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FAIRLY DUMB THINGS I DID IN VIETNAM – II

By Charles W. Abbey

Solo hikes into the isolated forests and thickets of South Vietnam were generally thought to be a poor idea during the war, even in the latter years when US forces ruled. Most US soldiers sought the company of other US soldiers, indeed large groups of such soldiers, when campaigning in areas frequented by the enemy. This was considered prudent and wise. However, there were some fearless souls who chose not to heed the considerable advice to travel in well-armed groups. Some of those souls met with calamity; others did not.

This situation suddenly had all the markings of disaster inscribed all over it.

Intelligence reports during June 1970 were being received by the Blackhorse S-2 shop in Quan Loi from various sources suggesting that elephants were being used by the NVA to transport equipment and supplies in the vicinity of the border areas known as the “Fishhook”. This information was really nothing

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LTG Thomas M. Montgomery to Address 11th ACVVC at Reunion

■ Former Commander of H Company in Vietnam



LTG, USA, (Ret) Thomas “Tom” Montgomery has accepted our invitation to address the members of the 11th ACVVC at the XX Anniversary Reunion Banquet on Saturday 6

August 2005 at the Sheraton Hotel in Colorado Springs, CO. We are honored to have the opportunity to hear from General Montgomery who commanded H Company, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment during his tour in Vietnam (‘68-’69). Then a Captain, General Montgomery, was awarded the Silver Star and a Bronze Star with “V” device for his actions while leading Troopers in battle against the Viet Cong (VC) and North Vietnamese Army (NVA).

General Montgomery retired from active duty in December 1997 after more than 34 years of proud service to his country. Prior to his retirement, he was the 20th officer to serve as United States Military Representative to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Military Committee,

His service in Somalia came during the time of fierce fighting against the insurgent Warlords in that country which many will remember as portrayed in the book and movie titled “Blackhawk Down.”

Brussels, Belgium. As the USMILREP for three years, he was the permanent representative of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff on NATO’s highest military body during a defining period of change and challenge for the North Atlantic Alliance in the wake of the Cold War.

Born in Indianapolis, IN, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Armor and earned a BA Degree in Slavic Languages and Literature (Russian) from Indiana University in 1963. He also holds a Master of Arts Degree in Management from Central Michigan University and is a member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Seminar 21, attended the Center for Creative Leadership Program,

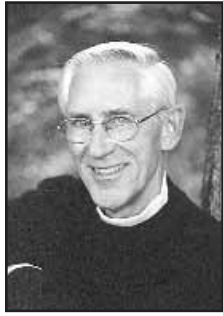
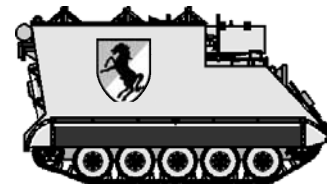
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Chuck Schmidt, President
11th ACVVC

With the 2nd Quarter issue Thunder Run, summer is just around the corner and many of you are making plans for your summer vacations. Colorado Springs, CO will be the destination of choice this year as the 11thACVVC will

assemble to celebrate the 20th Annual Reunion of this great organization. The reunion hotel is just about totally booked but we do have two “overflow hotels” within a 5-7 minute walk from the reunion site. A full slate of activities is planned and more information can be found throughout this issue of Thunder Run. In addition to making hotel and travel arrangements, don’t forget to register for the Reunion. A registration blank is in this newsletter, and you can also register on line at www.11thcavnam.com. If you have not yet visited our web site, I strongly recommend that you do so. It is an outstanding site for a veteran’s organization of our size, and is the best place to get information on what is happening in the 11thACVVC and the Regiment.

All of you know by now that most of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment is deployed to Iraq. Unfortunately, our “Blackhorse” Regiment has experienced its first casualties of this war as two Troopers have died from injuries suffered in a watch tower fire on 6 April 25, 2005 in Mahmudiyah, Iraq. PFC Casey M. LaWare died in the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Landstuhl, Germany on 9 April and CPL Tyler J. Dickens passed away at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX on 12 April. Both Troopers were assigned to HHT, 2nd Squadron, 11thACR. The 1st Squadron, 221st Armored Cavalry from the Nevada Army National Guard, which is the Roundout Squadron of the Regiment, is performing the mission at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA while the active duty Regiment is deployed. All of our currently

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serving soldiers deserve our undivided support, whether overseas or serving in the United States, and we of the 11thACVVC have a special place in our hearts for those who wear the “Blackhorse” patch.

The Quartermaster has a couple of new items for sale. A “coaches” type jacket with crossed sabers looks great, and a new gear bag is also in the inventory. Rod and Elida George continue to offer great service to the 11thACVVC through their dedicated service of providing collectible memorabilia for all our members and their families. Thanks, guys. The QM Store will be fully stocked and operational for your convenience at the XX Reunion in Colorado. So, save the cost of shipping, and come to the store at the Reunion to get all those gift items.

Allen Hathaway has finally completed the arduous task of verifying all of our KIA’s and we are now 99.99% sure that we have identified all that died serving with us in Vietnam and Cambodia. The last task prior to redoing our monument at Fort Knox will be to verify the Troop assignment of each KIA at the time of his death. We almost have that task completed with the exception of a small number that still need to be confirmed. We ask that each reader check the list to see if you can help us out. Once this is done, we will begin to list all KIA’s by Squadron, Troop, and date of casualty. Thanks, Allen, for all the hours of dedicated research that has gone into this project.

During the Business Meeting on Saturday at the Reunion, we will be holding elections for Officers and Directors. This year the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be

filled for two-year terms beginning on 1 January 2006 through 31 December 2008. In addition, one three-year Director’s position will be filled. If any member would like to run for these positions, the procedures are outlined in the By-Laws and in a short article by our Secretary in the last issue of Thunder Run which is reprinted this Quarter.

The Blackhorse Association (BHA) is planning a gala “Welcome Home” party for the Regiment after their return early next year. We all know how important it is to make our Troopers feel proud of their service and sacrifices and the 11thACVVC plans to be a big part of this celebration at Fort Irwin, CA. More details will be forthcoming in future issues. Gene Johnson is the liaison between us, the BHA, Fort Irwin, and the Regiment. All 11th ACR Vietnam Veterans are invited to the party, and this may serve as a long delayed celebration and recognitions of our service as well. We surely do not want current 11th ACR Troopers to experience the neglect many of us did upon our return from combat. It is time to make things right with a sincere “Thanks”, and “Welcome Home”!

I want to thank all 11thACVVC Members for making our group of Vietnam Veterans the best around. Thanks for your support of all our important programs: Reunions, Scholarships, Memorials, Regimental activities, and just plain old good camaraderie! We have a great staff of volunteers that make all these activities work and it takes their support for this organization to function. And, finally, whenever you see a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine in uniform—walk up to him or her, extend your hand and give them a hearty “Thank You for Serving”!

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WANTED A FEW GOOD MEN AND WOMEN

We are in need of Reunion sites for 2007 and beyond. The site for 2007 will be voted on at our 2005 Reunion in Colorado Springs. Anyone interested in taking on the local chairmanship of a reunion should be working on a proposal now. Reunion Proposal The Reunion Proposal Form can be copied off the 11th ACVVC Website (www.11thcavn.com) or by contacting Steve Page: stephen.r.page@verizon.net, or by mail: Steve Page 5400 Little River Neck Road, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582 Tel (843)-280-4506.

Thank you

Steve Page Reunion Committee Chairman

Reunion XXI Kansas City 2006

Reunion 2006 Kansas City, MO, Sept 21 thru 24, 2006. At The Hyatt Regency Crown Center. Room rates will be \$89.00 pp s/o-d/o. More information to follow.

Steve Page Local Chairman



Editor's Corner

C. E. "Bill" Gregory, Jr.

May 1, 1970, the morning we crossed the border into Cambodia (more or less legally this time) was scary, even terrifying at first. But we were soon too busy to be scared. We knew the NVA was expecting us because we had moved up on the border the night before and it is hard to sneak up on anybody with an Armored Cavalry Regiment. Sure enough, about a "K" inside the border, they hit us and the fight was on for the rest of the day. I am told the first attacks were a delaying tactic on their part, but a firefight is a firefight and we did not know we were supposed to be delayed, so we pushed on.

I could not see the big picture then, all I could see was that we had H Company pushing and I could see G Troop on our right flank, everyone was pretty much catching hell. Toward the end of the first day, late in the afternoon, we ran head on into bunkers and defensive positions of at least battalion strength and the fight got heavier, after about an hour, they broke off leaving their positions and many of their dead and wounded. We secured the area and moved on.

The morning of the second day, we moved out again, with sporadic, sometimes heavy contact, clearing bunkers, lots of supply caches, and NVA fighting positions. Early in the afternoon of the second day, orders came to move to Snoul and clear and secure the city. We were given about 48 hours to make it happen.

H Company moved over to the main highway, an honest to God blacktop road and moved toward Snoul – fast! This was probably the most fun I had in Vietnam, a tank company full out on the road moving to the objective! It was like something out of a World War II movie with Third Army's tanks moving toward Berlin! To add to the myth, there was even a French style villa and pineapple plantation complete with a Frenchman welcoming the "great American liberators" with a gift of fresh pineapple. Being an east Tennessee country boy, I had not had much experience with fresh pineap-

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ple up until then, but I quickly developed a taste for it and still like it. We cleared the plantation as well as we could and left it for the elements coming up behind us to search more thoroughly and secure. We were back on the road to Snoul, a fast ride, an entertaining Frenchman and a pineapple. Those were the fun things, but the fun part was over – and I mean really over. That is another story for another day. I tell this story here to remind all of us that even in the darkest of times there can be pleasant, even humorous memories, and though they do not cancel out the bad, they can help us keep them in perspective.

The second quarter of every year is always a challenge for *Thunder Run*, it is the last issue before the annual reunion and we want to be sure to have all the necessary information members need to plan trips to the reunion. That alone is sometimes difficult; but this year we also wanted to give you as current information as possible on the Regiments' activities in Iraq. As you will see, those subjects occupy most of this issue. We have also included some articles we thought you would enjoy.

I won't say much here about the reunion, just that I hope you can make it. We again have a distinguished guest speaker in General Montgomery, who commanded H Company during his 1968 – 1969 tour in Vietnam. Old friends are looking for you and new friends are eager to meet you. I am hoping to see some of the best friends I have ever had, and enjoy the Colorado Springs area. The area has a lot of things to do and see, but the main attraction for me may well be that it is 10 to 15 degrees cooler than it is in Tennessee!

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and Harvard's Program for Senior Managers in Government. In addition, his military education includes completion of the Armor School, United States Armed Forces Staff College, the Army War College, and the Capstone Course (for Joint Flag Officers).

