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2nd Quarter, 2001

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

Ft. Myer 1901 - Ft. Myer 2001

### 11th U.S. Cavalry Celebrates 100 Years

#### ■ Reunion XVI is the Grand Finale in a year long series of Celebrations

by Ollie Pickral

August 3rd, 4th & 5th, 2001 will be the dates that will cap off a year of celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the 11th U.S. Cavalry. Troopers and families attending this special reunion will see first hand living history of our unit and many of the men who made our unit so special.

Earlier celebrations took place at Las Vegas and Ft. Irwin and also at the Vietnam Memorial in Washington on February 02.

We are expecting many of our former commanders, officers and enlisted to be on hand. Attending will be troopers who served with the 11th Cavalry in Europe (WWII); Germany, before Vietnam; Vietnam/ Cambodia; Germany after Vietnam; Desert Storm and many of our fine soldiers who currently are serving our great Regiment at Ft. Irwin, CA. We will be holding a special ceremony on Ft. Myer, and a memorial service at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

At the banquet dinner, we will have a special ceremony whereby all of our battle streamers will be placed on our colors.

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### Trooper’s family needs our help

by Jim Murray

I’m sure that most, if not all, have read the last issue of *Thunder Run*. The new format is exquisite and very professional. The article on the front page, concerning the recovered Medals of Sgt. Joseph R. Harris, is the subject of this letter, article (and/or) mission. Our fallen brother, Sgt. Harris, E Troop, was KIA (Killed in Action) 24 November 1969. The efforts of Ollie Pickral, our Prez; Otis Carey, our webmaster and Eric Newton, our PR Chairman, were the moving Cav forces that made the recovery mission a success. I have been in contact with James Harris, Joseph’s brother, and he was extremely impressed with our efforts, not to mention, the elation of now possessing his brother’s medals. James expressed his gratitude and was amazed that so many of our 11th Cav brothers rallied around him, his family and his brother. I assured him that we hold our KIA’s in the highest regard and consider them as true heroes. After all, if it weren’t for men like Sgt. Harris, some of us may not have come home!

Here’s the Sitrep:

We must get James, his wife Pam and

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



“The Reunion of our Century”

## Reunion XVI

Washington, DC  
August 3 - 5, 2001

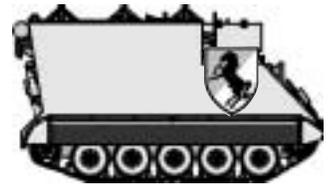
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Ollie Pickral, President  
11th ACVVC

Well Troopers, I hope you are as excited as I am about attending our upcoming reunion. This will be number sixteen (16) and like many of you, I have attended all of them. This is a very special reunion as you all know. We

will never witness another century of 11th Cavalry history in our lifetime. Not only is this our 100th year, the celebration of the "Reunion of our Century", will be at the exact location of it's origin, Fort Myer, Virginia. We have a busy weekend in Washington, DC and in Virginia. I have just been notified that President Bush has nominated our featured guest speaker for this reunion, Tom White, as Secretary of the Army. This is great news. As you are all aware, General White served with us in Vietnam as a platoon leader for M Company and K Troop. He is also the 52nd Colonel of the Regiment. We are extremely pleased of his nomination and that he will be our speaker for the weekend. See the details of his selection in this issue of your newsletter.

Our basic and tentative schedule reads like this: On Thursday, August 2nd, there will be the annual Marty Ognibene Memorial Golf Tourney. Friday's activities will be at the host hotel, The Hyatt Regency, Washington on Capitol Hill. Our

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membership meeting will be early Saturday morning and we will then take buses to Ft. Myer for our Memorial service and the celebration of our 100 years of service to our country by the reading of our activation papers. A trip to The Wall is next with plans to deliver our Blackhorse wreath to the apex of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. After returning to the hotel, we will celebrate further with our annual banquet. We will dance the evening away with a variety of music of our time.

Sunday will cap the weekend with our chapel services and then farewells to all in the hotel lobby. This is the reunion that you do not want to miss so find the registration form in this newsletter, fill it out and send along with your check for \$75.00 per person. Also, call the Hyatt "Right Now!!" The telephone number is: (202) 737-1234. Tell them you are making reservations for the 11th Cavalry Reunion. Do this now as the unused rooms will be turned back over to the hotel for use by the general public after July 13, 2001.

We still have calendars left. I wish I could describe how great the 2001 calen-

dar is. They are fit to be handed down to your children and grandkids. We've included the order form for those who haven't order theirs yet. Not only is the calendar a Super Size, it is loaded with our 11th Cavalry history and some photos of the early horse cavalry that we are sure you've never seen. The colors and clarity are hard to believe.

I want you to be aware that at the upcoming membership meeting at the reunion, we will be conducting elections to vote for most of the Officers and Directors. The positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two of the three Directors are open to any Life member of 11 ACVVC. If you would like to be a candidate for a position, let Headquarters know so we can get your name on the slate. These positions do require you to spend some time each week discussing business and voting on motions. It also requires you to be present at all annual Officer/Director and membership meetings at the reunion site.

On another topic that is dear to each of you, on Monday, May 28, 2001, our country will memorialize those brave Americans who died for their country. I hope you and your family will honor our heroes who died in Vietnam and Cambodia, fighting with the 11th Cavalry. Although the country honors these heroes once a year, we who fought beside these brave men honor them every day of the year. Join us at the Vietnam Memorial on Memorial Day for our lying of the Blackhorse wreath. For information and coordination, contact 11 ACVVC Headquarters.

I look forward to seeing each of you in August.

ALLONS !!!

## MOVING?

We want you to get your copy of **Thunder Run** without a lot of trouble? Complete this form and mail it to: **11th ACVVC Membership Update, Warren Swinford, 2300 W 400 S., Clayton, IN 46118.**



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

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

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Be sure to scan over the new members that we have brought on recently. With the mailing of our newsletter to nonmembers this past 1st quarter, we increased our annual and life memberships substantially. You might see an old buddy.

We will also have a 100th Anniversary Blackhorse cake-cutting to celebrate this historical moment. If you haven't ever been to our reunions and have been putting it off, do not let this reunion get by you. It will be a once in a lifetime event that you will not want to miss. All the information to get your hotel room, registration information and planning material is inside this issue. Do it now and don't delay. We are expected to fill most, if not all of the 800 available rooms.

The response to our new newsletter format has been nothing but spectacular. We've gotten many e-mails, telephone calls and letters supporting our "new look." We not only have great reading

material, but now have the good looks as well. Please continue supporting your newsletter with your stories and poems. We always need articles and you all have a bunch of them stored in your head. Spill them out and send them in to us.

