



# Thunder Run

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

### Reunion Update

*Stephen Page, Reunion Chairman*

The planning for your St. Louis Reunion is almost complete. It will soon be time to put those plans into action. As of this issue of Thunder Run we have over 1,100 attendees booked into the hotel. This reunion will have another great turnout. These numbers could not be attained without the great support given by you the members and your families.

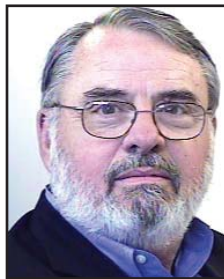
Remember there is free parking in the parking garage across the street from the hotel. The banquet meal and The Blackhorse Salute will be first class. The banquet program has been shortened this year as most of the awards will be presented at the members meeting and women’s meeting. The raffle drawing has been moved to Friday evening.

Please remember seating is by unit. There will be enough places within the unit to accommodate everyone. It is imperative that table guidons not be moved. Take first timers under your collective wing and make their first reunion memorable. Please remember that this is your reunion.

We are still working on the final

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### William Nash, 11th ACR Vietnam Veteran, To Speak At Reunion



**William L. Nash, MGEN, USA (Ret)**

The 11th ACVVC is pleased to announce William L. Nash, MGEN, USA (Ret) will be our guest speaker at the Saturday evening banquet, August 20 in St. Louis. His biography follows.

Major General William L. Nash, USA (Ret.) served in the United States Army for 34 years with commands from platoon to division; he is a veteran of Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm.

General Nash is very proud of having served two tours with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. In Vietnam he was Platoon Leader of 1st Platoon, A Troop from June 1969 to February 1970. He then served as Executive Officer, B Troop from March to June 1970. He later served with Air Cavalry Troop and Regimental Headquarters in Fulda, Germany from December 1974 to June 1977.

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manding general of the U.S. Army’s 1st Armored Division from June 1995 to May 1997. From December 1995 to November 1996, he also served as Commander, Task Force Eagle, a multinational division, with more than 25,000 soldiers from twelve nations charged with implementing the Dayton Peace Accords in northeastern Bosnia-Herzegovina. With forces from Russia, Turkey, Poland, and the Scandinavian and Baltic countries taking part in Task Force Eagle, Major General Nash became the first American officer since the end of World War II to exercise tactical control of Russian and Polish forces. His decorations include the U.S. Army’s Distinguished Service Medal w/ Oak Leaf Cluster, the Silver Star, and the Purple Heart. He has also received awards from the Kingdom of Saudi

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Allen Hathaway  
President

# From The Command Track

By Allen Hathaway, President



**Our scholarship fundraising activities are going very well. The annual calendar fundraiser has far exceeded our 2011 goals of \$39,000 in donations and an increase in the number of donors.**

By the time you receive this issue of *Thunder Run* there will only be a few more weeks until our 26th Annual Reunion in St. Louis. The Gateway Arch will serve as the backdrop for our reunion at the Millennium Hotel on August 17-21. In mid June nearly 1,100 were registered for the reunion. This will be another great turnout.

We are pleased to announce that William L. Nash (MGen USA, Retired) will be our guest speaker this year. During his distinctive 34 years career General Nash served two tours with the 11th ACR. During his first tour he was a platoon leader in A Troop in 1969-1970 as well as executive officer in B Troop in 1970. From 1974-1977 he served a second tour with the 11th ACR in Fulda, Germany. You can read the full biography in this issue of *Thunder Run*.

Please look at the "Welcome New Members" article in this issue. Over 125 new members have joined since the last issue of *Thunder Run*. As always, if you recognize someone on the list you would like to get in touch with them please feel free to contact me and I will put you in touch with them.

Our scholarship fundraising activities are going very well. The annual calendar fundraiser has far exceeded our 2011 goals of \$39,000 in donations and an increase in the number of donors. Both goals were met and exceeded thanks to the generous support from our members.

The two other scholarship fundraising activities are the annual raffle and silent auction. Raffle tickets were mailed to all members in May. We have increased the number of prizes this year from 4 to 15. Drawing will be held on Friday evening, August 19, 2011.

The silent auction will also be held on Friday evening during the annual reunion. Please see the separate article in this issue. All proceeds from the three fundraising activities are used to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

Over 50 Blackhorse troopers, family members and friends gathered at The Wall

on Memorial Day for our annual wreath laying. Among those attending again this year were three brothers of Raymond D. Crowder, Jr. (K Trp., 3/11, June 19, 1967). We meet at the wall every year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to lay the ever familiar Blackhorse wreath and remember our fallen comrades. This is only one of countless numbers of gatherings across the country to honor those who gave all.

Shortly before Memorial Day we received a letter from Ruth and Melvin Mingle, parents of Robert Louis Mingle (Air Cavalry Troop, June 19, 1969). They wrote to tell of the Memorial Day activities they planned to attend dedicating a bridge to their son and 17 others from Massillon, Ohio. In 2010, two large bronze plaques were erected at either end of the bridge known as the "Vietnam Veterans Memorial Viaduct" which crosses the Tuscarawas River on Tremont Avenue. The plaques list the names of the 18 Vietnam casualties from Massillon. This year 18 individual bronze plaques were placed at the bridge, each one dedicated to one of those who gave their lives in Vietnam. We are pleased to hear from the Mingles. We are equally pleased to hear that communities like Massillon continue to remember our fallen heroes.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Jim Griffiths for the outstanding work he has

done as editor of *Thunder Run*. This will be Jim's last issue as editor. He has asked to step down in order to pursue other projects. You can read more in his column.

Jim has served as editor for our quarterly publication since late 2005, a total of six years. Our newsletter is critical to our organization and serves as the primary means of communications with all members. As editor, Jim has spent countless hours sorting through the many articles he receives, selecting those which are appropriate, editing or correcting, submitting the material to the publisher, proofing and finally approving the newsletter for printing. Jim has done all this to produce a first class publication for our members.

Taking over as the new editor will be Bill Gregory (H Company, 2/11, 1969-1970). Bill previously served as editor from 2002 until 2005. Bill did an excellent job as editor during that time and we welcome him back in this position. Thanks to both Jim and Bill.

Finally, always remember the men and women serving in uniform. Many have been deployed multiply times. Whenever you see someone in uniform take a minute to thank them for their service to this great country of ours

ALLONS! We'll see you in St. Louis. It's good to be "Together Again".

## MOVING?

**We want you to get your copy of *Thunder Run* without a lot of trouble.** Complete this form and mail it to: 11th ACVVC Membership Update, Allen Hathaway, 13194 Rettew Dr., Manassas, VA 20112.



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# Dust and Diesel Stained Cheeks



By Blandon Karabinos, HHT 2/11, 71-72

My mother used to say: “What goes around comes around.” I’m still not sure what she meant, but it usually had something to do with retaliation or validation. One caused you to frown, the other to smile.

11th Cav troopers had only peripheral contact with South Vietnamese citizens even though they were placing their lives on the line to protect them. There were a few interpreters or scouts in the field with us and occasionally, our lads threw “John Wayne” bars to the children along the roads.

At our base camps, we had occasional contact with a few Vietnamese in the “entertainment” business and waved thoughtlessly at cleaning ladies, laundresses and even “honey pot” burners. A few skilled young women worked in our offices and had excellent language skills. But, for the most part, language differences, security and time restraints limited our contact. Most Vietnamese looked at us with apprehension, but the children, who weren’t starving, always seemed to smile.

During my tenure (71-72), some of our field troops were able to accompany Doc Cifelli on a Med-cap and when we came back to Phu Loi for a short respite, the S-5, John Willut to an orphanage. Those experiences gave us a more positive view of the people we were fighting for and an admiration for their humble, stoic and yet determined persona.

I can yet visualize troopers like Sgt. Jim Howell, “Rusty,” “P-Daddy,” “Spaghetti,” and

others reaching down to play with orphaned children and LT’s like Shogan, Knowlton and Hrom carrying cases of supplies to the kitchen while CPT’s Glass and Silverthorn unloaded trucks in the courtyard under the direction of tiny, white-clad nuns. Those guys weren’t the only ones; there were many other troopers involved, but my memory has long since lost their names. But I do remember their exuberance as they were surrounded by the beautiful youngsters at an orphanage for the deaf-mute and noted a number of dust and diesel stained cheeks ... streaked, as they waved with compassion when we left.

That was 40 years ago and most of those encounters have faded into a steaming jungle green. True, every once in awhile, each of us may recall the faces of those youngsters or marvel as to how a Vietnamese beauty, who couldn’t speak more than a couple words



4 Wreath placed at Wall by Vietnamese American Countrymen.

Blackhorse Troopers carrying Wreath to the Wall's apex on Memorial Day.

of English, could sing John Denver's "Country Roads" perfectly and without an accent.

I was called back to those memories this past Memorial Day. In Washington, some 11th Cav troopers gathered once again for a wreath-laying at the Wall. Allen Hathaway told us this was the 25th straight year, that we have done so. HOW Battery veterans, followed by at least 59 of our number, carried the Wreath to the nadir of the intersecting panels. We paused briefly in silence honoring our fallen and the other 57,000 who made the supreme sacrifice. We saluted to the strains of a bugle playing taps a 'click' away and then watched General Bayer, who proudly told all that he was privileged to be the 61st Colonel of the Regiment, and Bill Harris, former trooper and National Park volunteer, move the wreath to the infield.

At that point the group began to drift away, some going home, most conversing with their brothers, others heading off to additional events ... all somber, all wondering why we had survived; grateful for being part of this special brotherhood. Some stayed to trace their fingers across an etched name, others to read notes left at the base of the wall. Some admired the beautiful wreaths left by so many other units.

One wreath in particular stopped me for a long while. It was done in the colors of our campaign ribbon: yellow and red, with a touch of green. It had to have been expensive, maybe a couple of hundred dollars. A sash ran diagonally across signed: "Vietnamese American Countrymen".

After 40 years, I read a thank you. Not just to me, but to the 57,000 names on the Wall and to all the Vietnam veterans who passed by that day. It read validation! It said that someone remembered; remembered their sacrifice. It read affirmation and appreciation – it read gratitude.

And then I read the message on the accompanying placard and I once again saw the faces of orphaned children gathered at my side. As you read it, remember what my Mom said: "What goes around comes around."

## The Memorial Wreath

These fragrant flowers wrapped with human feelings  
We offer to the souls of the soldiers who fought bravely  
With gratefulness though many years have passed  
The powerful and touching bugle sounds still linger ...

