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

### Former Trooper Completes His 500 Mile Promise

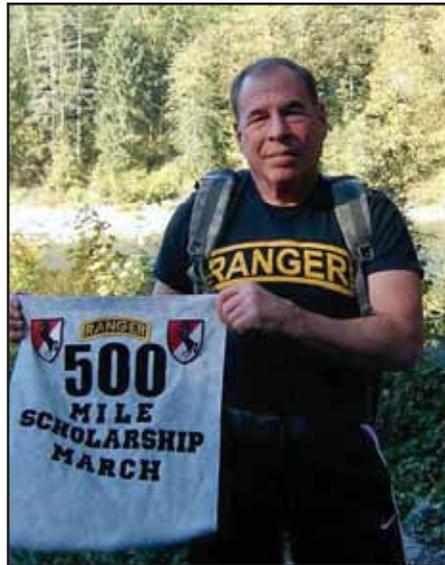
By William S. Gould, MD  
HHT 11th Cavalry Regiment (1968-69)

Bill Gould wrote about his planned 500 mile fundraising march in 3rd Quarter 2006 *Thunder Run*

In June, 2006, nearly two years after I began pestering the Pentagon to allow me, nearing my sixty-second birthday, to participate in the Ranger Course at Fort Benning, it became clear that they would not budge. It did not require a degree in logic to understand their concerns: a middle-aged man really could just drop dead on the spot for no reason other than he had been alive for six decades. I’d seen it happen in my medical practice more times than I cared to remember. More importantly, I had to accept that the army was fighting a real war, and my participation would be a distraction to the young men learning to do so. Therefore, I decided to create my own Ranger training.

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On 18 Oct 2006, I closed my medical practice and set out on foot, accompanied



Dr. William Gould holds t-shirt he wore on his 500 mile walk to raise scholarship funds for the children and grandchildren of Rangers and Blackhorse troopers.

by an old friend from graduate school, starting at Camp Frank T. Merrill (Merrill’s Marauders), the new name of the old Ranger Mountain Training Facility near Dahlonega, Georgia. I wore a tee shirt emblazoned with the Ranger Tab, kept one extra in my pack for ceremonies along the way, and lugged forty-some pounds (curi-

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### Are You A Member?

If you are one of the few who hasn’t yet become a member, or if your membership has expired, this is a good time to take a minute and become a member or renew your membership.

If you are not sure of your membership status in the 11th ACVVC, take a second and check the mailing label on the back of this newsletter If the words:

**“FREE COPY” or “EXPIRED”**

are printed on the first line, you need to either join or renew your membership! Expired members will also have their membership number printed on the same line.

There is still a bit of confusion about membership in this organization, 11th Armored Cavalry’s Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia (11th ACVVC), and the Blackhorse Association (BHA). They are two separate organizations, each with their own charter, by-laws, officers and membership fees. Many of us are members of and support both organizations. Some of the people we have contacted for membership renewal have written back and furnished a copy their LIFE membership card only to discover it is not from the 11th Armored Cavalry’s Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia, but from the Blackhorse Association (BHA).

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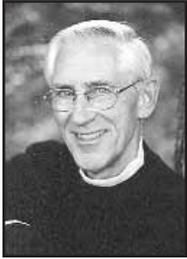
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# From The Command Track

By Chuck Schmidt, President



Chuck Schmidt,  
President, 11th ACVVC

In the past month we, the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia (11thACV VC), have lost two of our Regimental Commanders in the passing of MG USA (Ret) William W. Cobb ('66-'67) and MG USA (Ret) John Gerrity ('70-'71). It has not been too long ago that a third, MG USA (Ret) George S. Patton, III ('68-'69), also made the journey to Fiddler's Green. Last month, I lost a close personal friend, 1stSgt USA (Ret) Dick Kelly (1 Trp, '68). Each of our Troopers who passes on diminishes all of us. Whether a Regimental Commander, 1stSgt, Major General, Sergeant, "Spec 4" or Private, all were cherished and will be missed. Each of our Brothers that makes the journey to the "Green" has had close buddies in the 11thACVVC, and will meet former Troopers of the 11th Cavalry on the way. Some of those they encounter will be men who served with them in 'Nam and were KIA's. Others may have gone long before in the Philippines or WWII. It does not matter. All are equal. All were Troopers of the 11th Cavalry, and that is all that matters! We honor all who have served and who have died, in combat or thereafter. They are our Heroes, our Brothers, our Friends, and Comrades-in-Arms. Well Done! Be Thou at Peace!

The planning for our XXII Annual Reunion is proceeding at full speed. We have some exciting activities that are in the initial stages of being locked in, especially our planned memorial service and re-dedication of our monument at Fort Knox. We could not negotiate a reasonable price for a buffet dinner at the Hotel for the Friday "Bunker" gathering, so we opted to serve only snacks (pretzels, chips, nuts, etc.) and offer a side trip which is a two to three hour cruise on the Ohio River aboard the historic "Belle of Louisville". The paddle wheeler, "Belle", is anchored within walking distance of the hotel, and we were able to negotiate a great price of \$20.00 per person to include a buffet dinner on board! Each must sign up individ-

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ually for the dinner cruise in addition to registering for the Reunion. The Reunion and cruise registration forms are in this issue of Thunder Run. PLEASE SIGN UP EARLY!!! Early registration makes the job of those who volunteer to work the reunion so much easier, and assures that you will have your name posted on the web site for your buddies to see and, if we need to run two cruises, will enhance the chance of getting your choice of sailing time. I am sure that you will note that the registration fee is slightly higher this year. The trip to Fort Knox has made this necessary since we will need to pay for busses, and lunch at Knox is also included in the fee. Also, with the current strong U.S. economy, hotel rates and expenses are difficult to bargain. Rest assured, we do the best we can, and become a real "Thorn" to the hotel as we try to get the absolute lowest possible price for their rooms and services.

"Operation Embrace", proposed, and chaired by Joe Willey (HHT Regt, '69-'70) has produced phenomenal results. This project is an effort to locate the next-of-kin (NOK) of all of our KIA's, and to invite them to join us in the re-dedication of the monument to our fallen heroes, as well as re-establishing ties with the Regiment through the 11thACVVC. Joe gives periodic status reports on the web site, and also is seeking to locate Troopers who may have known selected KIA's and the circumstances of their deaths. Many family members we have located want desperately to link up with someone who knew their sons, brothers, nephews, or uncles. Please visit the 11thACVVC Web Site at [www.11thcavnam.com](http://www.11thcavnam.com). We thank Joe for the tremendous job and unique service he has taken on!

Our annual fundraising for the Scholarship Program was kicked off with the 2007 11thACVVC Calendar. Your response has been terrific! Already you have donated more than last year. As I write this Command Track article, donations have exceeded \$32,500, and that is after having heard from

only about 20% of our membership. We already have a fantastic Scholarship Program, and I can only imagine what an outstanding Program could result if just 50% would respond to the appeal. So, if you have not yet done so, do so immediately. Pull the envelope sent with the calendar, and send it in—not difficult at all! A hearty "THANKS" to all who have so generously contributed. A list of Troopers and families supporting this endeavor is in this issue. Donations received after the publication deadline will be acknowledged in the next Quarterly newsletter.

Just as we were in Vietnam, our Army is now engaged in a growingly unpopular war in Iraq. "Support our Troops" is the theme of many magnetic stickers, and the mantra of politicians at all levels of government. We know what "Support our Troops" means, and we remember how little support we got, personally and collectively. In my opinion, and I know this is not shared by all, the way to support our Troops and the quickest way for them to return to their loved ones safely, is for an early resolution of the conflict in Iraq. If we do not support the concept of victory, what do we support??? "We support the Troops, but not the war effort" is an often-heard phrase. What are we then supporting our Troops to do—lose? They are deployed to fight a war. General of the Armies, Douglas MacArthur, probably put it as clearly as can be when he stated: "In War, there is no substitute for Victory!" I hope and pray they are victorious in their mission and return safely. I only ask that our readers sincerely approach these brave men and women in uniform, regardless of branch of service, whenever they are encountered, look them in the eye, shake their hand, and thank them for their selfless service. They are fighting a difficult war, in an unbelievable environment, under the extremely harsh conditions and restrictive rules of engagement. Show them that you truly support them and the successful completion of their task.

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

**First Quarter.....Jan 15**  
**Second Quarter.....Apr 15**  
**Third Quarter .....Jul 15**  
**Fourth Quarter.....Oct 15**

**All submissions for publication must be sent to:** Jim Griffiths, Editor, 3784 Michigan Ave., Bridgman, MI 49106.  
 Email: JGriff11@aol.com.

## REUNION 2007 (XXII)

LOUISVILLE, KY  
 SEPTEMBER 6-9, 2007

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140 N. Fourth St., Louisville, KY 40202

1-800-THE-GALT (843-4258), or: 1-502-589-5200

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*(Rates good for three days prior and three days after dates listed)*

**PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY!**

Join us as we rededicate our restored Memeorial at Fort Knox

## REGISTRATION FORM



# 11thACVVC Reunion XXII ♦ Louisville, KY

Thursday, September 6th thru Sunday, September 9th, 2007



**Make hotel reservations separately at:  
THE GALT HOUSE, 140 N FOURTH ST, 40202  
1-502-589-5200 or 1-800-THE GALT (843-4258)**

Registration fee is \$78.00 per person. This fee is required for attendance at any of the scheduled program events including the "Bunker" on Thursday and Friday, lunch on Saturday at Fort Knox and the Saturday Banquet. (Transportation to Fort Knox and lunch at Fort Knox is included in the Registration Fee)

**Please Register Early!! The registration fee will be an additional \$10.00 per person for registrations received after August 10, 2007!**

Please Print All Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Assignment: \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Country \_\_\_\_\_  
list only **one** Troop/Company (ie B Troop 66/1967 or H Co 69/70)

### Attendees

	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
	\$ _____
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ _____

Banquet Meal Selection:(choose one per banquet attendee): \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ Beef \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie

Special dietary needs:  Yes  No Please indicate needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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

## 11thACVVC Reunions XXII, XXIII, XXIV

*By Steve Page, Reunion Chairman*

**O**ur next reunion (XXII) in Louisville, September 6-8, 2007 will have a very special event at Fort Knox. We have been working to refurbish, repair, and correct the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Memorial Monument that is the centerpiece of the Armor and Cavalry Memorial Gardens near the Patton Museum. The rededication during the Memorial Service on Saturday, September 8 will be one of the highlights of the weekend. We hope to have erected memorial obelisks to the 11th Cavalry's other campaigns during the Philippine Insurrection, the Mexican Revolution, WW II, Desert Storm, and Iraqi Freedom and to dedicate those additions as well.

We are working on having the Chuck Wagon Gang of Odessa, Texas to put on their world famous barbeque for lunch near the museum and memorial gardens after the ceremonies at Fort Knox.

For Friday evening we have added an optional Buffet Dinner Cruise on The Belle of Louisville. Cruises are scheduled to board at 4:00PM and 7:00PM and dock at 6:30 and 9:30 respectively. We expect a large turnout and advanced reservations are essential (see Reunion XXII registration forms). We have negotiated a price of \$20.00 per person for this optional event. This is a real bargain for a 2-½ hour Ohio River cruise on this historic paddle wheeler and it includes dinner which itself will cost more than \$20.00 in most establishments in Louisville. The "Belle" is

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**OPTIONAL ACTIVITY**

**Friday, September 7, 2007**



**Evening cruise on the Ohio River Aboard the Belle of Louisville.**



Buffet dinner included in price of the two-hour cruise. (dock is walking distance from the Galt House Hotel)

We are currently planning on two departure times: 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm.  
(the first returns to the dock at 6:30 and the second at 9:30pm)

The Belle of Louisville can accomodate up to 400 guests per trip.

When first cruise fills, we will go ahead with the second cruise. the cost for cruise and dinner is \$20.00 per person. (If we can fill only one cruise, it will load at 6:00 and return at 9:00pm). Early return of reunion and/or cruise registration is an absolute must to avoid late fees!

**Belle Of Louisville Cruise:**

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Time \_\_\_\_\_ (4:00 Or 7:00pm)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending Dinner Cruise X \$20.00: .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reunion Registration Fee (From Above): .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Grand Total:** .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Visa     MasterCard (Check one) Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature ( Required) \_\_\_\_\_

**The rededication during the Memorial Service on Saturday, September 8 will be one of the highlights of the weekend.**

anchored within walking distance of the Galt House Hotel, our Reunion Hotel.

The Reunion registration fee has been set at \$78.00 per person. The fee is slightly higher than the past couple of years due to transportation requirements to travel to and from Fort Knox on Saturday and it also covers the cost of lunch at Fort Knox following the memorial ceremony and rededication of our monument.