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Well, enough of my "yapping," turn the page and get started on your reading.

ALLONS!

three grandchildren to the reunion in Washington, D.C. Like most of us, the economy has affected our plans to attend the 100th Anniversary, but our mission is clear. Sometimes, resources are limited, yet we all seem to rise to the occasion and help when necessary. Be advised, help is needed. Donations are welcomed and will go a long way to help the family of one of our own, to gain some closure, an opportunity to join our family and to be proud of our heroes.

The 11th ACVVC will provide lodging for James and his family Friday and Saturday nights. Your donations will pay for transportation from Kentucky to Washington, D.C., registration and meals.

Please make your check payable to Ollie Pickral at: 1602 Lorrie Dr.; Richardson, TX 75080. Mention "The Sgt. Harris reunion effort". The Harris family will be with the E Troopers at the reunion.

Thanks and Allons.

*Jim Murray, Research & Inquiries*

*11 ACVVC, How Btry, 1/11 ACR, '70-'71*

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## Research team ready to help

# Troopers can find buddies lost for last 30 years

by Jim Murray

I served with How Btry, '70-'71, 1/11 LACR and since the reunion in San Diego, I've been helping on the website in the area of Research & Inquiries and "Find a Buddy" requests. I was quite thrilled to be tapped for the job when I received the database of all of our members shortly after San Diego. It became a passion for me and the mission was to help our Troopers find buddies that had lost contact for the past 30 plus years. A procedure was needed, created and implemented to contact, reunite and provide authorized flow of information to answer the requests. Letters were sent, phone calls were made and e-mails made the 'net smoke for about 6 months, or so.

As the website became more visible, with the addition of the "Relatives of Troopers Killed in Action" section, requests from the

families of our KIA's needing information concerning the circumstances surrounding the death of their brothers, dads and uncles poured into my mailbox. The results were phenomenal, to say the least. Ruth Ann Maynard, sister of Roger Lee Byus, E Troop, KIA 24 November 69 and Melody Lark Annis, sister of Robin Annis, HHT Regiment, KIA 4 April 69, attended the reunion in Buffalo. Ruth Ann Maynard displayed the 'bronzed' boots of her brother, Roger and obtained detailed information of Roger's last moments from fellow E Troopers that were with her brother!!!! Melody Lark Annis found the camaraderie of Blackhorse Troopers truly amazing. Unfortunately, the buddy that was with her brother in the last moments, did not attend the reunion, but has been in contact with her via email. Our Honored Guests were truly

impressed with the camaraderie, fellowship and sentiments of the 11th Cav. They were honored, welcomed and very included in the 'spirit' of the reunion. Allons!!!

I desperately needed help and enlisted the aid of Ruth Ann, Melody and Pete Echon, F Troop, '69-'70, to aid in responding to the requests. All adopted the Blackhorse battle cry with great vigor and responded to the call. I am so proud to be part of this team. The results of our efforts have produced a definite increase in reunion attendance of buddies, KIA families and first time attendees.

Our team is ready, willing and able to help you find information. Please email me at Hbjim7071@aol.com or call Home: 843-815-7754. Take Care and to all, Welcome Home! Allons,

## Incoming...

The following information has been provided by our Troopers:

During April of this year, Mike Schaefer (H/2/11 ACR '67-'68) set up an H Co. website. To see it, go to [www.11thcavnam.com](http://www.11thcavnam.com). Scroll down and click on the 'Members Area'. When the page comes up, scroll down and click on the 'H Co.' site. Once at the site, you will find photos from '67 and '68, as well as a guest book where you can leave a message (please, no profanity or anything else you wouldn't let your mother read). Mike is interested in posting stories at this site, so if you have an H Co. story that you'd like to share, contact Mike Schaefer at [mjschaefer@prodigy.net](mailto:mjschaefer@prodigy.net).

Also, if you have photos that you're willing to share, contact Mike. However, non electronic photos sent to Mike can't be returned, so make sure they are copies

John Hien (H Co. "67-'68)

Henry Franken, who served with A Troop, 1st Sqdn. (boat person), is soliciting information from other troopers who left the 11th Cav from Vietnam in August, '67. Henry remembers that when they arrived in Oakland, CA., Troopers from A, B, C, and 1st. HHT had their dog tags taken from them. If anyone else remembers this and knows why, please contact Henry at: (616) 628-2617 or write: 25980 29th St., Gobles, MI 49055.

Patrick Dempsey, who served with G Troop, 2nd Sqdn., 1967-68 is requesting information about our "Allons" (Let's Go) crest. If anyone has the history of our crest and the info regarding the horse, bolos and cactus, please contact Patrick at: PO Box 3052; Ocean City, MD 21843. Also, give this information to the editor of Thunder Run for publication in a future newsletter.

Adam Navis whose uncle is a Vietnam veteran has taken on a project at Calvin College in Michigan. He is collecting stories of Vietnam vets. He would like any trooper that is willing to volunteer their stories to contact him. Adam can be contacted at: English Dept.; c/o Donald Hettinga; Calvin College; 3201 Burton S.E.; Grand Rapids, MI 49546 or email him at: [anavis18@calvin.edu](mailto:anavis18@calvin.edu)

From Ron Krueger on his annual Blackhorse Picnic scheduled for Saturday, October 6, 2001 in Davis, California. Each year over the last eleven years, Ron has organized this picnic. This year will be the biggest picnic yet. Ron calls it the 11th Annual Northern Calif. Blackhorse Pot luck BBQ. This is your chance to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 11th U.S. Cavalry.

*Directions: Take I-80 to Davis; Take the Mace Blvd exit off I-80. Proceed north around the bend (Mace becomes Covell Blvd.) to Monarch Lane. Turn left, then take the 1st right on Temple. The park is one block ahead on the left. Watch for the balloons and signs. RSVP to Ron Krueger - 530-758-0351 or email at: [ronkrue@hotmail.com](mailto:ronkrue@hotmail.com)*

An article in the latest issue of *VFW magazine* titled "Daring Capture In the Philippines, a Turning Point of the War," is a reference to the 11th Volunteer Cavalry, the predecessor of the 11th U.S. Cavalry formed in 1902. The article was about the Philippines War (1899-1902) that had dragged on for two years whereby the American public was tiring of this little guerilla war.