On this Memorial Day we quietly think of you

And teardrops still run down freely

Where are your souls, still wandering?

Please gather here to feel our gratitude ...

Oh, you soldiers fallen in the prime of youth

Senseless bullets, fragile lives

We read your names on the memorial wall

Valiant fighters in times of need ...

You were the ones, the American soldiers

Who died on our Viet battle grounds

Who gave your lives for the idealism of world peace

We are forever indebted to you ...

May your souls be eternally blessed

And saved by God in Paradise

Where you're at peace in a new life

By the glorious Lord

in the heavenly fields ...

Vietnamese American Countrymen.

Flowers and placard placed at Vietnam Memorial Wall

30 May 2011

## Show Your Pride



Jim Griffiths, (F Trp., 68-69) shows his 11th ACR and Blackhorse pride with his plate and other regalia on his Equinox

## NEED A REPLACEMENT CARD?



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Do you need to replace your LIFE membership card? Contact Allen Hathaway for a replacement. See page 3 for contact information.

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Arabia, Germany, the Czech Republic, Poland, and Russia.

Since his retirement in 1998, General Nash has been a fellow and visiting lecturer at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government (1998); Director of Civil-Military Programs at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (1999-2000); a regional administrator for the United Nations in northern Kosovo (2000); a professorial lecturer at Georgetown University (2000-2009); a Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations (2001-2009); and a military consultant for ABC News (2003-2009).

Today, he is a visiting lecturer at Princeton University and an independent consultant on national security issues, civil-military relations and conflict management.

*(Submitted by Pete Walter)*

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## UPDATE from page 1

details for the proposals for 2013. We have some very exciting sites and are working on pricing. Our goal is to pick the best choices for presentation to the members for a vote. Our main goal is to keep the reunion affordable for all who attend. Room rates, taxes and parking are at the forefront of our negotiations. Local activities weigh heavily on the decisions. Information on proposed sites will be summarized and inserted in every reunion packet for review.

We look forward to seeing everyone in St Louis.

### 2011 Newsletter Deadlines

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

**First Quarter 2011.....Jan 15**  
**Second Quarter 2011.....Mar 25**  
**Third Quarter 2011.....Jun 25**  
**Fourth Quarter 2011.....Oct 1**

All submissions for publication must be sent to: C.E. "Bill" Gregory, Editor, 421 Fallen Leaf Drive, Soddy Daisy, TN 37379-3577. E-mail: Battle46A@epbfi.com



Jim Griffiths, Editor  
*Thunder Run*

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## Editor's Corner

James M. "Jim" Griffiths

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**It is with great calm and confidence that I relinquish being Editor of TR because I know my successor, Bill Gregory, who was also my predecessor will pick up right where he left off providing an outstanding newsletter for our membership.**

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Roughly six years ago I received a telephone call from the late Chuck Schmidt, who was the President of the 11th ACVVC, and he asked me if I would like to be Editor of *Thunder Run*. As Chuck told it later, "Jim hemmed and hawed around for awhile but finally said he would accept becoming Editor."

Hemming and hawing was exactly the way I felt. I had no idea of what being editor of our newsletter entailed nor did I have the confidence that I possessed the set of skills and knowledge, whatever they were, to takeover the fine publication called *Thunder Run* that I received in the mail four times per year. I decided to trust Chuck's judgment in my ability to adequately do the job. All worked out well. With a little mentoring I was able to take over the Editorship and continue to help provide the membership with a quality quarterly newsletter for the next six years. At least I hope the membership continued seeing it as a quality newsletter.

Now that I am relinquishing the Editorship of TR I am looking back and realizing what a great opportunity and pleasure I was granted to make a positive contribution to the great organization we have with the 11th ACVVC. I really came to know many people in the organization more closely and began to marvel and continue to marvel at the quality of the membership and the leadership that it has been my privilege to work with and for in this organization. I am grateful to all you members that have taken the effort to submit quality items to me for publication in the newsletter. Please keep this up in the future. As I have said, this is your *Thunder Run* and it will continue to be as good as what you continue to contribute to it.

I also would like to take the time to express admiration and gratitude to the Officers and Regular Contributors for their excellent and punctual submissions, cooperation, encouragement, and gratitude to me as we worked together to create a quality newsletter.

To borrow a line from an old song, "Seldom was heard a discouraging word." I would say very, very seldom. Thank you to all of you who expressed to me many, many times "Thank you for all you do." My reply to all of you (and you know who you are) is right back at you "Thank you for all you have done and will continue to do." Mere words do not do justice to your contributions.

It is with great calm and confidence that I relinquish being Editor of TR because I know my successor, Bill Gregory, who was also my predecessor will pick up right where he left off providing an outstanding newsletter for our membership. TR is in great hands. Please give Bill your full support and provide him with the quality submissions that you provided for me the last six years. One thing I can pass on is that the 'Show Pride' well is going a bit dry so I encourage you, as I always have, to take some pictures and send your pictures to Bill for use in TR.

As I close for the last time I pass on to you that I too will pick up where I left off and that is receiving the thrill that I get when I open my mail box and my new quarterly *Thunder Run* is there for my enjoyment. As editor I already knew what was in it so now the surprise and enjoyment of the unknown will return

One more thing, have a great time at the Reunion. The 11th ACVVC is your organization and *Thunder Run* is your newsletter. Enjoy both of them forever!

# 2011 Elections

*By Adrian Vaaler, Secretary*

Five positions will be up for election during the General Membership Meeting held on Saturday morning at the 2011 reunion.

The five positions are: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, each serving a two year term and one Director position which will serve a three year term. All terms will begin on January 1, 2012.

Nomination to fill the above positions may be forwarded to me as Secretary. Nominations may also be made and accepted from the floor at the 2011 Reunion General Membership Meeting.

All candidates must be Life members of the 11th ACVVC. Each eligible candidate will have an equal opportunity to state his qualifications for the position at the Membership Meeting. All elected members of the Board of Directors must be able to attend the annual reunion and two Board Meetings each year of his elected term, and to be in regular email communication with the Board of Directors regarding a multitude of ongoing association projects and business requiring decisions and oversight by the Board. Furthermore, each member of the Board of Directors must be able to commit themselves to "specific areas of interest" (committees, projects, etc.) within the 11th ACVVC as directed by the President. Candidates for all Board positions should be highly organized individuals capable of communicating via email.

The highly visible positions of President and Vice President require considerable time and superb organizational skills. The

President needs to frequently multi-task in his responsibility to oversee all projects, programs, and activities of the organization, and the Vice President serves as his right hand man. Obviously, sound leadership and organizational abilities are fundamental to both positions. Candidates for Treasurer must have verifiable experience in accounting and/or finance, and be competent using MS Excel. Most importantly, the Treasurer is accountable for maintaining accurate financial records, preparing financial reports, budgeting, forecasting, etc. of the General Fund, the association's investments, and all expenses and obligations incurred from the various projects supported by the 11th ACVVC.

Candidates for Secretary should be able to intently follow, record, and prepare organized minutes to summarize reports, actions, and decisions from official meetings, and maintain records of association business and its numerous projects. He should have above average skills in language and writing, and know the basics of Robert's Rules of Order and information management computer applications.

Nominations may be sent to me by email (*11thsecretary@gmail.com*) or may be submitted at the Membership Meeting from the floor. Please consider participating on our Board of Directors serving the 11th ACVVC.

*The following people have been nominated so far and are currently running for elective office in the 2011 elections: President - Allen Hathaway, Vice-President - Peter Walter, Treasurer - Ollie Pickral, Secretary- Adrian Vaaler, and Director- Bob Moreno.*

## Details Make For Better Tales

*By Doug Neiford  
D Company, 1968*

I don't know about you, but I'm a "big picture" kind of guy. I'm generally not disposed to notice details and, I certainly don't commit them to memory. At my advanced age my random access memory is close to capacity. So, my motto is: "don't memorize anything that you can look-up." That way I save room for the really important stuff, like grandkids names. As you might expect I remember my service in The Nam, but the details escape me.

I can't even tell you exactly what dates that I was in-country, without looking it up on my service record. . So, this is fair warning, the story that I am about to tell you is true to the best of my recollection.

I do remember that I celebrated my twenty-first birthday in the field. By that time I had already been in country several months, serving as platoon leader of 4th platoon, D Company. (Yes, I know that there is no fourth platoon on the TO&E, but that's grist for yet another story.) On this day I was to take command of the 3rd platoon, which was in a defensive posture of sorts, if you call five tanks stuck in the mud, unable to move, "defensive." I am sure of one thing it wasn't offensive, except to the "old man". He sent me out via chopper to takeover the platoon and get them moving.

It would be dark soon, so I was apprehensive (to put it mildly). We needed to un-stick five - 52 ton tanks and diddymaw back to the company lagger before dark or be stuck and exposed throughout the long hot night in five - 52 ton stationary pillboxes. Happy 21st birthday!

We tried all the usual tricks to break free of the goopy mud. We placed limbs and brush on the ground ahead of the tracks. We dug trenches in front of the tracks, threw in brush, tree limbs and anything we could find under the tracks and into the little trenches we'd dug. We hooked up the M88 tank retriever. While the M88 pulled, the stuck tank spun its treads. No go. We tried again and again. Finally, we stuck the M88 too!

My options were running out, fast. I began to formulate a contingency plan that I hoped would not be necessary. I would pull two crewmen from each tank to act as LPs and two on board to fight the tank. The tanks were in various orientations, pointing in five different directions. Some were severely tilted to one side or the other, which limited effectively employing their main armaments. We would be easy pickings for an NVA infantry platoon.

Finally, in desperation, I decided that we'd have to use explosives to break the powerful suction between the goop and the tank's hull. I cut off about one third stick of C4, inserted it under the hull. I detonated it. Boom! The explosion sheered off all of the underbelly inspection plates. The good news is it did break the suction. After freeing the first tank we hooked it to the next tank, used a little less C4, and repeated the process. We got all five tanks and the M88 free. We mounted up and rode hard back to the company lagger, unmindful of a God who had smiled upon us.

Don't ask me who was there, or exactly where "there" was, but one detail I am sure of, it was my birthday, September 30th, 1968.



