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

The Tradition Continues

Memorial Day Wreath Laying



A Twenty Eight Year Tradition: Blackhorse veterans gather near The Wall in Washington, DC to remember their fallen brethren on Memorial Day 2013.

We had a very good turnout on May 27th for our annual Memorial Day wreath laying at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The weather was perfect.

Many thanks again to Don Snedeker for making our beautiful Blackhorse

wreath. It is a wreath that is easily recognize by many veterans not only Blackhorse but those from other units who knew the awesome power 11th ACR had.

We began our regular wreath laying at the Wall in November 1986. We’ve

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Indianapolis 2013

28th Annual Reunion

By: Steve Page,
Director and Reunion Chairman

Your 2013 Reunion in Indianapolis is just a few short weeks away. It’s time to get into high gear and get those last minute hotel reservations and reunion registrations made.

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as the Marriott. We suggest that you first check with availability at the Marriott then check the Hilton. See the complete reservation information for both hotels later in this issue.

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Allen Hathaway
President

From The Command Track

By Allen Hathaway, President



By the time you receive this issue of Thunder Run there will only be a few more weeks to make your hotel reservations for the 28th annual reunion in Indianapolis on September 11-16.

As of the last week of June all available hotel rooms at the Marriott had been taken. We have arrangements with the Hilton Indianapolis Hotel and Suites to serve as an overflow hotel. Room rates at the Hilton are the same as the Marriott. We suggest that you first check on availability of rooms at the Marriott then check the Hilton. See complete reservation information for both hotels later in this issue.

We are pleased to announce that John R. Landry (MG USA Ret) will be our guest speaker at the Saturday evening banquet and program. As a captain he served as troop commander of B Troop, 1st Squadron from early 1966 until mid 1967. He joined the 11th ACR at a time when the regiment was training and preparing for deployment to Vietnam. In September 1966 the entire regiment arrived in Vietnam and immediately began operations. During his tour with B Troop Captain Landry was awarded two Silver Stars for actions in December 1966 and March 1967. During his 30 year career in the US Army he has held many other prominent assignments.

I urge each of you to give serious consideration to attending this reunion. For those living in Indiana and surrounding states, this will be the closest reunion to you for the next few years. Don't put it off another year. Contact old friends early so they have plenty of time to make their plans to attend. Feel free to contact any board member if you need help finding an old friend.

We also want to remind everyone to start thinking of items for the silent auction. The auction is always a fun and interesting part of the reunion. We have many talented people in the organization and they always come through for the silent auction. We welcome any

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item for the silent auction. Please see the separate article in this issue.

Raffle tickets were mailed to all members in June. Proceeds from the 2013 raffle will help raise funds to relocate the 11th Cavalry Memorial from Fort Knox to Fort Benning. The Memorial is an everlasting tribute to the sacrifice our Blackhorse troopers have made in all campaigns since 1901. The raffle is one way for each of us to contribute to this very important project. We're offering prizes of \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 and 11 \$100 for a total of \$2,500 in prizes. Drawing will be held during the reunion.

Over 40 Blackhorse troopers, family members and friends gathered at The Wall on Memorial Day for our annual wreath laying. Many of those who attended were from outside the Washington, DC area. We meet at the wall every year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to lay the ever familiar Blackhorse wreath and remember our fallen comrades. This is only one of countless numbers of gatherings across

the country to honor those who gave all. If you are in the Washington, DC area on Veterans Day or Memorial Day we invite you to join us.

A reminder to everyone to help us keep our records up-to-date by contacting us if you move or change your telephone number or e-mail address. Many of our members are changing from land lines to cell phone as their primary contact. Many times we receive requests from members who want to contact an old buddy only to find the telephone number or e-mail address on file is no longer valid. We don't want to loose track of any of our members so please use the handy change of address form printed in every issue of Thunder Run to notify us of any change.

Finally, always remember the men and women serving in uniform. Many have been deployed multiply times. Whenever you see someone in uniform take a minute to thank them for their service to this great country of ours.

ALLONS! We'll see you in Indy. It's good to be "Together Again."

MOVING?

We want you to get your copy of Thunder Run without a lot of trouble. Complete this form and mail it to: 11th ACVVC Membership Update, Allen Hathaway, 13194 Rettew Dr., Manassas, VA 20112. Email 11thcav1966@Comcast.net



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2013 Election

By: Adrian Vaaler,
Secretary, 11th ACVVC

Five positions will be up for election this year during the General Membership Meeting held on Saturday morning at the 2013 Reunion. The five positions are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Director. The officers will serve a two year term and the Director a three year term. All terms begin on January 1, 2014. Nominations for these positions may be forwarded to me as Secretary (11thsecretary@gmail.com); nominations may also be made and accepted at the 2013 Reunion General Membership Meeting.

Candidates must be Life Members of the 11th ACVVC. Candidates will have an equal opportunity to state their qualifications at the General Membership Meeting. The elected candidates must be able to attend the annual reunion and two Board meetings, each year of their elected term.

The elected candidates must be able to communicate by email with the other Board members and be able to help the Board make decisions on a variety of organizational matters. Each candidate must be highly organized and be able to commit time and energy to a specific project or committee, as directed by the President. Excellent skills in using Microsoft Word and Excel are required, in order to prepare reports and other documents required of all positions.

The positions of President and Vice-President require considerable time and superb organizational skills. The President needs to frequently multi-task in his responsibility to oversee all projects, programs, and activities of the organization. The Vice-President serves as the President's right-hand man. Sound leadership is fundamental to both positions.

Candidates for Treasurer must have verifiable experience in accounting and/or finance. Excellent skills in using Microsoft



WE WANT NOMINATIONS!

Excel are required. Most importantly, the Treasurer is accountable for maintaining accurate financial records, preparing reports, budgeting, forecasting, etc., of the General Fund and the organization's investments, and all expenses and obligations incurred from the various projects supported by the 11th ACVVC.

Candidates for Secretary should be able to intently follow and record organized minutes, summarize reports, actions and decisions from official meetings, and maintain records of the 11th ACVVC and its numerous projects. He should have strong language and writing skills and know basic Robert's Rules of Order. Information management skills on a computer are required.

Nominations may be sent to me by email to (11thsecretary@gmail.com) or submitted from the floor at the General Membership Meeting. Please consider participating on the Board of Directors serving the 11th ACVVC.

The following nominations have been received: President Allen Hathaway, Vice-President Pete Walter, Treasurer Ollie Pickral, and Secretary Adrian Vaaler. There are two nominations for Director: Michael Rafferty (current Director) and Ken Jankel.

2013 Raffle Fundraiser

By: Mike "Doc" Rafferty
Director and Scholarship Chairman

By the time you read this article, you should have received a packet of 40 raffle tickets. This year's raffle is not a fundraiser for the scholarship program.

...the proceeds from the raffle to help defray expenses which we will incur moving our 11th ACR Memorial

Instead, the 11th ACVVC board of directors decided to use the proceeds from the raffle to help defray expenses which we will incur moving our 11th ACR Memorial from Ft. Knox to Ft. Benning. Ft.

Benning is the new home of the Armor School and the future home of the National Armor and Cavalry Museum. There are still many details to be worked out and significant expenses to be incurred but when this project is complete, our 11th ACR Memorial will be in a prime location on the museum grounds and will be viewed by thousands of visitors each year.

You can help by participating in the 2013 raffle. Please follow the directions in the cover letter you received with your tickets. The drawing will be held during the reunion in Indianapolis and you do not need to be present to win. Once again we are giving out \$2500 in prizes. If you have not received your raffle tickets or you want extras, please contact Allen Hathaway.

Thank you for your generosity!

Show Your Pride



Let all who enter Clair Poorman's (K Troop, 3/11, 66-67) house in Tyrone, PA by the boiler room know that he is proud to be a Blackhorse trooper

Here Comes My Replacement

It was April 16th 1969 and I was about to land at a “Fire Base Holiday Inn” in Vietnam. Two weeks earlier I had arrived at Cam Ranh Bay to be processed in and received two weeks of so called “Jungle Training.” I thought, this place is not too bad, it looked somewhat stateside. When I left Fort Lewis a couple of days earlier it had been rainy and about 38 degrees. When I landed in Cam Ranh Bay and got off the plane, that tropical air hit me like a ton of bricks; it was well over 100°. I’ve always thought that part of the two weeks of jungle training was to get used to the climate. From Cam Ranh Bay I went to Ben Hoa airfield, to meet up with my unit, the 11th ACR. I had no idea what to expect. I came in a Chinook chopper with some other soldiers not knowing what units they were going to; the ride took a long time, and the chopper was noisy. When I got off the chopper it was a big change from Cam Rhan Bay, everybody was running around in combat gear with live ammo and M-16 rifles, I thought

James A. Smith
How Battery, 3/ 11, 69-70

man this is really it, I said to myself, I guess this is as bad as it gets, not so. The 11th ACR liaison told me, “You will be going to your unit tomorrow, How Battery, 3/11 at Fire Base Holiday Inn.” Although he never said “fire base,” he just said Holiday Inn and I was the only one going tomorrow. The next morning I left in a Huey chopper, my first ride of many to come.

Now back to where my story began, landing at fire base Holiday Inn. It was 10 am or so and when we were coming in, what I could see below was scary, these M109 tracks and small tents and dust and people running around and someone half naked sitting on a make shift latrine. I thought to myself “I’m going down there?” Finally the chopper landed and the gunner told me to “get out newbie.” It was my first quick jump out of a Huey chopper. There I was, with my two duffle bags of

clothes and gear and my nice clean, new jungle fatigues. There were a couple of Blackhorse troopers there to greet me. Their uniforms looked nothing like mine, they were worn and dusty, and the guys looked mean and serious. I heard someone say in the background, “Here comes my replacement.” The two soldiers took me to my section to meet my section sergeant and my comrades. After meeting the Assistant Section Chief (which by the way, my section was the maintenance section - I was a track and wheel mechanic) one of the troopers kind of took interest in me and came up and said, “Hi, I am Ken Sunderman, I am the Tams clerk, you will be working with me and I will show you around for a while”. Little did I know that we would become very close friends. We are still very close friends to this day, some 43 years later. It is hard to explain how close you come to your buddies in combat, looking out for each other, and how you would do almost anything to guard one another. It is like no other bond in life and only another soldier would understand.