A detailed schedule is being developed, but for initial planning purposes, you can expect the usual Golf Tournament on

Thursday morning, with the Registration Desk open Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday (short time on Saturday, if necessary). The "Bunker" will be available on Thursday and Friday at appropriate times. With the Belle of Louisville cruises scheduled for Friday evening, we will NOT serve a buffet dinner in the "Bunker" but will have snacks available along with refreshments. Since we will be spending a good portion of the day at Fort Knox on Saturday, we will have to schedule the Annual General Membership Business Meeting for sometime on Friday. Saturday evening we will have the Annual Banquet followed by dancing 'til midnight. The Quartermaster Store will be open each day for your convenience. The formal Reunion Schedule

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Jim Griffiths, Editor  
*Thunder Run*

# Editor's Corner

James M. "Jim" Griffiths

Discussion of a troop surge in Iraq brought to my mind a proposed troop surge in Vietnam 39 years ago which never came about. I would like to tell you about that surge which never occurred.

After the Tet Offensive of 1968 USARV Commanding General William Westmoreland felt that our forces had dealt the enemy a devastating blow to its forces in its militarily ill fated action. Many agree (including me) with this assessment by General Westmoreland. He also felt that a final military knockout punch could and should be delivered. Simultaneously high ranking civilian advisors and military (from the Joint Chiefs of Staff-JCS) felt that the Vietnam War had seriously stretched our troops too thin on a world wide basis. The convergence of these two factors will be explained in the context of how they impacted on the troop surge that never occurred.

The Chairman of the JCS felt that a request needed to be made to President Johnson to increase overall world troop strength. The JCS Chairman went to Vietnam, conferred with General Westmoreland, and suggested that Westmoreland request 206,000 more troops to Vietnam to deliver his knockout blow to the enemy. Westmoreland made the request and the JCS Chairman simultaneously and duplicitously painted a gloomy picture of the Vietnam situation to President Johnson hoping he would get the increased troop levels and use them for purposes other than Vietnam.

Needless to say, somebody from the higher echelons leaked the additional troop request to the press. The press naturally relayed it to the U.S. public who erroneously assumed the additional troops were necessary, contrary to what General Westmoreland felt, because the military situation in Vietnam was terrible after Tet. This, added to the press portraying Tet as a military defeat, con-

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tributed immensely to American people turning against the war after Tet.

The result of all these Byzantine machinations by upper level military and civilian personnel was no troop increase of any kind and no surge of 200,000 or so more troops sent to Vietnam to deliver Westmoreland's knockout punch to the enemy. The gloomy picture painted by the JCS Chairman about Vietnam resulted in a reevaluation of Vietnam policy and no mobilization of the Reserves to bolster troop strength. I leave it to your imagination what the result of a troop surge such as this would have accomplished. We will never know.

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I would like to remind you that if you are moving be sure to fill out the

"Moving" form that appears in every issue of *Thunder Run*. All address changes need to be sent to Allen Hathaway, who is membership chairman. His name, email, and street address are on the Officers' Page of every *Thunder Run* also. If you have questions about a member Allen is the man to contact. He also should be informed of trooper deaths for our "Journey to Fiddler's Green Section."

Articles and photos that you want to be included in *Thunder Run* should be sent via email and attachments to Jim Griffiths, Editor. My name, email and street address are on the Officers' page of every *Thunder Run* also. I am best equipped to handle text in Microsoft Word. "Show Your Pride" pictures should be sent in a resolution of 300 dots per inch. Preference is given to those who have not had a photo published recently. Do not send more than two and choose your best that displays evidence of the Blackhorse as a symbol. Be mindful of the "Deadlines for Submission" which are published in every issue of *Thunder Run*.

Enjoy your *Thunder Run*!

## 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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**New Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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ously exactly the amount of weight I lost during the first month of Ranger School in 1968) in a rucksack as we began walking. We were on our own save for the lessons I had learned nearly forty years before and perhaps more importantly the hospitality of the citizens of Georgia, Alabama, and northern Florida, the best people I have ever met.

Much had changed at the Ranger School. Time had marched on leaving my foggy memories and dreams just that, fantasies. It was similar to my recent trip back to Viet Nam, searching for the long-gone Blackhorse Base Camp, and a dozen NDP's – Holiday Inn, Harper's Ferry, etc. – you can't go home.

A sergeant major gave up his morning to show us around the camp, explaining that Ranger cadets were now housed in huge cinder block barracks, with privacy partitions between the double-decker beds. He brought us inside to show us the thick mattresses that covered the solid beds, though he allowed that the mattresses had to be replaced every six months, for "Rangers still don't smell too good."

He informed us the students were far better fed than in bygone days. Vanished were the C-rations that had fed millions and millions of GIs over so many decades, those quasi-meals replaced by MRE's. More shocking, the sergeant major told us of the safety considerations that have been enacted. Though behind the scenes, and probably not evident to the Ranger students, medical evacuation staff with ambulances and even helicopters are ready in minutes to rescue the injured. It was not what I remembered as a priority.

At first, to be honest, the wholesale transformation made me angry. After all, I had held my entire adult life that Ranger training was stark, painful, and smacking with genuine deprivation. It was the only way, I had believed, to teach men to drive on in combat when there was no alternative but mission failure and death. These were values that had been set deeply in my consciousness for nearly forty years and they were the pillars to which I had clung for dear life through my tour in Viet Nam, the numbing years of graduate and medical school, the despondency of internship, a return to Viet Nam as a medical volunteer three times, and decades as a doctor.

**On 11 November 2006, Veterans Day, after twenty-four days on the road, with nearly 500 miles and close to one million footsteps beaten into our feet, we marched, heads up, shoulders back, into Field Six at Eglin Air Force Base, arriving five minutes early.**

The sergeant major, however, sensing my perplexity, set me straight, explaining that the young men who go through the course these days are sent off to Iraq or Afghanistan within thirty days of graduation. He asked rhetorically what sense it made to debilitate them immediately before hurling them into the most demanding and dangerous period of their lives.

The instructors were quick to point out, however, that though the course is now less likely to harm Rangers, it is still designed to push men to discover just what they are made of, and many of the initial cadets in each class still do not graduate to bear the Ranger Tab. In fact, as in decades past, approximately fifty percent of those who start the course do not make it to the end.

Leaving Dahlongega, we marched south toward Fort Benning, often ducking off the roads twenty or thirty meters as the sun faded to pass the night in the woods. Though it was still autumn, we were confronted with record lows over several nights, awaking encrusted with ice, temperatures on the other side of my meager poncho dipping to 27 degrees Fahrenheit. I finally found a plastic bag and wore that over my two tee shirts, and remember grumbling to myself at one in the morning, "Hey, knucklehead, you wanted to taste suffering again? Great, open wide and prepare for a full meal for the next six hours."

On day twelve of our odyssey we charged into Camp Darby, the old Harmony Church section of Fort Benning. At Darby, named after Brigadier General William O. Darby, who created Darby's Rangers of World War II fame, we were given a tour of the new facilities. As in Dahlongega, the students were treated with far greater respect than in the not-so-good-old-days, the emphasis now on imbuing these young men with the hard-boiled skills they will be called upon to exploit to stay alive half-way around the world in just a few weeks.

We set off from Harmony Church,

marching through the back roads of southern Alabama and eventually into northern Florida, where the weather turned hot and buggy. We crossed paths with a herpetarium's contingent of snakes, most road kill by the time we happened upon them. There were passing cars, probably a quarter of a million of them, most whooshing just two or three feet from us. Why older drivers refuse to pull to the left of an otherwise totally empty road to grant us more than six inches clearance from their side view mirrors is beyond me.

On 11 November 2006, Veterans Day, after twenty-four days on the road, with nearly 500 miles and close to one million footsteps beaten into our feet, we marched, heads up, shoulders back, into Field Six at Eglin Air Force Base, arriving five minutes early. This facility, the Ranger Jungle Training Facility, is now named Camp Rudder, after Major General James E. Rudder, who commanded Rangers in World War Two. The saga of those Rangers scaling the cliffs of Pointe Du-Hoc, Normandy, France, on D-Day in 1944 is beyond remarkable. It is a tale that should have been hammered into our heads the first week of the course. Perhaps we would have more easily understood why we simply had to learn to drive on no matter the cost, no matter the pain.

The commanding officer was at the gate to greet us. He presented me with a raft paddle inscribed with the Ranger Creed and the words, "Reliving the Dream." My beautiful wife and precious daughter were there to greet us. I made my daughter, a Marine captain, promise that after my wife and I are gone, she would insure that the paddle was passed down to her kids and then to theirs, and that it would never be abandoned.

We collected over \$6,000, in scholarship funds for the children and grandchildren of Rangers and Blackhorse troopers. So, indeed, the dream lives on.

# Meet Our 2006 Scholarship Winners

This issue contains brief statements from 9 of our 2006 scholarship winners.



**Joseph N. Cardinelli Jr.** is the son of Joseph Cardinelli, (L Troop, 3/11, 69-71) He stated, "I'd like to thank you for the scholarship and the opportunity it gives me to continue my education. My father was very proud to be a member of the Blackhorse, being awarded the scholarship is an honor to his memory. Noel intends on studying to teach writing and coach basketball.



**Shelly C. Towe** is the daughter of Danny C. Towe, (E Troop, 2/11, 69-70). She told us "I just want to express my appreciation for being chosen to accept this scholarship. This will help greatly in furthering my education. Thank you." Shelly will be studying English Education.



**Katelyn Hoover**, the daughter of Lawrence P Hoover, (HOW, 3/11, 70-71) said to us, "Thank You for the Scholarship. It is appreciated."



**Audrey E. VanNus**, the daughter of John R. VanNus III (D Co., 1/11, 68-69) stated

"Dear members of 11ACVVC, I would like to express my gratitude towards you all for awarding me one of your scholarships. It is an honor to be recognized by such a distinguished group of men. With the help of your generous gift, I will be able to graduate this year from Pharmacy School of the University of Georgia debt free.



**Aaron Johnson** is the son of Thomas Johnson, (HHT, 1/11, 70) He stated "I am planning on using my scholarship this year at Colorado State University. I am currently working on the details of the paperwork. Thank you"

My family and I will forever be grateful for this help. I would also like to thank you all for the incredible sacrifices you each have made for our country and our citizens. You are a blessing to us all. Thank you and God Bless."



**Sarah A. Johnson** is the daughter of Thomas Johnson, (HHT 1/11, 70-70). She told us,

"I'd like to thank you for choosing me for the Blackhorse Scholarship. I'm happy that you are willing to help me pursue a future in film and theatre. Thanks again."



**Veronica E. Washington**, the daughter of Benjamin F. Washington, (G Troop, 2/11, 71-72) told us, "I am delighted that I am an awardee of the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veteran's Vietnam's and Cambodia Scholarship. Thank you." Veronica will be studying early childhood development.



**Rebekah L. Stanford** is the daughter of David J. Stanford, (HHT, Regiment, 72-73). She stated "Thank you so much for choosing me to receive one of the 11ACVVC Scholarships. It is truly a blessing. Thanks again to you and the committee." Her studies will be part of the pathway pursuing full-time ministry.



**Michael L. Weynand** is the son of Michael A. Weynand, (HOW 1/11, 67-67) He said, "I am very thankful to have been awarded the 11ACVVC Scholarship. It is such an honor to be chosen to receive such a prestigious scholarship.

This scholarship will greatly facilitate my academic success at Carroll College. I would like to thank you, the committee and the generous men and women of the 11ACVVC. Thanks again for your generosity. I greatly appreciate it."

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## MEMBER from page 1

To join or renew your membership in the 11th ACVVC just fill out and mail the membership form on the back page of this newsletter. Make sure you give your full name, address, service number, unit(s) and dates in country (month/year).

This will help us match you with others that served in the same unit. We also encourage you to sign the release line at the bottom of the form. This gives us permission to give your address and/or telephone number to other troopers who may be looking for you. Your name, address, etc are NOT sold or given out to vendors or anyone other than Blackhorse troopers.

Membership dues are only \$15 per year, or \$100 for a LIFE membership. We also accept Visa and MasterCard credit cards for all transactions.

Your membership dues provide you with this quarterly newsletter *Thunder Run*. The newsletter keeps you informed of your organization, its members, and the activities of the 11th Cavalry, both past and present. We pride ourselves on our continued commitment to bring the news to our members through this newsletter, which has been printed and mailed *every quarter for the past 21 years*. This shows our reliability and commitment to our members.

A small portion of the dues is used to support these special projects:

- Support to locate other Blackhorse troopers (paper, envelopes, postage-labor is free).

- Support for Memorial Day / Veterans Day activities. The organization places a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial to honor the 729 men of the regiment whose names are on the wall.

When you become a member or renew your membership you will receive your new membership card. All members are assigned a membership number that appears on their membership card. LIFE members receive a plastic membership card with their name and membership number embossed.

See  
LIFE MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT PLAN  
on page 11

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# Membership Update

By Allen Hathaway, Membership Chairman

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**If you are one of the few who hasn't yet become a member, or if your membership has expired, this is a good time to take a minute and become a member or renew your membership.**

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The year 2006 saw significant gains in our membership. During the calendar year 2006, we *located over 2,000 Blackhorse troopers*, all who served in Vietnam. Nearly 300 have been located since our last newsletter in November. Many of those recently found are receiving a copy of this newsletter for the first time.

