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

Elections Scheduled for 2007 Reunion

By Frank Cambria, 11ACVVC Secretary

The following Officers and Directors of the 11th ACVVC have their current terms in Office expiring on 12/31/07:

1. President Chuck Schmidt
2. Vice President Allen Hathaway
3. Secretary Frank R. Cambria
4. Treasurer Ollie Pickral
5. Director Jim Holt

Each of the five above terminating Officers and Directors has confirmed that they will be running for re-election in their current positions at the election to be held at the 2007 Reunion.

Additional nominations for these positions may be made in person from the floor at the 2007 Reunion General Meeting. All candidates for office **must be** dues-paid Life members. Each eligible candidate will have an equal opportunity to address the membership at the General Meeting to state his qualifications for the position.

Note: Prior active duty rank is **never** a factor for nomination with the 11th ACVVC. The current serving Board consists of former draftees, NCOs, a “mustang,” and a West Point graduate. The 2nd Quarter 2007 issue of *Thunder Run* contains a review of election procedures as dictated by our bylaws.

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On To Louisville, Reunion XXII

By Jim Griffiths, Editor, Thunder Run

Looeyville, Lewisville, Louahvul or Louieville. No matter how you pronounce it, this reunion will be one of the most memorable in recent years. Louisville will now hold the distinction of being the only site to host (3) 11th ACVVC Reunions. Others were in 1988, where attendance was three hundred sixty seven and 1996 where the attendance was a still standing Reunion record of two thousand and twenty six. It is our intention to blow that 1996 record off the face of the earth September 6th –9th this year.

Louisville is a natural setting for 11th ACVVC Reunions. It is located just down the road from Ft. Knox. A large number of our members have an affinity for and wistful, nostalgic memories of Ft. Knox. It is the place many of us first cut our teeth in our military experience. Whether it was for Basic Combat Training and/or Advanced Individual Training in Armor, what was then known as the United States Training Center Armor cannot avoid conjuring up memories for many of us.

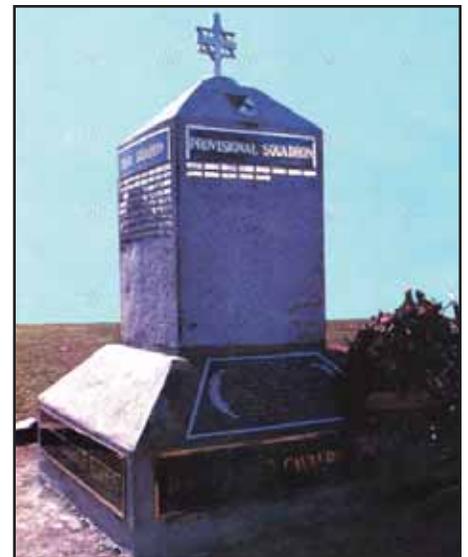
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Memories Cast in Stone...



The 11th Armored Cavalry Memorial Monument as it looked in Vietnam 1968. Come to Reunion XXII to see how the Memorial looks in 2007



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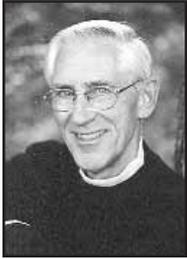
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From The Command Track

By Chuck Schmidt, President



Chuck Schmidt,
President, 11th ACVVC

I want to thank all of the great volunteers that make the 11th ACVVC the absolute best Regimental/Brigade size veterans' organization in the country. Our volunteers and you, the active membership, are the spark that allows us to thrive. Without your support we would not experience the success that we have enjoyed with our programs. We can always count on about 1,200 of you to make sure the scholarship program, reunions, our superb web site, our Quartermaster Store, and other vital services are viable and serving the needs of the membership.

Right now, we need some more of you to step up to the plate because a couple of our Chairmen are planning to retire and move on to other endeavors. Gene Johnson (E-Troop, 2/11, '70-'71) is stepping down from his duties as Scholarship Chair. Gene has held this position for about four years and during his tenure the program has flourished. We need a volunteer to serve as the Chair for a minimum of a two-year time frame. Rick O'Dell (919th Eng, '68-'69) will be leaving as Service Chair and is being replaced by Jack Morrison (A Troop, 1/11, '67-'69). Pete Walter (HOW, 3/11, '70) has requested relief from the Funeral Honor Guard Chair, and we will need to find a replacement. If you are interested in volunteering to fill any of these vacancies, please let us know. You can call any of the Officers or Directors and we will consider your requests. If you want to know more about the duties of each position, including other committees, call the current chairman for details. We are always looking for hard working members to chair or assist on our committees. Our departing volunteers will remain a vital part of the organization, and I cannot thank them enough for their services over the years. ALLONS!

The events and details for the XXII Reunion in Louisville (6-9 September) continue to be worked out. We are looking forward to the best gathering yet, and it appears that many of you agree. As I write this edition of the Command Track on 22 July 2007, we already have over 750 rooms booked at

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the Galt House Hotel for Friday and Saturday nights and both dinner cruises on the Belle of Louisville are full. We apologize to any who wanted to take advantage of this event but were unable to get on. As we published in the last two issues of Thunder Run, reservations had to be on a "First Come, First Served" basis because of limited passenger capacity. The Schedule of Events published in this issue is locked in at the present time and will probably not change significantly. When you register you will get an updated schedule in your packet along with other information you will need for the weekend. Since we anticipate a huge crowd, we ask for your patience and cooperation as we will need to orchestrate the movement to Fort Knox on Saturday as well as myriad other activities. It is going to be a great time as well as a significantly moving event. Looking forward to seeing all of you there—the more the better!

Due to the trip to Fort Knox for the Memorial Ceremony and rededication of the Monument to our lost comrades, we have had to move the Annual Business Meeting to Saturday afternoon instead of Saturday morning. I urge all of you to attend as important issues will be addressed as well as the selection of a reunion site for 2009 (we will be going to Chicago in 2008) and election of all four Officers for a two-year term and one Director for a three-year term. Saturday will be a busy day and it will be important that you still make time to visit with your buddies with whom you share so many memories.

We hope to have a significant number of family members (NOK) of our fallen comrades attend both the reunion in Louisville and the ceremonies at Fort Knox. Through the efforts of Joe Willey (HHT, Regt, '69-'70) Chairman of Operation Embrace, we have been able to locate and notify many families and welcome them as part of the 11thACVVC "Band of Brothers".

In this issue, you will see recognition of the ten "Colonels of the Regiment" who led us during our six years in Vietnam. Additionally, there is a tribute to Major

General George S. Patton who passed away in 2004. General Patton came to a number of our reunions, and is fondly remembered by those of us who had the privilege to serve with him. The first two issues of Thunder Run this year we remembered Generals Cobb and Gerrity. In future issues, we will feature our four other deceased Commanders as well as the three who survive. I think it is appropriate for us to do this as all of us can identify our period of Vietnam service with one or more of these outstanding Combat Leaders. I personally served under five of the ten in my twelve months in country. Seems unusual, but it was just a matter of circumstances of dates as I served from July 1967 through mid August 1968. Additionally, we plan to feature our three Medal of Honor awardees in the near future.

The women's group will be offering a Blackhorse Lap Blanket for sale as a fundraiser for the Scholarship Program and Trooper Assistance fund. I urge you to support their efforts and I thank you for the continued support of the Quartermaster Store. The sale of memorabilia and other items through the Quartermaster is one of the few sources of funding of our day-to-day activities.

Finally, *Support Our Troops!!* Our country currently has more soldiers in harms way than at any time since the Vietnam War. This armed force of total volunteers deserves our unyielding support both in praying for their safe return home to their loved ones and for the success of their mission. Agree with the current deployment or not, but never waiver in full support of their gallant efforts. A simple handshake and thanks is all that is necessary to show them that we are there for them and are grateful for their sacrifices. As I have previously mentioned in this column, less than 1% of the entire population is bearing 100% of the burden of serving and fighting this war. The rest of us may lament and sympathize, but they still must carry the responsibility for our defense. *We Salute These Brave And Dedicated Men And Women!! Allons!!*

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REUNION 2007 (XXII)

LOUISVILLE, KY
 SEPTEMBER 6-9, 2007

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1-800-THE-GALT (843-4258), or: 1-502-589-5200

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(SO = Single Occupancy; DO = Double Occupancy)

(Rates good for three days prior and three days after dates listed)

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Join us as we rededicate our restored Memeorial at Fort Knox

REGISTRATION FORM



11thACVVC Reunion XXII ♦ Louisville, KY Thursday, September 6th thru Sunday, September 9th, 2007



Make hotel reservations separately at:
THE GALT HOUSE, 140 N FOURTH ST, 40202
1-502-589-5200 or 1-800-THE GALT (843-4258)

Registration fee is \$88.00 per person. This fee is required for attendance at any of the scheduled program events including the "Bunker" on Thursday and Friday, lunch on Saturday at Fort Knox and the Saturday Banquet. (Transportation to Fort Knox and lunch at Fort Knox is included in the Registration Fee)

Please Register Early and Print All Information Below:

Name: _____ Telephone No: _____

Address: _____ Email address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Unit Assignment: _____ Years in Country _____
list only **one** Troop/Company (ie B Troop 66/1967 or H Co 69/70) (i.e. 66/67)

Attendees

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
TOTAL	\$ _____

Banquet Meal Selection:(choose one per banquet attendee): _____ Chicken _____ Beef _____ Veggie

Special dietary needs: Yes No Please indicate needs: _____

Wheelchair requirements: Yes No Is this your first reunion Yes No

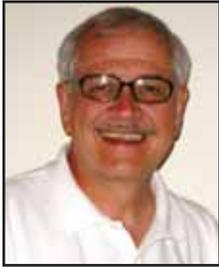
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Check One: VISA MASTER CARD Credit Card Number: _____

Exp Date: Mo _____ Yr _____ Signature _____ (Required for MC or Visa)

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c/o Ollie Pickral
571 Ditchley Road
Kilmarnock, VA 22482

The planning for Reunion XXII is just about complete. Hotel room bookings are way ahead of schedule. The DJ has been booked. We have hired some entertainment for The Bunker. Busses are all set to take us to The Memorial Service at Fort Knox. BOTH CRUISES ARE FULLY BOOKED UP—NO MORE SPACES! This Reunion will be very large we ask for your patience. Many hours of thought and planning have gone into this Special Event. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Louisville.



