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“Together Then – Together Again”

1st Quarter, 2017

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

Eagle Foundation honors 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment!



In November, of 2017 the Eagle Field Foundation Volunteers completed restoration on a running M113A1 APC. Built in San Jose, California in November of 1969, the EFF M113A1 had seen extensive and unusual service with the United States Army, Argentinian Army, a California Fire Department, and finally with the Eagle Field Foundation in 2017.

Before being presented to the EFF, BAE systems, formally FMC San Jose, brought the engine and drive components back up to a near zero-hour restoration - effectively making the APC brand new.

Throughout September and October, the EFF volunteers installed a new ACAV - Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicle - armor kit and machine gun mounts to crew positions. Additionally, two M-60 machine guns and a single M2 .50 caliber machine gun were installed in the ACAV positions. The interior was equipped with a new intercom kit and PRC-77 radio system as well as all the correct ammo cans, tools, and crew equipment.

In an effort to honor the 11th ACR for its actions during the Vietnam war, the

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Count Down To Grand Rapids

As I write this we have already filled 35% of our room block for Grand Rapids and our 33rd Annual Reunion. As in the past I urge you to secure your room early to avoid disappointment when the rooms sell out. It is never too early to book your room.

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We will not forget them...



Blackhorse Troopers gather at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial for our annual Veterans Day Wreath Laying.





Allen Hathaway
President

From The Command Track

By Allen Hathaway, President



Planning is well under way for the 2018 reunion in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on September 5-9. The Amway Grand Plaza is great location for this year's reunion. Our Reunion Chairman, Steve Page (B Troop, 1966-67) along with Frank Church (G Troop, 2/11, 1969-70) have been working hard to ensure this is another successful and memorable reunion.

We're looking forward to Grand Rapids. The downtown area has many small restaurants within walking distance of the hotel offering a wide selection of food. The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum is an easy walk, just a quarter mile from the hotel. Adjacent to the Ford Museum is the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Both museums are worth a visit.

The reunion registration form is printed in this issue along with the reunion schedule. We expect another large turnout for our reunion this year. As of this writing, over one third of the 600 room block has already been reserved. Nearly 700 Blackhorse troopers live in the state of Michigan with hundreds more in the neighboring states of Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. We expect a large turnout from these states.

We are pleased to announce that Donald C. (Don) Snedeker will be the guest speaker at the Saturday evening banquet and program. Don has served as the historian for our organization for many years. He has done extensive research on the history of the regiment since it was formed in 1901 and particularly during the period 1966-1972 when the regiment served in Vietnam. Don served in Vietnam from 1970-1971 and in Germany with the 11th ACR from 1974 to 1978. He is a regular contributor to *Thunder Run* with the "Hoofbeats" article. He attends many reunions and is responsible for the history boards on display. Don is currently writing a book about the 11th ACR in Vietnam. He has conducted many interviews with our members to gather material for the book. We look forward to hearing him at the

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reunion.

You can help make this another successful reunion by keeping a few things in mind: Mail your reunion registration early and before the deadline of August 8. Make your hotel reservations early. (You may cancel up to 48 hours prior to check-in without penalty.) Contact old friends early giving them plenty of time to make their plans to attend. Contact any board member if you need help finding an old friend. Dig out your old pictures. Come prepared to enjoy yourself!

The 2018 11th ACVVC calendar was mailed to all members last November. This is the first of three of our fundraising projects to support our Scholarship Program. Once again, the calendar featured 12 new photos of "everyday life" in Vietnam submitted by you, our members. The calendar also contains significant historical events of your regiment in Vietnam.

Our Scholarship Fund is a separate, self-sufficient fund. This means that all scholarship awards, as well as all printing and mailing cost associated with the calendar, are paid directly from the scholarship fund. The expense of the calendar is separate and not part of membership dues. I once again appeal to your generosity as we ask for your support for the calendar and Scholarship Program. Your continued support has enabled our Scholarship Program to be very successful year after year. While the calendar you received is unsolicited, we ask that you make the most generous tax-deductible donation that you can to help support this project. An envelope is included for your convenience to mail your donations.