The most significant accomplishment in 2006 was the *711 new members*. This is an increase from the previous year's total of 304 new members. We would like to welcome the 245 new members who have joined the 11th ACVVC since our last newsletter in November. (See "Welcome New Members" column.)

Many of those who have been contacted have returned their membership application almost immediately. The notes and comments that accompanied the membership application were overwhelming. "I was proud to serve with the 11th Cav", "I thought I was the only one from the Cav left", "Thanks for taking the time to contact me-keep up the good work", "Thanks for your letter - my husband needed this" and "I've been looking for an old friend for years. I saw his name on the new members list. Can you put me in contact with him?" were just a few of the many notes received over the last few months.

Special thanks this quarter goes to Fletcher Pressgrove, G Troop 1966-1967, who helped us contact many of our Blackhorse Troopers. Many thanks to him and all the volunteers who help contact other Blackhorse Troopers.

We need your help too! We have a number of Troopers whose address is incomplete. An apartment number or rural route box number may be missing, an incomplete address, 911-address conversion, undeliverable address, etc. In all these

cases we have a telephone number for the individual. We're looking for volunteers who would be willing to contact two or three others in their state or their unit in order to obtain the correct mailing address. If you can help, please contact me using the information for "Membership" on page 3 of this newsletter.

Over the years we have accumulated a number of unit rosters. We have 150-175 rosters from 1966 thru 1971. First Sergeants, Platoon Leaders, or Troop Commanders submitted many rosters. Official DA rosters were generally published twice a year (May and November). We are working to make these rosters available on our website (unit, date of roster, name and rank). We hope that our members will be able to recognize others from their unit using the rosters.

Finally, we are expecting a larger than normal turnout for the Louisville reunion in September 2007. This is a very special reunion with re-dedication of the 11th ACR Memorial at Fort Knox. Three main points to keep in mind when preparing for the reunion:

1. Make your hotel reservations EARLY
2. Contact your old friends EARLY and encourage them to attend. This allows them to make all the necessary plans and arrangements well ahead of time.
3. Feel free to contact any of the officers or board members if you are looking for someone. We will try our very best to put you in contact with them.

Several Platoon Sergeants, Platoon Leaders and Troop Commanders who want to reunite in Louisville with others from their unit have contacted us recently. We encourage others to do the same. See you in LOUISVILLE!

☆☆☆ **Membership is Our Strength** ☆☆☆

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



# Welcome Aboard!

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

NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES
<b>HHT REGIMENT</b>		Carroll, Richard W Jr	70-70	Gumbert, Robert E	71-72	Commons, Joe S	68-69
Adams, Bobby L	65-69	Drain, Darwin F	68-69	Hillegass, Donald E	68-68	Cronk, Raymond H	70-71
Ahrens, Daniel L	68-69	Finnell, John C	70-71	Ison, James W	70-71	Dopiwka, Ihor M	70-71
Allen, Richard B	68-69	Guy, Arthur J	67-68	James, Willie C	68-69	Durrett, James V	68-69
Bennett, Carl L	70-70	Hart, George R	69-70	Kaatz, Herbert R	70-71	Ellis, Wayne L	71-71
Bonanno, Alfred S	69-70	Higgenbotham, Millis	67-68	Licon, Thomas M	68-69	Fugate, James M	69-69
Bumanglag, Luis	68-69	Huddle, Douglas R	70-71	Mira, Mario Jr	68-69	Grandstaff, Sanford I	67-68
Burlison, Charles T	70-71	Johnson, Euclid L	69-69	Pierce, Thomas E	70-70	Jones, Grantling	71-72
Colameco, Thomas A	68-69	Lafontaine, James F	70-70	Smilgis, Frank D	70-71	Kozlowski, Stanley G	68-68
Demeglio, James F	68-69	Lee, William E Jr	69-69	Stanley, John B	67-68	Lesslie, George A	67-68
Disney, Glen M	69-70	McChesney, Thomas L	70-71	Stegenga, Jack F Jr	67-68	Minakowski, Charles E	70-70
Fogg, Stephen W	70-71	Perez, Edward	71-71	Thomas, Alexander K	69-70	Owens, Alden E	68-69
Foggin, John L	68-68	Ratcliff, Elmer B	68-69	Warner, Adrian A	68-69	Parrish, Edgar L	70-71
Frank, Clyde M	68-69	Stacey, James M	69-69	<b>HHT, 1/11</b>		Schultz, Mark W	71-72
Gillesby, Steven H	68-69	Whitmill, Timothy E	69-70	Beckom, Danny L	68-69	Sherman, Robert M	70-72
Hagood, Robert C	70-70	<b>124th CS MAINT DET</b>		Chilinski, Michael E	70-71	Short, Michael B	71-72
Heideman, Dale	68-68	Davies, Robert B	70-71	Fisher, Earl J	69-70	Stephenson, Sammy	71-72
Horst, Richard G	68-69	Murray, William D	70-70	Palmer, Frederick E	70-70	Sturges, Peter W	71-72
Kraxberger, W Stephen	70-71	<b>398th TRANS DET</b>		Picklesimer, Anthony L	70-70	<b>E TROOP, 2/11</b>	
Mason, Raymond E Iii	69-70	Andreasen, Allen A	69-69	Roles, Ralph D	69-69	Alexander, Terrence J	68-68
Ralston, William H	67-68	Gainer, George E	71-71	Sultzbaugh, Lisle O	67-68	Gasser, Roger A	69-70
Rayfield, Wendell P	69-70	Iverson, James L	70-71	Triolo, Santo C	67-68	Head, Wayne D	71-71
Sather, Alvin L	67-68	Martinez, Agapito	70-70	Waggoner, Hugh M	68-69	MacLeod, Roger T	68-68
Shol, Bruce C	68-70	McCloskey, Charles B	71-71	<b>A TROOP, 1/11</b>		Parks, Harvey C	69-69
Sturtz, Raymond G	69-70	Moreno, Rodolfo Jr	71-71	Hiatt, Russell	70-71	Powell, John R	71-71
Tragakis, Christopher J	69-69	Murray, William D	71-71	Hunt, John D	69-69	Witty, Larry A	71-71
<b>AIR CAVALRY TROOP</b>		Rayfield, Wendell P	69-70	Lopez, Hilario O	69-69	Wynn, Terry	68-68
Anderson, John J	71-72	Rodgers, Bobby L	68-69	Morris, Jerry L	70-70	<b>F TROOP, 2/11</b>	
Brown, Peter Jr	68-68	Solis, Francis W	68-69	Palmer, Frederick E	68-70	Alexander, Elbert M	71-71
Bruno, William J	68-69	<b>409th RR DET</b>		Ramsey, Jack R	69-70	Beckman, Jack L	71-72
Carey, Donald A	67-68	Blackwell, John W	69-69	<b>B TROOP, 1/11</b>		Bomba, Robert E	72-72
Harvey, Robert E	67-68	Chin, Carey A	70-71	Flynn, Thomas	69-70	Buser, Joseph F	70-71
Koch, Anthony F	67-68	Galloway, Robert J	71-71	Gallegos, Dennis J	68-70	Clary, Richard G	67-68
Livingston, Donald W	68-69	Long, Jesse W	68-71	Harmon, Gene A	69-70	Gillesby, Steven H	68-68
Marks, Wiley J	70-71	Osborn, Daniel R	67-68	Meeks, James M	68-69	Gregg, Kenneth D	69-70
Matthews, Milton A	71-71	Ranalli, Michael J	71-71	Pruitt, Terry L	70-70	Herrera, Richard H	69-70
McCloskey, Charles B	71-71	Scott, Steven D	70-72	Witt, William K	68-69	Hunter, Richard M	69-69
Pauley, Danny C	68-69	Vaughn, B Holt	70-70	<b>C TROOP, 1/11</b>		Lewis, Tommy J	71-71
Payne, Lloyd A Jr	71-72	<b>541st MI DET</b>		Bunce, Peter L	69-70	Lobato, Enrique L Jr	68-69
Poe, Thomas G	68-69	Behrens, Michael T	70-70	Guy, Arthur J	67-68	Logan, Larry D	68-69
Poundstone, John N	68-69	Bourdess, Andrew Jr	68-69	Laswell, Ronald L	68-69	Matthews, Roger N	71-71
Prater, Thomas L	68-69	Collins, William J	69-70	Lowe, Harvey L Jr	68-69	McChesney, Thomas L	70-70
Radford, Kenneth G	68-69	Howard, Henry	70-70	Parks, Tony E	70-70	McSwain, Jimmy	68-68
Sieg, Tony W	71-71	Maples, Jackie L	69-70	Wagner, Archie A	69-69	Olson, Gene S	67-68
Soderlund, Paul R	68-69	McGrath, Michael G	70-70	Williams, David B	68-69	Parker, Charles R	67-68
Sturtz, Raymond G	69-69	Ostrander, Gary R	69-69	Womack, Michael S	68-69	Riley, Ira J	70-71
Vied, Charles H	68-69	Phillips, Thomas A	68-69	<b>D COMPANY, 1/11</b>		Roby, Herbert G Jr	70-70
Watts, Ronald L	69-69	Reed, Jackson A	70-71	Ricks, Jimmy L	67-67	Scott, Joe L	71-72
<b>7th ARMY POSTAL UNIT</b>		Roberts, Kenneth P	70-70	Way, Frederick W	70-71	Spino, Floyd M	68-69
Venn, David A	68-69	Stauffer, Paul J Jr	68-69	<b>HOW BTRY, 1/11</b>		Taylor, James M	71-71
<b>33rd CHEMICAL DET</b>		<b>919th ENGINEER CO</b>		Greene, Thomas E	69-71	VandeVenter, Craig	71-72
Gordon, Luther L	68-69	Binns, James O	69-70	Horst, Richard G	68-68	Williams, David B	69-69
<b>37th MEDICAL CO</b>		Bland, James E	69-69	Horton, Carroll E	67-68	Williams, Terry J	68-68
Adams, Bobby L	69-69	Carter, Earlice Jr	72-72	Lewis, Oscar T	65-67	Woolverton, Jerry P	71-72
Barnes, James E	69-70	Crawford, Craig A	71-71	<b>HHT, 2/11</b>		<b>G TROOP, 2/11</b>	
Boyd, Robert A	70-70	Creech, Fulton B Iii	69-70	Bolerjack, Bert C	69-70	Bell, James T	67-68

NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES
Bunyan, Richard	67-68	Watkins, George A	66-67	Marin, Henry V	67-68	Robinson, Elwood B Iii	70-71
Burns, James D	71-72	Wheeler, Stephen L	69-69	McCoy, Robert G	70-70	Shuecraft, Danny R	69-69
Holt, Steven A	71-71	<b>HOW BTRY, 2/11</b>		McKenney, Thomas P	67-68	Taylor, Frank S	66-67
Homstad, Lawrence R Jr	70-71	Costello, Raymond S	70-71	Mollitor, William B	69-70	Vassallo, Patrick J	69-69
Morgan, Stephen R	70-71	Depew, Charles W	70-70	Moss, Morris B	67-68	<b>K TROOP, 3/11</b>	
Nelson, Terry M	69-70	Edwards, Hugh D	69-70	Saunders, David G Sr	68-69	Aversa, Mario	67-68
Newman, Dave	66-67	Lyons, Gregory A	69-70	Sowle, Jack M	67-68	Mollitor, William B	69-70
Parker, Rodger D	71-71	Sellers, Ronnie L	71-72	<b>I TROOP, 3/11</b>		Shultz, Sammy	70-70
Pressgrove, Fletcher	66-67	Vientos, Guillermo G	69-70	Foggin, John L	67-68	<b>L TROOP, 3/11</b>	
Thayer, Harland E	67-68	Wickstrom, Eric W	70-71	Halas, Peter A	68-69	Marin, Henry V	67-68
<b>H COMPANY, 2/11</b>		<b>HHT, 3/11</b>		Kish, William F	67-67	<b>M COMPANY, 3/11</b>	
Durrett, James V	68-69	Crabtree, James H	67-68	Nichols, Bruce R	67-68	Barnett, Robert E	69-69
Gillette, Thomas D	69-70	Helmer, Richard S	68-68	O'Keefe, Patrick J	68-68	Brading, Michael A	67-68
Silver, Martin W	68-68	Landsteiner, Paul A	68-69	Poundstone, John N	68-69	Hinojosa, Ladislao J Jr	68-69

## Incoming...

### Information provided by and for our Troopers

**From Jerry Williamson and Steve Spriggs.....**American Legion Post 291 in Newport Beach, CA is holding its *2nd annual "Hoedown" fundraiser*. Read about the details in Colonel Calvert's article in this issue of *Thunder Run*

**From Doc Bahnsen.....**My new book titled "American Warrior"-A Combat Memoir of Vietnam", will be released soon. The book is about my 2 tours in Vietnam, the second one in the 11th ACR. Over 200 11th ACR veterans and friends provided input to the book. Early information on the book can be found on AMAZON.com and the Barnes and Noble web site. I plan to sign all the books that my 11th ACR brothers ask me to at the Louisville reunion.

