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11th ACR Memorial Restoration

By Allen Hathaway, HHT Regt, 1966 –’67

Chairman, Committee on KIA Issues

The 11th ACR Vietnam memorial sits on the grounds of the Patton Museum at Fort Knox, KY. The memorial is a tribute to those Blackhorse troopers who gave their lives in Vietnam in the service of our country.

The memorial has a unique history that begins in Vietnam. It was there that the memorial was constructed by members of the 919th Engineers using material found locally. As the regiment suffered a casualty, a brass nametag was added to the memorial. When the regiment relocated to other base camps so did the memorial, always remembering those men and their sacrifice.

When the regiment stood down in 1971 the memorial was carefully packed up and shipped to Fort Knox. The individual brass nametags were replaced with four bronze panels listing the names of the Blackhorse troopers. In early 1990, the memorial was relocated to the Armor Unit Memorial Park on the grounds of the Patton Museum.

Over the years, the memorial has been subjected to various weather con-

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ditions. Because of the type of material used and the effects of the weather, this is causing a very slow deterioration of the memorial. Minor repairs have been made to help preserve the memorial. In the spring of 2003, a metal cap was added to the top of the memorial to help protect it from the weather.

In May 2003 the Memorial Restoration Committee was formed with three primary objectives:

- ◆ Consider options on how to restore and preserve the memorial
- ◆ Research and verify each name on the memorial to determine specific troop, company, or battery.
- ◆ Consider using a portable/traveling monument at our reunions.

The first step in the restoration plans includes a thorough inspection of the memorial by professionals who will make recommendations for repairs and

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Datona Beach, Florida

Reunion 2004

By Steve Page, Reunion Chair

Planning for our next reunion in Daytona Beach is well under way. The hotel has been receiving reservations since we left Eugene. I can assure everyone that there will be plenty of rooms available for us. The Ballroom seats 2000. Because of this unique location, we are going to keep planned activities to a minimum. The hotel is located right on the beach on the heart of Ocean Walk Village, just five miles from the airport and directly across the street from Adventure Landing Water Park and Entertainment Center and Ocean Walk Shoppe’s and Theaters.

Reunion dates are 6, 7 and 8 August, 2004.

The Hotel complex includes six places to eat and drink. Within 15 minutes from the Hotel, we have Daytona International Speedway, Daytona USA Motorsports Attraction, LPGA International Golf Courses, Greyhound Racing, Klassix Auto Museum, Deep Sea Fishing, Scuba Diving and Casino Boat.

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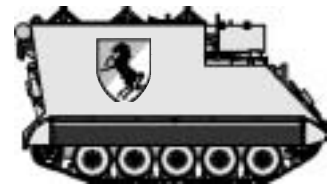
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From The Command Track

By Ollie Pickral, President



Ollie Pickral, President
11th ACVVC

Well my brothers, my tour of duty as your President comes to an end on 31 December this year. I turn the command over to our current Director, Chuck Schmidt. This change of command will be in good

hands. Chuck, as Director, has advised and supported many of our motions the last few years that have made our organization the best out there! He brings a girth of knowledge to us from the military side and the civilian side as well as President of his homeowner's association. Along with Chuck, we will gain the experience of Gene Johnson as our new Vice President and Allen Hathaway as a Director. Both of these troopers have held other posts within our organization in the past and I foresee continuous growth the next two years for our organization.

We are however, losing our Vice President, John Sorich, Treasurer, Bill Holford and Director, Eric Newton. John as our scholarship chairman, was responsible for all facets of the fundraising, increasing our number of scholarships, three fold. Bill over the last four years has worked almost daily, receiving monies from our many projects and keeping up with all our funds. . Eric has worked tire-

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lessly for our organization, has been our PIO and spokesperson and we will miss his knowledge and experience.

As my term of six years comes to an end, I am very proud of what our Officers and Directors have accomplished. These accomplishments are way too numerous to discuss in this article, but to highlight just a few, we established our website on the internet, wrote up qualifications and policy for our important projects such as reunion SOP, scholarship, trooper assistance, fundraising, etc. We have given a record number of scholarships, increasing from six per year to twenty this year. Our organization still ranks as one of the best military unit organizations in the country. I am proud to have been a part of it all.

I will be your next Treasurer and I look forward to taking on that task for our organization. We are currently in the process of "cashing in" some of our CDs and investing into money market and mutual funds. This is necessary to optimize our dividends on our monies that are invested. These funds are your Life memberships that will keep our organization running smoothly now and in the future.

In addition to being our Treasurer, I have accepted the position as Executive

Director of The Army Divisions Association. This organization is an "umbrella" to the members who are the associations to our Army Divisions. We currently have twenty-five Divisions as members inclusive of the 11th ACVVC. The 11th ACVVC has been a member of the Army Divisions Association since 1992 and has taken on many of the leadership roles in this organization throughout the years. Our reunion chairman, Steve Page is the 11th ACVVC representative.

Many, many thanks to you for the support you have given me over the last six years. Without your help and that of our Officers and Directors, I wouldn't be looking so good. You are the best group of guys I have ever known and I say that from my heart. I love this organization second only to God and my family and I look forward to continuing being a part of it in the future.

Please make your hotel reservations and register now for our first beach reunion. On August 5-8, 2004, we will be meeting at the Adams Mark Hotel. Our hotel is the biggest and finest that Daytona Beach has to offer, located right on the beach. See the info elsewhere in this newsletter and get your room reserved.

From Debbie, April and me, we wish each of you a great Thanksgiving and a great Christmas and New Year holidays. It's such a great time of year for your friends and family.

ALLONS !!!

BLACKHORSE

BY: Charles Pauley, C Troop, 1/11, 1968 - 69

It took a special breed of man to ride the Blackhorse
His hoof prints are all over Vietnam
It didn't matter who would call, we would go
I bet the enemy didn't like our show
We would give any of them a go
Many said Hardcore NVA are too tough
But when we came, they headed back to their holes
Many were lost, but still we held the charge
I don't remember a battle we ever lost

But it was with a terrible cost
We were never outgunned
So wife and children be proud, because we kept them
On the run
Blackhorse could get the job done
I believe he still can make a show
Just let him go

*Always remember:
ALLONS: My brothers*



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From The Command Track II

By Chuck Schmidt, President Elect



Fellow Troopers! As this edition of Thunder Run goes to press, our President and Leader for the past six years, Ollie Pickral, will be in the process of finishing up his duties and making the transition to the office of Treasurer. As the principal founder of this grand organization, and for the thousands of hours of dedicated service rendered, we all owe Ollie a debt of gratitude and thanks for a job "well done". Rest assured, he will continue to support our purposes in outstanding fashion in his new position.