In addition to his last assignment as USMILREP, NATO, General Montgomery held a wide variety of important command, staff, and management positions during his distinguished military career. Key positions included Commander of US Forces in Somalia and (concurrently) Deputy Commander, United Nations Forces, Somalia (UNOSOM II) from 9 March 1993 to 28 March 1994. He was also Commander, Joint Task Force, Somalia, during the final four months in Somalia. His service in Somalia came during the time of fierce fighting against the insurgent Warlords in that country which many will remember as portrayed in the book and movie titled "Blackhawk Down".

Other previous key positions included Director of Management, Office of the Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, US Army; Assistant Division Commander, 8th Infantry Division, US Army Europe; Commander, 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor, 4th Infantry Division (Mechanized) Fort Carson, CO. In addition to the tour in Vietnam already mentioned, General Montgomery completed a second tour as a staff officer in the 23rd Infantry Division (Americal), and at Headquarters, US Army, Vietnam.

He has received numerous military awards in addition to the awards for valor previously mentioned. These include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (w/two oak leaf clusters), the Army Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star w/oak leaf clusters for achievement; the Air Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal (w/two oak leaf clusters), the ARCOM, the UN Medal, the Knight Commander's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany, and the Honor Cross in Silver of the German Armed Forces.

General Montgomery is currently a Senior Fellow at the Joint Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA and an associate of the Center for Civil-Military Relations at the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA. He currently lives in Colorado Springs, CO.

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new, but it caught the attention and the imagination of the, then, Regimental S-2. He wished, and indeed longed, to see one of these “commie pachyderms” up close for himself – maybe even capture one! And it came to pass one day that a small herd of elephants was spotted by Thunderhorse Air Cavalry Troop Aero-scouts and at least one beast had been wounded or killed.

“Hot dog! This is great! Whoopee! Let’s go!” said the S-2; a very go-get-tum kind of guy. Not having his own aircraft to call upon, he turned to the Regimental Aviation Officer, Me, for transportation to the report site. Fully assured that this would be a quick flight, low pass, no-sweat mission, he convinced me to take him to the downed beast in a Regimental helicopter, and so we did. We reconned the area from above until we identified the dead creature. Its big, gray hulk of a body was down in a thicket of bamboo, which appeared to be accessible from several nearby tall-grassy areas large enough to land a helicopter. “Take me down” he begged, “This will be a piece of cake! I have to see if the beast has any ‘pack’ marks”!

Repressing several of my judgmental reservations about this mission, we landed. Our S-2 immediately jumped out of the aircraft, and darted into the bamboo, and was gone in a thrice. Now it began to slowly dawn upon me that I was alone, on the ground, in a noisy helicopter, without a door gunner, lacking radio contact, in possible enemy territory, committed to wait for an undetermined length of time for another lone soldier who had no compass and was beating the bush looking for a stupid elephant! Bummer! This situation suddenly had all the markings of disaster

inscribed all over it. True, we had the element of surprise on our side; the enemy, if present, could not have the slightest idea of what we were doing. I reasoned that an enemy surely would not do anything rash, at least for a little while, until he figured this out. I commenced to sweat. Courses of action seemed few: Taking off to orbit the area would be too noisy and might draw unwanted attention to us and I might lose tack of the S-2. Waiting on the ground much longer might get us both killed. More sweat! Suddenly in answer to my prayers, he popped out of the bush and ran up to the aircraft. “I couldn’t find it! I’m going back for another look!” says he.

Over my dead body! Get in the air-
plane! Now!” say I, quite forcefully. Fortunately for us, he did, without argument and we departed the area. “Next time you want to get chummy with elephants, call up the Aerorifle platoon” I tactfully muttered as we returned to the Regimental area at Quan Loi.

Charles Abbey served with the Regiment as Aviation Section Leader, 2/11 (Battle 17), from 1966 to 1967. Then as Air Cavalry Troop Commander (Thunder Horse 6) from 1969 to 1970, he finished his tour in 1970 as the Regimental Aviation Staff Officer. Charles is a frequent contributor to Thunder Run.

A Glance at Your Assets and Liabilities

By: *Ollie Pickral, Treasurer*

As you know from your own personal finances, accurate accounting for your assets and liabilities is necessary for you to meet your monthly expenses. If your assets and liabilities aren’t administered properly and accurately, you’ll be hounded by creditors and banks and ultimately the IRS.

The same goes for your organization. By all accounts, 11 ACVVC is a business just like any other business operating in this country. We are required to complete tax forms (IRS form 990) each year to the Internal Revenue Service. To meet IRS requirements, we must have accurate records showing monies we had coming in and those monies going out.

In the past, the Treasurer was required to keep these records and transactions and he completed the form 990 and headed an “auditing committee”. Not only was this a tough and time consuming task for the Treasurer, our officers and directors felt that having an audit should be from professionals in that field.

We are blessed to have two members of 11 ACVVC who are CPAs that have volunteered to complete our annual submission of IRS form 990 and to audit our records.

- Dennis Freeman, E.A, is a Life member and a professional tax consultant who will be doing our annual submittal of IRS form 990. Dennis served with G Troop and HHT 2/11 in 1970-71.

- Bill Suhre, Esq., CPA is a professional auditor and tax lawyer. Bill served with I Troop in 1968. He will audit our records for the organization.

We thank both troopers for performing this important task for 11 ACVVC.

In January of this year, I submitted the 2004, end of year financial report to the Officers and Directors and I’d like to submit to you summaries from the report (inset below).

I’m happy to report that your organization’s finances are in very good shape for now and for our years in the future.

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

General Business Acct:	Jan 01	\$52,070	Dec 31	\$41,430.
Scholarship Acct:	Jan 01	\$36,431	Dec 31	\$41,445.
Reunion Acct:	Jan 01	(\$4,376)	Dec 31	(\$21,190).
Reunion Assistance Acct:	Jan 01	\$5,547	Dec 31	\$6,555.
CDs and Investments:	CDs.....	\$ 285,390	Investments	\$103,621.
Totals Assets for all Accts.			31 Dec. 2004:	\$489,840

Pre-WWII Historical Facts of the U.S. 11th Cavalry

By: Frank R. Cambria, (G Troop, 2/11 1970 – 1971), Secretary 11th ACVVC

■ The first U.S. unit designated as the 11th Cavalry was authorized by the Army Act of 2 March 1899 to fight exclusively in the Philippines. Men for the 11th U.S. Volunteer Cavalry were recruited predominately in the Philippines from battle-hardened American volunteers from various State Volunteer Regiments (militia) completing their one-year of service where they fought against Spain in the Philippine jungles of 1898-90. The Adjutant General in 1899 & 1900 reported that the volunteers selected received a special \$500 reenlistment bonus and “...tended to be both more mature and better skilled than their average Regular counterparts.” and said they “...were some of the best troops man-for-man the United States has ever fielded.”

■ Colonel James Lockett, the 11th U.S. Volunteer Cavalry’s first commander, led the regiment in its vicious and brutal battles in the Philippines Islands. Later, Camp Lockett in Southern California was named in his honor.

■ The first 11th Cav “LRRP” unit was an elite 25-man strike force in 1900 called Wray’s Scouts. During its first three months, Wray’s Scouts “...was responsible for all but one of the casualties inflicted by the regiment.”

■ The 11th U.S. Volunteer Cavalry and other Volunteer Regiments in the Philippines were disbanded by July 1901 as new Regular Army units were authorized by Congress and being formed in the USA. Two “11th Cavalry” regiments served America for five months in 1901, one Volunteer, and one Regular.

■ In 1901 Colonel Francis Moore, the first commander of the new Regular Army 11th Cavalry Regiment, was forming the regiment from scratch. The regiment was scattered over three states with the 1st Squadron at Jefferson Barracks MO, the 2nd Squadron at Fort Ethan Allen VT, and 3rd Squadron at Fort Myer VA. In frustration, Colonel Moore wrote to the U.S. War Department “I have 400 horses that have never seen a soldier, 400 recruits who have never seen a horse, and four second lieutenants that have never seen either a soldier or a horse.”

■ The Regular Army 11th Cavalry was sent to the Philippines in early 1902 and continued the fine reputation established by the 11th U.S. Volunteer Cavalry in 1900-1901. This time some elements of the 11th Cavalry were fighting fanatical Muslim Moro warriors in the southern Philippine islands. The Muslim Moros had been fighting the Spaniards and Filipinos for years, never surrendering. Muslim insurgents are still fighting there 100 years later, and the 11th Cav is again fighting Muslim terrorists, but this time in Iraq and Afghanistan.

■ In 1902-3, the 1st and 2nd Squadrons of the 11th Cavalry hunted guerrilla insurgents in the jungles of the Philippine Islands (as Blackhorse did in Vietnam) while the 3rd Squadron was involved in “heavy street fighting” in the northern Philippine city of San Pablo (as 11th Cav is doing in Iraq 100 years later).

■ Upon the 11th Cavalry’s return to the USA in 1904, the regiment was parceled to many scattered locations across the country. For 15 years the proud 11th Cavalry established wide public visibility rarely duplicated by other US military units. Its Troops

and Squadrons moved frequently, stretching from California to South Carolina and Washington D.C.; from Georgia and Arkansas to Yellowstone WY and Colorado; from El Paso to Des Moines... Soon the 11th Cavalry was recognized “...for its exceptional mobility and aggressive response...a trait that made the regiment useful as a multi-purpose unit.”

■ In March 1916, the 11th Cavalry was dispatched to El Paso to join General John Pershing’s Punitive Expedition against Mexican insurrectionist Pancho Villa and his soldiers. After 11-months of fast, hard driving warfare in the hot Mexican deserts and cold arid mountains, the 11th Cavalry completed the last campaign of the old US Cavalry and became known as “...one of the most efficient and adaptable fighting units in the Army...”

■ The Regiment moved to Presidio of Monterey CA (near Fort Ord) in July 1919. For the next 20 years, the 11th Cav Troops rotated to Camp Hearn for Mexican border patrol operations.

■ The 11th Cav’s mounted lance-armed Silent Drill Team toured the western U.S. in the 1930s, demonstrating amazing mounted silent drills with extreme discipline and proficiency.

■ The 11th Cavalry sponsored and conducted regional Citizens’ Military Training Corps (CMTC) summer camps in the 1920s and 1930s, and for ROTC in the 1930s.

■ The 11th Cavalry participated in the movie *Troopers Three* in 1929.

■ The 11th Cavalry participated in the movie *Sergeant Murphy* starring Ronald Reagan in 1937 at Presidio of San Francisco and Monterey CA.

■ The mounted 76th Field Artillery was the 11th Cavalry sister unit at Presidio of Monterey 1919-1939.

■ The 11th Cavalry Regiment moved its HQ to Camp Lockett (named after the 11th U.S. Volunteer Cavalry’s first commander) CA near the Mexican border in May 1940 where the 11th Cav began its final conversion from horses to horsepower while extending its border patrols.

■ During WWII, the 11th Cavalry temporarily ceased to exist as a “regiment” as its units were re-designated and assigned to divisions and groups.

