



# Thunder Run

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

### Chicago Reunion XXIII A Resounding Success

By Jim Kaszubowski, HHT 3/11 66-67

Well, the 23rd reunion in Chicago is history. I hope every one of the 1,139 who attended had a great time. The Cub outing was a lot of fun and as one Cav member stated, it was a lifelong dream to see Wrigley Field. The race track outing drew 200 plus people. We saw our president Allen Hathaway interviewed nationwide, our insignia on the jumbotron, a race dedicated to the 11th Cav and even the owner of Arlington Park stopped by to thank us for our service. A few lucky people even won some money. The Windy City

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Above, General Paul L. Kern (USA Ret.) addressing the 11th ACVVC Saturday Night Banquet.

### The 11th ACVVC Annual Awards

The following awards were presented at the Reunion Banquet for service “Above and Beyond” to the 11th ACVVC and its membership.

#### Trooper of the Year Award

■ **Steven (Steve) R. Page:** For outstanding work as Reunion Chairman for the past 7 years.

#### Outstanding Trooper Awards:

■ **James (Jim) A. Kaszubowski:** For coordinating the 2008 Chicago Reunion

■ **Daniel (Dan) D. Stroia:** For coordinating efforts for the Funeral Honor Guard

■ **Frank R. Cambria and Michael (Mike) D. Rafferty:** for their work during the past year on the Scholarship Committee

#### Quilter Award:

■ **James M. (Jim) Griffiths:** who has exemplified the values of the 11th ACVVC over a period of time and who has contributed to the enhancement of the Regiment, our organization and members.

#### Women’s Award

■ **Bonnie Schmidt:** For outstanding support of the 11th ACVVC.



At left, 11th ACVVC group is honored at Arlington Park Race Track as shown on the jumbotron in the background

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Allen Hathaway,  
President

# From The Command Track

By Allen Hathaway, President



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**Our Memorial Fund has a shortfall of nearly \$25,000 for work already done on the memorial. We urge you to consider purchasing a memorial brick. Please read the memorial update article in this issue.**

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Our 23rd annual reunion was held on August 21-24, in Chicago, IL. Over 1,100 people attended the reunion this year. We would like to thank Jim Kaszubowski, the Chicago Reunion Co-Chairman, for his innovative ideas and for coordinating the onsite activities. Thanks to all the volunteers this year that helped make the reunion run smoothly. Thanks also goes to Steve Page, Reunion Chairman, for overall planning of the reunion.

We want to once again thank our guest speaker General Paul J. Kern for his remarks during the Saturday evening banquet. We surprised General Kern by having his former G Troop medic, Rex "Doc" Harold, introduce him. Neither had seen the other since 1LT Kern was severely wounded on August 25, 1968. General Kern remarked "I haven't seen him for 40 years. Thanks, not just for that introduction, but obviously for saving my life and getting me on that medivac." This is but one example of the numerous reunions between old friends that occurred during the reunion weekend.

We also want to thank the current regimental commander COL Paul J. Laughlin and CSM Fred Morris for attending the reunion and giving us an update on the activities of the regiment. We send our thanks and appreciation to all Blackhorse troopers for their service and wish them all the best in their continued mission at Fort Irwin, CA.

We had 60 troopers attending their first reunion this year. First timers were recognized and applauded by their fellow troopers during the Saturday evening banquet. One first timer said, "I don't know what took me so long to get here".

The Annual Business Meeting was held on Saturday morning. Elections were held for President and one Director. Incumbents Allen D. Hathaway (President Pro-tem) and Robert E. (Bob) Moreno (Director) both ran unopposed and were reelected to their present positions.

The membership approved a motion to modify the by-laws to add "Operation Embrace" as a standing committee.

The board asked the membership to approve a change in the eligibility criteria for the Reunion Assistance Fund to include immediate family members of our KIA's (parents, siblings, children and widows). The recommendation was approved unanimously by the membership. This now provides a means for some financial assistance to KIA family members to attend reunions if the need arises.

The hat was passed to replenish the Reunion Assistance Fund. Three troopers were helped this year so they could attend their first reunion. A total of \$3,280 was donated by our members. I want to thank all who have contributed to this fund at the Annual Business Meeting and throughout the year.

Consideration is being given to staggered terms for the four officers. The current by-laws provide that the president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer are elected in odd numbered years to serve a two year term. Under staggered terms, two officers would be elected in odd numbered years and the other two officers would be elected in even numbered years. All terms would still remain two years. Staggered terms would provide some continuity by overlapping terms. Any change to the by-laws requires a 2/3 approval by the voting members. Members are asked to submit any comments by e-mail or regular mail to the secretary prior to March 1, 2009.

Three reunion sites were presented to the membership for the 2010 reunion. They included Valley Forge, PA, Washington, DC, and Norfolk, VA. Washington, DC, was chosen by a majority vote of the members.

The annual raffle drawing was held on Saturday evening. The 1st prize of \$1,000 went to Michael Tavares (M Co, 3/11) of Nicholasville, KY. Michael donated the \$1,000 prize money to the Scholarship fund in honor of his friend Gary Wayne Gillis, M CO, 3/11, KIA April 7, 1969. The 2nd prize

of \$750 went to Harold Williams (HHT Regt) of Hampstead, NH. The 3rd prize of \$500 went to Grace Myrick of Robertsdale, AL. The 4th prize of \$250 went to Larry Holloway (A Trp, 1/11). Larry also donated his prize money to the Scholarship Fund.

This year proved to be another successful year for our calendar, raffle and silent auction fundraising activities. Through the generous donations from our members we were able to award 32 scholarships totaling \$98,000. We would like to congratulate the 2008 scholarship recipients who are listed in this issue. Special recognition goes to Christopher L. Stevens, son of Donald L. Stevens, who is the recipient of the Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Memorial Scholarship. Beginning this year and each year hereafter, each scholarship will be awarded in honor one of our KIA's.

Our 2009 Scholarship Fundraising activities will begin in early December with the mailing of our 2009 calendar to all members. Our members look forward to the calendar each year. We urge each of you to make a donation for the calendar for whatever amount.

Our Memorial Fund has a shortfall of nearly \$25,000 for work already done on the memorial. We urge you to consider purchasing a memorial brick. Please read the memorial update article in this issue.

Be sure to check the "specials" being offered by the Quartermaster. These items are being offered at a special reduced price. Quantities and sizes are limited to stock on hand. With the holidays approaching, order early to avoid any last minute holiday delay.

Many people work throughout the year and behind the scenes to ensure each reunion is a success. By all accounts this was another very successful reunion. We thank all the volunteers for their time. We especially thank all those who attended in support of these great events. We hope to see you Santa Clara in 2009. ALLONS!



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# 11thACVVC Reunion XXIII



Marty Ognibene Golf Tournament participants



F Troopers at Wrigley Field



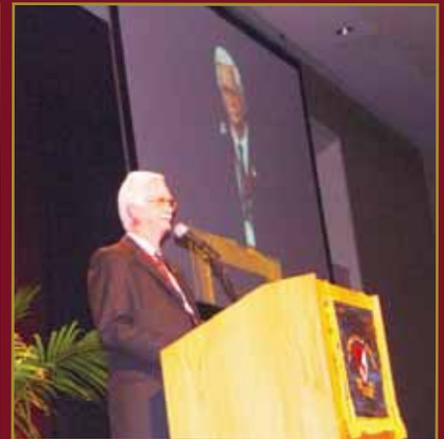
D Company enjoying the Bunker



Troopers sectioned off for reunion site vote count at the Business Meeting



It's Friday night and Elvis has not left the Bunker



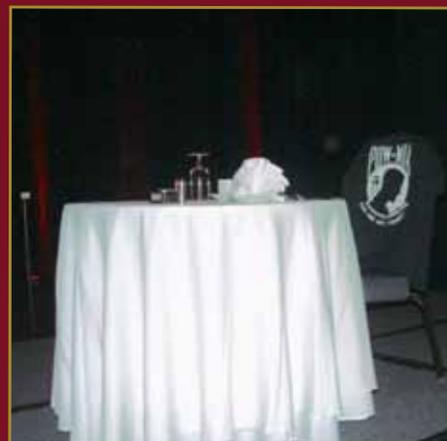
11th ACVVC President Allen Hathaway presiding at the Saturday Night Banquet



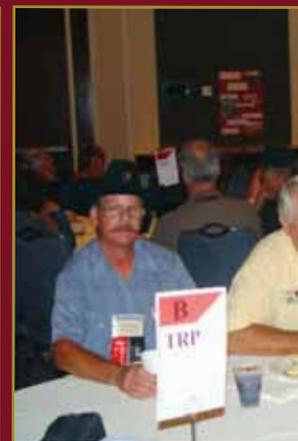
Bonnie Schmidt, winner of the Annual Blackhorse Women's Award, at the podium.



Reunion Committee Chair, Steve Page (B Troop, 66-67), received 11th ACVVC "Trooper of the Year" Award.



Missing Man-POW/MIA Table at the Banquet



# Chicago, IL

Photos courtesy of Ken Jankel and Wally Ergish



C Troopers discussing the past in the Bunker



Troopers and wives perusing Silent Auction items



L-R Ollie, Frank, and Allen at the Annual Business Meeting



Saturday Night Banquet scene



Colonel Paul J. Laughlin, 63rd Colonel of the Regiment addresses the 11th ACVVC Banquet



Rex L. "Doc" Harold, (G Trp 68-69) introduces the Banquet Keynote Speaker, General Paul L. Kern, (USA Ret)



B Troopers, "Together Then, Together Again"



F Troopers reminiscing in the Bunker Friday night.



The sign speaks for itself

# AFTER ACTION REPORTS

## 2009 11th ACVVC Calendar Appeal

By Allen Hathaway

The first leg of our 2009 Scholarship fundraising effort will be in your mailboxes around Thanksgiving. The 2009 11th ACVVC Calendar will once again feature 12 new photos submitted by you! We want to thank all who have sent photos for consideration.