As your President starting on 1 January 2004 and continuing for the next two years, I pledge to each of you to do my best to live up to the excellence established by former Presidents, Ollie and Allen Hathaway, over the past 18 years. Their dedicated service, along with that of outstanding volunteers too numerous to list in this short article, has shaped the 11thACVVC into what is unquestionably the *absolute best* veteran's organization of Regimental/Brigade size in the entire country. Our volunteer organization has had unprecedented success in locating Troopers who served in Vietnam and Cambodia and in encouraging them to join their comrades-in-arms as members dedicated to mutual support in honor of our service to our beloved country and to our fallen brothers who in death paid the ultimate price.

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Of the more than 16,500 former Troopers located, however, less than 5,000 are currently members and I encourage each of you to recruit a buddy—we all probably know of at least one who for various reasons has not elected to join. And for those of you who have been reluctant to join us at one of our Annual Reunions, I strongly recommend that you take that next step, — I guarantee that you will not regret your decision.

In addition to Ollie, I would like to thank those who have recently served as Officers or Directors and who will be leaving office. John Sorich has been a Director and most recently Vice-President and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, Bill Holford has been our Treasurer, and Eric Newton a Director and PIO. These dedicated Troopers have given freely of their time and efforts and in the tradition of all those who have faithfully served the 11thACVVC have sought neither recognition nor personal gain for their service. We are all in their debt. Congratulations for an outstanding job!

ALLONS!

Show Your Pride

Another double plate? C. A. Linaberger traveled the area around his Frederick, MD home proudly displaying his "11 - ACR" plates on both his T-Bird and F - 350 truck. The car had Virginia plates and the truck Maryland plates. To keep the law happy, Trooper Linaberger had to change the T-Bird plates to Maryland plates. They now say "11th CAV"!



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preservation along with cost estimates. The 11th ACVVC officers/board has agreed in principle to paying for the cost of repairs.

The committee has also begun researching each name on the memorial to determine specific units. A number of different resources are being used for research including records at the National Archives and Records Administration, LBJ Library, National Personnel Records Center as well as personal accounts. The goal is to have the unit research completed by August 2004. Our research also includes collecting photographs of our KIA's. Our KIA website is continuously being updated with photographs, medals and interment information.

The committee is also considering the use of a portable monument at our reunions. We've found that over the years, some cities that would be ideal for a reunion either don't have a memorial or the logistics and cost of transporting our group to a memorial are prohibitive. A portable monument could give us more options for reunion cities.

There have been many memorials dedicated to fallen soldiers, but the 11th ACR Vietnam memorial truly has a unique history. It is important to do what we can to preserve this history. The restoration committee will continue to pursue these objectives and report the progress to our members.

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One Hour away is Walt Disney Theme Parks, Universal Studios and Kennedy Space Center to name a few.

Dates are 6, 7 and 8 August 2004. Room rates are \$119.00 sgl/dbl these rate are good for three days prior to and three after the Reunion. The Hotel is now accepting reservations

Call direct to tyhe hotel: (386) 254-8200 Make sure you mention the 11 ACVVC Reunion.

Rental Car and Airline discount information will be listed in the next Issue of Thunder Run.

Looking forward to seeing you all there.



Editor's Corner

C. E. "Bill" Gregory, Jr.

Are we really about to put another year behind us? Yes, that is what the calendar tells me. It has been a good one for the 11th ACVVC and the *Thunder Run* publication. Your editor has learned a lot about getting a publication out on a regular basis, most of which will help me do a better job in the future. We have entered a new period in our history as an organization with a new slate of officers to take office in January 2004. Chuck Schmidt will become the Fourth President of the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia. We all pledge our support to Chuck, Vice President Gene Johnson, Secretary Frank Cambria, and Treasurer Ollie Pickral as they and the Board of Directors take us into the future. Words cannot express the debt we as an organization owe to outgoing President Ollie Pickral, Vice President John Sorich, Treasurer Bill Holford, and Board Member Eric Newton for the tremendous effort they have given for our organization over the last several years. Most of these guys have been involved in the 11th ACVVC from the beginning, and the rest of us will continue to benefit from their work for years to come. I thank and salute them, as I know you do.

In this issue of your newsletter, you will find articles from your outgoing and incoming Presidents, Vice President John Sorich, and Board member Eric Newton, all who have important information for you. Chaplain Larry Haworth, Women's Coordinator Barb Moreno, and Quartermaster Rod George have each contributed excellent articles, and we have a message from Colonel Joe Moore, the current Commander of the 11th ACR. We have two poems written

Newsletter Deadlines

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

- First Quarter.....Jan 15
- Second Quarter.....Apr 15
- Third QuarterAug 15
- Fourth QuarterOct 15

Your Officers and Board has asked for your help with the efforts to get long overdue recognition for the members of A Troop, 1/11...

by Trooper Charles Pauley and a short piece about our sister regiment, the Royal Australian Armoured Corps' Third Cavalry Regiment. The Third Cavalry was in country at the same time as we were and doing similar work, though they were not as autonomous as we were. Your Officers and Board has asked for your help with the efforts to get long overdue recognition for the members of A Troop, 1/11 who were involved in what has become known as *The Anonymous Battle* that took place in War Zone C on 26 March 1970. Please read their letter carefully, and help as much as you can.

I would like to call your attention to an article in *Armor Magazine* by Captain Shawn P. Monien entitled "Reinstating The Combat Tanker Badge". The article gives the history of the Combat Tanker Badge and the Expert Tanker Badge. Not since the First World War, has the badge been awarded. The Infantry and the Medical Corps have the CIB and CMB for their troops, which are well deserved and rightly honored awards. Armor soldiers and Artillery soldiers both deserve recognition for their participation in combat, as well. There is currently an effort to reestablish the CTB award and make it retroactive for WW II, Korea, Vietnam, and Desert Storm combat veterans. I will update you in the future as I find out more about this important effort.

