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

# Membership in the 11thACVVC

o you receive four Quarterly Issues of the Thunder Run each year? Do you receive our Annual 11thACVVC Calendar filled with historic information by date along with superb photographs taken by your fellow Troopers in 'Nam? Do you receive information on our Annual Reunions such as Raffle Tickets and Registration Forms? Have you ever been to an Annual Reunion?

If the answer to any of the above questions is NO, then you may not be a current member of the 11thACVVC. Most of you who are reading this article are not members of the 11thACVVC. This issue of *Thunder Run* is being mailed to every 11th Armored Cavalry Trooper who served with the Regiment in Vietnam and/or Cambodia from 1966-1972. Some 17,000 copies will be sent out yet only about 5,000 of you are members. This issue is our way of reaching out to *all who served* in Vietnam and/or Cambodia and to encourage you to join and participate in our activities.

Many of you may remember joining the "Blackhorse Association" (BHA) as life members many years ago. The BHA and the 11thACVVC are not one and the same organization. The only Troopers eligible to join the 11thACVVC are those who served in the Regiment in Vietnam

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and/or Cambodia. Many of our members are members of both organizations and we encourage ALL 11thACVVC members to join and support the BHA—we are all brothers and sisters under the Blackhorse Patch (yes, there are now women soldiers in the Regiment). Membership in the Blackhorse Association is open to all Troopers who served in the Regiment before, during, and after the Vietnam War.

I encourage you to join the 11thACVVC if you are not a current member of our organization. Both Annual and Lifetime memberships are available, but we encourage you to become a lifetime member as this is the best bargain in the long run and it keeps our administrative tasks at a minimum. Membership application forms are located in this issue as are registration forms and other data on our Annual Reunion. Annual membership is \$15 per year, and Life membership is \$100, which can be paid over four installments of \$25.

#### ALLONS!

Chuck Schmidt, President, 11thACVVC

# **Blackhorse Daytona**

By: Steve Page, Reunion Chairman and 2004 Reunion Chairman

Reunion XIX is only seven months away. For those of us that live in the snowy and cold parts of the country August can't come soon enough. Plans for the Reunion are well under way. The hotel has been accepting reservations since we left Eugene and we are doing quite

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well. We should have a great number in attendance. Car rental and Airlines that offer discounts have been contract-

ed with. These Codes and Toll free numbers are published in this issue. The registration form is complete and the budget is set and has been approved. Reunion Pins have been designed and will soon be ordered. We are well on our way to another great reunion. Remember we going to the beach so pack accordingly. Bikinis, Speedos and Flip-Flops, just kidding I'm not sure any one would want to see me in a Speedo. I will keep every one up to date via the Web Site until the next *Thunder Run*.

Here for your reference is the information on the airlines and car

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# **From The Command Track**

By Chuck Schmidt, President





Chuck Schmidt, President 11th ACVVC

This is the first opportunity I have had to address all of you as the President of the 11thACVVC. I want to thank you for the confidence you have shown by electing me to guide this great organi-

zation for the next two years. One thing I have learned serving on the Board of Directors over the past four years is that it takes the cooperative efforts of many outstanding Troopers to make the unit function in a way that we can serve the greatest number of our members.

It has been almost twenty years now since a small group gathered in Texas with one goal in mind-to reunite with their "Brothers" with whom they shared so many unique and extraordinary experiences on the battlefields, base camps and countryside of Vietnam and Cambodia. Through the dedicated, dogged, and selfless efforts of a few, Troopers have been found and today our active membership numbers around 5,000 and we have located well over 16,000 of the 21,000+ that served in the Regiment during the years (1966-1972) the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment and attached units were deployed in the war zone. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those founders for the long hours of painstaking efforts and sacrifices they made to form, nurture, and guide that fledgling group into what is widely recognized as the absolute best veterans organization of any Regimental or Brigade sized unit in the US Army today. Divisional organizations look upon us with envy and wonderment as we annually draw more than 1,000 to our reunions, present thousands of dollars in Scholarship aid to the children of our members, publish a first class newsletter quarterly, and can boast a Site (www.11thcavnam.com) which is second to none!