## From the 64th Colonel of the Regiment

Tony Aguto



Greetings from Fort Irwin in the high Mojave Desert of Southern California. It has been a mild summer so far with the temperature just now on the rise, but your Blackhorse Troopers have been going full-steam ahead. Since March the Regiment has been going almost non-stop training our Nation's Army for deployments.

In my last letter, I mentioned that all three squadrons were to conduct Spur Rides. It was a busy time in April, but the Spur Rides were a success. Ironhorse, Eaglehorse, and Packhorse welcomed hundreds of your Troopers into the Order of the Spur. It was no easy task for the Soldiers; they were tested physically and mentally. CSM Reiss and I are proud to call these Troopers fellow Spur Holders.

Also in April, we hosted Soldiers from the 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 1st Armor Division from Fort Bliss, Texas. This particular rotation was special in that 4/1AD was preparing for a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation New Dawn. The unit's focus was on building relationships between them and their Iraqi counterparts. Our Blackhorse Troopers performed well role-playing as members of the Iraqi security forces, town population, and as professional insurgents.

During the month, we also hosted a group of Congressional Staffers. The Staffers were made up of aides and assistants to US Congress members. CSM Reiss and I, along with other Blackhorse Troopers, put them through the paces to experience a day in the life of a Soldier stationed at the National Training Center. Later in the day, they watched Soldiers conduct the Urban Mounted Patrol training lane. Afterwards we gave them the opportunity to participate in the lane personally. They experienced first-hand all the kinetic action that our Rotational Training Units experience during their time here at the NTC. We hope that they keep this experience with them and share the importance of the training provided at the NTC with their peers.

In May, the NTC had a very special visitor. We were visited by Gen. Chen

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**...I would like to extend an invitation to any veterans out there to come visit us at the NTC. If any of you Blackhorse Veterans find yourself in the Southern California or Nevada area, you're always welcome to come and visit your Blackhorse Troopers.**

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Binge, Chief of the General Staff of the People's Liberation Army of China. Gen. Chen and other members of PLA delegation toured other U.S. military installations around the nation and met with senior officials. The delegation's last stop on their tour was the NTC. The general and his staff left with a better impression of our capabilities as allies. Gen. Chen mentioned that his nation's training centers are far from the same levels as the NTC's. More importantly, he was impressed at our training centers capabilities and the professionalism of our Soldiers, chiefly our noncommissioned officers.

To close out this busy month of May, our brothers from 1st Squadron, 221st Cavalry of the Nevada National Guard came down to hold a very important ceremony. The Soldiers of Wildhorse Squadron received the Meritorious Unit Commendation for their accomplishments stemming from their deployment to Afghanistan from July 2009 to March 2010. During the ceremony, Wildhorse also presented Pat Lundvall, the widow of former squadron commander retired Col. Jerry Bussell, with the 1-221 Armor Battalion Death March Commemorative Run guidon. Bussell was one of the driving forces behind the creation of the 1-221 Armor Battalion Death March that starts in Las Vegas and ends at the NTC.

May was a busy month for us. On top of distinguished visitors, your Blackhorse Troops took on the Soldiers of the Arkansas National Guard's 39th Infantry Brigade Combat Team. This was not a "typical" rotation in the sense that the Bowie Team was here with us to conduct their National Guard-mandated annual training. The Guardsmen spent 10 days out in "the box" where they conducted both kinetic and non-kinetic missions. What better place to conduct annual training than the NTC and who better to face off against than the Blackhorse!

Finally, in June we welcomed another element of 1AD, this time it was 3rd Brigade. The scorching desert heat that the Mojave Desert is known for has finally settled in on Fort Irwin. June has been the hottest month so far this year. The heat, mixed in with the high-intensity OPFOR provided by the Regiment, makes for a volatile environment in "the box."

June also marked the annual Blackhorse Association Reunion at Las Vegas. I'd like to thank those of you who were able to come visit us at the NTC. I know it was a special treat for the current Blackhorse Troopers to trade stories with the Veterans that came before them. The turnout at the reunion in Las Vegas was outstanding; it is great to see so many

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Delegation from the People's Liberation Army of China during their visit to the NTC at Ft. Irwin



## Update

# 11th Cavalry Memorial

By Allen Hathaway

In April of this year three bronze plaques were added to the 11th Cavalry Memorial at Fort Knox, Kentucky. The three new plaques list the names of troopers from the Philippine Insurrection and World War II. The memorials now list all known casualties from all campaigns of the 11th Cavalry since it was formed in 1901.

- Philippine Insurrection, 1902-1904, 43 casualties
- Mexican Expedition, 1916-1917
- World War II, 1944-1945, 56 casualties
- Vietnam, 1966-1972, 730 casualties
- Gulf War, 1991, 1 casualty
- Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2005-2006, 21 casualties

The plaques were one of the final items to complete this phase of the memorial restoration project.

The memorial restoration project began in 2003 with three primary objectives:

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

The centerpiece of the memorial area is the Vietnam Memorial listing the names of those lost in Vietnam. The memorial was originally dedicated in Vietnam in 1967 and moved to the Fort Knox when the 11th Cavalry left Vietnam.

We owe it to all casualties that their unit be correctly identified. It is also extremely important that we be accurate and historically correct. To ensure all Blackhorse troopers were accounted for extensive research was done using official records of the nearly 38,000 casualties from Vietnam. Some names were removed as official records showed they were actually assigned to other units. Names were also added after positively identifying the unit as 11th ACR on the date of wounds.

In 2007 all corrections were made and the four plaques were replaced listing the 730 names in chronological order by unit. At the same time minor repairs were made to the memorial. The granite bricks of the Circle of Honor were added along with three new memorials honoring the casualties of all campaigns of the 11th Cavalry. During the past three years research has focused on verifying the names and casualty dates of the World War II casualties

The entire memorial project was funded in part by the sale of granite bricks. In late summer the final group of 76 granite bricks will be laid in the Circle of Honor. There are over 900 inscribed granite bricks in the circle. This is the final task for this phase of the memorial restoration project. We thank all those who purchased a brick in support of this project.

In 2010 the Armor Center began moving to Fort Benning, GA. Plans are to build a new Armor and Cavalry Museum at Fort Benning. The next phase of the Memorial Project will be to move the entire 11th Cavalry memorial to the new Armor and Cavalry Museum.

## 11<sup>TH</sup> ACVVC DONATIONS

Donations to various 11th ACVVC activities since the 2nd Quarter 2011 issue of *Thunder Run*

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# Have a Pleasant Flight

By: Mark S. Crist, Air Cav and I-Troop 68-70

Other than a few commercial flights in the '60's my aviation experience was somewhat limited. Then came Army AIT in MOS 67N20, Single Rotor Turbine Engine Utility Helicopter Mechanic, or Huey for short. I'd completed the course, but there was one more week to go. Since I was on orders for Vietnam I had to go through indoctrination classes which included an introduction to the "D" model M-60 machinegun. It had the butterfly grips and was the primary weapon on "slicks" in the warzone.

After a few days on the range we reported to the flight line at Fort Eustis, Virginia for our aerial qualification. We were also about to get an introduction to being a "Newby," although it wasn't part of the syllabus. A Spec-4 crew chief came over to greet us still wearing his flight helmet. It was decorated with painted patches and wording to include "Vietnam '67/68." He was also carrying some webbing which I'd later find out was nicknamed a "Monkey Harness." While the gunwells on a "slick" Huey had seats and seatbelts this was an added security step from falling out of the aircraft during unusual attitude scenarios. When I say "attitude" I don't mean in a funk, but more where an aircraft is in space in relation to the ground.

Another mechanic and I were first up and the crew chief began buckling us in. I thought it kind of odd the waist buckle was fastened around the knees. The shoulder straps were pulled so tight I found myself hunched over. Between that and the buckled knees I guess we did look like monkeys waddling out to the helicopter. As I approached the aircraft I noted the pilots smiling, no, laughing! The crew chief was also smiling when he buckled me in the gunwell. "Well, these guys walked the walk, what do I know." It was a bit more comfortable sitting down as we took off in the direction of the James River. I'd already loaded the 200 round belt of blank ammunition into the feed tray. We were flying along at 500 feet when I saw what looked like a grandfather and his grandson in a rowboat fishing.

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The flight to San Francisco was uneventful. The next flight was via Continental Airlines to Cam Rahn Bay. As I understand, these were charter flights arranged by the Government. As we taxied down the runway at Cam Rahn I'll never forget the stewardess who said, "thanks for flying Continental." I had to look at the guy sitting next to me with a "did we have a choice" look on my face.

My next flight was on a C-130 from Cam Rahn to Bien Hoa. Before taking off the loadmaster gave his spiel, "If you hear the claxon horn and the ramp lowers on takeoff, exit the aircraft. There we were, about 30 of us sitting on the floor with our duffle bags. The aircraft is going down the runway and I guess I'd gotten a little complacent with my commercial flights. All of a sudden, OW-OOGA, OW-OOGA, the ramp on the aircraft lowers, and the props are in reverse...."get out, get out, get out!" I'm now running down the runway and look back. The number 4 engine on the C-130 is ablaze. There was a silver lining to this. We were bussed to a Navy chow hall where we had a selection of hot food and china to eat it on.

The next flight I took was on a C-7 Caribou from Bien Hoa to Blackhorse. We

were bussed to the airfield from the 90th Replacement. The flight was delayed and a case of C-Rations came out and so much for the Army/Navy game. I've since spent 12,000 hours in the air in my Aviation career and lost count with my commercial flights, but can honestly say that Caribou ride got me sick. Then again, maybe it was the C's.

My next flight was on a Chinook from Alpha Pad out to the field with I-Troop. I had a duffle bag on each shoulder as I approached the running aircraft, all 130 pounds of me. I was doing fine. Then it seemed as if the wind had picked up. As I tumbled backward in my dark green, fresh of the shelf jungle fatigues I looked toward the cockpit and saw that familiar grin. When the pitch was lowered I walked up the ramp and sat next to the opened floor hatch where the cargo hook was located. I had no idea a 500 gallon water trailer was part of this flight. Once it was hooked up we took off. I don't know the physics involved, but the trailer's lid was left open. There were high and low pressures involved that sucked the water right into the cabin. The sandblasting I'd gotten when boarding was quickly washed away.