Jim Griffiths, Editor
Thunder Run

Editor's Corner

James M. "Jim" Griffiths

In mid July the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians hosted a four day visit of the Vietnam Traveling Wall on their grounds in Peshawbestown, MI. The Wall was placed between highway M-22 and Grand Traverse Bay which is a large bay at the northern end of Lake Michigan.

I learned from a posting from Joe Willey (Operation Embrace) on the 11th ACVVC's website that there was to be a ceremony at the Traveling Wall for one of our 11th Armored Cavalry Brothers that was KIA in Vietnam and a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa. This Trooper was SP/4 Melvin U. Wanageshik from B Troop, 1/11, 11th ACR, KIA 02/19/1968.

Later I found out that I would be traveling in the area so I contacted the Grand Traverse Ottawa and Chippewa and gathered information on the timing of the ceremony so that I could proudly represent the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia in honoring one of our fallen Brother Troopers at this Ceremony. I considered it a privilege to do this and am extremely grateful to the Grand Traverse Band for their gracious hospitality and enthusiastic informational assistance given to me in this venture.

The Ceremony for the Grand Traverse Band was actually for three of their Tribal Member Descendants KIA in Vietnam of which Melvin U. Wanageshik was one of the three. I positioned myself near the Wall panel where Melvin's name was and watched a Wreath Laying and Warrior Song Ceremony in which Tribal Elders took part. (see picture). It was a moving experience.

Approximately 25 yards from the Wall was a Sacred Fire tended by one of the communities' Fire Keepers. I learned that The Fire provides a place to gather and for prayers and remembrances shared. It also allows the family to begin the mourning process with friends. It is a place of comfort for spiritual selves and those that have passed on. The fire and smoke provides a



Ottawa & Chippewa Tribal Elders from the Grand Traverse Band Indians performing Warriors' Song with relatives present during wreath laying ceremony at the Traveling Wall for Blackhorse Trooper Melvin U. Wanageshik (B Troop 1/11) 1967 and 1968, who was KIA on 2/19/1968.

way to bridge the divide. I was able to meet and talk to some of Melvin's relatives as well as other members of the Grand Traverse Band. This was a great experience.

When I was talking to one of the Band members Blackhorse symbols were noticed on my shirt and hat. I was asked "Are you to guy with the barn?" My answer was no, but I knew what the "barn" was because I had seen it.

About eight to ten miles north, on the same Route 22 where the Wall was located, stands the BARN of Mike Bartlett, K Troop, 3/11, 1969-1970. (see picture) Mike has his barn and yard decked out in a tremendous amount and variety of patriotic regalia. The picture shown does not do justice to the overwhelming scene on his property. Kudos to Mike and his show of

pride in the Blackhorse Regiment and the United States of America.

The trip I described will be tough to match for pleasure derived for a Blackhorse Vietnam Veteran like myself. I doubt that I will ever experience a similar trip to the traveling Wall and the barn being near the Wall location just enhanced the enjoyment of the weekend.

This issue of Thunder Run is loaded with and dominated by information concerning Reunion XXII to be held in Louisville in September. I look forward with great anticipation to seeing first timers and next of kin of our KIA's there. The Memorial Rededication promises to be solemn occasion. Be there!



Mike Bartlett (K Troop, 1969-1970) shows his Blackhorse pride with his magnificent barn

Reunion 2007 Update

Registration

By: Bob Moreno, G Troop
Reunion Registration Chairman

Registrations are still coming in great numbers. I have been saying all along that this reunion will be our biggest one yet and I see that you all are proving me correct.

At this time we have over 1150 registered. This includes troopers, family members, guests and most especially next of kin members.

Most of you have registered for one of the two cruises that are being offered and that is wonderful. Having been stationed several times at Fort Knox, Barb and I have had the opportunity to go on a cruise. It is very relaxing and greatly enjoyable. I received the cruise tickets this weekend from the cruise line and we are sorry to tell you that the cruises are all booked up. We will contact those of you who ordered tickets that cannot be met concerning a refund.

I would like to take this time to thank you all for being so complete in your registrations. I have had to make very few phone calls this year to ask how things are spelled or what year(s) you were in Viet Nam.

I also want to tell you about the different name tags that we will have this year. There will be a display of them in case you forget. Registered reunion folks will have WHITE name tags, cruise only will have PINK or YELLOW name tags (these folks are not eligible for anything other than the cruise) depending on which cruise you are on, (again this name tag is for those folks who are doing the cruise ONLY), next of Kin will have a BLUE name tag, and Board of Directors will be wearing an orangey colored one.

There will be many busses going to the rededication ceremony on Saturday. I strongly urge you to take the bus. Parking is at a premium there and most of it will probably be taken up by The Chuckwagon Gang with all their equipment, and registration will need to have space too as their name tag making supplies need to go with them for any KIA family members who just show up for the service.

Well, folks that's all I can think of for this time. So until we meet in Louisville in September my family and I wish you all a happy and safe summer.

Silent Auction

We are coming down the home stretch in preparations for the Louisville Reunion! We have had several items already donated for the silent auction. As you know this is an important fund-raiser for our 11th ACVVC Scholarship Program. We still need you the membership to step up and provide more of those great items for our auction. They can be one-of-a-kind items that are made by many of our talented members or items of interest that are purchased from various sources. PLEASE: NO "White Elephant" items. Of particular interest are items that are Blackhorse related.

You may notify me of any items that you are providing for this event by calling me, Rod George, at 1-406-626-5819 or by email at RHG1EKG2@AOL.com. I would like to thank you in advance for the great job that you do in providing these items for our silent auction! It is you the member that provides the strength of our organization!

Items may be mailed to Terry D. Stivers, 3509 Chapel Lane, New Albany, IN 47150

Allons,
Rod George, Silent Auction Chairman

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Each elected member of the Board of Directors is expected to attend two Board meetings annually 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 of Directors. 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.

Secretary Frank may be contacted at Captain.Frank@covad.net.

REUNION from page 1

Museum and adjacent Memorial Gardens which contains the Memorial dedicated to our brothers that paid the highest price during the Vietnam War. One of the highlights of the reunion is the rededication of our hallowed Monument at Ft. Knox on Saturday, September 8. This alone promises to make this reunion one of the most meaningful in recent years.

The Louisville Reunion is in the final stages of preparation. The reunion schedule has been finalized. Please take a few minutes to review the schedule. Saturday will be a very full day. It is important that we be on time for every event in order to stay on schedule.

At the time of this writing and with two months before the reunion, over 750 of the 1,300 rooms at the Galt House have been booked. This is a beautiful hotel in downtown Louisville on the banks of the Ohio River. More information on the Galt House can be found at: www.galthouse.com

Both the 4:00pm and 7:00pm Belle of Louisville dinner cruises are full. The Belle is a National Historic Landmark and one the most recognizable symbols of the city of

Louisville. The cruise has become a very appealing attraction for reunion attendees. www.belleoflouisville.org

The Odessa Chuck Wagon Gang is all set to serve a barbeque lunch at Fort Knox following the Memorial Service and Rededication. www.ocwg.org. Many of us have experienced the outstanding performance of this outfit when they put on the feed at Ft. Irwin during ceremonies that welcomed the 11th ACR back from Iraq

Finally, a number of relatives of our fallen Blackhorse troopers are planning to attend the reunion and memorial service. Thanks to the volunteers of the Operation Embrace committee, over 600 relatives have been contacted. We are so pleased at the positive response received from those contacted. We welcome all of them with open arms.

It has been said that 3 strikes and you are out. The third Reunion at Louisville promises to be nothing of the sort but rather a grand slam home run instead. See you in there!

(Allen Hathaway contributed input to this article)

Calendar Fundraising Raffle

By Big Jim Holt, (How 1/11, 67-68)

Well here it is July already. The Reunion is just several months away. I will be making a deposit on Monday for \$2100 for the first week of Raffle donations for the Scholarship fund. This will be my 3rd year handling the Raffle and I believe that this is the largest total for the first week since I've been doing the Raffle.

We have a good list of scholarship applicants this year and if you have looked at college costs lately you know they could use our help.

For those of you who are new members of our organization or may not know the full story, let me give you some history. Back when we had our first Reunion in

1986 there weren't very many of us and we didn't have much money. We iced the beer down in a bathtub and discussed briefly about maybe one day giving a scholarship to go to college to one of our children. Ten years down the road we began slowly to give a few scholarships and it had continued to grow until last year we awarded \$81,000 for a ten year total of over \$456,000 dollars.

Where does this money come from you may ask? This money comes from you our members, families, and friends. It comes like it did this week in \$100 checks which are always appreciated; and in small checks and sometimes a few dollar bills with a note saying, "this is all I can afford right now," which always brings a tear to my eyes. I get more letters like the last than you would believe and when I get one from a spouse saying her husband has passed away, but here is a donation because he loved to give to the scholarship fund, it's almost more than I can stand.

So for those of you who are procrastinators and still have the Raffle tickets on your desk in a pile somewhere, dig it out and send us a donation. For those of you who for whatever reason have never given to the Raffle scholarship fund, remember this, we use every penny that you send us for scholarships. The costs for printing etc, comes out of the General Operation monies. You might actually be the winner of \$1000, \$750, \$500, or \$250 dollars. We do have a drawing at the Reunion each year and someone wins.

We have a good list of scholarship applicants this year and if you have looked at college costs lately you know they could use our help. We're only \$38,000 dollars away from the goal I've set this year for the Raffle and again I believe we'll make it just like we did in Vietnam, working together to support our common cause.