### Other Reunions of Interest (not to be confused with the 11th ACVVC Reunion)

#### • 2007 Blackhorse Association Reunion

11th ACR Reunion (hosted by Border Legion, Blackhorse Association) Who: All former and current Blackhorse Troopers of all eras Where: Williamsburg Hospitality House, 14-17 June 2007 415 Richmond Highway, Williamsburg, VA 23185 For more information, see [www.blackhorse.com](http://www.blackhorse.com) and [www.11thacr.org](http://www.11thacr.org); or contact one of the following Reunion Committee members: Glenn Snodgrass at (703) 250-3064, [jgs525@cox.net](mailto:jgs525@cox.net), Tom Smart at (703) 769-1406, [tom.smart@L-3com.com](mailto:tom.smart@L-3com.com) or Wes Walters at (571) 276-9471, [wes.walters@saabinternational.com](mailto:wes.walters@saabinternational.com).

#### • The 17TH Annual Northern California Blackhorse Potluck/BBQ

*Saturday, April 28, 2007: 1100 - ???*  
*Slidehill Park, Davis, CA. 95618*

Everyone is welcome to join us for a casual lunch 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)

**From Allen Hathaway.....**Cheryl Conrad is looking for anyone who knew her brother Tony W. Sieg, who served in Air Cavalry Troop, Feb 1970- Mar 1972. Tony passed away on May 2, 2003. She is especially interested in talking with "Eugene" from South Dakota. Cheryl can't remember Eugene's last name but they saw Elvis when he visited. Please contact Cheryl Conrad, 6029 Natures Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89122.

### Life Membership Payment Plan

The number of LIFE membership has increased rapidly over the past years. Over 70 percent of our members are LIFE members. This increase is due in part to our LIFE Membership Payment Plan.

The plan was designed to allow an individual to join as a LIFE member and divide the \$100 membership fee into four (4) equal payments. This is how it works:

- When you join or renew your membership, make an initial payment of \$25. This will immediately enroll you as a LIFE member.
- After the initial payment, the remaining balance of \$75 is paid in three (3) installments of \$25 each at three (3) month intervals. We will even mail a reminder during the months when a payment is due.

Since beginning this plan we have had scores of members join or renew using this plan. It's simple, easy, and a LIFE Membership shows a real commitment to this organization. So consider using the LIFE Membership Payment Plan when you join or renew.

Finally, *always be proud of your service* to this great country, the US Army and our great regiment. The 11th Cavalry has a long and distinguished history, and you helped make that history.

# Guide To 11ACVVC Scholarship Program

Scholarship applications for 2007-2008 school year will be accepted until May 15, 2007

The Current Scholarship Committee Chairman (2007-08) is Gene Johnson.

Mailing Address is: 11ACVVC Scholarships  
c/o Gene Johnson  
PO Box 296  
Milam, TX 75959  
Phone: 409 625 1736  
E-Mail: gene677@aol.com

Past Scholarship Committee Chairman were:

- John Sorich
- Bill Lewellen
- Ben Hotchkiss

The following information is provided to help member's understand how our Scholarship Program was developed and how the program works.

## History

11ACVVC began collecting money at the 1989 Reunion in Minneapolis. \$1,000 was donated to the Blackhorse Association Scholarship Program.

At the 11ACVVC Membership Meeting during the reunion in 1996, it was decided by the membership to begin a Scholarship Program separate from the Blackhorse Association.

Below is a list of Scholarships that have been awarded:

1997 – 2000	46 Scholarships of \$2,000 each
2001	13 Scholarships of \$3,000 each
2002	16 Scholarships of \$3,000 each
2003	20 Scholarships of \$3,000 each
2004	22 Scholarships of \$3,000 each
2005	25 Scholarships of \$3,000 each
2006	27 Scholarships of \$3,000 each

As of June 30 2006, 169 Scholarships have been awarded for a total amount of \$461,000

In 2001, the Board of Directors voted to use a portion of the monies that are generated by the interest received from the Association's Certificates of Deposit for the Scholarship Program. Additionally, the fundraising activities that we participate in each year add to the total scholarship funds. These activities include Calendar Donations, the Raffle and a Silent Auction each year at the annual reunion. Your support makes this program work.

Prior to the 2001 Scholarship season, applicants were judged, in addition to the existing categories, also on the basis of financial need.

To determine financial need required the scholarship committee to make financial needs judgments and decisions with very limited personal financial information available. Furthermore, divorces, varied costs of living and salaries in different areas of the country made it almost impossible to have one standard to apply to all members. Some applicants felt that the financial need consideration was often prejudicial. It seemed unfair to some student applicants and also prevented many otherwise eligible students from applying.

It was decided that the intent and spirit of the 11ACVVC Scholarship Program was to benefit the children of all members - and members themselves if qualified. After a long discussion, the consideration of financial need was removed from the criteria.

*In January 2006, the Board of Directors voted that the 11th ACVVC Scholarship program would limit awards to undergraduate students only. Graduate and Doctoral level students are ineligible for 11thACVVC Scholarship Awards.*

## Criteria for Eligibility

11ACVVC Scholarship Applications for undergraduate studies will be accepted from:

- Troopers that are current members in good standing.
- Children and stepchildren of current members in good standing.
- Children whose Legal guardian is a Current Member in good standing.

Applications will be accepted *for undergraduate studies* from applicants whose membership or whose parents' membership has lapsed by the Veteran sending in one year's membership fee.

## The Applicant

The applicant must fill out the Scholarship Application Form completely. The completed Scholarship Application must be received by the Scholarship Chairman **no later than the deadline of May 15** of each year or any announced extension of that date.

Applications received after the deadline or not filled out completely Will Not be considered.

The application is available on the website at: [www.11thCavNam.com](http://www.11thCavNam.com). An Application may also be requested by mail or e-mail from the Scholarship Chairman shown above or copied from this issue of *Thunder Run*.

The application should be submitted in the two page format as displayed on the website.

## Judging

Scholarship Applicants are judged in three categories:

**I** Form Completion, Legibility & Following Instructions

**II** Grades

**III** Written Response to the two questions on page 2 of the 11ACVVC Scholarship Application

The Scholarship Committee may offer a priority of Scholarships to children of those Troopers Killed In Action, and to Children of those who Died of Wounds. These are the only criteria that could take precedence over judged items I through III above.

The Scholarship Chairman or Committee Member selects the Judges. The Judges are usually selected from the community where the Scholarship Chairman or Designated Committee Member resides. The main consideration for selection of Judges is that they must be impartial, educated, and that they have a good idea of what it takes to succeed in College.

The judges are asked to rate each applicant on a point system. The

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**11th Armored Cavalry's Veteran's of Vietnam and Cambodia (11ACVVC) Scholarship Application**

Revised 01.18.07

Applicant's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Qualifying Status:** (Check Only One)

- Current 11ACVVC Member       Child/Dependant of Current Member
- Child/Dependant of Deceased 11ACR Trooper Who Served in Vietnam or Cambodia

**Veterans Info**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Sec. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop Served With: \_\_\_\_\_ (Troop & Squadron)      Dates in Vietnam \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran's 11ACVVC Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Note: You must include a copy of current 11ACVVC membership card*

**Proposed School**

Name and Address of College/ Trade School That You Plan to Attend: (Undergraduate Studies Only)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Have You Made Application?  Yes     No      Have You Been Accepted?  Yes     No

**Scores**

The Standard Test Score For Your State: ACT \_\_\_\_\_ SAT \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Specify

**Expenses**

Estimated Expenses for the School Year:

Tuition & Fees .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Room & Board .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Books & Supplies.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Miscellaneous .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

    Total .....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Education History**

Schools Attended: (9th Grade to Present)

Name	City, State	Date: From	To
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Telephone Number of Guidance Department of Last School Attended: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** You must include a copy of your grades from 9th grade to present. Include grades from college.

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# 11ACVVC Trooper Assistance Fund

## History

In 1989, the Officers and Directors of 11 ACVVC agreed there was a need for monies to assist our troopers in getting to a reunion. Prior to this date, the organization got many calls for assistance directly from the trooper needing assistance or a buddy of a trooper hoping to get his buddy to the reunion. It was decided then that during the meeting of its members, a "passing of the hat" would take place and with those funds, we could assist in getting some troopers who might otherwise not attend because of monetary limitations.

## Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Trooper Assistance Fund is to assist troopers who served with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam and the kingdom of Cambodia attend a reunion sponsored by the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia. Qualified candidates will be given one and perhaps more than one of the following items, depending on the number of requests, funds depletion, and the degree of

assistance required: 1) a room at the host hotel for one or two nights during the reunion weekend; 2) funds to purchase fuel for auto, tickets for airfare or other means of transportation such as bus fare or train fare; 3) registration fees; 4) meals.

## Maintenance of Funds

Funds collected through direct donations or the "passing of the hat" at the annual membership meeting shall be maintained and accounted for by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall include the Trooper Assistance Fund as a separate reporting item on the quarterly financial report. The Treasurer shall dispense funds from this account as directed by the Officers and Directors of 11 ACVVC.

## Rules of Acceptance

To be accepted for consideration for assistance, the trooper may be required to: show proof that he is or was a member of 11 ACVVC or eligibility that he is qualified to become a member; describe his monetary situation,

ie...job, salary, family, etc. Troopers will only be allowed to accept this assistance one time. Exceptions to the one time only use of the Trooper Assistance Fund will be addressed on a case-by-case basis and will require a unanimous vote of the Officers and Directors available for voting. Exceptions will rarely be granted and will never be allowed in consecutive years. (The Secretary will maintain a listing of those who have been assisted and will pass on to successive Secretary(s). The President will also maintain a copy). The trooper requesting for assistance must do so in writing to the Secretary or the President and must also provide evidence of service in Vietnam and/or Cambodia with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. The Officers and Directors of 11 ACVVC will vote on whom and how much assistance will be given to a trooper, by a majority of those Officers and Directors. The Officers and Directors shall not divulge the names of those assisted troopers to anyone other than another current Officer and/or Director.

## Show Your Pride



(1) Ron Snyder, (G Troop, 1968-1969) displays his Benz. (2) Robert R. Lee (D Co., 1960-1970) shows his Massachusetts License Plate. (3) Joe Willey (HHT Regt., 1969-1970) with a Florida designer plate and Blackhorse hitch. (4) Robert Heuston (How Battery 3/11, (1967-1968) with his ACAV-Van displaying Blackhorse pride.



## From Veterans Affairs

Those of you that have internet access via computer, etc. may be interested to know that the V.A. has established a new website that will be of interest to you. The new web site is: [www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov)

Among other things, on this website, you can view and track your prescription history, and submit prescription refill orders and track the same online. Prescriptions are tracked by number only.

You can also create and maintain a personal health journal about over-the-counter medications, allergies, tests, medical events, immunizations, military health history and family health history.

Also, you can print out a wallet ID card with your health information on it, and a "Doctor" sheet handout with your medical info, and prescription info on it.

Go to the website for more information

# So Where the Hell is COSVN?

The Central Office for South Vietnam, (COSVN), was hidden underneath the Mimot rubber plantation in the form of a major tunnel complex. It had operated for some ten years as the primary NVA/VC headquarters for all the areas that the Blackhorse had operated in up to that time in the war!