The first couple of weeks I was trying to adjust to this kind of life and with help from my friend it was coming along. One night in late April or May we got word that there was about 300 Viet Cong forming up outside our perimeter who might try to overrun us. I was told to man our section ACAV’s M-60 machine gun across from Ken Sunderman. I had no training on the M-60, but got a crash course on how to operate it from Kenny. It seemed like we always had a company or two of infantry around us most of the time, because they needed us and we needed them. I remember an Infantry Lieutenant coming up to our track and saying anything on that side is not friendly and if they came this way to protect ourselves and open up. As a soldier you always think about things like this and if will ever happen to you. You hope you will not panic and do the right thing. You react by instinct when the fire fight begins. They did come in on us and the outcome for them was disastrous. I felt really bad after the fight but was glad to experience the bad stuff early so I would know what to expect if it happened again. I had some scary moments during the rest of my tour, but nothing like that.

Show Your Pride



ABOVE: Lonnie Williams (C Troop, 1/11, 69-70), (like a lot of us) was very fond of the M-2 .50 cal machine gun. But Lonnie has taken that love to a new level as he built this single shot rifle (one of three) to shoot the same ammo as the M-2. It is O, D. in color with the appropriate Blackhorse patch. Lonnie lives in Wilson, Oregon.

LEFT: Bull Suhre, (I Troop, 3/11, 1968) displays his pride on his 2012 Harley in Colorado.



Bill Gregory, Editor
Thunder Run

Editor's Corner

C.E. "Bill" Gregory

Most important, register for the reunion now – do it by mail or on line; you can actually do it in Indianapolis – but you may not get a seat at the banquet if you wait that long. Just a word to the wise, and we have all lived long enough to be about as wise as we are ever going to get.

When this issue of *Thunder Run* arrives in your homes, we will likely have less than two months until the kick-off of Reunion Twenty-Eight in Indianapolis; so I encourage you to give immediate thought to travel plans if you are attending. The deadlines are rapidly approaching. For example, if you want a Reunion 28 shirt, you must have the order in by July 31. If you plan to play in the golf tournament, you must be registered and paid up by September 1. The headquarters hotel (Marriott) is booked up already and the back-up (Hilton) is filling up. (I would still check with the Marriott, just in case there are cancellations). You can find the contact information in this issue. Don't forget the Ropkey Armor Museum trip, the deadline for that is August 21. Most important, register for the reunion now – do it by mail or on line; you can actually do it in Indianapolis – but you may not get a seat at the banquet if you wait that long. Just a word to the wise, and we have all lived long enough to be about as wise as we are ever going to get. This issue has all you need to know to set up a great reunion for yourself and friends in Indianapolis. I hope you are able to make it to Indy, but if you can't, try again next year – we can't all make it every year. I know you will enjoy the trip and seeing old friends again;

TRADITION from page 1

met on Veterans Day and Memorial Day every year since then. Over 28 years, sometimes in scorching heat, cold damp rain, and snow storms. A small price to pay to honor those who are listed on the wall.

Throughout the day several veterans from other units stopped to say they

friends with whom you share a very special connection.

Lots and lots of Reunion Twenty Eight stuff, and that is OK – remember; reunions are one of the main reasons we exist as an organization. That is how we make the "Together Then – Together Again" motto become a reality! We do, however, have some other things in this issue. We have a report on the Memorial Day activities at The Wall, where some of our faithful members gathered to show respect for our fallen brethren. Did you know we have an election coming up? Mike Rafferty has some really good scholarship news, Adrian Vaalier has election information, and Allen Hathaway has some things we need to know about. We also have good contributions from Barb and Bob Moreno, Jerry Beamon, Chaplain Haworth, Daniel Stroia and Eric Newton. The Blackhorse Hoofbeats is good as usual and we have entertaining and moving pieces from Jim Embrey, George Ruggles, James A. Smith, and John Sorich. I hope it is an enjoyable and useful issue for you.

We plan to be at the reunion, so hope to see you all soon; but if not, we will be back on these pages in the fall – just before the holidays. May God bless each of you and may His grace and peace be with you always.

remember working with the 11th ACR. It's always good to hear that and to pass it on to you troopers who served.

Thanks again for your continued support.

ALLONS!

Allen Hathaway
1966-1967

REUNION from page 1



Downtown Indianapolis

We do expect another large turnout. Both hotels are located in the heart of downtown Indy. The area abounds with restaurants, shopping and night life. Both hotels are just steps away from Lucas Oil Stadium, White River State Park, NCAA Hall of Champions, Conseco Field House, Victory Field, and just minutes from the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Fine dining along with national favorites and affordable fast food outlets are within walking distance. The area abounds in hot spots for a fun evening out. Some of the most famous shops are located in The Circle Centre Mall. There are numerous monuments and memorials in Indy. The Soldiers and Sailors Monument and The Congressional Medal of Honor Memorial are just two.

Transportation from the airport to the hotel is abundant and reasonably priced. Direct shuttle service is \$7.00 each way and \$3.50 for 65 years and older and eighteen and younger.

We still have a few seats available for the trip to The Ropkey Armor Museum on Friday afternoon. These seats will go fast so sign up while they are still available. Additional information and sign-up sheet can be found in this issue.

A preliminary reunion schedule is also in this issue along with order forms for the reunion shirts and golf tournament. Our website has links to other interesting activities, restaurants, and special coupons. Stay up-to-date with all activities of the reunion by visiting our website and selecting "Reunion Information."

This reunion is shaping up to be another great event. We look forward to seeing you there!

Ropkey Armor Museum

www.ropkeyarmormuseum.com



Located about an hour from Indianapolis in Crawfordsville, Indiana, the Ropkey Armor Museum is one of the finest collections of US Tactical Military Vehicles in the country. Price includes roundtrip transportation in a comfortable motor coach.

Various vehicles of different types and ages are on display from an M3A1 scout car, to several WW II era Shermans to a modern day M109 155mm self-propelled howitzer. Many of the vehicles have been restored to like new condition.

The museum is a great destination/location for car clubs, veteran's reunion groups, educational tours, and other civic organizations.

Number of tickets _____ x \$15.00 per person = _____

Registration deadline: August 21, 2013

Make checks or money orders payable to: Len McFarling

E-mail: lmcfarling@mcfarling.com Cell: 317-445-5732

Mail to:

11th ACVVC, C/O Len McFarling, 3553 E 100 S, Lebanon, IN 46052

Len McFarling (F Troop, 2/11, 1969) has taken the initiative and put together a bus trip to the Ropkey Armor Museum in Crawfordsville, Indiana, during this year's reunion. The bus will leave the hotel at 12:00 pm (1200 hours) and return not later than (NLT) 5:00 pm (1700 hours) on Friday September 13, 2013. The cost will be \$15.00 per person, which covers the transportation and admission to the museum. The initial bus has a capacity of only 55 people, but additional buses can be added if there is enough interest. If you are interested in taking this trip, please let Len know by sending in the above form or a copy of it.

You can get more information about the museum on line at: <http://www.ropkeyarmormuseum.com/>

PLEASE let Len know of your desire to go on the trip as EARLY as possible so that arrangements for additional transportation can be arranged if necessary!



Membership is Our Strength



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



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

by Mike "Doc" Rafferty, Scholarship Chairman

I received a total of 19 scholarship applications by the May 15th deadline this year. That is 4 more applications than I received last year. All of the applicants are children of our members. 12 applicants are female and 7 are male. The youngest applicant is 17 years of age and the oldest is in her 40's. Most of these students fall into the "traditional" college age bracket (18-24 years of age). The applications come from 13 different States with the most from Illinois (4). These students are majoring in a variety of disciplines including: Engineering, Nursing, Biology, Medicine, Accounting, Psychology, and Law Enforcement.

The 11th ACVVC Board of Directors was pleased to be able to award scholarships to all of these deserving applicants this year. Their names and photos will appear in upcoming issues of Thunder Run.

In the past, one of the eligibility requirements of our scholarship program was the requirement that applicants be enrolled in an undergraduate college program. However, the Board of Directors recently expanded the eligibility requirements to include graduate studies (Master's, Doctorate, Medical, Law degrees, etc.).

Allons!

Incoming...

Information provided by and for our Troopers

From Ron Krueger, HHT, 1/11, 1966-67:

The 23rd Annual Northern California Blackhorse Potluck / BBQ, on Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 11:00 until ???, Slidehill Park, 2850 Temple Drive, Davis, CA 95618. Everyone is welcome to join us for a casual picnic in the park. Bring something to share (salad, dessert, or munchies) and your beverage of choice.

DIRECTIONS: I-80 to Davis. Take the Mace Blvd exit. Go North, around bend (Mace becomes Covell Blvd) Turn Left on Monarch Ln. Take 1st right onto Temple. Park is one block ahead on left. -OR- I-5 to Woodland, exit at Road 102 to Davis. Proceed South to Davis, approx. 8 miles. Turn left at the 1st major intersection - Covell Blvd. Go about 1 mile to Monarch Blvd, turn right, go 1 block. Turn right on Temple. Park is 1 block ahead on left.

Watch for balloons and signs. RSVP: Ron Krueger: (530) 758-0351 or ronkrue@hotmail.com

2013 Newsletter Deadlines

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

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All submissions for publication must be sent to: C.E. "Bill" Gregory, Editor, 421 Fallen Leaf Drive, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379-3577. E-mail: Battle46A@epbfi.com

The Thread That Binds Us

John Sorich, (A Troop, 1/11, 1969)

In 1990 while getting some counseling at the Vet Center in Minneapolis, MN, I noticed a sheet of paper on the bulletin board with our Blackhorse patch on it. On the bottom of the page was a phone number that you could tear off and call to get information. Ben Hotckiss was responsible for placing the contact info at the Vet Center. I tore off the number and put it in my wallet and left.

Many times of the course of the next few months I looked at the phone number in my wallet and wondered what would happen if I called. Would there be someone I could relate to? The apprehension was big time and it was a tough place to get beyond. I almost threw the phone number away several times. Finally I did it! I talked to Ben Hotchkiss who was a B Trooper. I was an A Trooper. I could relate to him. He said that the next week there was going to be a reunion of the 11th ACVVC in Sacramento, California and invited me to come. I was unable to do that at the time because of the short notice. In my mind there were still a lot of doubts as to how this was going to feel. That is, reopening the filing cabinet in my mind that had been locked since 1970 which was entitled "My Viet Nam Experience." Thank goodness for guys in our organization like Ben, Allan, Ollie, Pete and so many more. My first reunion in Philly in 1991 convinced me that I needed this organization. I was able to come to a new state of awareness for myself and over the next many reunions and two decades I was able to help others in the same way.