The commander, Brig. Gen. Frederick Funston devised a plan to end the fighting. He would attempt to capture the rebel leader with a small, hand-picked team behind enemy lines and capture the rebel leader, Emilio Aguinaldo. Capturing Aguinaldo would end the war. With 81 Macabebes Scouts and four of his best officers, two of which were brothers with the 11th Vol. Cav, he captured Aguinaldo, thus ending the war. The two brothers of the 11th Vol. Cav were: Capt. Russell T. and Lt. Oliver P.M. Hazzard

# Scholarship Update

By John Sorich  
Scholarship Chairman

The following are some testimonials from the recipients of our Scholarships.

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The 11th ACVVC scholarship has helped me greatly. Both my parents and I are truly grateful for receiving this money. It has helped keep down our out of pocket expenses and has allowed me to spend more time on my studies and less time worrying about working to pay tuition and other expenses associated with college. I am truly grateful that I was selected for this scholarship. Thanks a lot.

.....  
*Brittany Johnston*

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"I am where I am today because of the support of my father ( P/Sgt. Glenn E. 'Nick' Nicholson, KIA 5/5/68 ), my mother, my wife, my two daughters and every elite group known as BLACKHORSE."

"I just wanted to say hello to all the Trooper's with H/Co 2/11, 1967-68, and express my gratitude for being a Blackhorse Scholar ( 1972). I completed my undergraduate degree in 1991, with the help of a Blackhorse Scholarship. In August of 2000 I completed my Master of Management degree, and proudly display that sheepskin next to the Certificate of Appreciation given to me by Col. Guy Swan, formerly of NTC."

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*Scott P. Nicholson,  
MSM. Chief Executive Officer.*

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"The 11thACVVC Scholarship means freedom. It is important to know that this Scholarship is provided by veterans who fought for freedom for others. This Scholarship means a type of freedom for the student. It means freedom from loans owed. This is a group who went through trying times and is now trying to make it easier for some of their children. I want to thank the 11th ACVVC for helping me pursue my goal of becoming a nurse and ultimately a Family Nurse Practitioner."

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*Brooke Gloege, Student  
South Dakota State University,  
Brookings S.D.*

The 3 preceding statements were thanks from one of our first and one of our most recent Scholarship recipients. In their own words it's easy to see what our contribution to their lives has meant to them.

We are getting ready to start another Scholarship drive and this year it's my goal as Scholarship Chairman to exceed what we have accomplished in the past. This will be done the same way we have done it in the past, with **Blackhorse pride and commitment.**

The mailing of the raffle tickets is complete. By now you should have yours. This year we are including a total of three books of tickets in an effort to get the best effort of those who will participate. I can send more so just let me know if you run out. The *live* and *silent* auctions will be a great way to add more fuel to the fire! The donations are starting to roll in. Some very impressive, hard to get, one of a kind items will be at the reunion to bid on. *We Need More.* Let me know what you have so we can put a description on the website. The donations that you make are tax deductible.

Your Officers and Board of Directors have been busy thinking of new ideas to help the Scholarship awards grow this year. One idea is the using interest monies from our Certificates of Deposit (CD) for the Scholarship fund so we can either increase the number of recipient's or possibly increase the dollar amounts. In a recent vote of your Officers and Directors, the qualification of examining the parent's finances has been eliminated. The student will be judged solely on his or her own merit. This was such a recent development that it will not be reflected (due to printing deadlines) in this year's Scholarship Application but I will include a note informing everyone of the change.

So *please* take out that checkbook, send in those raffle tickets, find those donations for the silent and live auctions and get them shipped to us. We can make this 100th Anniversary of our unit one that will be a great positive historic event that we can be part of and Blackhorse proud of.

Ship auction item's to: Glenn Snodgrass; 7830 South Valley Drive; Fairfax Station, Va.22039

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## Donations to 11thACVVC Scholarship Fund – (\$920.00)

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| ★ George L. Burton                            | ★ Michael Gorman       | ★ William A. Laspina  | ★ Edmund J. Sieminski                 |
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## Greeting Blackhorse Troopers!

What an exciting, fast-paced quarter we've been through. Coming off holiday leave, the Regiment immediately deployed to the field to hone those highly perishable combat skills that make us the most lethal desert warfighters in our Army. We set the battlefield conditions during two rotations this quarter that allowed the 3rd "Grey Wolf" Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division and the 1st "Devil" Brigade, 1st Infantry Division to complete their training cycle and assume the position as our Army's most trained and ready combat brigades. In between all of this we deployed in mass to Las Vegas to celebrate our Regiments 100th Anniversary and to enjoy the company of over 400 Blackhorse veterans who attended the event. Just a few notes on where we've been and where we are going.

## Blackhorse 100th Anniversary

Our 100th anniversary celebration in Las Vegas in February was a tremendous success. We could not have asked for a more spirited group of Blackhorse troopers – past and present – and their families to gather under one roof as members of this proud organization to celebrate our 100th anniversary. By holding the event in Las Vegas, several hundred members of the active regiment attended and benefited from an enriching experience. Our Troopers cherished the time spent meeting Blackhorse veterans, and all gained a deeper appreciation for what we do and who we are. Gene Johnson and the members of the Wildhorse Squadron (1-221 Cav, Nevada Army National Guard) did a great job as our hosts and reunion committee. If you couldn't join us in Las Vegas, mark August 3-5 on your calendars – we're going to celebrate the Blackhorse 100th anniversary again in Washington, DC. Hope to see you then. In the meantime, check out our reunion photo gallery on the Blackhorse website: [www.irwin.army.mil/11acr](http://www.irwin.army.mil/11acr).

## Blackhorse Marathon

Join us in the Mojave Desert on September 16th for the second running of the Blackhorse marathon at Fort Irwin. Last year's run was a tremendous success with more than 80 runners from across the United States. This year's marathon prom-

ises to be even greater. If you don't have the time to train for the full 26.2-mile marathon, join us for the Blackhorse 5K run that we will conduct while the marathon is running. Or if you prefer to walk the marathon, we have added a "road march" category. Failing all of that, we're always in need of spirited, enthusiastic cheerleaders to motivate our runners along the course. Check out the Blackhorse website for more information on this great marathon.

## Division CAPSTONE Exercise

Early April found us back in the field, this time to fight against the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas, as it demonstrates for the world its leading-edge digital technology. The "Ivy" Division is the U.S. Army's experimental division and is outfitted with the latest digital enhancements that provide never before seen battlefield awareness. The soldiers from the "Fighting Fourth" were here to demonstrate the latest in battlefield technology, and it was our job to fight this formidable foe with the cunning and tactical skill our Army demands of its professional opposing force. The "Ivy" Division planned on dominating the battlefield. But, if there was a weakness in the digital force, the Regiment exploited it, violently and victoriously, to ensure that our Army invest only in the technology that lives up to its potential. Our Troopers are well aware of the awesome responsibility and they are trained and ready for any fight.