Research Sources: *History of the U.S. Cavalry; 11th U.S. Cavalry Blackhorse; The Philippine War 1899-1902; Presidio of Monterey Museum.*

Show Your Pride

Keith Godwin (Air Cavalry Troop, 71 – 72), shows his pride on his black 1999 Honda Valkyrie motorcycle. Keith is from High Springs, Florida



Vietnam Without The Jungle

■ Seminar in Colorado Springs will deal with Agent Orange and PTSD in a no-nonsense fashion

By Rick O'Dell, 11th ACVVC Veterans Service Chair

Any of us who have turned on a television during Gulf War II were exposed to scenes eerily reminiscent of similar ones from our youth. In a recent e-mail to me, one of our cavalry troopers captured the essence of what so many of us have been feeling. He was right on target when he wrote; "Watching a young TC atop his tank thunder running a road in Iraq looked just like Vietnam without the jungle."

News coverage of this war was phenomenal. Combat action, albeit sanitized of the blood and gore, can now be broadcast around the world and into homes as it occurs. For those who have never seen it in person, the news' combat images were at the least morbidly fascinating and for some even addictive. Yet, for many of us who have actually seen war, these news images make us suddenly smell diesel fuel and cordite; hear the whoosh of RPG's; and feel the concussion of outgoing and incoming shells.

Exposure to combat is arguably life's most intense experience. Winston Churchill perhaps said it best; "There is nothing quite as exhilarating as being shot at — other than being shot at and missed." If you watched images of Gulf War II flash across your TV screen and it caused you to remember dormant or disturbing memories of our own

combat experiences, you are not alone. On the other hand, if your memories are intruding on your everyday life you might be suffering from some symptoms associated with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). Again, you are not alone.

Symptoms may range from mild feelings of discomfort to deep depression that affects not only you but also your entire family. If you are suffering call your local Vet Center or VA Medical Center. Both are quite skilled at helping you alleviate the symptoms. The thrust into Iraq was an Armored Cavalry war. Blackhorse troopers, perhaps more so than any other group of Vietnam veterans, can identify with the images of Gulf War II. A VA psychiatrist friend recently related to me that since the beginning of Gulf War II he has seen an ever-increasing number of re-traumatized veterans seeking help.

During our reunion in Colorado Springs this year we will again sponsor a Veterans Benefits Seminar. As it was last year in Nashville, it will deal extensively with PTSD and with Agent Orange issues. In a no-nonsense fashion we will separate fact from fiction about these issues and give you useful and hopefully helpful information. So, plan to attend the Seminar while at the reunion if you've found the Gulf War II coverage to be somewhat disturbing. Again, you won't be alone.

Regimental Support Squadron Activities

By: LTC Frank Wenzel, Squadron Commander, Regimental Support Squadron

The Regimental Support Squadron acted as the "pusher unit," supporting the January and February deployments of our sister squadrons and the Regimental HQ. We also immediately assumed the mission of heading up the support to the family members of our Blackhorse Troopers. Whether providing for the immediate material needs of the family of a casualty or insuring correct information flows through the family support channels, support to families is our primary mission.

We provide support to the Family Readiness Groups and we operate the Family Wellness Center here at Fort Irwin. Our secondary mission is to act as HQ, 11th ACR (rear), providing command and control for the 9 ACR commands (including 4 rear dets) remaining here in California. We also perform all personnel, logistics, budget, maintenance, and tasking functions for the Regiment at Ft. Irwin.

Finally, we're still performing the ongoing mission of the National Training Center: training our Army's imminently deploying Brigades. In this role, we provide up to 500 Soldiers each month to live in mock Iraqi villages on the NTC battlefield. Our Soldiers are routinely dressed as Iraqi civilians and create conditions quite similar to those our Soldiers can expect to encounter once they deploy to Iraq. We also perform our routine battlefield combat service support functions.

Since we didn't have any training missions scheduled from January thru March, the Squadron embarked on an aggressive program of training on tasks from the individual through troop level. We culminated this rare training opportunity with a Squadron-level field training exercise, including sending every platoon through convoy lanes and convoy live fire. The Regimental Support Squadron stands ready for any assigned mission, whether it be continued support to our deployed Soldiers' families, providing an opposing force on the NTC battlefield, or deployment to a theater of operations.

Unidentified Troop Assignments of Our KIA

We have done a great deal of research to determine the specific units for our KIA's. In some cases however there is conflicting unit information. We need your help in identifying the correct unit for the following KIA's. If you recognize anyone on this list, please contact: Allen Hathaway, 13194 Rettew Dr, Manassas, VA 20112; 703-791-6610; 11thcav1966@comcast.net A complete list of our KIA's can be view at our website: www.11thcavnam.com

RANK	NAME	HOME OF RECORD	DATE	SQDN
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PVT	Brown, William Arthur	Detroit, MI	03/21/1967	
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PFC	Hodgson, Douglas Ralph	Des Moines, IA	05/06/1967	
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SP4	Jourdan-Font, Jorge Luis	Rio Piedras, PR	11/27/1970	
PFC	Lawson, James Garfield	Roanoke, VA	09/10/1967	3/11
SP4	Stahl, Edward Arnold	Westphalia, KS	05/25/1967	2/11

From the Reunion XX Co-Chairs:

See you in Colorado Springs!!

By: Dave Tessier and Chuck Schmidt,
Reunion XX, Colorado Springs, CO 2005

As The 2nd Quarter Thunder Run goes to press, Reunion XX, the 20th Anniversary Reunion planning and preparations are in full swing. The main Reunion Hotel, The Colorado Springs Sheraton is nearly sold out. There are currently no rooms available for Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, 1-3 August and only about 20 rooms left for the reunion dates of 4-6 August (Thursday-Saturday), and all smoking rooms are booked. It will help other troopers, if you have to cancel a room at the Sheraton to let Dave or Chuck know so we can help be sure our people get the canceled room. Otherwise, it might go to the general public.

We have contracted two "overflow" hotels nearby which are a short 5-7 minute walk or a very short drive from the Sheraton. We currently have 50 rooms "blocked" at the Comfort Inn and 20 at the Best Western (with the possibility of getting more based on demand).

Telephone contacts and addresses for these are shown in this issue of *Thunder Run*. Remember to mention the 11th Armored Cavalry to get the negotiated rate of \$85+ tax at the Comfort Inn and \$89+ tax at the Best Western. For those of you who want to make an extended vacation in Colorado, the Sheraton has agreed to extend the reunion rate through the following Friday, 12 August.

There is a full agenda of activities planned to include a golf tournament on Thursday; a Veterans Seminar and "Bunker Party" on Friday; Business meetings, Memorial Service (at our own Colorado Springs 11th Cavalry Memorial Site), Banquet and Dancing on Saturday; followed by Worship Service and farewells on Sunday. There still is ample time, however to do some sight seeing, venture to the top of Pikes Peak, try your luck at Cripple Creek casinos, travel to the Royal Gorge, or a myriad of other things that makes Colorado Springs a tourist Mecca! So, spend a few extra days, enjoy yourselves, and renew old friendships—that's what it's all about!!

A proposed agenda, hotel information,

directional maps from Denver and Colorado Springs Airports, major area attractions, and other information is available in this and last Quarter Thunder Run and on our Web site www.11thcavnam.com. You are urged to get hotel reservation now and to register for the reunion at the same time. We need your registration data so we can adequately plan meals, beverages, snacks, etc. On the registration form where we ask for your years in country, please indicate the calendar year, not the number of years, and under special diet, let us know if you want a vegetarian meal for the banquet on Saturday. Register early – we are going to try to implement a "first registered, first in" policy for seating in the main dining room. Late registrants may have to be directed to the "overflow room" where you will be connected via

closed circuit tv with the main banquet hall.

Lastly, we ask for your patience. It appears that we will have a large crowd at all events, and unfortunately we don't register in groups of 10 or 12 by Troop which is what the tables' seat so some Troops will have to share tables with other Troops in their Squadron. This comes up each year as a problem, but it is just a fact that we have to live with.

Please be patient, let your needs be known early to the hotel staff or your 11thacvvc board and we will do our best to accommodate everyone!! Most of all we ask you to be flexible, go with the flow and have a good time!!!! For a free vacation guide, coupons and more info go to www.experiencecoloradosprings.com.

Schedule of Events

11thACVVC Reunion XX ♦♦ 3-7 AUGUST 2005 ♦♦ Colorado Springs, CO WEDNESDAY, AUG 3

1300-1600.....REGISTRATION

THURSDAY, AUG 4

0700-1600.....GOLF TOURNAMENT

1000-1800.....REGISTRATION

1300-1800.....QUARTERMASTER

1300-2400.....BUNKER

1830-2030.....11thACVVC OFF/DIR MEETING

FRIDAY, AUG 5

1000-1800.....REGISTRATION

1000-1800.....QUARTERMASTER

1300-1500.....VETS SEMINAR

1700-2400.....BUNKER PARTY

SATURDAY, AUG 6

0830-1100.....11thACVVC MEMBERSHIP MEETING

0900-1100.....WOMENS MEETING

1100-1230.....BLACKHORSE ASSOCIATION MEETING

1100-1600.....REGISTRATION

1200-1400.....QUARTERMASTER

1400-1530.....MEMORIAL SERVICE

1800-1900.....COCKTAIL HOUR (CASH BAR)

1900 -2100BANQUET AND PROGRAM

2100-2400.....DANCING (DJ)

SUNDAY, AUG 7

0900-1300.....QUARTERMASTER

1000-1100.....WORSHIP SERVICE

ALL DAY.....FAREWELLS

From The 61st Colonel of the Regt

Blackhorse in Iraq Continues Legacy of Success

Greetings to you all from Operation Iraqi Freedom III in Iraq, where your Blackhorse Regiment continues its great legacy of combat success. As always, Command Sergeant Major Pring and I would like to first thank you for your constant and unwavering support of the Blackhorse Regiment. The past few months have been full of activity for both our Troopers and Families as the Regiment's deployment has commenced at a very rapid pace. Once again, our Troopers have proven that they are ready to deal with any situation, and you would all be proud of their attitude, performance and tactical prowess.

Our movement to Iraq began in early January with the Regimental Headquarters taking over the Headquarters of Multi-National Force-Northwest in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul. 2nd Squadron followed deploying south of Baghdad with the 155th Brigade Combat Team from the Mississippi Army National Guard, and 1st Squadron departed for Baghdad at the end of January attached to 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division. Over the last 3 months 1st and 2nd Squadron have done amazing things in their areas of responsibility. They have successfully executed numerous combat missions and partnered with local Iraqi Army units and leaders, creating a relationship where the Iraqis are taking pride and confidence in owning their country again. They have made significant strides in the area of security, capturing many high profile enemy leaders, as well as aiding in the reconstruction effort, making Iraq a better place to live for the local population. They have experienced some casualties and we are proud to have served with such great men and ask that you keep them in your thoughts as they recover. The 58th Combat Engineer Company continues to serve with distinction in the 2nd Brigade of 10th Mountain Division and will redeploy in June of 2005, completing their year long combat tour.