Allons!

Raffle Tickets Distributed

By Chuck Schmidt,
Member Scholarship Committee

The first stage of the Scholarship Fundraising for 2007 has gone extremely well. Through your generosity we exceeded our goal of \$35,000 by more than \$5,000. Thanks again to all who took the time to send in a donation. We are now in the middle of the next "leg" of our campaign and I am confident that you will respond just as generously as before. The Raffle Tickets have been mailed and we encourage you to send the stubs along with your donation as soon as possible. Drawing for the prizes will be held at the banquet during Reunion XXII in Louisville, KY. *You do not need to be present to win. Good luck!*

The 11th ACVVC Scholarship annual fundraising program consists of three "legs" to support our Children's education. The first is the **Calendar**, the second is the **Annual Raffle**, and finally the **Silent Auction** conducted during the Annual Reunion. Those who received a calendar, and just forgot to send in an intended donation may still do so. Just remove the envelope sent with the calendar, insert your donation (Visa or MasterCard are acceptable as well as check or money orders) and mail it in. Your support is critical and any amount is greatly appreciated.

The Annual Raffle will again have prizes of \$1,000 for the first place, \$750 for second, \$500 for third and \$250 for fourth. Last year more than \$38,000 was raised via the Raffle and Jim Holt (HOW, 1/11, '67-'68) has boldly set a goal of \$40,000 for this year. That means that at

least 1,000 members will have to purchase (donate) the full mailing of 40 tickets! The Committee is confident that you will come through as you always do in support of our kids who still have not completed college.

The final "leg" will be conducted in Louisville, KY during the XXII Annual Reunion. The Silent Auction is one of the highlights of the gathering. Donations of items or "in-kind" services for the Auction can be made at any time up to the day of the reunion itself. Those who wish to ship items can send them to Terry Stivers (B Troop, 1/11, '67-68). Terry has generously agreed to be the "Collector" this year and you can send items to: 11th ACVVC, c/o Terry Stivers, 3509 Chapel Lane, New Albany, IN 47150. Terry will make sure your donations show up in Louisville in good shape and on time. Members are reminded that items with an 11th Cavalry theme are always in demand, but any item of value and good taste is welcome. *No "White Elephants" Please.*

The Scholarship application deadline for 2007 has passed, and any applications received after the closing date of 15 May will be considered for next year. Again we have had many highly qualified candidates and we are in the process of deciding the winners and how many \$3,000 scholarships we will be able to award based on our fundraising efforts. Last year we awarded \$81,000 to eligible deserving young people and hope to exceed that amount this year—so *Please, Be Generous!!*

Allons!!

The “Yano” Comes Home



*Story and photo by PFC Sherri Bratt,
Regimental Civil Affairs, 11th Armored
Cavalry Regiment*

The UH-1 military aircraft, which was one of the most widely used helicopters during the Vietnam era, has a proud history in the U.S. Army, but the “Yano” has an even deeper place in the 11th Cavalry Regiment’s Blackhorse heart. The “Yano” is named after Medal of Honor Recipient Sgt. 1st Class Rodney J.T. Yano. This famous aircraft became a permanent fixture at Fort Irwin on June 1 and is now located at the corner of Fifth Street and B Avenue.

On Jan. 1, 1969, Sgt. 1st Class Yano volunteered to cover as a crew chief for a fellow soldier. As Sgt. 1st Class Yano and his crew approached Bien Hoa, Republic of Vietnam, the aircraft fell victim to antiaircraft fire. In the face of danger, Sgt. 1st Class Yano delivered suppressive fire and marked enemy positions with smoke and white phosphorous grenades, enabling his troop commander to direct accurate and effective artillery fire against the opposing forces.

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As the UH-1 continued to assault the enemy, a grenade prematurely detonated and covered Sgt. 1st Class Yano with burning phosphorous, leaving him severely wounded. Flaming fragments within the helicopter caused supplies and ammunition to detonate. Dense white smoke filled the UH-1, obscuring the pilot’s vision and causing him to lose control of the aircraft.

Although Sgt. 1st Class Yano had only the use of one arm he began hurling blazing ammunition from the helicopter. In doing so, he inflicted additional wounds upon himself, yet he persisted until the danger had passed. The helicopter landed safely. Although medical attention was rendered, within several days Sgt. 1st Class Yano had died from his injuries.

The Yano aircraft was found in 2003 by a group of retired 11th Armored Cavalry

Regiment veterans. As the veterans were touring a private museum in New York one of them recognized the tail number on a helicopter. After further investigation it was discovered that the aircraft was indeed the same UH-1 that carried Yano in 1969. One of the veterans made contact with Neil Morrison, curator of the NTC and 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Museum. Mr. Morrison contacted the private museum and arranged to get the aircraft to Fort Irwin.

“The provenance of that aircraft is that a Medal of Honor recipient, Sgt. 1st Class Yano, saved the crew and aircraft at the cost of his own life is paramount for preserving the Regiment’s history by having such a valued artifact for display,” Mr. Morrison said. *(Article and photo courtesy of PFC Sherri Bratt and The Fort Irwin & The National Training Center High Desert Warrior)*

Reunion XXII Louisville, KY

Schedule of Events – 6-9 September 2007

Wednesday, 5 September

1400-1800 Registration Open for Early Arrivals

Thursday, 6 September

0800-???? 16th Annual Marty Ognibene Memorial Golf Tournament

0900-1800 Registration Open

1000-1800 Quartermaster Store Open

1400-2400 "Bunker" Open

1500-1730 Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairmen Meeting

Friday, 7 September

0900-1800 Registration Open

1000-1800 Quartermaster Store Open

1000-1200 Veterans Seminar

1200-2400 "Bunker" Open

1300-1500 Women's Group Meeting

1600-1830 "Belle of Louisville" Dinner Cruise #1

1700-2000 Silent Auction

1900-2130 "Belle of Louisville" Dinner Cruise #2

Saturday, 8 September

0700-0800 Load Busses3

0800-0900 Travel to Fort Knox

0930-1100 Memorial Ceremony and Re-dedication of 11th Cavalry Monuments

1115-1230 Lunch by "The Chuckwagon Gang" from Odessa, TX

1230-1245 Load Busses

1245-1345 Travel to Louisville

1400-1700 Registration Open for Late Arrivals

1400-1700 Quartermaster Store Open

1430-1630 Annual General Membership Meeting (Members Only)

1745-1845 Cocktail Hour and Silent Auction

1900-2130 Banquet, Presentations, Raffle Drawing, and "Blackhorse Salute"

2130-0130 Dancing to DJ

Sunday, 9 September

1000-1100 Chapel Worship Service (Nondenominational)

1000-1400 Quartermaster Store Open

All Day Farewells and Departures

Future Reunion Sites

During the membership meeting in Louisville we will select the site for 2009. Three sites are in the running; Salt Lake City Utah, San Diego California, and a 3 Night Cruise out of Los Angeles or San Diego. Informal sheets will be in all registration packets. All sites will be compared on the same basis.

Blackhorse Commemorative Blankets Now Available

By Kathy Tandberg, Fundraising Co-coordinator,
Ladies of the 11th ACVVC Blackhorse

After months of planning the mission, the design of the 11th ACVVC Blackhorse commemorative tapestry lap blanket is completed and headed for the looms, the final step in the production process.

Like the proud Blackhorse Regiment, these 36" x 54" blankets are "Made in the USA," woven from 100 percent cotton Jacquard. The custom throw, with two-inches of fringe around the borders, has been created on state of the art electronic looms controlled by computers which ensure attention to detail and quality.

Exceptional clarity of detail and vivid colors make this tapestry a work of art. The design is one that displays the pride of the Blackhorse – with "Old Glory" the red, white and blue American flag serving as the backdrop for the Blackhorse emblem and the crossed sabers. The custom throw blanket comes pre-washed, is machine washable and comes with care instructions.

With a price of only \$30, this commemorative blanket is a deal you can't pass up. Buy one or more for yourself and then make your gift list and give a gift of pride. Those who place orders in advance of the 22nd annual reunion in Louisville, Ky., set for Sept. 6-9, can save on shipping costs, which will be \$6.50 each for those that need to be mailed.

The blanket is the second major fundraising mission of the Ladies of the Blackhorse who last year joined forces in support of the men's group fundraising work. The first mission was the Blackhorse cookbook "What's Cookin' with the Blackhorse."

As with all missions, it takes many to make it a success. Thanks go out to many who accepted and rose to the challenge to make this mission a success for the Ladies. Special thanks go out to Barb for her dedicated service to keeping the Women's Group alive while raising a family and working full-time. As with the cookbook, she has shown she was ready, willing and able to get this second mission off the ground. Her dream for the Women's Group was only made possible by the dedicated women who have joined forces each year at the reunions and from afar. Thanks to the Ladies who attended the Women's Meeting last September in Kansas City who gave input and their support of the idea. We hope more of the wives and women of the 11th ACVVC will give our meeting a try in Louisville.

Special thanks also go out to men's president, Chuck Schmidt, as well as the entire board who gave their support as well.

The Ladies have another mission for you now - you've pulled through before so they are counting on you! This mission involves everyone out there. Order you blankets today, Christmas is only six months away! Please help the Ladies get the word out so they can finish their mission of donating more dollars for the scholarship funds and troopers assistance. These are such worthy causes!

OK. You know the mission, you know the drill! Here are your orders: Send your preorders for the Blackhorse blankets and your order for cookbooks to: Barb Moreno "Women's Group", 24284 Endeavor Ave., Tomah, WI 54660. Or email them to her at puppytoes@charter.net with "Blackhorse Orders" in the subject line.



Operation Embrace

Joe Willey, Chairman

Editor's note. This article is aimed primarily at the next of kin of our KIA's and non members of the 11th ACVVC.