Then the big day came. My short-timers calendar was filled up and I was homeward bound. I was flying Seaboard World Airlines out of Bien Hoa. "Anybody heard of Seaboard?" We go down the runway and when the nose gear lifted up the roar began, "Yea..Hoo-Ah...Get me outta here," etc etc. All of a sudden the nose gear came back down, the engines went in reverse, and we went back to the terminal. "Sorry guys, we have a maintenance problem!" We taxied back

in and without getting off the aircraft the problem was fixed. We go down the runway again and “yea, hoo-rah, take me home.” Ditto! The next time nobody said anything until we were up in the air. From San Francisco to Newark I had a beverage or two....three or four.. The stewardess was good enough not to brief on monkey harnesses and in that time airline food wasn’t half bad. The pilot even requested I sit in first class.

When I went over for a 2nd tour we had just crossed the coast of Vietnam as announced by the pilot. We were headed into Bien Hoa and it was June, the rainy season. While I was in a middle seat I could look out the window and see thunderstorms. Shortly after that a big bolt of lightning lit up the cabin. The young private sitting next to me, on his 1st tour, jumped out of his seat screaming, “they got us, they got us!” I put my hand on his shoulder, sat him down, and told him “it’s only lightning, get a grip!” If by some miracle I could meet that Spec-4 from Eustis I’d kick him square in the behind! Call it a professional courtesy.

## Blackhorse Veteran’s Day Wreath at the Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial (The Wall)

All Blackhorse Troopers, family, and friends are invited to participate in the Annual Veteran’s Day wreath laying at the Wall

- **When:** 10:00 AM Friday, 11 November, 2011
- **Where:** Near the Three Soldiers Statue at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington D.C.
- **Who:** All Blackhorse Troopers (all eras), family and friends
- **What:** We will initially gather near the statue of the Three Soldiers, say a few words, and then informally carry the wreath to the apex of the Wall

(Look for the Blackhorse Patch Wreath that will be there by 09:30).

Please pass this information to anyone who might be interested in participating.

Allons!



## 11th ACVVC Reunion XXVI, St. Louis, MO Wednesday, 17 August thru Sunday, 21 August 2011



### Schedule of Events

#### Wednesday, August 17

12:00pm - 4:00pm Registration Open  
12:00pm - 4:00pm Quartermaster Store Open

#### Thursday, August 18

7:00am- ??? 20th Annual Marty Ognibene Memorial Golf Tournament (optional fee per golfer)  
9:00am - 6:00pm Registration Open  
9:00am - 5:00pm Quartermaster Store Open  
2:00pm - 12:00am Bunker Open

#### Friday, August 19

9:00am - 6:00pm Registration Open  
9:00am - 5:00pm Quartermaster Store Open  
10:00am - 12:00pm Veterans Seminar  
12:00pm -12:00am Bunker Open  
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Women’s Group Meeting

5:00pm - 9:00pm  
8:00

Silent Auction  
Raffle Drawing

#### Saturday, August 20

9:00am - 12:00pm Annual General Membership Meeting (Members Only)  
2:00pm - 3:00pm Memorial Service  
2:00pm - 5:00pm Registration Open for Late Arrivals  
3:00pm - 5:00pm Quartermaster Store Open  
5:45pm - 6:45pm Cocktail Hour  
7:00pm - 9:30pm Banquet, Presentations, and “Blackhorse Salute”  
9:30pm - 1:00am Dancing

#### Sunday, August 21

10:00am - 11:00am Chapel Worship Service (Nondenominational)  
10:00am - 2:00pm Quartermaster Store Open  
All Day Farewells and Departures

# REGISTRATION

## 26th Annual 11th ACVVC Reunion

As we near this year's reunion, I just want to say thank you to all of you who registered early. Your use of both the website registration form and the use of those little mailing labels we all seem to have so many of, have made it so much easier this year. I have not had to make as many phone calls. Barb also has been able to keep up easily with the name tags and meal cards.

There are still a few things that we are thinking about doing to the registration form for next year. If any of you have any ideas, be sure to let me know.

Thank you to both Barb and Raleigh for all their hard work. I don't know if all of you know, but it is Raleigh who has designed the name tags the past few years. At this time, he is working on next years. Although he keeps saying we should incorporate Mickey Mouse into it in honor of going to Orlando, I know he is just kidding.

Barb, as I have said, has been amazing at keeping up with everything this year, and has not, to date, yelled or complained about peoples' handwriting or asked why they all wait until once to mail them in. Truthfully she seems to have enjoyed it more this year than in the

past. She has even gone so far as to take over putting together the envelopes, which was probably a good idea as I have in the past been known to run the name tags and then set them aside and later found that I forgot what guest went with whom.

Well folks, all I can say now is that if you haven't already sent your registration in, you had better hurry. We leave home on August 13th heading for St. Louis. We will, after a few sightseeing stops, arrive on the 16th and will open the registration desk on the 18th.

Remember, anyone registering after the 21st of July, or showing up as a walk in, will have to pay a late fee and will not be included in the banquet meal. The hotel needs to have all food counts by Wednesday the 17th, so we will figure all that out before we leave home. So, you had better hurry.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Saint Louis.

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## 11th ACVVC Scholarship Program Update

I received a total of 32 scholarship applications by the May 15th deadline this year. That is 8 more applications than I received last year and the first increase we have seen since 2007! All of the applicants are children of our members. 19 applicants are female and 13 are male. The youngest applicant is 18 years of age and the oldest is 53. Most of these students fall into the "traditional" college age bracket (18-24 years of age). The 32 applications come from 20 different States and the territory of Guam! Once again Florida provided the most applications (four).

An independent panel of judges is cur-

rently reviewing these applications and will rate each applicant according to the formula described in the Scholarship Guidelines. After the 11ACVVC Board of Directors determines the number of scholarships we are able to award this year, I will notify the winners. Those not qualifying for an award will be notified as well and encouraged to apply again next year. A complete list of scholarship winners will be published in the 4th Quarter issue of Thunder Run.

*Mike "Doc" Rafferty  
Scholarship Committee Chairman*

# Incoming...

Information provided by and for our Troopers

**From Allen Hathaway.....Wanted:** Photos of ACAV's with designs, characters or other hull art. The Armor School at Fort Benning, GA, is looking for photos of ACAV's in Vietnam with relevant "warpaint" applied. In the Armor School's move and reestablishment of operations at Benning they are reworking various vehicle displays and want to historically represent each as accurately as possible. The Armor School has specifically requested that the ACAV display be representative of the 11th ACR in Vietnam. They would like to review any photos as soon as possible.

Please send any photos for consideration to Allen Hathaway (either e-mail or snail mail) Photos will be returned

**From Ron Krueger.....The 20TH Annual Northern California Blackhorse Potluck/BBQ** will be held Saturday, October 1, 2011 from 1100 - ??? at Slidehill Park, 2850 Temple Dr. Davis, CA. 95618. Everyone is welcome to join us for a casual picnic in the park. Bring something to BBQ, something to share (salad, dessert, or munchies) and your beverage of choice.

**Directions:** I-80 to Davis. Take the Mace Blvd exit. Go North, around bend (Mace becomes Covell Blvd) Turn Left on Monarch Ln. Take 1st right onto Temple. Park is one block ahead on left. **or** I-5 to Woodland, exit at Road 102 to Davis. Proceed South to Davis, approx. 8 miles. Turn left at the 1st major intersection - Covell Blvd. Go about 1 mile to Monarch Blvd, turn right, go 1 block. Turn right on Temple. Park is 1 block ahead on left. Watch for balloons and signs. RSVP: Ron Krueger: 530-758-0351, [ronkrue@hotmail.com](mailto:ronkrue@hotmail.com)

## Membership is Our Strength

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

It is just a few more weeks until the St. Louis reunion on August 17-21. The silent auction is one of the events held during the annual reunion.

The silent auction is one of the three fundraising activities that helps support the Scholarship Program. The silent auction is always fun and entertaining. This is our 16th year for the silent auction. Each year we continue to see an impressive array of items being offered. Paul Gissible and Ron Krueger will be coordinating the Silent Auction again this year.

We once again ask our members to put their imagination and talent to work for the organization and ask for donations of items for the silent auction. Our membership has always come through with many unique and interesting items. Donations of items or services are welcomed. Any item with an 11th Cavalry theme is always in demand. Other items such as tools, books and any other military memorabilia are also very popular.

Items can be mailed prior to the reunion or they can be brought to the reunion and dropped off at the reunion registration desk.

## 11th ACVVC Silent Auction

### Donated Items Information Form

Please provide the following information with your donated item. It is important for our records. If you wish to donate anonymously, please check the box below.

Description of item donated: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

Value of Item Donated \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to remain anonymous (check box)

Mail silent auction items to: **11th ACVVC, C/O David M Ludwig, 2140 Princeton Place, St Louis, MO 63117-2425**

If you would like to donate an item please make sure to fill out the Silent Auction Donor Form found in this newsletter or on our website. This gives us all the information about the donor, a description of the item and an estimate of the starting bid. All these

are very important.

All proceeds from the silent auction will be used to benefit the Scholarship Fund. We look forward to another successful silent auction. Thanks in advance for all that you do to keep this the best organization ever.

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When submitting written items or photos to us, please keep in mind:

- *Thunder Run* is a publication of the 11thACVVC used to communicate events, ideas, nostalgia, helpful information, and entertainment to our members. The 11thACVVC is a non-profit, non-political, corporation organized and operated within the provisions of 501(c) (19) of the Internal Revenue Code and is limited in activity by that charter.
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- *Thunder Run* will not advertise except to promote our organization and to promote items for sale through the 11thACVVC Quartermaster Store.
- Photos must be sent as at least a medium-size .jpg file at 300dpi. Digital photos are preferred, but "hard copy" is acceptable. Photos for "Show Pride" are expected to contain a highly visible Blackhorse or 11th ACVVC indicators or symbols. The viewer

should be able to note a link to Blackhorse or the 11th ACVVC. (please indicate if you want any photo returned and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope).

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- *Thunder Run* accepts articles from members and occasionally others. Request inputs be limited to 1000 words or less. Longer articles will be considered, but shorter are preferred. Publication of any submission is not guaranteed. Again, it is expected that submission be formatted in Word or some type of acceptable word processing program on a floppy disk or as an email attachment. Very short, typed hard copy can be sent.
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should contain an email address or telephone number so the Editor may contact you for questions.

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- Send letters or other input to: C.E. "Bill" Gregory, 421 Fallen Leaf Dr., Soddy Daisy, TN 37379, <Battle46A@efpb.com>
- Firm Deadlines for consideration in any specific issue of *Thunder Run* are: January 15; March 25; June 25; and October 1.