The 11th ACR Headquarters deployed from Fort Irwin on 13 January 2005 and took over the Multi-National Force-Northwest Headquarters as Task Force Freedom on the 23rd of January. The



Specialist Rene Jones spending time with the local children while out on a security mission in the city of Mosul.

Northwest area of Iraq has its headquarters located in the city of Mosul and includes a very diverse range of ethnicities and cultures. Our area includes the Provinces of Irbil, Dahuk and Ninewah and extends from the Iranian border in the East all the way to the Turkish and Syrian borders in the North and West and includes Tal Afar, Sinjar, and the border crossing at Rabiya. The fight for freedom continues to be a tough one that the Iraqi people, with our help, are winning. The weather has been beautiful with lots of precipitation, but has slowly begun the climb in temperature as we approach the summer months.

Immediately after our arrival, the Regimental Staff was faced with the awesome responsibility of coordinating the Iraqi National Elections. As you well know, it was a huge success and Task Force Freedom gained confidence in their ability to fulfill their immense responsibility as a Division Level Staff. As attacks in our area increased, it became apparent that a larger staff and more combat forces were necessary to successfully secure and rebuild the Northwest Area of Iraq. In March we welcomed an additional 52 members to our staff from the 103rd Field Artillery from Baghdad, significantly increasing our capa-

bilities. Brigadier General (P) David M. Rodriguez, assumed command of Task Force Freedom on 1 April 05. As we go to print, the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Brave Rifles, joins our team. We remain focused on neutralizing the insurgency and partnering with the Iraqi Security Forces and government to help them win their fight for democracy.

Our Troopers have always had reason to be proud of serving in the Blackhorse Regiment, in part because of the efforts of veterans like you. Now more than ever, the Regiment's deployment brings home to all our Troopers the importance of knowing our remarkable history and Cavalry traditions. On 5 May 2005 we will complete a new chapter of 11th ACR history with our Combat Patch Ceremony, where all the 11th ACR Troopers will proudly receive their Blackhorse combat patch. We ask that you keep our Troopers and their families in your prayers and thank you greatly for your continued support and great sacrifice that makes us proud to follow in your footsteps.

ALLONS!

*Peter C. Bayer Jr.
61st Colonel of the Blackhorse*

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Right After Losing the How Deuce and a Half

BY: Wes Slimmer,
HOW, 1/11, 1967 - 1968

After losing the 1-How maintenance deuce and a half, we had no transportation or a place to sleep, (Smock and I had been sleeping in the back of the truck with the parts and equipment, and sergeant Engle, John Lee, and Leo Beahmer slept in a lean-to off the side of the truck), we rode on the guns, and had a tent to set up until we were issued a new vehicle. We had our normal cots to sleep on so it wasn't too bad, except for the time it took to get set up. The maintenance crew always did their maintenance after coming off convoy, while the guns were setting up, and we had set the truck up so that it was handy, easy and quick to get settled.

At one location, we had set up on the top of a hill, and deployed our tent, (again right after the truck incident,), it was late, and most of the troops were asleep; I was suddenly jarred awake by my body hitting the ground next to my cot. As I lay there still trying to figure out what was going on, I felt the ground shaking, or should I say bouncing... and then it suddenly stopped.

We exited the tent and everyone was awake and outside their sleeping areas, weapons in hands, looking around in the dark for the problem, it wasn't a mortar attack, and the guys on guard had no indication of anything but the shaking, and flashing down in the valley. Because there was no evident issue, the guards were alerted to stay on their toes and everyone returned to what they were doing. I must say that that incident was very spooky, but in some cases, like this one, it's better not to know what's going on.

When dawn broke, and everyone was awake enough to figure out what had happened, it was determined that the B-52s had flown over and made a run, close enough to knock us out of our bunks with 500 pound bombs.

Needless to say, it didn't set well with anyone on the ground. Later we would host the commander of the B-52 group, and our commander would fly some missions on the planes. So, we, the Tanks and Howitzers, had a distance and accuracy show for the "Fly Boy". I got some movie footage of one, when they used white phosphorous.

From COL Bayer 11th ACR
To: Vice-President Gene Johnson
Gene;

You guys are awesome!!!! Thanks for taking the time to continue to support our Troopers and Families. Can not tell you how much it means to us. Your Regiment is doing great here. Can not begin to tell you the feats our Troopers are accomplishing every day in the face of the most complex environment I have ever been in. From fighting insurgents to helping Iraqi citizens restore their neighborhoods and establish an effective government—they do it all, often going from a lethal engagement with the enemy to helping citizens in a matter of minutes. They make it look easy and do us all proud to be associated with them. Just spent a day with 2/11 and they are doing super.

Thanks again for your continued support.

BLACKHORSE!
/s/ Pete
PETER C. BAYER JR.
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Task Force 2 – 11 ACR

By: 1LT James Hendon

Task Force 2-11 ACR has represented the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment with distinction during its first three months in Iraq. After spending three weeks of preparation time in Kuwait, Task Force 2-11 deployed its main body into central Iraq in late January. Originally slated to occupy an area of operations surrounding the city of Mahmediya, the Eaglehorse Squadron was diverted in January to occupy an area of operations that included the cities of Iskandariyah, Haswah, and Eskan. Task Force 2-11 ACR's area of operations, commonly known as "AO Battle," is roughly 30 miles south of Baghdad between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. Contrary to the stereotype that all terrain in Iraq is desert-like, AO Battle is evergreen and very fertile. The landscape on which Eaglehorse soldiers patrol is filled with irrigation ditches, canals, sheep, farms, and palm trees. AO Battle consists of three urbanized cities and four villages; the AO has an estimated population of over 260,000 people.

Before Task Force 2-11 arrived in Iraq, Haswah had a reputation of being an insurgent hideout. Interpreters were afraid to go into Haswah, even with armed U.S. soldiers. According to several analysts, Haswah was predicted to be "the next Fallujah." However, after flooding the AO with Eaglehorse soldiers, violent activity in AO Battle

decreased drastically. Since January, the number of attacks on Task Force soldiers has diminished exponentially. Additionally, indirect fire attacks on the Eaglehorse Squadron's Forward Operating Base (FOB), named FOB Kalsu, have dropped by 50 percent since TF 2-11 arrived in the AO. Economic and civil leaders who were once afraid of opening businesses and embracing democracy now do so freely because they feel safe thanks to the efforts of the Eaglehorse Squadron.

Along with protecting the Iraqi people, Task Force 2-11 ACR has done a great job of developing the Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) in the area. By training and integrating the ISF into our operations, Task Force Eaglehorse has laid the foundation for the Iraqi Police and the Iraqi Army to one day become the sole protectors of Iraq. Integration between the Eaglehorse Squadron and the ISF was never more present than during a joint TF 2-11 ACR and ISF raid on the Hateen Weapons Complex in late March. During the raid, thousands of small arms rounds, hundreds of indirect fire rounds, and various bomb-making materials were seized and destroyed.

In a tradition dating back to 1901 in the Philippines, Second Squadron, Eleventh Armored Cavalry Regiment is once again aggressively answering the call to fight for freedom and democracy abroad.

First Squadron

By LTC Jim Blackburn,
Squadron Commander

1st Squadron continues to gain contact and destroy the enemy. Through the tough work and unparalleled dedication of our troopers, the citizens of Baghdad become more secure, healthier and receive more essential services such as sewage, fresh water, electricity and schools every day. We are glad to welcome our comrades from EAGLEHORSE, F/11 ACR and G/11 ACR. Additionally, we have gained both B/1-13 AR and B/70 ENG from Fort Riley. These units, along with B/11 ACR, C/11 ACR and HHT 1/11, have formed an effective Task Force that I can unequivocally say is unparalleled in the Division.

Our tasks have been many and varied since we departed the high Mojave Desert. We conduct continuous combat operations bringing terrorists to justice. The troopers of this Squadron have been an integral part in providing security for the Transitional National Assembly Sessions', denying terrorists the opportunity of disrupting the Government's future and conducting cordon and searches to find and destroy weapons caches.

While security has been our primary focus, we have embedded a team with our Iraqi Army Battalion. With the hard work and dedication of our troopers, this Iraqi Army Battalion has increasingly taken more battle space, and now controls the majority of northeast Baghdad. They have been successful in bringing over 100 terrorists to justice for crimes against the Iraqi people.

Our efforts have not stopped there. We have worked hand in hand with the Neighborhood Advisory and District Advisory Councils to address infrastructure issues. We have completed over \$1.4 million in sewage projects, increasing the sewage capacity budget by over 30%, reducing sewage from peoples' front yards and streets.

As we prepare for future missions, we will continue to kill or capture the enemy and engage the local populace to make a better and safer Iraq. I could not ask for a greater honor than serving with these great troopers and knowing they are making the Regiment proud.

Allons!

Show Your Pride

Larry Klein (HOW Battery, 2/11, 66 – 67), sports this beautiful windscreen design around Valdosta, Georgia. He says he does it: . . . "remembering my brother troopers and honoring all."



INFANTRY SOLDIERS

A fighting soldier that's what I am,
 always ready to give a hand,
 I trained in daylight, I trained at night,
 and always ready to invade and fight,
 one day my country called out to me,
 they sent me far, far across the sea.

They sent me to a place called Vietnam,
 where many Americans had previously gone.
 Mosquitos, humidity, jungle, swamps,
 rice paddies, vigorous mountains,
 that's all that's there,
 and a little man Charlie,
 who's found everywhere.
 The Viet Cong I must always fight,
 so I can live another night.

Then one night it happened to me,
 By a Viet Cong I didn't see,
 He fired twice directly at me,
 and I slumped to the ground
 behind a tree.

My chest was burning I couldn't see,
 I then knew it was the end of me.
 A medic helped to ease the pain,
 But I could see in his eyes
 It was all in vain.

My body was warm from my blood that spilled,
 I knew I'd be another soldier killed.
 My love for freedom
 my love for life,
 was about to end in foreign strife.
 The infantry soldier to heaven they go,
 for they live a life not many know.
 So come join us young men
 don't be afraid,
 soldiers are gallant
 and always brave.

By: Johnny Manuel Amador, HHT, Scouts, 1969 – 1970

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Women's Corner

By Barb Moreno, 11th ACVVC Women's Coordinator

A h h . . . the first day of spring. The flowers are starting to poke their heads up from the frozen soil, the sky is blue and the grass is finally turning green. Gone are the long cold days of winter. NOT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

As I write this, we are in the middle of a heavy snowstorm. The weather station is predicting at least 16 more inches of the cold, wet, white stuff.

Remember when we were kids and our parents would say "if it would just snow on the ground and stay off the roads"? We would think they were awful for thinking such a thing. Why, snow meant a day off from school, a snowman, a good old fashion snowball fight with the rest of the neighborhood kids and sled riding down Dead Mans Hill. Now, we have found that we have turned into our parents. "If it would just stay off the roads."

Do you all remember the article I wrote last January? It was the one about the military unit that was staying at our hotel who were leaving for Iraq. I told of the proposal of one young man to his sweetheart, an AWOL attempt by another and the breakup of another couple. It was an extremely emotional night.