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Our treasury is solvent. The investments made over the years guarantee the organization will be in a good financial position for many years to come. Our two main sources for operating income are quartermaster sales and membership dues.

Our reunions are well attended. The average annual attendance is 1,100-1,200 people. The quarterly magazine, *Thunder Run*, continues to deliver news and information to our members with a variety of articles, many of which are submitted by our members. The website continues to be a source of information for our members. The website offers a central location for current information about this organization. Our Facebook page augments *Thunder Run* and the website by providing many newsworthy articles and photographs. Our quartermaster store is very popular with our members and continues to do a great business by offering a variety of insignia products. Items are featured in each issue of *Thunder Run* and on our website.

The scholarship program continues to thrive thanks to the support of our members. Over \$1.4 million in scholarships has been awarded since the program began. Beginning in 2018, grandchildren are now eligible to apply for scholarships.

The success in these areas is due in part to the group of reliable and dedicated volunteers who work every day to ensure the continued success of this organization. But the most important factor is the support from our members. Your support throughout the years has helped this organization continue to grow and succeed in every area. This support is a result of the pride we all have from serving in the best unit in the United States Army!

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Veterans Day Speech, Liberty High School, Colorado Springs, CO

Lt. Col. (Ret.) William A. Knowlton, Jr., USA

November 10, 2017

It's a pleasure for me to speak to you today about Veterans Day. Liberty is not a typical high school in that many of you come from military families and have parents or grandparents who are or have been in the military. I decided that nothing could be more appropriate for Veterans' Day than to talk about veterans, particularly to an audience where many of you know veterans or service members.

I believe when we use the term "veteran" today, we mean someone who served honorably in the Armed Forces of the United States of America. Since the founding of our nation, members of the Armed Forces have been called to serve their country and defend it numerous times. When Revolutionary War soldier Nathan Hale said, "I regret that I have but one life to give for my country" before he was executed by the British, he was expressing his willingness to make the ultimate sacrifice in defense of his country.

But on Veterans Day, we honor not only those members of the Armed Forces who gave their lives for their country, but all veterans. It is fitting that we so honor our veterans, because they have not always been honored for their service. Sometimes, when they have returned home from defending our nation they have been met not with thanks, but with indifference, or, even worse, hostility. Americans often have tried to forget wars, which is understandable, but often also have forgotten those who have fought our wars. Veterans Day originally was not primarily a day to honor veterans, but a day to remember the armistice that ended the fighting in World War I. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11, 1919 as the first

Armistice Day to commemorate the armistice that silenced the guns exactly one year before, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918. Even though the president established Armistice Day in 1919 and Congress followed with a resolution in 1926, the veterans of World War I never were paid a bonus that had been promised to them by Congress, prompting them to march on Washington in 1932 demanding the bonus to help them through the depression. In one of America's lowest moments, President Herbert Hoover, fearing a riot, directed the Army to disperse the bonus marchers. General Douglas MacArthur, the Chief of Staff of the Army, complied, perhaps exceeding his orders, and burned the camps of the veterans around Washington – the same veterans he had led as a division commander in World War I.

World War II was different from World War I in its size and in its effect on the entire nation. Those on the home front also supported the war effort, and for many Americans World War II was a time of sacrifice and hardship. Veterans of World War II most often returned to parades and the recognition they deserved for their part in winning the war.

Five years later, when fighting broke out in Korea, the threat to the United States was not as apparent as it was during World War II. The conflict in Korea had nowhere near the impact in the United States of World War II, and its veterans weren't as numerous, nor did they get the recognition of the veterans of World War II. In an attempt to rectify this oversight and to broaden the meaning of Armistice Day beyond solely recognizing the end of World War I, on June 1, 1954, President Eisenhower declared November 11th a day to honor American

veterans of all wars: Veterans Day.