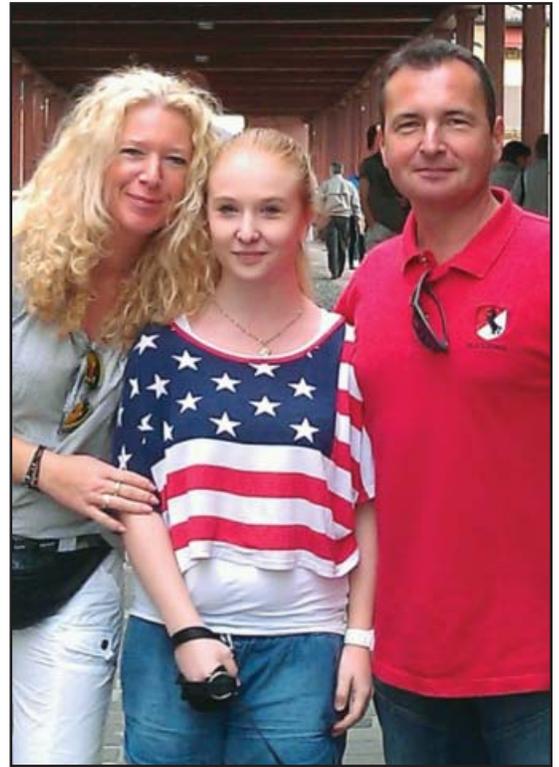
In 1991 on my first trip to The Wall, I was confronted with the fact of how lucky I was to be alive. Thank you to John Hein for being there with me for the support that I received that day. In reading the names and dealing with the initial confusion of who and what I remembered, I was struck by the incredible power of The Wall. I acknowledged to my God how lucky I was and pledged to him to do my best to heal myself and to help others. I registered for the In Touch Service.

The In Touch Service was an independent service where you placed your name and try to get in touch with someone else who had a common bond with someone listed on

Peter, Buffy, and Cissi Stark

There is no greater honor we owe the families of our lost friends that were killed in Viet Nam than to let the families know that the faces of their loved ones are with us every day.

the Wall. About a month after the reunion, while I was at work, my wife got a call from a woman who was very excited to have found my name through the In Touch Service and wanted me to contact her right away. Her name was Aunt Honey and she was a German woman. In 1961, her sister, through a relationship, had a child by Sgt. Harry Burton while he was stationed in Germany. Sgt. Burton was my platoon sergeant and was killed in action along with six other Alpha troopers on April 13, 1969. The Army would never release any information to these individuals because they were beyond normal protocol. From this relationship with Sgt Harry Burton, the woman gave birth to Peter Stark in 1962. Peter's mother never told him who his real father really was until Peter was 24 years old. In 1991 Peter and I began to correspond through the In Touch Service. He wanted to know about his father, Platoon Sgt. Harry Burton. I was able to tell him in my first 13 page letter that Harry Burton was one of those soldiers that exemplified the meaning of being a good man & great soldier. Over the past 20 years we have written letters, talked on the phone and exchanged hundreds of emails. I was responsible for Peter and his family attending the Blackhorse Association Reunion in Fulda 2003 as a Guest of Honor. I passed the information about Peter Stark to Alpha Troopers and Glenn Snodgrass who was our Executive Officer on April 13, 1969. Glenn was also the President of the Blackhorse Association at the time. Glenn saw to it that Peter Stark was properly honored as being Harry's son and acknowledged as one of our Blackhorse family.



When planning our family trip recently to Italy to see my son, SSgt. John Sorich who is stationed in northern Italy in Vicenza, I asked Peter if he could possibly meet us. He and his family made the drive from his home in Munich, Germany to Bassano, Italy where we met Peter, his wife Buffy, Sissi their daughter & Lara the family pup.

Needless to say, it was a very emotional meeting. None of us can imagine the emotional wellness that came from that meeting. We stayed at the same hotel and spent the entire day together with our families. We strolled the historic town of Bossano had lunch, saw where Grapa is made, had dinner then breakfast the next morning. Peter speaks excellent English, my son speaks a little German. It was a very special day for all of us as my family had been hearing about Peter and his family and Harry Burton for years. The kids learned something and so did we. There is no greater honor we owe the families of our lost friends that were killed in Viet Nam than to let the families know that the faces of their loved ones are with us every day. I told Peter that I would love to be invited to his daughter's wedding someday (whenever that may be). Peter said that when we were together, he though his Dad was also with us.

Silent Auction Items Needed

Items are needed for the Silent Auction to be conducted during the 28th Annual Reunion in Indianapolis. Items peculiar to the 11th Cavalry are always favorites, and any item or service of value is welcome, Cav related or not. You can bring items with you to the reunion, or you can ship them to DON LAFOUNTAINNE who has volunteered to collect, hold, and bring the items to the reunion for display. If you plan to ship items, please use the convenient Silent Auction Donor Form printed in this issue.

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11th ACVVC Silent Auction

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A Day in Cambodia

By: Frank Church, G Troop, 2/11, 69-70

In May 1 of 1970 the 11th Armored Cav spearheaded the invasion of Cambodia. It took 3 days to reach and capture the city of Snoul. After that the 2nd Squadron went on to recon other areas and we had a number of contacts with the NVA in the way of ambushes and firefights. About ten days later one incident stands out in my memory; G troop was doing recon along an old logging road. All three platoons went in different directions which was the norm. 2nd platoon was on a fairly well maintained and large road. It had been very uneventful for a few days so we stopped for some C's and a break, setting up in our usual defensive formation. We were almost done with our lunch when two NVA crossed the road pushing a bicycle no more than 50 yards from our position. They were making no attempt to hide from us. In fact it seemed as if they wanted to be seen.

Someone managed to put a few 50 rounds in their general direction with no damage to them or the bicycle. We were on the move and in pursuit in a matter of minutes. When we got to spot where we saw the two "gooks" they were long gone. The only thing we found were tracks going into the jungle. We continued on down the road a way in hopes of finding something when we heard a firefight breakout behind us in the general direction of the 3rd platoon's location.

We made a hasty about face and sped back the way we had just come. When we got to the place where we had seen the two NVA cross the road we came under heavy fire. Normally this would result in us stopping and engaging for as long as it took to either repel the attack or go on line and charge. But this time the call on the radio was just the opposite. Our orders were "don't stop!.. don't stop! We blew through the ambush with our guns on full auto and getting plenty of fire in return (the antenna on our track was splintered by an all too close AK round). That order and our speedy hookup with 3rd platoon turned out to be crucial.

We made left turn off the larger road onto a less used two rut cut through the jungle and headed toward the sounds of the firefight in which the 3rd platoon was

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engaged. As we came closer I could see why we were told to keep moving out of the ambush we had just blown through. In the middle of that small road an ACAV was on fire and a heavy firefight was underway. 2nd platoon herringboned behind the burning ACAV and joined the fight. And it was a good one!

The NVA had picked a place that gave them good lanes of fire for their RPG teams and were launching them freely along with lots of AK fire. Both platoons were engaged for what seemed a life time or it may have been just a few minutes. I don't know how long we were actually in that firefight but it was long enough for us to call in an air strike from an F4 Phantom and for all the ammo on the burning ACAV to cook off. The air strike was close enough for all of us to be pelted with debris from the exploding bombs and the burning track close enough to spray even more.

We had chased the NVA for two weeks. On this day they stopped and regrouped. It had become very plain that the "gooks" were doing their best to keep the 1st and 2nd platoons separated and detained so they could do maximum damage to the 3rd. Due to some astute leadership and very brave troopers the 2nd platoon was able to reinforce the 3rd and turn what could have been a very bad day for us into an "a** whooping" for the enemy.

I later learned that farther down that same two rut cut, one of our tank companies lost two men. Further evidence of the intentions and strength of the enemy on that day.

Fiddler's Green?

George Ruggles
How Battery, 3/11, 66-67

Leaving the Army in 1970, I got a job with a company in Portland, OR, and stayed with it for thirty-four years. The firm sponsored an employee golf league, and on Tuesdays after work the golfers would gather at a local course for a competitive round, two twosomes squaring off using the handicap system. For many years I played with my colleague Vickie, who joined the company about the same time I did and who worked with me in the marketing department. We never won the annual trophy, but we came close and had a good time doing it.

Over the years we bought new equipment like putters and such. I habitually complained about the high prices the local golf stores charged for this stuff. Vickie would always respond, "You should go to the dealer called Fiddler's Green in Eugene, they have the best deals and it's not that far away." And I would say, "Nope, not for me."

One year she finally got fed up and said, "Quit complaining. What is your problem with going down to Fiddler's Green?" I asked her to stop by the office tomorrow and she looked quizzical but said OK.

I brought in the latest copy of *Thunder Run* and turned to the Fiddler's Green page. "This, Vickie, is why I'm not setting foot in any Fiddler's Green until my time comes."

She looked it over, nodded her understanding, and that's the last time we discussed it. I hope she doesn't hear about my journey there for many more years to come.

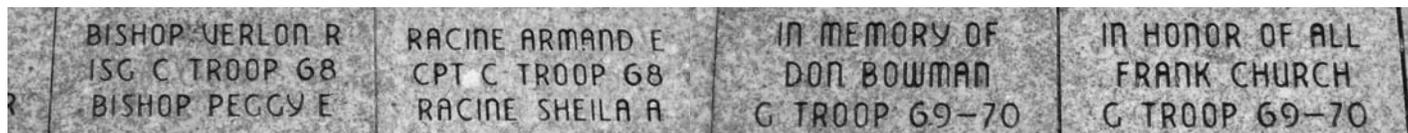
CORRECTION

Leo Deege, the author of "Sailing to Vietnam" that we published last quarter has informed us of an error in his article where he had indicated that CPT Bill Abernathy was a graduate of West Point. In fact, CPT Abernathy was a graduate of the Citadel.

11th Armored Cavalry Memorial Relocation Donations

The 11th ACVVC gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the following individuals who have purchased granite bricks in support of the 11th Armored Cavalry Memorial relocation project. The list includes orders received through June 25, 2013. Numbers in "parentheses" indicate more than one brick purchased.