Well they came home a couple of weeks ago. I had gone into work for a 3-11 shift and the manager said to me, there is a whole lot of military staying with us tonight and a lot of them keep asking for you. It made me wonder and think, is it, could it be -. As I was working on one of my reports, a guest came to the desk and said Hi Barb, we're back. Yes, it was my unit.

We had a wonderful reunion that night, they sent out for pizza and a lot of them stopped to talk. I cried when I found out that they had lost two members. One I remembered very well, as he was the one that had proposed to his girl. He had been killed in an explosion while on patrol. I also cried as a guy and girl came down the hall with a beautiful little girl about 6 months old and placed her in my arms. It was the baby that one of the guys had wanted to go AWOL because of. As I held her and smelled that wonderful smell that all babies have, all I could do was look at him and say, "See I told you it would be worth it." He agreed that he was now glad that he had indeed not left.

As they all scattered that night, some just to their rooms for some alone quiet time with their loved ones, some to the movies, some to the 'refreshment' places downtown, I had a few moments to myself to think about a little over a year ago and to offer a silent prayer of thanks for their safe return, as well as one for those they had so tragically lost. It also started me thinking about all that are still there and are still to go. I can only hope and pray that the Lord will watch over them too.

Life in our home has been extremely busy. I for the past month have been finding myself working 6 out of 7 days a week. (Great on the paycheck) The owners of the hotel I work at are building another one about an hour and a half from here so there has been lots to do to help get it ready to open next month. Personally for me, it has meant a lot of training of the new manager. She has to know how to do *everything* there is to do in the

hotel. So, I had to teach her everything a Guest Service Rep does at the front desk. Now this includes not only checking guest in and out, but how the sheets and towels are folded in the laundry each day, dealing with the housekeepers, how to test and adjust the chemicals in the pool, how to correct things that may be wrong in the computer and the credit card machine, and who and when to call to get things fixed. Of course, now we are receiving boxes and boxes of supplies for the new hotel. They as yet have nowhere to put them, so they pile up at ours. But I must admit it has been a wonderful learning experience. I never realized that so much went into starting a new business.

Well reunion 2005 is not far off. I hope you have all made your hotel and travel arrangements. I understand the hotel is filling fast. I have gotten that much done, now I'm sort of watching the airline prices. I can hardly wait to see everyone again. I'm like a little kid on Christmas morning when it gets close to reunion time. The wait seems forever. I hope all of you will enjoy yourselves as much as Bob and I do each year. I guarantee you will have a wonderful time and make so many lifelong friends.

Again, I want to remind you to send or bring to reunion your favorite recipes. We still don't have very many but I know we can do this project and make it a HUGE success for the scholarship fund. We will have forms for you to take to put your recipes on at the registration table.

See you all in Colorado Springs.

Always

Barb

!BORDER LEGION TROOPERS!

JOINT 11TH ACR (ALLONS)/14TH ACR (SUIVEZ MOI) BORDER LEGION REUNION PLANNED JUNE 1-5 2005

For our members who served in the Border Legion as well as in Vietnam and Cambodia, information is being provided on a reunion currently being planned to be held in Fulda, Germany the first week in June 2005. The events schedule is in the planning stages, but will include activities in Bad Hersfeld and Bad Kissingen for Troopers who served in the 3rd or 2nd Squadrons respectively. Fulda will be the center of the gathering and will include Fest Tent; Local tours as well as tours of former East Germany landmarks; OP ALPHA Ceremonies; Memorial Services; Banquet; etc.

More information may be found at the following websites:

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Calling People Names

Did you know that the word “Christian” was originally a derogatory word? That’s right. It was a slang term for people who the name-callers were slamming as a category of people they didn’t like or consider worthwhile. The word itself originally meant “follower of Christ.” It still means that and sometimes a lot more too. One of the places where Christianity started was a city named Antioch. It was on the east coast of the Mediterranean Sea north of Israel where Lebanon is now. It was in Antioch where people didn’t like Christians because they were different and changed from what they had been before they became followers of Christ. Actually, they had changed for the better and called their experience “born-again.” But the Antioch people didn’t like it so they demeaned them by calling them “Christian.”

Does this sound familiar? There are plenty of ways to demean people, to show a strong lack of respect for them as worthy humans, by calling them names and I don’t mean names of endearment. Names of endearment are just fine, wonderful even. For example, “son” is a good name to call a young boy that you like and show respect for. Sometimes he’s your own kid; sometimes you don’t even know him. “Ladies and gentlemen” is a way to address people when you have something to say to a group that you want to show respect for. If you didn’t respect them you’d use a different way of getting their attention, wouldn’t you?

Moving right along, there are bad names people use that are not respectful or endearing. I won’t be completely specific because I get into enough trouble as it is. But I will give a hint so you know what I’m talking about. We all know what the “N” word is. It’s so offensive that I won’t spell it out here. For a black African American the “N” word has such a strong background and has caused so much harm that, I’ll leave it alone except for mentioning it to make the point. The point being that some names are demeaning and disrespectful for whole groups of people that don’t deserve it.

For the past several years many Viet Nam vets have experienced healing from their scars of war including hatred of the Vietnamese people.

During World War II, I was a little kid. I was eight when the war ended in 1945. I remember that we used to holler about putting Tojo in the garbage can. We used to mock Hitler by putting our left index finger across our upper lip to simulate his mustache and giving the Nazi salute with our right hand. We called the Japanese “Japs” and the Germans “Krauts.” Here’s where it gets more complicated and I’ll tell you why:

In war, when someone is actively trying to bash, maim, and send you to your ancestors and it’s one of your functions to send him to his own ancestors, then I believe it’s perfectly acceptable to call him bad names. After all, he (or she) is a proven bad person in that context. So to call the bad enemy a Jap, Kraut or other bad name is legitimate in the situation. However, this principle does not apply to people who are not your enemy, even if they are the same ethnic group as your enemy. To illustrate, I’ll tell you my friend’s story. Eric was a boy during WWII. He happened to be Japanese-American. He lived with his family in Hawaii. He was fortunate for living there because at the beginning of the war our government forced Japanese-American families who lived on the mainland West Coast to leave their home and business. They were sent off to an internment camp somewhere far away in an isolated part of the west. Eric was Japanese by ethnic background, but he was American by birth and citizenship. He came from a certain ethnic background and so does every American. But Eric was not a Jap. A Jap was the enemy. A Japanese was a person deserving the same respect and treatment as everyone else. By the way, Eric eventually joined the United States Army, served in Viet Nam where he lost half his foot, commanded a cav squadron in Schweinfurt, Germany where I knew him, and became Chief of Staff of the Army. His name is Eric Shinseki.

These same principles apply to Viet Nam. Oh, oh. “Don’t go getting personal, Chaplain.” OK. I’ll just talk about the prin-

ciple, you make the application. You may have noticed from somewhere that I occasionally repeat names we used in Viet Nam when we were talking about the enemy, the VC or NVA. These people were really trying to kill you. That made them fair game for being called bad names. Note: this only applied to that certain category of people. No more. So calling them Gooks, Dinks and such is fair enough. However, it became very problematical when our guys would apply the same names of disrespect across the board to every person who was Vietnamese. I’ve made this clear wherever I go because it’s what I believe and it’s what I stood for over there in the Nam and back here at home as well.

As Americans, we stand for certain human rights based on the value of every person. Even our constitution says, “all men are created equal and are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights...” We violate our American way whenever we demean a whole group of people just because of the color of their skin, the shape of their eyes, or the kind of food they eat. Whenever we demean people by labeling them with disrespectful names, it violates the very reason we fight war. Whatever our politics of war in Viet Nam, we were there to at least try to benefit those people. It doesn’t make sense to fight, die, and sacrifice as Americans for people and then demean them with bad names. It not only makes no sense, but it violates the very purpose for which our buddies gave their lives and all of us came back so different from how we went.

For the past several years many Viet Nam vets have experienced healing from their scars of war including hatred of the Vietnamese people. On the other hand, I’ve known Vietnamese people who also hated Americans because of their own experiences during that war. Both American and Vietnamese vets sometimes thought of each other in demeaning ways. I’ve known plen-

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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*.