I once again appeal to your generosity as we ask for donations to support our Scholarship Program. Without your support the program would not be viable. Remember—we are not “selling” calendars. The calendar you receive is yours to keep and use whether you donate or not. We do however solicit your support with the most generous tax-deductible donation that you can make to assist the children of the 11th ACVVC members begin or continue their post-secondary education. The scholarships can be used for college, trade school, or any other educational training following high school.

For 2008 we set a goal of \$38,000 in donations in support of the Calendar project. You generously contributed over \$42,000. For 2009, the goal will be \$39,000. We will need your help in attaining that unprecedented level! Many of you have generously donated \$100 to \$500 for this cause – we need you to continue your ardent support and to add more to your rolls.

In addition to the calendar, we also conduct our annual raffle prior the reunion at which the winning tickets are drawn, and the Silent Auction of donated items at the reunion. Each of these activities has also flourished in the past few years.

In 2008 our combined fund raising activities allowed us to award scholarships to 32 of our children for a total of \$98,000. We attained that level with only about 22% of our members making calendar donations. In 2009 we want to also increase this level of participation. If half of our members participate, we could award assistance to every qualified applicant! Watch for your calendars in the mail soon then use the convenient envelope enclosed to return your donation. Every donation counts, regardless of the amount. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

### Chicago Reunion Silent Auction

Greetings to all!

I jokingly told everyone in Chicago that since we were there I wanted the silent auction bidders to use the Chicago voting system as a guide for the Silent Auction. Bid early and Bid often! Believe me! You did just that! We finished the auction by taking in a total of \$12,993.00. I was disappointed that we didn't break 13K but I am learning to deal with it. Last year was our best year ever and we only took in \$7077.00. Thank you so much to each and every one of you for making this such a successful event. I am enclosing the list

of items donated, the donating party and the final bid for each item (see page 16). I can not say enough about you who donated the ninety-one items that we were able to auction off. Your generosity to this organization is truly magnificent! The Silent Auction proceeds will be able to fund four scholarships. I would like to give a special thank you to John Sorich. His donated diamond ring will pay for one scholarship on its own! With my sincere gratitude,

Rodney H. George  
Silent Auction Chairman

### Chicago Reunion Registration

Hello Everyone;

Another reunion has come and gone. I hope you all had as an enjoyable time as Barb, Raleigh and I did.

The registration seemed to go smoothly with only a few mistakes and those were basically in spelling. Many mistakes were avoided thanks to all of you for using those little address labels.

We did see a few things that we are planning on working on to improve before next year. Number one will be the resizing and design of the meal ticket. Next year they will be larger so no one will lose them. They will possibly be attached to your name tag. If you have any ideas about this or anything else please feel free to email me your suggestions.

We had 1139 people registered, which included any walk-ins. Of that we ended up with about 20 packets not picked up.

Thank you to the team Chicago for their assistance in setting up the stands for the posters and in getting the large board for

our unit list. Also thank you to Deanna Hayworth for her help. She is a hard worker and manages to keep us organized each year.

Barb has started to organize our supplies for next year already. Since she is facing three months of inactivity she figures she will get a jump on things. The name tags for next year have been designed so they are ready to run. As soon as the reunion chairman puts together the registration form for Santa Clara we will begin accepting registrations. So keep an eye on the Thunder Run and get yours in early.

Before closing out this article, I want to thank everyone who voted me into office for another 3 years. You have my assurance that I will serve this organization with honor and pride and will put the needs of my 'brothers' before all else.

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Bob Moreno, G Troop  
Registration Director

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

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TO AND THREE DAYS AFTER EVENT.  
PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS  
EARLY.



Jim Griffiths, Editor  
*Thunder Run*

# Editor's Corner

James M. "Jim" Griffiths

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## Veterans Day is a day to reflect and honor those who have given their lives for Our Country and to honor those of us that are still around for our service to Our Country.

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By the time your 4th Quarter *Thunder Run* has arrived, November 11 (Veterans Day) may or may not have passed. At the time I am writing this it is still a month away. Given this I have some thoughts to share with you about Veterans Day.

Veterans Day is in honor of people, past and present, who have the achieved status of being a Veteran. An achieved status is one that you have earned as opposed to an ascribed status resulting from being born into a category such as being royalty, being male or female or anything else you have no control over. As Veterans, we all had some degree of control over whether we became a Veteran or not. Even for draftees it was a decision you made to go into the military and achieve becoming a Veteran.

I believe being a Veteran is having a special status. It is my hope that all Veterans learn to feel a positive sense to the essence of their Veteran status. That is what Veterans Day should instill and bring out in all of us.

Veterans Day is a day to reflect and honor those who have given their lives for Our Country and to honor those of us that are still around for our service to Our Country. When you observe Veterans Day you can choose to do so in solace and quiet reflection in an individual way or gravitate toward group activities that give you a sense of fellowship and camaraderie with others. Earlier in my life I engaged in the former and these days I am much more likely to participate in the latter.

This year I will go (or already will have been to) Washington D.C. and the Vietnam Wall to meet with my comrades from the 11th Armored Cavalry and take part in our somewhat informal activity of placing a Blackhorse Wreath at the apex of the Vietnam Wall. We gather near the Three Veterans Statue, say a few words, and walk down to the apex of the Wall to place the wreath. This is done at 10:00 A.M. every Veterans and Memorial Day.

I derive a great deal of satisfaction on

the occasions when I am able to go to Washington D.C. and participate in this activity. I also thoroughly enjoy The Mall and The Wall as it is a veritable sea of veterans. It is exhilarating to breathe the air with such a massive gathering of veterans. It feels like we are a brotherhood and sisterhood that owns the place.

Whatever you do on Veterans Day it is my hope that it will be something that creates a positive feeling in you. It is your day and you deserve all the best.

4th Quarter *Thunder Run*, as usual, contains a great deal of space devoted to recap articles from our Reunion XXIII in Chicago. Enjoy these items including and especially the pictures that help create long lasting images of the events of the Reunion

Approximately half of our 2008 Scholarship Winners are featured with a picture and 'Thank You' note from each in this issue. They are our children and we are extremely proud of their accomplishments. Our regular features are also present for your perusal and enjoyment as usual.

I hope you continue to derive pleasure from your *Thunder Run* each quarter and thanks to all of you who have encouraged me as your *Thunder Run* Editor.

### 2009 Newsletter Deadlines

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

**First Quarter 2009 .....Jan 15**

**Second Quarter 2009 .....Mar 25**

**Third Quarter 2009.....Jun 25**

**Fourth Quarter 2009.....Oct 1**

**All submissions for publication must be sent to:** Jim Griffiths, Editor, 3784 Michigan Ave., Bridgman, MI 49106.  
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## SUCCESS from page 1

tour on Friday afforded 400 members to see beautiful downtown Chicago. I heard nothing but praise for the city and the tour. Also, many people took the subway and toured the city on their own, visiting the Sears tower and Michigan Ave. and much more.

The Friday night bunker party had almost a capacity crowd of 1,100 strong. They were treated to Chicago beef, hot dogs and deep dish pizza. Two hours of food and not one person had to wait in line to get it. Rick (Elvis) Saucedo then took the stage and rocked the crowd with two sets, the second being dedicated to America and the 11th Cav. He received standing ovations, American flags were waving and everyone had a great time. It was a bunker party that will surely be remembered. The silent auction topped out the night and proved to be very successful.

Saturday the members meeting was held and Washington. D.C. was chosen as the site for the 2010 reunion. Also that afternoon a moving memorial service was held for a capacity crowd. The banquet was excellent and the food was great. Allen Hathaway did a great job as did Paul Kern our guest speaker. It concluded with our always moving Blackhorse Salute. We tried hard this year to provide seating, so all troops could sit together and all attending troops had guidons on their tables. We heard a lot of positive feedback on this so I believe we succeeded in this effort. We also had team Chicago members help seat those who needed assistance which was greatly appreciated.

I would like to thank all the Team Chicago members who assisted me at this reunion. They came from Chicago, Michigan, Staten Island, Virginia, Nebraska, New Jersey and many other states. You should be very proud of yourselves for making this a great reunion. Our thanks also go out to the registration and quartermaster groups whose tireless efforts are often overlooked. They do a great job every year. In closing, thanks to the 1,139 members for attending, I hope you all had a wonderful time at our 23rd annual reunion in Chicago.

# Meet Our 2008 Scholarship Winners

Meet Our 2008 Scholarship Winners. This issue contains brief statements from 13 of our 2008 Scholarship Winners. Future issues will feature the remaining Scholarship Winners.



**Christopher Stevens**  
Son of Donald Stevens, F Troop, 68-69

My sincerest thank you for the honor of being selected for this year's 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia's \$3000.00 scholarship, as well as the \$2000.00 Colonel Charles L. Schmidt's Leadership Scholarship.

Receipt of the scholarships will greatly assist me in the pursuit of my education at the University of South Florida. Financially, the scholarships greatly assist our family, who, like so many others in today's world, struggle daily to make ends meet. Receipt of the scholarships will enable me to focus less on financial issues and more on my studies.

While we never know what life has in store for us, I do believe my lifetime goals are achievable. The scholarships will definitely help me attain my educational goals, which in turn will help me attain my career and lifetime goals.

I aspire to make a difference in the lives of others and to make not only my family proud, but also the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans and Mrs. Bonnie Schmidt.

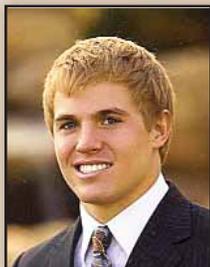
Scholarship dedicated to Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Memorial Scholarship, Died on Veterans Day, 2007 as President of the 11th ACVVC



**Rachelle Burns,**  
Daughter of Samuel Caldwell, Air Cav Trp, 67-68

Words cannot express my gratitude for being selected for this scholarship. This is my final year of nursing school, and this scholarship means so much to me. Of course, the financial relief is appreciated, but this scholarship is particularly special. Your organization has played such a huge part in my father's ability to come to terms with Vietnam. The healing that he has experienced as a direct result of the fellowship of your members was such a priceless gift. I feel humbled to be given yet another gift from such honorable men. Thank you just doesn't feel adequate.