## Getting Drafted

Were you drafted? You know what I mean. Back in the Viet Nam War days, we were heavy into the draft. I'm not talking about wind, I'm talking about being changed from civilian into soldier in the US Army whether you asked for it or not. Some soldiers volunteered for the draft. "Why would they do such a thing?" you ask. I reply, "So they could decide when they were going to join because they knew it was coming anyway. Also, sometimes they could choose what job (MOS) they wanted."

Books are written about getting drafted in those days. The Viet Nam War needed so many soldiers that they had to make men come into the Army. Nowhere near enough would volunteer. Now it's different because we don't have a draft anymore. But we don't have time to talk about that. ("And no, they didn't draft women").

In 1969 I was at Fort Ord between Viet Nam tours. I was assigned to AIT Infantry. It was challenging to be a chaplain for troops who knew they were going to Viet Nam to pound the ground. I don't need to explain to you why being a grunt in the jungle wouldn't be some guys first choice. Having already been in Viet Nam, I was credible with the infantry trainees. Some of the counseling I did was with troops who were trying to avoid infantry. Some had college degrees in subjects that had nothing to do with being a grunt. I had to counsel that I couldn't get them out of infantry no matter what. They'd already had their college student deferments, then they graduated, and were drafted (I guess they didn't volunteer quickly enough). As you can see, even educated types with money got drafted.

Over in the Nam it was real interesting. The joking, arguments, and such sometimes got real personal between draftees and volunteers. Volunteers had RA in front of their serial number which meant Regular Army. I can't remember what the letters were in front of draftees' serial numbers, but I think it was US. If you remember, please let me know. You may have been a draftee, yourself. [Back

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**We have a great Army these days. It's as good as we've ever had. Sometimes I think maybe we should go back to a draft again because I'm one who believes that every American owes something to their country. But it won't happen, so don't worry.**

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in my pre-Army days, I got my draft physical notice, took my physical and joined the Air National Guard. Later, after I graduated from college and seminary, I joined the Army to go to Viet Nam as a chaplain, then I stayed in and retired]. In the war, when things got hot and other things were flying through the air, like green tracers, hot shrapnel, and such, draftees would get onto the RAs. They said, "You asked for this but I got rammed into it" (meaning "I can complain but you can't").

We had a lot of situations concerning the draft such as the Category IV matter. "What's that?" you say. Cats I, II, III, and IV were the categories that men were divided into for purposes of knowing how qualified they were to function as a soldier. School grades, personal and legal backgrounds, abilities, and so forth determined which category a man fit into. Categories I through III men were OK. Cat IV was the bottom. The Viet Nam War needed so many soldiers that the Army later drafted Cat IVs to fill the quotas. This made for an interesting situation. Some Cat IV troops had attitudes and were hard to deal with, causing untold trouble for everyone, themselves included. On the other hand, many Cat IVs took advantage of the opportunity to get their lives on track and did well. Maybe you had a Cat IV soldier sharing your foxhole or tank. Maybe you were a Cat IV yourself. I don't know. I never knew who was what. When the stuff started flying all that mattered was how your buddy performed. People talk about equalizers in life. Vets can tell the world what an equalizer is, it's fighting in a war - you either measure up or you're gone.

One thing about the Army that is truly great in America is this. Our army is the most integrated segment of American society. Our Army drafted people from

every part of America including every ethnic, racial, economic, religious, and educational level and group. I clearly recall many civilians complaining that rich kids could stay out of the Army by just going to college. What they didn't seem to fathom was what I talked about a few minutes ago. That was that the Viet Nam War went on long enough to catch up with perpetual students who avoided the draft by staying in school. I know, I counseled a lot of them. To make my point about the Army being integrated and representative, I'll tell you about when I was in Schweinfurt. In my chapel we had Americans who were black, white, Korean, Hispanic, American Indian, Japanese and I don't know what else. I've known soldiers off the streets of New York and others from Beverly Hills. I've supported every sort of Christian religion including different shades of Catholic, different kinds of Protestant like liberal, conservative, evangelical, charismatic, and Pentecostal plus the denominations. Add in Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu. I've had atheist friends and I even had a wiccan soldier.

If we had more time I'd tell you more stories about the Army and the draft. But you have your own stories. Everybody has their own. I'd be interested in hearing them. I think you'll have fun looking back on times that might not have been so much fun then, but look OK now. Besides, your grandkids want to hear your "old timey" stories.

The draft has gone the way of the gooney bird. Our country got rid of it in the early 1980s. Recruiting has worked out OK since then. We have a great Army these days. It's as good as we've ever had. Sometimes I think maybe we should go back to a draft again because I'm one who believes that every American owes something to their country. But it won't hap-

pen, so don't worry.

Since I'm a chaplain, I'll remind you that In God's army there's never been a draft. No one's ever been conscripted by God even though it hasn't always been hard to see that you needed to join (you know what I mean). Advantages of joining God's army are taught in the New Testament, (which I might have mentioned before): "Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the

belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the Gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.... Be alert...."

Maybe you were drafted and maybe you volunteered. Either way you served, maybe not perfectly, but honorably. I volunteered into God's army where I serve, not perfectly, but I think honorably. I wish the same for you.

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

*Chaplain Larry Haworth  
[27 December 2005 - rev 26 May 2011]  
6508 Bannocks Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78239  
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proud past Blackhorse Troopers.

As we wrap up the month of June, the Blackhorse Troopers will be preparing to go to Summer Block Leave in July. The Troopers and their families will use this much-deserved break to recharge their batteries. Once we return from leave, we will conduct our first ever Full Spectrum Operations rotation. This historic event will see the RTU conduct large battlefield maneuvers as well as counterinsurgency operations.

Lastly, I would like to extend an invitation to any veterans out there to come visit us at the NTC. If any of you Blackhorse Veterans find yourself in the Southern California or Nevada area, you're always welcome to come and visit your Blackhorse Troopers.

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

TYPE MEMBERSHIP:  NEW  RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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



# Welcome Aboard!

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

NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES
<b>HHT REGIMENT</b>		<b>541st MI DET</b>		Yopp, Nixon D 68-69		Rogen, John L 70-71	
Amabile, Ernest	67-68	Harris, John R	70-70	<b>C TROOP, 1/11</b>		Simmons, Phillip D	69-70
Couvertier, Pedro	70-70	<b>919th ENGINEER COMPANY</b>		Alsobrook, James	68-69	Stresser, Michael	68-68
Durre, James P	67-68	Civello, Anthony C	69-69	Hild, Michael W	66-67	<b>H COMPANY, 2/11</b>	
Grill, Louis F	68-68	Haley, Ervin Jr	68-68	Lucero, Eduardo E	69-69	Casanova-Lebron, Luis F	68-69
Martin, Carl L	68-69	Hart, Richard E	70-72	Marshall, William H	71-71	Frenier, Francis W	66-67
Maydole, Richard M	68-69	Hunt, Robert L	69-69	Mitchell, Harry E	66-67	Voss, David M	70-71
Roberts, Don R	70-71	Jones, Dewayne	66-67	Nicholson, Lanny G	68-68	<b>HOWITZER BATTERY, 2/11</b>	
Walker, Eddie G	70-70	Reed, Robert W	69-70	<b>D COMPANY, 1/11</b>		Thielman, Ronald K	69-70
<b>AIR CAVALRY TROOP</b>		Schoephoerster, Harry E	68-69	Church, Michael K	70-70	Yeager, Michael R	71-72
Clark, Joseph D Jr	69-69	Schunck, James D	69-69	Harrington, Otis C	69-70	<b>HHT, 3/11</b>	
Grant, James R	69-70	Sharp, Gary R	69-69	<b>HOWITZER BATTERY, 1/11</b>		Waldron, William R	70-70
Grill, Louis F	69-69	Spearman, Jerry	71-72	Bellissino, Walter R	68-69	Willis, James R	70-70
Hayes, Thomas G	68-69	Swaney, Jack W	66-67	Mitchell, Jerry E	67-68	<b>I TROOP, 3/11</b>	
Hughes, David C	71-72	Vanzo, Ronald S	67-69	Reichenberg, David K	68-68	Harrison, Willie F Sr	69-69
Jones, William A	71-71	Watson, Floyd R	70-71	Rudolph, George	68-68	Lowery, John M Iii	69-70
Kirkpatrick, Michael E	71-71	<b>USAF FAC</b>		<b>HHT, 2/11</b>		Maruzzella, Carl C	69-69
Kominek, Orm C	68-69	Ashworth, Pratt D	68-68	Heise, Daniel N	71-71	Matta, Michael E	70-70
Lambdin, Robert E Iii	69-70	<b>PHOTOGRAPHER ATTACHED</b>		Hofmann, William E	71-72	Way, Robert J Jr	66-67
Pegram, Ted L	71-71	Rentmeester, Co		Lafontaine, Jean C	70-71	<b>K TROOP, 3/11</b>	
Ratliff, Dennis W	69-69	<b>UNKNOWN</b>		Lanyi, Steve W	71-72	Garcia, Julio N	67-67
Sanford, Tim A	70-70	Keith, Daniel		Malone, George W	67-68	Hodges, John W	70-71
Sheehan, William H Iii	70-71	Yurkovich, John	70-70	Pegram, Ted L	70-71	O'Connor, James E	69-70
<b>7th ARMY POSTAL UNIT</b>		<b>HHT, 1/11</b>		Quidachay, Francis M	70-71	Williams, Michael G	70-70
Fitzgerald, Samuel E	69-69	Hayes, Thomas G	68-68	Riley, Curtis S	67-68	<b>L TROOP, 3/11</b>	
<b>28th MILITARY HISTORY DET</b>		Hockenberry, Dennis E	67-67	Thompson, Louis D	69-70	Brown, Steven J	67-67
Bruce, James W	68-69	Morath, Frank P	67-68	Vogel, Kurt N	71-71	Flora, James E	70-70
<b>33rd CHEMICAL DET</b>		Perez-Colon, Carlos R	68-68	Wallace, James B	71-72	Hough, William T	71-71
Lee, Roy E	70-70	Rethlake, Paul H	68-70	<b>E TROOP, 2/11</b>		Johnson, Roger V	71-71
<b>398th TRANS DET</b>		Risen, Yancy E	68-69	Jablonski, Chester J	66-67	Murphree, Richard W	67-68
Levario, Jaime	69-71	Schartz, Gregory L	69-70	Lamar, Franklin D	68-69	Platt, Fred C Iii	66-67
Norris, Herbert A	68-70	Sullivan, Joseph	68-68	Lynch, Thomas W	69-69	Thorpe, Karl G	69-70
Prichett, James E	71-71	<b>A TROOP, 1/11</b>		Sandreth, Ronald R	70-70	Venezia, Dominick	69-70
Smith, George C	71-71	Capitano, Ernest C Jr	67-68	Triano, Francis	69-69	Ward, Larry J	68-69
Walker, Eddie G	70-71	Marez, Israel	66-67	<b>F TROOP, 2/11</b>		Williams, Roger J	70-70
<b>409th RR DET</b>		Padovano, Joseph	67-68	Henderson, Ralph D	68-69	<b>M COMPANY, 3/11</b>	
Cornett, Patrick K	67-68	Payne, Clifford J	70-71	Kralovic, David	71-72	Christman, David R	68-68
Imeidopf, Robert S	69-70	Pellitier, Thomas L	69-69	Levingston, Curtis L	69-69	Roy, Morris K	69-71
Matthews, Thomas C	69-70	<b>B TROOP, 1/11</b>		<b>G TROOP, 2/11</b>		<b>HOWITZER BATTERY, 3/11</b>	
<b>506th S&amp;S COMPANY</b>		Eason, Donald	66-67	Detzler, Wayne C	70-71	Epps, Robert D	66-67
Bashaw, Kenneth W	67-68	Manchester, Carl F	70-70	Kelly, Gary E	71-71	Rahm, Mark A	69-69
Creel, Joe C	69-70	Sams, Billy J	69-69	Newman, David A	65-67		
		Seifert, Craig B	70-70	Qualteri, James J	69-70		