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‘FOOD’

How about those eggs with baby chicks inside? “Whoa, wait a minute, Chaplain,” you say. “I never tried those. Why would anyone want to eat an unhatched baby chick?” I don’t know. The Vietnamese seemed to like them the same way we liked hot dogs.

There are few things in life more important than food. “Hay (or Hey) Chaplain,” you say. “Don’t you think that’s pretty obvious? What’s your point?” My point is that food, besides being important, is also a fun and interesting thing to talk about which we all do. For example, what’s the most effective food control plan you know? It’s doing *push-aways*, of course (push-away from the table). Since most of us in this discussion are Viet Nam vets, with some friends and families present, let’s talk about food in Viet Nam.

Whaaaaat? Viet Nam? Sure, why not? Maybe your family and friends would like to hear about it. I know you ate food over there, starting with C Rations, of course. Who can forget Cs? Actually, they weren’t so bad. Some, like fruit cocktail, peaches, spaghetti, and pound cake were very popular. Some others were pretty awful, according to troopers I knew. So tell your own story about C Rats.

In armored cavalry, besides Cs, we sometimes had hot chow, even in the field. Each of our recon troops had a cook (called Cookie) who whipped up a hot breakfast – eggs, SOS, and such. Of course, not when there was something more important happening, like ducking incoming or shooting at someone who was shooting at you. Often at first light, the crack of dawn, Cookie would be firing up his field Coleman stove to fry your eggs. I seem to remember bacon once in a while too. If it was a little greasy no one complained.

Moving along in the food department, I hope you remember rice bread. Mama-

sans and baby-sans sold it out of the round straw trays they carried on their heads. Wherever we stopped they showed up selling things. The rice bread was those little loaves (not loafs) that you liked for snacks. They were tasty. They must have been since troopers would be chewing on them any time day or night. I don’t recall that many of you carried money in your pockets. I do recall that you had Cs to trade, like ham and eggs which hardly anyone would eat anyway. Also the S-pack Hershey chocolate bars that were dry and tasted like chocolate straw. Not many liked them. I don’t know if the Vietnamese liked them but they traded rice loaves for our S-pack chocolate bars. (My recall isn’t total but it seems OK now, at least about this subject.)

Let’s talk about LRRP (lurp) rations for a minute. They came later during my time in Viet Nam. I don’t know if you had any. They were those freeze-dried meals, mostly chili and beans, where you added water, swished it around for a minute, set it on something hot like an ACAV or tank engine for a while and then you had a hot meal. Our guys liked them better than Cs. I liked them too except the beans were always too crunchy, probably from not soaking in water long enough. I could’ve gotten tired of LRRPs like I got tired of Cs except that I left and went to Germany where we didn’t have any LRRPs. I could be mistaken on some of this as my recall is somewhat faulty about LRRPs. So, if you were there and know better, feel free to correct me.

How about those eggs with baby chicks inside? “Whoa, wait a minute, Chaplain,” you say. “I never tried those. Why would

anyone want to eat an unhatched baby chick?” I don’t know. The Vietnamese seemed to like them the same way we liked hot dogs. One day I watched a mama-san bring out a whole basket of eggs which looked like regular hard boiled eggs. But they weren’t. Kids would take one, peel the shell and there would be a baby chick, feathers, feet, beak, and all. The kids would eat them just like we would eat hard boiled eggs. I guess they were cooked but I don’t know for sure. Strange? I think so. I didn’t eat any. I wasn’t even tempted. Were you?

The subject of food continues — it’s a long subject, but usually a pleasant one. So, moving a little further along, I remind you of Care packages. Remember Care packages? Did you get any? I hope so. Stars and Stripes once ran a cartoon where Beetle Bailey wrote home and said, “Thanks, mom, for the cookies. The one I had was fine.” (Beetle’s buddies ate the rest). That’s very funny. I was single at the time because I didn’t have a wife. But I had a great mother, God rest her soul. She sent me Care packages pretty often. I especially liked it when she sent chocolate chip cookies with nuts. They were to die for (bad expression, given where we were). They were awesome even if they were mostly crumbs by the time I got them. I didn’t care. I even enjoyed the Christmas fruit cake she sent that came in March. It was covered with mold. So what? I just scraped the mold off. Any fruit cake remaining was truly delicious. It was just great to get food (or anything else) from home.

Candy comes next. Everyone loves *Candy*. Candy tasted good and we had plenty of it. Now my recall begins to fade again, so help me out. Where did all that candy come from? Some came in the S-packs and C rations. Some came in Care packages from home. Where did the rest come from? Who knows? Do you? At any rate, we had plenty. Every Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Montagnard kid everywhere we went knew that GIs had candy

and they would get some. It was offensive and wrong how the media called troopers rotten names in those days. The kids knew you were OK. They knew you were friendly candy-givers. (That's one of my best clear memories).

We all have enough food stories to write a book. Think about your own food memories from Viet Nam. Use my ramblings to start your own recall, which may be more clear than mine. Here's my last food story. It's a spiritual food story. Now, don't pucker up or nod off. This is a positive and interesting food story. As you might guess, it comes from the Holy Bible which is the Word of God. (If there's anyone's word we should want to hear, it's God's). This comes from the fourth book in the New Testament, John 6:46-51, "No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. I tell you the truth; he who believes has everlasting life. I am the

bread of life. Your forefathers ate the manna in the desert, yet they died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which a man may eat and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven."

It's not hard to see that Jesus was talking about himself so I won't explain. I'll just point out that anyone can comprehend that our bodies need food to survive. No argument there that I can see. Furthermore, I don't have trouble seeing that our souls also need food, spiritual food, to survive and thrive in a similar way. Our soul is our actual self. It's our part that keeps on living when our physical body is dead and gone. Compende? Yes? Good.

This is the end. So go have a snack, something good, which isn't Hershey straw chocolate. While you're at it, have a spiritual snack too. Read your Bible. If you don't have one, go on over to Wal-Mart. They have plenty.

Find an Old ACVVC Friend

All Troopers, please check the "Find an Old Friend" section on the 11th ACVVC web page and make sure if you have signed up there, that your email us up to date. If you have an old email address listed – no one can find you!

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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REUNION REGISTRATION

By: Bob Moreno
Director, 11th ACVVC

Hello everyone, this is the last Thunder Run before we all meet in Indianapolis for yet another great reunion. We were there this spring for a weekend and found so many things to do. Our hotel is located in an ideal location. As you go out the backdoor of the hotel and turn to the left you will, after walking only a short block, come to the canal area of the city. The canal itself is really beautiful, and is located between some wonderful museums and a great park. You can go down the stairs and walk along the canal or you can stay up on what is called the street level. Either one is beautiful. The canal has three interesting fountain sculptures in it and of course ducks swimming along. Staying up on the street level you can walk past a memorial remembering all those who tragically lost their lives during 9/11. A little further down the sidewalk you will find an amazing memorial saluting members of the Armed Forces who gave their lives fighting in both past and present wars. To see this memorial at its best I recommend you see it at dusk. It is really beautiful.

If you are still in the mood to walk, keep going until you reach the Indianapolis Zoo. Barb and Raleigh spent a whole day at the zoo and said they had a wonderful fun filled day. And get this - they didn't even get to see it all. So those of you with young ones will not want to miss it.

If after leaving the same door of the hotel, turn to the right, and walk just a few blocks (like about 4 or 5) and you will come to more of the center or historical area of the city. Here you will see the city veteran's memorial, the farmers market and much more. If you need more info we are going to try to have a large map near the registration area and of course Barb and and/or Raleigh should be able to assist you. Also by turning to the right out that same door you can walk about four blocks and come to some good places to eat. Places like the Hard Rock Café and the Old Spaghetti Factory. For you sports fans go out the front doors of the hotel and turn right. Go about a block and turn left and you will find the football stadium.

Well, I really have gotten away from the subject of registration so now I had better get back to it with just a few reminders. First, and most importantly, if you see a First Timer (you'll know them by their name tag), be sure you stop and say hello and welcome them home. I'm sure all of you remember your first reunion. Did someone welcome you and make you feel like one of the family, or did you feel lost and alone? Remember we all went thru the same things and survived so that in itself makes us all 'brothers' - so be sure to welcome them home and feel welcome.

Registrations are slow in coming in this year but for those of you

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28th Annual 11th ACVVC Reunion



Indianapolis, Indiana
September 11 – 15, 2013



Schedule of Events

(Tentative Schedule as of June 30th, 2013)

Wednesday, September 11

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Registration Open
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Quartermaster Store Open
2:00 pm – 12:00 am	Bunker Open

Thursday, September 12

7:00 am – ????	22nd Annual Marty Ognibene Memorial Golf Tournament (optional fee per golfer)
9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration Open
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Quartermaster Store Open
2:00 pm – 12:00 am	Bunker Open

Friday, September 13

9:00 am – 6:00 pm	Registration Open
9:00 am – 5:00 pm	Quartermaster Store Open
10:00 am -12:00 pm	Veterans Seminar
12:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Ropkey Armor Museum (optional fee per person)
12:00 pm -12:00 am	Bunker Open
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Silent Auction
8:00 pm	Raffle Drawing

Saturday, September 14

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Annual Membership Meeting (Members Only)
9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Women's Group Meeting
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Memorial Service
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Registration Open for Late Arrivals
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Quartermaster Store Open
5:45 pm – 6:45 pm	Cocktail Hour
7:00 pm – 9:30 pm	Banquet, Presentations and "Blackhorse Salute"
9:30 pm – 1:00 am	Dancing

Sunday, September 15

10:00 am – 11:00 am	Chapel Worship Service (Nondenominational)
10:00 am – 2:00 pm	Quartermaster Store Open
All Day	Farewells and Departures

REGISTRATION FORM



28th Annual 11th ACVVC Reunion
Indianapolis, Indiana



Wednesday, 11 September thru Sunday, 15 September 2013

PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT

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Indianapolis, Indiana 46225
Reservations: 317-822-3500

Registration fee is \$80.00 per person. This fee is required for attendance at any of the scheduled events including the Thursday and Friday night Bunker Parties and the Saturday Banquet dinner.