The holidays are upon us again and you should receive this issue around

Thanksgiving. The holidays have always been very special around our home, as we gather our family around to share the love of the season. This year, as always, our thoughts will also be with our 11th ACVVC family. My wife Pattie and I wish each of you and your family a joyous holiday season and a happy, healthy, prosperous new year.

ALLONS!

Silent Auction a Big Success

By: John Sorich, Scholarship Chairman

The Silent Auction remains a very fun & exciting part of the events at our reunion. Eugene was no exception. Troopers & families were thrilled by a very wide variety of dozens of items there was to bid on. The Silent Auction added over \$ 5,000.00 to our Scholarship fund. I would like to thank all who donated something & those who purchased them. My memory is not what I wish it was so if I leave you out of the credits please forgive me. Before the reunion I never know how much to expect. It comes in so fast and plentiful at the reunion that it is very hard to keep track of.

Some of the standouts are John Poindexter (A-Troop 70), who has contributed for the last three years a 2-night stay for two couples at his fantastic ranch, Cibolo Creek. www.cibolocreekranch.com. Robert Reid Helper (I-Troop & ACT 68-69) who donated 2 dozen Viet Nam

era videos as well as some unique hand-crafted sculptures that had a Blackhorse theme to them. Chuck & Cathy Bower who brought their Custom Embroidery machine to the reunion. pensport@whidbey.com they customized many items for the troops and families. He handed me almost \$ 400.00 for the Scholarship. And Debbie Cardinelli whose husband was a Blackhorse Trooper and died about 2 years ago. I am so happy to have seen her there. She and her son Noel are part of our Blackhorse family. She came with some artfully done glass etched, glasses & picture frames that she donated (Blackhorse insignia).

I also ordered some for Christmas presents. They are beautiful. The name of Debbie's company is My Soteria, Life's Pleasures Etched In Glass. www.mysoteria@cminet.net

My sincere thanks to all who did their part to make the Silent Auction a continuing success. Please consider donating something to next years Silent Auction in Daytona. Contact Gene Johnson & the 11ACVVC if you have any questions.

Volunteers

By: Eric Newton, Board Member,
11th ACVVC

Volunteers are the backbone of this great organization. Without them there would be no 11th ACVVC. A search of the leadership titles might lead one to believe that the organization is managed and run by a few. Not so. There are countless committees and volunteers that work in the background and unfortunately go unnoticed. They are the heart of the machine. Some spend minutes a day; others spend hours a day, day in and day out.

The greater percentage of volunteers are still employed, have families and other personal commitments that require their daily attention. Somehow they still find the time to help their fellow veterans. They don't ask for payment or special privileges. They receive little recognition but that's OK with them. They get tired and they get burned out. They endure an occasional brow beating from a disgruntled member who goes off on them because the front desk at the reunion hotel didn't get their bags up to their room before they got their key in the door. Or another member wants to know why they have not received a newsletter in six months. "What do you mean I have to send in a change of address to the Newsletter Editor. My neighbors knew I moved."

They make it look easy, but they know what it took to keep the wheels on and turning in the right direction and it was anything but. So the next time you see a volunteer walk up and say, Thanks. That little piece of gratitude will certainly recharge their battery and may give them the energy necessary to fight the next battle for YOU.

I have witnessed the volunteerism within this organization since I discovered it and joined in 1991. I have volunteered my services almost that long. From creating a poster which spread nation wide advertising a dozen Army veterans organizations along with ours to increase membership awareness. To chairing the team that negotiated the contract that made the Blackhorse documentary become a reality. The internal sales alone have netted this

organization over ten thousand dollars and the contract promises mega dollars if a major motion picture evolves. The documentary was just a byproduct of the much larger goal of the producers. They envision a feature length movie with actors such as Tom Hanks. The History Channel plans to air an hour of the documentary this winter on national TV.

The original annual calendar and the 100th Anniversary calendar was another of my suggestions and projects that has raised over a hundred thousand dollars for the scholarship fund since 1996. Many of the embroidered hats, jackets etc that you wear today were my design and the Quartermaster Store profits have soared since they were added. I see our members wear them everywhere with pride.

I created the 11th ACVVC website in 1997. My fourteen year old son did the original setup and design then carried on until other qualified adults volunteered to manage it. Without a doubt, we have the finest website of any veterans organization today from the sweat of other volunteers working in the background. Click on the website and check out the names of the staff. Then drop them an email with your thanks.

On the Public relations front I have consistently brought positive recognition to our veterans through contacts within the media, which included having Willard Scott announce our 1992 reunion while holding up our logo shirts on national TV. At my own expense I created a leather bound hand-tooled binder KIA Honor Roll

with the names of our fallen brothers, which is prominently on display at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Angel Fire New Mexico. My wife and I made a Blackhorse wreath which attracted national attention as it traveled with the Women's Vietnam Memorial from Dallas to Washington DC.

After years of expressing my views to the 11th ACVVC leadership that the organization needs to do more for its members, I pushed for and got Veterans Seminars initiated at the reunions beginning in Nashville during the first year of my term as a Director.

Much of my work for the organization has been concealed in the background since I rarely wished to bring attention to myself. I never chased after a position of higher leadership to satisfy an egotistical desire. So forgive me if I took this final moment to brag a bit on just a few of my contributions for those of you who didn't know.

My Directors term ends on the final day of 2003 as determined by the vote of the membership at the Eugene reunion. I was unable to attend due to an emergency surgery. In the future you can see me at the reunions just visiting, something that I was too busy to do in the past seeing to it that things were running smooth. Hopefully some good members will step forward and continue where I leave off with my other volunteer positions. I just want you all to know how much I have enjoyed being able to serve this organization and I apologize if it wasn't enough.

Allons,

Eric Newton

MOVING?

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



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Phone _____ Effective Date: _____

Colonel's Stable

By: Col. Joseph A. Moore Jr.
60th Colonel of the 11th ACR

Hello from the High Mojave! The Blackhorse Regiment continues to prepare our Army for its many challenges worldwide. Your regiment recently completed a six weeklong training and certification exercise for the new Stryker Brigade. This outfit was a real challenge for us; with their nearly 1,000 infantrymen mounted on the most agile personnel carrier, I have ever seen. We gave them a real workout and they left knowing a lot more about themselves and their new equipment. I suspect we will soon see them in some far off place conducting real operations.

