreno
G Troop 68/69
Registration chairman

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carrying approximately \$52,000 in inventory with our Quartermaster. We are also holding \$55,000 in our checking account. My estimate is that 11 ACVVC will continue to be sound financially for this year and for the immediate future.

Please continue to include your organization when you decide to donate. Your contributions throughout the year are appreciated and are tax deductible. Donations should be specific to your wishes. All donations that do not specify a fund will be placed in our General Account for

our day to day operations. We currently have the Scholarship Fund, Memorial Fund and the Reunion Assistance Fund. Other donations are your contribution of products for our annual Silent Auction at the reunion whereby Blackhorse generic products and other valuable items are auctioned off with the funds going to our Scholarship Fund.

I continue to be proud and honored to serve as your Treasurer. Any questions about our finances can be directed to me at: 11cavalry@verizon.net or call at: 804.435.3658.

REGISTRATION FORM



11th ACVVC Reunion XXIV, Santa Clara, CA Thursday, 9 September thru Sunday, 13 September 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**

Circle of Honor and Memorial Bricks

UPDATE

By Allen Hathaway

For nearly five years we have been working on the Memorial Restoration Project. The objectives of the project were: 1) To research, verify and correct all names listed on the 11th Cavalry Memorial to ensure all Blackhorse Troopers are accounted for, and 2) to repair and restore the memorial. In September 2007 after years of research, planning and preparation, and 40 years after the original dedication, the 11th Cavalry Memorial at Fort Knox was rededicated.

The memorial project needs your help. We currently have a

shortfall of nearly \$25,000 in the memorial fund for work already done. An additional \$15,000 is needed to complete the project to list the names of 11th Cavalry KIA's from World War II, The Philippine Insurrection and Mexican Expedition.

It was anticipated that the entire memorial project could be funded by the sale of granite bricks prior to the dedication in 2007. Approximately 1,100 granite bricks were initially available for inscription. To date, and one year after the dedication, 700 bricks have been sold with approximately 400 still available.

How can you help? You can help by purchasing one of the

Brick Order Form

Instructions: Print your message in the boxes below exactly as you want your brick to appear. Be sure to leave a blank box between words. Each line accommodates 15 characters, including blank boxes and punctuation (commas, periods, hyphens). If ordering more than one brick, photocopy this form or use a separate sheet of paper.

LINE 1:														
LINE 2:														
LINE 3:														
(Use Lines 4 and 5 for 8" x 8" x 2" bricks only)														
LINE 4:														
LINE 5:														

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

- 4" x 8" x 2" Brick - \$100 enclosed
- 4" x 8" x 2" Brick - \$25 enclosed with 3 additional payments of \$25 in 3, 6 and 9 months (\$25 x 4 = \$100). Bricks will be inscribed when the full amount is paid.
- 8" x 8" x 2" Brick - \$175 enclosed
- 8" x 8" x 2" Brick - \$85 enclosed with 3 additional payments of \$30 in 3, 6, and 9 months (\$85 + 3 x \$30 = \$175). Bricks will be inscribed when amount paid in full..

Visa Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Mastercard Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature (Required for Credit Card transactions): _____

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

It was anticipated that the entire memorial project could be funded by the sale of granite bricks prior to the dedication in 2007...To date, and one year after the dedication, 700 bricks have been sold with approximately 400 still available

available granite bricks. If you have put off ordering your brick, take a moment today to place your order. The bricks show your support for our fellow troopers whose names are listed on the monuments. Many families have ordered bricks for their husbands, fathers or grandfathers as a lasting tribute to their service to this great country and our great regiment. We also accept donations in any amount to the Memorial Fund.

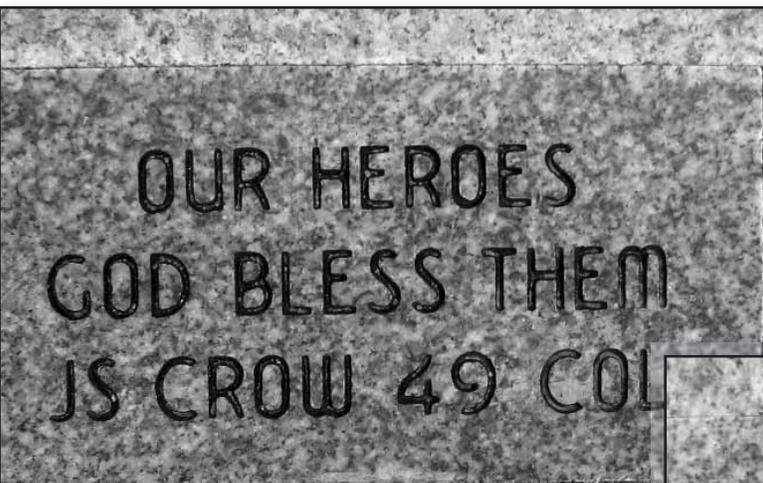
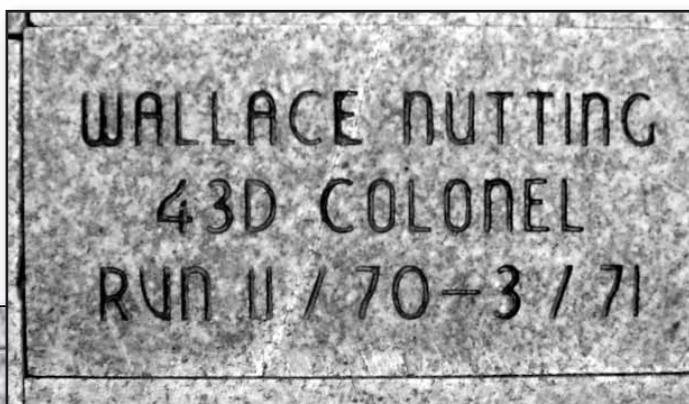
To reduce production costs, bricks are inscribed in groups. The larger the group, the lower the production costs and more funds available for the memorial. Orders are being taken for the next group to be placed in the Circle of Honor in mid 2009.

The 11th Cavalry Memorial at Fort Knox is a place to honor all Blackhorse troopers from all campaigns. They were our buddies, our friends and our comrades-in-arms. It is up to us to preserve their honor. They shall not be forgotten. Do your part to help this worthwhile project.



ABOVE: Completed monument with "Circle of Honor"

LEFT & BELOW: Inscribed bricks



11th Armored Cavalry Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia



Scholarship Application

Scholarship Chairman Frank R. Cambia ♦ Co-Chairman Michael 'Doc' Rafferty

(revised 01/09/09)

➤ [1] Applicant's Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

➤ [2] Applicant's Social Security Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Address: _____ Apartment/Unit # _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____ Telephone No: _____

[3] Applicant's Qualifying Status: (Check Only One): Child of Deceased 11ACR Trooper who served in Vietnam or Cambodia
 Child of Current Member Trooper Who is a Current 11ACVVC Member

➤ [4] Applicant's Sponsor 11th Cav Veteran: Full Name: _____ Email: _____

[5] Sponsor's 11th Cav Unit in Vietnam: _____ Dates in Vietnam _____ 11ACVVC Membership #: _____

➤ [6] Name and Address of College or Trade School That You Plan to Attend: (Undergraduate Studies Only)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Have You Made Application? Yes. No. Have You Been Accepted? Yes. No.