Please register early. The registration fee will be an additional \$25.00 per person for registrations post marked after AUGUST 28, 2013. All registrations must be received no later than Friday, SEPTEMBER 7, 2013.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION
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Unit Assignment Years in Country
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Banquet Meal Selection (Choose one selection per attendee) Chicken Beef Veggie

Is this your first reunion? Yes No Wheelchair or special needs seating? Yes No

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Blackhorse Hoofbeats

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

By: Don Snedeker,
11th ACVVC Historian

Initial Lessons Learned. Just about one month after arriving in country, Blackhorse Troopers were on their first combat operations. As they operated for the first time in Vietnam, these Troopers found that the weather, terrain, and enemy tactics were both unfamiliar and challenging. This late 1966 report from Third Squadron sums up the experiences of those initial months in country: "Major problems encountered during the first day [of Operation Hickory] were difficulties in land navigation; lack of adequate road nets in the area; and impassable terrain. Some of the problems with the terrain resulted from inexperience with the area and inability to adequately judge the trafficability of the ground... Occasional thunder showers during the day added to the problems of extracting mired vehicles. The Squadron began making its own roads with bulldozers, tanks and ACAV's to increase its access to certain areas... In one case, it took three days to recover a tank which had sunk up to the turret."

Blackhorse LRRPs. By the end of April 1967, the Air Cavalry Troop's Long Range Reconnaissance Platoon, first established in March, had been conducting operations for about a full month. The following observation was made in the Regiment's official after action report for that period: "The employment of the Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols (LRRP) requires that certain assets of the regiment be made available to adequately support this type of operation. During hours of darkness, extraction of the LRRP is, under the best of circumstances, extremely difficult and hazardous. Terrain features (dense jungle and tall rubber trees) in many instances prohibit extraction by air. In order to adequately support this type of unit the following steps must be taken prior to each operation: (1) Aircraft required to support the operation must be placed on immediate standby alert. (2) Coordination must be made with the ground reaction force as to location and movement of the patrol. (3) Artillery concentrations must be plotted and at least two guns on target at all times."

Sheridan Baptism-by-Fire. During early 1969, the Regiment began to receive its first M-551 Sheridans. A fight south of Long Binh Post on February 23rd was the Sheridan's baptism-by-fire, matching First Squadron's Alpha and Bravo Troops (along with a mechanized infantry company) against two Viet Cong companies – the sapper company and heavy weapons companies of the K3 Battalion, 274th Regiment, and 5th VC Division. About 9:30 in the morning, the Long Binh Post perimeter guards – members of the 720th Military Police Battalion – saw six Viet Cong moving into dug-in positions outside the wire. When they engaged them, the heavy return fire told the MPs it was time to call in the cavalry. Arriving on the scene, Bravo Troop's Platoon Sergeant Donald Kelly – who had only recently traded in his Armored Cavalry

Assault Vehicle (ACAV) for one of the new Sheridans – saw that the enemy force was about to overwhelm the out-numbered and out-gunned MPs. PSG Kelly's Silver Star citation tells the rest of the story. "The vehicles [of A and B Troop] were brought on line and the troop assaulted the well-fortified positions. Sergeant Kelly surged slightly ahead of the other [Sheridan] tanks, passed the first position, and assaulted the second trench line, approximately forty meters long. Driving over the trench, he fired his fifty-caliber machine gun at point-blank range but still received intense automatic weapons fire and several grenades which bounced off the Sheridan tank. Realizing the immediate danger, he ordered a canister round to be fired into the hostile soldiers, instantly killing fifteen." Shortly thereafter, the enemy broke contact, leaving 55 of their comrades dead on the battlefield, along with one wounded VC who was captured. The timely arrival of Alpha and Bravo Troops – and their newly-acquired 152mm canister rounds – prevented the enemy from penetrating into the Long Binh Post and setting off the hundreds of thousands of tons of ammunition in the storage area.

Quan Loi Remembered. From the July 1969 edition of the Blackhorse Newspaper: "Thinking of a pleasant, quiet vacation away from it all? If you are, plan your next vacation holiday in scenic Quan Loi. Nested high atop a gentle hill overlooking picturesque rubber plantations this old, former French resort area offers our man in green a variety of pleasures. Dine in one of the many mess tents nestled under the giant rubber trees, or if nightlife is your fancy, try an evening in one of the many bunkers which dot the edges of old Quan Loi. For the hearty outdoorsman Quan Loi is ideally tailored. Get that rustic feeling as you watch the red dust settle upon your fresh uniform. The sports minded will want to be at Quan Loi at noontime or around midnight. According to tradition native Quan Loians spend those hours having spirited low-crawl races to nearby bunkers spurred on by the cheery whistle of 107mm rockets. If aviation is your bag you may want the thrill of riding in one of the many Caribous or C-130s that fly from Quan Loi International Air Terminal. Frequently the natives are waiting to give the passengers an extra pageant of color as they lay fireworks breathtakingly close to your aircraft. Big game hunting at Quan Loi is something not to be missed. It's a simple matter to join a big game safari, known to native Quan Loians as an 'AP' [Ambush Patrol]. Thrills of a life time await the adventurous hunter. One word of caution however, experienced big game hunters never trust native Quan Loians as their gun bearers. For fun in the sun this vacation tell your travel agent to 'make mine Quan Loi.'"

Combat Medical Badge. From the March 1970 edition of the Blackhorse Newspaper: "The 37th Medical Company has been awarded the Combat Medical Streamer (First Award). Sixty-five

percent of the TOE [Table of Organization & Equipment] strength of the 37th Med has been awarded the Combat Medical Badge thus qualifying the company for the award."

Working with the Ruff-Puffs. From the September 1970 edition of the *Blackhorse Newspaper*: "They have been raised in this area and they know what to look for.' The speaker was Captain George K. Crocker, the F Troop commander, and he was referring to the Vietnamese Regional Forces [RF] soldiers who have been engaging in joint operations with the 2nd Squadron troopers in the Chau Thanh and Tan Uyen Districts, 13 miles north of Bien Hoa. Regional Forces companies have been riding on Blackhorse ACAVs [Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicles] on reconnaissance missions. In dense jungle, the Vietnamese soldiers dismount from the vehicles in search of the Viet Cong, their supplies, and bunkers. The RF companies remain under the direct control of the province chief and must stay within the borders of their province. Each night the Vietnamese soldiers returned to province hamlet

and road security. The joint operations had at least one unexpected dividend for one person, Nguyen Van Kiem, chief Kit Carson Scout for 2nd Squadron. 'I've had a chance to meet many of my old friends during the operations,' he said. In addition to giving 2nd Squadron troopers the benefit of a native's knowledge of the area, the joint operations help speed the process of Vietnamization. Says Capt. Crocker: 'The Vietnamese soldier is now going into areas where he has feared to go and he's finding out that they are not as bad as the legends said.'"

Stand-Down. From the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Redeployment After Action Report, dated 5 March 1971: "Much time was saved by prewashing vehicles at Di An before moving them to Long Binh [for turn-in]... Two wash points were established at Di An and one fire truck was also used for prewashing. Fire fighting foam at the fire house was found to be an excellent cleaning compound, especially for use in hard-to-clean engine compartments."



Welcome Aboard!

New Members of the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia (11th ACVVC) since our last issue of *Thunder Run*. Are you looking for an old friend? Please contact any Officer or Board Member listed on page 3 for help.

NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES
HHT REGIMENT		409th RR DET		B TROOP, 1/11		Strickler, Edward B	70-71
Castillo, Jesus J	69-70	Drake, Daniel L	69-70	Orosco, Alfred M	70-70	G TROOP, 2/11	
Caver, James G	70-70	506th S&S COMPANY		Williams, Eddie W	66-67	Clark, James A	69-69
Dierksen, John T	69-70	Hellerman, Urban T	69-70	Williams, Eddie W	68-69	H COMPANY, 2/11	
Falduto, Anthony P	69-70	919th ENGINEER COMPANY		C TROOP, 1/11		Short, John	66-67
King, Thomas E	68-69	Jordon, James V	66-67	Bascom, Delbert L	66-67	HOWITZER BATTERY, 2/11	
Neal, James W	70-71	Laporte, Gerald J Sr	67-68	Phillips, Frank G	66-67	Sprueil, James S	65-67
Potter, Raymond G	69-70	Martin, George L	71-72	Tamulonis, John C	67-67	HHT, 3/11	
Riggsby, Oakley N Jr	70-70	Oliver, Joseph J	71-71	Washington, Evans	70-70	Adame, David T	67-68
Tamulonis, John C	68-68	RED CROSS		HHT, 2/11		Cox, John W	68-69
Utt, Carroll	68-68	Kronenberger, Kathleen W	67-68	Barr, Gene E	67-68	Rydzak, John P	70-70
AIR CAVALRY TROOP		HHT, 1/11		Black, Frederick A	68-69	Streightiff, Franklin	66-67
Fust, Arlan L	71-72	Gaba, Robert J	66-67	Chandler, Donald R	69-69	I TROOP, 3/11	
Introcaso, Norbert P	67-68	Riggsby, Oakley N Jr	71-71	Kronberg, Peter M	69-69	Owens, Ronald D	68-69
Moor, Terry A	68-69	Washington, Evans	70-70	Tetreault, Glenn T	71-72	Palmer, Thomas E	69-70
7th ARMY POSTAL UNIT		Wyner, John M	68-68	E TROOP, 2/11		K TROOP, 3/11	
Weeks, Jerry C	70-71	A TROOP, 1/11		Curry, Alan C	70-70	Ellis, Stephen C	68-69
37th MEDICAL COMPANY		Cioffi, Cono M	68-68	Prior, Duane R	72-72	Kruse, Robert L	66-67
Bales, Robert D	68-69	Coleman, Vincent C	68-69	Redeemer, George W Jr	71-71	Rauschl, Dennis D	70-71
Quinn, William L	69-71	Ficke, Ronald G	66-67	Strickler, Edward B	71-71	M COMPANY, 3/11	
398th TRANS DET		Kruzan, Lawrence O	65-67	Wittenberg, John C	69-70	Scraggs, Clyde B	67-68
Schrader, Monte R	69-70	Palmer, Thomas E	69-70	F TROOP, 2/11		HOWITZER BATTERY, 3/11	
		Towry, Roger D	68-68	Curry, Alan C	69-70	Humphreys, Earl D	70-70
				Feagin, Carroll L	71-72		



From the 65th Colonel of the Regiment

COL John Ward



COL John "Lanier" Ward

Greetings Blackhorse! The last few months have flown by as the Regiment accomplished a myriad of tasks.

