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

The 11th ACVVC Annual Awards

Keynote Speaker, Joseph L. Galloway, was presented a plaque on the occasion of the 25th Annual Reunion in recognition of his support of the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia

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

Ollie W. Pickral: For his continuous contribution to the 11th ACVVC during the past 25 years

Quilter Award

Stephen R. (Steve) Page who has exemplified the values of the 11th ACVVC over a period of time and who has contributed to the enhancement of our members, this organization and the Regiment



Women's Award

Janice (Jan) Beamon: For outstanding support and exceptional service to the 11th ACVVC Women's Group

25 Year Reunion Award

Michael W. (Mike) Cricco, James R. (Jim) Hain, Lawrence E. (Larry) Haworth and

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Sunday Will Never Be The Same?

By Mark S. Crist (I Troop 1969)

It was another Sunday morning and there was an uneasiness in the air as to what the day would bring. Whether by coincidence, some peculiarity of fate, or whatever one chooses to believe, the only contact we'd seen the previous 4 weeks had occurred on a Sunday. I'd heard of omens and harbingers, but if one thing got fine tuned out in the boonies it was one's instincts and gut feelings weren't to be taken lightly. I don't think the unease felt was just a glitch in one's reasoning. There was also the knowledge we'd suffered loss in those previous engagements to include our Platoon Sergeant and my Track Commander, along with wounded, and at least one track history due to a mine.

I think we all had more pleasant memories of Sunday back home. A day of rest in those times reserved for church, family get-togethers, mom's home cooking, and maybe a drive in the country. Things did lighten up a bit when it was announced the Troop would be on a stand down today at Bandit Hill. It got even better when we were told we could make a PX run to the

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Allen Hathaway,
President

From The Command Track

By Allen Hathaway, President



Our 25th annual reunion was held on August 25-29 in Washington, DC. Over 1,250 people attended the reunion this year.

Our thanks to all who attended and especially the volunteers who worked tirelessly to help make this another successful reunion.

Attendees began to arrive three and four days before the official start of the reunion to take advantage of the many sightseeing opportunities in the Nation's Capital. Registration opened on Wednesday and the crowd was eager to pick up their reunion packets. The "bunker" opened that evening giving those on hand an opportunity to meet up with their old friends. Don Snedeker, the Historian, prepared several display boards of newspaper articles tracing the history of the regiment from 1966 until 1972.

The weather was perfect on Thursday morning as the golfers headed out for the 19th Annual Marty Ognibene Golf Tournament. Many others spent the day sightseeing. The more popular locations were the World War II Memorial, Korean Memorial and of course the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Many visited the wall throughout the week looking for names of old friends. Some brought personal mementoes to leave at the wall. Several groups held private memorial services to remember their buddies. Special placards were placed at each of the 109 panels honoring the Blackhorse troopers listed on that panel.

Approximately 150 attended the Veterans Seminar on Thursday evening. Our thanks to Danny Pummill of the Department of Veterans Affairs for hosting the seminar.

Early Friday morning several hundred traveled to Arlington National Cemetery for the wreath laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The Tomb has been guarded continuously 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, since July 2, 1937. The changing of the guard is an impressive ceremony. It was truly an honor and priv-

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ilege to represent our Blackhorse troopers as we placed the Blackhorse wreath at the Tomb.

More attendees arrived throughout the day. By Friday evening the large banquet room used for the "bunker party" was full and bustling with activity. Many brought old scrapbooks, pictures and newspaper articles to share with others. The silent auction was also held on Friday evening. This is always a fun and interesting part of the reunion where items of interest are donated and individuals bid on the items.

The Annual Business Meeting was held on Saturday morning. Prior to the start of the meeting we were honored to hear remarks from LTG Guy C. Swan III, CG US Army North, Fort Sam Houston, TX. As a colonel he served as the 57th Regimental Commander from 1996-1998. General Swan has attended many 11th ACVVC reunions over the years and is a real friend to all Blackhorse troopers.

Two sites were presented to the membership for the 2012 reunion. Fact sheets were included in each reunion packet summarizing the key points of each site including room rates, hotel amenities, transportation costs, local activities, etc, allowing each attendee an opportunity to view information on the two sites before making a decision. The Rosen Centre in Orlando, Florida was selected for the September 17-21, 2012 reunion.

Chaplain Larry Haworth conducted the memorial service on Saturday afternoon. The names of departed Blackhorse troopers who passed away since the last reunion were read. Members of the audience had the opportunity to speak about friends or loved ones lost this past year.

Our guest speaker this year was Joseph L. (Joe) Galloway who co-authored the book "We Were Soldiers Once... And Young" with LTG Hal Moore (USA Ret). By coincidence, General Moore was also in town for another event. Both authors

spent the afternoon at a special book signing. It's not often both are in the same location at the same time. We thank them for arranging this very special opportunity for our troopers.

The Saturday evening banquet and program are the highlights of the reunion. The program opened with the presentation of the colors by members of the 3rd Infantry (Old Guard) and National Anthem sung by Air Force TSGT Carrie Holton.

We would also like to thank the current regimental commander COL Tony Aguto and RCSM Martin Wilcox for attending the reunion and giving an update on the activities. Included in the update was an outstanding video mixing scenes of the regiment from the past and present. We send our thanks and appreciation to all Blackhorse troopers for their service and wish them all the best in their continued mission at the Fort Irwin, CA.

We were honored to have 42 Gold Star family members attend this year representing 11 of the troopers killed in action in Vietnam. We hope they will continue to attend the reunions and encourage other Gold Star families to attend as well.

Also attending the reunion were the 61st Colonel of the Regiment (2004-2006) BG and Mrs. Peter Bayer and LTC Todd Walsh, CO 1/11 ACR (2008-2010).

It's been long standing tradition to recognize the troopers attending their first reunion. A total of 89 "first timers" were asked to stand and receive a "welcome home" round of applause from the audience. Many of them commented after the reunion they waited far too long to attend a reunion. (Take special note for those who haven't yet attended a reunion!)

The Saturday evening program was topped off by the Blackhorse Salute. This is always a very powerful and sometimes emotional portion of the program as we

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11th ACVVC Annual Reunion XXV



Mike Weynand with his carved Blackhorse statue that was placed in front of the podium for the entire reunion weekend



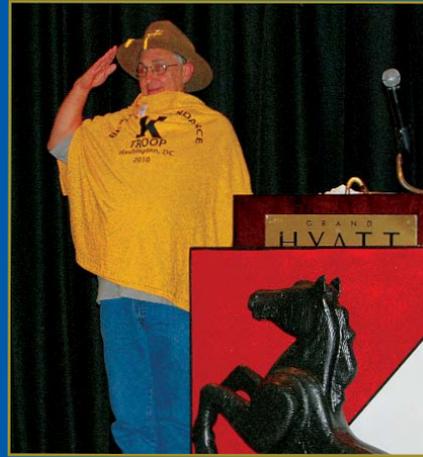
Golf cart ACAV's preparing to road march to Thursday's golf tournament action



List of names for every Blackhorse KIA placed at the bottom of the corresponding panel on the Wall. Thanks Allen!



Memories and camaraderie being shared in the bunker



Quartermaster Jerry Beamon represents K Troop in accepting the "best attending unit at the Reunion" award



LTG Guy C. Swan speaking to Blackhorse Troopers prior to the Saturday morning membership meeting



Tony Aguto, 64th Colonel of the Regiment, addressing the Banquet with his Commander's update

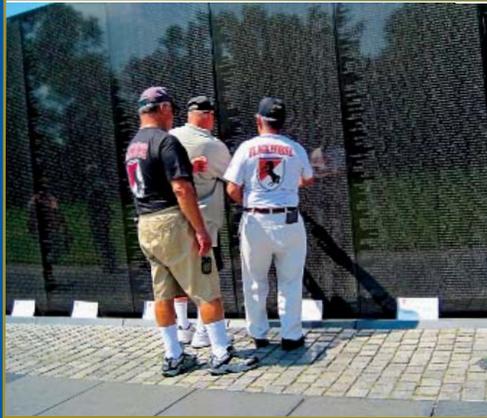


Steve Page, recipient and new annual caretaker of the Jack Quilter Award



"Perfect Attendance" award for all 25 Reunions bestowed upon Terry Stivers, Larry Haworth, Mike Cricco, and Jim Hain

Washington, DC



Blackhorse Troopers perusing the panels of the Wall. Placards appear at the bottom of the Wall



President Allen Hathaway along with Chaplain Larry Haworth and Reunion Chairman Steve Page represent our troopers at Arlington National Cemetery



A view of the Tomb, its Guards, our representatives, and our crowd at the wreath laying Ceremony



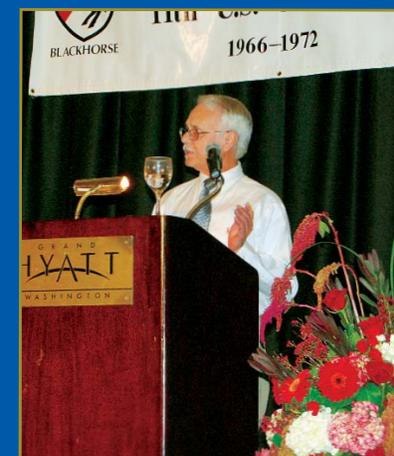
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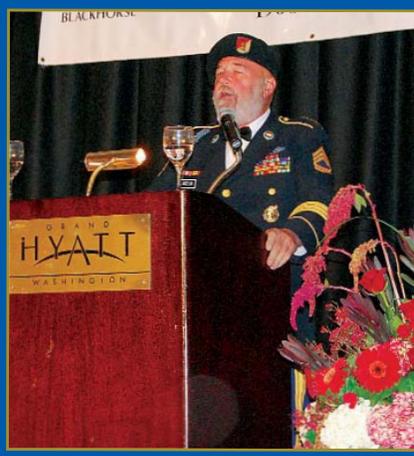
LTG Hal Moore and Joe Galloway book signing *We Were Soldiers Once...and Young*



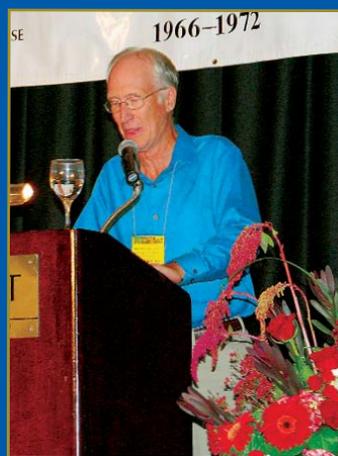
Saturday night banquet



Ollie Pickral receives a well earned and much deserved "Trooper of the Year" award



Honorary Kentucky Colonel honors is presented by Jim Angelini, Secretary LRRP, ARP, Air Cavalry Troop Chapter.