[7] Standard Test Score For Your State: ACT _____ SAT _____ Other _____ Specify: _____

[8] Estimated Expenses for the School Year: Tuition & Fees \$ _____; Room & Board \$ _____;

Books & Supplies \$ _____; Miscellaneous \$ _____; Total Exp. \$ _____

➤ [9] Schools and Colleges Attended: (10th Grade to Present)

Name	City,State	Dates From / To	Name	City,State	Dates From / To
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

➤ [10] You **must** attach a copy of your **grade transcripts** from your **last two years of education** in High School or College.

➤ [11] On **one typed sheet of paper with your Name & Email** and your **11ACVVC Sponsor/Father's name at top of page**:

1. State the Field of Study That You Plan to Enter and Why.

2. Tell Us **Why** You Would Be a **Worthy Recipient** of the 11ACVVC Scholarship.

3. Note: Concentrate on why **you** should be awarded an 11ACVVC Scholarship. Focus on **your** qualifications and not your father's military. If applicable, also describe **your** participation in veterans' affairs or events, if any.

I, the undersigned, give my permission for a copy of my High School / College Transcript to be submitted with this Scholarship Application. I understand that the selection process may involve a committee composed of individuals that are in the community at large.

➤ [12] _____

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name

Date

➤ [13] _____

Signature of Sponsor Veteran or Guardian

Printed Name

Date

➤ [14] Please Mail Your Completed Application with attachments for [10] and [11] above to the Scholarship Committee Co-Chairman:

Michael "Doc" Rafferty, 11ACVVC Scholarship Co-Chairman, 5504 N. Cypress Ave., Kansas City, MO 64119

Email DocRafferty36@sbcglobal.net; Telephone 816-453-6235

Questions: Email is Doc Rafferty's preferred method of communication as he teaches both day & night classes.

Scholarship applications for each school year beginning in September must be received by May 15 of the same calendar year.

Please print the latest **Scholarship Guide** found at www.11thcavnam.com/scholar.html

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

by Frank R. Cambria, Scholarship Chairman

The 11th ACVVC Scholarship Program is evolving and improving each year. To date, we have awarded \$647,000 in scholarships to children of our members and KIA's, and every dollar paid was donated by **YOU**, the members of this great association of Blackhorse Combat Veterans!! You will find a usable copy of the 2009 Scholarship Application in this issue of *Thunder Run* and also on our website. Scholarship Co-Chairman Mike "Doc" Rafferty reports that 29 of our 32 2008 scholarship recipients have already claimed their awards.

Our three-page Scholarship Guide for 2009 has been completely revised and provides more information on the scholarship process and provides detailed assistance on completing the scholarship application. You can print a copy of the 2009 Guide and 2009 Application at www.11thcavnam.com/scholar.html.

Effective in 2008, each recipient's Scholarship Award will be dedicated to honor a specific 11th Cavalry "Blackhorse" Trooper who was Killed In Action (KIA) in Vietnam or Cambodia. The Blackhorse KIA's to be honored each year will be selected on an impartial and random basis. For example, one of last year's Scholarship Award recipients was notified that his/her scholarship was made to honor "Staff Sgt George Dale Arnold; D Company 1/11ACR; KIA March 1, 1967; Age 31; Married."

In addition, one recipient will be selected to receive a special Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Scholarship Award in honor of former 11ACVVC President Chuck Schmidt for his leadership and devotion to the 11th Cavalry "Blackhorse" Troopers of the Vietnam War. Chuck died on Veterans Day 2007 as a result Agent Orange-related cancer shortly after being elected to his third term as President. Chuck's widow, Mrs. Bonnie Schmidt, will select the recipient of this award from the applicants. The recipient will also receive an additional scholarship award paid by Chuck's estate.

The Judges are asked to rate each applicant on a 30-point system. *The point total for a perfect score is 30.*

1. Up to 7 points may be awarded for Application completion, leg-

ibility, and following the instructions on the form and in the Guide

2. Up to 8 points may be awarded for Grades of the Applicants' most recent two years of education (high school or college)

3. Up to 15 points may be awarded to the narrative response for typed narrative response to questions in item #11 of the 11ACVVC Scholarship Application.

4. Each applicant will be judged independently by each Judge. Currently we have four participating independent Judges.

5. The scores awarded by the four Judges for all three categories for each applicant are totaled. EXAMPLE: 22+25+19+23=89

6. The total points awarded by the four Judges for each applicant are then divided by four to determine the average points awarded by the Judges. EXAMPLE: 89 / 4 = 22.25 points.

7. The 11ACVVC Board of Directors will determine the number of Scholarship awards to be granted in any given year based on the available donated funds and the dollar amount determined for each scholarship award. The Scholarship Committee will then apply that number to the list of applicants in descending score order to determine who will receive the Awards.

*Grandchildren of members are **not** currently eligible.* We received 49 applications from eligible children in 2008, but we had funds for only 32 awards. We are amazed every year at how many of our Trooper members who still have teenagers (and younger!). The criterion to include Grandchildren as eligible for scholarships is being reviewed annually.

It is likely that we will have to reduce the number of scholarships awarded in 2009. In August 2008 the Board of Directors determined that it needed to allocate the first \$25,000 of donations received from our Blackhorse 2009 calendar sales to offset the current deficit on the improvement and preservation of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment's Memorial at Fort Knox.

Please inform your eligible children that Scholarship Co-Chairman Doc Rafferty DocRafferty36@sbcglobal.net is ready to receive their 2009 applications for Scholarship Awards.



Reunion Golf News

Willow Glen Golf Club, part of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station, hosted our 2008 golf outing. Approximately 40 participants enjoyed the military facility's hospitality. Our annual outing always receives extra special care when held at a base golf course.

We usually see about 60 players at the event, but this past summer we competed with

a Chicago Cubs' game and a day at Arlington racetrack. As usual the play was "spirited" with plenty of beer for everybody. Perennial contender Ken Miller of San Diego posted low gross of 79. First time attendee Don Marquez of Pueblo, CO won the coveted Marty Ognibene trophy with a net score of 72.

Santa Clara boasts many golf courses with reasonable rates. Many reunion attendees may want to turn the 2009 reunion into a golfing vacation. Negotiations are underway for our annual event to be held on Thursday, September 10, 2009. Details will be in the 2nd quarter Thunder Run issue as well as online.

See you in Santa Clara.

Joe Coopet, A Troop 1969
651-246-8009



Fatigues

Do you know why they call them "fatigues?" I don't. Email me if you know. However, I think we can guess why (your guess being as good as mine). When I was enlisted in the Air National Guard where I think I made rank up to E-2 (Airman 3d Class in those days), one of my first jobs was to go with other airmen to a weedy field beside an old warehouse to carry used and dirty cinder blocks to wherever we were told and dump them into a pile. It was hot, dirty, sweaty work. We all got fatigued. Hence, "fatigues." How's that for an answer? Hey! (or Hay!) - you have a better answer?