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As we begin the New Year, there are a number of new Officers and Directors in place to conduct the day-to-day business of the 11thACVVC. In addition to my move to the President's position, Ollie Pickral (your immediate past President) is our new Treasurer and Gene Johnson, who has chaired many of our reunions in the recent past, is the newly elected Vice-President. Allen Hathaway is back with us as a Director (Allen served in a number of capacities including a 6-year stint as President), and Bob Moreno has been selected in accordance with our By-Laws to fill the remaining two years of the Directors position that became vacant upon my election to serve as President. Many of you have encountered Bob and his wife, Barb, at the registration desk at the past two reunions. Your remaining members of the Board of Directors (BOD) are Secretary, Frank Cambria, and Director Mike Forbes. IAW our By-Laws, Officer positions (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) serve a two-year term whereas Directors are elected to serve for three years. The Director terms are staggered with one position expiring each year. I encourage anyone who is interested in serving on the BOD to submit his name to the Secretary for inclusion on the ballots at future reunions where elections are conducted.

In addition to the BOD, many more volunteers are essential for the organization to function, some of which are listed in the directory on page 3 of each issue of *Thunder Run*. The hard work, expertise, and dedication of these Troopers are greatly appreciated, and

next time you see or talk to them, thank them for their service. Every committee can always use help and volunteers are welcome. Just contact the committee chairman and ask where you could assist. Remember, we are all volunteers, and although we try to do our best to serve you, our Comrades-in-Arms, sometimes we err and make mistakes. When you see this, please bring it to our attention and we will try to make it right. Our only purpose is to serve your interests, individually and collectively.

The next big event is our Annual Reunion, which we will hold in Daytona Beach, FL 6-8 August 2004. Although the venue is somewhat expensive, members voted and approved the site at the 2002 reunion in Nashville, TN, and the location should be well worth the extra cost. We will be in the best hotel right on the beach with a lot of recreational opportunities available. You can find hotel and registration information in this newsletter and on the Web Site. For future planning, in 2005 the 20th Anniversary Reunion will be in Colorado Springs, CO, my current hometown, which has extraordinary tourist attractions for every member of your family. We hope to see all of you there and in Daytona Beach.

The Officers, Directors, and Committees of the 11thACVVC thank you for your support of our efforts. Your recent generosity in the Calendar Scholarship Fund Drive has been outstanding and we are on track to exceeding all previous records for donations.

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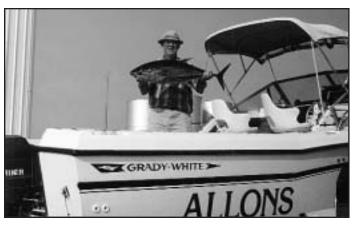
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# **Show Your Pride**



On left, Trooper Harvey Beckham (How Battery, 1/11, 1966 -'67) of Fayetteville, NC proudly displays his catch aboard the good ship "ALLONS". Harvey, you really need to add a unit crest and Blackhorse patch after the

Below. Trooper John Tillman shows his pride nationwide as he drives his Blackhorse 18 wheeler around the country. John served with B Troop, 1/11, 1970-'71.



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# **Editor's Corner**



C. E. "Bill" Gregory, Jr.

What a wonderful day! It is cold, the rain is icy, that kind of rain

and wind that chills to the bone, then sort of sits there making you miserable. It even feels like it may snow, and tomorrow the weather may get worse! Today feels more like Minnesota than Tennessee. Why then is it a wonderful day? It is wonderful because the Lord has given it to me to do with as I choose. I can spend it accomplishing something of value for the world, or I can spend it doing things of value only to me – it is up to me. Every day is really like that, you know, we get to decide if we will approach it with a positive attitude and do something of value or surrender it to negativity and remorse. Most days I choose to do something of value, even if that is only of value to me. Today I choose to spend part of this day doing one of my favorite things, getting this issue of Thunder Run ready to go to the publisher. This quarter we have put together what we hope you will find to be an informative and useful newsletter.

Our usual columnists have come through again, Chaplain Haworth has a great piece, Barb Moreno contributes her usual excellent piece and our new president Chuck Schmidt has given us a couple of thought provoking articles. We have again run an open letter from the 2003 Board of Directors about "The Anonymous Battle" and efforts to gain just recognition for the members of A Troop for action in War Zone C on 26 March 1970.