NAME	UNIT	DATES	NAME	UNIT	DATES
Acuna, Arnold	B Troop, 1/11	1969-1969	Hawk, John T	H Company, 2/11	1967-1967
Aleman, David O	H Company, 2/11	1969-1970	Henagan, Mickey L	HHT Regiment and HHT, 3/11	1970-1971
Anderson, David L	K Troop, 3/11	1968-1969	Henry, Ronald L	HHT Regiment	1970-1971
Anderson, James A	B Troop, 1/11 and K Troop, 3/11	1969-1971	Hinojosa, Leonard	H Company and G Troop 2/11	1970-1971
Arndt, David C	E Troop, 2/11	1968-1968	Hobbie, William L	AIR CAV Troop	1968-1969
Ates, Harry E	K Troop, 3/11	1966-1967	Howard, Dennis W	HHT, 1/11	1970-1970
Bailey, Clark J li	HHT Regiment	1968-1969	Howe, Jack D Jr.	HOW, 1/11	1970-1971
Bailey, Otis J	I Troop, 3/11	1968-1969	Hruby, Dale E	HHT, 2/11 and HHT, Regiment	1968-1969
Barberic, Dennis J	E Troop, 2/11	1967-1968	Hughes, Guy R	HHT Regiment	1967-1968
Benitez, Joachim	510th Engineer Company	1969-1970	Hulik, Edward J	919th Engineers	1970-1971
Bennett, Richard C	HHT REGT	1970-1971	Hungerford, Homer	AIR CAV Troop and HHT, 2/11	1969-1970
Bergin, Edward J	L Troop, 3/11	1969-1970	Hunnicut, John R	HOW, 2/11 and G Troop	1970-1970
Blake, Peter	HHT REGT	1968-1969	Hyatt, Jefferson D Jr.	K Troop, 3/11	1966-1967
Bowman, Dwight E	K Troop, 3/11	1966-1967	Iannone, Richard D	37th MED Company	1969-1970
Brennan, Michael D	591st Engineer Company	1967-1967	Itami, David M	B Troop, 1/11	1969-1970
Brown, Gary L	D Company, 1/11	1967-1968	Jackson, Ronald E	HOW, 2/11	1970-1971
Brown, Hal L Jr	K Troop, 3/11	1970-1970	Jenkins, Leon	HHT Regiment	1967-1968
Brown, Richard B	H Company, 2/11	1971-1971	Johnson, Wayne A	AIR CAV Troop	1967-1968
Burl, Albert	HHT, and F Troop 2/11	1967-1968	Johnston, William D	C Troop, 1/11	1970-1970
Bustos, John M	919th Engineers	1967-1968	Jones, King B	-	-
Caldwell, Dennis A	I Troop, 3/11	1968-1969	Jones, Phil	398th TRANS	1969-1970
Campbell, Douglas B	K Troop, 3/11	1969-1970	Kemp, Ronald I	HHT, 1/11 and HHT, 2/11	1970-1971
Carpenter, Ralph A	398th Trans	1968-1969	Kent, Thomas G	AIR CAV Troop	1966-1967
Carr, Hoye L	398th Trans	1971-1972	King, Jimmy R	HHT Regiment	1969-1970
Carter, Donald A	F Troop, 2/11	1967-1968	King, Willie O	HHT, 1/11	1967-1968
Carter, Stanley R	A Troop, 1/11	1970-1970	Knoche, Verne A	K Troop, 3/11	1966-1967
Cawly, John D	541st MID	1970-1971	Kratky, John S Jr.	E Troop, 2/11	1968-1969
Clark, Glenn M	D Company, and C Troop, 1/11	1968-1969	Kroetsch, George E	HHT Regiment	1970-1970
Collins, Charles	HOW, 2/11	1968-1969	Lee, Lawrence W	E Troop, 2/11	1969-1970
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Connolly, Gerald T	HOW, 1/11	1970-1971	Lint, Gary	409th RRD	1970-1970
Cranford, Thomas N	L Troop, and HHT, 3/11	1968-1969	Littau, James J	H Company, 2/11	1970-1970
Crawford, David M	506th S&S Company	1967-1968	Lombardo, Stephen P	HHT, 3/11	1969-1969
Crisp, Donald V	K Troop, 3/11	1968-1969	Lopata, Robert J	398th TRANS	1969-1971
Crowe, Jody M	E Troop, 2/11	1969-1970	Lyons, Tommy L	HHT Regiment	1967-1968
Currie, Thomas P	D Company, 1/11	1968-1969	Lytle, Timothy	HHT, 3/11	1970-1971
Cyr, Raymond L	HHT Regiment	1966-1967	Magur, Michael	B Troop, 1/11	1966-1967
Daschke, Carl E	HOW, 2/11	1966-1967	Malgari, John M	HHT, 2/11	1970-1971
Dellinger, Fred L	541st MID and HHT, 3/11	1970-1970	Marino, Peter T Sr.	K Troop, 3/11	1969-1970
Dickinson, James R	HHT, 1/11	1968-1969	Marquis, Edward M	B Troop, and HHT, 1/11	1970-1970
Doremus, John H	HHT, 2/11	1967-1968	Marsh, Byron D	HHT, 2/11	1970-1970
Duwe, Michael G	B Troop, 1/11 and HHT Regiment	1969-1970	Marshman, Hank	I Troop, 3/11	1966-1967
Ehrenberg, Arthur	409th RRD	1969-1970	Martin, Michael E	L Troop, 3/11	1969-1970
Emory, Morris S Jr.	M Company, 3/11	1968-1969	Mccombs, William E	HHT REGT	1967-1968
Evans, Denver	506th S&S Company	1968-1969	Mchenry, Robert L	K Troop, 3/11	1967-1968
Evans, Pete A	L Troop, 3/11	1968-1969	Mcneill, Gary L	C Troop, 1/11	1969-1969
Evans, Philip E	D Company, 1/11	1968-1970	Merriman, James R	37th MED Company	1969-1970
Faber, Steven E	K Troop, 3/11	1969-1970	Miller, Albert W	HHT, 1/11	1967-1968
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Gale, Ronald R	F Troop, 2/11	1968-1969	Minard, William R	L Troop, 3/11	1968-1969
Gallman, David P	L Troop, 3/11	1969-1970	Moore, Samuel H	F Troop, 2/11	1967-1968
Garland, Stanley D	I Troop, 3/11	1968-1969	Morrison, Willie L Sr.	E Troop, 2/11	1966-1967
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Gautreaux, Ivan P	AIR CAV Troop	1966-1967	Myers, Wendell A	A Troop, 1/11	1968-1969
Gibbs, Richard J	B Troop, 1/11	1966-1967	Nugent, Robert N	D Company, 1/11	1969-1969
Golder, Lawrence B	HHT Regiment	1968-1969	Pace, David C	L Troop, 3/11	1969-1971
Gorby, Walter G	E Troop, 2/11	1967-1969	Parker, Charles R	HHT Regiment	1967-1968
Gunn, Dennis M	I Troop, 3/11	1969-1970	Pehr, Bert L	HHT, 3/11	1970-1971
Hanson, Kirby A	HHT, 2/11	1966-1967	Pelletier, Roland G	398th TRANS	1970-1972
Harrington, Garry W	HOW, 2/11	1969-1969	Ponce, C J	HHT, 3/11	1969-1970
Harris, Charles	HHT, 1/11	1967-1968	Ponce, Robert	F Troop, 2/11	1970-1971

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Potopa, John A	L Troop, 3/11	1968-1969	Stokes, William M Iii	HHT, 2/11	1971-1972
Price, Henry A	L Troop, 3/11	1970-1971	Stoyanoff, Christie L	F Troop, 2/11	1968-1968
Ramirez, Phillip S Jr.	E Troop, 2/11	1969-1970	Swanger, Jerry F	I Troop, 3/11	1965-1967
Ramsey, James L	L Troop, 3/11	1968-1969	Swiatek, Daniel A	HHT, 3/11	1968-1968
Ramsey, Michael A	I Troop, 3/11	1969-1969	Thorpe, William R	HHT, 2/11	1969-1970
Raper, Ronald E	506th S&S Company	1967-1968	Tomchick, James A	K Troop, 3/11	1969-1969
Reddell, Coy L	L Troop, 3/11	1966-1967	Tovar, Mark A	F Troop, 2/11	1970-1970
Reed, David J	HHT Regiment	1970-1971	Towe, Danny C	E Troop, 2/11	1969-1970
Reinick, Harold R	AIR CAV Troop	1968-1969	Vandevyer, Michael V	HHT Regiment	1969-1970
Reyes, Jose O	C Troop, 1/11	1970-1971	Vickers, Rannie G	B Troop, 1/11	1968-1969
Riggs, John C	919th Engineers	1970-1971	Vollbrecht, Kenney L	HHT Regiment	1970-1971
Ringstad, Michael T	H Company, 2/11	1968-1969	Wagner, Earl L	E Troop, 2/11	1969-1970
Rosie, Peter	G Troop, 2/11	1970-1972	Wallach, Richard	D Company, 1/11	1969-1969
Ruiz, Gregorio	B Troop, 1/11	1970-1970	Wasik, Walter E	919th Engineers	1966-1967
Saye, Mike L	F Troop, 2/11	1969-1970	Watt, Roland J	D Company, 1/11	1967-1967
Sayers, Kenneth L	G Troop, 2/11	1968-1969	Weaver, Harmon E	L Troop, 3/11	1969-1970
Self, Jerry L	HHT Regiment and 33rd Chem Det.	1969-1970	Wilcox, William H	B Troop, 1/11	1967-1968
Sherman, Earland J	HOW, 2/11	1971-1971	Wilkerson, Danny	A Troop, 1/11	1968-1969
Shiota, Wilfred	I Troop, 3/11	1967-1967	Williams, Harry F	L Troop, 3/11	1968-1969
Sierzant, Mark B	HHT, 3/11	1968-1969	Williams, Robert A		1970-1971
Smart, Donald L	AIR CAV Troop	1969-1970	Wilson, Frederick L Sr.	HOW, 3/11	1969-1969
Spear, Rodger T	A Troop, 1/11	1968-1969	Wood, Loren D	I Troop, 3/11	1966-1967
Spence, Charles W	E Troop, 2/11	1970-1971	Woodyard, Vernon V	HOW, 1/11	1968-1969
Stagliano, David J Sr.	HHT, 2/11	1967-1968	Works, Michael	I Troop, 3/11	1970-1971
Stephens, Alton E		1968-1969	Wurm, Thomas W	L Troop, 3/11	1970-1971
Stephens, James O	F Troop, 2/11	1970-1971	Zimmerman, William A	HHT, and C Troop, 1/11	1966-1967

Incoming...

From **Adrian Vaaler**, (HHT, Regiment, 1969 – 1970): The 2nd Annual Eugene, Oregon 11th Cavalry Picnic will take place on Saturday, July 16. Start time is noon. Al Murphy has agreed to host the event again. Last year we began with seven including five Blackhorse troopers. We have to start somewhere. Also, we will organize an 11th Cavalry float for the Eugene Veteran's Day parade next November. If you're interested in one or both events, please email Adrian Vaaler at BlackhorseEugene@aol.com

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From **Larry E. Hall**, (D Company, 1/11, 1969): D Company will be having a mini reunion in Louisville, Kentucky August 18th – 21st. The reunion will be at the Holiday Inn Airport South, 2715 Fern Valley Road. Telephone is (502) 964 -3311. Room rates are \$65.00 per day plus taxes, which will be good the whole week. There is a free shuttle to and from the airport. For more information contact: Larry E. Hall cavtanker33@msn.com 606-678-5331

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From **Don Reed**, (398th Trans, 1968 – 1969): The Wall That Heals, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's Traveling Wall will make a stop in Toledo, Ohio Aug 4-7 2005. Sponsorship for this stop is by the UAW Veterans Organization and will be at GM Powertrain Park near Jackman and Alexis Rd. While final plans for the ceremonies are still being finalized, I would like to know if any local Blackhorse Troopers would be interested in participating in a wreath laying to remember our Brothers. I know this is during the reunion but perhaps those who cannot go there can come here. If interested contact: Don Reed, 7310 Silo Meadows Temperance, Mi 48182, Phone: (734) 847-1767. trkdon@hotmail.com

The following information has been provided by our Troopers:

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From **Ron Krueger** (HHT, 1/11, 1966 – 1967): Come Join Us! Everyone Welcome! The 14th Annual Northern California Blackhorse Potluck / BBQ. Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005 from 11:00 to ????. Slidehill Park, Davis, California. Bring something to BBQ, something to share (salad, desert, or munchies) and beverage of choice. Directions: I-80 to Davis, Take the Mace Blvd. Exit off I-80. Proceed north around bend (Mace becomes Covell Blvd.) to Monarch Lane, turn left, and then first right on Temple. Park is one block ahead on left. Watch for balloons and signs. RSVP: Ron Krueger, (530) 758-0351. ronkrue@hotmail.com.

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From **Billy R. Montgomery**, (HHT, 3/11, 1969): In either late October or more probable early November of 1969, I was sent to be track commander on a flame track, in the field with I Troop. The previous T.C. had been killed. Operations were on going near Tai Ninh where I was flown to report to serve on this vehicle. Upon arrival, I remember persons from the 919th Engineers sweeping the area around the vehicle. One of these men said it was clear and that I could radio the I Troop C.O. as to where we were to fall into column. After receiving orders, we moved maybe 20 ft. and hit a mine. I recall several men coming to the vehicle and as with them my concerns were more with the fellow who was driving. He had gotten a broken nose and was bleeding badly. There was a medic there, and about 4 other men, one of them had taken down some pertinent information, telling me that it may be of importance later in life. Any verification of this incident could help me greatly with VA claim. If you can help, contact: Billy R. Montgomery, P.O. Box 24, Hereford, CO 80732. Phone: (970) 895-2442.