When I joined the Army, six years later, it was in the days of "breaking starch." I'm sure you'll remember "breaking starch." No matter that fatigues were called fatigues for some unknown reason, troopers still had to have their fatigues starched so they'd look good. Don't bother commenting about why you had to look so good to carry cinder blocks, hump ammo, break track on a tank, ride around on an ACAV, and such as that. That's just how it was. Fatigues not only had to be clean and neat, they had to be starched! Some troopers settled for plain, standard starch like could be done at home. But fatigues were so hard to launder, starch, and iron that most soldiers took them to the laundry where they did it for \$1.50 per set (pants and shirt - aka, trousers and jacket). You could tell the laundry lady how you wanted your starch - light, medium, regular, or heavy. No matter what you said, the legs and sleeves were always glued together by the starch, the heavier the starch the stronger the glue. You'd ram your fists through the sleeves and your feet through the legs to "break" them open. Thus, we said "breaking starch."

Breaking starch was standard in our Viet Nam days even though it didn't happen in Viet Nam. It happened in the States. If you went through training and straight to Viet Nam, maybe you didn't get to break starch. But I think you did, at least during training before you deployed. So you have that joyful experience to add to your Army life memory bank. Email me if I'm wrong

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and I'll stand corrected.

Some "strack" (remember "strack?") troopers went even further. Some had their fatigues tailored to fit better, much better - tight around the legs and tight around the waist. (Don't you wish you had such a skinny, tight waist now?) Airborne troopers did this. It probably helped their morale. For you cavalry types (same with helicopter types) you didn't need to tailor your fatigues to boost your morale. Of course, some did just because they liked their fatigues that way. You rode around on tanks, ACAV's, self propelled howitzers, helicopters and such machines to bolster your morale. Besides, you didn't go around jumping out of perfectly good airplanes. You didn't go around jumping off perfectly good tanks either, except in Viet Nam when you ran into an ambush or something.

I'll tell you a funny story about fatigues in those days. This didn't happen in Viet Nam because there we wore jungle fatigues which always needed the shirt to be worn outside the pants (trousers?). Everywhere else in the Army we wore regular fatigues with shirts that the Army said to wear tucked inside the pants. Later in the war, morale was rugged, Viet Nam was winding down, and the Army was trying to figure how to transition from war to peace. It was a big deal to make soldiers wear their shirts tucked into their pants. I mean it was a very big deal. Discipline was less than easy to maintain in those days, as you probably already knew. Work was hard too. Troopers in the Cav had to work all day in the motor pool, in the field, in the shop, in the tank or artillery park, and such places. It was not practical for troops to keep their fatigue shirts tucked in all day. But it had to happen because the Army said so. Then came the day, sometime in 1972 or '73, when the Army changed its mind. The Army recognized that keeping shirts tucked in was impossible and unrealistic. I remember clearly the day the policy

changed. It changed from being fatigue shirts had to be worn tucked in to being shirts had to be worn outside the pants. One day the officers and NCOs were going crazy trying to make the troops keep their shirts tucked in and the next day they were going just as crazy trying to make the troops keep their shirts out. This is a true story about fatigues which I think is pretty funny. Don't you?

Back in Viet Nam we wore jungle fatigues all the time and everywhere. It was the only uniform issued and authorized for wear there. Well, maybe some generals wore something else, but overall it was jungle fatigues everywhere, all the time. Not so in the States (we seem to be talking about Stateside things today. That's OK. It's still during the Viet Nam era). Fatigues were the normal uniform for most soldiers on stateside posts, at least with the combat units - the divisions and such. Fatigues were the logical uniform since the Army's normal location is in the field and fatigues are designed for wearing in the field. You could wear your fatigues anywhere on post - to the PX, the commissary, the theater, and so forth. However, you were not allowed to wear fatigues off post into the civilian community except for going to and from home, except you could stop for gas and maybe pick up a loaf of bread or some minor thing like that. I'll tell you, this policy was sure hard to regulate. I used to see troopers in restaurants and other places in fatigues which was against policy. I don't recall the policy being enforced very vigorously but it was talked about vigorously. These days, the policy has obviously changed because I see soldiers all over the place going around in fatigues (only now they're called something else, battle dress uniform, I think).

One thing about fatigues that I liked, with both jungle and standard fatigues, were the patches. Patches told your identity - not just your name, but your rank, your unit (left shoulder), who you served with

in combat (right shoulder), special skills (CIB, jump wings, etc.) and your service (Army for us). Fatigues didn't tell as much of your story as class A greens, but they told a lot. How long has it been since you thought about these things?

This reminds me of a parable (a story with a point) Jesus told to show how we should dress to live our lives: "Be dressed ready for service and keep your lamps burning, like men waiting for their master to return from a wedding banquet, so that when he comes and knocks they can immediately open the door for him. It will be good for those servants whose master finds them watching when he comes.... You also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him." Luke 12:35-37a, 40 NIV). Looks like God has a policy of being in the right uniform too. Only God's uniform requirement isn't fatigues, jungle or standard. It's a way of life, a right relationship with Jesus Christ, and being prepared for him when he calls. And you don't have to break starch.

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

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Show Your Pride



TOP: Tom Brophy, (HOW, 1/11, 66-67) shows his pride as a Blackhorse Veteran with his Dodge Nitro
BOTTOM: John Milliken, (HHT Regt., 69-70) shows pride with HHT11 on his Wisconsin Vietnam Veteran Truck license plate

Blackhorse Hoofbeats

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

By Don Snedeker, 11th ACVVC Historian

1966: On July 7, 1966, the Blackhorse Regiment just back from completing Platoon, Troop, and Squadron Army Training Tests at Camps A.P. Hill and Pickett, held a Regimental Retreat Review on the main parade field at Fort Meade, Maryland. Organizational Day was observed the next day, with both military and athletic competitions between the Squadrons. The military competition, which included M-60 machine-gun disassembly and assembly and a "chariot" race in which unit commanders sat in their jeeps and were pulled by squadron teams, was won by First Squadron. The athletic competition, which included volleyball, tug-of-war, and softball, was won by Third Squadron. Forty days later, Regimental personnel started boarding airplanes at Baltimore's Friendship Airport for the first leg of their 8,000 mile journey to Vietnam.

1967: Captain David C. Lindberg was an Air Force Forward Air Controller who flew a Cessna O-1 Birdog, calling in airstrikes in support of the Regiment under the call sign Nile. Then Captain Lindberg got his (and every fighter pilot's) wish by being transferred to fly F-100s out of Bien Hoa Air Base. Captain Lindberg died on 21 May 1967 while flying a mission in support of the Regiment. Blackhorse, Sir! May you rest in peace. We'll meet again on the way to Fiddler's Green.

1969: From the Senior Officer Debriefing Report of Colonel George S. Patton, dated 23 June 1969: "In the *Catchers Mitt*, the majority of the intelligence is collected by the Aero Scout Section of the Air Cavalry Troop, using the OH-6A Light Observation Helicopter. The Aero Scouts, operating at twenty feet and thirty to forty knots, fly daily visual reconnaissance missions over the *Catchers Mitt*, obtaining detailed information on VC/NVA base camps and routes of movement. They are the primary intelligence gathering sources available to the Regiment. Their contribution cannot be over-stated."