# An Unforgettable Experience While Pulling Guard Duty

By Mike "Doc" Rafferty G Trp., 69-70

I was 3rd platoon medic in G troop during the first few months of 1970. On February 13th, we went on a joint armor-infantry operation with a company of 1st Cav grunts. We met them at deserted Fire Base Eunice and started moving north on Highway 14 towards Bo Duc.

The infantry was supposed to cover our flanks but from my point of view, they were more of a burden than a help to us. They had trouble keeping up with us even though we were moving as slowly as we could. They seemed to straggle along the edge of the jungle in no particular order and by late afternoon many of them were exhausted and we had to give them rides on our tracks.

We separated from our 1st Cav comrades at the site of another abandoned Fire Base on Highway 14 and set up our NDP for the night. I happened to draw the second shift of guard duty that night on the platoon leader's ACAV.

Towards the end of our shift, we were supposed to call every vehicle in the platoon to make sure each man on guard duty was awake. At about 1:00 am, I made the required calls but got no response from one of the ACAV's. I woke Lt. Matson and told him I couldn't raise anyone on this particular track so he told me to go over to the vehicle and wake the G.I. up. I climbed down from our track and, after orienting myself in the darkness, I walked over to the ACAV in question. I climbed up on top of the vehicle and crawled over to the cupola where I found myself staring into the muzzle of a 45 caliber pistol!

The soldier in the cupola recognized me and said, "Doc, what are you doing here? I almost blew your head off." I must have awoken him as I clamored unto his track and he thought I was an NVA soldier.

If the guy who was on that track that night remembers this incident I'd love to hear from you and thank you for not shooting first and asking questions later!

# Coffee Pot Firefight

By Dale Newcomb, G Trp., 66-67

Hi Troopers. Gather around and hear my tale, of a fearless Sergeant in the dark of night and the unseen enemy he slew.

Camp Blackhorse was still part jungle. Animals had been trapped inside the perimeter, and the nights were full of bumps, thumps, strange shapes, and odd noises. The perimeter was just a road with the jungle and rubber plantation lurking close, closer in the darkness, and closer yet in the young minds of the troopers on guard.

As member of G Trp. HQ platoon, we got all the "housekeeping" jobs around the G Trp. area including KP, Radio watch (24-7), mail runs, water runs, and all sorts of daily chores that the regular troops didn't see often. Included were some unpleasanties such as filling some shower barrels, BURNING some really bad stuff, and pulling Troop area guard duty. All this movement included some trips around Blackhorse, and the opportunity to scope out the other units' progress and in some cases their luxuries; such as lights, generators, Ice chests, mess halls, and pallets of BEER. Some trading occurred and I have heard of some "light fingered" trading also occurring. Put a little mud on your vehicle's unit letters and you were good to go. Really it only worked if the driver kept the engine running while the runners went "shopping". After all, we all had the same Boss and worked for the

same "Company". Successful shopping was rewarded with improved personal status while failure could result in humiliation, and some experience burning and stirring that really bad stuff. Enough...

The nights could get black, especially if there was no moon. Sure there were the stars, but the shapes would move if you stared too long. And the trick that you were taught in Basic and AIT, about looking out the corner of your eye, just didn't cut it. So you listened, and listened hard, turning your head this way and that telling yourself that IT is probably a monkey or an anteater out for a stroll. Like M troop did when their tanks blew away a troop of monkeys on the perimeter. At least those were the rumors the next morning.

Sure enough, G Trp. had its black nights, and my HQ squad with E-5 sergeant Rademacher had the troop area guard as usual. I had pulled my hours and was allowed to sleep a bit when it happened! The SGT was pulling his hours when an M-16 cut loose in the Trp. area, with full on yelling and challenges. We were up FAST! The commotion was up by the Mess Hall. Not only did the guards all show up, but our sleepy First Sergeant Embery beat us all to the scene of the action.

There stood a shaken Sgt. Rademacher with a few pieces of empty brass next to him pointing in toward the center of Blackhorse. He said something about

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David Wright (K Trp. & M Co. 66-67 & 68-69) shows a great variety of military honoraria as well as diversity of unit symbols (including Blackhorse) on his Ranger truck.

# Blackhorse Hoofbeats

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

By Don Snedeker, 11th ACVVC Historian

• Talk about a slow boat to Saigon. The Merchant Marine ship US Pilot departed Baltimore harbor on 11 August 1966 with a cargo of Regimental vehicles and equipment and arrived in Vietnam on 21 September – a month and ten days later. The ship Trans York departed Norfolk harbor (over a hundred miles closer to its destination), also loaded with Regimental equipment, but didn't arrive in Vietnam until 27 October – over a whole month after the US Pilot!

• During Operation Cedar Falls in January 1967, the Second and Third Squadrons swept south to north and west to east through the Iron Triangle looking for Charlie. Although the Troopers uncovered hundreds of tons of rice and other stockpiled supplies, most contacts with the enemy involved sniper fire, brief bursts of AK-47 fire from stay-behind teams of one to three Viet Cong, and almost daily encounters with mines. One VC who turned himself in to the Regiment reported that he and his fellow VC “were hiding in tunnels until Operation CEDAR FALLS terminates. They are reported to have three day's rations.” On Thursday, January 12th, some of the VC came out of their holes. Lima Troop's Sergeant Angus Jackson, one of the Boat People, led a dismounted patrol in hot pursuit of five Viet Cong about 25 kilometers northwest of Bien Hoa, a couple of clicks north of the Saigon River. The patrol followed the enemy into what turned out to be an extensive, heavily-fortified bunker complex, where they were immediately brought under fire from a well-concealed force dug-in amidst the heavy jungle undergrowth. According to Sergeant Jackson's posthumous Silver Star citation: “Despite intense, withering machine gun fire from the enemy at near point blank range, Sergeant Jackson reacted immediately and returned fire on the ambushers and directed his men to seek covered positions. Although Sergeant Jackson was continually exposed to the torrent of enemy fire, he valiantly attempted to safely position his men. As he courageously stood firm in the hail of hostile bullets, two command detonated claymore mines exploded only a few meters from Sergeant Jackson. He was killed instantly.” Three other Third Squadron Troopers died from the command detonated claymores, including two from Lima Troop – Specialist 4th Class Rene Reynoso and Private First Class Sander Sanderson – as well as a member of Third Squadron's Howitzer Battery, Private First Class John Busch. Why was a HOW Battery cannoner on a dismounted patrol? PFC John Busch's posthumous Bronze Star with “V” for Valor citation provides the answer. “On this date, Private Busch volunteered to take the place of an ill gunner for the Artillery Forward Observer Section accompanying Troop L. Aware that this type of duty was considerably more hazardous than his assigned duty as a tapeman in the Battery Survey Section, Private Busch exhibited his eagerness to meet the hostile forces in combat. Later this day, Private Busch again volunteered for hazardous duty when a reconnaissance patrol of Troop L reported a squad size enemy concentration in the area. Volunteers were needed to reinforce the dismounted patrol from the 2d Platoon. Private Busch eagerly volunteered to accompany this patrol, knowing that the enemy was emplaced in fortified positions, including tunnels, trenches, and bunkers. As the patrol advanced through the dense jungle, it was brought under fire by the emplaced

enemy with numerous claymore mines and intense small arms fire. While returning the fire at the hostile forces, Private Busch was fatally wounded.” A total of eight Blackhorse Troopers died on this day, just four months after arriving in country.

• Smile! You're on TV! In early 1969, the media couldn't get enough of the Blackhorse Regiment. The ABC television network did several combat and feature stories on Air Cavalry Troop in late February and throughout the month of March. In mid-March, more than 20 newsmen (including reporters and photographers from the Associated Press, United Press International, Time and Newsweek magazines, New York Times, and Stars & Stripes) accompanied the Regiment during Operation Twinkletoes, while all three major television networks covered Operations Atlas Wedge in the Michelin Rubber Plantation and Montana Raider in the Iron Triangle and War Zone C. In fact, during the month of March, the Blackhorse garnered over 40% of the national television news coverage of combat operations in Vietnam. The newly-issued M551 Sheridans raised considerable interest among the media, so the 17th Public Information Detachment created a standardized briefing (with photos) and presented it to, among others, the Associated Press, CBS News, and Time Magazine.