By Sewall Menzel

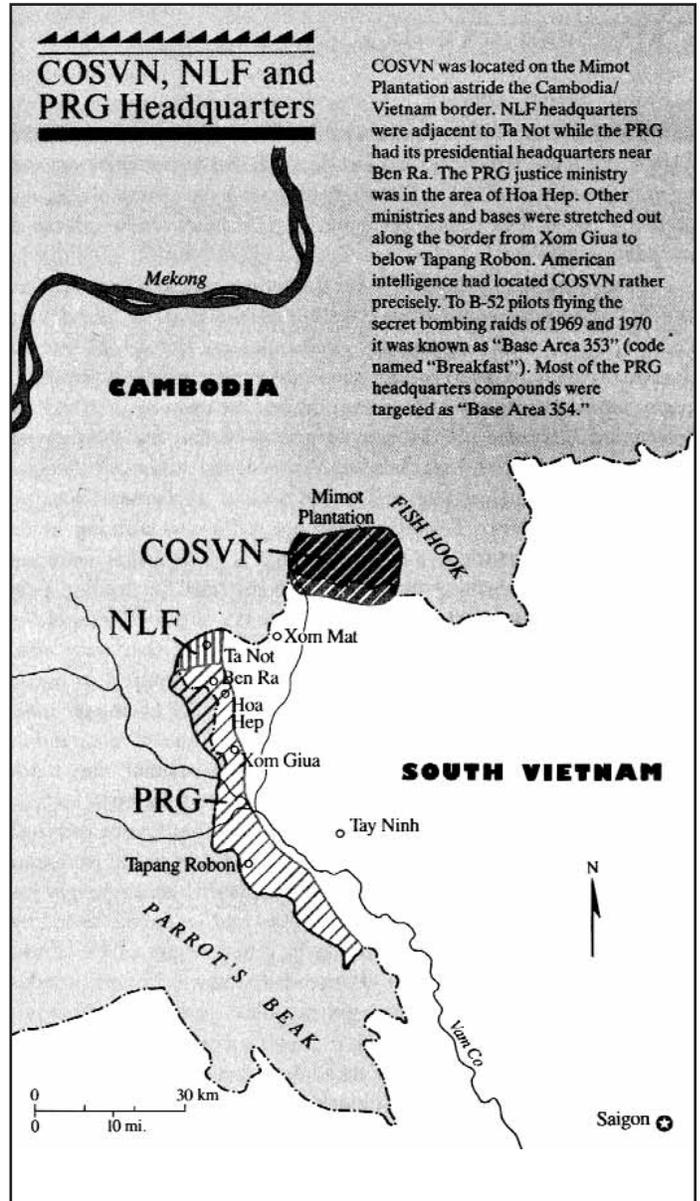
In my book (*At The Cutting Edge*) about some of the Blackhorse experiences in Tay Ninh and Cambodia, I mentioned on pages 147 and 179-180 that on the 4th of May 1970, as the 11th ACR penetrated further into Cambodia, G Troop stopped for a few minutes at the Mimot rubber plantation to await further orders. Where it had actually come to rest at that moment was right on top of what was the Central Office for South Vietnam, (COSVN), hidden underneath the plantation in the form of a major tunnel complex. It had operated for some ten years as the primary NVA/VC headquarters for all the areas that the Blackhorse had operated in up to that time in the war! OK, but how did I know this?

Well, the truth is that this information only became known to me in the mid-1990s while walking along the stacks of the South West Miami-Dade Regional Library in Kendall, Florida. My wife was doing a presentation for a women's Bible-study group in the area and I had some hours of time to kill before picking her up. What better place to do this than a library.

Coming to a section of books about the Vietnam War, my eye spotted a tattered and very brown-looking paperback with a title about the Vietcong. Indeed, it was a book written by one Troung Nhu Tang and titled: "A Vietcong Memoir." Ol' Troung was, of course, one of our deadly enemies, serving as a political officer with the National Liberation Front (NLF) for South Vietnam for a dozen years or so. If he had been with USARV or MACV headquarters in the Saigon area, some of us might have called him a R-E-M-F, if you know what I mean. While I personally would have preferred that he should have received a Blackhorse "present" of some cal.-five-zero between the eyes, his life in any event was not all that easy.

What was of paramount interest to me was his map depicting where Tay Ninh Province adjoined Cambodia. The map depicts quite clearly the location of COSVN inside the Mimot rubber plantation, as well as his own NLF and other offices.

In another part of the book he described marrying one of his NLF staffers after a long courtship. And they got to spend their honeymoon in a tunnel complex! He didn't mention if there was a swimming pool, so I guess it wasn't included in the package (free kerosene lantern, blanket, extra bowl of noodles, nookmam sauce and beetle nut etc.). In addition, as a headquarters staffer one might



Map depicts the location of COSVN inside the Mimot rubber plantation.

have thought that he would have grown soft and fat on fish heads and rice, but he did find that every so often he had to do some PT-sprinting for some miles to escape the B-52 strikes aimed his way. His own words will do here:

"It was something of a miracle that from 1968 through 1970 the attacks, though they caused significant casualties generally, did not kill a single one of the military or civilian leaders in the headquarters complexes. This luck, though, had a lot to do with accurate advance warning of the raids, which allowed us to move out of the way or take refuge in our bunkers before the bombs began to rain down. B-52s flying out of Okinawa and Guam would be picked up by Soviet intelligence trawlers plying the South China Sea. The planes' headings and air speed would be computed and relayed to COSVN headquarters, which would then order NLF or Northern

elements in the anticipated target zones to move away perpendicularly to the attack trajectory. Flights originating from the Thai bases were monitored both on radar and visually by our intelligence nets there and the information similarly relayed.

Often the warnings would give us time to grab some rice and escape by foot or bike down one of the emergency routes. Hours later we would return to find, as happened on several occasions, that there was nothing left. It was as if an enormous scythe had swept through the jungle, felling the giant teak and go trees like grass in its way, shredding them into billions of scattered splinters. On these occasions - when the B-52s had found their mark - the complex would be utterly destroyed; food, clothes, supplies, documents, everything. It was not just that things were destroyed; in some awesome way they had ceased to exist. You would come back to where your lean-to and bunker had been, your home, and there would simply be nothing there, just an unrecognizable landscape gouged by immense craters.

Equally often, however, we were not so fortunate and had time only to take cover as best we could. The first few times I experienced a B-52 attack it seemed, as I strained to press myself into the bunker floor, that I had been caught in the Apocalypse. The terror was complete. One lost control of bodily functions as the mind screamed incomprehensible orders to get out....”

So it was tough to be a dink in Nam!

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point total for a perfect score is 30. Up to 15 Points may be awarded for Items I and II above. The remaining 15 points are allocated to Item III above.

Judges’ scores are totaled. Applicants are then listed in descending score order. The number of Scholarship Recipients is based on the amount of funds available to award \$3,000 Scholarships. As many Scholarships as possible will be awarded. (The Officers and Directors may change the amount of the scholarship award from time to time.)

Selected Recipients of the 11ACVVC Scholarship will be notified in writing by the end of June. The Recipient’s notification letter will include a set of instructions to have the Scholarship Funds sent to the Educational Institution they are attending.

Following the instructions will expedite payment of the scholarship money.

### Summary

The 11ACVVC Scholarship Program is intended to benefit all qualified people associated with 11ACVVC membership. We will continue to award Scholarships as long as our membership supports the Program.

We thank the thousands of Troopers, their supportive families, loved ones and all who have contributed so generously over the years to make this program a success. All of us together, contributing what we can, have helped make this program one for which we can all be proud.

ALLONS!

11ACVVC Officers and Directors,  
and the Scholarship Committee

# The 25th Anniversary of The Wall

*John Sorich  
11th ACVVC  
Vice President 1999-2003*

I made my first trip to the Viet Nam Memorial in 1991. This trip to Washington D.C. was made in conjunction to me attending my first reunion in Philadelphia. I will never forget that day standing at panel 27-W looking at the names of the 7 A Troop soldiers who were KIA on April 13, 1969. I began to heal on that day.

Three years later I went back to Washington D.C. to participate in Veterans Day as well as the 10th Anniversary of The Wall. I found out that as part of the ceremony they were reading all the names of the soldiers on the Wall. I read the names of the 7 men from A Troop. The names have only been read four times in the history of The Wall. I walked in a parade with the rest of the Blackhorse Troopers who were there. The parade started near the Capitol Building and ended near The Wall. All along the way people were applauding us. That same day dozens of soldiers who were in RVN came up to me, shook my hand and said “Thanks Blackhorse! If it wasn’t for you guys that day.....” I don’t know about you but for me I had waited a long time for someone to show some appreciation of what we did. It happened that day.

The last trip to Washington D.C. was for Veterans Day and the 20th Anniversary of The Wall in 2002. Every time I go to The Wall (and our reunions) there are incidents that happen to me that lead me to believe that God wants me to be there. It has brought great comfort and healing to me and I in turn can be of more help to others.

This November 2007 I plan to be in Washington D.C. for Veterans Day and to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of The Viet Nam Memorial. We are ten months away from this event. I suggest that you plan to do something for yourself and be there to celebrate with us Blackhorse Troopers. Plans are being formulated, I expect that you will hear about the plans before our reunion in Louisville and certainly in Louisville I will be encouraging my friends to attend this once in a lifetime event. Some information is available at [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org) (Viet Nam Veterans Memorial Fund).

Do it for yourself & for your buddies who will be there.

Allons,

John

### 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, Manassas, VA 20112; Email: [11thcav1966@comcast.net](mailto:11thcav1966@comcast.net); phone: (703) 791-6610 for listing in “Journey to Fiddler’s Green.”

# Operation Embrace

Joe Willey, Chairman

**O**peration Embrace is an 11thACVVC initiative to locate and contact as many relatives of the 729 Blackhorse Troopers killed in Vietnam as possible. The primary purpose is to inform relatives of the rededication of the Regimental memorial honoring those Blackhorse Troopers.

Additionally, in conjunction with the Blackhorse Association, we will attempt to locate and contact relatives of Blackhorse Troopers killed in the Philippine Insurrection, World War II, The Gulf War, and Iraqi Freedom. The purpose is to inform those relatives of plans to establish and dedicate smaller memorials recognizing all Blackhorse Troopers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, regardless of the conflict in which they died. This rededication/dedication ceremony is scheduled to happen at the Patton Museum, Ft. Knox, KY on Saturday, Sept 9, 2007, during the 11thACVVC's annual memorial service. The 11thACVVC is hopeful relatives will consider attending both the 2007 reunion and memorial service.

The Project began on September 30, 2006. Data on relatives of our KIAs previously compiled by Allen Hathaway, Craig Thomson, Warren

Swinford, Connie Wayne Padgett, and other 11thACVVC members provided Operation Embrace committee members with a spreadsheet containing the names of 152 relatives representing 114 of our KIAs. In addition to this spreadsheet, all bulletin boards and forums linked to the 11thACVVC website were scoured for postings made by relatives. Operation Embrace committee members next searched the 3 primary websites memorializing Vietnam War dead for postings made by friends and family (<http://thewall-usa.com/>, <http://www.virtualwall.org/u-army/11armcavrgt.htm>, and <http://www.vvmf.org/index.cfm?SectionID=1>). At two of those websites, Operation Embrace memorial postings were made for each Blackhorse Trooper lost in Vietnam. These postings inform readers of the Operation and provide links and email addresses for them to contact the 11thACV. Using data he extrapolated from forms our KIAs completed upon arrival in Vietnam, Allen Hathaway prepared a second spreadsheet containing 1,074 last known addresses of primary and secondary next of kin. This spreadsheet has been a valuable tool to committee members.

The information from all sources, in conjunction with searches made by committee members using the information derived from the various sources, has resulted in a total of 354 relatives representing 227 KIAs being located.

This number continues to grow daily. A sanitized list of relatives located can be found at the Operation Embrace Forum of the Members Only Forum on the 11thACVVC website: <http://www.11thcav.com/phpBB/viewforum.php?f=51>. This list is updated regularly. Other information regarding Operation Embrace can also be found using this link. Unless a relative has personally posted their contact information on our website, members of the 11thACVVC wishing to contact a relative will have to submit their request to Joe Willey at [11thackia@gmail.com](mailto:11thackia@gmail.com). Joe will notify the relative and provide the relative with the member's contact information. The decision to initiate contact with the member rests with the relative.

Another goal of Operation Embrace is to provide a conduit between surviving relatives and the Troopers who served with their lost hero. We know this can bring a healing closure to both family and veteran. It also provides family members with a link to their lost legend's past. Reactions of relatives and friends contacted have been overwhelmingly positive. Most are both surprised and grateful we have not let the memory of our Blackhorse brothers fade. Many of the relatives contacted have expressed their intention to attend the reunion and memorial service. Some have said they intend on making the event a family reunion.

Members who have volunteered for this project are Joe Willey, Doris Willey, Garland K. Steward, Don Reed, Bruce Stephens, Joe Rooney, Gary Reith, Rudy Kallock, Wes Slimmer, John Amstutz, Bob Gray, Doc Balas, Bob Beitter, Randy Waller, Carl Riccelli, Romeo Martin, Craig Thomson, Pete Walter, and George Ruggles. Also noteworthy, the son of H Company KIA Glenn E. "Nick" Nicholson, a scholarship recipient and professional fundraiser, has offered his assistance to this project. Additional volunteers are needed to help work through the list of last known addresses and to assist greeting relatives who attend the reunion and memorial service. Anyone interested in volunteering can do so by emailing Joe Willey at [11thackia@gmail.com](mailto:11thackia@gmail.com).

# William W. Cobb, MAJ GEN, USA, (Ret) Dies at 89

Retired U.S. Army Maj. Gen. William W. Cobb, 89, a decorated veteran of three wars and 34th Colonel of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, died Sunday, Jan. 7, 2007, in Beaufort Memorial Hospital.

Cobb spent the last thirty years serving the congregation of St. Helena's Episcopal Church and the Beaufort community, most recently leading the efforts to expand Beaufort National Cemetery. Cobb moved to Beaufort in 1975, and friends and colleagues from his volunteer work remembered him as a selfless, caring servant to the community.