The Blackhorse is also supporting a

number of ongoing operations with soldiers. Forty-one of your troopers were in Iraq or the Horn of Africa these last months. Nearly every tank and cav unit in 3 ID had Blackhorse troopers attached for the fight. We also have over 30 officers and sergeants' enroute to Afghanistan to train the newly forming Afghan National Army. Our guys will advise a brigade staff, a T62 tank battalion, and a BMP equipped infantry battalion. We hope to instill a little of the Blackhorse spirit into these units! Wish them luck! As we transition into the summer campaign season we are scheduled to train the 30th SIB consisting of Guard units from five states, the Blackjack brigade of the 1st Cave Division, and the

Big Red One brigade at Fort Riley. The last two units are coming for an extended stay of 5-6 weeks. Wish them luck fighting the Blackhorse for 21-28 days in the heat of summer!

I am pleased to announce that 2d Squadron placed second in the FORSCOM Heavy Maintenance Award competition this last year. This is quite an achievement for a huge unit running at their pace. Also, we are a finalist in the Connelly Competition for best field mess. Our troopers eat very well in the field! We will know this winter if they win or not. Be proud of your regiment. All of us got to watch the results of the rigorous training as we watched 3 ID destroy the Iraqi Army. Two of their three brigades and their cavalry squadron trained here before deploying to Kuwait. They made us all proud to be in the Army, and you should be proud of the contribution the Blackhorse made to their readiness. They were that good because they had to fight us. As CSM Flood always says, "Treat 'em rough" – and we do!

Allons!

COL Joe Moore
60th Colonel

2004 ★★ 11th ACVVC Calendar ★★ 2004

CALLING ALL TROOPERS!!!CALLING ALL TROOPERS!!!

By Chuck Schmidt, Director, 11thACVVC

Alert! Watch Your Mailbox for Your 2004 11th ACVVC Calendar!

(Due out in late November or early December 2003)

The annual calendar is a major part of our fund raising efforts to support the 11thACVVC Scholarship program. The calendar, the raffle, and the silent auction account for 90% of all money available to assist children of our members in their efforts to attain a college education. In this Hi-Tech competitive world, our kids need post high school education to help get and retain decent paying jobs. Many of our members cannot afford the escalating costs of higher education and over the years, we have been able to help out through our scholarships. Last year 20 children received scholarship assistance of \$3,000 each on a competitive basis for a grand total of \$60,000! This was possible because of your generous participation and contributions to all three "legs" of our annual fund raising programs.

To enable all our children to compete and be eligible for the 11thACVVC Scholarships the criteria for awarding was changed two years ago to the current format of a strictly competitive award rather than one based on need. It was impossible for us

to fairly determine and compare need with so many variables such as family size, income, geographic differences across the country, local costs, different degree programs, fees, etc., etc., so it was decided that all eligible children would compete on level playing field based on merit. Since changing to this format, we have been able to award 14 \$3,000 scholarships in 2001, 16 in 2002, and 20 in 2003 for a total of 50 awards amounting to \$150,000! That is more winners and more assistance granted than in all previous years combined! It was all possible because of your generous support of our fund raising efforts.

We ask all Troopers to again step up and support our children's education and to help your brothers ensure a college education is a possibility. Some 4,000 calendars are distributed annually, one to each registered member. None are returned, yet only some 950 send in donations to the Scholarship Program. Step up to the challenge!! We are asking a minimum of only \$10 to offset the costs of printing and mailing with any excess going directly to fund the scholarships. Administrative costs are nonexistent since volunteers do all the administrative work. So, when you get your calendar, BE GENEROUS!! Any amount over \$10 goes directly to our children's' education and ultimately helps out a Brother!

Photo File

Combat Section



Mike Rafferty (3rd Platoon, G Troop 2/11, 1969 – '70) gets a haircut from "Kit Carson Scout" Willie - somewhere in War Zone C, 1970. Mike lives in Kansas City, MO. Photo by Mike Rafferty.

Fade Away?

■ I Don't Think So.

By John Sorich,
Vice President (1999 – 2003), 11thACVVC

I am prepared to step down as your Vice President at the end of this year. A very capable man Gene Johnson will take my place. I know he will do a great job & receive the same support from the membership that I enjoyed. As I reflect on my service to the membership I am reminded why I did so. In 1991 I attended my first reunion in Philly. I was nervous, I didn't know what to expect, I didn't know if I would see anybody I knew. At the end of the convention I realized that I had come home. I met one guy in the form of our driver, Ned Rhine. He had greyer hair & more wrinkles. When he talked and I saw the look in his eyes it made the 21 years vanish. That for me started a healing process. I have not missed a reunion since. I have you my brothers of the 11ACVVC to thank.

When I was encouraged by Ben Hotchkiss and others to get on the Board Of Directors, I did. It was the very least I could do considering how much I had received from the friends and families of our membership. I got back part of my life that I thought I'd never be able to share with anybody. I made many new friends. I got involved in helping others.

I recall the newbies, it was their first reunion, and I know how they felt. Many

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of these guys have taken the time to tell us about their joy in being *Together Again*, and have expressed their feelings in our newsletter. If there was ever a person who attended his first reunion and didn't have a good time, I guess I haven't heard of it.

In running the donations for the Scholarship over the last 4 years I feel I know thousands of you. I have touched your checks, read your names and seen to it that your generosity has gone to good causes.

I have you my 11thACVVC family to thank.

In leaving my elected office I want to encourage the men who have not attended a reunion yet. I have talked to many on the phone and when I ask, "Have you been to a reunion yet?" They say, "well I" You paid the price of membership you deserve it! Do your best to be at the next reunion. It will do you a world of good!

Thank you for allowing me to serve the 11thACVVC.

Allons,

John Sorich, A – Troop 1969

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR.

On March 26, 1970, in War Zone C, A Troop was involved in what has become known as "The Anonymous Battle". The full story has never been told of this battle. Captain John Poindexter (the A Troop Commander that day) has tried to tell the story, but even he did not have all the information he needed. The 11th ACVVC is trying to help get the facts, and in the process see that the heroes of that battle all receive the just recognition they deserve. Please read the letter from your board of directors (page 9) and respond, as you are able.