• From the Commander's Column (written by Colonel Donn A. Stary, 41st Colonel of the Regiment) in the March 1970 edition of the Blackhorse Newspaper: “As we stood in this NDP [Night Defensive Position] the other day watching a hook [CH-47 Chinook helicopter] come in with a couple of ‘blivets’ [large rubber containers for water or fuel], one trooper said to me, ‘Boy, it must take a lot to keep this Regiment running!’ He's right—it does. Then I wondered how many of us realize just what it does take to keep the Blackhorse going. The figures are staggering—about 1000 tons of supplies each week are delivered to Blackhorse units by air, hook-superhook-C123-C130 [Air Force fixed-wing transport aircraft]. Another 300 or so tons are delivered by land convoy. All told that's about 500 pounds per week for each Blackhorse trooper.”

• From the “not their intended purpose” department. While conducting operations during the dry season, when the Armored Vehicle Launcher Bridge (AVLB) was not required to cross often dried up streams, an AVLB was attached to each Squadron command post in the field. The bridge was positioned to cover the underground Tactical Operations Center (TOC), while the M-48A3 chassis launcher was equipped with a towbar and used to assist in battlefield recovery of damaged or broken-down vehicles.

• Another perspective on the AVLB, from the Operation Montana Raider (12 April to 14 May 1969) after action report: “Throughout the operation AVLBs, CEVs [Combat Engineer Vehicles], and D7 dozers were used extensively. The Armored Vehicle Launch Bridge (AVLB) was probably the single most important vehicle in this operation. A total of 17 gaps were bridged throughout the entire operation. The CEV was frequently used to clear landing zones, improve AVLB crossing sites and provide security for Engineer Mine Sweep Teams. D7 dozers were constantly used for clearing firing positions for the artillery batteries, clearing fields of fire around perimeters, and constructing fords.”



# Fiddler's Green

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

**Gordon A. Beal**, 398th Transportation Detachment (1968-1969), passed away on June 15, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Maiden, NC. He was laid to rest in Lawings Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Maiden, NC.

**Leon W. Boughner**, 919th Engineer Company (1971-1972), passed away on April 21, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Henderson, IL.

**Richard Briglio**, C Troop, 1/11 (1968-1969), passed away on April 10, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Johnson City, NY. He was laid to rest in Riverside Cemetery, Endicot, NY.

**Peter Brown**, Air Cavalry Troop (1968), passed away on March 9, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Newport News, VA.

**Anthony S. Bryant**, Howitzer Battery, 1/11 (1970-1971) passed away on May 29, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Los Angeles, Ca. He was laid to rest in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, CA.

**Jerry W. Bunner**, E Troop, 2/11 (1971-1972), passed away on June 7, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Clinton, IN. He was laid to rest in Danville National Cemetery, Danville, IL.

**James A. Dawkins**, B Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967), passed away on October 1, 2010. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Eastpointe, MI.

**Willis F. Diggs**, C Troop, 1/11 (1967-1968), passed away on March 30, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in New Haven, CT.

**Carl F. Ferguson**, K Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970), passed away on June 13, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in San Diego, CA.

**Richard H. French**, F Troop, 2/11 (1971-1972), passed away on April 11, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Oakley, CA. He was laid to rest in Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery, Sacramento, CA.

**Enrique Garcia**, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1971-1972), passed away on May 14, 2011. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Harlingen, TX.

**James D. Hendrix**, HHT 11th ACR (1966-1967), passed away on May 8, 2011. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Conestee, SC. He was laid to rest in Greenville Memorial Gardens, Greenville, SC.

**Craig A. Hoecker**, 398th Transportation Detachment (1969-1970), passed away on March 10, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Shell Knob, MO. He was laid to rest in Memorial Park Cemetery, Saint Joseph, MO.

**James D. "Big Jim" Holt**, Howitzer Battery, 1/11 (1967-1968), passed away on July 6, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Plainview, TX. Jim served as a board member 1986-1987 and again in 2005-2010.

**Alvie H. Langston**, H Company, 2/11 (1970-1971), passed away on March 1, 2011. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Quinlan, TX.

**James N. Layne**, HHT, 2/11 (1966-1967), passed away on April 20, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Milford, MI. He was laid to rest in Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, TN. James was also a veteran of World War II.

**Dennis J. McDonald**, A Troop, 1/11 (1968), passed away on March 10, 2011. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Fort Lauderdale, FL.

**Joe R. McMillan**, HHT, 2/11 (1970-1971) F Troop, 2/11 (1970-1971), passed away on April 25, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Sheridan, WY.

**Kenneth L. Ryska**, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1966-1967), passed away on April 5, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lincoln Park, MI. He was laid to rest in Our Lady of Hope Cemetery, Brownstown, MI.

**Ronald M. Serrano**, HHT 11th ACR (1969), passed away on March 28, 2011. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in El Mirage, AZ.

**Alton E. Stephens**, (1968-1969), passed away on April 8, 2011. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Iola, TX.

**John M. Walling**, F Troop, 2/11 (1972) and G Troop, 2/11 (1972), passed away on February 15, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lexington, KY. He was laid to rest in Lexington Cemetery, Lexington, KY.

**Kenneth C. Waller**, HHT, 2/11 (1970-1971), passed away on July 1, 2011. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Madison, IN. He was laid to rest in Dupont Cemetery, Dupont, IN.

**Dale L. Walls**, A Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967), passed away on April 23, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Willingboro, NJ. He was laid to rest in BG William C Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ.

**Michael S. Womack**, C Troop, 1/11 (1969), passed away on May 9, 2011. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Gridley, CA.

**You might want to make copies of these dog tags, place one on your refrigerator and extra dog tags on your adult children's refrigerators**

## So that his brethren shall know...

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

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



#1 Coffee Mug \$10.00



#2 Key Ring \$3.00



#3 Bumper Sticker \$2.00



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



#7 Blackhorse Patch Colored \$4.00



#8 Blackhorse Patch Subdued \$4.00



#12 Lighter, \$18.00



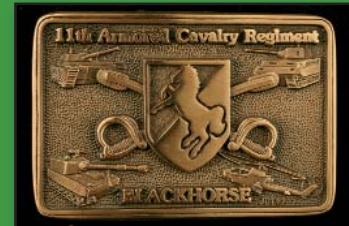
#4 Window Sticker \$2.00



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



#11 Flag, Indoor/Outdoor \$50.00



#10 Belt Buckle, brass \$30.00



#16 Tote Bag, Embroidered \$20.00



#17 Blackhorse Pin \$5.00



#13 License Plate, Blackhorse \$5.00



#15 Attache Case \$30.00



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



#21 Blackhorse Women's Sterling Pendant \$45.00



#23 Men's Ring, Gold & Silver \$325.00

#24 Men's Ring, Gold & Silver w/Diamonds \$380.00



#18 11th ACR Regimental Crest \$5.00



#20 Vietnam Blackhorse Pin, Wreath \$5.00



#19 Blackhorse Cavalry Pin \$5.00



#25 Lapel Pin, Support Troops \$3.00



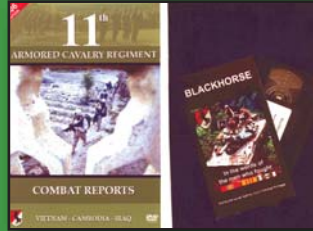
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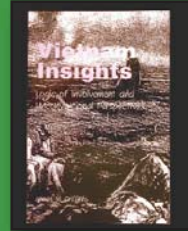
#22 Gear Bag, Red \$35.00



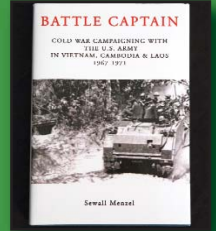
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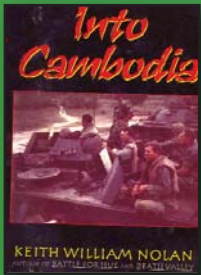
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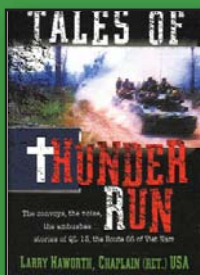
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#31 Book: Battle Captain \$20.00



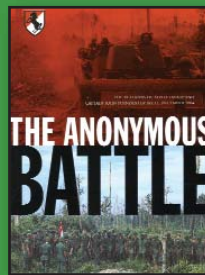
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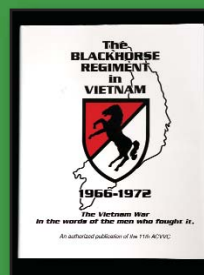
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#28 Video (DVD) Combat Reports \$30.00



#35 Book: The Anonymous Battle \$16.00



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



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



#38a Old Blackhorse Hat \$12.00



#38b New Blackhorse Hat \$12.00



#39a/b T-Shirt, green/gray \$18.00



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



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



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



#42 Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon \$75.00



## Women's Corner

By Barb Moreno, 11th ACVVC Women's Coordinator

Hi Ladies,

As this is the last newsletter before reunion, I want to remind all of you that our regular "get together" is going to be held on Friday this year at 1PM. I know for some of you, this will be difficult since either you don't arrive in time, are out playing golf or maybe seeing some of the sights of Saint Louis, but it is necessary due to our sight-seeing boat trip on Saturday.

Speaking of the boat trip - we have about 48 people signed up to go. So I think we should have a fun, relaxing time. We will meet in the lobby of the hotel NO LATER than 9:30AM. We will then walk to the boat area as a group. While I am checking the group in, please wait on the steps leading up to the Arch from the river. When we board the boat, please stay together so I can be sure we have everyone and because we will most probably be having a group photo taken. At this time, I am not sure of the cost for individual copies and the availability time frame for receiving them, but I will have all that information for you before we leave. Following our return to land, you will be free to return to the hotel on your own. I do however, suggest that you try to stay in groups of at least two or three. As they say, "safety in numbers".

For those of you not going with us, Saint Louis has some wonderful places to visit. Do be prepared to go through a security check point if you are visiting the Arch. It's well worth the wait. Union Station has some neat little shops as well as a Hard Rock Cafe (the Hard Rock is located behind Union Station). And don't forget the ball park. Nice team logo shop (pricey but very nice) and further up the street is the ice arena and team shop for the Blues hockey team.

When we were there this spring, Raleigh and I walked up to Union Station. Not a bad walk. In fact it was very enjoyable. It was probably a few miles (maybe 3?) and it was a warm, sunny day so there was a lot to see as we went. So with taking our time to look at different things it took us maybe an hour to get there.

Saint Louis also has some wonderful places to eat also. Just to name a couple, try

the Hard Rock Cafe (loud but good food) and the Spaghetti Factory. Amazing food!