Beth Grace worked with Cobb on the cemetery expansion but also knew him as a friend and neighbor. She described him as a loving and caring member of the community and recalled working with him in the mid-90s renovating the home of two neighbors to make it handicapped accessible. "He really embraced Beaufort as his home," she said, citing his work as chairman of what is now the Beaufort Historic Review Board and his contributions to the congregation at St. Helena's Episcopal Church. Bill also served as chairman of the United Way of Beaufort County, as a member of the Beaufort County Open Land Trust and as president of the Veteran's Cemetery Committee of Beaufort. Rev. Frank Limehouse, former rector of St. Helena's Episcopal Church, remembered Cobb as "a man of deep faith" and nicknamed him "the Christian General." He was buried in the Beaufort National Cemetery.

Bill Cobb was born Aug. 15, 1917, in Dallas, TX, a son of Luther Leon Cobb and Edna Daugherty Cobb. A graduate of North Dallas HS, he was awarded a football scholarship at Morris Harvey College, (now the University of Charleston, WV) In 1939, he was awarded the Gen. John Pershing Award for distinguished attainment in military education. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army in 1941 and served in the Canal Zone and the Pacific Theater during World War II.

Col. William Cobb took command of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse) at Fort Meade, Md., on Oct

## In Memoriam



**William W. Cobb, MAJ GEN, USA, Ret  
"34th Colonel of the Blackhorse"  
"...the Christian General..."  
August 15, 1917 – January 7, 2007**

6, 1965 and led the Regiment (HHT & 1st SQDN) ashore at Vung Tau, Vietnam on Sep 7, 1966. The Regiment (or elements) would spend 2,040 days in combat in Vietnam. Bill Cobb commanded the Blackhorse for 578 days, longer than any other Vietnam era CO – 248 of those days in combat in Vietnam. He handed the reins of the Blackhorse to Col. William Farley on May 8, 1967, with the words, "Good luck, Good hunting, and Good bye!"

From 1969 to 1974, Cobb served in Germany as CG of the 4th Armored

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**Col. William Cobb took command of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse) at Fort Meade, Md., on Oct 6, 1965 and led the Regiment (HHT & 1st SQDN) ashore at Vung Tau, Vietnam on Sep 7, 1966. The Regiment (or elements) would spend 2,040 days in combat in Vietnam.**

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Division and then as CG of the American Sector of Berlin. In 1996, he returned to Vietnam with his son and grandson and other former members of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, spending two weeks traveling the country and meeting the people. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Master Parachute Badge. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Fran Bowman Cobb; daughter Betsy Cobb-Seliga of Laguna Hills, CA; son William W. Cobb, Jr., of Orem, UT and three grandchildren.

This writer did not have the honor of serving with (then) Col. Cobb – I met him many years later through this organization.

His advice and contributions were invaluable in the publication of "The Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam". His comfortable style and charismatic manner made everyone who met him feel they were his friend. I will never forget the love and respect expressed by the "Boat people" to Bill Cobb at our fifth reunion in Sacramento, CA in 1990. In personal correspondence and conversations, he made clear his pride in establishing the Blackhorse Regiment as a premier fighting force in Vietnam. Indeed, the modification (under Cobb's direction) of the M-113 from an APC ("Armored Personnel Carrier") to an ACAV ("Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicle") changed the way ground warfare would be fought then and now. The Blackhorse patch (which design Cobb primarily accredited to Lt. John Casterman) was approved on May 1, 1967 during Col. Cobb's command. Previous to this, no regiment had ever shouldered their own patch.

Another Blackhorse legend has marched to Fiddler's Green – we will miss him.

"ALLONS!"

"REST IN PEACE SIR!"

*(Pete Walter, with attribution to the "Beaufort Gazette", "The Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam", personal notes, correspondence and conversations)*

# 2006-2007 SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

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will conclude, as always, with a nondenominational Worship Service on Sunday prior to departure.

After much negotiation with The Hyatt O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont, IL, we have agreed on a contract for the 11thACVVC Reunion XXIII in 2008. Dates are August 21-24, 2008. More information on this reunion will be posted on the 11thACVVC Website when appropriate and in future editions of *Thunder Run*. Being that this is the Greater Chicago Metropolitan area, expect the prices to be higher than in the recent past. Chicago is a high cost area, but the membership voted for that venue at the Meeting in Kansas City, MO, last year.

Proposals for 2009 (11thACVVC Reunion XXIV) will be presented during the Membership meeting in Louisville and voted on. The 2009 reunion will be held in Region 4, which includes the States of North and South Dakota, Utah, Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Arizona, Oregon, California, Nevada, Washington, Hawaii, and Alaska. Any member wanting to sponsor a reunion and present a city is encouraged to do so. The requirements are: A hotel with at least 400 rooms and a Banquet facility for at least 1200 located in the Hotel. Any one desiring more information should contact the Reunion Chairman. Contact information can be found on page three of this and every issue of *Thunder Run*.

# Memorial Restoration and Rededication

By *Chuck Schmidt*

After a long three-year research project by Allen Hathaway (assisted by a few others, namely John Effinger, L Troop 67-68 and John Sorich, A Troop, 69-70) we are finally prepared to correct errors on our monument in the Memorial Garden at the Patton Museum, Fort Knox, KY. The monument will be rededicated on Saturday, 8 September 2007 during the Memorial Service we will conduct for our XXII Annual Reunion. The reunion hotel is The Galt House in Louisville, and you can find information on the hotel in this issue of the "Thunder Run".

To correct errors, the four bronze plaques listing our Brothers who lost their lives in Vietnam and Cambodia will be removed and replaced. The new plaques, in addition to finally having correct data, will be changed listing our KIA's by Squadron, Troop or Company, and Detachment. This will assist in locating the names of lost comrades. Names are currently listed chronologically around the monument with no Troop designation. We found a number of misspellings, missing names, and names of soldiers who never served in the Regiment. All these errors will be corrected.

In addition, the top of the monument will be restored to its original condition and design configuration that it had when constructed and placed in front of the Regimental Chapel in Blackhorse base camp in Xuan Loc. Sometime over the years, there was a repair made to the top of the monument resulting in an unsightly concrete cap versus the original bronze dome configuration.

Expenditure of 11thACVVC funds for this project was approved

by the membership attending the Annual Business Meeting on 23 September 2006 during the XXI Reunion in Kansas City, MO. The membership also endorsed, by unanimous vote, a proposal to include on the monument site three obelisks to mark the other wars and campaigns that the 11th Cavalry has conducted since its activation more than 105 years ago. One will mark our participation in the Philippine Insurrection and the Mexican Expedition; another WWII, and finally, one will be placed to honor our participation in Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom III. Each will stand about four feet high and will list the names of our Fellow Troopers who lost their lives in those wars. (See the artist's rendering on page with brick order form)

In conjunction with this effort, we are proposing to establish a "Circle of Honor" as a way to raise funds to offset the cost of the additions to the monument site. This will consist of 8 x 4 x 2 inch granite pavers that can be inscribed with three 15-character lines that can include the name, unit, rank, and years served (or other message, if preferred). A donation of \$100 per paver will be required. This is a special way for you to join your fallen comrades in spirit. Since your name will never appear on the monument, this allows an avenue for you to honor your Brothers and include your presence with theirs. We are starting this fundraiser now so we can insure that the work (including the "Circle of Honor") can be completed in time for the rededication ceremony in September 2007.

An artist's sketch of the outline of the "Circle of Honor" is presented at right. Use the brick order form below to reserve your place

## Brick Order Form

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

LINE 1:														
LINE 2:														
LINE 3:														

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

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

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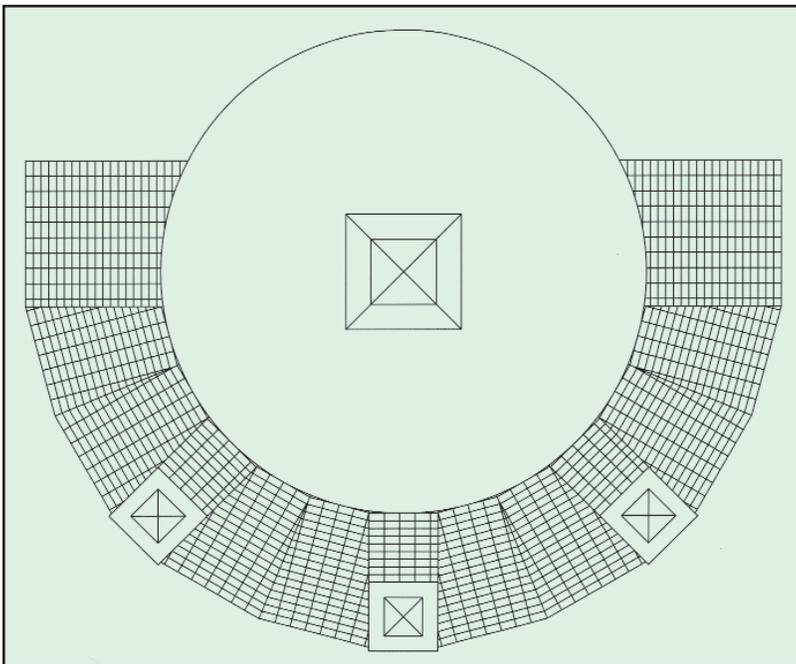
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Signature (Required for Credit Card transactions): \_\_\_\_\_

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



ABOVE: Artists rendition of completed "Circle of Honor" showing the three proposed obelisks



LEFT: Layout sketch of proposed "Circle of Honor"



Sample of inscribed brick

in history along with your deceased "Brothers". Reserve yours now! We will be limited to approximately 1,500 pavers, and must reserve these on a "First Come, First Served" basis. Once the Circle of Honor is in place, unclaimed pavers may still be available, however the required donation will then be \$125 due to additional costs of engraving on site.

*The addition of the three obelisks and the "Circle of Honor" is pending approval by the Patton Museum and Ft. Knox, so all donations collected for the pavers will be held in escrow until approval is granted.*

*In the unlikely event that the project is not approved, all donations will be refunded.*

**This is a special way for you to join your fallen comrades in spirit. Since your name will never appear on the monument, this allows an avenue for you to honor your Brothers and include your presence with theirs.**



## Getting Around

Did you ever ride a cyclo when you were in Viet Nam? Those were the contraptions with a guy riding a bicycle pulling a little trailer carrying a couple of you. It's no wonder the cyclo "driver" (or whatever they called him) stayed so skinny. I'd be skinny too if I rode a bicycle all day pulling a couple of big GIs wherever they wanted to go. That's what I remember about cyclos. Am I right? Maybe you don't know. Maybe you stayed out in the bush all the time and never got to the rear, the rear being near the cities, like Saigon and Long Binh where they had cyclos. On the other hand, maybe you rode in cyclos when you came out of the bush to go on R & R. Or maybe you were assigned to the rear where you could ride cyclos all the time. After all, someone had to do the admin, run the R & R center, and get ammo to the guys in the field. My point is that cyclos were one way of getting around. I never rode a cyclo, myself.

There were plenty of other ways to get where you were going, like mostly your feet, of course. "That's obvious," you say? I know. I just thought I'd mention feet because sometimes we tend to overlook the obvious, feet being clearly obvious as a way to get around. In the Nam feet were really obvious when you were humping in the bush which was jungle trails, elephant grass, rice paddies and dikes, or whatever else was there to walk on (not including punji stakes which were to be avoided at every opportunity).

Moving along, some common means of getting around were jeeps, tracks (tanks, ACAV's, M48s and such for you civilians who don't know what a track is), helicopters of several kinds, trucks of several kinds, and jet airplanes. "Jet airplanes? Hey! I wasn't in the Air Force," you say. True enough. But don't you remember your ride over there? Even more important, don't you remember that Freedom Bird, your ride out of Viet Nam? Of course you do. You might not have thought of it in terms of getting around. OK, maybe it's a stretch, but I mention it anyway. After all, that jet airplane got you where you wanted to go, didn't it?

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You probably didn't ride around much in a jeep, did you? Not when you were out in the bush which I referred to a minute ago. Jeeps were around, though, like at Quan Loi forward support base (FSB for short) or Di An or wherever your rear was. (You know what kind of rear I mean, so don't snicker). I had a jeep for a few days after I got into country. It was at Quan Loi. But they took it away permanently when we went back out to the bush for the duration. You couldn't take jeeps into the field (bush/jungle). It was easy to see why. It didn't make much difference to me – my jeep was a maverick, anyway. You do know what a maverick was, don't you? How did I, the chaplain, come to have a maverick jeep? I don't have a clue – it was there when I came. Where did it come from? I don't have a clue about that either. I have more jeep stories but I'll move along and save them for later. You can ask me later if you want. I don't mind.