Journey to Fiddler's Green

We're sorry to report the following Troopers have taken the journey to Fiddler's Green. Our deepfelt sympathy and sincere condolences to their families and friends. (Editor's Note: Thanks to Allen Hathaway's diligent research we have found many brothers who passed away in recent years that we did not know about. Because of this, our Fiddler's Green column is longer this quarter and will be for a few quarters until we have a chance to honor all our fallen brethren).

Kenneth O. Barton, who served with B Troop, 1/11, (1970) passed away on November 8, 2004. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Florida.

Norman J. Bellomy, who served with B Troop, 1/11 (1969 – 1970) passed away on December 16, 2003. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Louisville, Kentucky.

Ronnie D. Briley, who served with HHT, 3/11, (1970) passed away on October 17, 2000. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Columbiana, Alabama.

Thomas M. Bunce, who served with I Troop, 3/11(1967–1969) passed away on March 19, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Scio, Oregon.

Michael E. Burks, who served with I Troop, 3/11(1967–1969) passed away on May 3, 2001. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Libby, Montana.

Joseph P. Calabrese, who served with I Troop, 3/11(1969) passed away on January 21, 2001. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Weston, Florida.

Lyndell Cavender, who served with the 409th RRD, (1967–1968) passed away on September 14, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Chandler, Texas.

Albert C. Charles, who served with B Troop, 1/11 (1968–1969) passed away on January 2, 1999. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Willingboro, New Jersey.

Douglas V. Cheers, who served with K Troop, 3/11 (1970) passed away on October 11, 2003. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Wichita, Kansas.

Edward A. Clark, who served with How Battery, 1/11 (1970)

passed away on September 12, 1999. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Lancaster, New York.

Vincent L. Clayton, who served with HHT, 2/11 (1970) passed away on September 14, 2002. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Saint Louis, Missouri.

CSM Charles E. Cowan, (USA, Ret.) who served as the First Sergeant of the Air Cavalry Troop (1970 – 1971), passed away on February 21, 2005. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Louisville, Kentucky.

Robert W. Croisetiere, who served with E Troop, 2/11(1970–1971) passed away on December 14, 1999. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Port St. Lucie, Florida.

James W. Custer, who served with the 19th TASS, (1970–1971) passed away on May 29, 2001. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Birchwood, Tennessee.

Robert W. Dickenson, who served with F Troop, 2/11 (1968) passed away on November 27, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Dayton, Ohio.

James E. Farmer, who served with G Troop, 2/11 (1969–1970) passed away on May 30, 2001. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Crothersville, Indiana.

William M. Fast, who served with HHT, Regiment (1966 – 1967) passed away. He lived in Jasper, Missouri.

Martin G. Fogelson, who served with HHT, Regiment, (1968) passed away on August 9, 1998. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Brooklyn, New York.

Andrew J. Gorski, who served with HHT, 1/11 (1970) passed away on May 15, 2000. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Johnson City, Tennessee.

Eugene L. Gray, who served with HHT, 2/11, (1967 – 1968)

passed away on November 19, 1994. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Powder Springs, Georgia.

John A. Groby, Jr., who served with I Troop, 3/11, (1968) passed away on June 17, 2001. He lived in Doniphan, Missouri.

Robert W. Green, who served with the 37th Medical Company, (1967–1968) passed away on March 4, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Harrah, Oklahoma.

James A. Griffin, who served with H Company, 2/11, (1970–1971) passed away on June 11, 1999. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Bay City, Michigan.

Harry J. Hahn, who served with the 409th RRD (1969–1970) passed away on July 2, 2002. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Kingston, Tennessee.

John M. Harrison, who served with HHT, 3/11, (1968–1969) passed away on May 8, 1999. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Amarillo, Texas.

Michael W. Harvey, who served with HOW Battery, 2/11 (1968–1969) passed away on February 6, 2000. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Salem, Oregon.

John E. Hershberger, who served with the Regiment in Vietnam, (unit unknown), passed away on August 13, 1991. He lived in Lewistown, Pennsylvania.

Leonard L. Hogland, who served with G Troop, 2/11(1968–1969) passed away on April 20, 1996. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Davenport, Iowa.

Ronald L. Hoppe, who served with HHT, 2/11, (1971–1972) passed away on November 10, 2003. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Poplar Grove, Illinois.

Merritte W. Ireland, who served with HHT, Regiment, (1968)

passed away on July 31, 2000. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Golden, Colorado.

George J. Jackson, who served with E Troop, 2/11, (1967–1968) passed away on October 16, 1997. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Orangeburg, South Carolina.

Edward S. Karolski, who served with I Troop, 3/11, (1968) passed away on June 25, 2003. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Dearborn, Michigan.

Cecil Dennis Keener, who served with HHT, 2/11, (1971–1972) passed away on January 8, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Ronnie K. Krause, who served with F Troop, 2/11, (1968–1969) passed away on December 15, 2002. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Oregon, Wisconsin.

Jerry M. Lassiter, who served with the 541st MID, (1970) passed away on February 11, 1998. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Richmond, Virginia.

David Lester, who served with I Troop, 3/11, (1969) passed away on November 28, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Aberdeen, Maryland.

Norman M. Lindjord, who served with HOW Battery, 3/11, (1969 – 1970) passed away on February 6, 2005. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Edmonds, Washington.

Thomas J. Litney, who served with the 541st MID, (1969 – 1970) passed away on December 11, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Folsom, California.

Francis H. Lloyd, who served with L Troop, 3/11, (1969) passed away on November 11, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Muncie, Indiana.

- James W. Lord**, who served with HHT, 1/11, (1969–1970) passed away on October 27, 1999. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Vinton, Virginia.
- Joseph J. Macdonald**, who served with L Troop, 3/11, (1970) passed away on February 12, 1996. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Phoenix, Arizona.
- Joseph F. Machukay**, who served with F Troop, 2/11, (1971–1972) passed away on August 24, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in San Carlos, Arizona.
- Jerry D. Messamore**, who served with G Troop, 2/11, (1971) passed away on October 31, 1999. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Havre De Grace, Maryland.
- Gordon R. Messer**, who served with HOW Battery, 2/11, (1970) passed away on August 12, 1999. He lived in Palmer Lake, Colorado.
- William B. Miller**, who served with F Troop, 2/11, (1969–1970) passed away on July 31, 2003. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Spring Lake, Michigan.
- Gary W. Morgan**, who served with HOW Battery, 3/11(1967–1968) passed away on. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Kokomo, Indiana.
- Robert W. Morgensen**, who served with B Troop, 1/11, (1968–1971) passed away on June 5, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Piketon, Ohio.
- Danny C. Neal**, who served with the 124th CS Detachment, (1970–1971) passed away on November 19, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Rogersville, Alabama.
- Jerry L. Newton**, who served with G Troop, 2/11,(1966–1967) passed away on. July 17, 2002. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Leesburg, Indiana.
- Tommie C. Neystel**, who served with the 37th Medical Company, (1967–1968) passed away on October 15, 2003. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Meridian, Texas.
- Rollie Otis, Jr.**, who served with C Troop, 1/11, (1966–1967) passed away on September 24, 1998. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Laporte, Indiana.
- Richard W. Paisley**, who served with B Troop, 1/11, (1969–1970) passed away on May 29, 2001. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Indian Harbour Beach, Florida.
- Arno C. Pappé**, who served with K Troop, 3/11, (1970–1971) passed away on January 7, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Truckee, California.
- Jose B. Perez**, who served with H Company, 2/11 (1966 – 1967) passed away. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Hialeah, Florida.
- R. G. Melton G. Ragland**, who served with HHT, 3/11, (1968–1969) passed away on November 14, 2003. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Anniston, Alabama.
- Carlton B. Reading**, who served with L Troop, 3/11, (1967–1968) passed away on December 2, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Points, West Virginia.
- Milton J. Roberts**, who served with HHT, 1/11, (1966–1967) passed away on January 22, 2000. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Hephzibah, Georgia.
- John G. Russell**, who served with H Company, 2/11, (1966–1967) passed away on March 28, 1995. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Floyd A. Sanders**, who served with K Troop, 3/11, (1967–1968) passed away on January 9, 2001. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Kemp, Texas.
- Bill F. Sharp**, who served with the 37th Medical Company, (1968) passed away on June 29, 1996. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Huber Heights, Ohio.
- Daniel L. Shultz**, who served with L Troop, 3/11, (1970–1971) passed away on August 11, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Deer Park, Texas.
- Harold F. Smith**, who served with I Troop, 3/11, (1968–1969) passed away on November 6, 2002. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Lake Worth, Florida.
- Samuel F. Sprague**, who served with K Troop, 3/11, (1969–1970) passed away on August 22, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Brookings, Oregon.
- Sheldon G. Strong**, who served with K Troop, 3/11, (1969–1970) passed away on February 23, 2005. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Knoxboro, New York.
- Richard W. Sullivan**, who served with HHT, 3/11, (1969–1970) passed away on November 16, 2003. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Fletcher, Oklahoma.
- Jack J. Thomas**, who served with HHT, 1/11, (1968–1969) passed away on July 11, 2003. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Boynton Beach, Florida.
- James E. Tompkins**, who served with HHT, 1/11, (1967–1968) passed away on July 10, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Clanton, Alabama.
- David L. Ulbrich**, who served with HHT, 3/11, (1969–1970) passed away on March 23, 2002. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Mentor, Ohio.
- Richard J. Wolfrom, II**, who served with K Troop, 3/11, (1968) passed away on July 26, 2004. He lived in Findlay, Ohio.
- Walter K. Upp**, who served with HHT, 2/11, (1971) passed away on September 27, 1993. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Merriam, Kansas.
- Thomas Vandeventer**, who served with K Troop, 3/11, (1970) passed away on October 23, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Bloomington, Indiana.
- Gordon R. Wagner**, who served with C Troop, 1/11, (1967–1968) passed away on September 5, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Jenison, Michigan.
- Richard Hugh Wallace**, who served with HHT, 2/11, (1967–1968) passed away on September 1, 2004. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Winter Park, Florida.
- Kenneth P. West**, who served with HHT, 1/11, (1969–1970) passed away on April 22, 2000. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Crossville, Tennessee.
- Kirwan T. White**, who served with HHT, Regiment, (1970–1971) passed away on December 1, 1997. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in La Grange, Kentucky.
- Charles F. Wilson**, who served with the 33rd. Chemical Detachment, (1967–1968) passed away on November 10, 2000. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Joplin, Missouri.
- David L. Wolff**, who served with HHT, 1/11, (1969) passed away on March 18, 2005. He was a life member of the 11th ACVVC and lived in Fort Worth, Texas.

Our Young Soldiers

By: Dale R. Sabine, 3rd. Platoon, K Troop, 3/11, 1967

The smoke of battle begins to clear,
and we see a young soldier standing there.
Standing there looking down,
at many friends lying on the ground.
Some are wounded, some are dead.
All for freedom so many have bled,
through the bright of day and the dark of the night.
These brave young men do stand to fight,
these men their lives are always giving.
So those loved ones can continue under freedom living . . .