Scholarship dedicated to SP/4 ROYD STEVE KERLEY JR.; HHT/11th ACR; KIA April 17, 1967; Age 20; Married



**Joseph W. Stromberg**  
Son of Wallace Stromberg, M Co., 70-71

First and foremost, I would like to sincerely thank every member of the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia for the wonderful scholarship I have been given. Being from a family with three boys all in college at the same time, I think it's appropriate that I thank you on my parent's behalf as well. This scholarship will be tremendously beneficial in allowing me to move closer to my ultimate educational goal of being accepted into medical school and eventually becoming a physician. I will work extremely hard during my tenure at the University of Kansas so that I may build off of the financial foundation that you have helped put in place. Once again, thank you and God bless.

Scholarship dedicated to Major DONALD JACK CROCKER; 919th Engineers 11ACR; KIA July 15, 1967; Age 30; Married



**Andrew Nichols**  
Son of Robert Nichols, HHT 1/11, 70-71

There really is no way to properly thank the members of your organization for what they have awarded me. I wish I could come up with some unique and eloquent remark of gratitude, but I'm sure they have heard every conceivable thank-you countless times. The membership has made it their business to give young adults from all over the nation not only a check to support their goals and aspirations, but

also the opportunity to pursue the things that they truly love to do. It may sound insignificant or invaluable, but it is truly an incredible gift to give a college student the chance to break away from the six hour job shifts every other day that crowd their free time. So many of us would love to explore other possibilities and devote our efforts to valuable passions or simply just live our lives but cannot because of the exhausting hours of homework and the constant pressure to work off the unending debt that tuition and other fees accumulate for us. I'm lucky enough to have an idea of where I want to go with my education, but that doesn't mean that there aren't experiences that I want to have that aren't necessarily related to my field of study. From a different perspective, the 11th ACVVC has given me the opportunity to jump start my career and life after college instead of being hindered by payments that I'll have to make. I have been given the freedom to concentrate on other things that can help make my life better for both me and my family. I sincerely hope that you all understand just how far your efforts can reach and how much of a difference you are making in the lives of so many aspiring students. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I can only hope that I'll be able to do the same for the generations in the future.

Scholarship dedicated to SP/4 HUGH VICTOR BEST; A Troop 1/11ACR; KIA March 14, 1967; Age 21; Single



**Kami Higa**  
Daughter of Guy Higa, I Troop, 69-71.

Thank you so much, 11th ACVVC, for giving me the opportunity to work toward fulfilling my goals in college. The 11th ACVVC Scholarship is a great help to me and my family because going to college is very expensive, especially for kids like me who are leaving Hawaii to attend college on the mainland. I am honored that the judges' thought that I was qualified enough to receive this extremely generous scholarship.

The fact that there are other people who believe in me and want to help me achieve my goals is very inspiring and means more to me than you know. Once again thank you for giving me this opportunity. I really appreciate it.

Scholarship dedicated to SGT. TERRENCE WAYNE WELDON; 919th Engineers 11ACR; KIA February 3, 1971; Age 23; Married



**Peter Kvale**  
Son of Gregory Kvale, E Troop, 67-68

I would like to thank the board, and all the members of the 11ACVVC for this generous scholarship. It will help me continue my education as a firefighter, and obtain my degree in fire science.

Scholarship dedicated to SP/4 JAMES ESSEL FORSMAN; HHT 1/11ACR; KIA February 3, 1967; Age 27; Married

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# Scholarship Winners

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

## Incoming...

### Information provided by and for our Troopers

**From Paul J. Laughlin, "Blackhorse 6", Commander, 11th ACR.....**Allen -Just wanted to thank you and Pete again for inviting us to your reunion...it was a great time! Your organization is an extremely proud one and your operation was a truly first class event...keep in touch and thanks again - Paul

**From Steve Spriggs.....**4th Annual Hoedown Fundraiser To Support 11th ACR Blackhorse Troopers and The Blackhorse Association Scholarship Fund.....Make your plans to travel to the American Legion Newport Harbor Post, Newport Beach, CA. Once again the charge will be lead by 11th ACVVC member, Blackhorse Association member and Post 291 Commander Steve Spriggs. The Hoedown has raised an average of \$10,000 each year and we expect a full house once again.....Saturday, March 7, 2009, American Legion Newport Harbor Post 291, 215 15th Street, Newport Beach, CA 92663, 5:00 PM- 11:00 PM! DONATION \$25.00.....For tickets please call (949) 673-5070 (no tickets sold at the door)...Dress: Hoedown duds.



## From Past Scholarship Winners

We are pleased to hear news from our past scholarship winners and look forward to hearing from more in the future

I graduated from East Tennessee State University in December 2005. I earned a BS degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with Nursing and Public Health as my core curriculum. After graduation, I was employed by the Wellmont Hospital System. While I enjoyed my responsibilities, I recognized that in order to achieve my ultimate career objective, I required an advanced degree. I resigned my position at the hospital and was accepted into the Masters Program at East Tennessee State University and will graduate in December 2008 with a Masters Degree from the ETSU College of Public Health in Health Services Administration.

As a former, early recipient of a Blackhorse Scholarship, I can attest to the significance of my award and acknowledge the financial contribution members of the 11th ACVVC made to my education. I am grateful to the organization's leadership for understanding the importance of higher education, for the creation of the Blackhorse Scholarship Program and for my scholarship award. I would like each former Trooper to know how much I appreciated my scholarship award and that the purpose of the award was fulfilled due to th

Sincerely,

Britton E. Reese

(daughter of Thomas H. Reese  
M Company, 3/11 ACR, 1970)

# Circle of Honor and Memorial Bricks

## 11th Cavalry Memorial Update

By Allen Hathaway

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

The memorial project needs your help. We currently have a

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

It was anticipated that the entire memorial project could be funded by the sale of granite bricks prior to the dedication in 2007. Approximately 1,100 granite bricks were initially available for inscription. To date, and one year after the dedication, 674 bricks have been sold with approximately 425 still available.

How can you help? You can help by purchasing one of the available granite bricks. If you have put off ordering your brick, take a moment today to place your order. The bricks show your

### Brick Order Form

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

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

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

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Visa Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Mastercard Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Required for Credit Card transactions): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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support for our fellow troopers whose names are listed on the monuments. Many families have ordered bricks for their husbands, fathers or grandfathers as a lasting tribute to their service to this great country and our great regiment. We also accept donations in any amount to the Memorial Fund.

In early August 2008 the latest group of 220 inscribed granite bricks was placed in the Circle of Honor surrounding the memorial. This represents brick orders received since September 2007. We are making another offer for you to purchase a brick to be inscribed and placed in the Circle of Honor.

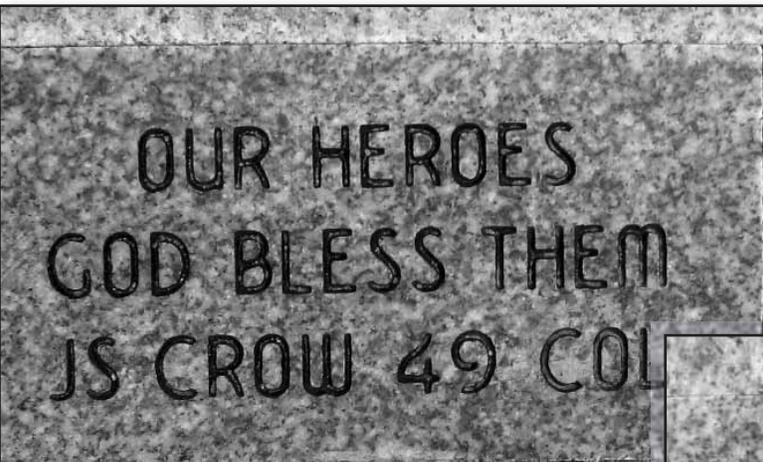
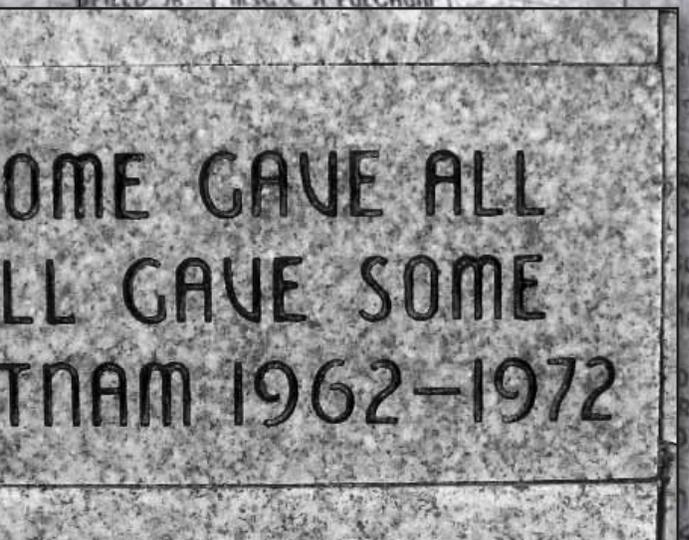
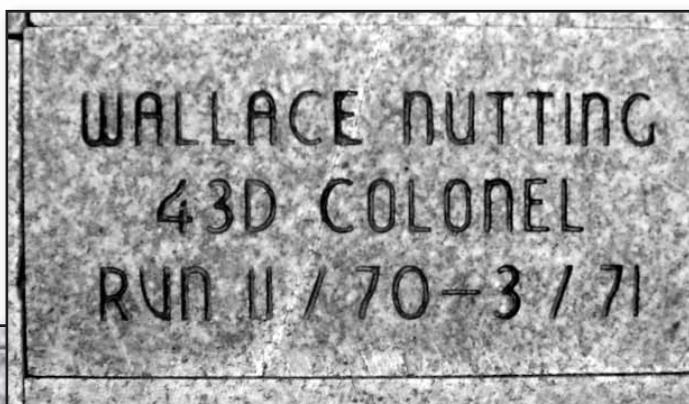
To reduce production costs, bricks are inscribed in groups. The larger the group, the lower the production costs and more funds available for the memorial. Orders are being taken for the next group to be placed in the Circle of Honor in mid 2009.