Mike Rafferty, Scholarship Chairman, listing the 2010 11th ACVVC Scholarship awardees.



The "Missing Man" table which is present at all of our Reunion Banquets

salute the service of the thousands of Blackhorse troopers who served with this great regiment in Vietnam.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who helped make this reunion a success. These volunteers work throughout the year to ensure each reunion is a success. The Board for their support - Pete Walter, Ollie Pickral, Adrian Vaaler, Jim Holt, Steve Page, Bob Moreno; Reunion Chairman - Steve Page, Registration - Bob, Barb and Raleigh Moreno, Deanna Haworth; Chaplain - Larry Haworth; Internet Coordinator - Otis Carey; Public Affairs - Eric Newton; Historian/Wreath - Don Snedeker; Quartermaster - Jerry and Jan Beamon, Jerry and Pat Mitchell; Thunder Run Editor - Jim Griffiths; Silent Auction - Ron and Janet Krueger, Paul and Teresa Gissible; Golf Tournament - Joe Coopet; Reunion Shirts - Chuck and Cathi Bower; Assistants - Joe and Kathy Wetmore; Toasts - Neil Keltner, Bernie Carpenter and Joe O'Leary; Women's Group Coordinator - Barb Moreno; A special thanks also goes to Michael A. Weynand, (HOW 1/11 67-68) for donating the beautiful carved Blackhorse statue that was placed in front of the podium the entire reunion weekend.

We especially want to thank the many Blackhorse troopers, family and friends who attend and support these great events. It's your participation that make these reunions so successful year after year. We look forward to the next reunion and hope to see you in St. Louis in 2011. It's great to be "together again"

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2010 Newsletter Deadlines

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

First Quarter 2010Jan 15

Second Quarter 2010Mar 25

Third Quarter 2010.....Jun 25

Fourth Quarter 2010.....Oct 1

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Jim Griffiths, Editor
Thunder Run

Editor's Corner

James M. "Jim" Griffiths

Chances are that you will receive *Thunder Run* after Veterans' Day. There is a smaller chance that you might receive it before but whatever the case I hope you had (or have) an enjoyable Veterans' Day where you participated in and/or reflected upon something that is personally meaningful to you on what is Our Day. I guess it is not surprising that this day seems to become more and more meaningful to me each year whether I make it to the Wall for the 11th ACVVC remembrance or participate in something in my own neck of the woods. I am thankful to be able to observe Veterans' Day and grateful for all those Veterans that have gone before me, especially those who paid the ultimate price for us from the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. It also comes at the time of year where I begin to walk proudly about in Blackhorse sweat-shirts, denims, and jackets as tee shirts and golf shirts become less and less adequate to deal with the weather.

In Southwest Michigan, where I live, there is one community that really does splendid job of honoring veterans. If they have your name and you are a veteran they contact you and invite you and a guest to a free meal at a local high school followed by a patriotic celebration in the gym afterward. As a finishing touch, you receive in the mail a homemade card made by a local elementary school student. These cards have a touching from the heart message from the student. It really brightens your day!

As we move into the Holiday Season I would like to extend my best wishes to you for an enjoyable Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year. Take a look at our great items in our Quartermaster Store that are just dying to end up in Christmas stockings.

This issue features a wrap up of the activities of Reunion XXV including two pages of photos concerning the

Reunion. The issue also contains a partial listing of 2010 Scholarship Recipients including pictures of many of the sons and daughters of our members that will gain assistance in their pursuit of higher education due to the generosity of our members The thank you notes written by the recipients show the great variety of pursuits and aspirations of these recipients and make for interesting reading as a display of a variety of individual approaches to their future endeavors.

We have another listing in our 4th Quarter TR that is worth taking a close look at. It is the listing of KIA's who were remembered by their families through attending our Reunion. It was very enjoyable to have them there and I was able to converse with some of them and enjoyed what great people they are. It is hoped they return and more and more of our KIA's families will come to our Reunion and remember their loved ones and share fellowship with us.

Many of you tell me that you (and your spouses also) read TR from cover to cover. All the regular contributors are there as usual for you along with the other material and I hope you enjoy Your Thunder Run!

One other matter needs to be addressed. I have decided to initiate the process of phasing out of my position as Editor of *Thunder Run*. I stand ready to train a successor and the process of training someone to replace me can take up to 9 months of low intensity if necessary. If anybody has an interest in becoming Editor of *Thunder Run* let me or Allen Hathaway know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Membership is Our Strength

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

SUNDAY from page 1

1st Infantry Division base at Lai Khe.

As I remember, these were a more anticipated trek through the Vietnamese countryside versus what else it offered. A time to kick back a little, maybe unwind. As was the usual case selected crewmembers took everyone's order, we loaded up on one track, and headed down the road. It was about the closest thing we got to one of those Sunday drives back home. There were 8 of us telling stories, who's a two digit midget, the cars we were going to buy, and as that old Cav song went, the girl I left behind me, not to mention the usual harassment.

I'll never forget the first time I went to Lai Khe. From a distance it just looked like the standard rubber plantation. It was hard to believe an entire Army division was encamped in it with crisscrossing roads, an airstrip, and accommodations for around 15,000 men. Not unlike our own Blackhorse, but a tad greener. We pulled up to the PX, did our shopping, and headed back down the road with thoughts of cooking up what we'd bought and a quiet evening.

When we arrived back the entire Troop, aside from a few vehicles, was gone. This didn't look good and a radio call confirmed the Troop was given orders to react to contact. We were told to move down the road pronto and meet up with an element from M Company. At a T intersection sat an M-48 tank. An Air Cav Cobra was also flying by so low and slow the pilots were plainly visible giving a thumbs up. We followed the tank as it headed across a large open area. In the distance the wood line beckoned out of which came the familiar sounds of a battle in progress.

We punched into it and for as long as I live will never forget that jungle, an intertwined mesh of flora and fauna. For one thing it kept out whatever breeze was blowing on the prairie. The thick entanglement of trees that could rain monkeys, snakes, and wasps. The bushes that not only hid our enemy's presence, but also those nests of red ants. The vines that could rip your machinegun out of its mounts. Then there was the smell of it. As our tracks dug in to the floor they would bring a potpourri of earth, sap, and rotting vegetation. If it was burning and a rain

falling the smell was even more intense. Busting into it was like opening that bamboo curtain I'd heard about, but the show on the other side was anything but a metaphor.

Maybe "thick" is putting it mildly. Even though the staccato of battle was much louder now, nothing could be seen but the back of the tank and that stinking jungle. As we slowly advanced I finally saw some evidence of who else was in residence, a well worn trail and those small red cans of fish and green rice bags. Then some kind of bamboo structure came into view. It was then I saw the rear of another track. By whatever fate it was mine, I 22, old Double Deuce. Behind my gun was a man dressed in camouflage. So the ARP's were in on this too. I decided to make a run for her. Halfway there I heard "fire in the hole" and hit the deck. This explosion brought a little fallout and some ringing in my ears. I finally made it onboard and was told not to fire my weapon. What?

The reason being, the ARP's were running around blowing bunkers. Come to think of it the only small arms firing I'd heard was the distinct crack crack crack of AK-47's. That and explosions. Ours were announced, theirs weren't. From what I could gather the NVA were popping out of their holes and taking potshots at targets of opportunity with RPG's and small arms. I did see one track with a big splintered hole in the engine hatch, wondering the fate of its crew.

If this wasn't enough excitement, I heard trees snapping off to my left, looked over, and saw the muzzle brake of a 90mm cannon coming straight for us. The tank finally came into full view, both the TC and driver looking off to their left and screaming in their CVC's. I waved with all I had. Yelling had no effect between diesel, gunfire, and explosions. The driver finally looked our way and hooked a left before we were T-boned. These moments did get intense, even chaotic, if not a complete melee.

Bursts of AK fire were pruning branches over our heads when an order came down from the Platoon Sergeant to all Track Commanders to dismount their gunners with rifles and hand grenades and start blowing bunkers. I can't say that one

was received all that well. Leave the security of our 14 ton ACAV, no matter how ridiculous that sounds. I'd seen my share of hulks scattered around the AO, one literally melted on a road. So off we went into a fray of tanks and tracks pointed in all directions, the ARP's running around, and my first encounter with the NVA whose tactics weren't the usual Viet Cong hit and run I'd experienced.