I am already looking forward to time on the beach in Daytona Beach this August with all you guys and our families. Look for details in this issue about the hotel, airlines and car rentals; it should be a great reunion!! I received a lot of posi-

## **Newsletter Deadlines**

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

First Quarter	Jan 15
Second Quarter	Apr 15
Third Quarter	Aug 15
Fourth Quarter	Oct 15

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Last quarter, I wrote a short piece on the Australian Army's Third Cavalry Regiment's role in Vietnam, and have gotten several positive comments from our Australian brethren. I do need to apologize to them for referring to the Australian Army as the Royal Australian Army. That was a mistake, and they have been very forgiving. The Third Cavalry regiment is properly referred to as being part of the Royal Australian Armoured Corps, which is part of the Australian Army. I hope to publish more information about them in future issues.

We will try to be back next quarter, in the meantime; don't forget to set the headspace and timing before you pull the trigger.

ALLONS!

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR.

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

Scholarship Fundraiser

# 11th ACVVC 2004 Calendar

The first leg of our annual fundraising project to support the 11thACVVC Scholarship program is well underway, and has been tremendously successful-—thanks to your generosity! We are not selling calendars, but simply using them as a method to solicit donations to provide as many \$3,000 Scholarships to eligible members and their children as possible. The calendar you received in the mail is yours to keep and to use in any manner you chose whether you decide to donate to the Scholarship Fund or not. The objective, of course is to raise as much as possible and to date, we have been able to provide over 100 of our members and their children more than \$250,000 to assist them in their educational endeavors!

The goal this year is \$20,000 from this effort and we are getting close with over \$17,500 deposited to the Scholarship Account!

There is still time to donate for this year's calendar project. The goal this year is \$20,000 from this effort and we are getting close with over \$17,500 deposited to the Scholarship Account! So, if you have not yet

done so, remove the envelope that was inserted between the pages of the calendar and send in whatever amount you can afford. I wish I could personally thank each and every one of you who have made a donation, but that is simply not possible. Thank You!! I found it heartwarming to open more than 800 envelopes and I could tell that many of you took some effort and made sacrifices as you dug deep in you pockets to give of your sustenance—there were a lot of money orders and some cash along with wishes that you could do more to support the program. I read every one of your notes and have been deeply touched by your caring generosity and love of your brother comrades-in-arms. We offer a special thanks to those of you who were able to contribute \$25, \$50, \$75, and \$100+ to the program.

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The next two legs of the Scholarship Fund are the Annual Raffle and the Silent Auction, The raffle tickets should be in the mail to you about the end of April and the Silent Auction will be conducted during the Reunion in Daytona Beach, Florida, 6-8 August 2004. Again, please be generous as you send in your donations for the Raffle, and start thinking now what you may have to donate for the Auction—no "White Elephants" please. Items unique to the 11th ACR and Cavalry are always big hits at the auction site. If you own a business, donations of "In Kind" items or services are always welcome.

The calendar project has been very rewarding to me and the 100+ hours I have put into it have been well worth the effort. I appreciate the suggestions and corrections you have submitted. They will be helpful for next year's edition. Thanks to those Troopers who sent in photos for possible use. Those of you who requested returns will receive them shortly. We will need fresh, unique photos for our next publication. Action shots or group photos are best, and all that are submitted will receive due consideration for publication.

Again, the Troopers, of the 11thACVVC, their children, and I *Thank You* for your kind support.

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Chuck Schmidt 11thACVVC Calendar, Scholarship Committee

## **REUNION** from page 1

rental companies working with us on the Daytona Beach Reunion.

- Avis Code D086507 CALL 1-800-331-1600. discounts are good July 27 through Aug. 16
- **Delta,** official airline for reunion. Code 202339A. Call 1-800-241-6760 8:00 AM thru U 11:00 PM EST. Discounts good July 31 thru Aug.12
- Continental Airlines Code ULJV87, ZE7W. Call 1-800-468-7022. Fares good thru 31 July thru 12 Aug.

Both carriers offer up to 15% on tickets purchased 60 days prior to travel.