By now you are aware this year's 11thACVVC reunion in Louisville, KY will include a memorial service to be held at the Patton Museum, Ft. Knox, KY. The reunion at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville begins on Thursday, Sept 6th and ends on Sunday, Sept. 9th. The memorial/rededication service is scheduled to begin at 9:30 A.M., Saturday, Sept 8th at Fort Knox.

At the memorial service we will rededicate our monument memorializing the ultimate sacrifice made by 729 Blackhorse Troopers in Vietnam and Cambodia. This monument contains the names of the Blackhorse Troopers who died during the Vietnam War. It was originally constructed in Vietnam, was damaged over the years, and contained a number of errors. The 11thACVVC has refurbished the monument, thus the rededication ceremony. Whereas most of us were unable to attend the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., we thought many of you would be interested in attending this memorial service involving only the men who served with your fallen hero.

Some of you have asked if you need to attend the reunion in order to attend the memorial service. While we would enjoy and treasure your fellowship at the reunion, you need not attend both events.

Some have asked what the \$78.00 reunion registration fee covers. That fee

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pays for Saturday night's banquet, bus transportation to and from the hotel for the memorial service, the lunch following the memorial service, the cost for renting and providing food, beer, wine, and soft drinks in the hospitality room (Bunker) on Thursday and Friday, as well as numerous other administrative costs. Those of you who intend on only attending the memorial service need not pay the \$78.00 registration fee. Feel free to join us afterwards for lunch as our guests. There will be no charge for this service, however, should you desire, a nominal donation would be accepted.

There have been questions about how to complete the registration form. First you can register either on-line or thru the mail. Where it asks for Unit Assignment, write your relationship to the Trooper you are representing, if you know the Troop he belonged to and include that information as well as the dates he was in Vietnam if you know them.

It is our intention to have someone at the registration desk in the hotel meet you and after you get settled in, escort you to the bunker. This will ease anxiety levels and make the experience more enjoyable and meaningful to you. (If there is someone specific you would like to meet you let us know their name.) The Bunker is organized by Troop, Company, Battery, and Detachment and is the central meeting place for all who attend the reunion. It will be in the Bunker where you will meet men who served with your loved one. To make this work, we need to know that you are attending, that you are a relative, and have a general idea of when you might arrive.

For those who are attending just the Memorial Service and rededication at Fort Knox, we need to know who you are, the number in your party, and if any of you have special needs. If we don't get this information we run the risk of having inadequate seating and space. We also need to know how many of you intend on remaining for lunch afterward. For those of you driving directly to memorial service, the following links

will provide you directions to the museum:

<http://www.generalpatton.org/visit/directions.asp>

<http://www.knox.army.mil/PattonMuseum/geninfo.htm>

For those whose financial situation prohibits you from attending, a limited amount of financial assistance may be available from our operating funds on a case-by-case basis. Depending on availability of funds, number of requests received, degree of assistance requested, etc. qualified candidates will be provided one, perhaps more of the following: 1) room assistance at host hotel for 1 or 2 nights; 2) "gas" money, airfare, train fare, or bus fare; 3) registration fee; or 4) meals. Requests for assistance must be submitted in writing to the President or Secretary of the 11thACVVC. Anyone requesting assistance must provide details of your monetary situation justifying the request. The Officers and Directors of the 11thACVVC will review and vote on each request received. They alone are responsible for approving or disapproving requests and determining the amount of and nature of assistance to be provided. All requests are treated confidentially and *will not* be disclosed to the general membership or anyone else.

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Please contact Joe Willey at 11thackia@gmail.com with any questions or to advise him you have registered for the reunion or will only attend the memorial service. Joe can also be reached on his cell phone at (904) 583-1642.

We look forward to meeting many of you in Louisville!

11th ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENTAL COMMANDERS IN VIETNAM



“BLACKHORSE 6”



34th COL William W. Cobb*
6 Oct 1965 – 8 May 1967



35th COL Roy W. Farley*
8 May 1967 - 5 Dec 1967



36th COL Jack MacFarlane*
5 Dec 1967 – 12 Mar 1968



37th COL Leonard D. Holder**
12 Mar 1968 – 21 Mar 1968



38th COL Charles R. Gorder*
22 Mar 1968 - 7 Jul 1968



39th COL George S. Patton*
7 Jul 1968 – 7 Apr 1969



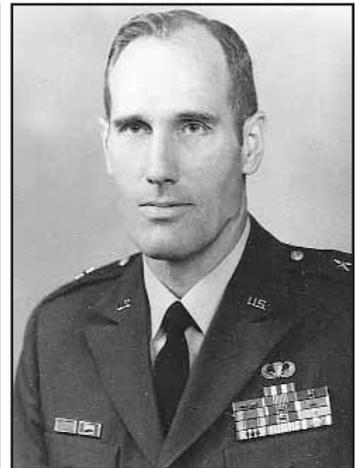
40th COL James H. Leach
7 Apr 1969 - 6 Dec 1969



41st COL Donn A. Starry
6 Dec 1969 - 22 Jun 1970



42nd COL John L. Gerrity*
22 Jun 1970 – 7 Dec 1970



43rd COL Wallace H. Nutting
7 Dec 1970 – 5 Mar 1971

* Deceased **Killed in a helicopter accident - Mar 21, 1968

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Welcome Aboard!

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

NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES
HHT REGIMENT		Bullard, Thomas M	69-70	Hernandez, Henry J Jr	69-69	O'Neill, Timothy J	69-70
Brinkley, Johnny L	64-68	Hughes, Henry F	68-69	Kiehl, Ronald H	69-70	Smith, Ronald E	71-71
Burkhead, Franklin D	70-71	Janukowicz, Bogdan N	68-69	Lindsey, Claude E	68-68	HOW BTRY, 2/11	
Burkhead, James O	68-68	Sprole, James L	66-67	Marsden, Stephen J	69-70	Jelks, Oscar L	67-68
Crosier, Joseph L	70-70	720th MP		Ustaitis, Gerald P	68-68	Mcclellan, Billy E	68-69
Fernandez, Frank J	68-70	Smith, Grover W	67-68	HHT, 2/11		Rood, Luther M	71-71
Foust, Thomas E	68-69	919th ENGINEER CO		Brewington, David L	71-71	Wyrick, Guy E	66-67
Frazier, Jerry A	70-70	Bierman, John	68-69	Cizmadia, Joseph M	71-72	HHT, 3/11	
Hand, Rocky W	70-71	ILG, Dale L	68-70	Coleman, Mark S	71-71	Anthony, Jerry D	70-70
Johnson, Roy R	70-70	King, Geoffrey W	69-70	Craig, James A	68-68	Bloom, Larry S	69-70
Matthews, Ronnie B	70-70	Kiss, George	67-68	Drollinger, William O	69-69	Dunn, Marshall L	69-70
Mceliece, James H	67-68	Morgan, Roy J Jr	70-71	Evola, Richard A	68-68	Green, Melvin W	69-70
Mcnamara, Robert W	67-69	HHT, 1/11		Graham, Frank S	69-69	Ingle, Kenneth D	68-69
Merrifield, Terry W	68-69	Baxter, Randolph	69-69	Leeper, William J	69-71	Schubert, Jacky C	69-69
Miller, Carl E	70-70	Bucker, Joseph R	67-68	Love, Terry L	68-68	I TROOP, 3/11	
Morris, James A	68-69	Duff, Joseph V	69-70	Manow, Bruce M	72-72	Blann, John H	66-67
Powell, Ralph J	69-69	Fulghum, Charles H	70-70	Marshall, Troy L	67-68	Brooks, Gordon H	68-68
Radford, Thomas P	69-69	Herring, Terry L	69-69	Morlock, Glenn W	69-70	Jones, Lawrence W	67-67
Schamberger, William D	70-70	Jackson, Edwin G	68-68	Priest, Albert F Jr	68-68	Lee, Peter	69-70
Smith, Kenneth R	70-70	Mackley, Kurt W	69-69	Rebeck, William	66-67	Smith, David S	70-70
Starrak, Jeffrey C	70-70	Pollard, Lewis H	66-67	Smiley, James E	71-72	Truesdell, Roy S	66-67
Townsend, Warren J Jr	68-68	Watson, John W	69-69	Werner, Daniel J	71-71	Wallace, John R	70-71
Tscholl, Andrew P	67-68	Wilborn, Louis V	68-69	E TROOP, 2/11		Wolverton, Bryce G	67-67
Yancey, Rodney L	68-68	A TROOP, 1/11		Avent, Julian G	68-69	K TROOP, 3/11	
AIR CAVALRY TROOP		Boitnott, Harlan G	69-69	Baldwin, Robert H	70-71	Bailey, Gary G	69-70
Cantey, Roderick H Jr	71-72	Crow, Gary L	68-68	Bocanegra, Joel A	68-68	Bradley, James T	69-70
Darsnek, Robert C	70-71	Drake, Charles	68-69	Fisher, Thomas G	67-68	Carranza, Richard M	69-70
Farley, Roy E	71-72	Eldridge, Gary L	69-69	Graham, Danny W	70-70	Hambrick, Stanley A	69-69
Jackson, John W	68-68	Henicke, Aaron C	69-70	Jacob, Paul R	69-69	Jones, David S	67-67
Love, Terry L	69-69	Kelly, James H Jr	66-67	Johnson, Richard K	70-71	Schubert, Jacky C	68-69
Powell, Ralph J	69-69	Lair, Freddie	70-71	Loidolt, John N	71-72	Taylor, Jessie R Jr	68-69
7th ARMY POSTAL UNIT		Mackley, Kurt W	67-68	Messal, Allen L	67-69	Toner, Michael P	67-68
Milburn, Dennis R	70-70	Merritt, Walker	67-68	Rainey, Edward H	68-68	Westerman, James C	68-68
37th MEDICAL CO		Radzwillas, Paul G	69-69	Swain, Burl G	69-69	Wright, David Jr	71-71
Campanella, Kenneth B	68-69	Strine, James T	68-70	Wallace, John R	70-71	L TROOP, 3/11	
Coventry, Robert E	68-69	B TROOP, 1/11		Welmon, Harry F	71-71	Bagbey, Steven J	70-71
Crosier, Joseph L	70-70	Coventry, Robert E	68-69	F TROOP, 2/11		Davis, Sammie L	70-71
Davis, Leslie G	69-70	Diggs, Stanley W	68-68	Barnett, Jerry T	68-68	Hamm, Arleigh R	67-68
Henley, Ronald L	70-70	Holmes, Michael J	69-70	Cizmadia, Joseph M	68-68	M COMPANY, 3/11	
Hill, Ira J	72-72	Munoz, Amador C	66-67	Korsmo, Michael J	69-70	Coffelt, Dan J	68-69
Reininger, Thomas M	67-68	C TROOP, 1/11		Nichelson, David R	68-68	Goff, Thomas G	67-68
124th CS MAINT DET		Averill, Gordon M	68-68	Persinger, Joseph L Jr	71-72	O'Brien, Robert J	68-70
Davis, Willie F	69-69	Cano, Pedro F	70-70	Samano, Salvador A	67-68	Rosenski, Peter J	70-70
185th MAINT		Carr, Mark J	69-69	Wright, Ralph H	68-68	Skidmore, Keith L	70-71
Denewiler, Richard E	69-70	Ford, Timothy W	70-71	Young, Jimmy C	68-69	Stapleton, Jerry L	66-67
398th TRANS DET		Gross, Aaron Jr	70-70	G TROOP, 2/11		HOW BTRY, 3/11	
Jarrett, James A	67-69	Kirkes, Ronald L	70-70	Griffin, Bennie S	69-69	Culpepper, L C Jr	68-69
Lee, Charles J	70-70	Koons, William H	67-68	Hendren, William J	70-71	Ehrets, Steven A	70-71
Melnyczok, Leon	67-68	Mccarthy, David F	68-68	Mceliece, James H	67-68	Feliciano, Pedro E Sr	70-70
Pearl, Charles S	69-70	Ware, Ernest A	68-68	Shehan, Walden W	71-71	Peterson, Ernest J	66-67
Verner, Herman Jr	71-72	D COMPANY, 1/11		Taylor, Edgar W	68-69	Schmitt, Wayne D	70-71
409th RR DET		Echelbarger, Douglas H	70-70	Waters, Theodore A	67-68	Taylor, Jessie R Jr	68-69
Schmoll, Larry	71-72	Randell, William D	67-68	H COMPANY, 2/11			
Woodard, Daniel K	68-68	HOW BTRY, 1/11		Hufnagel, Richard H	66-67		
541st MI DET		Boen, Bobby D	68-69	Leeper, William J	69-69		
Bozeman, Robert N	70-70			Montgomery, Robert D	68-68		