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



ABOVE: Completed monument with "Circle of Honor"

LEFT & BELOW: Inscribed bricks



# Introducing the Blackhorse Academic Scholarship Olympians

By Frank R. Cambria  
Scholarship Chairman

Olympic athletes are some of the most focused, disciplined, and dedicated individuals in the human race. As seen in many Olympic events, champions and medal winners are separated by mere fractions of a second. I think they are all “winners” for qualifying to represent their country in Olympic competition. What is particularly inspirational is that the vast majority of these superb athletes developed their focus, discipline, and dedication as adolescents.

Such is the case with our Scholarship Recipients who are all children of Blackhorse Combat Veterans of the Vietnam War. Our budget allowed for 32 scholarships out of 49 applicants. Four judges independently, on a maximum 30-point score, judged all applicants. The 32 winners had scores ranging from 28 to 19.5 points. *The top six winners ranged from 28 to 26.5 points. . . a variance of only 1.5 points!*

**Christopher Lee Stevens** of Florida, son of F Troop’s Don Stevens, achieved the highest point score awarded at 28 points, and received our special Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Scholarship Award. His High school Grade Point Average (GPA) was an amazing 4.5672. He is a member of the National Honor Society, a Math Honor Society, and won the Principal’s Honor Roll Award nine times.

Christopher’s focus and discipline began at an early age, as evidenced by him obtaining the First Degree Black Belt in TaeKwonDo at the young age of TEN! In addition to his studies and sports, he finds time to volunteer for community service and charity work, and also serves as a Mentor and Tutor to children.

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Since he was a child, Christopher has attended many reunions with his Dad. He plans to study either Political Science or Pre-Law, and hopes to influence improved veterans benefits and care upon graduation. His closing essay statement was, “I want to make my Dad as proud of me as I am of him.”

**Rachelle Burns** of Texas, daughter of Air Cav Troop’s Samuel Caldwell, achieved a score of 27.75, just .25 point (1/4 point) behind #1. Rachelle is another outstanding example of learning to be focused, disciplined, and dedicated early in life. She joined the U.S. Army shortly after finishing high school and served in active duty 1996-2006 including six years as a NCO. She was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant and is now enrolled in Texas Tech University’s highly regarded School of Nursing. Her cumulative GPA in her first two years of college is 3.75.

Her passion is helping people, as demonstrated by teaching English to children in an orphanage in South Korea, volunteering for fund raising work for charitable groups, participating in Christian Medical missions, and for advocating patients’ rights.

**Joseph W. Stromberg** of Kansas, son of M Company’s Wallace M. Stromberg, achieved a score of 26.75 as the #3 ranked recipient. This hard-charging young man graduated first in his High school class with a perfect 4.0 GPA and qualifying for the National Honor Society. Joe was Homecoming King, Class President, and

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## Reunion 2009

It is hard to believe that the 2008 Reunion has come and gone. This was a great event hosted by Team Chicago. Member Jim Kaszubowski and his wife Linda spearheaded this event. To all of you who helped job well done. I have received many reunion evaluation sheets. All will be answered so I can address your specific concerns. The Membership voted to go to Washington DC for 2010. We can look forward to another great reunion.

Planning is well under way for our visit to Santa Clara CA for 2009. Reunion dates are September 9-13, 2009. The Hotel will accept reservations now. Please remember to mention 11th ACVVC Reunion.

The Hyatt Regency, Santa Clara  
5101 Great America Parkway  
Santa Clara, CA 95054  
Telephone 1-408-200-1234 Direct with Hotel  
1-800-223-1234 Toll Free  
Room Rates are \$125.00 SO/DO

Santa Clara is accessible through the Airport in San Jose, about 15 Min. away. Oakland and San Francisco Airports are about one hour away

A full rundown on The Hotel and activities will follow after January

Steve Page  
Reunion Committee Chairman

## Show Your Pride



Jim Miles, (HOW, 1/11, 66-67) uses his Blackhorse magnets to show pride on his truck

## 11th ARMORED CAVALRY MEMORIAL RESTORATION DONATIONS

**The 11th ACVVC gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the following individuals who have purchased granite bricks in support of the 11th Armored Cavalry Memorial restoration. The list includes orders received between June 21, 2008 and September 21, 2008. Previous donors’ lists appeared in 2nd and 3rd quarter 2007 Thunder Run and 1st, 2nd and 3rd Quarters of 2008. Numbers in parentheses indicate more than one brick. This brings the total number of bricks purchased to 674.**

James J. Bowers  
Louana S. Dickey  
Larry G. Van Deventer

Wayne E. Lebail  
Clifton M. Osborne  
Jamie E. Jenkins Gore

Woodrow Sink  
Dan D. Walker  
Donald G. Bludworth

Jay Proctor  
Paul M. Gissible  
John Priadka



## From the 63rd Colonel of the Regiment

Paul J. Laughlin



### Veterans of the Blackhorse Regiment,

It is with great pride, humility and honor that I write this note as the newest commander of the Blackhorse Regiment. I pledged at the change of command to give all I have in serving with the current troopers and I also pledge to you in remaining committed to our incredibly proud heritage.

The pride of the Regiment was seen at the Change of Command by the presence of veterans such as the Honorable Tom White (52nd Col of the Regt), COL (Ret) Mike Davis (59th Col of the Regt), CSM (Ret) Jake Fryer (11th CSM of the Regt), CSM Ricky Pring (16th CSM of the Regt), CSM (Ret) George Desario (former Regt Master Gunner and Armor Center CSM), Ron Krueger, Beau Bluesman Richards, Jeff Hamilton and Rey, Ruben, and Frank Frutos, of the Southern California Veteran's Chapter, to name a few. Their attendance was greatly appreciated and made the ceremony even more special. I join Todd Walsh (Ironhorse) and Mike Hester (Eaglehorse) in now having the privilege of commanding the current troopers of the Regiment.

With the high heat of summer in the Mojave Desert upon us, the Regiment has been as busy as ever with continuing the high standard of training for our nation's Army set by my predecessor Mark Calvert. The dedication of Blackhorse Troopers is, as ever, a true testament to themselves and you who came before them.

As always, training the Army's Brigade Combat Teams for war comes first. Following a much needed and earned block leave period for our Troopers, the Regiment is ramping up for what will be the biggest training rotation of 2008 at the National Training Center. Rotational operations will include Blackhorse Troopers, the 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th ID "Arctic Wolves" out of Ft. Wainwright, Alaska, the 159th Combat Aviation Brigade, D Company, 1-75 Ranger Regiment, US Navy Seal Team 5 and the US Marine Corps Special Operations Command 1. Our Troopers will work tirelessly to ensure that the visiting units get

the most realistic training, and help prepare them for their upcoming deployment into theater. It is indeed my honor to lead soldiers with such a tough and vitally important mission.

Following a prior stint in Operations Group, my wife Judi and I are thrilled to be back at Fort Irwin (I served in Operations Group 2001-2003) and we look forward to our time in the Regiment. I was unaware of how proud the veterans of Blackhorse were until October 2007. It was then, as a student of National War College in Ft McNair, Washington DC where one of my instructors was Dr. William Knowlton! As

a former Blackhorse officer and veteran, he allowed me to read an edition of "Thunder Run," and I quickly grasped that once a Blackhorse Trooper, always a Blackhorse Trooper!

It is my honor to be a part of this Regiment, its values, its history and its achievements. Thank you for your continuous support, dedication, and the precedent you set for the standard of Troopers who wear the patch of the Blackhorse. BLACKHORSE!! ALLONS!!!

### OLYMPIANS from page 9

lettered in Basketball, Football, and Track & Field. He also participated in Debate competition and Forensics for four years. Joseph is enrolling in Pre-Med with the objective of becoming a pediatrician.

Amazingly, the next three scholarship recipients all received identical scores of 26.5 points, only .25 point (1/4 point) behind the #3 ranked recipient. Technically we had three outstanding students tied for position #4. The three photo-finish academic Olympians are:

- **Andrew Nichols**, Michigan, son of HHT Trooper Robert Nichols
- **Kami Higa**, Hawaii, daughter of I Trooper Guy Higa
- **Peter Kvale**, Minnesota, son of E Trooper Gregory Kvale.

Andrew Nichols, who graduated with a near-perfect GPA of 3.91, aspires to become a medical doctor who helps those who are most in need, with an emphasis on low-income families and immigrant Hispanic families in the USA. He has earned diverse honors throughout high school, including for theater performances, as Head Delegate to his school's Model United Nations class that was named Best Delegation during competitions in Michigan and Canada, as a soccer champion, and participating in volunteer and community activities.

Kami Higa's cumulative GPA is a perfect 4.0. Her education focus is Business

Administration and Culinary Arts. Motivated by her experiences helping her parents with their small business, Kami's career objective is to own a catering business or restaurant. Working has helped her refine valuable traits such as honesty, being accountable, and maturity. Kami is also very community-oriented. She volunteers for local charitable causes, and she would like to offer internships to students when she has her own business.

Peter Kvale struggled with school and dropped out during his junior year at age 17 to work. Although he did not have a specific career in mind, Peter had a good work ethic learned from his father, and his employers appreciated his dedication to his job. Deciding he was destined for more, Peter completed a GED program at age 20 and his scores placed him in the 99th percentile for Science and 95th percentile for Language Arts and Reading. After serving two years as a Volunteer Fireman, Peter knew that was the career for him. He is using his 11th ACVVC Scholarship to help finance his education in Fire Technology. He earned a highly commendable 3.53 GPA in his first year at Lake Superior College and was placed on the Dean's List.

Unfortunately, space limitations do not allow for a summary the outstanding characteristics of all 32 of our young scholarship recipients. But rest assured, you would be proud of each of them.