# Incoming...

## The following information has been provided by our Troopers:

From Adrian Vaaler (HHT, Regiment, 1969 – 1970). Anyone interested in attending a 2004 summer picnic in Eugene, Oregon, please contact Adrian Vaaler, Phone 541-344-2113 or Email: *BlackhorseEugene@aol.com*. Date and time have not been set. It will not conflict with the Daytona Beach Reunion.

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From **O.T. Anderson**, (F Troop, 2/11, 1968). Trooper Anderson is looking for troopers who served with him in 1968-69. O.T was wounded with shrapnel to the head and is looking for troopers who remember the event and could help him in a claim with the Veterans Administration. He is specifically looking for **Harry Cooper** and **Bruce Hamersley**. O.T. can be reached at: (251) 661 - 1330.

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From **Rex L. Searson**, "My name is Rex L Searson, and I was the Senior US Civilian, CORDS, located in Xuan Loc. I was there when you folks arrived initially, and met the first two Col's who Commanded and the third CO was an old acquaintance from Korea, Geo S Patton III, who arrived as a LTC. I worked primarily with MAJ Dick Parker, who served as Liaison with the Province Chief, myself and the Advisory Team. Do you happen to recall MAJ Parker? If you where there when Col Patton surrounded the village along about midnight and the Prov Chief

and I, along with the Village Chief (a Catholic Priest) finally soothed things over by getting a salvage jeep from the Yard next to Saigon AFB, which your Cav Motor Pool got operational with a green and yellow (VN colors) paint job and presented it to the Villlage Chief. I have also more recently discovered that CSM Danny Cline that I served w/in Germany in '59 - '60, was in the 11th in VN as a First Sergeant and/or Sergeant Major. Do you recall him? I am in communications w/CSM Cline who lives in Killeen, TX and would very much like to contact MAJ Richard Parker, but have no further information of Dick. Any help would be appreciated." Contact: Rex L Searson, MAJ, USA Retired, Signal Corps, WW II, Korea and Vietnam Veteran. Served 42 months as a member of the 2ndMTB, 66rhARM, 4thArm Div, in Ft Hood and Germany email address RLSearson@aol.com Telephone number: (214) 378-5689. Reside in Dallas, Texas

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From **Molly McKnight**, widow of CW4 (Retired) **Mack McKnight** (HHT, 3/11, 1967 – 1968). She would like to hear from troopers who served with her late husband. Her address is 1372 Kimball Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955. If you served with Mack, send Molly a note and let her know how to reach you.

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

## **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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# **Scholarship Fund Donations**

Ken Bartell

The 11th ACVVC wishes to gratefully acknowledge these generous donations to the Scholarship Fund. Donations listed are through January 2004. We will publish donations received after that date in a later issue. On entries marked with \*\* we have lost the last names and will publish them again if notified.

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#### **TOGETHER THEN**

#### **TOGETHER AGAIN**

Dear 11th ACVVC Members,

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

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

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

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

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

Thanks for whatever you can do.

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# **Chaplain's Corner**



**Chaplain Larry Haworth** 

## A PROUD LEGACY

"Iraqi Freedom." How does that sound to you? It hasn't been so long since that war was fought with great "shock and awe." Today, as I write, our troops have completed their job of deposing Saddam Hussein and taking out his evil regime. From what I've seen, it made the Iraqi people very happy. And that's an understatement. Did you follow the war? I did. Just as I followed Desert Storm a decade before. Back then I was still on active duty at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. There have also been other conflicts in the years since we served in Viet Nam. But these two wars against the brutal terrorist regime in Iraq have been particularly significant for us as Viet Nam vets. At least, that's my opinion after going to Viet Nam for two tours and being on active duty at the sending end of Desert Storm.

I remember when our troops came home from Desert Storm, how they were given parades and joyous celebrations of welcome. The whole country was in a party mood for them. I remember that many Viet Nam vets were bitter that these troops were welcomed home whereas we were shipped home like so much freight, dumped onto the tarmac, so to speak, and left alone to fend for ourselves in a frequently hostile America. Not only were there no welcomes or parades, but there was a whole lot of nasty "unwelcoming activity" making clear for too many that the warrior was seen as an object of disgust rather than as the hero that he really was. The silent majority didn't see it that way. But they were silent.