## "Brave Rifles" Rotation

Before all of the elements from the 4th Infantry Division leave Fort Irwin, the cavalry troopers from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment will be here for their National Training Center rotation. This is the first time the Blackhorse Regiment has had the honor of meeting the entire "Brave Rifles" Regiment on the NTC battlefield, and we look forward to the challenge. Following the rotation, a select group of our brothers from the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment "Toujours Pret" will join us from Fort Polk bringing together all the ingredients necessary for a Cavalry tradition known as "Lucky Sixteen". This splendid cavalry event comes around like leap year and it will be a great opportunity to meet new friends and renew old acquaintances.

## Farewell

Finally, we want to say happy trails to CPT Jeremy Dobos who has given much of his personal time to make the Blackhorse Association strong and has assisted our veterans whenever they called. Jeremy will attend the Intelligence Advance Course and put his significant tactical experience to good use in his next assignment. CPT Jorge Castro, our Regimental PAO is the point of contact for any request to visit the Regiment. Contact him at (760) 380-5657. Please come see us if you traveling in this part of the country.

### 21 / 37 PTSD

I saw the blood trails through the  
morning's mist.  
I swore I saw them! And so I did!  
And died a little inside  
Before justifying my survival.  
Sixteen days and a wake-up  
And if God wills,  
I will have beaten the system  
That holds this youth hostage  
To the horrors aging me

At twenty-one (21)  
I'm thirty-seven (37) in the mirror!  
Thank Jesus it's raining  
To hide my tears  
My fears of returning state-side  
To apathetic Americans  
I can still see the blood trails  
In endless nightmares.

*By George "Beau" Suchorowski  
H Company, 2nd Sqdn. in 1969 - 1970*

# BGen Tom White nominated for Secretary of Army

As our newsletter goes to print, we have been notified that former Blackhorse Trooper Tom White has been nominated for Secretary of the Army by the President, George W. Bush. The following is a portion of the news release:

## White House Press Release

President George W. Bush today announced his intention to nominate four individuals to serve in his administration.

The President intends to nominate Thomas E. White to be Secretary of the Army. He is currently the Vice-Chairman of Enron Energy Services. He has served as Chairman and CEO of Enron Operations Corporation and as Chairman and CEO of Enron Power Corporation since joining Enron in 1990. After 23 years, White retired from the U.S. Army as a Brigadier General. He served as Executive Assistant to General Colin Powell while he served as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1989 to 1990 and served as Director of the Armor/Anti-Armor Special Task Force in the Office of the Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the War College.

## Resume of Service Career of Thomas Eugene White, Jr., Brigadier General

- ❖ **Years of Active Commissioned Service:** over 22
- ❖ **Date of Retirement:** 31 July 1990
- ❖ **Military Schools Attended:** The Armor School, Basic (1967) and Advanced (1971) Courses United States Army Command and General Staff College (1979) United States Army War College (1984)
- ❖ **Educational Degrees:** United States Military Academy - BS Degree - No Major (1967); Naval Postgraduate School - MS Degree - Operations Research (1974)
- ❖ **Foreign Language:** Spanish

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Old US Highway 66. Does that say anything to you? It sure does to me. Many call it America's driveway for (or something like that). It cuts across the "heartland" of America from Los Angeles to Chicago through the Midwestern breadbasket farm states. When I was a kid we traveled it from L.A. to Oklahoma to see my dad's family out on the wheat farm where he was raised. My dad was a dust bowl Okie who rode the rails and migrated along 66 to California during the Depression. Many of you have traveled it too. I would guess that you're probably old enough to remember the black and white TV series, "Hiway 66." It was about two young guys in their Corvette who had many adventures along that old highway before the interstates replaced it.

To me, Viet Nam Highway QL 13 is a reminder of Highway US 66. Know what I mean? A lot happened along US 66 in those days that I'll always remember. Same with QL13 in Viet Nam. Some would say the same of Highway 1 that went through Xuan Loc to Da Nang and points north. I was never on it myself, except for one quick trip to Blackhorse Base Camp when I came into country. I went up to Quan Loi right away and never came back. Anyway, a lot of Blackhorse history took place along QL13. We even named our 11th ACVVC paper "Thunder Run" in honor of the name we dubbed QL13. I guess the Blackhorse passing through was like the roar of thunder in a heavy monsoon. Right? The convoys, the noise, the ambushes, the dust (eating dirt - remember?), the mud, the outposts, the mama-sans, the Lambrettas and red Honda 50s, the villages, the fields of fire (clearings made that way by Agent Orange), the rubber trees, the mines, the bridges, the arc lights in the distance, the twisted French railroad tracks that ran beside the highway. I think thunder run had been a beautiful highway before war and Agent Orange. It's probably beautiful again now.

I think QL13 started somewhere down around Saigon. I know we convoyed once from Loc Ninh to Di An and took QL 13 through Lai Khe to get there. Anyway, let's talk about those French railroad tracks I mentioned. Remember how twisted and

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pathetic they looked? They were torn apart and laying alongside QL13 like the ghost of a former age, a lost war, an old culture that would never come back. Whether that was good or bad, who knows? Still, I used to look at those old tracks and wonder about life along that antique railroad in it's heyday. I imagined those French narrow gauge trains running and carrying people and stuff all over Southeast Asia. Some people I know think we ended up like the French, leaving with our tails between our legs. I don't buy that myself. I believe the place is a lot better now than it would have been if we hadn't come along. That's saying a lot because so much craziness happened over there. Still does, only not as bad as it was right after we left. Check the people these days. Check how they love American GIs, even now. Take a trip over there and you'll see. Check how they love jeans and American tourists. Check how they love American music. Check how they love American ideals like wanting freedom to come into the 20th (or 21st) century. Check how they want to learn computers and English, American English. W didn't count for anything? We didn't make the place better? Sure we did. (I'll stop this now because I'm getting in deeper than I want).