## LIVING LIFE

There are two verses of the Bible that I've read many times but only recently gave them much thought. They're part of the Great Love Chapter of the Bible: I Corinthians 13. I read the verses about faith, hope, and love whenever I conduct a wedding. But the verses I'm talking about now give another slant. They have more to say about how we all live our lives - that is, in stages. The verses say, "It's like this. When I was a child, I spoke and thought and reasoned as a child does. But when I grew up, I put away childish things. Now we see things imperfectly as in a poor mirror, but then we will see everything with perfect clarity. All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God knows me now." (I Corinthians 13:11-12 - NLT).

As I grow older, I realize more and more how I live through stages where each period is different from other periods, or stages, of my life. Some stages are long, some short, but one stage is never the same as another. For example, one of my earliest memories goes back to when I was only four years old. In those days, little boys where I lived usually wore short pants. I could hardly wait until I was old enough to go to school (even to kindergarten) so I could wear long pants like the big kids. It's funny to look back on it now. But remembering helps me to understand little kids better now that I'm old (older, anyway). Another stage of my life was my twenty-seven years in the Army. That was a very long stage, I'll admit. But that part of my life was very different from my college and seminary days (another stage of my life). It was also different, much different, from my first retirement stage which was when I lived the full-time RV lifestyle in a motor home being a "Happy Wanderer."

A distinct stage-within-a-stage of my life was my two Viet Nam tours. I see this as a stage within my Army career stage. Serving as a chaplain in combat was clearly different from my life in other situations. This stage of living had a great influence on my whole identity. It was a benchmark of what I'd become from what

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**A problem for many vets is that when he/she comes out of a combat environment stage of life, he or she doesn't make the transfer of thinking and living that fits the next stage (or stages).**

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I was before I went to Viet Nam. This stage, by its nature, brought out strengths and weaknesses of my character that I would not have realized or dealt with had I not lived this stage of life in this way.

What I say about my life is equally true for your life too. I encourage you to think about it. There are things about the stages of our lives that are important to recognize, learn from, and deal with. Dealing sometimes means getting help. These thoughts don't cover the whole subject, but I want us to think about them, anyway, because they're important. It's important for you because your life really does divide into stages. We need to deal with and live each stage of our life in ways that are healthy, realistic, and how we really want to live - and in relationship to our Maker and the love of his son, Jesus Christ.

Back to my example, at age four I wanted to dress like the big boys who went to school. However, when I was seven and in the second grade, if I was still wearing the short pants from when I was four, then something was out of whack. This example is very simplistic, I'll admit. So take my Viet Nam example. In that case, getting shot at happened, so being fearful and reacting radically to loud noises was acceptable behavior, often it was even desirable behavior and could save my life. (Actually, it did just that). When I came home, even though I stayed in the Army for a career, permanently remaining fearful of loud noises and reacting radically would indicate that something was out of whack. I was now in a different stage of my life and needed to adapt with thoughts, behaviors and a lifestyle more in line with my present stage of life.

Like I said, I'm pointing out that, as we go through life, we go through different stages of living. Our bodies, our minds, our circumstances all change. We can't control that. It's part of growing, maturing, and just living. As we accept living

through stages we stay the same person, but we also change as a person. We are different from what we were before; we do not stay the same. Nor should we want to. After all, why should a seven year old act like a four year old? Or why should a man or woman who's looked the elephant in the eye in combat act like someone who's never left his or her home town? Things get out of whack when we progress from one stage of life to another, when we "grow up," but don't think and behave in ways that are more suitable to our present stage of life. A problem for many vets is that when he/she comes out of a combat environment stage of life, he or she doesn't make the transfer of thinking and living that fits the next stage (or stages).

I don't have time to go into much more detail, but I think you know what I'm trying to say. Let me just point out a couple more situations where some I've known have had trouble making it from one stage of their life to the next:

Some men get married, some have kids. Fine. A few don't make a healthy transition from the single to the married lifestyle. They don't just keep some of their old buddies. They actually hang onto their old lifestyle, running around and ignoring their family - their values are out of whack. Some vets go through heavy combat; WWII for my dad's day (that was when I was seven, wearing long pants!), Viet Nam in my day, then Desert Storm, now Iraq, and Afghanistan (among other hot spots and times). Most come out more mature, smarter about the world, tired, and battle-weary, but ready to move on with their lives and families. Some come home, get a job, have a family, and move along but can't separate out of their war-time stage of life. They have dreams, flashbacks, and other problems from a stage of life that they just can't let go of.

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For all of us, it's helpful to realize that there are many stages of life and they divide up in many ways. We're all very different, so our life stages are different. What I hope you'll get out of this conversation is that you'll be very conscious of how your life is progressing through your different stages. I hope that you'll be able to separate the stages of your life. Realize that while you're growing and moving through your life, stage by stage, you are gaining as you go. You are growing. You are developing new and different characteristics. The old ones that you don't need anymore, go ahead and grow away from. The ones you want to remember and keep, do that. Choose what you want to keep and build on, then grow beyond the others as you live your life. You can do it. When you need help, like I already said, get it - it's there. Meanwhile, always remember - with God's help, you can do it.

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

## Show Your Pride



Elmer Morris, (F Trp., 68-69) shows Blackhorse pride with his Jeep and FTRP37, Purple Heart license plate.



Robert Hoyt, (409th RRD, 69-70) shows pride with his 2005 Limited Edition Scion replete with an 11th ACR plate. It is the only one like it with a Louisiana plate.

# Blackhorse Hoofbeats

## ■ Echoes from the Regiment's Service in Vietnam 1966 – 1972

By Don Snedeker  
11th ACVVC Historian

On 18 October 1967, a "Welcome Home" ceremony was held at Blackhorse Base Camp for the Second Squadron. The Squadron had been away from the Regiment for almost six months, serving with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade as part of Task Force Oregon in the northern I Corps sector of South Vietnam. The Squadron departed Blackhorse on 20 April 1967, arriving at Chu Lai several days later. The Squadron's deployment was part of General Westmoreland's reinforcement of the Marines due to the threat of overwhelming NVA operations coming out of North Vietnam and Laos. The Squadron was released back to regimental control upon the activation of the 23rd Infantry (Americal) Division.

Did you know that the Blackhorse had its own navy in Vietnam? Well, sort of. In December 1967, the Royal Australian Navy Helicopter Flight Vietnam moved into the Blackhorse Base Camp. Here's what they thought about conditions there: "Blackhorse, in the middle of rubber plantations and jungle was dependent on convoys from Long Binh to bring food, ammunition and fuel to it. It was also dangerously vulnerable to rocket and mortar attack. Its unsealed runways caused it to be extremely dusty in the 'dry' and, conversely, a sea of mud in the 'wet' so that take-offs and landings required more than

the usual exercise of caution." But they sure could drink a lot of beer! The Australian Navy left Blackhorse in November 1968, moving to Bearcat in IV Corps.

Quote from an anonymous Blackhorse Trooper at Fire Support Base Dennis in 1970: "The grunts are really weird sometimes when it comes to working with us. They gripe about having to walk around all the time and they honk about how easy we have it riding around, but when they're with us and we make contact, wow, they sure get back on the ground in a big hurry."

From the 2/11 Operational Report – Lessons Learned for the period ending 31 October 1971: "NVA (North Vietnamese Army) .51 cal (caliber) machine gun positions are arranged in a triangular pattern near a wood line with weapon emplacements located 25 to 30 meters apart. A secondary triangular set of emplacements is usually located 200 to 400 meters away covering the same sector of fire as the primary. When an active .51 cal position is observed and engaged, the NVA will attempt to relocate immediately to the secondary position when gunships depart station to re-fuel and/or re-arm. Upon return to the area and resumption of the attack on the primary position, aircraft are taken under fire from the secondary position. Once a .51 cal position has been observed and attacked, it must be kept under constant observation until destroyed to prevent relocation of the weapon during re-arming and re-fueling periods."

## 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.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Old Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 New Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2008 Silent Auction