Do You Have On-Line Access?

Reprinted from Texas State VFW newsletter

National Personnel Records Center Now Accepting Requests for Records On-Line

Need your DD214 and don't have a blank Standard Form 180 lying around to request your records?? Have you been longing for an alternative method to access your military records?? The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) now has an improved method you can use to request documents instead of filling out the familiar SF180.

The NPRC provides copies of documents of military personnel records to authorized requesters. Now, a new web-based application will provide better service on these requests by eliminating mail-room-processing time. Using this application, delays that previously occurred when additional information was needed will be minimized. You may access this NPRC application at: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov> (Please note that this web address is NOT preceded by "www").

Submit your photos to "Thunder Run!" Originals are best. Remember, if you submit digital pics, be sure the resolution is at least 300dpi. The 72dpi resolution for web use is not good enough for the printed page.

A Sign of Pride



When you pass by Randy Bodo's (B Troop, 1/11, 1968 – '69) home in Lansing, MI, you know he loves the Blackhorse. Randy's daughter and son-in-law made the sign for him. Photo by Randy Bodo.

11th ACVVC
BLACKHORSE



TOGETHER THEN

TOGETHER AGAIN

Dear 11th ACVVC Members,

We are writing to inform you of an opportunity that we hope is as important to you as it is to us. Your veterans' organization, The 11th ACVVC is involved in the process of determining whether individuals who were present at a battle that occurred on 26 March 1970 in War Zone C are deserving of much belated recognition for their roles in that battle. The recognition that is possible for you and others can take two forms. The first of these is individual decorations such as the Army Commendation Medal with V Device, the Bronze Star with V Device or, even, the Silver Star. You could be a candidate for one of these medals depending on what you did or someone else might be, depending on what you saw. A second type of recognition is a unit citation such as a Valorous Unit Citation or a Presidential Unit Citation for A Troop as a whole.

In either case, we have to know what you did and what you saw your buddies do in this battle in War Zone C. This is no more complicated than just jotting down what you can recall about the action and sending it back to us. As an example, you might tell us what track you were on (if you were present at the battle) and what the action was like around you. What did the enemy do? What did you do? What did others do? Did anyone do anything that you regard as heroic that deserves a medal 33 years later? Don't be bashful about telling your story and the story of others in the battle.

Even if you don't feel as though you did anything particularly noteworthy and didn't see anyone else do anything special, your memories of the battle and life in War Zone C are still very important. This is because we plan to apply for a unit citation for A Troop for this battle and for A Troop's actions in War Zone C before and after the battle. So, all the information that we can get about your life in the period after January 1970 in A Troop will be helpful.

As you may remember, your Troop Commander at the time was Captain John Poindexter. The way Army regulations work, as the Commanding Officer, he has to be the person who writes up and submits the recommendation for awards for valor. Therefore, could you please send your notes directly to him either by email at jpoindexter@jbpcoco.com or by letter to his office address, 1100 Louisiana Street, Suite 5400, Houston, Texas 77002. Or, if this is too much trouble, feel free to call him at 713-655-9800. Like all of us, he is looking forward to hearing from you by letter, email or even by telephone if that works better for you.

This is very important to us and I hope you'll take 30 minutes to help your brothers out. To stimulate your memory, we've enclosed a copy of a story that Captain Poindexter wrote about the battle itself. You may enjoy the story and it will undoubtedly awaken some real memories for you, but the real reason for sending it is to help you put your facts together. For those of you with access to the internet, *The Anonymous Battle* can also be viewed on the *Armor Magazine* website link <http://www.knox.army.mil/center/ocoa/ArmorMag> in the January - February 2000 archive section.

Thanks for whatever you can do.

Allons,

Ollie Pickral, President

John Sorich, Vice President

Frank Cambria, Secretary

Bil Holford, Treasurer

Eric Newton, Director

Chuck Schmidt, Director

Mike Forbes, Director



Shower Buckets, Hot Chow, and Ice

Riding with the Blackhorse in Viet Nam had a lot of advantages. "What am I talking about, you say?" Well, I do remember that life was a bit rugged over there, even with the mighty Blackhorse. An understatement? OK. But think about it and reminisce a bit. We got shot at and things like that – even chaplains got shot at. True. Still, there were certain advantages to being armored cavalry. We had big guns, lots of ammo, and thick metal ("heavy metal?") to protect against a lot of incoming. There were other advantages too. Like shower buckets, hot chow and ice. Remember? You do if you've been reminiscing like I asked a minute ago.

For example, we had the mission of "escorting" a gaggle of Rome plows up QL14 to open up the highway for the Vietnamese. That was so when we left the country they would have their roads back. We did it, too, which you know, having been there. But we still needed a little help. That came from a grunt company which covered our flanks. They did that by walking through the jungle while we rode on armored tracks on the road and over the bush and trees knocked down by the Rome plows. I remember (you probably do too) what we used to say about each other. The grunts said they were better off because they wouldn't ride around in those iron coffins fer nuthin. We said we had it better because we didn't have to walk everywhere. So I guess, in our own way, we were happy about our situation in the jungles of Viet Nam, all things considered.

However, in addition to not having to walk everywhere we went, we had other advantages too: namely shower buckets, hot chow and ice. Other stuff too, like whole cases of soda (and beer?) and C rats covering the floor of our tracks. On top of the cases of ammo, that is. I mention shower buckets because they sort of represented advantages of armored cav in the jungles that grunts didn't have. Busting around all day on top of a tank or an ACav you sure could get dirty (which I wrote about in "Eating Dirt"). It sure was great to be carrying 5 gallon cans of water that the Chinooks (S— Hooks, you know) brought out in big

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rubber bladders on most days. If we weren't in a contact or something you could hang your shower bucket on a branch, gun tube or whatever and take a nice, refreshing shower. Warm too - the cans sat in the sun all day. Of course, there wasn't any privacy to speak of. None to not speak of, either. Actually, if you went behind something to get some privacy so no one could see your bare butt while you showered, some VC would probably shoot your bare butt while you were having your privacy. (Another reason for no females - would have been too distracting - know what I mean? Are you normal?) On the other hand, those poor grunts usually had to go without getting clean until they came to a river or something. No wonder they got jungle rot and stuff like that. Not to mention B.O.