Some of you were along one day when our Combat Engineers were mine sweeping QL13 down from Loc Ninh and up from Quan Loi. QL13 was a busy highway in that area. The Vietnamese were very impatient people. They were in a hurry to get places. Our mine sweepers were slow because they were on foot, of course. This slowed traffic considerably. Then we had to stop to repair a culvert under the road which the VC had blown the night before. We brought up an AVLB to lay across the culvert so traffic could go by while our engineers laid a new culvert. Trouble came when the Vietnamese which had backed up behind our guys got impatient. They decided they couldn't wait for us to clear the road of mines. I don't remember every detail, but I do remember that seven of those colorful Vietnamese

busses passed us by in a mighty hurry. They just couldn't wait for the road to be cleared. You guessed it. We looked up after a few minutes. About a mile ahead we could see an explosion. We knew what it was. Somebody had hit a mine. We couldn't get up there to help them very fast because we still had to clear the road. Before we got to the explosion site, we found three more mines in the road. When we got to the site we saw that the third bus in line had hit the fourth mine in the road. The other busses and traffic were very fortunate. They all should have been blown to smithereens. But they weren't. Only one bus got it. The other busses, trucks and Lambrettas got off clean. The mined bus had casualties all over the place which I don't need to describe. Pretty soon families got the word and came down from Loc Ninh. Not a fun time.

There are plenty of fine memories of Thunder Run, of course. Yes, there are many good memories from Viet Nam. Like the day we came out of Cambodia. Were you there? We'd been in Cambodia for exactly two months. (Which is why we're called 11th ACR Vets of Viet Nam and Cambodia). President Nixon had finally allowed our side to go into that Communist sanctuary. He gave us two months to do what we could to take it out. Our guys did a lot considering that it was years late and we only had two months. I admit our troopers didn't take out 100% like we wanted, but our side sure did slow down the communist side. We could have cleaned up the whole mess, but our political side decided to "negotiate" instead. But never mind that. QL13 was still our way out of Cambodia. Not the way in. The Fish Hook was the way in. Coming out was a lot easier than going in had been. It was a pretty cheerful day, actually, as I recall. We came out of Cambodia and just kept on moving. We went on past Loc Ninh, past Quan Li, past Lai Khe and past a lot of old ambush and firefight sites too. Funny thing, we went on past engineers that were actually paving over QL13. Guess it wouldn't be Thunder Run any more. At least there wouldn't be so much thunder. Our days in the AO were over. We were going down to beat the bush around Long Binh and then start phasing out of country altogether. Took a couple more

years, but it happened.

So, a lot happened along QL13, Thunder Run. There are hundreds of stories that could be told from you troopers who made the run. Like the E Troop ambush near QL13 south of Quan Loi in August of '69 when John Sexton was taken POW - and kept locked up for 2 1/2 years in remote jungle camps in Cambodia. Or like branching off QL13 at Loc Ninh to go up QL14 to Bo Duc and Bu Dop to clear that overgrown highway so the Vietnamese could use it again. Stories about that too. Or like convoying along QL13 to go on a rare stand-down, a once-a-year, if ever, happening to get the machinery operating right again. Remember? I guess if most of the reminiscences at the reunions were just about what happened along Thunder Run, it would fill a year of talking and remembering. And for you troopers who didn't do QL13, you did Highway 1 or Another Run. Those were wild rides too.

One thing about Thunder Run, it was always a wild ride. You didn't always know how it was going to wind up, especially when you ran into an ambush or had a few RPGs aimed your way. But you sure knew where you were going when you were on that run. Off the road you could lose your way. I saw it happen. But when that track, that ACAV, M48, M548, Hog or Sheridan was running down the center of QL13, whichever direction didn't matter, you knew exactly where you were headed. It was a ride you'll remember for a lifetime. When you check the masthead of this 11thACVVC paper, you'll remember. Maybe you'll even feel a little nostalgia. Why not?

Life itself is sort of like Thunder Run, QL13. Many memories, many adventures, many experiences, many relationships. It's like riding with the Blackhorse along that Run - you can see where you're going. Just stay on the road, fix your eyes straight ahead and keep on truckin'. And when it gets to where the rubber really hits the road of life the wise trooper will examine his direction, check his map and see where he is on his Life's Run or whether he's off the course for where he wants to go. When we consider that every one of us is on the road of life and we're heading somewhere, it's wise and reasonable to check the destination of the route you're on. If you know me, you'll know I recommend taking the road that leads to life, to God. Eternal life with God your Creator. A quote from Jesus the Messiah, the Son of

God makes the life map clear: "Don't be troubled. You trust God, now trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's home, and I am going to prepare a place for you. If this were not so, I would tell you plainly. When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. And you know where I am going and how to get there. 'No we don't, Lord,' Thomas said. 'We haven't any idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus told him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.'" (John 14:1-6).

Well, QL13, Thunder Run, is full of meaning and memories. Whatever our experiences, whatever our adventures along that road, they stick with us to this day. Our lives

were changed for all time. We grew up. We learned life. We learned what life meant in very many ways. I trust and pray that, whatever our experiences along Thunder run, we are better for it. I trust and pray, in a similar way, that life and it's meaning and fullness has it's fullest meaning for each of us too. And that is in it's fullest adventure which is with God our Creator through Jesus his son keeping us in the center of the way, right on course until the very end. Allons!

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

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## Women's Corner

By Barb Moreno

**H**i Girls: Spring has finally arrived, or at least that's what the calendar says. Even if you are still experiencing some of that cold, wet stuff, I hope you will turn your thoughts to August and our next gathering being held in Washington D.C.

Having grown up in the D.C. area, I know there are a lot of exciting and historical sites to explore. And I'm sure that many of you are looking forward to doing some touring. I know that no matter how many times I visit the Vietnam Memorial, it always makes me cry. And standing on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, I feel a mixture of pride and sadness. Pride in knowing that President Lincoln gave so many their freedom but sadness knowing that so many had to give their lives in order to obtain that freedom. .

But there is also another thing that makes me proud. That is that I too served my country in the Army and that I married one of America's finest military members, a Blackhorse Trooper. I guess I'm fortunate that my husband returned to me without the nightmares and other fears that many of our men still have. For those of you who love your husband, brother, son, uncle or just a friend who can't seem to let go of their time in Vietnam, then I invite you, even beg you, to join us on Saturday morning as we women get together to discuss "PTSD".

At this year's get together on Saturday morning (9am) we will have a guest speaker by the name of Judy Gaudino. Judy was the director of the drop-in service centers in Vietnam and also served at five different military bases in Vietnam. Today Judy serves as a counselor to the VVA Chapter 233 in New Jersey. She has a masters degree in social work and is a licensed clinical social worker. She has been counseling veterans and their families for over 15 years. We are very fortunate to have her come and speak with us about "PTSD" and how we can help those whom we love cope with it.