Due to strategic changes of units assigned to support Afghanistan, several rotations were cancelled following our last major one in February. As a result, we had the rare opportunity to train ourselves the last three months with an emphasis on our maneuver skills. In March, we conducted Platoon focused training with Troop and Squadron events in April. I had the opportunity of our young leaders transferring us back to a maneuver based organization ready to take on any future challenger. As such, we will once again become the measuring stick against which the rest of the Army grades itself. Our Soldiers and Leaders were impressive and all the training we conducted will lead us to successfully serve as the Army's best Opposing Force in the World.

We also had the opportunity to have some fun. Both 1st Squadron and the Regimental Support Squadron conducted "Spur Rides" for their organizations while the Regiment was able to conduct a kids' spur ride for over 400 of our young Blackhorse contingent. The kids' spur ride was a great way for the family members to connect with the things their parents do for a living while having a lot of fun at the same time.

The Regiment held the annual Regimental Ball in beautiful San Diego, California at the San Diego Marriott Marquis & Marina, May 11th. This festive and symbolic occasion is a longstanding military tradition celebrating the proud heritage, advancements and future successes of the U.S. military. The Regimental Ball focused on our

longstanding traditions as 1500 members and their dates attended the event. We all had a great night and weekend.

Two weeks ago, CSM Travers and I were able to attend the Blackhorse Association's Reunion in Louisville, KY. I cannot begin to tell you what a humbling experience it was to be in the company of our fellow Cavalrymen as their energy and enthusiasm for life while with the Regiment was infectious. During the event, we were able to induct several of our members in the honorary rolls. The Honorary Rolls were established June 8, 2007, as a way to honor Troopers following the completion of their dedicated service to the Regiment. No matter where they go, the Regiment will always consider them as one of their own. We had the opportunity to formally acknowledge the worthiness and dedication of the following Troopers paying tribute to those who departed from our Regiment and into our history. The following inductees are: MG (ret) Terry Tucker, MG (ret) Neal Creighton, COL (ret) J.W. Thurman, COL (ret) Frank Varljen, CSM (ret) Don Wicks, and 1SG (ret) Ron Boese.

As we begin another Decisive Action training rotation in June with the 2nd Brigade, 4th Infantry Division from Ft. Carson, Colorado, the Regiment continues to believe that success on the battlefield starts here at the National Training Center. It's imperative that we remain focused on tough, demanding training here to ensure that our Soldiers and units sustain their combat edge.

Thank you to all our former members for your thoughts, prayers, and well-wishes. We look forward to making you proud and adding to the rich history of the Regiment. I am confident our Soldiers will live up to the reputation that has been established by the generations of "Old Cavalrymen" that have gone before us. God bless all of you for what you have done and for what you still do for our country.

11TH ACVC DONATIONS

Donor Levels:	Platinum Level \$500+	Gold Level \$100-\$499	Silver Level \$50-\$99	Bronze Level \$1-\$49
Memorial Fund	Trooper Assistance Fund	Tamulonis, John	Turner, Edward	Brill, Grey
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Gold Level	Silver Level	Lynch, James	Coopet, Joe	Clapper, Charles
Cotton, Ernest	Sinclair, Robert	Powell, Marvin	Denaro, Matthew	Davis, Gregory
Glenn, James	Bronze Level	Schrader, Monte	England, Billy	Davis, Henry
Walter, Pete	Gehring, Joe	Sheehan, William	Grabenhurst, John	Davis, Robert
In Memory of, Paul Hofflander	Scholarship	Thomas, Terry	Klink, Robert	Erickson, Larry
Silver Level	Gold Level	Calendar	Lebrun, Raynald	Evener, Robert
Cunningham, James	Cartwright, Wavely	Brown, Keith	Marotta, Robert	Flick, Walter
In Memory of, Waverly Candryl	Gulley, Gerald	Clark, Bill	Menix, Wilbert	Geldziler, Gene
Bronze Level	Sinclair, Robert	Decker, James	Moeller, Daniel	Gilbert, Howard
Kruse, Robert	Silver Level	Dirska, Alfred	Page, Stephen	Goad, Billy
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Neighbors, Andrew	In Memory of Don Bowman	Hurley, Jack	Ranalli, Michael	Horgdal, Ole
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		McGuire, John	Ryan, James	Hunziker, Billy
		Rampey, Frank	Sinervo, Vincent	Jeans, William
		Smith, Wade	Vaaler, Adrian	Kersey, Mark
		Tomchick, James	Villarreal, Emilio	Lantrip, Gary
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				Nuckols, Keith
				O'neil, Daniel
				Ortiz, Concepcion
				Pender, Johnny
				Quinlivan, John
				Scarborough, Charles
				Seese, Harry
				Shimel, Dale
				Shuey, Lawrence
				Smith, Russell
				Snapp, Larry
				Stampley, James
				Stark, John
				Sternier, Jerry
				Sullivan, John
				Timmerman, Gary
				Ungurean, Timothy
				Williams, David
				Wooddruff, Leon
				Wright, Stephen

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who did register early - THANK YOU. Oh, also want to thank those of you who used return address labels. They really make things easier when doing the spelling on the nametags. Remember to list only ONE unit. I realize some of you served with more than one unit and if that is the case you will have to decide which one you want to sit with at the banquet. That is the one you want to list. Some of the smaller units will find that their tables are combined with another to make a full table. It is also VERY IMPORTANT that you sit with your own unit. For example, if you are in A Troop and your best friends are in H Company, DO NOT sit with H Company as this will short out seats for those who are actually in H Company. If this happens you will be asked to move. However you are more than welcome to sit with your friends DURING the program. I have personally seen people walk out because there

was no seat available with their unit due to others sitting with friends from another, and some of them never returned to another reunion because of it. I know we tell you that we are one big family but for that short period of time please, please sit with your own troop.

We have been receiving calls and emails saying that names seem to have disappeared from the website. We are not exactly sure what happened but the computer system seems to have dropped them out. Be assured that we are working hard to get things straightened out and everyone's name is in there. If you do see yours on there and notice a misspelling or other problem, please call (leave a message) or email me so I can correct it.

Well, I guess that's about it. So now all that's left to say is: SEE YOU IN INDY!!!!

THE 28TH ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, September 12, 2013
Morningstar Golf Club

Steve Seibel, Golf Professional
271 S. Mitthoeffer Rd
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Phone 317-899-4653

Veteran Friendly Championship Golf Club

\$75 per golfer includes greens fees, carts, balls, tees, lunch and prizes! Fill in the form and mail it to the address below with a check for \$75 per golfer (payable to Joe Coopet). Form and fee must be received in Minnesota by September 1, 2013 to guarantee your entry! You don't need a foursome to enter. Include your average score for 18 holes and I'll pair you with a golfer of equal talent or include the names of all golfers in the group for whom you are paying. This outing is open to men and women. Don't delay!!! Mail today!!! FORE!



Call 651-246-8009 if you have questions. You will receive confirmation in the mail if your registration fee is paid by September 1, 2013. All entries must be prepaid. This year we will be playing at one of best facilities in Indianapolis. They have a dress code to include: 1) No denim (Blue jeans), 2) No tank tops or T-shirts. Shirts must have collars. 3) Soft spikes only facility. Tee times will be an 8:00 AM shotgun start with lunch buffet following golf. The golf course is a short 18 minute ride from our hotel. Top line rental clubs are available. Let Joe know if you need them.

This golf course is owned and operated by its head professional of 30+ years. He and his staff take great pride in hosting our 11th Cav veterans and guests.

28TH ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Mail Checks To: **Joe Coopet, Golf Tournament Director,**
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11th Cavalry Memorial Project

Planning for the relocation of the 11th Cavalry memorial from Fort Knox to the new National Armor and Cavalry Museum at Fort Benning has begun. It is anticipated that the first phase of development of the National Armor and Cavalry Museum will be completed by October 2013. Our goal is to complete the move and construction of the new memorial site no later than early 2015. This gives us approximately two years to complete the project.

The entire memorial complex will be moved, including the large Vietnam Memorial, the three memorials which are dedicated to the Philippine, World War II and Iraqi Freedom campaigns, plus the nearly 1,100 granite bricks which surround the memorial. All bricks will be catalogued prior to the move and will be placed

in the new location in the same relative position.

The cost of the move will be shared between the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia and the Blackhorse Association. To help offset the cost of this project both organizations will be offering granite bricks.

Anyone can purchase a memorial brick. Memorial bricks are a lasting tribute of **YOUR SERVICE** to our regiment. The 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 memorials. The bricks measure 8 x 4 x 2 inches and can accommodate inscription of up to three lines of 15 characters per line. Many choose to have their name, unit, and years of service

with the regiment inscribed on their brick. Others choose to have a special message inscribed. Some of the messages are very touching. "IN OUR HEARTS", "BROTHERS 4-EVER", "I NEVER FORGET" and "ALL GAVE SOME-SOME GAVE ALL" are just a few of the personal messages on the bricks. The cost of the granite bricks is \$100.

We are beginning this fundraiser now so we can insure that sufficient funds are available in plenty of time to complete the project by early 2015. Bricks will be placed at the new memorial site at Fort Benning during the construction phase.

The bricks add a very special and personal touch to the memorial. We urge you to support this worthwhile project by ordering a brick.

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 a maximum of 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.

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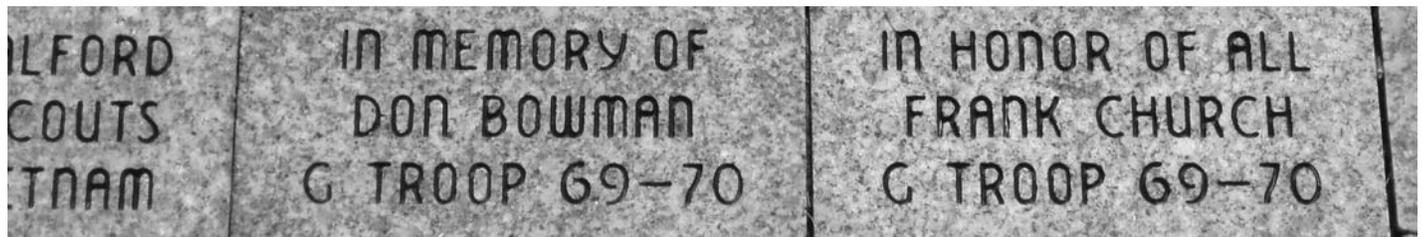
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4" x 8" x 2" Brick - \$100 enclosed

Visa Master Card Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature (Required for Credit Card): _____

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, C/O Ollie Pickral, 571 Ditchley Rd, Kilmarnock, VA 22482**



Christmas Card Reunion

Jim Embrey, G Troop, 66-67

Once a year Blackhorse Troopers have the privilege and special time of joining comrades during the annual reunion that is always well planned and conducted better than other reunions. As a means to supplement the joy of gathering, I would like to encourage former Blackhorse Officers and Troopers to start your own Christmas card reunion. As First Sergeant of "G" Troop during 1966 – 67, I was blessed with the finest group of Officers and men ever to ride with the Blackhorse. No brag, just facts. Troop "G" was formed early in 1966 at Fort Meade, MD, then spent a hectic two months of field training at Camp A.P. Hill, VA. Ninety percent of the soldiers we received were fresh out of Basic Training needing Advanced Individual and Unit Training. To no one's surprise and rather quickly we went ashore in Vietnam during September 1966. Only a Regimental Commander such as William W. Cobb (later known as the Christian General) could have pulled off this whirlwind, never-tried organization, training, and deployment exercise.