Then came the Vietnam War, a war that many Americans opposed, and a war that we lost, with the last American combat forces pulling out of Vietnam in 1973 and South Vietnam falling to the North Vietnamese Army in 1975. Your grandparents probably remember the protests against the war and how it divided our nation. Unfortunately, many Americans did not make the distinction between opposition to the war and opposition to the military who fought that war, not recognizing that those who fight our wars rarely start them and have the most to lose. Not only was our veterans' sacrifice not recognized and honored, some veterans and their families were denigrated by those they were fighting to defend. Three members of my family served in combat in Vietnam: my father, my younger brother, and I. We got varying reactions to our return from Vietnam. I can remember going to pick up my father at the Washington Dulles Airport on his return home after two years in Vietnam, with little notice except from family and friends. I experienced the same little noticed return when my mother and sister came and picked me up at a New York airport. My brother Dave was in a long range reconnaissance platoon in the 101st Airborne Division and came home in uniform through San Francisco, but met with a different reaction. He was spit on and called a "baby killer" by a war protester in the San Francisco airport. Many Vietnam veterans met with either this hostility or indifference. That has now changed. When I meet every year at the Vietnam Memorial with other veterans of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment who served in Vietnam and Cambodia, our most common greeting to each other is "Welcome home."



Bill Knowlton, LtCol, USA Ret, with staff of Liberty High School.

gratitude for defending our nation against enemies as dangerous as any that we have ever faced.

Frequently now, when people recognize that I am a veteran, they will say, "Thank you for your service." In Colorado Springs, you will undoubtedly see and interact with veterans. I'd ask you to thank them for their service, and if you have the opportunity ask them about that service. Respect that some veterans may not want to or be able to talk about their service. Some men and women who have deployed to combat theaters are experiencing post-traumatic stress or may have traumatic brain injuries. Their experiences may have been too horrible to talk about. However, others may be delighted to share their experiences with someone who's interested, and you'll find that what they did gives new meaning to sacrifice and service.

So on this Veterans Day tomorrow, let us salute and thank the veterans who have defended our nation in the past and those who are defending it now – our freedom is due to their sacrifice and service. Particularly for those of you who have veterans in your families, let them know you appreciate and are proud of their service to our country. And to the families and children of veterans and service members now on active duty, thank you for your sacrifice and support to our veterans.

We now have a new generation of veterans: the veterans of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. These veterans are different from the veterans of Vietnam, my generation, in two ways. First, they are all volunteers – we have been an all volunteer force since the end of the draft in 1973. Second, most of them have served multiple combat tours, when most of the veterans of Vietnam only served in combat for one year. It is not unusual for noncommissioned officers or officers now to have served two, three, or four combat tours, with little recovery time between tours. With troops still in Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, and other areas throughout the world, the sacrifice we ask of our veterans is unlikely to change anytime soon.

Remembering the shameful treatment given to our returning Vietnam veterans, Americans recently have gone out of their way to recognize the sacrifice and service of the men and women returning from Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones. There's a danger, however, that as fewer US service members serve in combat that we forget about those who still are in the front lines defending our country. Also, if support for conflicts where America's sons and daughters go in harm's way decreases, we must not allow that to decrease our support for the veterans of those conflicts. They will need our support for years to come, particularly the wounded warriors returning with lifelong disabilities, and they deserve our eternal

Show Your Pride



Left, Frank Church, Rome, OH (G Trp, 69-70) shows his pride with Purple Heart license plate and Blackhorse hitch cover



Right, Allen Bryan, Bastrop, LA (2nd HOW BAT, 71) shows his pride with his Blackhorse porch placard



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Finally, not long ago I found a note on the windshield of my truck. At first, I thought someone may have hit the truck. I opened the note and was surprised to read "Yo Bro, Welcome Home, Tet '68", Tet '72, 16th MP Bde". I smiled. Obviously, this fellow veteran recognized the Blackhorse decal on my truck or saw the license plate "11CAV67" and knew and understood. This is one of those very special bonds that veterans share.