Then there was the hot chow. I'll be the first to admit that Cs could get pretty boring. Well, maybe you were first, but I still had to admit it. Cs day after day sure put a stress on the joy of eating. But even you have to admit that we had it made compared to the grunts on our flanks. Like I already said, we had Cs by the case. Grunts had them one at a time, or however many they could carry on their body. We had so many Cs that guys

would dig through the case, pick out what they liked, and give the rest to mama-sans or baby-sans or whatever sans were in the villages. No wonder Vietnamese in the vills liked us so much, which they did. [Was your favorite C rat ham and eggs? I doubt it. Probably fruit cocktail or pound cake. Maybe peaches]. Now go beyond C rations. Being Armored Cavalry (the real Cav) we got re-supplied every day, all things being equal as in not getting shot at at the time. As I recall, we had at least one hot meal most days. With exceptions like I mentioned, of course. The hot chow was usually slung loaded (sling loaded?) out by Chinooks. I haven't even brought up having a cook in the field which recon troops had, at least a lot of the time. I think he usually cooked hot breakfast. We sure had it a better than the poor grunts we worked with. For them, Cs again. I guess they got hot chow sometimes, but not like us. Good to be Cav, like I said... or like you said too, at the time.

The ice part was pure luxury. Sure good to be Cav. (Am I repeating myself?) Not that we had ice all the time. But even once in a while was just fine. Do you remember those big blocks of ice with the rice husks still all over them? That's how the Vietnamese kept

MIGHTY

*By Charles Pauley,
C Troop, 1/11, 1968 - 69*

The Blackhorse, what a mighty steed
We went wherever the need
As I look back, I now see when another outfit
Was in trouble
There was no turning away
He was wounded many times, but never put down
In my eyes, he was the best, and very often
Put to the test
ALLONS: they need say no more
That's when we would be at the enemy's

back door

I often wonder how many GI's he has saved
As time goes on, I can see they were glad to
Have us pull by their side.
The NVA knew we didn't play
That was just our way
So troopers be glad you rode with these brave men
I know we gave it our all
But the enemy didn't like it when we got the call
Always remember: ALLONS: my brothers.

ice from melting in hot weather. They kept it under rice husks for insulation what with not having any refrigeration like we had at home, back in the land of the big PX. How's that for interesting? Cool! There are more stories about ice in Viet Nam – you can add your own because I'm getting too long and I have a couple of other things to mention before I sign off.

Now I'll finish with a couple of related thoughts I don't know what time it is where you are, but it's only afternoon here. So bear with me and let your eyes droop later. These stories about shower buckets, hot chow and ice point out life in the Cav with its advantages for living. Call them life's amenities, if you want. Sounds good. But looking to life on a larger plane is more important. These stories were for that place and time. What I'll mention now is life on a larger plane. Actually, I'm talking about all of life. Everything. From now to eternity. More specifically, all of it now and in the future. This is in a verse of the Bible where Jesus said very clearly about himself, and I quote, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." That's from the Bible New Testament book of John 10:10. Check it out. It's pretty awesome, to put it in the contemporary. If we had it good with the Blackhorse, which I think we did (in the circumstances of fighting a war), then in the circumstances of life as a whole, Jesus Christ came so we, and anyone else, could have a full life, measuring up to the purpose for which we were born. Belief in him, that is to believe with your mind and commit with your whole being, will bring this abundance of life that he's talking about.

Think about it. Living in the jungles of Viet Nam had its "difficulties. But we had it pretty full with many advantages. All of life has its "difficulties" too. But the purpose and mission of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is specifically to provide for our souls salvation, forgiveness and fullness of life, even considering the difficulties. Some call it abundance of life. That's a good way to say it too.

Well, that's it for today. I hope you'll think about these things.

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

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Incoming...

The following information has been provided by our Troopers:

From **Ollie Pickral**, President, 11th ACVVC. Everyone who are *Life Members* of 11 ACVVC, please turn your card over to the reverse side and change the telephone area code from 214 to 972. Like most largely populated areas, many new area codes were established to handle the millions of cell phone numbers.

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From the **11th ACVVC**: We are looking for current addresses and telephone numbers of the following troopers: Larry J Pruden; Bobby J Prowell; Thomas C Prager; Oscar J Sikes; Earl L. Lindsey; James H Winston; Donald Hinton; Frederick Smith, Jr.;

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These "**A**" troopers may have information on the "Anonymous Battle" that was fought by A Troop on 26 March 1970. If you have information of them or information about this battle, please contact the 11th ACVVC at email: ktrp11acr@comcast.net or write to: 11th ACVVC, 1602 Lorrie Drive, Richardson, TX 75080.

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From **Second Platoon, B Troop, 1/11** (Boat People). Bravo Troop Second Platoon Boat People meet in Memphis! The weekend of 8, 9 and 10 October was a special time for B Troops Second Platoon when 20 of its members along with family and friends invaded this fine City. A reenactment of the boat trip to RVN was made on a River Cruise boat on the Mississippi River which included a dinner, music and dancing. The band allowed a member of the Platoon Eddie Jaimes to make his debut by singing a great blues song.

Sgt Jim Thompson held a Memorial Service for the Troopers we lost during our tour. Troop Commander John Landry also spoke. Second Platoon was well represented on Beale Street and all had a good time. Eddie Jaimes who set this all up presented all the ladies a Rose at the Group Dinner held at the Rendezvous Restaurant. This was a very special time we have located new people who were last seen in Vietnam. A very special thanks to The Bean Bandit Eddie Jaimes job well done.

Submitted by all the Attendees.

Show Your Pride



Coming or going, there is no doubt where Ken Sabo's (E Troop, 2/11, 1971-'72) loyalties lie, as he rides his 2003 Gold Wing around his Topeka, Kansas home. Photo by Mike Sabo.



HISTORY OF TAPS

Though not originally intended as part of the ritual of military burials, no other bugle call can equal the beautiful moving sound of Taps.