We weren't there very long when the recall order was given. A Huey was circling overhead with "Higher-Higher" in it. That would be Colonel Patton at the time. We were told to back up and get on line. At least two tanks began spiraling outward busting down the jungle until a fair sized LZ was made. The Huey landed and I remember seeing the Colonel jump out with 45 drawn and barking orders on a PRC-77. As soon as he landed he was off again. The tanks got in front of us and we all made a sweep across the bunker complex. An Air Cav LOACH radioed that he was in pursuit of some NVA. Maybe whoever was left had made a run for it while we were regrouping. In effect, it was over.

Or so we thought. We were ordered to remain in place for the night in case those NVA came back. So much for our quiet evening and don't think anyone was in the mood for a cookout. I know I didn't get much sleep that night. Unwanted guests were one thing and I was still wound up. It was also evident the Sunday spell hadn't been broken. After all, this was Vietnam and as the song by Spanky and Our Gang went, "Sunday's just another day!"

AWARDS from page 1

Terry D. Stivers for "perfect attendance" by attending all 25 annual reunions

Special Recognition:

LTG Guy C. Swan III in recognition of his continuous support of the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia

Honorary Kentucky Colonel presented by Jim Angelini, secretary LRRP, ARP, Air Cavalry Troop Chapter:

Allen D. Hathaway, Ollie W. Pickral, Peter (Pete) L. Walter

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Thanks to the efforts of Carl Anderton of Salisbury, MD. (C Trp., 1970) all Blackhorse Troopers living in Maryland will be able to show pride with these newly available Blackhorse license plates.



Jack Morrison (A Trp., 67-69) shows his pride with two vehicles containing Purple Heart and Blackhorse related license plates and frames



A collage of faces shows that there was a great deal of Blackhorse pride shown at LZ Lambeau (Wisconsin) in the spring of 2010

A Blackhorse Family Tradition



SSG Chris Morrison is pictured with LTG Guy C. Swan (57th Colonel of the Regiment) in General Swan's office at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Chris is now assigned to the 11th ACR at Ft. Irwin California thus following in the Blackhorse footsteps of his father, Jack Morrison, who served with the 11th ACR (A Trp., 67-69) and is a member of the 11th ACVVC



From the 64th Colonel of the Regiment

Tony Aguto



The last few months have brought some changes to the Blackhorse. As many of you know on 30 June I assumed command of the Regiment. Additionally LTC Christopher M. Doneski took command of 1st Squadron, LTC A. Brian Robertson took command of 2nd Squadron and LTC Lance R. Eldred took command of the Regimental Support Squadron. Also CSM William Tramel assumed responsibility for 1st Squadron and SGM Stephen C. Young assumed responsibility for 2nd Squadron. It was an exceptional event and a great introduction to this historic Regiment. I was especially honored to meet those veterans that were able to make the trip. I appreciate the time, effort, and support of all our veterans.

I was commissioned an Armor Officer from the United States Military Academy in 1988. I have tried my entire career to get to the 11th ACR. I deployed with 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment to Operation Iraqi Freedom and also had the privilege of commanding 4th Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Baghdad and Diyala, Iraq. With my assignment as commander of this distinguished Regiment I am truly a "Lucky 16". My wife Melanie and I are both honored to be part of the Blackhorse lineage and tradition of the 11th Cavalry.

July found the Regiment back in "the Box" training 1st Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division from Fort Riley. Our first rotation taught the new command teams a lot about our Regiment's mission. However, the most important thing we learned was the versatility, independence, flexibility, and commitment of our Blackhorse Troopers.

In August we trained the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division from Fort Knox in preparation for their deployment to Afghanistan. This presented a great opportunity for the Blackhorse Troopers to execute Troop level attacks on Combat Outposts. A different skill set then our traditional rotations, the

Blackhorse Troopers excelled as they won every engagement.

Following the rotation RCSM Wilcox and I were able to attend the 2010 ACVVC Reunion in Washington D.C. We had a wonderful time. It was great getting to know those who made the Blackhorse legendary. We look forward to seeing many of you next year. Our only regret is that we could not get the entire Regiment to Washington D.C. and allow all of our Troopers to join in the camaraderie.

In September we had a rare three weeks without helping to train a rotational unit. We took advantage and executed platoon and company level Situation Training Exercises. Additionally our Infantry Troopers had the opportunity to compete for their Expert Infantryman Badge (EIB). After some grueling physical and mental tests 33 Blackhorse Troopers earned their EIB. We will close out September putting the 2/34 Brigade Combat Team, National Guard from Iowa through their paces as they prepare for deployment to Afghanistan. In October we will train the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

In November the Regiment itself will head to the Box where we will have the opportunity to rehearse and certify Hybrid Threat Operations (HTO). Hybrid Threat combines elements of counterinsurgency and conventional force maneuvers. Representing the next generation of Army training, it is designed to deliver realistic, high-intensity scenarios to rotational units. The Blackhorse is excited to be a part of this new development and we look forward to building our maneuver skill set. Once again the Blackhorse will lead the Army into the next generation of training for conflict.

I look forward to meeting many of you during my time with the Blackhorse. If you ever find yourself in the High Mojave please come out and see us. All Blackhorse Troopers are always welcome.

Blackhorse!

2010 Scholarship Winners and KIA Dedications

Since the inception of the 11ACVVC Scholarship program in 1996, our organization has awarded 268 college scholarships totaling \$779,000! These numbers include the twenty-four scholarships totaling \$74,000 we were able to award this year. Our 2010 scholarship winners submitted outstanding applications and are well-deserving of their awards. You can view some of the winner's photos and their feelings about receiving a scholarship in this issue of *Thunder Run*.

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from our panel of judges.

As we have done for the past few years, each scholarship this year is dedicated to one of our brothers who was killed in action. Each recipient received a certificate suitable for framing honoring the KIA name assigned to their scholarship. One of our scholarship winners this year, Wendy Bohl, is the daughter of one of our KIA's (Leslie Hines, E Troop). She was five months old when her father was killed in Vietnam. We had the privilege of dedicating her scholarship in his honor.

The fact we have been able to help so many children of our members attain their educational goals is a tribute to your generosity. Your support of the calendar, raffle and silent auction have provided the bulk of the monies given to these deserving students. As you read their thank you notes in this issue, you can see they truly appreciate your generosity.

*Mike "Doc" Rafferty, Chairman
11ACVVC Scholarship Committee*

Meet Our 2010 Scholarship Winners

Meet Our 2010 Scholarship Winners. This issue contains brief statements from 12 of our 2010 Scholarship Winners. Future issues will feature the remaining Scholarship Winners.



Jennifer Hormell, daughter of James Hormell, HHT 3/11, 67-68

I would like to thank the 11th Armored Calvary Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia for choosing me as the recipient of the Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership award.

This scholarship will be of great assistance to me as I strive to meet my personal educational goals and it will lift a great financial burden from my family during this time. I am honored to have received such a prestigious award from an organization made up of so many heroic individuals who selflessly fought for others. Thank you again for your kind and generous gift!

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



Wendy Bohl, daughter of Leslie Hines III, E Trp., KIA August 24, 1968

When I received the first email from Doc Rafferty telling me congratulations that I was awarded the scholarship I was in shock. I never thought I would even be considered for a scholarship. I immediately called my husband to tell him I got it. I then printed out the email and shared it with everyone I work with. I was ecstatic that I would

be able to go back to school after all of these years. I then received the envelope in the mail telling me the specifics and that it would be in memory of my father, I cried and called my mom. I read her the letter and we cried together. I think we were in shock. Every time I think about this award it makes me cry. I get nervous and I start planning the courses I am going to take and then I cry some more. I have waited so long to go back to school it's like a dream come true. My whole world has changed with this scholarship. I am so honored that I was chosen for this scholarship. I intend to do my best, and complete my degree in 3-D animation and computer illustration. I would like to thank each and every one of you for the opportunity you have given me. This award has touched my heart and the heart of my mother and my family. It is truly an honor you have given me.

Scholarship dedicated to LT Leslie Hines; E Trp., KIA 8/24/68



Camille Chavez, daughter of Larry Chavez, 919th Eng., 68-70

I would like to thank the 11th ACVVC for helping my family and me so much by awarding me this generous scholarship. My dad has always honored his fallen brothers and I am so proud to be awarded this scholarship in honor of Melvin East. This scholarship means that I will be more able to focus my energy and time on my studies within

the Deaf Studies major at California State University Northridge. Upon graduation I would like to use my degree to teach Deaf students and with

your financial support this goal is more easily attainable. I would like to convey my deepest gratitude to the family of Melvin East and all the members of the 11th ACVVC for their support. Allons!

Scholarship dedicated to PFC Melvin East; C Trp., KIA 10/14/67



Briana Colameco, daughter of Thomas Arthur Colameco, HHT Regt., 68-69

First I would like to say thank you for the generous \$3,000 scholarship. It truly means the world to me and I am honored to receive this scholarship in the memory of James Bean. Not only am I grateful for this prestigious award it has truly helped me to further my education in

Music at the University of Tampa. This scholarship allows me to get the building blocks I need to achieve my dreams and goals in life. So thank you again it is truly an honor.

Scholarship dedicated to PFC James Bean; How Btry. 2/11; KIA 07/21/67



Catherine Cook, daughter of Rodger Cook, 919th Eng., 69-70

Thank you so much for selecting me to receive an 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia scholarship. It is an honor to be chosen to represent the men and women who have served our country in both Vietnam and Cambodia. This award will

allow me to come one step closer to not only my goal of graduating as a RN from Saint Mary's College, but also of helping those in need. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks toward everyone who has made this scholarship available to not only myself, but all of the recipients.