At first our troop had only two officers and a few NCOs' to guide this wild assembly of new recruits. Three hours sleep a night was common. Thankfully before long we began to fill up with Officers and NCOs'. Troop Commander CPT Glen Thorson (Retired Colonel and later Professor) – the finest CO that I witnessed during my many years of Army service, along with four officers and 86 Enlisted men thrown together at record pace went on short leave with orders to assemble later in California for deployment. Mercy! Wonder how many would show up? Every d**n one! Thumbing their noses and various other parts of the hand to peace sign waving hippies along the way.

As old troopers are prone to do, I will try to avoid the B.S. by combat stories and how they were perfect soldiers. We had minor, non-reportable diversions common amongst American troopers, who delighted in putting grey hair on their First Sergeant's noggin. Such as unauthorized jeep rides or a surprise supply truck breakdown for a night on the town in Saigon, firefly fights at midnight, flying UFO's, getting Sam the monkey drunk on cheap beer just to watch him wreck the CO's hooch and conducting solemn serv-

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ices of mourning after Charlie's rockets blew up the outhouse. Notable actions that soldiers have enjoyed since the days of "Wouldn't – tell- a- lie General George W." As one of my trooper's wrote this Christmas – "Top, we had a he** of a trip."

Years ago when I started my first Christmas card campaign, it was with some doubt. Since I had been hard on this group of young soldiers during training and out of hearing range, they were known to describe me as the old one whose parents were never married. Priority was to make the training discipline and unit pride on a scale for them to accomplish the mission and bring everyone home safely. The way they took to training along with the solid, inside personal stuff they brought from home, was outstanding but greatest of all was the answered prayers by a loving, Heavenly Father. The Regiment became famous for dispersing in Vietnam; therefore, my troopers continued the tradition by scattering across America after they came home. This made the search even more challenging for new addresses and status. Often I experience periods of sadness when it comes necessary to correct the Troop Roster for one who has marched on to meet the Great Commander-in-Chief. Thankfully, the sadness mellows as families of those enjoying Fiddler's Green write or call with questions, comments, or a thank you for remembering.

This Christmas, I was happy as a kid waiting for Santa Claus as I overloaded the

mail carrier with cards for this Special Band of Troopers. Best of all was receiving their cards, letters, photos of them and their families, telephone calls and numerous other reminders. Dang-gum-it! It was a great Christmas even my wife is correct in stating "Your boys are getting old." Without troopers exchanging information on other troopers they have located, the Christmas card reunion would have fallen short. A great help in locating everyone has been Allen Hathaway, President of the 11th ACVVC, who always responds in a courteous and professional manner like he did years ago as a young Officer in RVN, and Fred Ayers, retired Troop "G" Veteran who with bulldog determination continues to passionately search for Blackhorse Soldiers.

I guess folks will brand me as prejudiced when it comes to Troop "G." H*ll yes, I am! Then as now I love those guys with feelings that are hard to describe. Men like these make America a great country and hold it together despite the claims of political hot-air civilian and hippie want-to-be's. Each card that I mail is a once a year opportunity to thank and in my way tell them I love each one and will never forget.

Holding a Christmas card reunion won't be found in the Officer's Guide or NCOs' Manual. It's just a way for old soldiers to do their duty by taking care of the troops. The least one can do for those who held our lives in their hands once upon a time. Best start planning your Christmas card reunion now.

Show Your Pride



Wayne A. Jacobitz (D Company, 1/11, 68-69) built a new patio not long ago at his Mt Vernon, Texas home, and demonstrates his Blackhorse pride to all who visit there.



Fiddler's Green

We are sorry to report the following Troopers have taken the journey to Fiddler's Green. We send our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences to their families and friends. We honor their service to our country and to our regiment by posting their names. We check over 500 U.S. Newspapers. The daily obituary keyword is 11th Cavalry. Information is then posted on our website to allow us to attend the funerals. Funeral Honor Guard, please check daily at www.11acr.com/hg.htm.

Donnie L. Ahrens, HHT, 2/11 (1970) HHT REGT (1970-1971) passed away on April 23, 2012. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hutchinson, KS.

Charles N. Allen, K Troop, 3/11 (1969) passed away on February 20, 2013. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Colorado Springs, CO.

Henderson Ashworth Jr., D Company, 1/11 (1966-1967) H Company, 2/11 (1969-1971) passed away on June 8, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Radcliff, KY. He was laid to rest in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff, KY.

John E. Bailey, A Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) HHT, 1/11 (1967) passed away on March 23, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Gilbertsville, KY. He was laid to rest in Calvert City Cemetery, Calvert City, KY.

Dana R. Barto, HHT, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on September 15, 2011. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Ashtabula, OH. He was laid to rest in Ridgeview Cemetery, Ashtabula, OH.

William E. Beamer Jr., HHT, 1/11 (1969) passed away on August 17, 2012. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Winchester, VA. He was laid to rest in Orrick Cemetery, Winchester, VA.

Jonathan E. Beasley, 398th Transportation Detachment (1969-1971) passed away on May 25, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Oley, PA.

Boyd R. Bengston, HHT, 2/11 (1969) G Troop, 2/11 (1969) passed away on September 17, 2011. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Danville, VA.

Robert J. Bowen, HHT, 1/11 (1968) passed away on August 17, 2012. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Cathedral City, CA. He was laid to rest in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, CA.

Archibald M. Brown, HHT, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on November 12, 2011. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Virginia Beach, VA.

George L. Burton, 398th Transportation Detachment (1969-1970) passed away on April 11, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Louisville, KY. He was laid to rest in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff, KY.

Charles S. Cochran, HHT, 2/11 (1971-1972) passed away on January 21, 2011. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Glendale, AZ.

Dale L. Coleman, Howitzer Battery, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on January 31, 2012. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in O Fallon, MO. He was laid to rest in Jonesburg City Cemetery, Jonesburg, MO.

Billy Charles Cowart, D Company, 1/11 (1967-1968) passed away on April 23, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Cumming, GA. He was laid to rest in Sawnee View Memorial Gardens, Cumming, GA.

William J. Harrington Sr., C Troop, 1/11 (1967-1968) A Troop, 1/11 (1967-1968) passed away on December 27, 2012. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Sanford, MI. He was laid to rest in Floral Gardens Cemetery, Bay City, MI.

Harry E. Haskin, E Troop, 2/11 (1968) passed away on March 20, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Minnetonka, MN.

Paul E. Hofflander, K Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) HHT, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on June 11, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Merrionette Park, IL. He was laid to rest in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.

Charles P. Hunter Sr., HHT, 3/11 (1970-1971) passed away on December 25, 2011. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Columbus, GA. He was laid to rest in Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery, Ft Mitchell, AL.

John M. "Jack" Keator, H Company, 2/11 (1966-1967) passed away on April 10, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Stafford, VA. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA. Jack is also a veteran of the Korean War.

Kenneth L. Kennedy, HHT, 1/11 (1969-1970) passed away on December 18, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Castlewood, VA.

Ronald L. Kirkes, C Troop, 1/11 (1970) passed away on January 20, 2013. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lakewood, WA.

Frank Lattuca, HHT, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on August 27, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Antioch, CA. He was laid to rest in Oakmont Memorial Park, Lafayette, CA. Frank is also a veteran of the Korean War.

Albert G. Leatherberry, 398th Transportation Detachment (1967-1969) passed away on November 21, 2011. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Jacksonville, AR. He was laid to rest in Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery, North Little Rock, AR.

Fletcher L. Leathers, HHT REGT (1968-1969) HHT, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on January 7, 2013. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in De Kalb, TX. He was laid to rest in Ben Lomond Cemetery, Ben Lomond, AR.

You might want to make copies of these dog tags, place one on your refrigerator and extra dog tags on your adult children's refrigerators



Thomas E. Lilley, G Troop, 2/11 (1971) passed away on September 15, 2012. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Myrtle Beach, SC. He was laid to rest in Quantico National Cemetery, Triangle, VA.

John M. "Jack" Lowery, I Troop, 3/11 (1968-1971) passed away on February 20, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Bartow, FL.

Robert A. Macon, HHT, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on April 12, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Nashville, TN. He was laid to rest in Woodlawn Cross Mausoleum, Nashville, TN. Robert is also a veteran of the Korean War.

Jackie L. Maples, 541st Military Intelligence Detachment (1969-1970) passed away on February 7, 2012. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Garland, TX. He was laid to rest in Dallas - Ft. Worth National Cemetery, Dallas, TX.

Gerard M. Matelski, A Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on May 12, 2012. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Concord, MA. He was laid to rest in St Ignatius Cemetery, Saint Ignace, MI.

Michael E. Matta, I Troop, 3/11 (1970-1971) passed away on June 28, 2012. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Gladwin, MI.

George L. Mattis, B Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on April 16, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in The Colony, TX. He was laid to rest in Dallas - Ft. Worth National Cemetery, Dallas, TX.

Stanford L. Mckethan Jr., G Troop, 2/11 (1970) passed away on May 7, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Burlington, NC.

Michael D. Mobley, A Troop, 1/11 (1967-1968) passed away on November 15, 2012. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Tipton, MI. He was laid to rest in Brookside Cemetery, Tecumseh, MI.

Michael Moynihan, H Company, 2/11 (1967-1968) HHT REGT (1968) passed away on May 25, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Kimball, MI. He was laid to rest in Caswell Cemetery, Kimball, MI.