Women's Corner

By Barb Moreno, 11th ACVVC Women's Coordinator

...I need people to staff the booth. I would like to have two ladies there doing two hour shifts. This Is Important! ... E-mail me and let me know that you are willing to help.

When they said my article was going to be due to the TR editor almost a month early, I thought 'OH NO' then decided I had lots of time. Here it is the 14th of June and I am finally sitting down to write it. Of course you all know where I am as I write this. Right! You guessed it – at work. Seems this is the only place I find time or quietness to write.

There is always something going on at our house. Right now the family room is a sea of reunion packets, name tags, tickets and literature. The dining room table is covered in sewing supplies as I have a lot of baby blankets to get made (so many babies born this year already). And we just painted the hallway so there are paint supplies everywhere. Of course there is still the new front door to put on too but you know how that goes. All in due time.

Summer has come roaring in, here in Wisconsin. We've had upper 80 and 90 degree weather for over 2 weeks now with no end in sight. Of course summer also brings all the cool festivals we have here in the Midwest. They celebrate *everything* here. There are festivals for: butter, apples, bratwurst, beer, sunfish, butterflies, strawberries and cranberries, just to name a few. This weekend because I am off we are attending Harbor Fest. Actually I just like going to them for the arts and crafts and of course the food. I must say one thing for Wisconsin they do have good food. And of course all that wonderful food is "fat free"! Yeah right.

The reunion is really shaping up nicely. We get a mailing from Ollie about once a week just filled with more names. So, on my days off, I am busy typing up name tags. I think this is going to be one of our biggest ones yet. As the time gets closer I get more excited about it. Or is that excitement just because I know I don't have to go to work for a few days? NO it's definitely the reunion and seeing good friends again.

When you check in at registration please

be sure to check the different types of name tags there are. Because of so many different things going on this year we had to come up with different name tags. If you registered for the reunion your name tag will be white. Cruise only will have another color, NOK's a certain color and board members another color. We will have a chart showing them all.

The cookbooks are still selling well. Every time the new *Thunder Run* comes out I get many new orders and I love it. The folks at the post office have really gotten to know me. Of course we will still have a few copies left that will be taken to the reunion to sell.

We will also at the reunion have our wonderful new lap throw/blanket. Cost of the blanket is \$30 with an additional \$6.50 charge if you want us to mail it for you. We have ordered 300 of them so I'm pretty sure we will sell out of them. If we do sell out there will be pre-pay order forms available and we will mail them as soon as our reorder arrives. Look for the books and the blanket at the ladies booth. Who knows we may even have a "Reunion Special" for the purchase of the book and the blanket combination available.

While on the subject of the booth, I need people to staff the booth. I would like to have two ladies there doing two hour shifts. *This Is Important!* I cannot be there and at the registration table at the same time. E-mail me and let me know that you are willing to help. These sales are for a wonderful cause but can only happen with everyone's help.

As you saw in the last TR we made a great donation to the scholarship fund and I'd like to see us make another great donation to the Trooper Assistance Fund this year. I know we can do it. I have immense faith in all of my ladies and their families.

Again at the ladies meeting we will have gifts. I have purchased numerous gifts and we have one of the ladies make some gifts for us too. So the chances of everybody getting something are really good. And we always have a good time anyway. Oh yea we will also have a traveling prize being offered this year. If you win it, you will be responsible for returning it (or sending it to me) refilled of course to the next reunion.

Well gang I think that's it for this time. Counting the days till I see all my best friends again.

See you all in Louisville

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Chicago (2008) Reunion XXIII

Plans are being formulated for the XXIII11thACVVC Reunion in Rosemont, Illinois. Dates are August 21-24, 2008.

The Hyatt Regency O'Hare is in the process of completing a 60-million dollar renovation, making it one of the most state-of-the-art hotels in the Chicagoland area. We are looking into tours and preparing information on all attractions the Chicago area has to offer. A few new and innovative ideas are being considered and as we get more information, it will be passed along to you. I would like to invite all members who live in the Chicagoland area that are interested in lending a hand to get together with Team Chicago for a short meeting in Louisville.

Our goal is to make the 2008 Chicago Reunion a memorable experience for all our troopers. Keep in mind that Chicago was deemed a desirable enough venue to be chosen as America's candidate for the 2016 Olympic Games.

Jim Kaszubowski (HHT- 3/11 66-67)

Memorial Bricks

By Allen Hathaway

The outpouring of support in the way of brick orders has been tremendous but we still have a number of bricks available for inscription. Anyone can purchase a memorial brick. Countless hours have been spent researching and planning the restoration project. Memorial bricks are a way in which we ALL can participate and show our support for our fellow Blackhorse troopers whose names are listed on the monuments.

Two sizes of bricks are now being offered. The 8 x 4 x 2 inch brick allows up to three 15 character lines to be inscribed. The price will remain at \$100. A new 8 x 8 x 2 inch brick allows up to five 15 character lines to be inscribed. The price is \$175.

A new and simple payment plan is also being offered which makes purchasing a brick easier and more affordable. An initial payment of \$25 is made with your brick order followed by three additional payments of \$25 each at three month intervals for a total of \$100. Reminders are mailed when a payment is due. Bricks will be inscribed and placed in the Circle of Honor once the full amount has been paid. This is a convenient and affordable way for anyone to purchase a brick.

Most bricks are inscribed with a troopers name, unit, dates of service, rank or track number. Some have chosen special inscriptions which are very touching: "IN OUR HEARTS", "STILL MISS YOU", "MAY GOD BLESS", "WE MISS YOU DAD",

"TO OUR BROTHERS", "I NEVER FORGET", "NO GREATER LOVE", "HONOR, DUTY, CAVALRY" and "SOME GAVE ALL" are just a few examples. We have also received several orders from troopers who served together and have requested their bricks be placed together. A group of 15 members of F Troop have requested their bricks be placed together.

There is no doubt that the "Circle of Honor" will add a very special and personal touch to the 11th Armored Cavalry Memorial. We will continue to offer bricks until they are sold. If you have not yet ordered your brick, please take a few minutes now to make your order.

Incoming...

Information provided by and for our Troopers

From Joe Willey, Operation Embrace.....Volunteers are needed to meet and greet NOK attending the reunion and memorial service. If you are willing to assist, contact Joe Willey at 11thacrkia@gmail.com or on his cell phone at (904) 583-1642.

From Doc Bahnsen.....My new book titled "American Warrior"- A Combat Memoir of Vietnam", has been released. The book is about my 2 tours in Vietnam, the second one in the 11th ACR. Over 200 11th ACR veterans and friends provided input to the book. Early information on the book can be found on Amazon.com and the Barnes and Noble web sites. I plan to sign all the books that my 11th ACR brothers ask me to at the Louisville reunion.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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11th ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

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

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

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

SER NO RANK (during tour) _____ SSN NO _____

OTHER INFORMATION _____

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

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

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

Visa Mastercard Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

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

Memorial Restoration and Rededication

By Allen Hathaway

The project to repair and restore the 11th ACR Memorial in the Memorial Gardens adjacent to the Patton Museum at Fort Knox is in the final stages in preparation for the rededication on September 8, 2007. Minor repairs have already been made to the monument including repair to the top of the Memorial, refinishing the Cross and Star of David at the apex, and correcting and replacing The Medal of Honor plaque.