Speaking of food, don't forget, we will have our newest cookbook available this year. Cost will be \$20 (cash or check ONLY!!!!). We will need everyone's help to see that we sell them all. Set up for the Women's Table has changed a little bit this year and because of it, I will not be available to be there all the time. So it will be up to ALL of you to help out. If we do not have anyone to staff it, then we will have to close it down. Closing it down for any amount of time, will cause lost sales. However, please remember even if we don't sell them all we will still need to pay for them. So give us a few minutes of your time and help staff the table.

Remember this is a GROUP project and you wanted to do it. It seems as if the same ladies are doing all the helping and it would be awesome if every member of the group, who are attending, would help for just an hour (or even a half hour). Then we would be sure to sell out. Let either myself or Kathy ([kathyz.tandberg@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyz.tandberg@yahoo.com)) know when and for how long you can help out.

We do not plan on ordering as many as we had with the first book. In fact, we will probably have about half as many, so be sure to get what you need early. We certainly will be able to place a re-order, but if that happens, there will be an added shipping charge. So now that same book will cost \$25 instead of \$20 (\$20 for the book and a \$5 mailing charge). So you see it really does pay to get yours early. And what better way to be sure you have yours, then to help out at the table.

About our meeting this year, in several conversations I have had with Kathy since the last reunion, we have come to realize that we two seem to be doing almost all the planning and work for our group. While we both enjoy what we do, we feel it would be so much more fun if more of you were involved also. Therefore we will be introducing a few new positions and committees.

Both of us will remain in our current

positions, but there are several other new positions that will need to be filled. All positions will be filled by someone volunteering for each of them. In the event that we have more than one person volunteering for a position, we will hold an election.

Too often we have the same people doing everything, and we want more of you to be involved. So come see what's happening and volunteer to help.

We are also looking at new things to do at our meetings, beginning with next year in Florida. And we would really like to have your input about them. So please, plan on attending this all important gathering.

Finally, I want to say thank you to those of you who got your registrations in early. Sure made things easier.

Well, I guess all that's left to say now is: SEE YOU IN SAINT LOUIS!!!

P.S. DON'T FORGET TO HELP US OUT AT THE WOMEN'S TABLE.!!!!!!

*Barb Moreno  
Women's Coordinator  
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hearing noises in and around the Mess Hall, and challenged the noises, which promptly took off down the road toward the center of Blackhorse! Sarge reacted by sending a bit of lead that way. We were all on edge the rest of the night.

At first light, we all began investigating the area and the road toward Blackhorse's center. Lo and behold, there were fresh boot tracks in the light mud. A pair of GI's had run from our Mess Hall down the road. Further investigation down the road found the G Trp. 5 gallon coffee pot sitting the mud!

Sgt. Rademacher had missed all thieves and the coffee pot. Thankfully no one in Blackhorse was hit either. First Sgt. Embrey then replaced all interior guards M-16's with M-79 grenade launchers using shotgun rounds. The coffee pot killer survives to this day. This is the story as I remember it.



# Quartermaster

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11TH ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

Item No.	Product Description	Code	\$ Amt	Size	Qty	\$ Total
1.	Coffee Mug, white Acrylic 11oz w/full color Blackhorse insignia	C	10.00	_____	_____	_____
2.	Key ring, 1.5" Acrylic square w/full color Blackhorse insignia	A	3.00	_____	_____	_____
3.	Bumper Sticker "I Rode With The Blackhorse" w/full color BH insignia	A	2.00	_____	_____	_____
4.	Window Sticker, full color BH insignia and Vietnam service ribbon	A	2.00	_____	_____	_____
5.	Watch, BH insignia on face, leather band (indicate choice) <input type="checkbox"/> Man's	B	35.00	_____	_____	_____
6.	Watch, BH insignia on face, metal band (indicate choice) <input type="checkbox"/> Man's	B	35.00	_____	_____	_____
7.	Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, Colored	B	4.00	_____	_____	_____
8.	Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, Subdued	B	4.00	_____	_____	_____
10.	Belt Buckle, solid brass w/crossed sabers & BH insignia	B	30.00	_____	_____	_____
11.	Flag, indoor/outdoor 3'x5' with color insignia	B	50.00	_____	_____	_____
12.	Lighter, brushed chrome w/full color BH insignia	B	18.00	_____	_____	_____
13.	License Plate, metal red & white background with crossed sabers & 11	B	5.00	_____	_____	_____
14.	License Plate Frame, metal, black w/Blackhorse 11th US Cavalry in white	C	7.50	_____	_____	_____
15.	Attache Case w/shoulder strap 11.5" x 15.5" w/dir emb. BH insignia & VN rib	C	30.00	_____	_____	_____
16.	Tote Bag, red & black, 14x1x6 w/full color BH insignia and VN rib	B	20.00	_____	_____	_____
17.	Blackhorse Pin	A	5.00	_____	_____	_____
18.	11th ACR Regimental Crest	A	5.00	_____	_____	_____
19.	Blackhorse Cavalry Pin, brass, 11 over crossed sabers	A	5.00	_____	_____	_____
20.	Vietnam Blackhorse Pin w/wreath	A	5.00	_____	_____	_____
21.	Blackhorse Women's Pendant w/chain, sterling silver w/full BH insignia	B	45.00	_____	_____	_____
22.	Gear Bag, red with color BH insignia (11x11x21)	C	35.00	_____	_____	_____
23.	Men's Ring, gold & silver w/full color BH insignia on face (specify size)	A	325.00	_____	_____	_____
24.	Men's ring, gold, silver, & diamonds	A	380.00	_____	_____	_____
25.	Lapel Pin: "Support Our Troops"	A	3.00	_____	_____	_____
26.	Magnetic "Blackhorse"	A	5.00	_____	_____	_____
27.	Magnetic "Support Our Troops" Ribbon	A	4.00	_____	_____	_____
28.	Video: "Combat Reports" (DVD Only)	C	30.00	_____	_____	_____
29.	Video combo: "Combat Reports" (DVD) & Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam (VHS)	C	40.00	_____	_____	_____
30.	Book, "Vietnam Insights" by James Griffiths	C	10.00	_____	_____	_____
31.	Book, "Battle Captain" by Sewall Menzel	C	20.00	_____	_____	_____
32.	Book, "Into Cambodia" by Keith Nolan	C	23.00	_____	_____	_____
33.	Book, "Tales of Thunder Run" by Larry Haworth, Chaplain	C	11.00	_____	_____	_____
35.	Book, "The Anonymous Battle" by John Poindexter	C	16.00	_____	_____	_____
36.	History Book, "Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam"	C	25.00	_____	_____	_____
37.	Book, American Warrior" by "Doc" Bahnsen	C	20.00	_____	_____	_____
38.	Hat, Black Poplin adjustable w/full color direct embroidery Blackhorse insignia. <input type="checkbox"/> a (old) <input type="checkbox"/> b (new)	B	12.00	_____	_____	_____
39.	Blackhorse T-shirt, 100% cotton, preshrunk, full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> green <input type="checkbox"/> gray	B	18.00	_____	_____	_____
40.	Golf Shirt, w/BH insignia and VN Ribbon: Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black	B	32.00	_____	_____	_____
41.	Denim Shirt, Mens	B	30.00	_____	_____	_____
42.	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	_____	_____	_____
43.	Windbreaker, black w/snap front, BH insignia & VN Ribbon	B	35.00	_____	_____	_____
44.	OTHER: Sale Items, Etc. _____		_____	_____	_____	_____
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Note: unless otherwise noted, all clothing items are available in size medium through size 3XL. Specify size and color preference of item requested.

Shipping Costs: A items = \$3.00; B items = \$6.25; C items = \$10.50  
(items totaling over \$75.00 = \$14.20 cost of shipping)

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Please include the largest of chosen items S/H costs with your order. Maximum per order form charge is \$14.20. Checks or Money Orders should be made payable to **11th ACVVC**. Allow six weeks for processing and delivery. **ALL PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**. Previous price lists are invalid. Mail order to: **11th ACVVC Quartermaster, c/o Jerry Beamon, 15926 Cedar Bay Dr., Bullard, TX 75757. JerryLBea@aol.com**

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## From the Quartermaster...

**Jerry Beamon**

Hello to All Blackhorse Troopers.

Well it is that time of year again that we look forward to the REUNION !!!

Around here it has become a vacation time, a time where we can meet and catch up with old friends, and make new ones. Many of you are not able to come to a Reunion and we do understand, been there myself. But as time has gone by Jan and I look forward to it each year. As our *Thunder Run* goes to press we are gearing up, packing up, making plans mapping out a route to St. Louis and back home. We also are just plain looking forward to seeing everyone.

On that note, Your Q.M. Store will be closed from Aug. 5th to Sept 1st. You can still send in your order by mail and by the internet. Otis, our webmaster will have it back on the internet just as soon as Reunion is over.

As always changes need to be made to keep things running smoothly. We do ask that you please add you driver license numbers on your checks. This has made it easier to process your payments thereby enabling us to fill your order sooner and get it in the mail to you. Some still do not trust our new system, and we understand. That's OK, we here do our very best to keep all information you send us confidential. We DO NOT SHARE ANY INFORMATION WITH ANYONE. That's a no, no, with us.

Also you can E - Mail me directly if you want, just be sure to fill in your name, address, and phone number. Some of you still are not doing this on the order form from "Thunder Run". Example: a trooper I just talked to had not received his order. Very upset, he had his copy, I had his original, we agreed on his order to the smallest detail. Then he asked, "What's the problem?" I said what is your address and/or a phone number to call if I had to reach you? Do you have that on your form? I don't. "What do I do now?" I asked. This sounds crazy yes, but this did happen, and does happen. I have come to take this in an odd way to be funny. We all make mistakes and over look simple things.

Again change comes as we changed the color of our T-shirts and are adding a few new items to our store list. Some items will be in the next issue of Thunder Run, so you can have new items for Christmas shopping.

I close with this request, if you have any spare time please drop by and volunteer some of your time as we could use the help.

As always our thanks to Otis with web site and Jim our Editor of TR .These men help me out in many ways to make it easier to serve you from the QM store.

ALLONS,

*Jerry*

### QUARTERMASTER CLEARANCE & FEATURED ITEMS

Please fill out your desired clearance & featured items as OTHER on the QM Order form. Fill them in on the describe item line with your choice and fill in the blanks provided for \$Amt., Size, Qty., and \$Total.

**WHILE SUPPLIES LAST: Blackhorse in Vietnam VHS, \$5.00**