In closing I ask that you continue keep our service men and women in your thoughts and prayers. When you see someone in uniform take a minute and offer your hand to thank them for their selfless service. These young men and women contribute daily to the security of our great country. We thank them. ALLONS! – Welcome Home, it's good to be "Together Again".

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On Lake Michigan, less than an hour drive to the west, is the submarine *USS Silversides* SS 236, located at 1346 Bluff Street, Muskegon, MI 49441. Visit www.silversidesmuseum.org for more information. The USS LST 393 Veterans Museum is also located in Muskegon that also houses a WWII LST. Visit www.lst393.org for more information.

For those who prefer a more hands on approach there are numerous Dune Buggy rental outlets on Lake Michigan. We have a member looking into this venue and we will have more information to follow.

As you can see, fun and informational activities abound in and around Grand Rapids. There will be plenty to do so come early and stay late - you won't regret it! As always be sure to send in you Reunion Registrations as soon as possible. **Remember the registration deadline is August 8, 2018 and the refund deadline is August 31, 2018.**

Steve Page
Reunion Chairman

Editor's Corner

Pete Walter

Fellow Troopers, family and friends...I hope you all enjoyed the holidays and Best Wishes for a great new year in 2018!

As you will read elsewhere in this issue, we will be visiting Grand Rapids, Michigan in September. All the info you need to know is in this issue, so I won't be redundant.

As your new editor I want to provide you with the *Thunder Run* Editorial Policy that the Officers of the 11th ACVVC have adopted.

Thunder Run Editorial Policy

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

- *Thunder Run* is a publication of the 11th ACVVC used to communicate events, ideas, nostalgia, and helpful information to our members. The 11th ACVVC is a non-profit, non-political, corporation organized and operated within the provisions of 501c (19) of the Internal Revenue Code and is limited in activity by that charter.

- *Thunder Run* will consider all submissions but does not guarantee their publication. All submissions are subject to editing, including adaptation to our publications style at the sole discretion of the Editor.

- *Thunder Run* will not advertise except to promote our organization and to promote items for sale through the 11th ACVVC Quartermaster Store.

Photos must be sent as at least a medium size ".jpg" file at 300dpi. Digital photos are preferred, but "hard copy" is acceptable. Photos for "Show Pride" are expected to contain highly visible Blackhorse or 11th ACVVC indicators or symbols. The viewer should be able to note a link to Blackhorse or the 11th ACVVC and the item pictured. Please indicate if you want any photo returned and enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

- *Thunder Run* will accept poetry and short fictional articles, although personal experiences in Vietnam or Cambodia or within the 11th ACVVC

are preferred. It is expected that submissions be formatted in "Word" or a word processing program compatible with "Word". The document should be on a disk or sent as an email attachment. Short, typed hard copy will be considered.

- *Thunder Run* accepts articles from members and occasionally others. We request articles be limited to 1000 words or less. Longer articles will be considered, but shorter ones are preferred. Publication of any submission is not guaranteed. Again, all submissions are to be formatted and submitted as laid out in the paragraph above. Hard copy items (pictures or written) should contain an email address and telephone number so the Editor may contact the sender with questions, should that be necessary. All potential writers are reminded that *Thunder Run* is a family oriented publication meant to educate and entertain our members and their families and editing of inappropriate language will be done with this in mind.

- "Letters to The Editor" must be signed, contain the name and address of the writer along with a telephone number and e-mail address through which the writer may be contacted. Letters should be no more than 200 words to be considered for publication. As with all items we publish, letters may be edited by the editor for form and content. Political letters or letters that could be construed to have a political motive will not be published. Any items published are the product of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views of the 11th ACVVC, its Officers/Directors, or any governmental agency. Send material for publication to:

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Submission deadlines for the four quarterly editions are: January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1.

Reunion Registration

On behalf of the Moreno family we would like to wish you all happiness, love and good luck to all of you for the new year. Let's talk about the registration for Grand Rapids, Michigan. As soon as you see the registration form in the *Thunder Run* make a copy of the full page and mail it to Ollie, or the best way is to register online through the website.