The four new bronze plaques have been cast and are ready to be installed on the Memorial. Each plaque represents one of the four Squadrons including Provisional Squadron, First, Second and Third Squadron. Names of our 729 Blackhorse troopers are listed on each

of the four plaques according to the squadron they were assigned. For each squadron the names are arranged in chronological order by troop, company, battery or detachment. The bronze plaque currently mounted on the base of the memorial listing the names of Blackhorse troopers killed after being assigned to other units will be replaced. The list has been updated to include 57 known troopers.

In early July, site work began for the foundation of the three new obelisks and the "Circle of Honor" as depicted in the artist's rendition shown here. The three new obelisks will honor 11th Cavalry Troopers who served in other wars and campaigns beginning with the Philippine Insurrection, the Mexican Expedition, WW II, Desert Storm (Gulf War), and the latest deployment, Operation Iraqi

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:														
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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
- 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.**

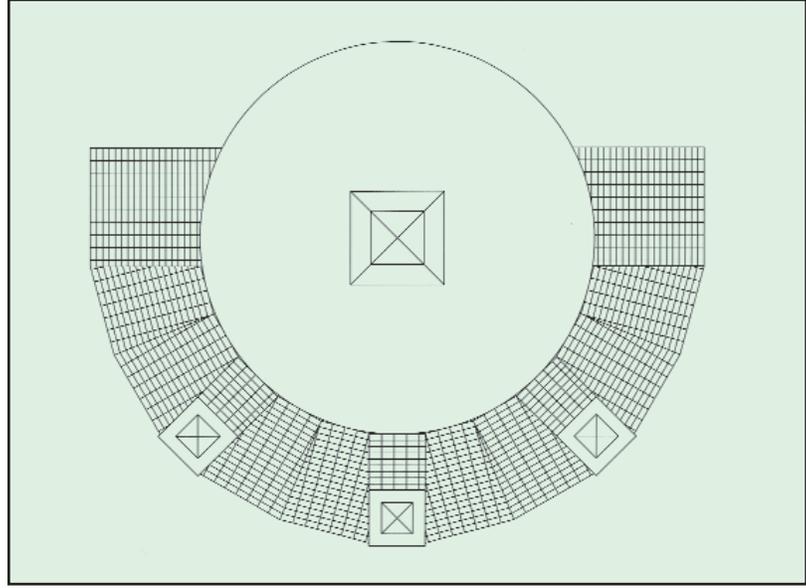
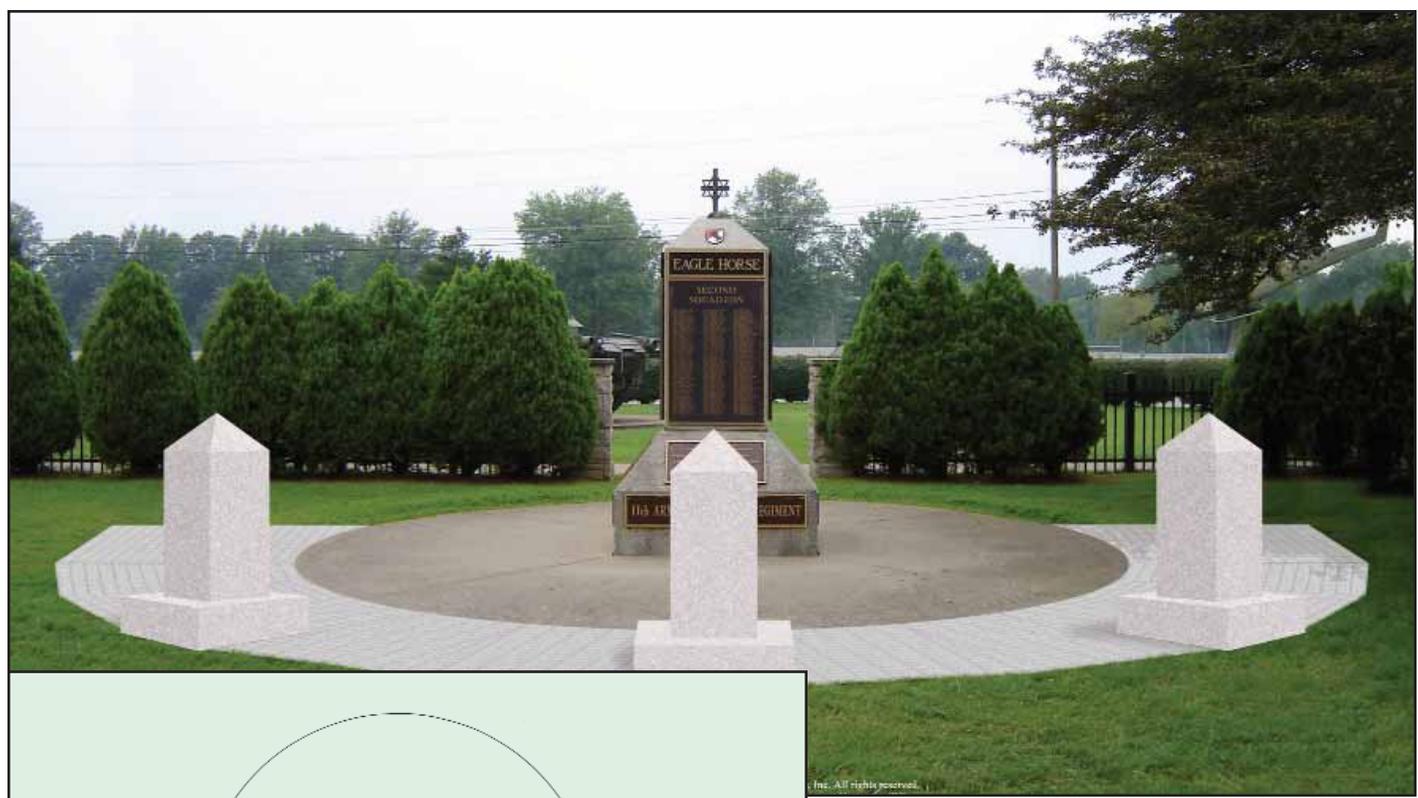
Freedom III in 2005. Each of the three obelisks will stand about four feet tall and will list the names of Troopers who lost their lives while serving in the Regiment during these campaigns. Research for the casualties during the first three campaigns is still ongoing. Plaques for these campaigns will be installed on the obelisks when we feel confident the list of names is as accurate as possible. Plaques listing the names for the Gulf War and Iraqi Freedom campaigns have been cast and ready for mounting for the rededication.

The area surrounding the monument will also include the “Circle of Honor”. The “Circle” will consist of approximately 1,100 granite bricks that can be inscribed with any appropriate message. Many chose to have their name, unit, rank, and years served with the reg-

iment inscribed on their brick.

The 11th ACR Memorial is one of many memorials in the Memorial Garden dedicated to the armor and cavalry services of the United States. Our Memorial is unique in many ways. It is the first memorial as you enter the garden, it is the tallest. With the addition of the three new obelisks and “Circle of Honor” it will occupy the largest area of any memorial in the garden. Our monument is rich in history with its origin beginning in Vietnam in 1967. When the memorial is dedicated on September 8, 2007, it will be 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.

This is a special way for you to join your fallen comrades in spirit. Since your name will never appear on the monument, this allows an avenue for you to honor your Brothers and include your presence with theirs.



ABOVE: Artists rendition of completed “Circle of Honor showing the three proposed obelisks
LEFT: Layout sketch of proposed “Circle of Honor”
BELOW: Sample of inscribed brick





Stages

One news item these days is about how the Baby Boomer generation is entering their retirement years. I think we know what that's all about. Personally, I was born in 1937 which I guess makes me a pre-Boomer? Anyway, the point of this is that we're at a stage in life where we have enough years under our belt so we have a personal history and perspective we just didn't have when we were young (OK, younger).

For me, this makes life much richer and fuller than I've ever experienced up to now. I hope you agree for yourself and share this attitude. I'm not saying all is fine with the world. I'm not saying we shouldn't have any regrets. I'm not saying we wouldn't do some things differently if we could. What I am saying is we're at a stage in life where we can look back and have the knowledge of where we've been, what we've done, and who we've known. Looking back we have no fear of the unknown and what lies ahead because now we've been there and done it. At the same time we have enough years ahead, God willing, to know that the adventure isn't over yet. We still have things to do, people to meet, new experiences to have, a life to enrich, things to change, relationships to mend, and a lot of wisdom to pass along to another generation.

Yesterday I visited Walter Reed Army Medical Center. I knew of a chaplain that I wanted to meet. He'd been a cavalry officer for nine years before resigning his commission, going to seminary, and coming back into the Army as a chaplain. What a great man! What a great soldier! He's served two combat tours already - El Salvador and Panama (or the Dominican Republic, I think). Now he's going to Fort Carson to be with a cavalry unit that's deploying to Iraq in December. What a thrill, yes thrill, for me, an ole retired cav chaplain, to meet up with a younger one still on active duty. I truly hope and trust that recognition and honor from a retiree can be an encouragement for him. The same

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applies for all vets - especially cav trooper vets like you. The young troopers at Fort Irwin sure appreciate it when they're visited and encouraged by our "Baby Boomer Generation" cav troopers. Back to Walter Reed, I felt humbled and proud, as a soldier, to be a part of the healing and honor that the place represented. I feel the same when I go to the Viet Nam Vets Memorial. I feel the same when I set foot on Fort Irwin, home of the Blackhorse, or Fort Hood or Fort Knox or any place set aside for our fighting troops who keep our country free.