1971: From the Second Squadron Commander's Note Number 3, dated 8 August 1971: "More than two thirds of the food containers authorized this squadron have been turned in as unserviceable. The likelihood of obtaining replacements in the

near future is slim. Unit commanders will insure that mess containers are not siphoned off as beer coolers."

Whatever happened to Baby Peaches?

From a Pacific Stars and Stripes article dated 3 November 1967 entitled "Baby Thrives on Staff Care": "The 7th Surgical Hospital at the 11th Armored Cav. Regt. Blackhorse Base Camp has been a family for the past month. The reason? A young lady about 11 months old. The baby's name is Peaches, or Tiger. It varies according to her fickle moods... Actually 11 months is her estimated age. Nobody knows her name, but she seems content with the ones she has received in her new home. A 9th Inf. Div. ambush patrol found her under a dead Vietnamese woman. The bones in the baby's right wrist had been shot through. Her hand was saved by surgery. Major John E. Rafferty, the doctor who performed the surgery and commanding officer of the hospital, says she will never have a normal right hand... The biggest question in Peaches' life is what will become of her. She has no home besides the 7th Surgical Hospital. Her parents are unknown and assumed dead. But Rafferty may have the solution to that. "The baby, being very young, hasn't had time to adopt the social and economic culture of Vietnam, and therefore would readily adapt to the way of life in the United States. If necessary," he added, "one of the staff or I will personally accompany her back to the States."

Doctor Rafferty was good to his word. In late November, he accompanied Miss Peaches – officially now known as Ms. Kim Su – to Tan Son Nhut Air Base, where she was placed in the care of Captain (Nurse) Nellie L. Hensley and Sergeant Dwight I. Booth and the three boarded an airplane bound for the States. Twenty-four hours later, Dr. Rafferty's wife greeted her at Travis Air Force Base and took Miss Peaches to her new home.

Do you remember Baby Peaches? Send your memories (or if you know what happened after she came to the States) to the 11th ACVVC Historian at blackhorse4@verizon.net or mail to Don Snedeker, 2221 Tulip Drive, Falls Church, VA 22046.

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Reflections

By Gale Charles (HHT 1/11, 67-68)

Greetings fellow troopers!

I hope you will enjoy my debut contribution to Thunder Run the style of which I hope to be able to contribute quarterly to our newsletter.

Many of you were required to write book reports (or reviews) during your school years and many of you no doubt dreaded this task. I have read a book which I write a brief synopsis and review of in the hope it will stir your curiosity enough to read or at least give a good once over browsing. If you do not like this book at least, perhaps, you will have learned something from it.

In 1982 John Ketwig, the author, states that there were no books about Vietnam on the shelves of his home. In April, 1982 John sat down to write about the experiences he had in the Vietnam War.

John stated in his book "I only hope my story will encourage people to read, investigate, and think" He also stated "I don't want my children or grandchildren to see the world he had known. I could not remain silent in 1982 and I cannot today."

John was a nineteen year old who grew up in New York. He was sent off to Pleiku, Vietnam to fight a war in a country without any choice. This is his story as seen through his eyes in a never to be forgotten battle to survive. It was a horrible but true war.

Lyrics from a song by Bob Dylan relate to this book. "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall and What Did You See, My Darling Young One?".....

And A Hard Rain Fell- by John Ketwig.

RIGHT OR WRONG

By Donald Craig Michaud, E Troop (1968-1969)

Am I a murderer?
I have taken many lives
The choice was not mine
My country asked, I answered
I was young, I had my beliefs
I still pay the price
What is right, what is wrong?
Nobody knows
Who is the judge, you? Me?
Probably me
My sentence is life
No trial, no plea
No chance to defend
I did what I must
I did what I did
Could that have been me?
It will never end
What is right, what is wrong?
I was just a kid.
Too much to ask of those who are so young
There is no appeal
No trial, no plea
We live with our fears
And shed our private tears
I am a murderer
My sentence is life

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A Tribute to Fallen Brothers

The following is a tribute to three men I knew when I served with I Troop in 1969. All three were KIA on the 23rd of June when their track was ambushed from behind near An Loc. They are David Nord, Richard Weiss, and Dennis Williams.

By Mark Crist
Air Cav Trp. and I Trp. 68-70

Over the past 36 years I've often thought about the war and the men I served with during two tours in Vietnam. It's by no means been restricted to Veteran's and Memorial Days. I wouldn't say I dwelled on it, but how does one forget one of the most defining moments in their lives? Now and then I'd get my scrapbook out and browse through it wondering what became of everybody who made it to DEROS, were wounded and evacuated, or the NOK of those I knew who were KIA. On occasion someone would ask to look through it too. They say one photograph is worth a thousand words. I never fail to tell a story about the pictures I have to anyone who seems interested about the things I saw and the people I remember. I can get quite passionate about my experience to the point where some people have told me I should write a book. I don't know that I could fill a volume like that, but writing "something" down is perhaps overdue.

For all those years my memories of the war and the ensuing diatribe that the war produced were just thoughts spinning around in my head. I've had a lot of questions put to me by a lot of people. I've tried my best to answer them, but it often wasn't easy, especially after just returning Stateside. After my first tour with the 11th Cavalry the question, "what was combat like" would come up. I'd start out okay, but soon found myself stumbling for words. The memory was fresh, but try as I may, words alone just couldn't convey the totality of it. Of course, to another Veteran nothing had to be said.

When I came home after my second tour in 1972 the questions were a little more complex, geared toward our policies, drug use, atrocities, and why we were even still involved. On occasion I'd find myself at a party or other function and be introduced by the host as just having returned from Vietnam. More than once the reply would be,

"we really don't want to hear about that." "Hear about what," I wondered? What is it they expected me to say or do? Sometimes my blood would get to boiling, not only as a response to some people's shallowness and seeming lack of understanding, but my own inability to explain what I'd seen.

For years my thoughts just stayed with me, but eventually I began putting things in perspective and make some kind of sense of it all. I also made the Army a career. Over the next 20 years the ranks of Vietnam Veterans got smaller and smaller until I was the only one during my last assignment sporting a CIB and patch on my right shoulder. The questions still came. Then there were the young enlisted guys who reminded me of me at one time, eager to mix it up with some bad guys somewhere. Now and then I'd hear, "I can't believe we lost the war!" much older now I'd fire back with, "be careful what you wish for" and "be careful how you define "we."

Over time things began falling into place. For one thing I had to separate the management of the war and the media circus that followed, from which I believe a lot of non-veterans drew their conclusions, from the men who did the fighting. I also thought it time I start writing these things down, a perspective of my memories, thoughts, and eventual conclusions, not as a politician or media mogul, nor a general or the warrant officer I retired as. I went to Vietnam a Spec/4 and left a Spec/5. I saw the war as a machine gunner with the 11th Cavalry and a Huey crew chief with the 1st Aviation Brigade

I was a school trained helicopter mechanic assigned to Air Cav Troop when I first arrived in Xuan Loc. I could have stayed one, but I had to see the war. I'd heard enough about it on the nightly news the previous 3 years. I tried for a slot as a door gunner, but was told I'd have to wait. One day bending wrenches on a Huey I saw some tracks go by on their way out the gate at Blackhorse. Another mechanic made the

comment, "better them than me." That was all the spark I needed. Three weeks later I was in the orderly room at I Troop. The 1st Sergeant was DEROSing and saw the wings on my fatigues. When I told him I had volunteered to come down to the squadron he turned to his clerk and said, "issue this stupid SOB a rifle and get him out of my sight!" That was an eye opener for me, but I still felt I had to be part of what was going on outside the wire. Maybe it was a duty, honor, country thing from my patriotic upbringing in the '50's or maybe just the thought of doing my share.