Also at this year's reunion we will have our own 'Bunker' room on Friday night where we can just get together and talk about whatever we feel like talking about. One of our 'girls', Mitsi Johnson, has offered to bring some of her Mary Kay supplies and we can have a good time giving each other a make over. Hmm, do you think she can turn me into a movie star? (ha-ha) Our bunker will open at about 7pm and remain open as late as you all want to stay. So, come join us, laugh a little, cry a little and make a whole bunch of new friends.

See you in Washington. Barb Moreno is the 11th ACVVC women's coordinator and is the wife of Retired SFC Bob Moreno of G Troop.

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## Final Warning

There will be no mailing of the annual black and white calendar this year to all members for a donation to the scholarship fund!

To commemorate the once-in-a-lifetime occasion of the 100th year of the 11th U.S. Cavalry, we are producing a large (17 x 11 inch) glossy color calendar—much larger than the typical calendar. Everyone who has seen the proof copy has been blown away. It is simply awesome. The word has spread and even civilians, cavalry enthusiasts and other Cav units are ordering copies. The clerk at the Post Office who helped wrap the proofs was so impressed; she ordered one for herself and more for gifts.

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## The origin of our Jungle Boots

by Ollie Pickral

I'm not the author of this information as I came across it while I was bidding on a pair of our jungle boots on ebay. The following is the description given about the boots from that bid. Oh, and yes, I did successfully win that bid. Size 8R was probably pretty common so this size is hard to find.

The army's tropical combat boot, or jungle boot, was one of the most successful clothing innovations of the Vietnam War. Its development was begun in 1955 as an attempt to overcome a major problem in the footwear used in World War II and in Korea.

Because of the failure of the Goodyear welt stitching in that footwear, the sole often separated from the boot. This problem was particularly prevalent in jungle climates, commonly occurring after a month's exposure to constant dry-wet conditions. To overcome this defect, the Army Quartermaster and Engineering Research Command adopted the vulcanized sole process, first developed in Europe.

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The first three types of direct molded sole (DMS) tropical combat boots were tested in Panama during 1960-61. The boots were styled after World War II, 1943-pattern combat boots with buckled cuff, except that a screened eyelet was added at the inside shank of each boot and a Swiss Vibram-pattern mountain-climbing sole was used.

The three types varied only in their upper materials. An all-leather, an all-nylon, and a combination style were tried. The all-leather uppers proved uncomfortably hot and heavy, and the all-nylon uppers did not provide enough support of protection against external objects. The combination style-nylon duck upper with a leather foot portion (vamp and counter-pocket) vulcanized directly to a rubber-cleated sole, was the most satisfactory and retained this superiority in all subsequent boot-designed tests.

My comment is that we still went through 2 or 3 pairs of them in our 1-year tours.

# 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam & Cambodia, (11ACVVC)



## Reunion XVI



### Washington, DC ❖❖❖ August 3 - 5, 2001

#### REGISTRATION FEES

Each attendee, both adults and children: Pre-registration \$75 each. \$85 at door. Registration fees include hospitality room, Friday night Stable Your Mount Party (Soda/Beer/Finger Food), Saturday Memorial Service, Bus service to Ft. Myers, Saturday Banquet & Dance You MUST register and wear your name tag for all functions.

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Appel, Frank F	E TRP, 2/11	68-69	Mackerman, Richard	HHT, 3/11	68-69
Ayers, Fred D	G TRP, 2/11	67-68	Mcmillon, Jackie	G TRP, 2/11	70-71
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Balas, Tony	F TRP, 2/11	70-71	Menefee, Douglas D	A TRP, 1/11	69-70
Bonhomme, Gary W	HHT, 3/11	69-70	Miller, James H	A TRP, 1/11	66-67
Boynton, Leon J	HOW, 3/11	69-69	Mitchell, John	M CO, 3/11	66-67
Brazeau, Jim	HHT, 1/11	67-68	Nelson, James R	F TRP, 2/11	71-72
Brown, James O Jr	I TRP, 3/11	67-67	Pinion, Gary	I TRP, 3/11	69-69
Carver, Richard L	409TH RRD	67-68	Putnam, Frank	J HHT, 3/11	68-70
Coldiron, Thomas P	E TRP, 2/11	70-71	Rector, David F	I TRP, 3/11	66-67
Coyne, Micheal	D CO, 1/11	67-68	Red Elk, George G	D CO, 1/11	68-69
Crane, Kevin J	G TRP, 2/11	70-71	Rissi, David J	HOW, 3/11	67-68
Davis, Gerald D	27TH ENGR	67-69	Roberts, James W	HHT, 3/11	69-70
Davis, T J	L TRP, 3/11	66-67	Robinson, Roosevelt	E TRP, 2/11	69-70
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Ferguson, Carl F	K TRP, 3/11	69-70	Russell, Charles F	M CO, 3/11	70-71
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## Journey to Fiddler's Green

We're sorry to report the following Troopers have taken the journey to Fiddler's Green. Our deep-felt sympathy and sincere condolences to their families and friends.

**Gary Sauls**, A Life member of 11 ACVVC, of I Troop, 1967 – 68 died in 1994, from complications of Agent Orange.

**William (Bill) L. Weaver**, of C Troop, 1969 – 70 died on July 23, 2000, from a heart attack. His wife Connie donated to our Scholarship fund in his honor.

**Robert "Baby San" Pagel**, of G Troop, 1970 – 71 died on October 16, 1981, from a single car accident.

**Joseph N. Cardinelli**, a member of 11 ACVVC, of L Troop, 1969 – 71, from cancer.

**Donald M. Stark**, of HHT, 2nd Sqdn., 1971 died in 1995, cause of death is unknown.

**Gene L. "Turtle" Tonn**, a member of 11 ACVVC, of L Troop, 1968 – 69, died in 2000, from a suspected error on a prescription he took.

**Robert L. Schweitzer**, a Life member of 11 ACVVC, of HH Troop, Regiment (XO), 1970-71, and later the 45th Colonel of the Regiment. He died September 16, 2000 from cancer.

**Donald R. Jamison**, a member of 11 ACVVC, of the 919th Combat Engineers, 1967 – 68, from lung cancer and perhaps from Agent Orange. He died on May 6, 2000.

**Rodney Hicks**, of Air Cav Troop, from carbon – monoxide poisoning. He died on February 14, 2001 at a rodeo in Houston, TX. Rodney was asleep in the bunk portion of his horse trailer whereby fumes from the exhaust system entered the cabin. Rodney was a chopper pilot while assigned to the 11th Cav.

**Dave Mapel, Jr.**, a member of 11 ACVVC, of HHT, 1st Sqdn., 1969, on December 19, 2000 (six days after his wife passed on).