Scholarship dedicated to Lt. Robin Wetzler; Air Cav Trp., KIA 07/10/69



Israel De La Cruz, son of Conrado De La Cruz, HHT Regt., 68-70

I have dreamed of attending nursing school ever since I was young, and now that I have been named as one of the recipients of the 11th ACVVC Scholarship my dream has become a reality. I am glad to have the opportunity to thank you personally for your generosity and your service to our country. Without scholarship providers like you there would be many students such as myself unable to pursue the career they have dreamed of. I would especially like to thank my father, Conrado A. De La Cruz, a two time tour combat Vietnam Veteran, and Mr. Thomas Soto, who this scholarship is dedicated too.

Once again, I offer my sincerest thanks for the 11th ACVVC Scholarship. Thank you and God Bless You.

Scholarship dedicated to SSG Thomas G. Soto; HHT Regt., KIA 05/18/69



Arlen Graham, daughter of James Graham, G Trp., 68-70

The 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia scholarship is the pinnacle in the efforts I put forth in order to go to and succeed in college. The money validates the hours spent sifting through and applying to the colleges I thought would be right for me. Having

the ability to be (relatively) financially independent, due to the scholarship in combination with two others I receive, allows me to put one hundred percent of my self toward my work and eventual undergraduate research. I am studying biochemistry and chemistry and plan to use the knowledge I will gain at Florida State University as the launching pad for a career that will hopefully revolutionize the chemical industry and the means we take to sustain our planet while also creating the profound change in society that I have always dreamt of making. The fact that my goals are being furthered by the brave soldiers and people I met at the Cav reunions as a child only makes it more important to me. Thank you.

Scholarship dedicated to SP5 Billy Hunter; L Trp., KIA 09/01/70

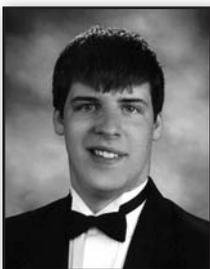


Kristina Graham, daughter of Richard T. Graham, A Trp., 1967-68

I just wanted to thank the 11th ACVVC for this amazing award. Our family has three kids to put through college and I'm just the second so to win this scholarship is amazing! I would just like to thank you again for the generosity of those who have come up with the scholarship itself

and to those who have presented me with it! It is truly a blessing for me, and my family. Thank you!

Scholarship dedicated to SP4 Barry Frank Scott; HHT 3/11; KIA 11/26/69



Matt McKelvey, son of Jack McKelvey, L Trp., 70-71

It is with a humble heart that I say thank you to the Association for bestowing the \$3000 scholarship to me. Even more touching is the certificate and to know that it was dedicated to Larry Marshall who served his country and paid the ultimate sacrifice even before I was born. He is

just one of the honored patriots that have fearlessly fought for our country and our beliefs in freedom. I will strive to do my very best in school to honor his memory and sacrifice.

This scholarship means that I will have the financial support to continue my education and pursue a career in wildlife management. I have a strong desire to help others and protect our environment.

Again thank you and the members of the Association for the scholarship and more importantly for their service to our country.

Scholarship dedicated to SSG Larry Marshall; I Trp; KIA 02/04/71

The remaining recipients of the 2010 11th ACVVC Scholarships will be listed in future issues of TR



Tuyen Nguyen, daughter of Lyle Hughbanks, L Trp., 69-70

Dear 11th ACVVC,

Words cannot describe how overjoyed I am upon receiving this scholarship. I am exceedingly grateful to everyone who makes this scholarship possible and gives me the opportunity to further my education. I will be

attending University of Houston's School of Architecture in the Fall of 2010 and I will try my hardest to prove myself a worthy recipient of 11ACVVC scholarship.

Scholarship dedicated to PFC Leon Garnett; F Trp., KIA 05/04/70



Jessie Scoggins, daughter of Robert Millard Scoggins, C Trp., 1966-1967

Dear 11th ACVVC,

I can't thank you enough for choosing me as one of the recipients of this scholarship! I am truly honored to be awarded this very meaningful scholarship! This scholarship will help me in so many ways, I will be able to attend

college and get my degrees so that I can give back to my community. The tuition to my college is expensive and to be awarded this money is a great relief for my wonderful mother! My dad passed away 5 years ago and I have never wanted for anything, she has always been there for me and I am glad that this will give her a break worth \$3000! I am so honored to be selected, just to know that many of the committee has served this country for my freedom and for me to be able to go to college and further my education! I can't begin to thank you enough!!! I truly feel honored! Thank you so very much! God Bless You All!

Scholarship dedicated to SSG John Sinclair; HHT 2/11; KIA08/12/69



Emily Severeid, daughter of Ralph Severeid, 409th RR Det., 67-69

What this scholarship means to me:

Being a recipient of the 11ACVVC Scholarship means a lot to me. It provides security that I can continue my education at the University of Southern Indiana, and go on to pursue a degree in Higher Education and

Student Affairs. You are making my dreams of attending college attainable, just as I hope to provide that to students when I get older.

It is a great honor to receive such an award that secures my future from an organization that means so much to me and my family. My father was overjoyed with the news that I received a scholarship from something that means so much to him. Your generosity will never go unnoticed to me. Thank you so much for selecting me for this scholarship. It is such a prestigious award that is very dear to my heart.

Thank You.

Scholarship dedicated to SP4 Robert Morgan; B Trp., KIA 04/18/69



Hootches, Barracks, And Clubs

In the old days when I was draft age, I joined the Air National Guard. I was going to college part-time and didn't want the military getting in the way, especially not the Army! Then, President Kennedy called up the Air National Guard for the Berlin Crisis and there I was, on active duty anyway. In the Air Force!

So you say, "Why are you telling me this?" I'm telling you my little tale because when I get to my main story, I want you to understand that I like the Air Force just fine, having been there. After I joined the Army and went to Viet Nam, I saw what a huge difference there was between how the Army lived and how the Air Force lived.

"What're you talking about, Chaplain," you ask? Well, think about it. We, the Army and they, the Air Force, sometimes shared the same piece of real estate, like at Bien Hoa. For us it was our rear base camp. For them it was their main base. I clearly recall certain ways of how we lived. Like Air Force guys lived in barracks! I kid you not - wooden barracks in Viet Nam. On the Army side we had hootches or GP medium tents with wood floors. Our hootches were made largely from artillery ammo pallet wood someone had scarfed up (not to be confused with barfed up) from somewhere. Supply got tin for the roofs and concrete for the floors which was just fine. Those Air Force barracks weren't scrounged wood, they were wood from the States cut for that very purpose - to make barracks. You probably won't believe this: the Air Force called them dormitories. Hey! (or hay!). Am I playing mind games? Nope. It's true. They called them dormitories - just like in college. And they were two stories! Would you want to sleep on the second floor in one of those nice buildings? I don't think so. When they got mortared, do you know what direction the shrapnel would fly? You're right, up and right into the second floor, through those fine wood walls, and into their beds. Want to live in an Air Force dormitory in the Nam? Thanks, but no thanks. Comfort only goes so far.

Now to the paint. Whaaat? Yes, the paint. Do you remember what colors we

had for painting our hootches? You're right - gray, white, red, and black. That was it - we were hard-core Army. Well, what about those wooden barracks/dormitories? That was a different matter. They had all sorts of pastel colors - beige, blue, green (not OD!), yellow and some more that I don't recall (I don't think pink). That was just for their doors, real doors. Our doors were planks of wood that sort of covered the space. Ours were painted gray, except we were cav so some were painted red and white. Cool. Oops, I just thought of something - sometimes we hung those plastic strips in the inside to keep out flies. We bought them from the mama-sans. Remember?

Then came the hardware. Huh? You know - the gadgets that made the doors close. Oh, yeah. My recall isn't as sharp as it used to be, but I still remember that a few of our hootches had a spring to close the doors. I think it was probably officers and NCOs that had springs. Most of us had a more practical door closer - old inner tubes cut into strips, then nailed with one end to the door and the other end to the door frame. Presto - door closer! Our doors banged shut. No matter, it wasn't the same bang as in the field which you know about. On the Air Force side, at least at Bien Hoa, those two story dormitories not only were painted pretty colors, but they had real hardware. "You're puttin' me on, Chaplain," you say. "No, I'm not," I reply. Real hardware - brass door knobs, brass hinges and whatever else the Air Force

guys needed, just like at home. No matter to us; just kind of strange, what with being in a war and all.

There's something else that goes along about living in the rear - the clubs! I vaguely recall the Army side having a tent where guys could go for a cold one or to sit and relax. That is, if you could get to the rear. The Air Force side had a real club - a place where Air Force guys could go relax after a hard day's work. It was a place where the pilots could go let off steam after flying missions over North Viet Nam or supporting us in the bush when Victor Charlie was giving us some trouble. Their club was in an actual building, not just a make-shift place to stick a few tables and a keg or two. Their club was also a place where our troopers sometimes went to unwind - I said, unwind. You know what I mean when I say unwind. I doubt if Army guys were invited which didn't much matter. They went anyway. The Air Force guys didn't always cotton to Army guys coming out of the bush and making a mess of their club. Hey (or hay!), our guys, fresh from the bush, needed to unwind too! This they did by duking it out with the Air Force guys, only with fists and fun instead of firefights and fear.

Speaking of the club, our Army guys really got a bang out of watching the Air Force guys in their club when air raid sirens went off. An incoming round would land a mile up the runway and flyguys

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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.



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Welcome Aboard!