Rick Weiss was one of the first guys I met when I got to the field. One thing that stood out about him before any introduction was that red hair. Out in the woods amongst all that natural and government green there was no missing Rick. The red clay at Xuan Loc and Quan Loi had nothing on him. During our first conversation we found out we only lived about 50 miles apart back home. We also had a mutual interest in architecture. I was thinking of going to college one day to become an architect and so had Rick. Over time we talked of going together once our enlistments were up. One day he drew a picture of a house he was working on. He'd also written home about it I'd later find out, but never sent a drawing. Last year I was put in contact with his sister Donna through "Operation Embrace" and we discussed it. She never saw his plan, but I still remembered it vividly. I drew and mailed it to her. Kind of an epiphany or maybe the past had come alive again in a way.

Rick was also known to read his Bible regularly and assist the Chaplain when he came by for field services. Donna brought it to the reunion in Louisville last year. The page marker was still on the last verse perhaps Rick had read. Holding his Bible, the last 38 years just went away. I could picture him on the ramp reading it again.

Over time he and I talked of making a swap so we could ride together on the back hatch. Then the Army came up with a new deal for extending your tour which I'd planned on doing anyway and left the field earlier than I planned on. The outcome of that chain of events is a memory that will always be with me along with so many others I just took for granted at the time. There were those mornings waking up with the roosters from the Ville we were securing. Maybe a chopper had flown in a hot meal and Rick and I would

walk over for some of those powdered eggs and limp bacon. Then it was back to work. Maybe the day would bring a sweep, mounted or dismounted, maybe work with the Rome Plows, a PX run, not to mention the nightly ambush patrol. Then there were those days when the reality of what we were in business for was all too real. One never knew what the day would bring. I never knew Rick to falter. He was a good soldier. Back at the Ville or a firebase we'd shoot the breeze until guard duty beckoned. So, no doubt, were many friendships born during those days. The boondocks were no place to be without one.

David arrived in the platoon a month or so later. Something stood out about him too. It wasn't so much how young he looked. I think most of us looked that way. I was just coming up on 19 myself. What caught my eye were the Staff Sergeant stripes he wore. At that point in my career I somehow imagined someone with all that rank being a little older with a little experience under their belt. We found out David had graduated at the top of his class at the NCO School. Next stop was Vietnam. It's not like he had some time stateside to get his feet wet. Of course, we had a number of buck Sergeants in the platoon who'd gone to that school and found themselves in the cupola upon arriving. David started out that way too, but within a short time he found himself in the position of Platoon Sergeant. I didn't give it much thought back then. It was just the normal progression in the ranks. However, looking back at it now I see what an awesome responsibility that had to be for him, especially in a line troop.

His two predecessors had both been E-7's and were said to already be veterans, having served in Korea. David had to learn the ropes and learn them quick. He had to put all that training to practical use now along with all the things passed down from year to year by the men who preceded us. There was also the realization that one of those E-7's was KIA a few months before.

David picked up the ball and ran with it. After I had left the field word came down that the platoon was involved in a big fight up near Loc Ninh. His driver was passing through a few days later and I asked him how it went. He said it was intense. An element of the 1st Infantry had been fighting all morning and as often was the case the 11th was called in to render assistance. The fighting continued most of the afternoon result-

ing in 76 NVA KIA. The next thing I heard was that David had handled himself and the platoon well on the field that day.

I don't remember if it was before or after that that he went home on Special Leave to get married. Two weeks later he was back in the field. He never got to meet his son.

I only met Dennis once. It was on bunker guard back at Blackhorse after he just arrived in the Regiment. A few days later he would ship out to the field. I don't remember any specifics, but know we had talked about home and I passed on a few of those things we didn't hear about in training. I got the impression he'd do just fine in the field like so many others who had preceded him.

It wasn't long after that we got word about what had happened. To say it came as a shock would be putting it mildly. I went home on leave, but it just wasn't the joyous occasion I expected it to be. They say there is a grieving process that goes something like sadness, anger, and finally acceptance. For this veteran I would also add guilt. I've also heard it from others. Family and friends kept telling me I'd get over it, but I felt strangely detached from them and their words. Something had changed in me. I wasn't the same guy I was a year ago and it was as if I had two families, the one I was with and the one back in Vietnam. I had just suffered an enormous loss in that family. They say time heals, but the memory of that day will always be with me.

I remember something that was said amongst my peers when speaking about someone. It didn't involve any flowery verbiage. Put quite simply, "He's a good man!" Those few words seemed to say it all, knowledge, experience, common sense, wits, and courage to name a few.

I know there has been a lot of controversy about the war these past 40 years. So much rhetoric from so many media sources from so many who never set one foot in Vietnam. I just can't abide by it. While fingers may be justly pointed at the management and ridiculous policies nothing will ever sway me from knowing that the men I served with in the 11th Cavalry did their jobs and did them well. So many fine young Americans who did the best they could on the field and in the face of the quagmire of political nonsense, media input, and the resulting public opinion. While the Nation divided itself they fought on winning battle

after battle. I believe history has recorded that the Viet Cong were decimated after Tet '68. After the Easter Offensive of 1972 and Operation Linebacker II the North Vietnamese were on the ropes. The three men I mention here did their part to win the day.

I also can't help feeling Vietnam was a finger in the face of the Russians too. We'd all grown up with their philosophy hanging over our heads. Those who fought the fight in Vietnam showed them, indirectly maybe, who the boss was on the battlefield.

How many times in our history had we gone to war? Whether they chose to be there or not how many fine young Americans had answered the call? Most were looking toward their future, whether it was college or maybe getting a job in a hometown business, getting married, buying a house, and raising a family. As fate would have it they're hitting a beach or deep in the jungle of some far off land. Today it's the deserts of the Middle-East. They see things they never thought of in their wildest imagination. They do things they never thought capable of. To remain focused on the job at hand and to overcome their fears says a lot about their inner strength and character. That they come home with the memories of what they saw and did should be a given and perhaps not easily explained to the folks back home.

There are those who protest their service. It's often said they can thank a Veteran for this privilege. I do find some of their rant to be extreme and despicable to say the least. It would be better aimed at those sitting in the UN General Assembly who can't come to an agreement. I think if some of these protesters would "ask" a Veteran about their experience instead of "telling" them what they think they might find the Veteran would be the first to say they hope it never has to happen again. I can't help thinking a Veteran has a better handle on how to get along since they've seen the epitome of alternatives.

Having been neck deep in it at one time I don't think Vietnam was any different than any other war when the shooting started. I do believe, however, in the long run all the controversy surrounding the war just forged a special bond between Vietnam Veterans which perhaps veterans of other wars haven't experienced. It's not the controversy I remember. It's the memories of guys like David, Rick, and Dennis. They were good men!