Two days ago I visited the Marine Museum at Quantico, Virginia. You heard me right - the Marine Museum. Hey! [or Hay!]. I was in Virginia - I wasn't near the Army Museum. Anyway, the Marine Museum is first class. Marines or not, I still felt proud of them. Same goes for all our military. I felt honored and humbled to be a part of what the uniform is all about. I wore my Blackhorse T-shirt there (and drew many looks - ha) with pride and was treated well as part of a sister service. I felt a sense of awe as I remembered some history of what it has taken to keep this country free. I was overwhelmed with a sense of humility, pride, and belonging as I realized that I too had earned a place within the history of what the military is all about. I am still daily conscious of the privilege of remaining a part of it all, even at this stage of my life.

Many of you will remember that at our reunion in Colorado Springs our memorial service was held on the grounds of our 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Colorado monument, the newly painted and refurbished M48 tank. Wasn't that great? Several of our troopers, with the civilian owner of the property, had the passion and the vision to obtain this tank and establish it as a memorial for all time in tribute to our fallen brothers. It is our property, serving

as a vivid token and reminder of a stage in our lives that will live in our hearts and memories for all time. It is a healing token as well as a reminder of that earlier stage of our lives. Above all, it keeps alive the sacrifice of our heroes, those who gave their own lives on the battlefields of Viet Nam.

We've entered the "retirement" stage of our lives. That word takes on very different meaning for each of us, of course. But it still has a strong influence because this stage is measured in years for us all. More for some (me?), less for others (you?). Just the same, more for all of us than for our grandkids' generation (the ones in uniform that I saw at Walter Reed and the Marine Museum). Our hearts are still full and our memories are sharp. This is why we've taken a different course for some of our reunion memorial services the past few years. Rather than inviting a guest speaker, we've been inviting troopers and family members to speak spontaneously for a few minutes from their hearts and memories on behalf of buddies, husbands, sons, fathers, or loved ones KIA in Viet Nam. When we do this, it brings close to our hearts the fact that, even at this stage of our lives, we remember as yesterday those to whom we grew so close, those we loved as brothers.

Today we, as Blackhorse brothers, and now sisters, have a place, a hallowed ground of remembrance. Many have labored through passion and loyalty to bring our Blackhorse monument home from Viet Nam. More have labored to renew it and have studied to make it 100% accurate. These visionaries among us have added objects of recognition to keep alive the honor of all Blackhorse troopers who've given their lives in the Philippine Insurrection, the Mexican Expedition, WWII, Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom III. Our Monument in the Memorial Gardens

adjacent to the Patton Museum of Armor and Cavalry at Fort Knox will be a permanent place where we can “bore sight” in on the profound contributions the Blackhorse has made to our country’s history helping to provide the liberties exercised by us all.

I’m reminded of another item that was symbolic in its own way out in the jungles of Viet Nam. I’m referring to the altar. Do you remember how the chaplains, myself included, came out to have church in the bush? We’d set up wherever we could, usually on a stack of C Ration cases, ammo boxes, a tree stump, or the ramp of an ACAV. We set out whatever “accoutrements” we had in our kit, including a small cross. I’d pass out some small hymn books, and we’d have church. Naturally, we had better attendance in the bush than in the rear. It’s been commented to me in later years that some troopers appreciated having church even if they didn’t come personally. OK by me. Either way, for many the altar was symbolic of the presence of God and the love of Jesus Christ when it was especially needed. For some it gave a little peace of mind. For some it was a reminder of kinder and gentler times.

Now, I hope you’re appreciating this stage in your life as I am. Are you?

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

Chaplain Larry Haworth
176 Rainbow Drive, #7627
Livingston, TX 77399
LEHaworth@aol.com

Show Your Pride



Douglas R Huddle 37th Medical Co. (1970-1971), shows his plate that indicates where he was based (DIAN) which is also the exact spelling of his wife’s first name



From the 62nd Colonel of the Regiment

Mark E. Calvert



To all the veterans of our great Regiment:

After a successful spring, The Blackhorse Regiment continues to train America’s Army and remain combat ready during the summer months

Troopers of 1st Squadron, Regimental Support Squadron and Regimental Headquarters and Headquarters Troop participated in a world class training exercise at the Southern California Logistics Airport (SCLA). The Regiment occupied a 300 acre training area to conduct military operations in urban terrain (MOUT) training. RSS and RHHT answered the call by providing first class logistical and training support to 1st Squadron. The Soldiers of Ironhorse demonstrated their war fighting skills during a series of situational training missions.

While 1st Squadron trained at SCLA, 2nd Squadron battled 3rd ACR during rotation 07-09 at Ft. Irwin. The Brave Rifles used the rotation to sharpen combat readiness. Troopers from both Regiments met for a Lucky 16 celebration on July 9.

The Regiment honored a legendary Trooper in Medal of Honor Recipient CPL Jerry Wayne Wickam on July 16 with the official opening of Wickam Park, across from the Regimental Headquarters. Wickam Park has become a memorial for the twenty-one Blackhorse Troopers who gave their lives during Operation Iraqi

Freedom III. Each Trooper is honored with a tree and a memorial rock bearing his name. Wickam Park is now the final resting place of a UH-1 military aircraft that has a special place within Blackhorse History. The “Yano” UH-1 helicopter is named after Medal of Honor Recipient Sergeant First Class Rodney J.T. Yano. This legendary aircraft became a fixture within Wickam Park on June 1. Additionally, Medal of Honor Recipient CPT Harold A. Fritz will soon have a field, named in his honor, within the Regimental footprint.

The summer months will give Troopers a well deserved break during block leave, and we will bid farewell to a pillar of the Blackhorse community. Regimental Command Sergeant Major Ricky A. Pring will retire this summer. CSM Pring has served as the Regimental Command Sergeant Major since January of 2004. We wish CSM Pring and his family all the best.

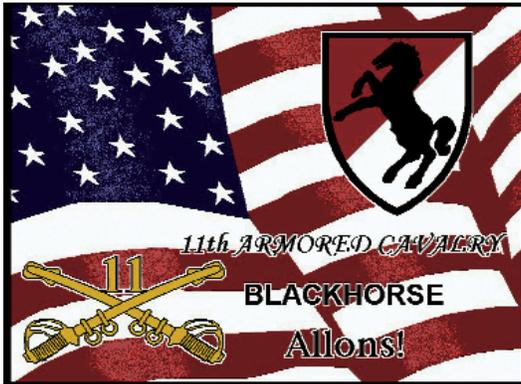
The Blackhorse looks to continue to train Soldiers and remain ready for combat. Thank you to all the Troopers, Veterans and family members that make this Regiment second to none. BLACKHORSE!!!

ALLONS!!!



Soldiers from the 1st Squadron clear a building during a situational training exercise lane at the Southern California Logistics Airport. (Photo by SGT Jeff Caskey, Regimental Public Affairs.)

“WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH THE BLACKHORSE”



The Blackhorse Women’s Group is still at it! Besides the fantastic *First* cookbook, the Ladies of the Blackhorse have another *Great* commemorative — a Blackhorse Lap Blanket that is in production at this time. The blanket will be ready and available in time for the 2007 Reunion. However, preorders are being accepted now. Reserve yours today for just \$30 each! Multiple orders gladly accepted!

And remember, everyone can always use a cookbook!

Delight your palate ... Find out what’s really cookin’ in Blackhorse kitchens across the country!

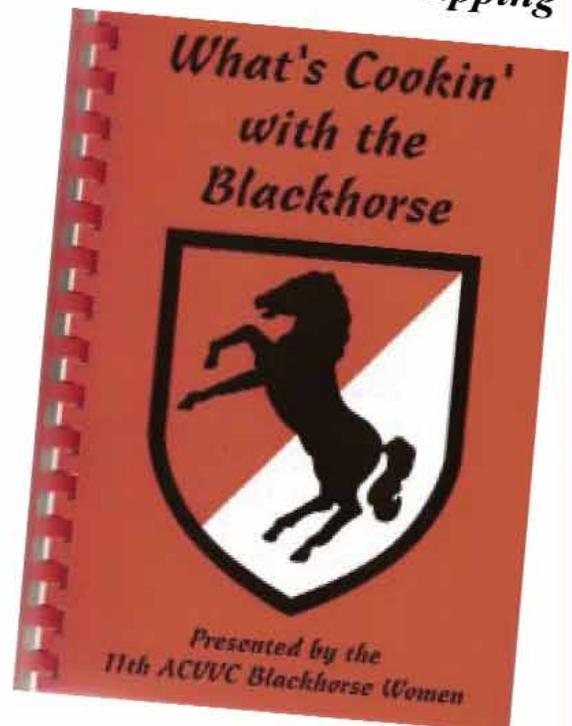
Proceeds support the scholarship and troopers assistance programs! Your support is appreciated!

\$12 plus \$3.50 shipping

(Shipping discount for multiples of more than 4 books sent to one address. Contact Barb for shipping.)

Clip here and mail with payment to

Barb Moreno, Women’s Coordinator
 11th ACVVC Blackhorse Women
 24284 Endeavor
 Tomah, WI 54660
 Please send me _____ copies of What’s Cookin’ with the Blackhorse at \$12 per copy and \$3.50 for shipping and handling per book. Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ _____.
 (Preorder) _____ Blackhorse Lap Blankets at \$30 each. Add \$6.50 if you want your blanket mailed.
 Mail books to:
 Name _____
 Address _____
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George Smith Patton, Major General, USA, Retired

**39th Colonel of the “Blackhorse”
“Find the Bastards, Then Pile On!”
December 24, 1923 – June 27, 2004**

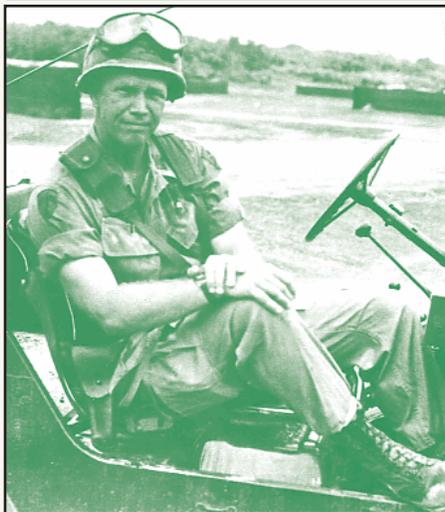
Retired U.S. Army Major General George S. Patton, 80, passed from this life on June 27, 2004. He was buried on August 27 2004 in Arlington National Cemetery, following a Service of Celebration of his life at Memorial Chapel at Fort Meyer, Virginia. His beloved wife, Joanne, and five adult children survive him.