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

NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES
HHT REGIMENT		919TH ENGINEER CO		D COMPANY, 1/11		HOW BTRY, 2/11	
Atwell, Lawrence E	68-69	Dart, Larry K	66-67	Bartosik, Harry J Jr	66-67	Hotubbee, Kenneth	71-72
Hansen, Ellwood M	66-67	HHT, 1/11		HOW BTRY, 1/11		HHT, 3/11	
Hunter, Kirby L Jr	66-67	Browning, Joseph M Jr	65-67	Venditti, Charles D	69-70	Koscho, George R	65-67
Spore, Richard L	67-68	Ford, Thomas E	69	HHT, 2/11		I TROOP, 3/11	
AIR CAVALRY TROOP		Stahl, Ernest D	68	Porterfield, Grover D	66-67	Harris, Lemuel E	66-67
Leach, David	69	A TROOP, 1/11		Watrous, Jacob M	66-67	Lewis, Danny B	67
Parsons, Larry M	69-70	Costa, Gerald T	67-68	E TROOP, 2/11		Mcintosh, Raymond G	67-70
37th MEDICAL CO		B TROOP, 1/11		Selby, William E Jr	68-69	K TROOP, 3/11	
Schaefer, Eugene L	68-69	Cutright, Jerry L	66-67	F TROOP, 2/11		Hunter, Kirby L Jr	66-67
409th RR DET		Houser, William L	70	Watrous, Jacob M	66-67	Mcrae, Arthur E Jr	68
Lindstrom, Richard B	70-71	C TROOP, 1/11		G TROOP, 2/11		Wilson, William	66-67
506th S&S CO		Brewer, James L Sr	68	Barrientes, Lionel G	67-68	HOW BTRY, 3/11	
Morgan, Edward	66-67	Reed, Ronald N	68			Baker, Louis Jr	69

19th Annual Marty Ognibene Memorial Golf Tournament



The annual event is held in honor of Marty Ognibene, A TRP & AIR CAV TROOP, 69/70. Marty was an avid golfer whose last reunion was 1991 in Philadelphia. His memory lives on with the 11th ACVVC.

We were blessed

with a gorgeous 80 degree day after 50 days of 100+ temperatures in the D.C. area. Additionally, Marty's widow, Mary, daughter Jill and grandson Christian were present for the day's luncheon and awards. It should also be known that Jill and her sister, Cathy, have been recipients of the scholarships from both the Black Horse Association and the 11th ACVVC. They truly embody the spirit and meaning of our organizations.

Robert Herrera, L TRP 68/69, was medalist with a fine score of 83. Harold Mann, F TRP 69/70, was the winner of the Ognibene Trophy with a low net score for the event. The field of 27 players was a little smaller than the usual 40+ due to all of the other activities in D.C.

Lastly, we want to thank John Quinn, Tom Doll and Pete Walter for their continuous support and generous donations. "See you in St. Louis" - Joe Coopet A TRP 68/69

CHAPLAIN (continued)

would high-tail it for the bunkers. I guess they thought the war had arrived. Our guys would just sit and laugh - the rounds weren't in their laps, so what's the problem? Depended on what you were used to. I wasn't there, but I think the Army guys finished off a few cold ones while the Air Force guys were splitting for their bunkers.

Remarkable, isn't it, how our needs got met - a place to crash, a place to relax and such. I learned a whole lot about what I really needed in my life and what I didn't. I think you're the same when you think about it, which you're doing right now since I mentioned it. It's like what Jesus

had to say about taking care of whoever believes in him. He said, "Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and gone tomorrow, won't he more surely care for you? You have so little faith! And don't worry about food - what to eat and drink. Don't worry whether God will provide it for you. These things dominate the thoughts of most people, but your Father already knows your needs. He will give you all you need from day to day if you make the Kingdom of God your primary

concern." (Luke 12:27-31 NLT).

This quote from the Bible speaks for itself. I don't always remember it too well, especially when I start wanting pastel paint and brass hardware when inner tube strips and gray paint will do just fine. Do you get my point? My point is that God takes care of me. Even sometimes when it's just the basics which is all I really need. He'll do the same for you. Comprene?

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

Chaplain Larry Haworth
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WASHINGTON REUNION RECAP

Hello folks! Well another reunion has come and gone and what a reunion it was.

We had an amazing turnout this year, with over 1250 people in attendance. While many of us were reuniting with old friends and catching up on news, there were many folks who were there for their very first time, 89 troopers to be exact. There were also about 74 guests, and 42 Gold Star guests (Gold Star guests are our Next of Kin folks).

With all these folks in attendance, we at the Registration table certainly had our hands full. Of course we did have a few people available to help us. Besides our old faithful Deanna, Barb was able to recruit a few ladies from her group to pull "double duty" by working at the women's sales table and lending a hand at the registration table. For this we were truly thankful. And as usual volunteers are always welcome, whether it be for a half hour, or all day. Barb was really thankful that she had the time this year to help out in the office where she is really needed.

I certainly hope you had the time to enjoy the sights of our nation's capital. It is certainly a very busy but beautiful city. Did any of you get over to the wreath laying ceremony at Arlington? It was truly inspirational. To have the honor of placing our unit wreath among the final resting place of so many of America's war heroes was an honor. Arlington always gives me such a humble feeling when I go there.

But now back to registration. I want to thank all of you who sent in your registrations early and used address labels. Using them saves so much time when we are doing the name tags. You may wonder why we encourage you to use them. Well, when I receive your form from Ollie, that is the only thing I receive. No credit card information or mailing envelope. So the labels on the registration form itself are really the way to go.

Again, before we start working on next year, I want to remind you that no matter how close you live to the reunion site - **SEND IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM!!!!!!** Most of the walk-ins this year were again from the surrounding DC area. This is not fair to the hotel staff or to us. You

see, not only is it easier to have everything ready for you as soon as you walk in, but we are required to give the hotel kitchen staff a count of how many meals and type of meals to prepare. This is most often needed the first day of the reunion.

This year we did not have any room at the banquet or program for the people who walked in. Had they registered we would have. So even if you are not sure about attending, it's a good idea to register anyway. In the event that you find, prior to the actual date of the reunion, that you cannot attend we will refund your money. Unfortunately after the start of the reunion that is not always possible because your meals have already been paid for. Of course we do understand that emergencies do occur and that would be addressed by a case by case situation. So send them in!

If any of you still have your evaluation forms from the reunion, PLEASE send them to Steve Page. They really are important to those of us on the board in planning all future reunions. Without them we can only assume that we are doing everything perfectly. They are so important.

Well, I guess that's all I have to say for this issue. I will certainly be working on the other board members to get out next year's registration form as quickly as possible. So watch for it.

If before the next Thunder Run, or the next reunion, you have any comments or suggestions for me, feel free to call me. Most nights I am up until midnight (central time) or later so don't be afraid to call late and at least leave a message.

Bob Moreno
G Troop 68/69
Board of Directors/ Registration Director

Future Fireworks

By Daniel Stroia, (K Trp. 67-68)

In the future when it comes time to turn off the lights for our last 11th ACVVC Reunion, "It will never happen," for we are the Veteran Troopers of Vietnam and Cambodia, the Veterans of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. "When that time comes for our last 11th ACVVC Reunion, we will turn on the lights with a lot of FIREWORKS!"

St. Louis, Missouri

2011 Reunion

By Steve Page, Reunion Chairman

As we leave the great memories of Washington DC behind us we start the preparations for 2011 in St. Louis, Missouri. This reunion promises to be another first class event. We can all expect another large turnout. The geographic location of St. Louis makes it easily accessible from all parts of the country.

The Millennium Hotel is located in downtown St. Louis, very near the new Busch Stadium and The Gateway Arch. St. Louis is made up of many neighborhoods each offering something different. There will be

future articles in Thunder Run highlighting these diverse areas and the many activities available.

The average daily temperature in St. Louis in August is 78 degrees with 65% of those days sunny. St. Louis also has a very modern Metro System linking Lambert International Airport with the downtown area. Yes, folks, there are casinos in St. Louis! The newest is called The Pinnacle. Don't forget the world famous Anheuser-Busch Hospitality Center.

Hotel reservation information is listed in this issue. The Millennium is now accepting reservations for our reunion. Please mention 11th ACVVC when making reservations. A link to The Millennium is posted on the web site.

Some rooms offer a view of the Gateway Arch. As always, please make your hotel reservations early to guarantee your choice of rooms. There is no cost involved for registering early. Rooms will be held with a credit card number and not charged until the reunion. Room reservations can be cancelled up to 72 hours prior to arrival.

The reunion registration form will be in the first quarter issue of *Thunder Run*. Again, we ask that you register early. Refunds can be made if you are not able to attend. Early registration helps us to better plan the event and ultimately better serve those who attend.

The Millennium is now accepting reservations for our reunion. Please mention 11th ACVVC when making reservations.

11TH ACVVC DONATIONS

Donations to various 11th ACVVC activities since the 3rd Quarter 2010 issue of *Thunder Run*

Donor Levels:	Platinum Level \$500+	Gold Level \$100-\$499	Silver Level \$50-\$99	Bronze Level \$1-\$49
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11th ARMORED CAVALRY MEMORIAL RESTORATION DONATIONS

The 11th ACVVC gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the following individuals who have purchased bricks in support of the 11th Cavalry Memorial Restoration. This list includes orders received between July 1, 2010 and October 1, 2010.

- Chuck Burr
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- Steven L. Borri in memory of Billie G. Russ
- Steven L. Borri in memory of Gary L. Lantz
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- Dennis F. Dreissen in memory of Cory F. Dreissen
- James D. Kowalski in memory of Wallace J. Malone
- Glenn Snodgrass in honor of Leland L. Tabb

Silent Auction

The silent auction held during the Washington, DC reunion was another outstanding success! We are pleased to announce that through the generosity of many of you the donations to the silent auction brought in more than \$4,900 to the 11th ACVVC Scholarship Fund.