**Albert R. Terney**, a Life member of 11 ACVVC, of HHT, 3rd Sqdn., May '66 – June '67. Albert was a Warrant Officer while serving with the 11th Cav.

## Reunion Update

By Jack Burns

■ Attention Troopers and families attending Reunion XVI

Our hotel is the HYATT REGENCY WASHINGTON ON CAPITAL HILL, 400 New Jersey Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. There are many Hyatt hotels in and around Washington. Be sure you specify this hotel when taking shuttles, taxi cabs or asking directions. Otherwise you could end up at the wrong hotel.

### Transportation

(The hotel does not operate a shuttle)

#### From Reagan National Airport:

Reagan National Airport is closest to the hotel. Super Shuttle will get you to the hotel for \$9 one way per person. Taxi cabs start at \$9 plus (about \$12 to the hotel). Some taxicabs may charge a surcharge of 50 cents or \$1 for extra persons or baggage. Metrorail runs from National Airport to Union Station. (Hotel is 2 blocks from Union Station.) Metrorail fares vary from \$1.10 and up, depending on time of day and distance traveled. One way fare to Union Station should be under \$3. However, you must change trains at one of the transfer stations enroute.

#### From Dulles International Airport:

Dulles International Airport is 28 miles west of Washington. Washington Flyer Express bus (888-WASHFLY) to Union Station is \$16 oneway/\$26 round trip. (Hotel is 2 blocks from Union Station.) Washington Flyer taxicab is \$43.50 one way.

#### From Baltimore-Washington Airport:

Baltimore-Washington Airport (BWI) is north of Washington. Super Shuttle from BWI to hotel is \$28 for first person and \$10 for each additional person. A return shuttle is available from the hotel to BWI, \$30 for 1st person, \$5 for 2nd, 3rd and 4th person, and \$10 each additional person. You must reserve these seats in advance at the concierge desk in the hotel lobby for this returning shuttle. Amtrak (\$20 one way for the 32 minute trip) and MARC (\$5.75 for a 41 minute trip one-way) trains will take you from BWI Station to Union Station. (Hotel is 2 blocks from Union Station.)

Please note: MARC trains run on *week-days only*, there is no MARC trains service on Saturday or Sunday. There is a free shuttle between the airport terminal and BWI

railroad station.

Taxicab rates vary. Washington is surrounded by several counties in Maryland and Virginia. Each jurisdiction has its own rules. Some cabs charge by zones and others charge by miles. It is best to ask the driver for the approximate fare before entering the cab so there will be no surprises at the end of the trip.

### Parking

The hotel has valet parking only. It is \$24 per night. The best deal I found was at National Airport long-term Economy parking, \$7 per 24 hours. Take shuttle, taxi or Metro to hotel. A good deal if you are driving in and just want to park the car for the duration. National airport is about 6 miles from the hotel. You may want to search the web for Washington parking lots. [www.sun-park.com](http://www.sun-park.com) is one. Try looking for one near a metro station. It will save you walking or cab fare. There is parking available at Union Station.

### Tours

You can arrange your own tours at the hotel concierge desk. We may try to arrange tour to Fort Meade, if possible, on Friday. The Regiment deployed to Vietnam from there in 1966. Anyone interested in such a tour should advise the reunion chairman. If there is enough interest, we will see if the folks at Fort Meade can accommodate us. There will be a fee to cover the cost of the trip. *(Those traveling by rail from BWI can see part of Fort Meade on the right side of the train a few minutes after leaving BWI Station. The train passes by the railhead at Fort Meade.)*

There are a lot of places to see in and around Washington. If you want to make your own plans you can get information from the following:

- ♦ 1-800-VISIT-DC [www.visitdc.com](http://www.visitdc.com)
- ♦ 1-800-VISIT-VA
- ♦ 1-800-MD IS FUN [www.mdisfun.org](http://www.mdisfun.org)

Any questions about airport connections, parking, tours, etc. can best be answered by the concierge desk at the hotel. Call them at: 202- 737-1234. They say they can handle parking of vans and RV's. I suggest calling the concierge desk ahead of time regarding your requirements

See you in DC for the "Reunion of our Century"

Jack

# THE 10TH ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE GOLF TOURNAMENT

## Thursday, August 2, 2001 At Fort Belvoir, Virginia



**G**olf outing is for all members, family, and friends of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, past and present. The outing is open to men and women. \$60.00 per golfer includes greens fees, carts, balls, tees, lunch, beer, soda and prizes for: low gross, low handicap, high gross, low foursome (modified Callaway handicap system), longest drive, closest to the pin. Fill in the form below and mail it with a check for \$60.00 per golfer payable to Donald Brydge to the address below.

**Form and fee must be received by July 15th 2001!** We cannot guarantee a tee-time if form and fee is received after July 15th!!!!

You do not need to have a foursome to enter. Include your average score for 18 holes and I'll pair you with a golfer of equal talent; or include the names of all the golfers in the group that you are paying for. Don't delay!!!Mail today!!!

### 10TH ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE GOLF TOURNAMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Average Score \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Average Score \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Average Score \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Checks To: **Donald Brydge, 905 Ashbrook Ct., Virginia Beach, Va. 23464**

*The 11th ACVVC or Blackhorse Assn. is not responsible financially or in any other way for the golf tournament. It must be noted that the 11th ACVVC will not be held accountable, for any reason, for any facet of the golf tournament.*

#### Erratum

The article titled, 11th U.S. Volunteer Cavalry: Heritage of the 11th Cavalry "Blackhorse" Regiment," written by Frank Cambria, contained typing errors due to software incompatibility and not errors from his original text.

# 11ACVVC will represent all Vietnam vets in DC

by Eric Newton

The whole world may be watching our events in the capitol this summer. Washington is high on the list of news making places and is the location of countless major media offices. High profile politicians and other dignitaries may attend our events.

With that much news focus we must all make a special effort to present the best possible image of the 11th US Cavalry, Vietnam veterans, the military and our generation.

It is suggested you do not wear jungle fatigues or camo outside the hotel. Appropriate quartermaster items include hats and shirts. There is nothing the media likes better than to zoom in on some unshaven, shabby, camo fatigue, jungle booted homeless looking vet to project a beaten down loser. We are not losers. You went to secure freedom for an oppressed people and to block the spread of communism. Other countries benefited and remained free because of your stand in Vietnam. You my friends kicked butt. The South Vietnamese lost their war three years after you left.

If you feel uncomfortable answering a reporters question, please refer them to any official of the 11th ACVVC. Stumbles and blunders have a way of finding their way to Saturday Night Live.