Items	Donors	Final Bid	Items	Donors	Final Bid
US Mail Box w/BH patches & sabres	Elida George	\$150.00	Leather cup holders	from 2007 Sil. Auction	\$35.00
Stadium Blanket w/BH patch	Chuck & Cathi Bower	\$55.00	Wolf folding knife	from 2007 Sil. Auction	\$25.00
Stadium Seat w/BH patch	Chuck & Cathi Bower	\$53.00	Wooden BH Patch Placque	from 2007 Sil. Auction	\$25.00
Statue-Soldier at the Wall	Gary Timmerman	\$300.00	Wooden Blackhorse Inn Placque	Ollie Pickral	\$60.00
Framed VN Memorial Stamp	Gary Timmerman	\$130.00	Mahogany M-60 Tank	Dale Leesmann	\$80.00
2 Etched Beer Glasses	Robert & Judy Hoyt	\$135.00	Framed pic of Patton's Jeep	Lauren Tandberg	\$25.00
Hammered Brass Coins (10 avail)	Gregory Krinock	\$118.00	Framed Pic of Xa Xuan Loc	Lauren Tandberg	\$45.00
VN Poster "To Those Who Served"	Bob Moreno	\$75.00	\$200 gift cert to Palm Restaurant	Douglas R. Huddle	\$100.00
Poster- "Join the Cavalry"	Bob Moreno	\$110.00	\$100 gift cert to Palm Restaurant	Douglas R. Huddle	\$60.00
Poster- "Teamwork"	Bob Moreno	\$20.00	\$100 gift cert to Palm Restaurant	Douglas R. Huddle	\$60.00
Poster- "Innovation"	Bob Moreno	\$27.00	\$100 gift cert to Palm Restaurant	Douglas R. Huddle	\$20.00
Poster- "Armor of the VN War"	from 2007 Sil. Auction	\$28.00	8 Beanbags	Paul Hofflander	\$24.00
Poster- "NTC"***	from 2007 Sil. Auction	\$65.00	Print- "Last Charge"	Fred D. Ayers	\$425.00
Poster- "Blackhorse Country"	from 2007 Sil. Auction	\$26.00	Print- "A Tribute of Tears"	AM Leg. Post 390	\$150.00
Gale Sayers autographed football	Gale Sayers	\$500.00	POW/MIA auto flag	Andrew Caines	\$25.00
Hand Turned Salad bowl set	Sam Czys	\$65.00	Hat - Red Wings	Gordon Boyes	\$20.00
Fear This golf towels (2 available)	Chuck & Cathi Bower	\$105.00	Dale Earnhardt jr. T-shirt	Gordon Boyes	\$50.00
Leather US Army Jacket	James Trier	\$250.00	Nascar Cold Weather Kit	Gordon Boyes	\$26.00
Book "Vietnam War Experience"	Don L. Brown	\$70.00	Spa Bag	Gordon Boyes	\$15.00
Book "Nam-A Photo History"	Don L. Brown	\$100.00	BH Golf Tools	Ron Krueger	\$70.00
Hat- "Dysfunctional Vet" (2 avail.)	G. Beal	\$110.00	BH Insulated Mug	Ron Krueger	\$30.00
105mm shell brass vase	Dick Vail	\$225.00	BH Golf Towel	Ron Krueger	\$31.00
Photo-Patton's medal (3 avail.)	James Chaddock	\$345.00	Book "American Warrior"	Anonymous Donor	\$28.00
Turned Wood Bowl	Sam Czys	\$47.00	Granite Pinnacle w/etched BH patch	Tom&Wendy Godfrey	\$210.00
Granny Squares Afghan	from 2007 Sil. Auction	\$35.00	Commemorative Plate-"The Wall"***	Larry M. Waters	\$30.00
Zig-Zag Afghan	from 2007 Sil. Auction	\$30.00	Commemorative Plate-"Candlelight"	Larry M. Waters	\$22.00
Quilted Hanging	Jenny Steele	\$40.00	Framed Photo of BH Wreath at Wall	Anonymous Donor	\$525.00
Black Horse Quillows (2 avail)	Arlene & Clair Poorman	\$250.00	Chicago Cutlery Knife set	Jack & Chris Campione	\$85.00
GI Joe -VN Wall Memorial	Paul Gissible	\$45.00	Women's Gold Cav Shirt	Myron&Judie Rosendahl	\$45.00
BH car sunscreens (2 avail)	Paul Gissible	\$70.00	1966 US Flag from Hqs Ft. Meade	James V. Crow	\$150.00
BH Garden Step Stone& Mobile	Paul Gissible	\$90.00	Ladies Diamond Ring	John Sorich	\$3,100.00
Photo-Proud & Free	David McArthur	\$40.00	Autographed Chris Noel Photo	Curt Rich	\$30.00
Pottery BH Mug	Gerry Schurtz	\$42.00	Autographed Chris Noel Comic	Curt Rich	\$40.00
Glass Block Light Decoration	Dianna Linnabary	\$16.00	Team Chicago shirts	Team Chicago	\$30.00
Glass Block Light Decoration	Dianna Linnabary	\$20.00	Sandstone Block "I Rode w/BH"	Ben H. Bailey	\$400.00
Glass Block Light Decoration	Dianna Linnabary	\$42.00	ACAV Model Diorama	Jim Bowers	\$220.00
Glass Block Light Decoration	Dianna Linnabary	\$30.00	Rearing Blackhorse	Jim Bowers	\$70.00
Glass Block Light Decoration	Dianna Linnabary	\$35.00	Women's Memorial statuette	Jack Morrison	\$25.00
Alaska License Plate w BH	Paul Reuschen	\$20.00	Out of Harms Way statuette	Jack Morrison	\$200.00
Book-VN Complete Photo Hist.	Anonymous donor	\$55.00	Map of Tay Ninh Province	Jack Morrison	\$25.00
Concrete & Glass BH Stone	Roland Baird	\$500.00	Metal BH Paperweight	Jack Morrison	\$55.00
Wooden BH Placque w/stand	Bob Moreno	\$175.00	11th Cav Placque	Mark Heaton	\$90.00
Replica Cavalry Sabre w/sheath	Jack Morrison	\$1,500.00	Black Attache Case	Ollie Pickral	\$15.00
Print- "BH Country"	from 2007 Sil. Auction	\$30.00	Book-American Warrior signed	Doc Bahnsen	\$105.00
Set BH Inn wooden cheese plates	Ollie Pickral	\$17.00	10 Bottles of "33 Beer" from VN	Leo Kloewer	\$57.00
Mahogany M1 Tank	Don LaFontaine	\$75.00			

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## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS from page 8



**Wesley Alsup**  
Son of Lance Alsup, M Co., 69-70

I am truly honored to be selected as a recipient of this prestigious award. I cannot thank you enough for your generosity. This scholarship will be of great assistance as I continue my education. The scholarships awarded by the 11ACVVC are truly inspirational. Your time, effort, and kindness will not be forgotten by me or my family.

Scholarship dedicated to SP/4 STEPHEN ALAN SPENCER; Medic in G Troop, HHT/2/11ACR; KIA April 24, 1971; Age 20; Single



**Emily Bacon**  
Daughter of Dean Bacon, C Troop, 69-70

Thank you very much for choosing me to receive this scholarship to help me continue my nursing studies. You have no idea how much it has helped me. I am proud to receive this scholarship from the soldiers who served in Vietnam and Cambodia with the 11th Cavalry. I will not betray your confidence in me. Thank you again.

Scholarship dedicated to Staff SGT MANUEL GALVEZ-PASTRANA; M Company 3/11ACR; KIA February 26, 1970; Age 29; Married



**Madeleine Byrnes**  
Daughter of Robert Byrnes, HHT 3/11, 68-69

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to the 11th ACVVC for this generous scholarship award. Because college tuition and supply costs continue to grow substantially, this scholarship proves to be very valuable and I am very appreciative of this award.

Currently, I am in my first semester at Virginia Commonwealth University majoring in Chemical and Life Science Engineering. Without the help of the 11th Cavalry Scholarship, my attendance to this university would have been an even greater financial endeavor for my family. I extend my best for the continued success of this scholarship fund, so that its admirable purpose may help other students in the years to come.

Scholarship dedicated to Staff SGT ARTHUR JOHN RAMBO; HOW 3/11ACR; KIA November 26, 1969; Age 24; Married



**Desmond W. Delk**  
Son of Daniel Delk, 2nd Squadron, 71-72

First and foremost I am very thankful for this scholarship. Coming up on my senior year at Morehouse College, I had been questioning where I would get the money to finance this final year. My financial obligations to the school seemed attainable, but I did not know exactly how. When I heard of the 11th Armored Cavalry Veteran's of Vietnam and Cambodia scholarship, I had to take advantage of this opportunity

because I knew this was the way to meet my monetary requirement.

The blessing came via email on July 7, 2008 when I was informed that I was a recipient. I was ecstatic and I knew that this would not only erase my annual concern about money, but it would also allot me the opportunity to complete my college education and attain my degree in Kinesiology, Sports Studies and Physical Education. This scholarship means a great deal to me, so much that words can only express a fraction of how thankful I am. My goals and aspirations to become a teacher will finally be met. Thank you again.

Scholarship dedicated to PFC WILLIAM YOUNG; F Troop 2/11ACR; KIA December 9, 1966; Age 19; Single



**Leigh Ann Dixon**  
Daughter of Stephen Dixon, 409RRD, 69-71

Dear Members of the 11th ACVVC, I would like to express my gratitude for selecting me as one of the recipients of this years scholarship but most of all, I would also like to thank you for your service to our country. Without your dedication, endurance, and love for this country, this scholarship would not be available for me or the other recipients today. It is because of you and your brothers before you, that

this nation can stand tall and face new challenges undaunted. With this scholarship, I can now face this coming semester undaunted, without the financial pressure that comes with tuition and fees. I can stay focused on the task before me knowing that I have your support and encouragement. From one veteran to another, thank you again for your contribution.

Scholarship dedicated to SP/5 ROY FRANCIS MAAS; D Company 1/11ACR; KIA April 18, 1969; Age 22; Single



**Kyndel Evans**  
Daughter of James Evans, L Troop 69-70

To begin with, I want to heartily thank the 11th ACVVC for this scholarship award. It is really hard to find the words to express what this means to me. I have loved science and any science related classes all through elementary, middle and high school. I have a great desire to become a Biology teacher. I believe with a great deal of studying to go along with the desire I have to become a teacher that I will do well

When I checked my e-mails and saw the e-mail from the 11th ACVVC that I had been awarded a \$3,000 scholarship, I didn't know whether to scream or cry. I think I did both. I was so happy when I saw this. It really lifted a big financial burden from me and my family for my freshman year of college. I would like to again say, "thank you", "thank you", "thank you". The Scholarship gives me an added incentive to make my family and the members of the 11th ACVVC proud of me and I intend to do just that.

Scholarship dedicated to SP/4 THOMAS GRANT LOVELY; C Troop 1/11ACR; KIA March 2, 1970; Age 25; Married



**Christine Farmer**  
Daughter of Thomas Farmer, B Troop, 69-70

I would like to thank the 11th ACVVC for giving me this scholarship. It is a wonderful opportunity and I feel so honored to be recognized for this grant. This scholarship means so much to me this upcoming school year. I plan on using the money to buy a car. Because I am far away from my home in Hawaii, I do not have any mode of transportation and therefore have to constantly rely on others to give me

rides when I go places. Buying a car with this grant will help to increase my independence, teach me responsibility and discipline, and allow me to search for a better job that doesn't need to be near my school's campus

I also want to give a portion of it to my generous and loving mother, who has taken out a number of loans to help pay for me to attend Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. My mother has always given me her unflinching support, monetarily and emotionally, and I would like to begin paying back my debt to her. Thank you again for the opportunity.

Scholarship dedicated to Staff SGT GEORGE DALE ARNOLD; D Company 1/11ACR; KIA March 1, 1967; Age 31; Married

See the complete list of 2008 scholarship winners on page 9



## Journey to Fiddler's Green

We are sorry to report the following Troopers have taken the journey to Fiddler's Green. Our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences to their families and friends. We honor their service to our country and to our regiment by listing their names here..

**Bill L. Armour**, 551st Maintenance Company (1967), passed away on December 6, 2001. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Redmond, WA. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

**Richard E. Armstrong**, G Troop, 2/11 (1970), passed away on July 25, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Julian, CA.