Now, let's acknowledge that this is all true. At least as a broad generalization. However, let's also acknowledge that a whole lot of water has flowed under the bridge since our "homecoming." This was true at Desert Storm time; it's true now. With the building of The Wall in Washington, DC and with the realization by Americans that the news media, Hollywood and lots of politicians were spinning reality, perceptions changed 100% toward the warrior aside from feelings about the war. These days, Viet Nam vets are held in very high regard by almost

# It's clear that America has learned the lessons from Viet Nam that you must respect, appreciate and celebrate the warriors who go to fight your nations battles. I'm glad this has been learned. It's a proud legacy

all Americans. I say this even though schools are not teaching the subject adequately and people are confused about the real history of that major event. It's gotten to the point where there are Viet Nam vet wannabes all over the place that want a piece of the action. How's that for a change of national attitude?

Come back with me in your memories to those parades we gave our Desert Storm troops. In the lessons-learned department, have you ever stopped to realize that the reason those parades were so hearty and joyous was largely because Americans felt guilty for how they brought their Viet Nam vets home? And they should have felt guilty. Because they were. But have you ever stopped to think that those young Desert Storm troops were your own kids? Would you deny this recognition to your own kids? I don't think so. Be happy that they got what you didn't. Be happy that they got what you paid for. It's a part of your legacy. Be proud. I think you'll agree that, even though our Desert Storm vets would have had their parades and welcome home parties anyway, as well they should have, their welcomes would not have been nearly as extravagant as they were if not for the dues paid by their Viet Nam vet forbears, their dads and uncles, who were brought home in such a shameful way.

Here we are a decade later. Now we welcome a new generation of warriors home from war. Back again from the sands of Iraq and the Middle East. Or even Afghanistan or Kosovo. Looks to me that we have a lot to celebrate again. Looks to me like we're returning our own kids again from another war. Except now many are our grandkids. So, be happy. Viet Nam vets paid a high price so these young men and women could return home as heroes. This nation has learned to sepa-

rate the soldier from the war. Even the leftists who opposed taking out the brutal Saddam Hussein regime, admit that they must support the warrior. That admission didn't come out of any genetic sense of goodness. It came because the nation learned from the Viet Nam vet that you treat your warriors with respect no matter what you think of those who sent them to fight the wars. It's more of our proud legacy.

There are other lessons learned from the Viet Nam warrior that benefit the young generation of our military in the service of America. Look at the embedded reporters in Iraqi Freedom. Some are there in harms way right along with the soldiers. Even though it's only a few who're putting their money where their mouth is, at least those are out there where the shooting is. Others, including editors and publishers, are in their ivory towers putting their spin on events. But lessons have been learned, just the same. Those lessons came directly from our experience with the media and political spinners and agitators from the Viet Nam war.

There's an even more important event of a greater price paid for a greater good. We understand paying a large price for a greater good. We were part of such a price and we're experiencing the greater good, such as freedom and speaking English instead of Russian or whatever. We understand the concept pretty well. The greater price I'm talking about was that paid by God for the redemption of our very souls and the fulfillment of the purpose for which we were born. A verse in the Bible makes this clear. It's a popular verse. It takes a lot of abuse and ridicule which is strange, considering that it's true and has the power to transform the life of anyone who accepts it. (We understand that sort of

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Welcome Aboard!

New Members of the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia, (11th ACVVC)

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# DAYTONA BEACH REUNION XIX



Thursday, August 5 thru Sunday, August 8, 2004

**Registration fees are \$70.00 per person** regardless of age. This fee is required for attendance to one or all of the scheduled program events inclusive of Thurs. and Fri. Bunker Parties and Sat. Banquet dinner. **After July 17 and at the door**, registration fee is \$80.00 (Only if space is available)

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# <u>Journey to Fiddler's Green</u>

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

- John Berry Booth, (K Troop, 3/11, 1969 1970) passed away on August 31, 2003. John was the Vehicle Commander of Sheridan K-19 during his tour in with K Troop. John was a life member of the 11th ACVVC.
- Michael Eugene Alberty, (HHT, 3/11, 1969 1970) passed away on January 19, 2004. Michael's home was Claremore, Oklahoma. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC.
- Charles R. Bick, passed away in the VA Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky in 1978. Charles is believed to have been an E-7, who served with one of the HHT's.
- Thomas Bungay, Sr., (F Troop, 2/11, 1968 1970), passed away on July 16, 2003. Thomas was 55 years old and lost a long fight with esophageal cancer. He was a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC.
- Harold Wayne Dye, (L Troop, 3/11, 1969 1970) passed away on October 31, 2003, near his home in Lewisville, TX. Wayne was 53 years old and suffered from a heart failure. A mechanic, he was a member of the 11th ACVVC and the American Legion.