On the registration form, if this is your first reunion, please be sure to mark it on the form and give us all the information that is required. If you are a family member of a Blackhorse Trooper who lost his life in Vietnam or Cambodia, please be sure to fill in all the required information as to the passing of your loved ones on the registration form.

I know those of you who have been coming for many years already know how to fill out the registration form so just read it all carefully and follow the instructions. As you already know you can bring as many folks with you as you like, but please remember they must pay the entire registration amount. If they do not they will not be able to participate in anything that we do such as the banquet which everyone loves to go to, or any of the other exciting things that go on such as the meetings and so forth. When filling out the registration form please think about using the little return address labels that we get in the mail. When using those it makes it so much easier to read the proper spelling of your name and where you live. Also remember that there are no children's meals, so their registration is the same as the adults. After filling out your registration form please review it carefully making sure that all meal selections are correct, and any dietary needs are listed.

It looks as if this reunion in Michigan is going to turn out to be a rather large one. According to the hotel it sounds as if we are almost to the halfway point of room occupancy that are available, so don't wait too long to make your hotel reservations. We will

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probably have an overflow hotel but it's more fun to be where all the reunion action is.

I'm sure you all have seen that we are now taking scholarship applications for grandchildren. It would be great if we could give everyone a scholarship.

You should have gotten the calendar in the mail. Take that little envelope that is in the calendar and donate something and put a note to Ollie that this is the first time you are sending in this envelope for the scholarship. We all thank you for all your support.

Well folks, I know this is a very short newsletter this time but it's a little bit hard to do while Barb is still in bed from her back injury and is not there to hang over me to make sure things are done correctly and not have to be gone over five times. So, if you have any more questions about anything or just need to talk please feel free to call me on my cell phone at 608-387-3346, or on my home phone 608-372-5892. I'm kind of a late-night person so fill free to call me at any time.

Until next time I leave you with this quote "If a man does his best what else is there?" General George S. Patton, Jr.

Allons.

Bob "two dogs" Moreno

G troop 2/11th (68-69)

11th ACVVC Board of Directors/Registration Chairman

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. Email 11thcav1966@Comcast.net



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New Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone _____ Effective Date: _____
Email: _____

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EFF M113A1 was painted in 11th ACR colors along with the 11th ACR guidon imprinted to the side of the hull. On November 11th, 2017, the new M113 made its public debut in the San Jose, California Veterans Day parade. The Eagle Field Foundation volunteers have named the new M113A1 "Jungle Cruise."

Learn more at eaglefieldfoundation.org

Aaron Ehlers

(Submitted by Al Frugoli, Los Banos, CA, K Trp, 70-71)

2018 11th ACVVC Calendar Appeal – Eligibility Expanded to Grandkids!

By now all dues-paid members of the 11th ACVVC should have received their personal copy of our 2018 calendar. If you have not received a calendar please contact Allen Hathaway (11thcav1966@comcast.net) or me (basepiece70@verizon.net). The 2018 calendar features fourteen color photographs, all submitted by members of the 11th ACVVC. In addition it includes historical information on significant dates in the history of the United States and your Regiment. We have already received many compliments on the 2018 calendar along with many generous donations and we thank you for your continued support!

This full-color calendar is the first of our 2018 Scholarship fundraising efforts. It is yours to keep and enjoy whether you donate or not. We do however, ask for your support with the most generous tax-deductible donation that you can make to assist the children of 11th ACVVC members to begin or continue their post-secondary education. Scholarships can be used for college, trade school, or any other educational training following high school. The Officers of the 11th ACVVC voted last year to extend scholarship eligibility to grandchildren of 11th ACVVC members. Please see the revised application in this issue.

You donated over \$77,000 to the 2017 calendar appeal (an all-time record!); we have awarded a total of approx. \$1,256,000 in scholarships to the children of members of the 11th ACVVC! Every member of this organization can be proud of their service with the legendary Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam and Cambodia; fifty years later we continue to serve and show our pride by our generous support of the children, and now grandchildren, of our Blackhorse brothers.