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- ♦ Seven Falls
- ♦ Cheyenne Mountain Zoo
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- ♦ Ghost Town
- ♦ Manitou Cliff Dwellings
- ♦ And Many, Many More!!!!

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Call 651-578-2857 if you have questions. You will receive confirmation in the mail if your registration fee is paid by July 15, 2004. All entries must be prepaid. This year we will be playing at one of Colorado's best facilities. They have a dress code to include: 1) No denim (Blue jeans), 2) No tank tops or T-shirts. Shirts must have collars, 3) Soft spike only facility.

All **Colorado Blackhorse Troopers** if you cant make it for the whole three days or the Reunion come and join your Blackhorse Brothers in a day of golf you may meet a old friend you have not seen in 33 years. Hope to see you there.

REGISTRATION FORM



COLORADO SPRINGS REUNION XX

Thursday, August 4 thru Sunday, August 7, 2005



Registration fees are \$65.00 per Adult, \$50.00 for children 12 and under, and \$30.00 for children 12 and under who do not attend the Saturday night banquet (option not available if over 12 years old). This fee is required for attendance at any of the scheduled program events including Thursday and Friday Bunker Parties and Saturday Banquet dinner.

Banquet seating in the main ballroom will be on a "First Registered, First In" basis and those later registrants may have to go to an "Overflow Room" if one is needed (A closed circuit TV system would service the "overflow" room to insure all can view banquet events). After July 24 and at the door, the registration fee will be an additional \$10.00 to all above prices (only if space is available).

Please Print All Information:

Name: _____ Telephone No: _____

Address: _____ Email address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Unit Assignment: _____ Years in Country _____
list only **one** Troop/Company (ie 1966-1967 or '70-'71)

(This will be your seating assignment for the Saturday night banquet dinner)

Attendees

List first and last name for each person and, if 12 or under, whether child will attend the Sat banquet: Yes or No

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____

Banquet Meal Selection:(Indicate no. of each): ___ Chicken ___ Beef ___ Veggie Special dietary needs: Yes No

Wheelchair requirements: Yes No Is this your first reunion Yes No

Send check/money order (no cash please) for the full amount, payable to: 11 ACVVC REUNION XX, or complete information below for Visa or MasterCard.

Also if you would like to take a trip to Cripple Creek, an old mining and gambling town, please check here . We need this # for busses on Friday. The busses should be free of charge, but there might be a \$5 or \$10 fee that you will get back when you arrive in Cripple Creek.

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Deltaville, VA 23043



ty of these same vets who have healed and reconciled. They have overcome the hatred and disrespect that brought about those bad names. Many of my own buddies have gone back to Viet Nam to visit. They were greeted and accepted warmly and even enthusiastically by the Vietnamese, especially when the people recognized that they were American and not Russian. Many of these Nam vets have told me their stories. It's emotionally and spiritually freeing to quit regarding people with demeaning names just because of how they look.

There's a verse in the Bible that fits the situation. It's in Galatians 3:28 and says, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." There's another one that fits too. It's where Jesus was talking about the greatest commandment. He said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:37-38). Your neighbor is everybody, even if they are part of an ethnic group different than your own ethnic group.

God bless you. God loves you. So do I.
Chaplain Larry Haworth
176 Rainbow Drive, #7627
Livingston, Texas 77399
LEHaworth@aol.com

Greetings to all. Our non-existent winter is turning into official spring and the new green plants and the old black bears are appearing in our yard again! This means that it is not too early to start thinking about this year's reunion in Colorado Springs. I would like to remind everyone that there will be a period of several weeks around the reunion that the mail order QM store will be closed. The inventory will be packed up and sent to Colorado Springs. Upon return to Montana, there may well be items that are sold out at the reunion and will be on backorder when you send in your orders. As usual I will attempt to get all orders filled completely or partially as soon as I can. I would just ask for your patience and understanding when your orders are not filled as quickly as they usually are.

There will be a Reunion Golf shirt available at the reunion. These shirts are a limited item and sell out quickly. We can only stock a reasonable number of them so that we are not left with overstock that does not sell after the reunion. We do have a new item available in the QM store. This is a white windbreaker (coaches jacket on some order forms) it is available in size small through 3X. It is a lighter jacket that can be worn during the warmer times of the year. It has the left breast area embroidered with gold crossed sabers with 11 over them, a Blackhorse Patch logo, Vietnam Ribbon and the words Vietnam 66-

Through the QM store at the reunion, you will be able to have your items individually embroidered after you purchase them.

72 in black. It is a very nice looking item and will be regularly stocked in the QM store.

Through the QM store at the reunion, you will be able to have your items individually embroidered after you purchase them. Chuck & Kathi Bowers are one of the QM store's vendors and have agreed to again bring their embroidery machine to the reunion to provide a service to you that cannot be done through our normal QM store activities. Chuck is also an 11th ACVVC member of "L" Troop.

I would also like to remind you that our history book "Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam" has been selling very well and is an issue that will not be reprinted, If you want copies for yourselves, children or grandchildren there are a limited number of copies left and when they are sold out they will not be available again.

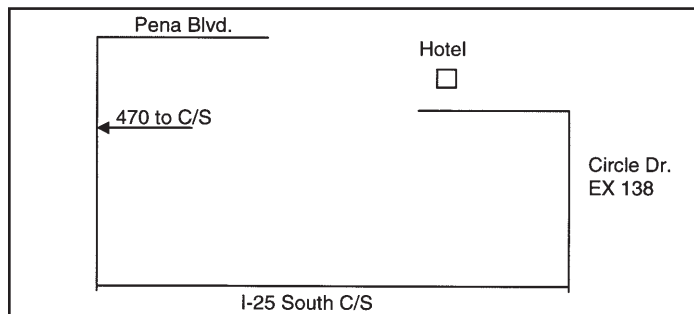
Elida and I are looking forward to seeing everyone again. We had to miss last year's reunion because of previous commitments and the terminal illness of Elida's mother. It will be good to be among the Blackhorse again!

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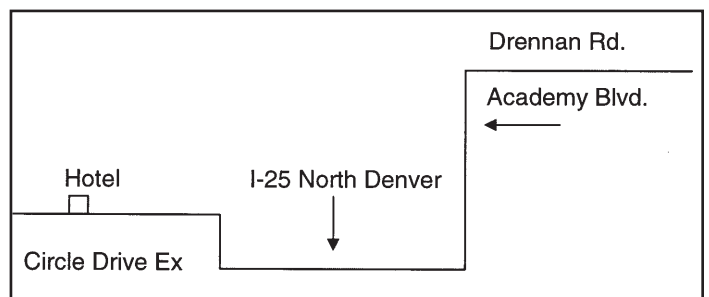
Need Directions?

Dave Tessier offers the following travel tips to help you find the reunion hotel

From Denver come out of the airport on Pena Blvd start looking for Toll rd 470 as soon as you leave the airport take 470 south to C/S when you get to I-25 go south to C/S stay on it till you get to Ex 138 turn left on Circle Dr the Hotel is on your left about 500 yds Have a safe trip.



From Colorado Springs when you leave the airport stay on Drennan Rd till you get to Academy Blvd turn left on Academy Blvd till you get to I-25 North stay on the right side of Academy Blvd get on I-25 North till you get to Ex 138 turn right look to your left the hotel is about 200 yds. Have a safe trip.





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ORDER FORM

11TH ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

Product Description	Code	\$ Amt	Size	Qty	\$ Total
Coffee Mug, white Acrylic 11oz w/full color Blackhorse insignia	C	10.00		_____	_____
Hat, Black Poplin adjustable w/full color direct embroidery Blackhorse insignia.	B	10.00		_____	_____
Key ring, 1.5 " Acrylic square w/full color Blackhorse insignia	A	3.00		_____	_____
Bumper Sticker "I Rode With The Blackhorse w/full color BH insignia	A	2.00		_____	_____
Window Sticker, full color BH insignia and Vietnam service ribbon	A	2.00		_____	_____
History Book, "Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam"	C	25.00		_____	_____
Book, "Tales of Thunder Run" by Lary Haworth, Chaplain	C	11.00		_____	_____
Watch, BH insignia on face, leather band (indicate choice) Man's Woman's	B	20.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, (indicate choice) <input type="checkbox"/> colored <input type="checkbox"/> subdued	B	4.00		_____	_____
Coin, 11th ACVVC, BH insignia, crossed abers, together then, together again	B	10.00		_____	_____
Belt Buckle, solid brass w/crossed sabers & BH insignia	B	20.00		_____	_____
Flag, indoor/outdoor 3'x5' with color insignia	B	50.00		_____	_____
Lighter, "Zippo" style brushed chrome w/full color BH insignia	B	15.00		_____	_____
License Plate, metal red & white background with crossed sabers & 11	B	5.00		_____	_____
License Plate Frame, metal, black w/Blackhorse 11th US Cavalry in white	C	6.00		_____	_____
Attache Case w/shoulder strap 11.5" x 15.5" w/dir emb. BH insignia & VN rib	C	30.00		_____	_____
Tote Bag, red & black, 14x1x6 w/full color BH insignia and VN rib	B	20.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Pin	A	4.00		_____	_____
11th ACR Regimental Crest	A	4.00		_____	_____
Pin, "Xuan Loc"	A	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	A	5.00		_____	_____
Reunion pin (circle choice), Indianapolis, Las Vegas, Appleton, San Diego, Eugene, Daytona	A	1.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Women's Pendant w/chain, 10k gold w/full BH insignia	B	80.00		_____	_____
Gear Bag, red with color BH insignia (11x11x21)	C	35.00		_____	_____
M-113 ACAV, 1/43 Scale Model	C	42.50		_____	_____
Men's Ring, 10k gold w/full color BH insignia on face (specify size)	A	275.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Patch Temporary Tatoo	A	3.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Video (based on book) (specify format) <input type="checkbox"/> VHS <input type="checkbox"/> DVD	A	30.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Tshirt, 100% cotton, preshrunk, full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black (check one)	B	16.00		_____	_____
Henley Shirt, 100% cotton, short sleeve, round neck w/full color BH insignia and VN ribbon. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White	B	20.00		_____	_____
Golf Shirt, 100% cotton w/full color BH insignia on left front. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White (check one)	B	30.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Sweatshirt, 50% cotton, 50% acrylic w/full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black (check one)	B	25.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon, snap front, quilted lining w/full color BH insignia, (6" back), crossed sabers (front right) and Allons insignia (front left)	B	75.00		_____	_____
Women's Sleeveless Shirt w/BH insignia. (available in size small also) Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Butter Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> White (check one)	B	20.00		_____	_____
Windbreaker, white w/snap front, crossed sabers w/11BH patch logo, VN Ribbon, Vietnam 66-72 on left brest. Sizes: Small thru 3X available	B	35.00		_____	_____

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