Journey to Fiddler's Green

We are sorry to report the following Troopers have taken the journey to Fiddler's Green. Our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences to their families and friends. We honor their service to our country and to our regiment by listing their names here. Please Check Our Funeral Honor Guard daily at www.11thcavnam.com by selecting "Funeral Honor Guard, Please Check Daily" on the homepage.

Alvin R. Badgett, B Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on November 11, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Elkins, WV.

Raymond J. Barrette, HHT Regiment (1967-1968) and 398th Transportation Det. (1968-1969) passed away on January 14, 1998. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Marianna, FL. He was laid to rest in Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery, Ft Mitchell, AL. Raymond is also a veteran of the Korean War.

John W. Blackwell, 409th RRD (1969) passed away on June 25, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Spokane, WA.

Robert P. Brown, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1971-1972) passed away on December 8, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lambertville, MI.

Hector R. Canela-Pina, B Troop, 1/11 (1970) passed away on August 5, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Flushing, NY. He was laid to rest in South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth, FL.

Gerald L. Carter, G Troop, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on September 28, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Bessemer, AL. He was laid to rest in Highland Memorial Gardens, Bessemer, AL.

Curtis R. Easter, G Troop, 2/11 (1971-1972) passed away on July 31, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Tulsa, OK. He was laid to rest in Ft. Gibson National Cemetery, Fort Gibson, OK.

Raymond L. Gribble, HHT Regiment (1968-1969) passed away on October 2, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Killeen, TX. He was laid to rest in Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, Killeen, TX.

Rick P. Hall, HHT, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on April 13, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Portland, IN. He was laid to rest in Gravel Hill Cemetery, Bryant, IN.

Darrel W. Harris, G Troop, 2/11 (1970-1971) passed away on September 11, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Houston, TX. He was laid to rest in Houston National Cemetery, Houston, TX. Darrel is also a veteran of the Persian Gulf War.

Jerry B. Havard, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on September 1, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lisman, AL. He was laid to rest in Coakes Chapel Cemetery, Ward, AL.

Daniel T. Hayes, HHT, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on September 3, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Gardnerville, NV.

Charles L. Keuffer, L Troop, 3/11 (1966-1967) passed away on July 25, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Atlantic Beach, FL. He was laid to rest in Dayton National Cemetery, Dayton, OH.

Thomas R. Kinney, L Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on November 11, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Port Allegany, PA. He was laid to rest in St. Gabriel Cemetery, Port Allegany, PA.

Kerry A. Lancing, HHT, 1/11 (1969-1970) passed away on July 27, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Las Vegas, NV. He was laid to rest in Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Boulder City, NV.

Glen A. Lightfoot, G Troop, 2/11 (1966-1967) passed away on August 8, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Graham, TX. He was laid to rest in Lockney Cemetery, Lockney, TX. Glen is also a veteran of the Korean War.

Edward M. Long, L Troop, 3/11 (1966-1967) passed away on September 18, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Westminster, SC. He was laid to rest in Unity Baptist Church Cemetery, Westminster, SC. Edward is also a veteran of the Korean War.

James E. McDonnell, L Troop, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on November 10, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Panama City Beach, FL.

Michael C. Merrill, M Company, 3/11 (1966-1967) and Howitzer Battery, 3/11 (1966-1967) passed away on August 14, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Alpine, CA.

John Moore Jr, HHT, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on August 7, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hephzibah, GA.

Douglas A. Munteer, G Troop, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on December 2, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in North Ridgeville, OH.

Ronald E. Nedza, G Troop, 2/11 (1971-1972) and HHT, 3/11 -1968 passed away on September 12, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Mount Prospect, IL.

Kevin C. Overfield, C Troop, 1/11 (1970) passed away on December 11, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Mount Gilead, OH. He was laid to rest in Resurrection Catholic Cemetery, Lewis Center, OH.

Lawrence J. Paquette, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on July 31, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in North Haven, CT. He was laid to rest in State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown, CT.

Willis A. Rankin, D CO, 1/11 (1966-1967) and D Company, 1/11 (1969-1971) passed away on October 26, 1993. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Poplar Bluff, MO. He was laid to rest in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO. Willis is also a veteran of World War II and Korea.

Arthur L. Rossetti, Air Cavalry Troop (1971) passed away on September 18, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Danbury, CT.

Thomas N. Slade, 398th Transportation Det. (1971-1972) passed away on October 3, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Norfolk, VA.

David L. Spurrier, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on August 28, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Oroville, WA.

Michael D. Tavares, M Company, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on December 17, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Nicholasville, KY.

John E. Terletter, E Troop, 2/11 (1966-1968) passed away on October 10, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Shoreline, WA. He was laid to rest in Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, WA.

John H. Walla, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on December 2, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Tulare, CA. He was laid to rest in Tulare District North Cemetery, Tulare, CA.

Kenneth R. Williams, K Troop, 3/11 (1970) passed away on August 1, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Tacoma, WA.

Alonzo L. Wilson, K Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on December 14, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Evans, GA.

Vernon V. Woodyard, Howitzer Battery, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on July 17, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Fort Recovery, OH.

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

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in Exceptional Education. Upon completion of this degree, I will be able to work with and educate students that are the future of our country! Thank you to everyone on the scholarship committee!

Additionally, I would like to say a special thank you to my Dad and all other 11th Armored Cavalry Veterans that served our great nation! Thank you all for your sacrifices! Because of you all, I am able to live in a free country in which I have the right and privilege to obtain an education. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!

Scholarship dedicated to 18, 1968; Age 24; Married SGT NORMAN EDWARD ADAMS; LTroop 3/11ACR; KIA January



Joanna Messier
Daughter of Richard Messier, H Co., 1968

This fall semester I will start the nursing program at Rhode Island College. This scholarship has made an incredible difference to me. The benefits I have been awarded will allow me to work less and focus more on my studies. I am so grateful to both the scholarship committee for choosing me as an award recipient and to all veterans

who encourage me everyday to be a stronger woman and achieve my goals no matter what challenges I face. After being knocked down time after time I am only more determined to succeed.

I am so relieved and thankful to the 11th ACVVC for this amazing gift. I am truly inspired by the many sacrifices that have been made by each and every veteran and pray for those at war today. Thank you for giving me the courage to stay strong and proving that good things can happen to good people, no matter what obstacles you have to overcome along the way.

Scholarship dedicated to PFC BRUCE HAROLD BARDON; HOW 1/11ACR; KIA April 26, 1970; Age 20; Single



Alyssa Rose
Daughter of James H. Rose, A Troop, G Troop, 69-71

Thank you SO much for your generous scholarship! I am incredibly grateful to the 11th ACVVC for aiding my pursuit of my college degree in Philosophy. The financial support you provide is very, very helpful and is sincerely appreciated. I am truly honored to have been selected as a

recipient of this award. I offer a million thanks to all who contribute to the scholarship fund and aid the children of veterans to reach their dreams! I can never thank you enough for assisting me in reaching my dream of becoming a professor!

Scholarship dedicated to CPT WILLIAM MARSHALL CLARK; G Troop 2/11ACR; KIA February 23, 1972; Age 28; Married



Summar Schiller, Daughter of Nelson Schiller, A Troop, 67-68

I would like to express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for this generous scholarship awarded offered by the 11th ACVVC organization.