Thanks to all who participated in the silent auction. A special thanks to all those who donated items for bid. The auction is totally dependent on your support and those who participated came through like champions. Over 90 items were donated this year, many of which had a military or 11th Cavalry theme. Many donated more than one item.

The 11th ACVVC was able to award 24 scholarships this year totaling \$74,000. The number of scholarships awarded each year is totally dependant on the donations received from the three fund raising activities; silent auction, calendar and raffle. Your continued support of each of these three activities is so important. We thank all members for their support in each of these activities.

A special thanks goes to Paul and Teresa Gissible (G Trp., 2/11) and Ron and Janet Krueger (HHT, 1/11) for their help in coordinating the silent auction during the reunion. Their help in collecting and tagging items, setting up and monitoring the silent auction was invaluable.

The following is the list of donors for our silent auction in Washington. Start thinking of items that may be donated for next year!

- James Aarestad (4 items)
- Bill Austin (2 items)
- Dale & Marguerite Austin (3 items)
- David & Cookie Avila
- Roland Baird
- Bill Basnett
- Jerry & Jan Beamon
- Andy & Kathy Bourdess
- A. T. Bowen
- Mark Bredwell (2 items)
- John & Gail Carabetta
- Doug Clack
- Verrel Clements
- Charles Collins

- Randy Cribbs
- Ernid & Edna Enloe (2 items)
- Eileen Feia (7 items)
- Bobbie Fry
- Paul & Teresa Gissible (2 items)
- Ron & Janet Krueger
- Bob Lee
- Craig McLaren
- Cary McMasters
- Bob More
- Barb Moreno (2 items)
- Ed Morgan
- Jack Morrison (11 items)
- Tom and Terri Morrison
- Eric & Renata Newton (3 items)
- Marion & Joe O'Leary
- Steve Page
- Ollie Pickral (7 items)
- Fred and Cherry Platt
- Bill Selch
- Dave Seymour
- George West
- Michael Weynand
- Anonymous (Several items)



Women's Corner

By Barb Moreno, 11th ACVVC Women's Coordinator

WOW another reunion is behind us. As I try to settle into my old daily routine I keep finding myself thinking back to everything that went on. It was certainly a weekend filled with new ideas, meeting new friends, reuniting with old friends, seeing such wonderful sights that were available in DC and just plain old fun.

The women's meeting was an exciting time this year, probably more so than in many other years. We were certainly a large group and at times a very loud group. We had a total of about 73 ladies in attendance. This included a lot of first timers and a few of our special ladies, those who were next of kin's. If I failed to say it then, welcome ladies we were so glad you were with us and we hope you will join us again and again.

The ladies have got so many things in the works that it's hard to know where to begin. Let's see — first there are the new projects we will be undertaking. And I must say they do excite me. The first is in support of our lady troopers who are serving overseas. I have talked over the last several years with many returning female members of the service and they all say the same thing, "if only we could have gotten more items of female comfort".

So we will now be preparing 'care' packages to send to them. We are doing this along with the help of a program called "Soldiers Angels". We are asking everyone in the 11th ACVVC to help us with this project. I have placed a list on the web site (under the heading that is called Women's Corner) as to what we are looking for. There are also be a couple of addresses as to who to send items too. And I would like to thank Cookie Availa and Sarah Belcher for taking on the leadership of this project.

The second project will directly affect our St Louis reunion. All ladies attending our get together next year are being asked to bring an item with them that will be on a second list. These items are going to be donated to the Fisher House that is scheduled to be opened in the St. Louis area. So be sure to look for both of these projects.

We are in the development stages of our own ladies shirt. This shirt will be for the ladies who regularly attend the meetings. I am currently in contact with Kay on this.

They will ONLY be offered at the meetings. We do hope to have a couple of colors and styles available. So if you are going to want one, you will need to start attending the Ladies meeting. More on this later as it develops.

I can't begin to tell you how happy I am that we sold all the beach towels. Now I can get my car into the garage for the winter. We do however have many of the sports bottles left as well as the pens and flashlight key chains.

Once again our women's account is in good shape. Of course we do still have things to pay. Things like the pens, flashlights and sports bottles and then there are some mailing expenses we had as well as a few other odds and ends. I am hoping to be able to have a print out of everything available at our next meeting.

Being offered at the next reunion will be our new cookbook. We have received many recipes but would love to have more. Everyone in the 11thACVVC who has a recipe needs to send it to us. This is an all unit effort. Remember this book will be dedicated to recipes that have to do more with parties. So we need recipes that are for appetizers, sauces, dips, breads, pies, bars, salty snacks, puppy and kitty treats, relishes, cakes, cookies, beverages and miscellaneous. Just send them to me at puppytoes@charter.net and I will see that Kathy gets them to put into the book. Our first book was such a huge success that I just know this will be as good if not better. We will be ordering a limited supply so be sure you get to the reunion and get yours. There will not be any pre-order available.

Our white elephant got a little wild.

Guys if you could hear us we apologize. But it sure was funny and I think we all had a good time and left with some interesting items.

We are looking into the possibility of having our meeting in St Louis aboard a boat. Kathy's daughter Robin lives in St Louis and is checking on the best possible rates for us. At this time we are very interested in one that offers a light lunch. We will need a minimum of 90 ladies (we're trying to get them to lower that number) so please plan on joining us for a fun filled adventure. More information as to cost and other things will be following as soon as we get it. Again just keep an eye on the web site.

Our final piece of business involved the Women's Award. In the past few years I have been receiving calls and e-mails from people who feel the award should go to their spouse, sister, daughter or whomever, simply because they wear the Blackhorse shirt or pin or whatever. There is much more to it. Therefore we came up with requirements that are to be met to be eligible for the award. If you would like a copy just e-mail me and I will send one to you. I have put it on the web site as well. Please check it out. And on that note I want to say, congratulations to Jan Beamon on winning the award this year. She really deserved it.

So as you can see we put a lot into our short 3 hour meeting. Now all we need is everyone's support to carry out these projects. Until we meet again I hope to hear from A LOT of you via the web site or by phone or by e-mail.

*Barb Moreno
Women's Coordinator 11th ACVVC
Puppytoes@charter.net*

Notes from the Secretary.....Submitted by Adrian Vaaler

At this year's reunion Mike Rafferty was elected to a 3 year Board of Director's position, replacing Jim Holt, who chose not to run.

Motion 2010-0825 – This motion modified our By-Laws removing term limits. The motion allows current officers and Board of Directors members to run for reelection without limit. There is no change to who can run for an office or director's position. Anybody who is a life member is eligible to run for a position.

The motion required a 2/3 majority vote at the annual membership meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor of it.

Address any questions or concerns to Adrian Vaaler, 11thsecretary@gmail.com.

2011 11th ACVVC Calendar Appeal

By Allen Hathaway

The first leg of our 2011 Scholarship fundraising effort will be in your mailboxes in early December. The 2011 11th ACVVC Calendar will once again feature 12 new photos submitted by you! We want to thank all who have sent photos for consideration. The calendar also contains significant historical events of your regiment in Vietnam

We once again appeal to your generosity as we ask for donations to support our Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Fund is a separate, self sufficient fund. That is, all scholarships awarded as well as the printing and mailing cost associated with the calendar are paid directly from donations made to the Scholarship Fund. Membership dues are not used to pay for the calendar. The number of scholarships awarded each year depends on the total donations made during that year. Without your support the program would not be viable.

The calendar you receive is yours to keep and use whether you donate or not. We do however ask for 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 2010 we set a goal of \$39,000 in donations in support of the Calendar Fundraising project. Through your generous contributions we exceeded that goal with \$40,983 in donations. In 2010 our combined fund raising activities throughout the year allowed us to award scholarships to 24 of our children for a total of \$74,000.

For 2011 we have two goals. Our first goal is to once again collect \$39,000 in donations. We will need your help in attaining this unprecedented level. Many of you have generously donated \$100 to \$500 for this cause. We ask that you continue your ardent support and to add more to your rolls.

The second goal is to increase the percentage of members making calendar donations. Over the past three years we have slowly increased the number members making dona-

tions from 20 to 22 percent. We want to increase the number of members making donations. If half of our members participate, we could award scholarships to all qualifying applicants. To help meet this goal and to ensure that you receive a calendar every year we are asking that you please make a donation.

The annual calendar is one of three annual fund raising projects. We also conduct our annual raffle prior to 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 over the years.

A limited number of extras will be available. Instructions on how to orders extras will be included with the calendar. 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!

2011 REUNION - GOLD STAR FAMILIES

Forty-two (42) Gold Star family members attended the reunion representing the 11 fallen brothers listed below.

Kurtis A. Berry	7/6/1969	C Troop, 1/11
Hugh Victor Best	3/14/1967	A Troop, 1/11
Joseph W. Blickenstaff JR	12/19/1970	Air Cavalry Troop
Robert Norris Chinquina	7/28/1970	B Troop, 1/11
Raymond D. Crowder	6/19/1967	K Troop, 3/11
Charles M. Dumdei	12/18/1968	Howitzer Btry, 1/11
Bobby Gene Haynes	9/6/1969	C Troop, 1/11
Roy Francis Maas	4/18/1969	D Company, 1/11
Glenn Edward Nicholson	5/5/1968	H Company, 2/11
John Ortiz	1/17/1968	H Company, 2/11
John James Sinclair	8/12/1969	HHT, 2/11
William Paul Smith	1/11/1968	L Troop, 3/11

Show Your Pride

11TH ACVVC CALENDAR **11TH Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia**



The 11th U.S. Cavalry was formed on February 7, 1901 at Ft. Myer, Virginia. In December it was assigned to duty in the Philippines where, in 1902, the 1st Squadron would earn the first of the Regiment's many battle streamers, "Samal 1902".