Editor's Note: In the Fourth Quarter 2000 issue of Thunder Run, we published a "History of Taps". The following version was submitted by Trooper Dan Mulcahey (CSM Retired). CSM Mulcahey served with HHT, Regiment 1968-'69.

It could be at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, over the sunken battleship, Arizona, or in any of the national cemeteries and the many military cemeteries throughout the world, maybe a cemetery in a small town. It might be a small group or thousands on Veterans Day or Memorial Day, you will find our flag, the ceremony of laying wreaths, the salute of guns and that beautiful bugle call of Taps.

Though not originally intended as part of the ritual of military burials, no other bugle call can equal the beautiful moving sound of Taps. The sound enters an individual's soul and brings to mind those who have made and kept us free for over two hundred years and most likely reminds us of a patriot who gave his/her all.

History records that Daniel U. Butterfield, a successful lawyer, entered service as a Colonel with the 12th New York Militia at the beginning of the Civil War. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor at Faines Mill. Although he had no formal musical training, he had an extraordinary "ear" for music and composed many variations of trumpet calls. In July 1862 when the final call of the day sounded – "Extinguish Lights", Butterfield listened critically and said, "I don't like the sound of that call. It's too formal – more like a trumpeting welcome to a foreign potentate than a soldier's good night."

He scribbled some musical notes on the back of an envelope and summoned the brigade bugler. After a few days of familiarizing himself with the new call entitled "Lights Out", it quickly came to be known as "Taps". It spread to other armies and became official in all of them.

At a reunion of Union and Confederate forces held 25 years after the battle at Gettysburg, a bugler went to "Little Round

Top", stood at attention and blew "Taps". Instinctively, as the last notes sounded, there was no talk of victory or defeat – only of the great tragedy on both sides.

The first words put with the music dating back to July 1862 were, "Go To Sleep, Go To Sleep." As the years went on many more versions were created. There are no official words to the music but some of the more popular verses:

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Day is done, gone the sun,
From the hills, from the lake,
From the skies.

All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.

Go to sleep, peaceful sleep,
May the soldier or sailor,
God keep.

On the land or the deep,
Safe in sleep.

Love, good night, must thou go,
When the day, and the night
Need thee so?

All is well. Speedeth all
To their rest.

Fades the light, and afar
Goeth day, and the stars
Shineth bright,

Fare thee well; day has gone,
Night is on.

Thanks and praise, for our days,
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars,
'Neath the sky,
As we go, this we know,

God is nigh.

An Australian Cavalry Regiment

By: C. E. "Bill" Gregory,
H Company, 2/11 (69-70)

There were five countries that supported the efforts of the United States to establish a permanent free Vietnam in Southeast Asia, with combat troops. One of those countries was Australia. The combat support from Australia came primarily from the Australian Task Force, made up of infantry and armored units from the Royal Australian Army. A major component of this force was the Third Cavalry Regiment. Their regimental symbol was the scorpion, symbolizing the small size, yet lethal capabilities of the unit. Elements of the regiment were the first troops on the ground in 1965 when the Australian Task Force entered the war, and were the last troops out when the Task Force left in 1972. During those years, the regiment participated in every major combat action undertaken by Australian forces.

Like our own 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, the Third Cavalry Regiment relied on the M-113 Armored Personnel Carrier as their main fighting platform. Operating within a "combined arms" philosophy, the Third was under the operational control of various infantry units for most of its time in Vietnam. This meant that the history of the unit was intermingled with and written in after action reports of the various infantry units. Unfortunately, it was common for engagements by elements of the Third Cavalry Regiment to be left out of reports by the infantry units, losing forever part of their history. For example, on 18 August 1966 in the Long Tan rubber plantation an Australian infantry unit engaged a superior enemy force and was in grave danger of annihilation, when a cavalry troop from 1 APC Squadron intervened and saved the day. The probable loss of an entire infantry company was avoided by the decisive and heroic action of the cavalry. Interestingly enough, the writers of the after action report failed to mention that the cavalry had participated in the battle.

The veterans of the Australian Third

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Women's Corner

By Barb Moreno, 11th ACWC Women's' Coordinator

Autumn has again descended upon us here in the mid-west. Gone are the long lazy warm days. Now it is time to start dragging out the sweaters and coats as we head to work or to play. It is starting to get dark early and you find yourself wanting a cup of hot cocoa in the evening instead of a glass of iced tea.

We took time out today from unpacking one of many many moving boxes to go for a drive and look at all the beautiful fall colors. It seems like the trees turned from green to red, gold and yellow overnight. Our back deck is covered with pine boughs as the wind blows them off the trees. As I sweep them off the steps I have to laugh to myself that in just a matter of weeks I will no longer be sweeping up leaves but sweeping away the dreaded cold, wet snow that will be piling up.

We recently moved into our new home that is just outside the town limits. We are, having to get used to the quietness and darkness each night that we didn't have when living in town. But it sure is nice to get up in the morning and look outside and see birds of every type and color in the woods that lie behind the house. We have a whole family of the most beautiful bright blue, blue jays I have ever seen. Needless to say, we now have birdfeeders all over the yard. And the smell of pine is an awesome way to start the day.

There is a campground near where we live so besides the aroma of pine we often get the smell of a campfire or two. It certainly seems to be the ideal place to live. Close enough to town but yet country enough to let the worries and stress of our lives go.

The Moreno family also welcomed a new little person into the family three weeks ago. Simon Ethan arrived at 4:25pm, on September 23rd. He is of course, in this grandmothers' eyes, absolutely beautiful and his twin brothers like him but are not sure they like the fact that he takes so much of mommies time. He was certainly a very nice early anniversary gift for Bob and I.

Things are picking up again at the military base we work at as many of the

There is a saying in the military that says " Wife – The toughest job in the Army. " I can honestly say that in my opinion it certainly is!

young men and women we saw leave a year ago are now returning and new troops are moving out. I enjoy talking to those who are returning and hearing in their words just what it was like for them. And yet, at the same time my heart aches for the ones who are leaving.

I have a friend whose husbands unit was activated a few months ago and I correspond with her via e-mail almost on a daily basis. She is a career military wife like I was and we try to help the wives, parents and girlfriends of those who are in combat for the first time, understand why they had to go and to help them get thru everyday life without letting their thoughts run wild on them.