Let's move along to helicopters as a way for getting around. I think you've ridden in Hueys at one time or another; coming into your outfit for the first time, for instance. You were the new guy, the cherry, and you were green and scared. Someone told you to go get on that Huey which you did, of course. Then it took off for your first ride in a helicopter. (Some people call them choppers or helos. I don't). The ride probably would have been fun if you hadn't been so scared about where you were going. Besides Hueys there were Chinooks. I rode in them, which I think you did too. They held more troops and more stuff than Hueys, such stuff as mermite cans with hot chow, ammo and other kinds of supplies including water and diesel. Those Chinooks were loud enough to blast your ears apart – they had two main rotors, you know. No wonder they were so loud. They stirred up a whole lot of dirt too. Have you ever seen one set down inside your prime-

ter? You'd remember if you had. That Chinook didn't just stir up dust. It churned up a dirt cloud (not an exaggeration!).

Having been in Viet Nam you'll recall that the Vietnamese people had ways of getting around that we thought were pretty strange but were normal to them. It shows that different cultures have different ways of being normal. Huh? Well, take water buffalo, for example. I'm sure you remember water buffalo. We both know they were used like tractors. They pulled plows through rice paddies or whatever else needed to be plowed. But that's not all. In more villages, towns, and more places than I can remember, I saw boys riding water buffalo. They had to get around didn't they? As you will remember, our cowboys rode horses. So what's so different with riding a water buffalo? Nothing. Of course, they were very, very slow. But they were powerful. So it made sense to use them like tractors. For plain riding it was mostly a way to get to the field to do the plowing. Anyway, it was a Vietnamese way of getting around.

Hey, I'm running out of time. Sorry, but I don't have time to talk about some other common ways of getting around. Like, red Honda 50s with two girls and a guy riding the trails between villages or Lambrettas with 15 passengers hanging out or old French Citroens like we saw in Cambodia or bicycles with flat tires being ridden anyway, and things like that. Great memories, I kid you not!

Speaking of getting around, one of the most important that I know about I'll mention last, right now. I wasn't there, of course, because it happened two thousand years ago. Specifically I'm talking about Jesus Christ. Normally, in those days, most people walked. A few had donkeys, camels, and some Roman soldiers had horses. But most people walked, including

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# Women's Corner

By Barb Moreno, 11th ACVVC Women's Coordinator

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Ahh, January, the start of a new year, time for fond memories, New Years resolutions and cold snowy days.

HEY, wait a minute – somebody forgot the snow! Yep, that's right folks, here in Tomah we have been experiencing 40 - 50 degree temperatures and sunny days. We're still just wearing sweatshirts or sweaters to work. The heavy winter coats are hanging in the closet just waiting to be worn. But – I'm not complaining. These old bones don't mind if it never snows again. But everyone says we'll get hit yet.

An exciting thing has taken place since

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## CHAPLAIN from page 26

Jesus. However, there was a time when he rode a donkey because that's how he wanted to get around that day. Understand that in those days when a king rode a donkey it meant that he was coming in peace. Are you familiar with the Triumphal Entry? It was the original Palm Sunday when Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem. It was the week before his crucifixion and resurrection (the original Easter). He was riding into the capital of ancient Israel as the coming king, not the earthly king as in King George, but as the spiritual king as in the Kingdom of God. You can read about it in the Gospels such as Luke 19:28-40. Verse 38 tells what the people were shouting about Jesus as he rode by, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" (NIV). Those people recognized Jesus as their king, the Son of God.

Without going into more details, I'll check out by leaving you the question, "Is Jesus Christ the King of your life too?" I hope the answer is yes.

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

Chaplain Larry Haworth

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Livingston, Texas 77399-1076  
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last I wrote an article. We (the women's group) have finally received our own link on the web site. This has been a major effort for the last 3 or 4 years. Now let's use it! To access it, you simply log on to [www.11thCavNam.com](http://www.11thCavNam.com) and then click on Women's Corner. I hope you will all drop in and leave a message or two. At least, let me know you're out there. Remember if we want to keep this site, we need to use it. We can chat about anything.

The cookbook has been selling very well. We do still have about 300 copies left, so it's not too late to order more. We have been sending them to every part of the country and today I mailed one to Germany. Yes folks we have now gone international! If you have not gotten your copy, do so now. *When you order it be sure you make the payment out to 11th ACVVC Blackhorse Women or to me.* The price is only \$12 plus \$3.50 for shipping and handling. It's a great deal for such a special publication. All profits from the book are being given to the scholarship fund and the trooper assistance fund. Despite the books not being listed on the Quartermaster listing, you can also obtain them through the Quartermaster. The order form for the books can be found on the web site in the Women's Corner or here in the *Thunder Run*.

I know you all were promised a list of everyone, and addresses that were at the women's meeting and you will get it yet, just have patience. What happened is, right after we got back from KC, Kathy got pretty sick and was unable to do much of anything for several weeks. She is now better although very busy at her job but she has promised me that this will be completed soon. So hang in there.

We are in the process of making the design for the blankets we talked about. I think you will like it. Hopefully we will be able to keep the cost down to \$25 –\$30. I'm not sure yet how many we will be ordering or if we will be taking any pre-orders for them. More info on this will be put on "our" link on the web site. So look there

I'm beginning to think about ideas for our gathering in Louisville. So, if you have an idea be sure to let me know. Ideas can be anything from a suggested topic for discussion, to a gab fest, game day to even a short trip. Having lived near Louisville at one time (I was stationed at Fort Knox) I can tell you that it is an exciting city and the hotel is not far from the river. Perhaps we could even hold our meeting along the river. I know there used to be a riverboat cruise there. Of course if we did something like that (cruise I mean), there would be a fee involved. There are lots of things to think about. Please, please give me some suggestions. This is "your" meeting too. I would love to see ALL the ladies in attendance at the women's meeting. There are still soooo many ladies who don't come.

Again this year we will have many, many prizes to award. One of our ladies came across a find at a garage sale of some good yarn and has asked if it would be alright if she made a few things for our prize giveaway. ABSOLUTELY! And if you too have a craft talent that you would like to give a sampling of to us, please just let me know. The more prizes we have the more people we have who go home with a prize.

Well, folks I'm at work and there's still laundry to fold and paperwork to get done so I better end this and get busy. Don't forget to order your cookbooks before they are all gone.

I thought I'd let you all know that our new granddaughter, *Rebekah Elizabeth*, arrived last night, January 12. Time of birth we think is 6:32pm. We can't be positive of the time as she was in a hurry to be born and didn't quite make it to the hospital. Her dad delivered her in the car along side of highway 10 between their home in Minneapolis and the hospital in St. Paul. She weighs 7 lbs and 2 ounces and has a full head of dark brown hair. Mom, dad and baby are all doing well. Of course you all know that I have no intention of spoiling her. Heaven forbid! I mean after all would I do that? To date I have only bought, 4 outfits (pink of course) 1 Barbie doll, 1 rattle doll, a pair of booties and made 2 blankets. Okay so maybe I will spoil a little bit, but hey, that's what Grandmas do best.

See you all in Louisville!

BARB MORENO  
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11th ACVVC Women's Coordinator



## From the 62nd Colonel of the Regiment

Mark E. Calvert



To all the members of the ACVVC - greetings from Fort Irwin and the Troopers of the Blackhorse! As we approach the 106th Birthday of our great Regiment I am proud to report that the Troopers are doing well and continue to maintain a very busy pace here at Fort Irwin.

Following 1st Squadron's return from Fort Stewart in late October, they rapidly transitioned to conduct crew and platoon level gunnery while 2d Squadron picked up the rotational support mission for the NTC. In December, the Regiment completed a major training exercise where the Regimental HQ, 2d Squadron, and the Support Squadron were the training focus as 1st Squadron provided rotational support (OPFOR). Before kicking everyone out the door for a much needed holiday leave, about 400 Troopers marched to the Barstow Veterans Home for some fellowship and lunch with the home's residents and staff.

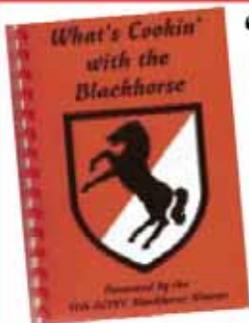
Over the next several months 2d Squadron will execute a training exercise in Korea, 1st Squadron will once again deploy to Fort Stewart to support training for the 3rd Infantry Division, and the 58th Engineer Company will begin preparations for a deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In closing, I receive many emails and letters from members of the ACVVC asking how they can help the active Regiment – so here are a couple of ways that many of you could help some of the families of our fallen from Operation Iraqi Freedom.

1) The Newport Beach American Legion Post is going to host its 2d annual Hoedown fund raiser on Saturday, 03 March. This year's

fund raiser will support the local Fort Irwin Chapter of the Blackhorse Association's Iraqi Hero Scholarship fund. As many of you know, the Regiment lost 21 Troopers during combat operations in Iraq. This particular fund is designed to provide scholarship money to the families (spouses and children) of our fallen Troopers. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please contact Jerry Williamson (D Co. 68/69) at jerry-inv@verizon.net or Steve Spriggs (ACVVC Life Member and American Legion Post 291 1st Vice Commander) at Steven.Spriggs@GMACM.COM for further details. If you cannot attend be advised that donations can still be sent to American Legion Post 291, 215 15th St, Newport Beach, CA 92663, ATTN: Hoedown Fundraiser.

2) Last month we received the original oil painting from the artist Dietz commemorating the Regiment's participation in Operation Iraqi Freedom III. In the next couple of weeks, the Regiment will receive 750 prints of the painting. 300 have already been sold with another 450 available for purchase. Each print sells for \$125 with the proceeds of the sale going to the local Fort Irwin Chapter of the Blackhorse Association's Iraqi Hero Scholarship fund. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please contact Alex Silverman (Fort Irwin Sutler Storer) via email at alexsilverman2005@yahoo.com or by phone at (760) 524-2885. For additional information and to view the print go to www.11thcavnam.com



### “WHAT’S COOKIN’ WITH THE BLACKHORSE”

*It's finally here! The first edition of the 11th ACVVC Blackhorse Cookbook is hot off the press and ready for your kitchen!*

*These fabulous cookbooks are filled with more than 400 yummy recipes, all submitted by Blackhorse Troopers and their families.*

### EVERYONE CAN ALWAYS USE A COOKBOOK!

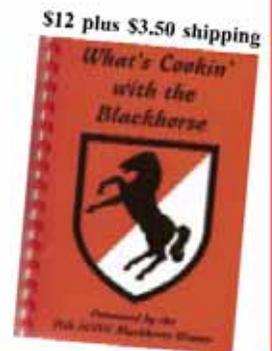
*Delight your palate ... Find out what's really cookin' in Blackhorse kitchens across the country!*

*Shipping discount for multiples of more than 4 books sent to one address. Contact Barb for shipping.*

*Clip here and mail with payment to:*

Barb Moreno, Women's Coordinator  
 11th ACVVC Blackhorse Women  
 24284 Endeavor  
 Tomah, WI 54660  
 Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies of What's Cookin' with the Blackhorse at \$12 per copy and \$3.50 for shipping and handling per book. Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Mail books to:  
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 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

*Proceeds support the scholarship and troopers assistance programs! Your support is appreciated!*





## Journey to Fiddler's Green

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

**Michael Bishop**, who served with F Troop, 2/11 (1969-1970), suffered a heart attack and passed away January 24, 2007. Mike was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Beloit, WI.

**James D. Bruneau**, who served with A Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967), passed away July 22, 2006. He had resided in Rumford, RI

**William W. Cobb** (MG Retired), who served as regimental commander and 34th Colonel from October 1965 to May 1967, passed away on January 7, 2007. General Cobb was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Beaufort, SC. He was laid to rest in Beaufort National Cemetery.

**Walter H. French**, who served with B Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967), passed away on September 9, 2006. Walter was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Ayer, MA. He was laid to rest in St Mary's Cemetery, Ayer, MA.

**John L. Gerrity** (MG Retired), who served as regimental commander and 42nd colonel from June 1970 to December 1970, passed away on January 18, 2007. General Gerrity was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Naples, FL. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

**Darryl E. Gossett** (1SG Retired), who served as first sergeant with F Troop, 2/11 1966-1967, passed away on January 11, 2007.

Darryl was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Killeen, TX. He was laid to rest in Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery, Killeen, TX

**Charles M. Huffine**, who served with 919th Engineer Company (1966-1967), passed away on October 24, 2006. Charles was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Roanoke, VA.

**Donald G. Jameson** (MSG Retired), who served with HHT Regiment and Air Cavalry Troop (1968-1969), passed away on May 8, 2006. Don was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Tampa, FL. He was laid to rest in Sunset Memory Gardens, Thonotosassa, FL.

**William C. Johnson**, who served with HHT Regiment and E Troop, 2/11 (1968-1969), passed away on October 6, 2006. William was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Eastanollee, GA.

**Richard J. Kelly** (1SG Retired), who served as first sergeant with I Troop, 3/11 and M Company 3/11 (1968-1969), passed away from complications of heart disease on January 2, 2007. Richard was a

Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Jacksonville, FL. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery.

**Marcus P. Lux**, who served with Air Cavalry Troop and C Troop, 1/11 (1968-1969), passed away on November 27, 2006. Marcus was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Boxton, NY.