In the Mexican Expedition of 1916-17, the 2nd Squadron engaged Pancho Villa's men on May 5, 1916 at Ojin Azules, Mexico, killing forty-two enemies in the last mounted cavalry charge in U.S. history.

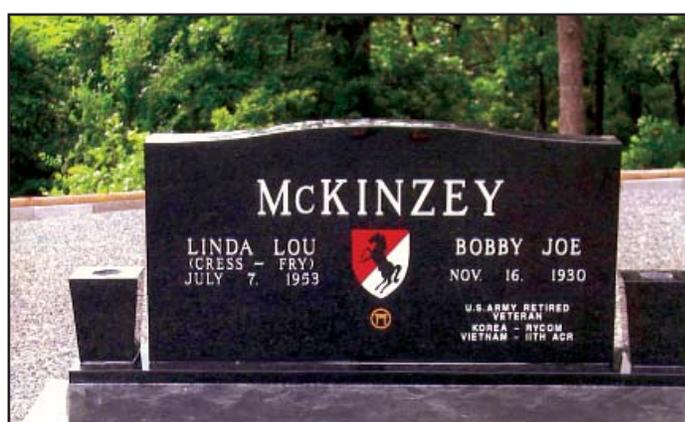
The Blackhorse Regiment would see action in WWII where it earned five more battle streamers, but the Regiment's finest performance would be in the Republic of Vietnam and the Kingdom of Cambodia. Blackhorse Troopers served there for 2,000 days and earned eleven battle streamers.

In June of 1991, freedom called and the Blackhorse rode again, wearing it's most recent battle streamer in Operation Desert Storm.

The 11th Armored Cavalry returned from Iraq at the end of 2005, and has since again assumed the challenging task of training America's Army in the desert environment of Fort Irwin, CA. Although the primary mission is preparing units for deployment to the war in Iraq, our Regiment is simultaneously training intensively to remain the best Regiment in the United States Army! During the recent deployment fighting in "Operation Iraqi Freedom III", the famed Blackhorse Regiment continued to uphold the great legacy established by Troopers who fought the war in Vietnam and Cambodia.

<p>PHILIPPINE INSURRECTION Samal 1902</p> <p>MEXICAN EXPEDITION Mexico 1916-17</p> <p>WORLD WAR II Normandy Northern France Rhineland Ardennes-Alsace Central Europe</p> <p>VIETNAM Counteroffensive Phase II</p>	<p>Counteroffensive Phase III Tet Counteroffensive Counteroffensive Phase IV Counteroffensive Phase V Counteroffensive Phase VI Tet 1969 Counteroffensive Summer-Fall 1968 Winter-Spring 1970 Security Counteroffensive Counteroffensive Phase VII</p> <p>OPERATION DESERT STORM Southwest Asia Campaign</p> <p>OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM III</p>
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Bobby McKinzey, (How 3/11, 70-71) is planning on the long range future to show his pride in the Blackhorse



Fiddler's Green

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

Floyd A. Albritton, L Troop, 3/11 (1967) passed away on March 6, 2010. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Bartow, FL. He was laid to rest in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

Michael A. Archbold, I Troop, 3/11 (1968-1970) passed away on July 3, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Winter Haven, FL. He was laid to rest in Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, NY.

Clark J. Bailey, HHT Regiment 1968-1969) passed away on July 5, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Boca Raton, FL. He was laid to rest in US Military Academy, West Point, NY.

Eugene H. Ball, F Troop, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on December 22, 1996. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Fairfield, OH. He was laid to rest in Dayton National Cemetery, Dayton, OH.

Raymond W. Barlow, L Troop, 3/11 (1966-1967) passed away on April 27, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hendersonville, TN. He was laid to rest in Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, Nashville, TN. Raymond was also a veteran of the Korean War.

Donald M. Biggin, L Troop, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on June 3, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Walker, MN. He was laid to rest in Akeley City Cemetery, Akeley, MN.

Steve B Burnett, C Troop, 1/11 (1970-1971) passed away on September 26, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Cache, OK. He was laid to rest in Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, OK.

James B. Cassar, HHT, 3/11 (1968-1970) passed away on September 14, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Baconton, GA.

Charles K. Coleman, 11th ACR (1966-1967) passed away on February 9, 2007. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Danville, VA.

Brian D. Corbin, B Troop, 1/11 (1969) passed away on September 20, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Brooklyn, NY.

Frederick T. Ditt, 919th Engineer Company (1966-1967) passed away on August 5, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in San Antonio, TX. He was laid to rest in Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX.

Roy L. Everett, M Company, 3/11 (1970-1971) passed away on May 27, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Wilmington, NC.

Kenneth E. Holmes, M Company, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on May 31, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Pekin, IL.

Paul R. Jacob, E Troop, 2/11 (1969) passed away on August 6, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Pontiac, MI. He was laid to rest in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI.

Anthony S. Losicco, I Troop, 3/11 (1966-1967) passed away on November 25, 1994. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Walton, NY.

Richard A. Maloan, K Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on August 18, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Jackson, TN. He was laid to rest in East Side Cemetery, Martin, TN.

Phillip W. Massengill, Air Cavalry Troop (1969-1970) passed away on August 26, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Counce, TN.

Willie D. Miller, L Troop, 3/11 (1970-1971) passed away on August 10, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Huntsville, AL.

Tony E. Parks, C Troop, 1/11 (1970) passed away on July 2, 2010. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Wilkesboro, NC.

John B. Ralph III, HHT, 1/11 (1970) passed away on October 6, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Decatur, IL. He was laid to rest in Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, IL.

Albert J. Sacchetti, HHT Regiment (1966-1967) passed away on January 29, 2009. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Freeland, PA. He was laid to rest in Mount Laurel Memorial Park, Hazleton, PA.

Ronald Sadowski, HHT, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on June 16, 2010. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lindenhurst, NY. He was laid to rest in Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, NY.

William E. Shedd, K Troop, 3/11 (1968) I Troop, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on June 16, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Centreville, VA. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

George F. Shookla, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1966-1967) passed away on August 13, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Bristol, PA. He was laid to rest in Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA.

Richard E. Smith, 27th Engineer Battalion (1966-1967) passed away on February 24, 2009. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Arlington, VA. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Clarence R. South, L Troop, 3/11 (1967) passed away on October 19, 2004. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Cincinnati, OH. He was laid to rest in Vine Street Hill Cemetery, Cincinnati, OH.

James M. Stacey, 37th Medical Company (1968-1969) passed away on July 29, 2010. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Stoddard, WI.

Douglas K. Stephens, Air Cavalry Troop (1966-1967) passed away on October 10, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Dickinson, TX.

Habakkuk Taylor, L Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on July 17, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Shelby, NC.

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



Ralph E. Utz, Air Cavalry Troop (1969-1970) passed away on August 7, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Daleville, AL.

Robert W. Vier, Air Cavalry Troop (1966-1967) passed away on May 1, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Pocatello, ID.

Howard S. Weaver, HHT, 1/11 (1969-1970) passed away on May 25, 2010. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Jamestown, NY.

David L. Wise, B Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on June 23, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Sutherlin, OR.

Bryce G. Wolverton, I Troop, 3/11 (1967) passed away on September 1, 2007. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Salt Lake City, UT. He was laid to rest in Tooele City Cemetery, Tooele, UT.

John T. Wyche, 37th Medical Company (1966-1967) passed away on March 10, 1997. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in

Incoming...

Information provided by and for our Troopers

From Don Johnson.....Anyone interested in obtaining information about tours of Vietnam contact me at cell # (713) 301-6265, on my home phone # (281) 452-2324, or at my address: 826 Kilpatrick St., Channelview TX 77530.....

2010 Raffle Winners

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2010 Scholarship Raffle fundraiser. Your continued support allowed us to award 24 scholarships totaling \$74,000 for 2010.

Drawing for the 2010 raffle was held on Saturday, August 28, during the reunion banquet. Congratulations to the following winners.

1st Place - \$1,000, Barbara Moreno, Tomah, WI

2nd Place - \$750, Terry D. Stivers, New Albany, IN

3rd Place - \$500, Constantine J. Christian, Johnson City, TN

4th Place - \$250, Manny Raymond, Salem, MA

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."