- Valentino F. Franco, (3rd. Platoon, L Troop, 3/11, 1968 1969) passed away on November 12, 2003. Known to friends in Vietnam as "Tino", he was a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC.
- Jerry Robert Hulsebus, (A Troop, 1/11), passed away on March 18, 2003 in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 57. He was a mechanic by trade.
- Mack McKnight, (HHT, 3/11, 1967 1968) passed away on December 15, 2003 from cancer, diabetes, and other complications from Agent Orange Exposure. CW4 McKnight was a career soldier who served the Blackhorse as a Maintenance Tech. He was a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC.
- Michael Mitchell, (B Troop, 1/11, 1969 -1970). Passed away on January 4, 2004. He was from Cabot, Arkansas.
- William Otis Orndoff, Jr., (Air Cav Troop, Regiment, 1967 – 1968), passed away on December 11, 2003. Bill served in both Vietnam and Desert Storm, and was a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC.

- John E. Padgett, (1st. Platoon, B Troop, 1/11, 1969 1970) passed away in 2003. John was a native of Florida and a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC.
- Charles D. Pauley, (C Troop, 1/11, 1968 –1969), passed away on January 7, 2004 from injuries during an automobile accident in Madison, West Virginia. Charles was a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC.
- George C. Scott, (HHT, 2/11 and M Company, 3/11, 1968 1969) passed away on November 10, 2003, from lung cancer and heart disease at age 71. Scotty served as the First Sergeant of M Company and later CSM of 2nd Squadron.

He was promoted to Command Sergeant Major by COL Patton, in what may have been the last "field" (not centralized at DA) promotion to that rank in the Army. He was a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC.

2004! It seems like just yesterday had to remember to write 2003 on everything and now we have to concentrate on doing it correctly again.

Where did that year go? Wasn't it just last week that we were all gathering in Oregon for the reunion? Excited to once again be catching up on how things had changed in our families and meeting many of you for the first time. Establishing friendships that will last a lifetime.

Now we are faced with a new year. New resolutions, which we will probably make and break. Of course for me it's the same one every year. I swear by the time next reunion rolls around I will be at least 50 pounds lighter. I mean after all we are going to be right on the beach. Aren't we?

Have you ever wondered how all those silly New Years celebrations and traditions got started? I did and lo and behold, as I was reading the local paper at work one night last week, there was my answer. A lovely lady here in Tomah had done some research on just this subject. I read it with total amazement, laughter and wonder. When I had finished reading it, I thought this would be wonderful to share with you all so I looked up her phone number and gave her a call to ask if I might use some of her quotes. She was delighted that I wanted to share it with our group so here it is in a somewhat shortened version.

New Years is the oldest and most observed of all the holidays. It was first observed in ancient Babylon, 4000 years ago. In about 2000 B.C., the Babylonians celebrated the beginning of the New Year on what was thought to be the first of spring, or March 25th. But in most of the English speaking countries it has always been on the 1st of January due to the passing of the British Calendar Act in 1751.

Here in America, it was the 17th century Dutch, in the New Amsterdam settlement who originated the custom of the New Years Eve celebrating. Although the American Indians may have set a somewhat riotous example. The Iroquois Indians would celebrate by gathering up clothes, furnishings and wooden household utensils as well as uneaten corn and

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

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grains. They would then toss them into a great bonfire, which signified the start of a new year and a new life. Other people would often put out the fires they had been using and start new ones for the year.

Today many folks celebrate the new year by ringing church bells, tooting horns and making other loud noises to welcome in the new year, while others celebrate by throwing parties that last well into the wee hours of the morning and often make many have some terrible headaches the next day.