As of Jan 14, 2017 we have received donations of \$61,564 from 1,400 of our members. This is an incredible average of almost

11th ACVVC Calendar



2018

11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia

The 11th U.S. Cavalry was formed on February 2, 1901 at Ft. Myer, Virginia. In December it was assigned to duty in the Philippines where, in 1902, the 1st Squadron would earn the first of the Regiment's many battle streamers, "Samar 1902."

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

The Blackhorse Regiment would see action in World War II where it earned five more battle streamers, but the Regiment's finest performance would be in the Republic of Vietnam and the Kingdom of Cambodia. Blackhorse Troopers served there for 2,040 days and earned eleven battle streamers.

From December of 2004 to January 22, 2006, the Blackhorse deployed to Iraq earning the Regiment's most recent battle streamer for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 11th Armored Cavalry returned from Iraq in January 2006, and has once again assumed the challenging task of training America's Army in the desert environment of Fort Irwin, California. Although the primary mission is preparing units for deployment to the war in Iraq, our Regiment is simultaneously training intensely to remain the best Regiment in the United States Army! During the recent deployment fighting in "Operation Iraqi Freedom III," the famed Blackhorse Regiment continued to uphold the great legacy established by Troopers who fought the war in Vietnam and Cambodia.

Philippine Insurrection
Samar 1902

Mexican Expedition
Mexico 1916-17

World War II
Normandy
Northern France
Rhine/land
Ardennes-Aisace
Central Europe

Vietnam
Counteroffensive Phase II
Counteroffensive Phase III

Tet Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive Phase IV
Counteroffensive Phase V
Counteroffensive Phase VI
Tet 1969 Counteroffensive
Summer-Fall 1969
Winter-Spring 1970
Sanctuary Counteroffensive
Counteroffensive Phase VII

Operation Desert Storm
Southwest Asia Cease Fire

Operation Iraqi Freedom
Iraqi Governance 2004-2005

\$45 per donor! Many of you write a check for \$100 or more and this is generosity at its best. But I am still bewildered by the ~5,000 member, (or 75%) who choose not to donate. Almost 8 of 10 of our members contribute nothing to the annual calendar which is our premier fund-raising project. We have entertained suggestions from our members on how we can improve participation in this project; we continue to request your input. Please consider donating \$5 or \$10 to this worthwhile project if you haven't done so.

A comment and request on the future of our calendar is in order. It is imperative that you the members of the 11th ACVVC continue to search through your old photos and submit the best quality photos you can find to be considered for inclusion in future issues. We transitioned to the full-color version three years ago and to continue to publish a full-color calendar we need a large pool of high quality color photographs. The best photos for reproduction purposes are high quality 35mm prints or slides showing groups of

Troopers performing every-day combat missions and chores along with images of the landscape, hamlets and indigenous Vietnamese. If you have the capability of electronically scanning photos at a resolution of 300 or 600 dpi, you can send them to me as attachments to an e-mail. This is the easiest, cheapest, safest and quickest way to submit images. Additionally, I will have a high-res flatbed scanner at our 33rd Annual Reunion (September 5 – 9, 2018) this summer in Grand Rapids, Michigan. If you bring your photos I will scan them and return them to you in minutes. If you choose to mail your images, please send copies and retain your original. Information describing the subject matter, identity of Troopers, date, location, etc., is appreciated. This calendar shows your service, your history...please help me continue to make it a great production that we can all be proud of! Thank you. "ALLONS!"

Pete Walter, Vice President



From the 67th Colonel of the Regiment

COL Joseph D. Clark



January 01, 2018

Regimental Commander's Greetings Thunder Run (ACVVC)

Greetings to the Troopers of the Best Damn Regiment. I trust everyone had a great and memorable Holiday season as we enter 2018. This past year has been one that I will not forget. We've hunkered down and strengthened our ability to be an effective training force for the Army as units prepare to deploy to all parts of the World. We also improved our own ranks with Gunneries, Historic events, and the bonding that gives us the name as the "Best Damn Regiment."