A decorated veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam wars, General Patton was born in Boston, MA, the day before Christmas in 1923, the son of Major George S. Patton, Jr. and Beatrice Ayer Patton. Following graduation from the Hill School in 1942, he attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, NY. After graduation from the Academy in 1946, he was commissioned as a Lieutenant of Infantry and attended the Basic Officer and Airborne courses at Fort Benning, Georgia. He was posted to Germany where he served with D Troop, 5th US Constabulary Regiment, Augsburg; the Tank Training Center in Vilseck; and as Commander of C Company, 63rd Tank Battalion, First Infantry Division (“The Big Red One”) in Mannheim and Grafenwoehr.

As a Captain, Patton transferred to the Armor Branch in 1949 and later attended the Career Course (now called the Advanced Course) at the Armor School in Fort Knox, KY, graduating in 1952. Subsequent to marrying the former Joanne Stanley Holbrook that year, he served as an instructor at the Armor School until his request for a combat assignment released him to assignment in Korea, where he commanded A Company, 140th Tank Battalion, in the X Corps Sector of the Republic of Korea. During that tour of duty, he was awarded a Silver Star for valor and his company was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation (PUC).

Between 1954 and 1957 Captain Patton served as a Company Tactical Officer at both West Point and the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD, before attending the Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS. In June 1958, then Major Patton became aide-de-camp to Lieutenant General Clyde D. Eddleman, Commander of the Seventh US Army, transferring to USAREUR Headquarters in 1959 when

In Memoriam



George Smith Patton

General Eddleman received a fourth star and was promoted to Commander-in-Chief, US Army, Europe (CINCUSAREUR). In 1960 Patton became Executive Officer 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, in Straubing, Germany.

After attending the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA, and briefly serving at the Pentagon, he volunteered for duty in Vietnam in 1962, assigned as a Special Forces Operations Officer at Military Assistance Command (MACV). Returning stateside in 1963, Lieutenant Colonel Patton commanded the 2nd Medium Tank Battalion, 81st Armor, 1st Armored Division, at Fort Hood, TX; attended the US Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, PA; earned a Master’s Degree in International Affairs from George Washington University; and served as a Pentagon staff officer in the Army’s Far East and Pacific Division of DCSOPS, with Vietnam TDY.

Returning to Vietnam in 1967, initially serving in Saigon, Colonel Patton took command of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (“Blackhorse”) in July 1968. In nine months of action near the Cambodian border he was presented two awards of the Army Distinguished Service Cross, a Silver Star, a Bronze Star, a Distinguished Flying Cross, and a Purple Heart. Of particular note was the Regiment’s successful operation against the 7th North Vietnamese Army Division in the Michelin Rubber Plantation in March 1969. It was as the Commander

of the “Blackhorse” that Colonel Patton earned his reputation as a “Soldier’s Soldier” always leading from the front putting himself in the thick of the action. He never asked a Trooper to do anything that he would not do himself. During his command, he established the tactic of locating the enemy and then bringing overwhelming force to bear to ensure a victorious outcome. “Find the Bastards, Then Pile On!” became the unofficial motto of the Regiment and to this day defines the aggressive warrior spirit of the Regiment. Troopers who came in direct contact with “Blackhorse 6” would never forget the imposing leader of the “Best Damned Regiment You Will Ever See”.

On return to the States, Colonel Patton took training at Fort Wolters, TX, and Fort Rucker, AL, to become a helicopter aviator. He was promoted to Brigadier General in 1970 and became Assistant Division Commander of the 4th Armored Division in Germany. He subsequently served as Assistant Commandant of the Armor School at Fort Knox; Director of Security Assistance of the US European Command, Stuttgart; and interim Commander of the US Army Readiness Region I at Fort Devens, MA.

Having been promoted to Major General in 1973, Patton took command of the 2nd Armored Division in 1975 at Fort Hood. In 1977 he was assigned as Deputy Commanding General, VII Corps in Stuttgart, Germany, and in 1979 as Director of Readiness, Headquarters DARCOM. Major General Patton retired from active duty on August 31, 1980 after 34 years of military service.

Returning to his family home in Hamilton, MA, George Patton established a commercial produce farm on his land, using environmentally responsible methods. At the time of his passing, his Green Meadows Farm had earned full organic certification with a community supported agriculture program. In retirement George Patton remained active in veterans and community affairs programs until his disabilities overtook him. He died peacefully at home on June 27, 2004.

Until we meet again in Fiddlers Green--- ALLONS from all “Blackhorse Troopers!
(Chuck Schmidt, with attribution to the Memorial Program from General Patton’s Interment at Arlington Cemetery)



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..

Stephen L. Coughenower, who served with A Troop, 1/11 (1968-1971), passed away on November 2, 2006. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Knoxville, TN.

Clinton J. Eide, who served with HHT, 1/11 (1968-1969), passed away on February 11, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Strum, WI. He was laid to rest in Eleva Cemetery, Eleva, WI.

Gordon K. Foster, who served with HHT, 2/11 (1960-1970), passed away July 14, 2007. "Keith" was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Locust Grove, OK.

Paul E. Gilligan, who served with L Troop, 3/11 (1969) and K Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970), passed away on March 2, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Phoenix, AZ. He was laid to rest in National Memorial Cemetery Of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ.

Haskell E. "Hack" Haycraft, who served with HHT, 2/11 (1970-1971) and G Troop, 2/11 (1971) passed away on May 11, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Stanford, KY. He was laid to rest in Rock Creek Cemetery, Clarkson, KY.

Robert H. Jones, who served with F Troop, 2/11 (1966-1967), passed away on April 10, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Konawa, OK. He was laid to rest in Vamoosa Cemetery, Konawa, OK.

Michael "Mike" Lansing, who served with 541st MID (1966-1967), passed away on June 8, 2007. Mike had resided in Brandenton, Florida.

Danny D. Mott, who served with HHT, 2/11 (1971-72), passed away on July 1, 2007. Danny was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Kountze, TX.

John Z. Pearl, who served with 919TH Engineer Company (1967-1969), passed away on June 23, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Owensboro, KY.

Wilfred Mas Shiota, who served with I Troop, 3/11 (1967), passed away on June 17, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Rosemead, CA.

Buddy W. Smallwood, who served with L Troop, 3/11 (1969-1971), passed away on May 14, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lakewood, CA. He was laid to rest in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, CA.

Donald E. Taggart, who served with A Troop, 1/11 (1967-1968), passed away on October 13, 1997. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lakewood, CA.

Randall A. Taylor, who served with HHT, 2/11 (1969-1970), passed away on February 28, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in New Concord, OH. He was laid to rest in Pleasant Hill Cemetery, New Concord, OH.

David VanDuzer Jr, who served with Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1967-1968), passed away on May 24, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Wadsworth, OH. He was laid to rest in Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman, OH.

William S. Waller, who served with C Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967), passed away on May 29, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Centralia, WA. He was laid to rest in Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, WA.

Brad R. Willard, who served with A Troop, 1/11 (1970), passed away on January 26, 2006. He resided in Salt Lake City, UT. He was laid to rest in Redwood Memorial Estates, Salt Lake City, UT.

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Steve Page, Reunion Committee Chairman

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From the Quartermaster...

Jerry Beamon

Hello to All.

Well it's Reunion time once again and we are looking forward to seeing all our old friends there and making many new ones. I must start this article out with an apology to all who have had problems with their orders. Due to many changes in our Postal Service we have had a huge amount of orders not reaching their destinations in a timely manor. For this I am truly sorry. Our sales for this quarter are way, way up and there is getting ready for Louisville in the mix of all that is going on. Jan and I are asking

for volunteers to help us out. It would be greatly appreciated for any time you could spare. Please have a safe trip to Louisville. We hope to see everyone there.

Allons, Jerry

Most Clearance and Featured items can be viewed at www.11thcavnam.com as well.

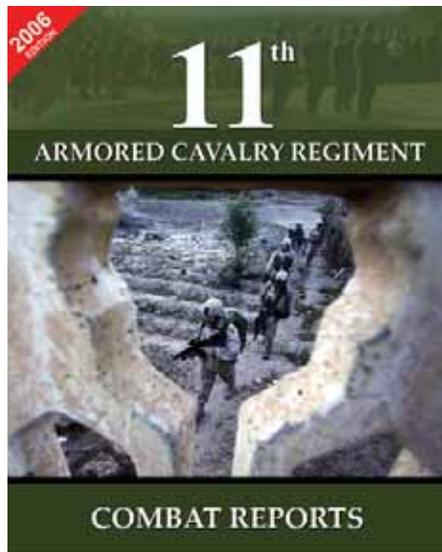
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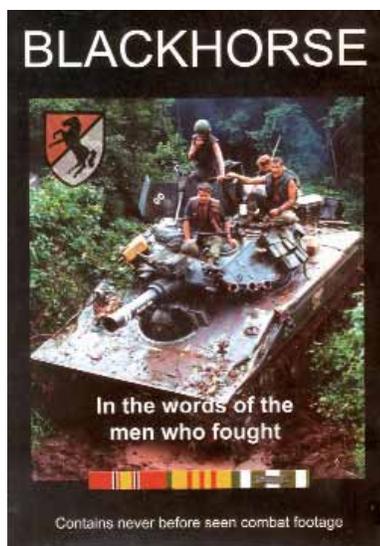
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