The custom of using a baby to signify the New Year began in Greece around 600 B.C. It was the tradition at the time to celebrate their god of wine, Dionysus, by parading a baby in a basket, thus representing the annual rebirth of that god as the spirit of fertility. Early Egyptians used a baby as a symbol of rebirth. But early Christians denounced this practice as pagan thus causing The Church to re-evaluate its position on the subject. They finally allowed their members to celebrate the New Year using a baby, which was to symbolize the birth of the baby Jesus. Our modern image of the baby clad in a diaper with a banner across his chest originated in Germany in the 14th century. The German immigrants brought this same-diapered baby to America. The symbol of Father Time was also given to us by the Greek and was used to represent the Greek god Cronus, complete with his scythe.

In many countries, it is the custom to wish friends and acquaintances a "Happy Birthday" instead of Happy New Year on the first of January. This day is also nicknamed "Everyman's Birthday" and is considered to be the day when everyone becomes a year older, even if it isn't the actual day of his or her birth. This is a practice that is still observed in horse racing. No matter when a racehorse is born, they all "become" a year older on New Years Day.

In 1773, the festivities in New York City got so out of hand that two months later the legislature outlawed firecrackers, homemade bombs and the firing of shotguns to celebrate the start of the New Year. In 1908 however, at midnight on New Years Eve an electrified ball was lowered for the first time from the Times Square Building in New York City. This tradition was started because of the declared illegal activities of 1773.

So there you have it friends, the true meaning and understanding of why we celebrate New Years.

In closing Bob, myself and our children and grandchildren want to wish you all the happiest of new years. May you be grateful of what you have and mindful of the needs of others.

Always

Barb Moreno

# LOOKING AHEAD TO REUNION 2004 DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

Dates: August 6,7 and 8, 2004.

Hotel: Adams Mark

Reservations:

100 North Atlantic Ave Daytona Beach, Fl. 32118

Room Rates: \$119.00 per night S/O- D/O

Room rates are good for 3

days prior and 3 day after event Direct to Hotel 1-(386) 254-8200

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ADA Rooms are available to our group

Parking Self Park-Free; Indoor Garage-\$6.00; Valet Park-\$10.00

Steve Page, Reunion chairman

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# **Quartermaster**

# **ORDER FORM**

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

Product Description	Code	\$ Amt	Size	Qty	\$ Total
Coffee Mug, white 11oz w/full color Blackhorse insignia	C	10.00			
Hat, Black Poplin adjustable w/full color direct embroidery Blackhorse insignia		10.00			
Key ring, 1. 5 " Acrylic square w/full color Blackhorse insignia		3.00			
Bumper Sticker "I Rode With The Blackhorse w/full color BH insignia		2.00			
Window Sticker, full color BH insignia and Vietnam service ribbon	A	2.00			
History Book, "Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam"		25.00			
Watch, BH insignia on face, leather band (indicate choice) Man's Woman's		20.00			
Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, (indicate choice)  acolored subdued		4.00			
Blackhorse 100 year memorial coin,1.75" crossed sabers/BH insignia new	B	12.00			
Belt Buckle, solid brass w/crossed sabers & BH insignia		20.00			
Flag, indoor/outdoor 3'x5' with color insignia		50.00			
Lighter, "Zippo" style brushed chrome w/full color BH insignia		15.00			
License Plate, metal red & white background with crossed sabers & 11		5.00			
License Plate Frame, metal, black w/Blackhorse 11th US Cavalry in white		6.00			
Attache Case w/shoulder strap 11.5" x 15.5" w/dir emb. BH insignia & VN rib		30.00			
Tote Bag, white, 12xl2x6 w/full color BH insignia new		20.00			
Barbeque Apron, white, 24x30 w/full color BH insignia new		25.00			
Blackhorse Pin		4.00			
11th ACR Regimental Crest		4.00			
Pin, "Xuan Loc"		4.00			
Pin, "Quan Loi"	A	4.00			
Pin, "100 Year Aniversary of 11th Cav"	A	4.00			
Blackhorse Cavalry Pin, brass, 11 over crossed sabers		5.00			
Reunion pin (indicate choice), Indianapolis, Las Vegas, Appleton, San Diego, Buffalo, Eugene	A	1.00			
Blackhorse Women's Pendant w/chain, 10k gold w/full BH insignia	B	70.00			
Gear Bag, red with color BH insignia (11x11x21)	C	35.00			
Men's Ring, 10k gold w/full color BH insignia on face (specify size)		275.00			
Blackhorse Patch Temporary Tatoo	A	3.00			
Blackhorse Video (based on book) (specify format) ☐ VHS☐ DVD	A	30.00			
Note: all clothing items are available in size medium through size 3XL Specify size and color preference of item requested.					
Blackhorse Tshirt, 100% cotton, preshrunk, full color BH insignia.  Specify color: □ Ash□ Black (check one)	В	16.00			
Henley Shirt, 100% cotton, short sleeve, round neck w/full color BH insignia and VN ribbon.  Specify color: ☐ Red☐ White A		20.00			
Golf Shirt, 100% cotton w/full color BH insignia on left front.  Specify color: □Red □ White (check one)		30.00			
Blackhorse Sweatshirt, 50% cotton, 50% acrylic w/full color BH insignia.  Specify color: ☐ Ash☐ Black (check one)		25.00			
Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon, snap front, guilted lining w/full color BH insignia.					
(6" back ), crossed sabers (front right) and Allons insignia (front left)	В	75.00			
Women's Sleeveless Shirt w/BH insignia. (available in size small also) Specify color: ☐ Butter Yellow ☐ White (check one)	В	20.00			
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# From the Quartermaster...