Because of this scholarship commitment, I will be able to keep my graduation plans on track while reducing my personal financial obligations and the financial obligations of my family. As you know, pursuing a col-

lege education can result in a huge financial burden and your scholarship award will go a long way to lessen this burden and ensure my education. There is no doubt that I will receive lifelong benefits from this award as I continue my education and career aspirations. The 11th ACVVC organization and its members have helped to ensure my education dreams and I hope you know I will always remember this organization and this most generous award.

Once again, I want to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to you and the members of "The 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam & Cambodia".

Scholarship dedicated to PFC JOHN ROBERT PIERCE; I Troop 3/11ACR; KIA October 9, 1966; Age 21; Single



Katie Sexton
Daughter of Patrick Sexton, M Co., 67-68

Receiving this scholarship is such an honor and it means so much to me and to my dad. This scholarship will allow me to focus all my time towards school and help me to pursue my goal in becoming a registered nurse. My dad has always been proud of serving with the 11th ACVVC and I am extremely grateful to this program

and to all the members for making this scholarship available. Thank you so much!

Scholarship dedicated to SP/4 GEORGE OWEN SPANGLER; A Troop 1/11ACR; KIA May 19, 1968; Age 23; Married



Priscilla Schultz Snook
Daughter of Lane Schultz, HHT 3/11, 67-68

Your message regarding the scholarship award could not have arrived at a better time!

This final year of nursing school brought me to the VA Hospital in Grand Junction, Colorado for nursing clinicals. I looked forward to serving our veterans with pride, and felt honored to be touching their lives, like you have done, by honoring me with this award.

Recently I returned from a nursing school clinical rotation at the VA Hospital in Grand Junction, CO. I can definitely say that I was overcome with extreme pride as I was able to serve veterans of all ages, distinctions and afflictions. Knowing that my experience was made possible by the generosity of the 11th ACVVC only added to the closeness that I felt with the organization. I certainly have opened my eyes to the wonderful possibility of working in a VA hospital, as I have come to appreciate this opportunity of giving back to those who have given for us.

I am truly privileged to be the daughter of a courageous veteran, and am thankful to the members of the entire 11th Armored Cavalry for your generous gift, both to our country, and to the progeny of your comrades. Please accept my appreciation for this award which means so much more to me than just financial assistance.

Scholarship dedicated to Staff SGT RALPH ROGER JUSTICE; HOW 1/11ACR; KIA January 6, 1967; Age 34; Married

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Here it is yet another new year. Out with the old and in with the new is what I've always been told. But what is that "new" they talk about? The old I understand. That's putting behind you all the problems and woes of the year past but how are we to know what the New Year is going to bring. Is it a whole new way of life, an unexpected fortune coming your way, better health, WHAT??? What is, "in with the new?"

Does it have something to do with making those New Year's resolutions? Gosh I hope not because I decided this year that I wouldn't make any. I mean, every year I make the same ones. Lose weight, try not to let dumb things get me down. After all I usually end up breaking at least one, if not all, of them before the first month is even over. So why bother?

Maybe instead of a resolution it should just be a goal of sorts. You know, like this year my proposed goal is to win the lottery. That way if I don't quite make that goal there won't be any hard feelings or putting myself down on my part. Yes the more I think about it, the better I like that idea. So now I guess I need to set some "goals" for myself. Let's see, where shall I start? Do I want to win the lottery? Well sure I guess so. It would be nice to pay off my credit cards and my car, but then again that would also mean I would have more income taxes to pay. Oh what a vicious cycle.

Health? You bet I'd like better health. As many of you know I was scheduled for a knee replacement surgery right after the reunion last year. Well, I had it and the knee part went really well and all the x-rays look good. But unknown to anyone as to why, my legs have swollen and don't seem to want to go down. I no longer have ankles. Ugh! And shoes are hard to fit. In fact I have a funny story about that, that I will have to share with you at the end of this article. So yes, I guess I have to set a goal for better health.

For my service to the 11th ACVVC, my goal is to make as many women aware of what the Women's Group is all about and what we want to do. To bring more women into our group and therefore see it grow and become an important and strong part of the organization, a part that the guys will find to be a very needed and useful part of their

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organization. And as to that I feel we are well on the way to being that.

I also want to figure out a way of getting all the ladies to stay in touch with not only each other but also with me. This is so important to me and the organization not only because I love each of them as a sister but because of the Women's Award that is presented each year. It is certainly a challenge each year to decide on who that lady should be. It needs to be someone who not only is very supportive of her man and the service he gave to the 11th, but the support and time she gives to our organization helping others be aware of the good things the 11th ACVVC does, as well as shows support and love of her country. Improvements to the Women's Group and better health are my two main "goals" for the new year.

I trust each of you had a wonderful holiday this year. We here at the Moreno household did. We have taken to spending our Christmas in Florida for the past few years. We combine our son's birthday as well as Christmas in this trip. Of course we also just enjoy visiting the Magic Kingdom too. This year was a lot of fun as well as relaxing.

While Florida was not at its warmest while we were there, it was sure better than the minus temperatures they were experiencing here at home. So even their 60 degree temps were warm to us, although you can't tell that by a lot of the pictures we had taken. We, especially me, look like we were freezing to death.

We saw and visited with more of the characters this year than we have in the past. Mickey and I shared a special bond this year over our shoes. Yes shoes. You see with my swollen feet and legs regular shoes have proved to be quite uncomfortable so it was decided that slippers would be the ideal thing to wear. Of course prior to going I just couldn't find the right ones so my search continued down there. And behold I found them alright. Boy did I find them!

We had ducked into one of the many gift

shops to warm up a bit and there on the shelf was a pair of slippers just calling out to me. They are bright yellow and fuzzy. And they look just like Mickey's feet!! Whee what fun. They are sooo comfortable and warm and really caught the eye of so many people. We saw many of the cast members do a double take, but the best was from his highness Mickey Mouse himself. We ran into him one day at the Hollywood Studios taking pictures with many of the guests. As I set there in my wheelchair he suddenly walked over to me and offered me his hand. He gently helped me out of my ECV and held onto my hand as we walked over to the area where they were taking the pictures. As the photographer was taking our picture, Mickey suddenly noticed my shoes. He began to clap and dance around with glee. The photographer took many more pictures of the two of us. As our time together drew to an end, Mickey once again offered me his arm and escorted me back to my ECV and settled me in. He then bent and oh so gallantly kissed my hand as only a mouse like him can do and turned away. I inserted my key and started to pull away when I happened to see him clearing the way for me and directing me in the right direction. As I left the area I saw him waving a fond goodbye. I felt as if I was a young child again. My beloved "prince" had noticed me! A dream come true.

Returning to Wisconsin was quite brutal. When we left Florida the temps were on their way up to 80's and when we landed in Minneapolis it was minus 8! How cruel. I am now housebound until Mother Nature decides to deliver spring to us. Cold winds and snow just don't agree with these old bones anymore. So if anyone needs a traveling companion to the warmer areas of the world, just let me know. I can be packed in a flash.