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

**Richard L. Carver**, 409TH RRD (1967-1968), passed away on December 17, 2001. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Arvada, CO. He was laid to rest in Ft. Logan National Cemetery, Denver, CO.

**Armando J. Di Censo**, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1970-1971), passed away on May 23, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Land O Lakes, FL. He was laid to rest in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

**Larry J. Earl**, L Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970), passed away on September 11, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Shelbyville, IN.

**Scott L. Grasty**, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1971-1972), passed away on March 9, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Milwaukie, OR. He was laid to rest in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, OR.

**Mark H. Hunter**, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1971-1972), passed away on August 19, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Blaine, MN. He was laid to rest in Old Bethel Cemetery, Blaine, MN.

**Charles Johnson**, C Troop, 1/11 (1969), passed away on June 27, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Malcom, IA. He was laid to rest in Forest Cemetery, Oskaloosa, IA.

**Michael M. Jones**, H Company, 2/11 (1969-1970), passed away on July 15, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Saint Louis, MO. He was laid to rest in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, MO.

**Richard J. Korndoerfer, L Troop**, 3/11 (1970), passed away on April 17, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lady Lake, FL.

**John E. Lasage**, HHT, 2/11 (1968-1969) E Troop, 2/11 (1968-1969), passed away on September 8, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Milwaukee, WI. He was laid to rest in Pinelawn Memorial Park, Milwaukee, WI.

**Kendall M. Lemley**, A Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) D Company, 1/11 (1966-1967), passed away on February 7, 2008. He resided in Williamsburg, VA. He was laid to rest in Rose Hill Cemetery, Hope, AR.

**Billy G. Lewis**, HHT, 1/11 (1970), passed away on May 7, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Seymour, TN. He was laid to rest in Pleasant Dale Church Cemetery, Selbyville, WV.

**Gregory C. Mazzotta**, K Troop, 3/11 (1966-1967), passed away on September 21, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Wildwood Crest, NJ. He was laid to rest in Cape May County Veterans Cemetery, Cape May Court House, NJ.

**Lloyd H. Mitchell**, D Company, 1/11 (1967-1968), passed away on May 3, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Custer, KY. He was laid to rest in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff, KY.

**Gerald W. Noga**, HHT REGT (1968), passed away on May 20, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Winston Salem, NC.

**Raymond J. Richmond**, L Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968), passed away on June 29, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Salt Lake City, UT. He was laid to rest in Utah Veterans Memorial Park, Bluffdale, UT.

**Francis R. Scharpf**, A Troop, 1/11 (1967-1968), HHT, 1/11 (1966-1967), passed away on May 4, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Granger, IN. He was laid to rest in US Military Academy, West Point, NY.

**Wayne E. Scheu**, H Company, 2/11 (1967-1968), passed away on September 10, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Medford, OR. He was laid to rest in Eagle Point National Cemetery, Eagle Point, OR.

**Eugene Sept**, F Troop, 2/11 (1968-1969), passed away on May 12, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Columbia, TN.

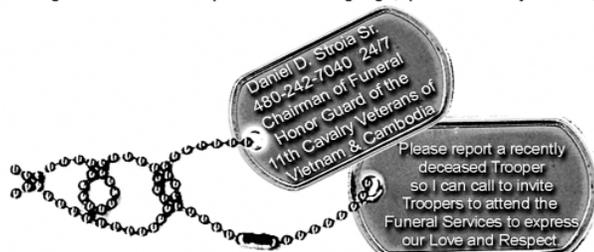
**Sam N. Smith**, F Troop, 2/11 (1967-1968), passed away on October 25, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Logansport, LA. He was laid to rest in Mt Zion Cemetery, Mansfield, LA.

**Gary S. Stites**, 398th Transportation Det (1971-1972), passed away on May 14, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in San Rafael, CA. He was laid to rest in Mt Olivet Cemetery, San Rafael, CA.

**Floyd D. Watson**, A Troop, 1/11 (1967-1968), passed away on June 10, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Columbus, OH.

**Robert L. Wright**, D Company, 1/11 (1968-1969), passed away on April 29, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Alexandria, VA. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

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

### So that his brethren shall know...

Please report the death of any member of The 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia to Allen Hathaway, 13194 Rettew Dr., Manassas, VA 20112; Phone: (703) 791-6610; Email: 11thcav1966@comcast.net; for listing in "Journey to Fiddler's Green."



## Women's Corner

By Barb Moreno, 11th ACVVC Women's Coordinator

Hello Everyone,

As the old song goes "The Party's Over". And what a party it was. To the Chicago reunion group, thank you for a really wonderful time. Everything was great.

Although I was not available to go to the Elvis show, I did hear some of it and it sounded as if everyone was having a Hound Dog of a good time.

It was wonderful to see everyone again and to make so many new friends. That is always the highlight of my weekend. It seems that even though we may not see each other for a whole year, that when we do see each other we immediately are a family again. Does that make sense?

The ladies group would also like to thank everyone who helped in any way, whether it was helping out at the ladies table or registration or purchasing, to make this year's fund raiser another huge success. We sold out of all the remaining blankets and cookbooks. We sold almost half of our quantity of horses, about 100 of the 400 address books, and have 6 of the pet/doll Blackhorse scarves. We also introduced a lanyard this year. Since they were a new item, I wasn't sure how they would go over so I kept the quantity down and only ordered 500 of them. Well, I should have ordered 1000 or more, because, we sold out of them on Thursday. I promise next year our order will be larger. So be sure to look for them.

The ladies meeting, again was well attended with 59 in attendance. We accomplished a lot in our 2 1/2 hours together.

A discussion was held as to how we can support our troops in combat. A decision was made to commit ourselves to sending "care" packages. On the Blackhorse web site there is a listing of our members who have sons or daughters overseas, so it was decided that we need to check to see if this is current and if so to send these young heroes packages on a regular basis. There are also many other places in our communities to locate names and addresses. After sending these packages each lady is to notify me (Barb), or one of my assistants, of how much they sent, in pounds, and she would keep a record of it.

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At the meeting I heard one of the ladies say that she had two of her children serve overseas. I can't remember who that was so if you remember would you be kind enough to notify me so we can discuss ways of getting information about sending things over.

The ladies also discussed the fact that if we do not use the Women's Corner section of the web site (11thCavNam.com) that it would be shut down. This site is for us to leave messages for each other, to let me know what you are doing, how you are showing your support of the Blackhorse organization, for our active troops outside of the reunion weekend, and if there is a problem that needs my attention or something that all the ladies need to be aware of.

The ladies voted to pass the hat to help one of our sister Blackhorse ladies. We had one contact me recently to let me know that they had lost everything in the flooding that resulted from Hurricane Dolly. By passing the hat we were able to collect over \$600. Along with this money we will be taking enough out of our treasury to bring the amount to a full \$1000. To our Blackhorse sister, we wish you well and please know that this gift was sent with lots of love from your fellow Blackhorse sisters.

Of course we discussed future fund raising options. All I can tell you right now is to stay tuned to this column and the web site for future developments.

The location sites for future reunions was brought up, and the ladies decided that we would like to be able to give our opinion of where we will be going in the future. I did promise that I would approach the Board of Directors with this request at their next mid year board meeting. Wish me luck, ladies.

We were able to certainly surprise Bonnie Schmidt at the banquet by presenting her with the 6th annual Blackhorse Women's Award. And surprised she was. Bonnie certainly did earn the honor of the award. She has been a true supporter and

lover of the Blackhorse. And she gives the best hugs of anybody I know. As I said at the awards ceremony, when you are married to a military person, you avoid making close friends because after a year or so one of you move away and most probably you never see each other again. In our 22 years in service I have allowed myself to become close to two women. One I met while stationed in Fort Knox, Kentucky and the other is Bonnie whom I met through a Blackhorse reunion. Both I consider my best friends. Ones whom I will stay in touch with always.

Bonnie, we all love you and you are truly a very good friend. One whom I will keep in my mind and heart all of my life.

Sunday and parting came all too soon. Didn't it seem to all of you that we just got there and before you knew it, it was time to leave again? So now we count the days and months until we meet again in Santa Clara, California. Until then, please stay in touch with me via my e-mail, puppytoes@charter.net or via the Blackhorse web site. Just scroll to the bottom and click on "Women's Corner" and drop me a line. Remember very often this is the only way I have of knowing who is deserving of the Women's award.

As many of you know, when I returned home I was scheduled for surgery two weeks later. Well, I have had my surgery and am now facing the difficult task of healing and learning to walk all over again. I know from having had the same surgery on the other knee that it is a long and painful process but it is one that I hope will go quickly. Bob is trying to be so patient and kind with me. He is truly my strength right now.