Rodney H. George

reetings to all and a Jhappy and prosperous new year to each of you! My new year has included filling orders in my unheated garage while the outside temperatures have dropped to -37 degrees. If my numb brain and fingers make a mistake please let me know and I will correct it promptly. If you order coffee mugs and any arrive broken you do not have to send me the pieces. Just send me an email or letter telling me how many replacements you need. Soon we will be changing over to Acrylic mugs instead of the ceramic ones. This should help ensure that they arrive in one piece. I am currently working on acquiring a new challenge coin also. Announcement to follow when they are available.

I am still in the process of securing a new vendor for our copyrighted tee shirts and sweatshirts. If you have received an out-of-stock notice when you have ordered either it is because I am running out of some sizes. The new vendor should be supplying us by 1-15-04. If you see any ads in any other media for our copyrighted shirts or sweatshirts please let me know. It

is believed that our last supplier, which we have ceased dealing with, has kept copyrighted

artwork. We do not know that he intends to distribute illegal shirts but it wouldn't hurt to be aware. We are also having to change the vendor on the gear bags and tote bags. The new ones will be similar but might be slightly different.

For any of you that are interested in how the QM store is doing, here are the 2003 sales figures. Gross sales - \$67,834.00. Cost of goods for those items - \$40,288.48. Net profit to the 11th ACVVC - \$22,512.52. The QM store currently has an inventory of \$39,947.51 worth of items.

In closing, I would like to say that this last year has been a difficult one for many of us. I personally am going to have to make the decision as to whether or not I can continue as the Quartermaster of the 11th ACVVC. Whatever that decision turns out to be I want you all to know that it has been a pleasure to serve my fellow 11th Cav brothers.

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thing, don't we?) The verse is John 3:16-17: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

It's clear that America has learned the lessons from Viet Nam that you must respect, appreciate and celebrate the warriors who go to fight your nations battles. I'm glad this has been learned. It's a proud legacy Viet Nam vets have given America. Our young troopers now come home from war to the parades and appreciation of those who sent them. It's also clear that many appreciate what God has done for them through the price he paid for their salvation and purpose for living. That appreciation is given through accepting that offer of paid-up salvation and purpose through Jesus Christ, his Son. I've accepted that offer. Have you?

God bless you. God loves you. So do I

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## **Reunion Site Proposals For 2006**

By: Steve Page, Reunion Committee Chairman

Reunion Site Proposals will be presented for the year 2006 at The Daytona Beach Reunion. These sites will be voted on during our Annual Business Meeting. Information can be obtained from The Reunion Committee Chairman address and e-mail else where in this issue. Please remember you must do the presentation. Convention Bureau Members are not longer allowed at the reunions (Editor's note: Remember that in 2003 we voted to allow reunions to be held after Labor Day. Consider reunion dates in September, which should give us better rates).

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Membership is open to all troopers who served with or were attached to the I Ith 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.

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