Please be well dressed and neatly groomed to present the positive look of proud veterans. Remember, you are representing to the public the perception of ALL Vietnam Veterans. And they as well as you deserve the respect you earned.

See you in DC

Eric Newton served with K Troop, '68-'69. He is an 11 ACVVC director and the Public Information Officer



## From the Quartermaster...

Rodney H. George

Greetings to all. The quartermaster has been kept very busy lately with a large number of orders. Keep up the good work. This issue contains a new quartermaster form. We have several new items that were tested at the last reunion and have met with approval. They are a tote bag for the ladies, a barbeque apron and a gear bag. Also we have a limited supply of the 100 year commemorative coins.

One of the things that will become apparent as you scan the order form is that some items have undergone price increases. We have put off raising prices for as long as we could. However, we are being hurt by continued price increases on the items we sell and even more so by the jump in costs to mail items through the post office. We were over 400 dollars in the red on the cost of shipping and handling as opposed to what we charge for same. For example, in my last mailing there were three packages that required postage of \$10.44, \$11.71 and \$13.60 This comes to \$35.75. We took in \$15.00(3x 5.00). So on postage alone, we lost \$20.75 plus the cost of the packaging which was at least another \$6.00 This example is just so you can understand that we are not raising prices capriciously. We have to

average our shipping costs so that over the year we reach a break-even point.

We are still doing our best to bring you items at the lowest prices that we can and still provide a slight profit margin to the organization for our commitments like the scholarship fund.

The one thing that I can guarantee you is that my cost to you for running the quartermaster store will not increase. It was \$0 00 for the last year just like every year before that! My labor is all donated free of charge to ensure that there will continue to be a Quartermaster store for you to use. So to the several of you that have suggested we could keep prices down by my taking less profit, all I have to say is that if I cut \$0 by 100% it is still \$0.

I would like to remind you that old forms will not be accepted after 04-01-01. Please make sure you use the updated form. Also take time to check your order and ensure that the addition is correct and that you are sending it to the correct location. I do QM forms not membership, and if you send QM forms to membership they have no way to process them. Avoid delays and lost forms by mailing them to the correct address.

## R & R – In country





# Quartermaster

11TH ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

## ORDER FORM

Product Description	Code	\$ Amt	Size	Qty	\$ Total
Coffee Mug, white 11oz w/full color Blackhorse insignia .....	B	6.00		_____	_____
Hat, Black Poplin adjustable w/full color direct embroidery Blackhorse insignia. ....	A	10.00		_____	_____
Key ring, 1.5 " Acrylic square w/full color Blackhorse insignia .....	A	3.00		_____	_____
Bumper Sticker "I Rode With The Blackhorse w/full color BH insignia .....	A	2.00		_____	_____
Window Sticker, full color BH insignia and Vietnam service ribbon .....	A	2.00		_____	_____
History Book, "Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam" .....	B	25.00		_____	_____
Watch, BH insignia on face, leather band (indicate choice) Man's Woman's .....	A	20.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, (indicate choice) colored subdued .....	A	4.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Challenge Coin, Antique silver 1.75" BH insignia/VN map on faces .....	A	12.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse 100 year memorial coin, 1.75" crossed sabers/BH insignia new .....	A	12.00		_____	_____
Belt Buckle, solid brass w/crossed sabers & BH insignia .....	B	15.00		_____	_____
Flag, indoor/outdoor 3'x5' with color insignia .....	B	50.00		_____	_____
Lighter, "Zippo" style brushed chrome w/full color BH insignia .....	B	15.00		_____	_____
License Plate, metal red & white background with crossed sabers & 11 .....	B	5.00		_____	_____
License Plate Frame, metal, black w/Blackhorse - 11th US Cavalry in white .....	B	6.00		_____	_____
Attache Case w/shoulder strap 11.5" x 15.5" w/dir emb. BH insignia & VN rib .....	B	30.00		_____	_____
Tote Bag, white, 12x12x6 w/full color BH insignia new .....	A	20.00		_____	_____
Barbeque Apron, white, 24x30 w/full color BH insignia new .....	A	25.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Pin .....	A	3.00		_____	_____
11th ACR Regimental Creast .....	A	3.00		_____	_____
Pin, "Xuan Loc" .....	A	3.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Cavalry Pin, brass, 11 over crossed sabers .....	A	5.00		_____	_____
Reunion pin (indicate choice), Indianapolis, Las Vegas, Appleton New Orleans, San Diego, Buffalo .....	A	1.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Women's Pendant w/chain, 10k gold w/full BH insignia .....	B	70.00		_____	_____
Gear Bag, red with color BH .....	B	35.00		_____	_____
Men's Ring, 10k gold w/full color BH insignia on face (specify size) .....	B	275.00		_____	_____

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

Blackhorse T-shirt, 100% cotton, pre-shrunk, full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black (check one) .....	A	16.00		_____	_____
Henley Shirt, 100% cotton, short sleeve, round neck w/full color BH insignia and VN ribbon. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White .....	A	20.00		_____	_____
Golf Shirt, 100% cotton w/full color BH insignia on left front. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White (check one) .....	A	30.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Sweatshirt, 50% cotton, 50% acrylic w/full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black (check one) .....	A	25.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon, snap front, quilted lining w/full color BH insignia, (6" back ), crossed sabers (front right) and Allons insignia (front left) .....	A	70.00		_____	_____

Shipping Costs: A items = \$4.00; B items = \$6.00 (max shipping is \$6.00 per order)

**Subtotal** \_\_\_\_\_

**Shipping and Handling** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prices effective to 12-31-01. All price lists previous to 04-01-01 invalid**

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check if address change

Please include the largest of chosen items S/H costs with your order. Maximum per order form charge is \$6.00. Checks or Money Orders should be made payable to "11th ACVVC." Allow six weeks for processing and delivery. **Prices effective until 12-31-01. Previous price lists invalid.** Mail order to: **11th ACVVC Quartermaster, c/o Rodney H. George, 21450 West Ninemile Road, Huson, MT 59846**

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

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

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

TYPE MEMBERSHIP:  NEW  RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL (\$15)  LIFE (\$100)

LIFE Plan (\$25 enclosed, plus 3 payments of \$25 in 3, 6 and 9 months)

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

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

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

Please make checks/money orders payable to: **11th ACV VC**. Mail this form with your check or money order (no cash) to: **11th ACVVC Membership, Bill Holford, 8515 Shoal creek Blvd., Austin, TX 78757-7548.**

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**It's not the price you pay to belong,  
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