Patrick J. O'Keefe, I Troop, 3/11 (1968) passed away on August 13, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Bethpage, NY. He was laid to rest in Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, NY.

Christian J. Pfmatter, G Troop, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on May 1, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Montrose, PA. He was laid to rest in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA.

Dennis W. Ratliff, Air Cavalry Troop (1969) passed away on December 21, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Saint Joseph, MO. He was laid to rest in St Joseph Cemetery, Easton, MO.

Richard J. Reed, 541st Military Intelligence Detachment (1968-1969) passed away on May 23, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Edmond, OK. He was laid to rest in Fort Sill Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, OK.

Salvador Renteria, F Troop, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on November 6, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Rockford, IL.

Ronald G. Rhoades, Air Cavalry Troop (1971-1972) passed away on September 17, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Temple, TX. He was laid to rest in Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, Killeen, TX. Ronald is also a veteran of the Persian Gulf War.

Richard R. Rock II, HHT REGT (1970-1971) passed away on February 6, 2013. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Topeka, KS. He was laid to rest in Parker Cemetery, Arkansas City, KS.

Richard P. Sawdo, E Troop, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on June 20, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Venice, FL. He was laid to rest in Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, FL.

William C. Schroeder, B Troop, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on February 2, 2013. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Rossford, OH. He was laid to rest in Fort Meigs Cemetery, Perrysburg, OH.

Walter W. Schultz, F Troop, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on June 8, 2012. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Ypsilanti, MI. He was laid to rest in Sunset View Cemetery, Jonesville, MI.

Thomas E. Scott, K Troop, 3/11 (1970-1971) passed away on March 3, 2013. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Drakes Branch, VA. He was laid to rest in Piney Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Saxe, VA.

Anthony N. Stanfa, M Company, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on November 12, 2012. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in New Lenox, IL. He was laid to rest in St Joseph Cemetery, River Grove, IL.

Martin D. Storer, E Troop, 2/11 (1966-1967) passed away on May 11, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Morrisville, PA. Martin is also a veteran of the Korean War.

Andrew V. Turnbull, Howitzer Battery, 3/11 (1970-1971) passed away on April 10, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Valparaiso, IN. He was laid to rest in Graceland Mausoleum, Valparaiso, IN.

John B. Vanhorn, HHT, 1/11 (1966-1967) B Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on May 4, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Dallas, PA.

Eddie G. Walker, HHT REGT (1970) 398th Transportation Detachment (1970-1971) passed away on August 13, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Madison, AL. He was laid to rest in Alabama National Cemetery, Montevallo, AL.

Roy R. Walters, HHT, 1/11 () passed away on April 23, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Columbia, SC. He was laid to rest in Woodbridge Memorial Park & Chapel Mausoleum, Lexington, SC.

Terry R. Watts, HHT, 3/11 (1967) Air Cavalry Troop (1968) passed away on September 18, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Laurel, MS. He was laid to rest in Liberty Church Cemetery, Raleigh, MS.

Donald G. Wells, K Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on January 22, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Redding, CA. He was laid to rest in Northern California Veterans Cemetery At Redding, Igo, CA.

Phillip W. Williams, HHT REGT (1970-1971) HHT, 2/11 (1970-1971) passed away on April 12, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Huntsville, AL. He was laid to rest in Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, AL.

Clair P. Yeager, E Troop, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on April 10, 2013. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Olive Hill, KY. He was laid to rest in South Fork Cemetery, South Fork, PA.

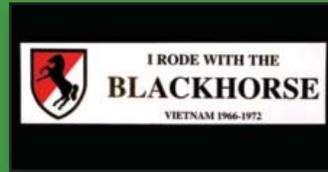
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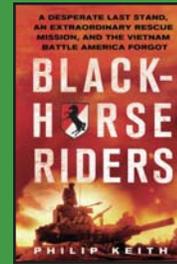
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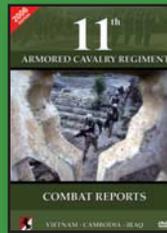
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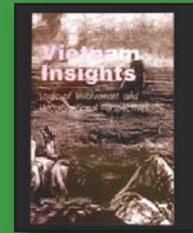
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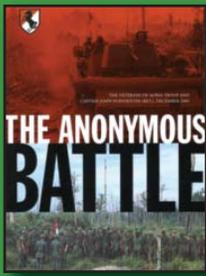
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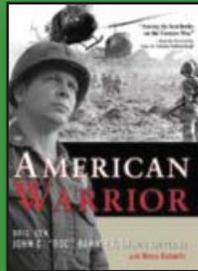
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Women's Corner

By Barb Moreno, 11th ACVVC Women's Coordinator

LET'S GO TO THE MOVIES!!!!

Yes, ladies, that's what our meeting time will be all about when we get together in Indianapolis in September.

So here's the plan. Decide who was in your all time favorite movie, OR, what was your all time favorite movie. Now decide on a costume that best represents that actor or actress, or that movie. Come to the meeting dressed, representing your choice and be ready to tell us who, what or why you are dressed the way you are.

We will have several things happening at the meeting also. First when you arrive, you will wait in the hallway until Margaurite (or someone) ushers several of you in to the room and has you sign in on the attendance sheet. Next, you will step over to our photographer where you will have 2 pictures taken. One with a board with your name on it (so we know who the picture is of) and one without the board. If you desire a copy of the picture, you will indicate this on a picture sign-up sheet. We will be asking for a donation of \$10 which will cover the cost of having the photographer there and her film. After the meeting if you want another photo taken with you and a friend you may do so (donation amount the same). NOTE: Kathie - are we up for this?

During our meeting our photographer and her assistant will also be busy taking random photos while we are getting to know each other via get acquainted games, laughter, awards, and making plans for the next year.

We will also have a few guessing games to play (with prizes for the winners). Things like, how many cotton balls are in the jar, or who starred in what movie, things like that. Somewhat like the games we played when we were younger. It will be a fun time I'm sure. Of course just like at the Oscars or Emmys we will have a surprise or two for all.

We will also be discussing things like how many wreaths we want to purchase for Arlington Cemetery this year. The first year we did this we bought 4 (plus one bought by an individual in our name) and

then last year we bought 6 wreaths. The cost of each wreath is \$15 and we could possibly purchase more than we did last year.

Last year Pam Hathaway represented our group at Arlington and placed our wreaths on deserving graves. Pam, we thank you so much for doing this for us and hope that you will again represent us. Of course if there is anyone else who goes to help with the wreath laying in Arlington that wants to help her, I am sure she would welcome you.

We also made a donation to the Memorial Moving Fund last year. This donation came from the sale of our lanyards. Previously this money was given to the Scholarship Fund but we now have a rather large expense in moving the monument from Ft Knox to Ft Benning. So I made the decision to give to that instead.

While we are not selling lanyards this year, I think we should still make a donation. Perhaps in the amount of at least \$100.

Hopefully by our meeting I will be able to tell you how much our quilt sold for at the silent auction. I know we had fun making it and I would like to thank Cathie Bower for finishing it for us. I can hardly wait to see it. I already told my sister and brother-in-law, who will be coming to our reunion this year (Yippeeee) to be prepared to bid on it for me, using my money of course.

Well I hope this has shed some light on what we have planned this year. I do appreciate all of you and would love to see more of you getting involved hands on with our group and helping to plan things. Please let me know your thoughts and ideas. I have plans in my head that we can do but I'd like to know your ideas so that we can make this a group run function.

Now don't forget to plan out your costume, pack it, and then be sure to wear it to our meeting.

Till we meet on the Red Carpet!

PS: Registrations are coming in VERY slowly. Do it now if you haven't sent yours in yet.

The 11th ACVVC Funeral Honor Guard

By: Pete Walter and Dan Stroia

Most of us have heard of the mythical "Fiddler's Green," the "...good old time canteen" located "Halfway down the trail to Hell". Legend has it all Cavalrymen stop here for a drink with departed comrades and never leave.

In reality, we will all depart this world at some time. The loosely organized and informal 11th ACVVC Funeral Honor Guard renders the last respects for fallen comrades by simply attending the viewing or funeral service of our fallen brothers.

Any member of the 11th ACVVC who lives within an hour's drive of the funeral service might get a call from Dan Stroia asking that they attend a viewing or funeral service. All we ask or expect of attendees is that they dress neatly, introduce themselves to the family, tell them you served with the Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam and are paying your respects and expressing your condolences to the family of a fellow Blackhorse Trooper.

To accomplish this last farewell, we need to be informed whenever you know of the death of a Blackhorse brother. Please contact Dan Stroia directly at the number and/or e-mail below. If you can provide date/time/details of the viewing and funeral service, it will make the task easier.

It is also important to help us keep the contact information for every member up-to-date. If you move, change phone numbers or e-mail addresses, please use the convenient change of address form in every issue of *Thunder Run*.

We have been doing this for many years, and have received callbacks and notes from Troopers who were contacted for the first time to attend a funeral service - all were honored to do so and reported the family was very grateful that we never forget our brothers. It is the last service we can provide. "ALLONS!"

Contact: Dan Stroia, ktroop6768@yahoo.com, 480-242-7040 (cell 24/7)



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From the Quartermaster...

Jerry Beamon

Greetings to All BLACKHORSE Troopers! Well about the time you receive this *Thunder Run* we will be geared up for Indy. Geared up and ready to get on the road just waiting to see everyone there. Jan and I are hoping you will be there as well so we can catch up with each on all the latest happening since last year.

As usual we close the Quartermaster Store on the 1st of September so we can get out all last minute orders that have come in, and we will reopen on or about the 20th of the month. This will give us time to get back from Indy & be resupplied. You can go ahead and mail us your request or you can E mail us. But we will not be able to fill them until we return.

There was a good turnout for the East Texas Round Up, if you missed it, you missed a good time. Lots of good food & lots of new

friends were made. So any of you troopers in the area make plans for next year we will be getting together again.

We have received several messages from our friends who have expressed to us that they will have some free time and will be able to help us out in the Quartermaster Store. Please stop by and give us some help it will be very much needed. Also guys please don't forget to fill out your form when ordering we are getting orders with no address, no phone numbers and no e-mail addresses, so we have no way to contact you when you leave off the size of your shirt or jacket. So please help us out put down all your info when ordering. Well will close for now hope everyone has a safe trip to Indy; we'll see you all real soon.

Allons Jerry

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