Our Regiment has continued its busy nature with a myriad of events and training throughout late Fall and early Winter. Although we have many new Commanders and First Sergeants, the units' performances have not faltered. This is a testament that our Troopers are truly masters of their crafts.

The Regiment has fought through the Mojave Desert in October and November. With the new fiscal year, we encountered a new "enemy," 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division. The Blackhorse Regiment fought tooth-and-nail through the High Desert ultimately exposing 1HBCT to new tactics and strategies to be a more lethal force as they deploy to support South Korea in the upcoming months.

Although we had little downtime between rotations, the Regiment Command Teams held a War Council to develop their mission statement and vision in preparation for the 68th Colonel. During the War Council, the Commanders and First Sergeants discussed training plans and gunnery strategies to ensure our Troopers are still highly competent and extremely lethal.

During NTC Rotation 18-02, the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division hailing from Fort Hood, TX came to

develop and prove their competencies. Through the month, 11th ACR fought them hard, and ultimately, 1 HBCT left with new tactics and techniques they learned from our Troopers. This rotation was the capstone training event for the Brigade prior to their departure to Germany later this year. Additionally, the Blackhorse Troopers spent Thanksgiving eating a top-notch meal prepared by our own cooks in the desert. Although they were away from their families, they felt at home sitting at tables eating side-by-side with their brother and sisters in arms.

December provided a much needed reprieve from the high optempo training we encounter each month. With no scheduled Rotation, the Regiment was able to focus on core competencies and preparing for upcoming rotations. Two Squadrons, 1/11 and RSS, took advantage of this time to schedule a Spur Ride for their Troopers. More than 170 "Shave tails" successfully completed the Spur Ride and earned their coveted spurs.

Currently, our Troopers are preparing for our next rotation to support 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 4th Infantry Division for Rotation 18-03.

Finally, I appreciate all your support for our Troopers and our Regiment. This Regiment is unique, and it is because of you. You hold a tight-knit bond that is rivaled by none, and the Blackhorse Troopers know of your dedication and love for this Regiment. The history you made for this Regiment motivates and encourages these Troopers to reach levels never before achieved.

For more information on the Blackhorse Regiment, please visit and like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/11th-Armored-Cavalry-Regiment-Blackhorse-158715460811763/>

ALLONS!

The 67th Colonel

Military Exchange Online Shopping

Veterans Can Visit VetVerify.org for Exchange Online Shopping Authentication

DALLAS – As the Department of Defense's military exchange services prepare to welcome potentially 13 million honorably discharged Veterans back to their military families this coming Veterans Day, VetVerify.org has launched to confirm eligibility to receive a lifelong military exchange online shopping.

Veterans may log onto VetVerify.org, which will use information from DoD's Defense Manpower Data Center's records and inform them of their ability to access this new benefit. If a Veteran's record has character of service data and that data meets the criteria for the online benefit, the Veteran will be verified to shop.

Then, beginning on Nov. 11, the Veteran can log onto to the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy Exchange web-

sites at shopmyexchange.com, shopcgx.com, mymcx.com and mynavyexchange.com for tax-free shopping. If a Veteran's information is incomplete, VetVerify.org will provide guidance on next steps.

Extending online shopping privileges to all honorably discharged Veterans will directly improve family and support programs for Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines and Coast Guard members as well as their families. Increased sales and earnings as a result of Veterans online shopping benefit have the potential to generate tens of millions of dollars in additional dividends to Quality-of-Life programs.

These funds decrease taxpayers' burden to support services and programs on military installations around the world. The Army & Air Force Exchange Service, Coast Guard Exchange, Marine Corps Exchange, and Navy Exchange currently provide more than \$300 million in support for military Quality-of-Life programs annually.



January 2018

Go to the 11th ACVVC website, click on the subtitle; “Funeral Honor Guard – check it daily.”

In your service training days there was a bulletin board that you checked daily. It detailed your schedule for the day; maybe you were listed for the motor pool or potato peeling or even guard duty.