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

11th ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

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

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

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

SER NO RANK (during tour) _____ SSN NO _____

OTHER INFORMATION _____

TYPE MEMBERSHIP: NEW RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

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

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

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

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

(Sign) _____

Visa Mastercard Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

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

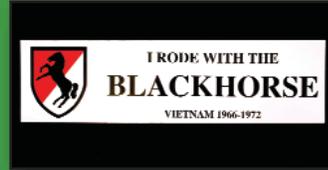
The 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia QM Store



#1 Coffee Mug \$10.00



#2 Key Ring \$3.00



#3 Bumper Sticker \$2.00



#5 Blackhorse Watch w/Leather Band (men's only) \$35.00



#6 Blackhorse Watch w/Metal Band (men's only) \$35.00



#7 Blackhorse Patch Colored \$4.00



#8 Blackhorse Patch Subdued \$4.00



#9 Coin, 11th ACVVC \$10.00



#4 Window Sticker \$2.00



#11 Flag, Indoor/Outdoor \$50.00



#12 Lighter, Zippo \$15.00



#10 Belt Buckle, brass \$30.00



#16 Tote Bag, Embroidered \$20.00



#17 Blackhorse Pin \$5.00



#13 License Plate, Blackhorse \$5.00



#15 Attache Case \$30.00



#14 License Plate Frame, Black w/white letters \$7.50



#21 Blackhorse Women's Sterling Pendant \$45.00



#23 Men's Ring, Gold & Silver \$225.00

#24 Men's Ring, Gold & Silver w/Diamonds \$280.00



#18 11th ACR Regimental Crest \$5.00



#20 Vietnam Blackhorse Pin, Wreath \$5.00



#19 Blackhorse Cavalry Pin \$5.00



#25 Lapel Pin, Support Troops \$3.00



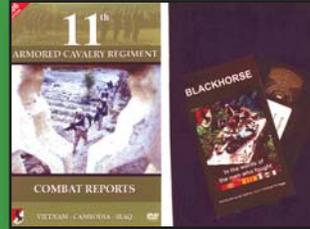
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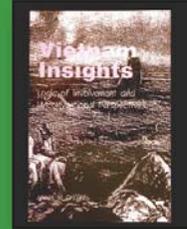
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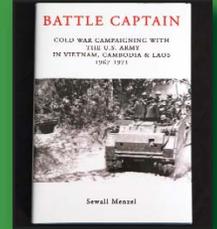
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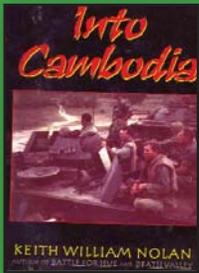
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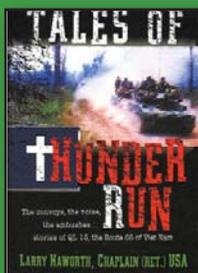
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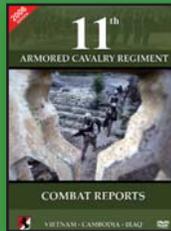
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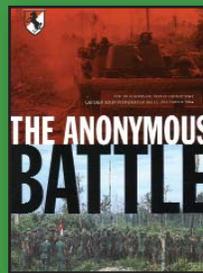
#32 Book: Into Cambodia \$23.00



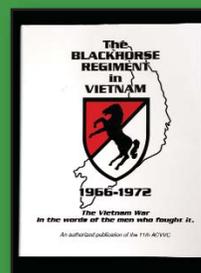
#33 Book: Tales of Thunder Run \$11.00



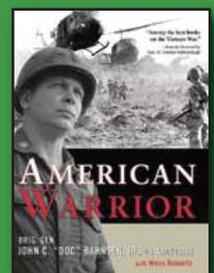
#28 Video (DVD) Combat Reports \$30.00



#35 Book: The Anonymous Battle \$16.00



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



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



#38a Old Blackhorse Hat \$12.00



#38b New Blackhorse Hat \$12.00



#39a/b T-Shirt, black/ash \$16.00



#40a/b/c Golf Shirt, w/BH Insignia & VN Ribbon, red/white/black \$32.00



#43 Windbreaker, black w/snap front & BH Insignia & VN Ribbon, \$35.00



#41 Denim Shirt, w/BH & VN Ribbon, Mens \$30.00



#42 Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon \$75.00

Blackhorse Hoofbeats

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

By Don Snedeker,
11th ACVVC Historian

• From the Third Squadron Combat Operations After Action Report for Operation Hickory in October 1966: “7 October: At 2355 hours the Squadron CP [Command Post] came under attack by the VC who emplaced command detonated claymore mines around the CP. The best estimate of what occurred is that approximately four VC infiltrated to within fifty meters of the CP perimeter...and emplaced four claymore mines 25 meters apart. The intended direction of the blast would carry fragments between the outer perimeter elements into the command and control vehicles. However, one VC tripped a flare illuminating his position and alerting the perimeter. The VC fired one claymore after being brought under fire by the perimeter. One US casualty was sustained from the blast of the claymore, while one VC was believed hit by perimeter fire. The following morning revealed three remaining claymores in position but incomplete for detonation.”

• Colonel George S. Patton's Commander's Note, dated 29 July 1968: “This war is a strange mixture of both military and political factors. Many things happen that can only be explained politically. Suffice it to say that there is a political problem to everything the Vietnamese do. The key and the emphasis today is to strengthen the ARVNs [Army of the Republic of Vietnam] before we withdraw so that they can take over. This is one of COMUSMACV's [Commander, US Military Assistance Command Vietnam] prime missions. We will support him and we must help the ARVN whenever possible. Do not criticize them openly... Everyone should know at least the key phrases needed to communicate with the Vietnamese. Example – ‘Get down,’ ‘Where is the enemy,’ etc.”

• The 919th Engineer Company (Armored) was one of the first Blackhorse units in Vietnam, arriving almost a full month before the rest of the Regiment. It was the only armored engineer company to serve in Vietnam. Blackhorse Troopers came to rely on the 919th to routinely work miracles, and

they were never disappointed. Whatever the situation called for, the Red Devils' seemed to always have the solution. Mid-1969 was typical. Over the stretch of three months (May, June, and July), the engineers of the 919th displayed the full range of their talents. For example, the 1st Platoon, supporting First Squadron, conducted tactical mine sweeps along Highway 13 near An Loc, locating and destroying three 30-pound anti-tank mines. Using an Armored Vehicle Launcher Bridge (AVLB) and bulldozer, they then constructed Fire Support Base Greene – including clearing jungle, constructing a berm, two helicopter pads, and vehicle fighting positions – for the Squadron command post. The 1st Platoon then became part of a convoy escort all the way to Bien Hoa and Blackhorse Base Camp, providing both protection for the resupply trucks and AVLBs for crossing obstacles. The 2nd Platoon, supporting Third Squadron, also conducted road sweep operations in the Lam Son district. In mid-June, sharp-eyed 2nd Platoon Engineers spotted a group of enemy soldiers, bringing them under fire. Over a three-day period (along with India Troop), the 2nd Platoon accounted for almost 45 enemy casualties. Several days later, the 2nd Platoon accompanied Mike Company, providing flank security while on the move and searching and destroying bunkers as they were encountered – including a battalion-sized complex with over 20 log-reinforced emplacements, which they blew up with explosives. Meanwhile, 3rd Platoon was attached to the Third Squadron, air assaulting a dismounted mine sweep team on Highway 13 near Quan Loi, locating and destroying several anti-tank mines. In early June, along with engineers from the Big Red One's 1st Engineer Battalion, the 3rd Platoon helped to construct Fire Support Base Howard, a new night defensive position for the Second Squadron's Howitzer Battery, one platoon from Fox Troop, and a company of infantry. The 3rd Platoon's defense-building skills – and war-fighting skills – were soon put to the test, when elements of the 165th NVA Regiment attacked just after midnight on the 6th of June. Just one day later, a 3rd Platoon mine sweep

team, working with Golf Troop, ran into elements of the same 165th NVA Regiment, and again one month later between Quan Loi and Loc Ninh. Over the course of these engagements, the 3rd Platoon helped in reducing the 165th Regiment's morning report by over 120 soldiers. The 4th Platoon, along with the Company's maintenance section, was located at Quan Loi, supporting the Regimental Headquarters by conducting road clearing, culvert and drainage ditch repair, and base camp improvements. On the night of May 12th, when NVA sappers breached the wire at Quan Loi, 4th Platoon engineers put away their mine detectors and shovels, grabbed their M-16s and M-79s and plugged the hole. For the next several months, the 4th Platoon was kept busy improving Quan Loi's defenses, building base camps for US and South Vietnamese units (to include a fortified village), sweeping for mines, emplacing persistent riot control crystals (CS) in a VC village, conducting civic action projects, improving the Quan Loi airstrip, and reacting to convoy ambushes. In this latter case, the 4th Platoon gained some distinction, when, on July 17th, their Combat Engineer Vehicle (CEV) was “put to extensive and effective use” to help defeat an ambush. Regimental records indicate that, to “our knowledge, this is the first time the main gun of a CEV was fired in combat in Vietnam.”

• From the Second Squadron Intelligence Summary for the period 1 to 16 January 1971: “On 3 January at 2035 hrs [8:35 PM], a night flight conducted with the 2d Squadron CO [Commanding Officer] observed a truck on QL-1 [National Highway 1]... Approx 10 minutes later F Trp, 2/11 ACR captured the truck and 2 VC [Viet Cong] with it. Truck was found to be loaded with 19,700 pounds of rice and 40xcases of beer. Further interrogation of the indivs revealed that they were part of the Shadow Supply System and were in the process of delivering the rice to the VC when they were captured.” The report does not indicate what happened to the beer, but there were some big smiles on the faces of the Eaglehorse Troopers.



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Jerry Beamon

Hi to All Blackhorse Troopers!!

To those who were unable to attend the Washington Reunion, you missed a good one. We understand not all could attend but consider planning on attending next year in St Louis.

Jan and I missed you. We met some new faces and are looking forward to seeing them again next year. Again, we thank all who sent in your orders while we were in

Washington. Thanks also to Ollie, Allen, and our BOD. We are trying new steps to speed up getting your orders out. Hope you see the change next month when we start into the

Christmas season. On that note, please order early. Lots and lots of orders will be coming in the closer we get.

Jan and I would like to personally thank all who helped us out

in the QM Store. Thanks to our volunteers who enabled everything to go very well.

Once again, we would like to remind all of you to please *use the updated Order Form*. Prices have changed!! We cannot sell items at old prices that are way out of date. Also we would like to remind you to please be sure and give us a *phone number* and/or E-mail, so we can contact you if you happen to forget to put your size or color of shirts. This does happen quite often and we need your help so we can get your order out to you as soon as possible.

In closing Jan and I would like to wish everyone a very safe up coming holiday season.

Allons, Jerry

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