**Johnny E. Lyall**, who served with C Troop, 1/11 (1969-1970) and G Troop, 2/11 (1971-1972), passed away on April 25, 2006. Johnny was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Elizabethtown, KY. He was laid to rest in Elizabethtown City Cemetery.

**Stanley M. Maslinski**, who served with L Troop, 3/11 (1970-1971), passed away on November 10, 2004. Stanley was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Elmira, NY. He was laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery, Elmira, NY.

**Hollis I. Moore**, who served as battery commander with Howitzer Battery, 1/11 (1969), passed away on March 18, 2006. Hollis was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Nashville, TN. He was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery, Murfreesboro, TN.

**Michael G. "Doc" O'Toole**, who served as a medic with L Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968), passed away on May 25, 2006. Michael was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Manhattan, KS.

**William Jack Shea**, who served with K Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968), passed away on August 18, 2006. Jack was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Colorado Springs, CO.

**Richard J. Sinsigalli Jr**, who served as a pilot with HHT Regiment and Air Cavalry Troop (1966-1967), passed away on August 28, 2006. Dick was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Forest Hill, MD. He was laid to rest in Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery, Owings Mills, MD.

**Robert C. Palmer**, who served as troop commander of E Troop, 2/11 (1968) and S-2 of HHT, 2/11, passed away on January 21, 2007. Robert was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hilliard, OH.

**Thomas R. Taft**, who served with A Troop, 1/11 (1968-1969), passed away on December 11, 2006. Thomas was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Edina, MN.

**Stephen Vaught**, who served with M Company, 3/11 (1968-1969), passed away on March 9, 2006. Steve was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in New Castle, IN. He was laid to rest in South Mound Cemetery, New Castle, IN.

**John T. Von Trott** (BG Retired), who served as troop commander with L Troop, 3/11 (1970), passed away on December 10, 2006. General Von Trott was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Boiling Springs, PA. He was laid to rest in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA.

**William D. Whiteford**, who served with the 409TH Radio Research Detachment (1969-1970), passed away on October 23, 2006. Bill was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Piqua, OH.

## Show your Pride



**C.W. "Butchie" Olmstead**, (I Troop, 1967) with his '49 Mercury Custom all hooked-up with hand controls for a wheelchair, paraplegic/combat wounded driver..



**Gary C. Gallaway**, (A Troop & HHT 1/11, 1969) shows a fantastic tailgate on his truck

# Donations Approaching Record

By Chuck Schmidt, Member - Scholarship Committee

The 11thACVVC is thrilled to acknowledge donations received in support of the Calendar fundraising project for 2007. We set the bar higher this year with a goal of \$35,000 and, although we are not there yet, we are well on the way to setting new records—*Thanks To Your Selfless Generosity!!* So far, 982 of you have seen fit to send in your donation envelope and have contributed almost \$32,000 to the cause. Your total donations last year were just over that amount which makes me confident that we will exceed this year's goal. In fact, I feel that we may come close to \$40,000 if more members find it in their hearts to get on board and support this worthy endeavor, which directly benefits our Brothers by assisting them and their children in furthering their education. All donations, no matter how small help us meet the objective, but we do need many above the minimum to make the program a success.

So far this year 74 Troopers have "ponied up" \$100 or more, with five at \$200 - \$500, three at \$500, one at \$1,000 and one over \$2,800! In addition, 110 have donated between \$50 and \$100. With less than 1,000 donations received, there are about 5,000 members absent from the program. We ask you to please consider supporting this program—remember, we are not "selling" calendars. You are free to keep it whether you decide to donate or not. When you see the reminder at the bottom of the February page, pull out the envelope and send a check for whatever amount you can afford. Every year we have to turn down about 1/3 of our qualified and deserving applicants because of a shortage of funds earmarked for the program. And although we did award 27 of our children a total of \$81,000 in scholarship money last year, we have not been able to raise the monetary award for the past five years—and we all know that the cost of college keeps rising faster than the rate of inflation. As soon as

**We thank all who have donated so generously!! Your support is vital to the program.**

we exhaust the number of our children applying, we will open the program to our grandchildren.

If any of you desire additional calendars for keepsakes or gifts, there are a limited number still available. And if you are not a member and did not receive one, we have a limited number to provide you a copy. Just contact me via "e" or "snail" mail and I will get you a copy while they last.

The list of donors includes all that had been received before this issue of Thunder Run went to the editor. Donations received after that deadline will appear in the next issue in April. There were two donors who we could not identify and they are listed as "unidentified". If you submitted the amount and wish your name listed, please notify me. These unidentified donations were submitted prior to 10 January 2007.

THANKS!! ALLONS!!

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

Membership is open to all troopers who served with or were attached to the 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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 ACV VC**. Mail this form with your check or money order (no cash) to: **11th ACVVC Membership, Ollie Pickral, 571 Ditchley Rd., Kilmarnock, VA 22482.**



# Quartermaster

## ORDER FORM

11TH ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

Product Description	Code	\$ Amt	Size	Qty	\$ Total
Coffee Mug, white Acrylic 11oz w/full color Blackhorse insignia .....	C	10.00			
Key ring, 1.5 " Acrylic square w/full color Blackhorse insignia .....	A	3.00			
Bumper Sticker "I Rode With The Blackhorse w/full color BH insignia .....	A	2.00			
Window Sticker, full color BH insignia and Vietnam service ribbon .....	A	2.00			
Watch, BH insignia on face, leather band (indicate choice) Man's Woman's .....	B	20.00			
Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, (indicate choice) r colored r subdued .....	B	4.00			
Coin, 11th ACVVC, BH insignia, crossed abers, together then, together again .....	B	10.00			
Belt Buckle, solid brass w/crossed sabers & BH insignia .....	B	20.00			
Flag, indoor/outdoor 3'x5' with color insignia .....	B	50.00			
Lighter, "Zippo" style brushed chrome w/full color BH insignia .....	B	15.00			
License Plate, metal red & white background with crossed sabers & 11 .....	B	5.00			
License Plate Frame, metal, black w/Blackhorse 11th US Cavalry in white .....	C	6.00			
Attache Case w/shoulder strap 11.5" x 15.5" w/dir emb. BH insignia & VN rib .....	C	30.00			
Tote Bag, red & black, 14x1x6 w/full color BH insignia and VN rib .....	B	20.00			
Blackhorse Pin .....	A	4.00			
11th ACR Regimental Crest .....	A	4.00			
Blackhorse Cavalry Pin, brass, 11 over crossed sabers .....	A	5.00			
Blackhorse Women's Pendant w/chain, 10k gold w/full BH insignia .....	B	125.00			
Gear Bag, red with color BH insignia (11x11x21) .....	C	35.00			
Men's Ring, gold & silver w/full color BH insignia on face (specify size) .....	A	225.00			
Lapel Pin: "Support Our Troops" .....	A	3.00			
Magnetic "Blackhorse" .....	A	5.00			
Magnetic "Support Our Troops" Ribbon .....	A	4.00			
Video: "Combat Reports" (DVD Only) .....	C	30.00			
Video combo #1: "Combat Reports" & Blackhorse Video (DVD only) .....	C	50.00			
Video combo #2: "Combat Reports" (DVD & Blackhorse Video (VHS) .....	C	40.00			
Book, "Vietnam Insights" by James Griffiths .....	C	10.00			
Book, "At The Cutting Edge" by Sewall Menzel .....	C	20.00			
Book, "Vietnam Tracks" .....	C	26.95			
Book, "Into Cambodia" by Kieth Nolan .....	C	23.00			
Book, "Tales of Thunder Run" by Larry Haworth, Chaplain .....	C	11.00			
Book, "Fiddlers Green" by Jack Stoddard .....	C	16.00			
Book, "The Anonymous Battle" by John Poindexter .....	C	12.00			
History Book, "Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam" .....	C	25.00			
Hat, Black Poplin adjustable w/full color direct embroidery Blackhorse insignia. ....	B	10.00			
Blackhorse T-shirt, 100% cotton, preshrunk, full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black (check one) .....	B	15.00			
Henley Shirt, 100% cotton, short sleeve, round neck w/full color BH insignia and VN ribbon. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White (check one) .....	B	15.00			
Golf Shirt, w/BH insignia and VN Ribbon: Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White .....	B	25.00			
Blackhorse Sweatshirt, 50% cotton, 50% acrylic w/full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black (check one) .....	B	25.00			
Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon, snap front, quilted lining w/full color BH insignia, (6" back), crossed sabers (front right) and Allons insignia (front left) .....	B	75.00			
Women's Sleeveless Shirt w/BH insignia. (available in size small also) Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Butter Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> White (check one) .....	B	15.00			
Windbreaker, white w/snap front, crossed sabers w/11BH patch logo, VN Ribbon, Vietnam 66-72 on left breast. Sizes: Small thru 3X available .....	B	35.00			
<b>Subtotal</b>					
Note: unless otherwise noted, all clothing items are available in size medium through size 3XL Specify size and color preference of item requested.					<b>Shipping and Handling</b>
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Please include the largest of chosen items S/H costs with your order. Maximum per order form charge is \$7.50. Checks or Money Orders should be made payable to "11th ACVVC." Allow six weeks for processing and delivery. <b>Prices effective until 12/30/06. Previous price lists invalid.</b> Mail order to: <b>11th ACVVC Quartermaster, c/o Jerry Beamon, 15926 Cedar Bay Dr., Bullard, TX 75757.</b>					



# From the Quartermaster...

Jerry Beamon

Hello to all Troopers. We hope that everyone had a Very Happy Holiday season. In this New Year we are looking forward to numerous new and different things. Our report for December sales was not as strong as last year's. So far the month of January is starting out to be back on track. This time of the year things here in East Texas are hopping, but now that old man winter has showed up we are not hopping as fast. Like many other areas of the country we are experiencing colder weather than we are accustomed to.

We hope that all of the Christmas presents arrived on time. As

usual most waited until the last minute, and that hampered some of those who had ordered earlier. To those affected, please accept my apologies. With our new mailing system in place it went smoother here for us and the Post Office. We sent out over 210 packages in just a few short weeks. We did not have to wait in line but just handed the packages off and away they went.

Again, I Thank each officer on the board of Directors, who have helped us to do a better job for you .To Chuck, Ollie, Jim Griffiths, Otis Carey, and others too numerous to mention, MY THANKS and a good year to EVERYONE! Allons

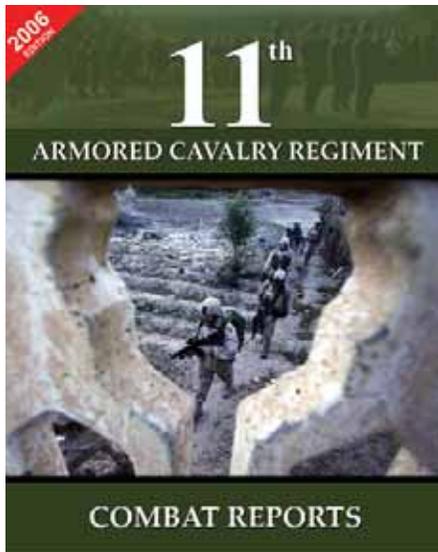
## QUARTERMASTER CLEARANCE & FEATURED ITEMS

**QM Clearance items include:** Ladies shirts all sizes old price \$20 now \$15. Past reunion shirts red or white old price \$30 now \$18, these include Washington, Nashville, and Eugene in sizes 2x reg. or 3x reg. Kansas City Reunion golf shirts sizes 2x reg. and xl reg., old price \$30 now \$25. Henleys red and white all sizes reg., old price \$20 now \$15. All red and white golf shirts, all sizes reg., old price \$30 now \$25.

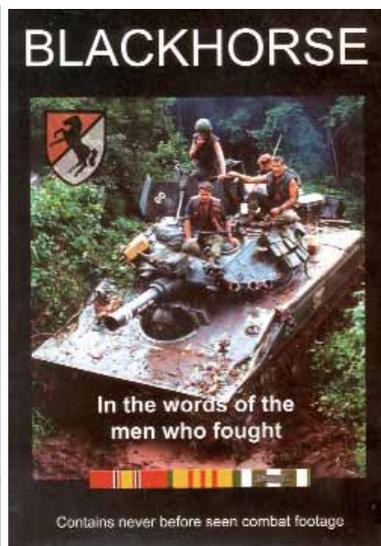
**QM Featured Items include:** Magnetic "Support Our Troops Ribbons"-\$4.00 (A), "Support Our Troops" Lapel Pin-\$3.00 (A), and Magnetic "Blackhorse"-\$5.00 (A)

Most Clearance and Featured items can be viewed at [www.11thcavnam.com](http://www.11thcavnam.com) as well.

- DVD "Combat Reports" (new item) in DVD only, \$30.
- Video Combo Special #1, "Combat Reports and Blackhorse Video (DVD only) \$50 (save \$10)
- Video Combo Special#2, Combat Reports (DVD) and Blackhorse Video (VHS) \$40 (save \$20)



DVD "Combat Reports"



Blackhorse Video

### Featured Items



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