Although I didn't know Bob when he was in Viet Nam, or experience the things he did, I pride myself in the fact that he has always been able to talk to me about his combat time and know that I am always there to listen and understand.

There is a saying in the military that says " Wife – The toughest job in the Army. " I can honestly say that in my opinion it certainly is!

Did you know that there are only 298 days until we all meet in Daytona Beach? I can hardly wait. It always seems to me that when we leave from one reunion that the next is so far away and then when we get to the next one, it feels like it was just yesterday we were all together. I guess that's what makes us all one family.

AUSTRALIAN CAVALRY *from page 12*

Cavalry Regiment have faced many of the same problems that we have faced. The war was not popular, the veterans were an unwelcome reminder, and after the war nobody much cared to remember their sacrifices. These men from an allied army are our brothers. They fought in the same war, used similar weapons and tactics, and though they are not Blackhorse – they are CAV!!

It is also time to start thinking about the holidays that are fast approaching. Just when I start to think that I have my Christmas shopping done, I find something else that I think someone special might like. And of course now with Simon here that's one more set of gifts to buy. Of course I wouldn't "dream" of being the kind of Grandma that spoils the grandchildren. At least that's what I tell my son and daughter in law but we all know different. Right?

Our youngest son has announced that he would like to forget about Christmas and his birthday this year and just take a trip to Disneyland instead. Of course, this also sounds good to me, as we all know that I am a HUGE Mickey Mouse fan. But I'm just not too sure how Bob feels about it and if our bosses would go for our taking time off at one of the busiest times of the year. But it sounds good to me.

Well, dear girlfriends I must go now and try to find Bob who is going thru a sea of boxes and be sure he doesn't put Thanksgiving and Christmas stuff where either I can't find them or I can't reach them. So, I will sign off, wishing each and every one of you the happiest of holiday season.

May you have love, peace and joy for the remainder of this year and all of next year.

Always;

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We will look closer at the Royal Australian Armoured Corp's Third

Cavalry Regiment in future issues of *Thunder Run*. If you want more information more quickly, I recommend the book: *When The Scorpion Stings*, by Paul Anderson; published in 2002 by Allen & Unmin and available from Amazon.Com or your favorite bookseller.



Quartermaster

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Gear Bag, red with color BH insignia (11x11x21).....	C	35.00		_____	_____
Men's Ring, 10k gold w/full color BH insignia on face (specify size)	A	275.00	_____	_____	_____
Blackhorse Patch Temporary Tattoo	A	3.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Video (based on book) (specify format) <input type="checkbox"/> VHS <input type="checkbox"/> DVD	A	30.00		_____	_____

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

Blackhorse Tshirt, 100% cotton, preshrunk, full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black (check one)	B	16.00		_____	_____
Henley Shirt, 100% cotton, short sleeve, round neck w/full color BH insignia and VN ribbon. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White A	B	20.00		_____	_____
Golf Shirt, 100% cotton w/full color BH insignia on left front. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White (check one)	B	30.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Sweatshirt, 50% cotton, 50% acrylic w/full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black (check one)	B	25.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon, snap front, quilted lining w/full color BH insignia, (6" back), crossed sabers (front right) and Allons insignia (front left)	B	75.00		_____	_____
Women's Sleeveless Shirt w/BH insignia. (available in size small also) Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Butter Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> White (check one)	B	20.00		_____	_____

Shipping Costs: A items = \$3.00; B items = \$5.00 (max shipping is \$7.50 per order); C items = \$7.50

Subtotal	_____
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Total	_____

Name _____ Phone _____
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Check if address change

Please include the largest of chosen items S/H costs with your order. Maximum per order form charge is \$7.50. Checks or Money Orders should be made payable to "11th ACVVC." Allow six weeks for processing and delivery. Prices effective from 7/01/03 to 12/31/03. Previous price lists invalid. Mail order to: 11th ACVVC Quartermaster, c/o Rodney H. George, 21450 West Nine Mile Road, Huson, MT 59846.



Journey to Fiddler's Green

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

John Berry Booth, (K Troop, 3/11, 1969 – 1970) passed away on August 31, 2003. John was the Vehicle Commander of Sheridan K-19 during his tour in with K Troop. John was a life member of the 11th ACVVC.

Elwood Dale Brown, (L Troop, 3/11, 1969 – 1970) passed away in October 2003. Elwood retired as a Sergeant First Class in 1979, after 24 years of service. Sergeant Brown, age 67, died from Upper Respiratory Failure, which was a result of Agent Orange. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC.

Thomas Bungay, (F Troop, 2/11, 1968 – 1969) passed away on July 16, 2003. Thomas was a resident of New York State, and a life member of the 11th ACVVC.

Joe G. Driskill, (HHT, 3/11, 1969 – 1970) passed away Thursday, September 11, 2003, at Duke Medical Center, Durham, NC. Joe's memorial service was held near his home in Arcadia, Louisiana. Joe served the Third Squadron as Executive Officer and S-3 during his tour in Vietnam.

Patrick J. Duffy, (B Troop, 1/11, 1970 – 1971) passed away on July 15, 2003. Patrick was a resident of Oregon.

Robert C. Trippy, (A Troop, 1/11, 1970) passed away. Robert was a resident of Washington State.



From the Quartermaster...

Rodney H. George

Greetings to all. I hope that you are enjoying a pleasant fall season after the long hot summer. Our forest fires are finally out and there is even starting to be snow in the high country. It is great to have temps in the 60's instead of the 90's. As to business, hopefully by the time you read this you have made your Christmas orders to the QM. Order early to avoid stocking shortages or late delivery due to masses of mail at Christmas time.

We still have some Eugene Reunion golf shirts for the sale price of 25.00 each and two free Eugene Reunion pins included.

We still have some Eugene Reunion golf shirts for the sale price of 25.00 each and two free Eugene Reunion pins included. See the separate add for order information. I am still having ongoing problems with some of our vendors. Some have

gone out of business, some have died and some just need to be replaced for inability to provide products ordered in a timely manner. So goes the life of the Quartermaster. Please be patient if an ordered item is placed on back-order. I am securing other sources for some of our products.

Elida and I wish you all the happiest of holidays and wish to thank you all for your good wishes and continued support of the Quartermaster store.

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From the Secretary's Desk



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