Until next time – All I can say is "Elvis has left the building"

Always,

Barb

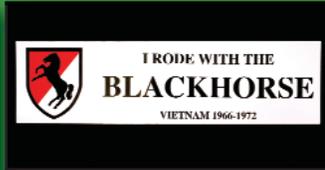
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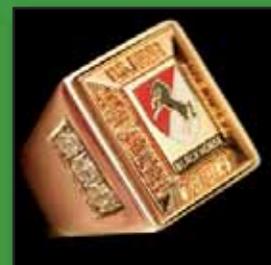
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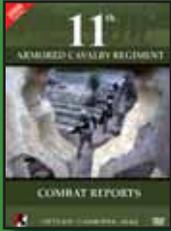
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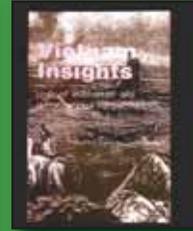
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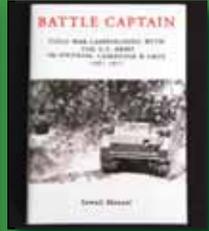
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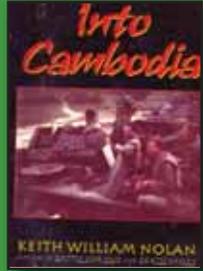
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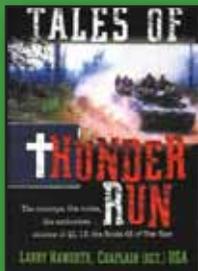
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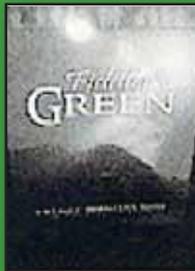
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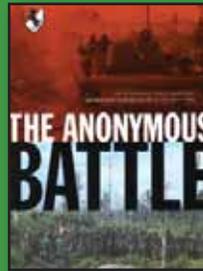
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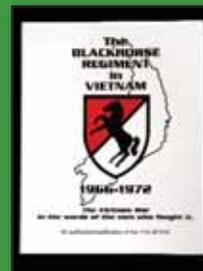
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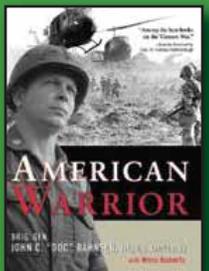
#36 Book: Fiddlers Green \$16.00



#37 Book: The Anonymous Battle \$16.00



#38 Book: The Blackhorse Reg't in Vietnam \$25.00



#39 Book, "American Warrior" by 'Doc' Bahnsen-\$20.00



#40a Old Blackhorse Hat \$10.00



#40b New Blackhorse Hat \$10.00



#41a/b T-Shirt, black/ash \$16.00



#42a/b Golf Shirt, w/BH Insignia & VN Ribbon, red/white \$30.00



#43 Golf Shirts, Crossed Saber, Women's gray only \$18.00



#44a/b Sweatshirt, ash/black, \$18.00



#46 Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon \$75.00

#45a/b Denim Shirt, w/BH & VN Ribbon, Mens \$30.00; Womens \$18.00



#47 Windbreaker, black w/zipper & BH Insignia & VN Ribbon, \$35.00



# Welcome Aboard!

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

NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES
<b>HHT REGIMENT</b>		Seyfer, Donald L	1966-67	<b>HHT, 2/11</b>		<b>H COMPANY, 2/11</b>	
Quinn, Frederick F	1968	<b>HHT, 1/11</b>		Kosinski, James J	1967-69	Hendrix, Brian P	1969-71
<b>AIR CAVALRY TROOP</b>		Poe, James F	1968-69	Sroka, Dennis J	1968-69	<b>2/11</b>	
Angone, Rocco J Jr	1968-69	<b>A TROOP, 1/11</b>		<b>E TROOP, 2/11</b>		Stenulson, Gary R	1971-72
Bonesteel, Douglas L	1968-69	Neugebauer, Lonnie D	1969-70	Boemker, Albert L	1968	<b>HHT, 3/11</b>	
Carlson, Robert W	1969	<b>B TROOP, 1/11</b>		Hancock, Jackie L	1968	Roberts, Lonnie L	1969
<b>409th RR DET</b>		D'Engenis, Peter R	1967-68	Petersen, Robert L	1969-70	<b>K TROOP, 3/11</b>	
Reiter, Dean D	1967	<b>C TROOP, 1/11</b>		<b>F TROOP, 2/11</b>		Jurgens, Michael J	1966-67
<b>551st MAINT CO</b>		Carlson, Richard H	1966-67	Snyder, John L	1970-71	<b>L TROOP, 3/11</b>	
Canan, Kenneth E	1967-68	Paul, Ralph N Iii	1967-68	Zimmerman, Timothy L	1968-69	Chermack, David R	1970
<b>919th ENGINEER CO</b>		Thomas, Philip S	1965-67	<b>G TROOP, 2/11</b>		<b>M COMPANY, 3/11</b>	
Hobgood, Larry W	1967-68			Hobgood, Larry W	1971	Nelson, Kerry W	1966-67

☆☆ **Membership is Our Strength** ☆☆  
**It's not the price you pay to belong, It's the price you paid to become eligible to join**

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** **NL4Q 08**

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

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

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

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(Troop, Sqdn) (Mo/Yr) (Mo/Yr)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Visa  Mastercard Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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



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11TH ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

Item No.	Product Description	Code	\$ Amt	Size	Qty	\$ Total
1.	Coffee Mug, white Acrylic 11oz w/full color Blackhorse insignia	C	10.00			
2.	Key ring, 1.5" Acrylic square w/full color Blackhorse insignia	A	3.00			
3.	Bumper Sticker "I Rode With The Blackhorse" w/full color BH insignia	A	2.00			
4.	Window Sticker, full color BH insignia and Vietnam service ribbon	A	2.00			
5.	Watch, BH insignia on face, leather band (indicate choice) <input type="checkbox"/> Man's <input type="checkbox"/> Woman's	B	35.00			
6.	Watch, BH insignia on face, metal band (indicate choice) <input type="checkbox"/> Man's <input type="checkbox"/> Woman's	B	35.00			
7.	Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, Colored	B	4.00			
8.	Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, Subdued	B	4.00			
9.	Coin, 11th ACVVC, BH insignia, crossed sabers, together then, together again	B	10.00			
10.	Belt Buckle, solid brass w/crossed sabers & BH insignia	B	25.50			
11.	Flag, indoor/outdoor 3'x5' with color insignia	B	50.00			
12.	Lighter, "Zippo" style brushed chrome w/full color BH insignia	B	15.00			
13.	License Plate, metal red & white background with crossed sabers & 11	B	5.00			
14.	License Plate Frame, metal, black w/Blackhorse 11th US Cavalry in white	C	7.50			
15.	Attache Case w/shoulder strap 11.5" x 15.5" w/dir emb. BH insignia & VN rib	C	30.00			
16.	Tote Bag, red & black, 14x1x6 w/full color BH insignia and VN rib	B	20.00			
17.	Blackhorse Pin	A	4.00			
18.	11th ACR Regimental Crest	A	5.00			
19.	Blackhorse Cavalry Pin, brass, 11 over crossed sabers	A	5.00			
20.	Vietnam Blackhorse Pin w/wreath	A	5.00			
21.	Blackhorse Women's Pendant w/chain, sterling silver w/full BH insignia	B	45.00			
22.	Gear Bag, red with color BH insignia (11x11x21)	C	35.00			
23.	Men's Ring, gold & silver w/full color BH insignia on face (specify size)	A	225.00			
24.	Men's ring, gold, silver, & diamonds	A	280.00			
25.	Lapel Pin: "Support Our Troops"	A	3.00			
26.	Magnetic "Blackhorse"	A	5.00			
27.	Magnetic "Support Our Troops" Ribbon	A	4.00			
28.	Video: "Combat Reports" (DVD Only)	C	30.00			
29.	Video combo #1: "Combat Reports" & Blackhorse Video (DVD only)	C	50.00			
30.	Video combo #2: "Combat Reports" (DVD & Blackhorse Video (VHS)	C	40.00			
31.	Book, Video (DVD) Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam	C	30.00			
32.	Book, "Vietnam Insights" by James Griffiths	C	10.00			
33.	Book, "Battle Captain" by Sewall Menzel	C	20.00			
34.	Book, "Into Cambodia" by Kieth Nolan	C	23.00			
35.	Book, "Tales of Thunder Run" by Larry Haworth, Chaplain	C	11.00			
36.	Book, "Fiddlers Green" by Jack Stoddard	C	16.00			
37.	Book, "The Anonymous Battle" by John Poindexter	C	16.00			
38.	History Book, "Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam"	C	25.00			
39.	Book, American Warrior" by "Doc" Bahnsen	C	20.00			
40.	Hat, Black Poplin adjustable w/full color direct embroidery Blackhorse insignia. <input type="checkbox"/> a (old) <input type="checkbox"/> b (new)	B	10.00			
41.	Blackhorse T-shirt, 100% cotton, preshrunk, full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black	B	16.00			
42.	Golf Shirt, w/BH insignia and VN Ribbon: Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White	B	30.00			
43.	Golf Shirt, crossed sabers, Women's gray	B	18.00			
44.	Blackhorse Sweatshirt, 50% cotton, 50% acrylic w/full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black	B	18.00			
45a.	Denim Shirt, Mens	B	30.00			
45b.	Denim Shirt, Womens	B	18.00			
46.	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			
47.	Windbreaker, black w/zipper BH insignia & VN Ribbon	B	35.00			

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

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

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Please include the largest of chosen items S/H costs with your order. Maximum per order form charge is \$9.30. Checks or Money Orders should be made payable to **11th ACVVC**. Allow six weeks for processing and delivery. **ALL PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**. Previous price lists are invalid. Mail order to: **11th ACVVC Quartermaster, c/o Jerry Beamon, 15926 Cedar Bay Dr., Bullard, TX 75757.**



# From the Quartermaster...

Jerry Beamon

Hi Everyone,

Jan and I hope everyone had a great reunion in Chicago this year.

### Thanks to Volunteers

I would first of all like to thank our helpers who did a GREAT JOB serving all who came into the Quartermaster Store. All you volunteers helped make it go so smoothly. Our helpers were Jerry and Pat Mitchell, Mike Huml, Wendy Godfrey, Janet Krueger, and several others whose names we forgot but do remember and are grateful for their help also. You volunteers made our sales outstanding again this year and we appreciate it so much.

### New Items

Please check our layout in this quarter's *Thunder Run* as some things have changed. We've changed to a different style wind-breaker and our Necklace for the Ladies has changed to sterling silver due to price increases. We also have new style Tote and Gear Bags. Our Special Sales will continue only while supplies last. We are trying to lower our inventory, so we can react to your request of having more new items.

We again are asking for volunteers to help us out in California.

*Allons, Jerry*

## QUARTERMASTER CLEARANCE & FEATURED ITEMS

**WHILE SUPPLIES LAST:** Past reunion golf shirts: Chicago 2008 in size x large only and Louisville 2007 in x large and xx large, \$15.00. All sweatshirts black and ash, \$18.00. Ladies Gray Golf Shirts, all sizes, \$18.00. Ladies Denim Shirts in all sizes \$18.00.



#43 Golf Shirts, gray/bark, Crossed Sabers Womens only (gray) \$18.00



#45 Denim Shirt, w/BH & VN Ribbon Women's only \$18.00



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