Always,

*Barb Moreno
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Stars, Stripes, and Battle

By Charles W. Abbey (HHT, 2/11, 66-76)

In my life there have been only a few events that remain memorably indelible. Indeed, I have fewer still memories that trigger any emotion at all. As I reflect on that somber thought, here in my office viewing a beautiful sunny day, my flag waves outside the window reminding me of a special and memorable day in Vietnam many summers ago...

Flying observation helicopters for the Eleventh Cavalry's Battle Squadron (2-11) in Quang Ngai Province during May 1967 was often, if not usually, a moderately exciting task. This day in May, by any standard, had been a steamy time of fire and tension.

Battle had been OPCON to Task Force Oregon since April and was operating some distance south of Chu Lai in the rolling and raggedy foothills near Quang Ngai City. Many days of hunting for a sizeable, yet elusive enemy force had led Battle units through what might properly be described as a reconnaissance in Force, movement to contact, and a successfully transacted meeting engagement. (My apologies to the Armor School if I have gotten any of this, once familiar combat jargon, wrong) For the previous two and a half days, Battle elements had been in nearly constant contact with a skilled and well led enemy force.

This operation - Thunder Dragon - combined units of the Republic of Korea (ROK) and our US forces who together, pursued a fleeing enemy force that appeared to be trapped on a peninsula jutting into the South China Sea.

Lieutenant Colonel Ben Harmon,

The sight of this pristine flag generated an instant sensation, a thrill - a moment, never to be forgotten!

Second Squadron Commander, had been in the observer seat of our OH-23G cockpit for the entire day, directing the activities of his maneuver elements. His cool tactical skill had smoothly influenced the actions of engaged Battle forces who had forced the NVA/VC ground troops into places that the enemy commander did not wish to be.

Our flying this day had kept me and the Colonel over the Squadron viewing some fierce fights. During many of our low-passes over a variety of these quarrels, fleeing NVA or VC personnel were clearly seen running and ducking for cover -very tempting targets for the delighted Colonel Harmon and his faithful CAR-15!

In the course of one rare, but welcome lull in the action, the Colonel and I had recognized the need to take our little OH-23 for fuel (and some other personal activities which became sort of a pressing necessity every couple of hours or so). This fueling event just happened to offer the "lifetime memorable moment" that I remember so clearly these forty years later.

Our quest for AVGAS led us to a nearby firebase that offered fuel. As we were on short-final to the fueling pad we passed above a jumble of perimeter wire, fortifications, guns, bunkers and vehicles. Imbedded in the clutter of this dusty-red confusion was a freshly laundered Stars and Stripes in full flutter, standing tall on a make-shift flag pole!

This pennant, brazenly displayed over a ramshackle bunker on a berm of distressed soil pushed-up as a measure of cover for its occupants, was brilliantly displaying its red, white, and blue colors in the smoky sunshine.

The sight of this pristine flag generated an instant sensation, a thrill - a moment, never to be forgotten! This (unmet soldier's) flag shone so brightly and conveyed so much about who we were that I often recall that singular vision as if it were happening today! (And, for me, it does...)

Since that jingoistic instant, whenever I have seen sunlit Old Glory in full flourish I have been genuinely moved - a flash-back to that exceptionally special and unforeseen moment...so many years ago.

SALUTING THE FLAG 2008

*Submitted by Frank R. Cambria,
Secretary*

President Bush signed Public Law No: 110-181 (Sec. 594) on 28 JAN 08 to allow a **veteran in civilian attire to salute the U.S. flag during its hoisting, lowering or passing**. All other persons present should face the flag, or if applicable, remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Citizens of other countries present should stand at attention. All such conduct toward the flag in a moving column (such as a parade) should be rendered at the moment the flag passes.

Two other sections of federal code that specifically relates to actions of those reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem were not amended because neither occurs during the flag's hoisting, lowering or passing. In these situations, all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart, as has been tradition. Men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold the headdress at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

So that his brethren shall know..

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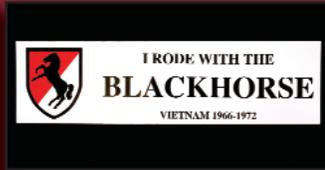
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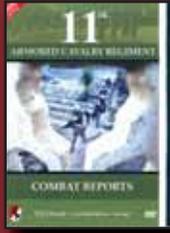
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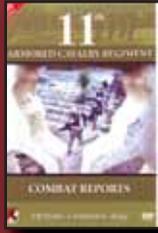




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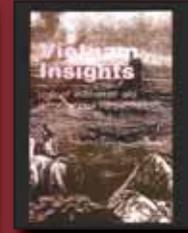
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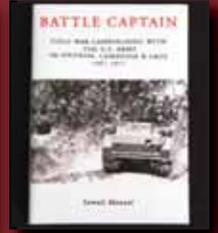
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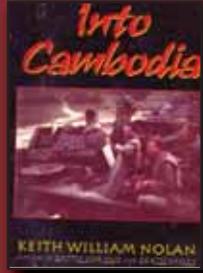
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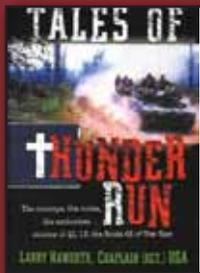
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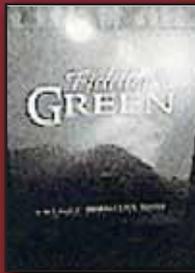
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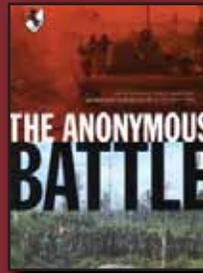
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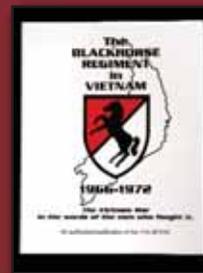
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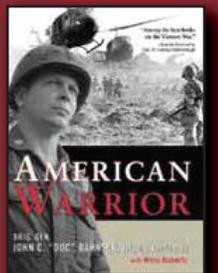
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43.	Golf Shirt, crossed sabers, Women's gray	B	18.00			
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From the Quartermaster...

Jerry Beamon

Hello Fellow Blackhorse Troopers. Jan and I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year as well. As you might guess it gets kind of busy around here at that time of year. I would like to thank Jerry Mitchell, (I Trp. '68) for being a really big help to us. He came and helped us out in the midst of our December rush. We were able to get all orders out for those that desired their orders by Christmas. November came and went with 97 orders being shipped out and in December 108 orders were shipped out.

Your Quartermaster Store had a goal for 2008 of \$ 100,000.00 in sales. THANKS to so many of you we did reach that goal. With this year's economic woes we are hesitant to set our goals very high but no matter we still would like to surpass last year's sales. Jan and I will be working hard to reach last year's goal again and go over that in this year of '09.

We still need your help in eliminating the leftovers of the ladies line of golf shirts and denims. This would make it easier to bring on board some new items this year. Also we are asking for volunteers to sign up to help us out with your store this year at our Reunion in California. Without your help we could not do as much as we do at our reunions. So please when you make your plans to attend the reunion think about us. Come by and see us. Jan and I will be looking forward to seeing you.

As I close I would like to THANK two men who have helped me this past year a whole lot. Jim Griffiths, Editor of Thunder Run and Otis Cary, our Internet Coordinator. Thank you both so much.

ALLONS,
Jerry

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