You checked daily as to avoid getting your “butt chewed out” later in the day. It was a duty and you were bombarded in those days with “Duty, Honor, Country” lectures and obligations. Those obligations became routine and most of us can’t even remember checking lists or bulletin boards or duty rosters.

I don’t know how many of us take it serious enough to check our veterans’ website, and the Funeral Honor Guard section. But in case you don’t, you may still get an e-mail from Peter Walter about “A Trooper Down.” Pete tries to keep us all informed as to the death of one of our own and asks those within a hundred mile radius to attend the wake or service and express to the widow or surviving children the respect and love that we members of the 11th Armored Cavalry Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia have for each of us. We were together the, and we strive to be together again. In the field, we refused to leave a trooper behind. Now, as we the survivors of those dastardly days do, we should still show that respect – if we are able — to those who have recently fallen.

I was overwhelmed at the reunion in Fort Benning, when I filled in for Chaplain Larry Haworth and conducted a Saturday afternoon Memorial Service. I expected maybe two to three hundred to attend and thought that reading the long list of those who passed on since the last reunion would meet with boredom and apathy. I wasn’t prepared to see the largest room in the convention center packed with troopers and their family members, with surviving families of our departed troopers, and even some visitors who came by out of curiosity. No apathy, no boredom. Rapt attention, respect, unselfish love and a willingness to embarrass ourselves with a few tears. The Orlando “Hurricane” reunion went even a step further as you listened to the reading of over 600 hundred names of your brother troopers who have passed on to “Fiddlers Green” in the past year. Together then and together again. Wow!

Then after all those names, after all the reflection that we all did as we heard of one we had served with, the poem, “Bury Me with Soldiers” was read and the ball room floor was saturated with tears. I have been so impressed by your loyalty and brotherly love for the troopers you became friends with in the Nam, with troopers you served with but never really knew and for the other troopers who served at another time and in another place who you never knew. You are ... words escape me or cannot describe who you are, so I’ll settle on “Genuine” for now. You are genuine men, genuine soldiers, genuine patriots and I doubt that any of us could have a better friend than a fellow trooper of

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the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment.

Back to the website. Just before Christmas a trooper died in Virginia. He was a lifetime member of the 11th ACVVC and a participant in the many Air Cav Troop reunions. His fellow troopers knew him as “Lily.” He was John Liljegren, an Air Cav scout of 1970 and 1971. “Lily” was like many an 11th Cav trooper, proud of his service and of his inclusion in the Legendary Blackhorse Regiment. Even his coffin was emblazoned with Army and 11th Cav paraphernalia as was his bronze gravestone. The service was in Charlottesville and the burial was at a small church graveyard near Lovingson, about 30 miles south in the Shenandoah Mountains.

I arrived about 30 minutes before the service and was immediately greeted by another 11th Cav trooper Jim Angelini, a former Air Cav Trooper who served at the same time with “Lily” in Vietnam. Jim had driven all the way to Charlottesville, Virginia from Louisville, Kentucky (an 8 hour drive). Not only that, but he was also there the evening before for the wake and supplied a Troop Guidon and a Blackhorse crest in Red, White and Black made from fresh carnations. Jim had gotten to know John Liljegren well at our reunions and those of the Air Cav Troop. I thought that was an extraordinary effort, but my amazement was only beginning.

After a respectful and contemplative service during which the minister spoke highly of the love that “Lily” had for the 11th Cavalry Regiment, we proceeded to the graveyard in Lovingson where a military honor guard awaited us. Again I was touched by the demeanor, character, discipline and respect of the three young soldiers precisely dressed in what we used to call dress blues. They paid a special tribute to former Sergeant Angellini and myself and went out of their way to cross muddy fields and walk down gravel roads to shake our hands and honor us with expressions of pride and respect for our service in Vietnam. Trooper Jim Angellini was dressed in his duty summer uniform (of 1978 vintage) decorated with well deserved ribbons including a CIB, Purple Heart and Bronze Star. We received from those lads the same respect and honor, that many of us extended to the stalwart combat veterans of World War II.

The weather was blustery and growing windy and cold with showers in the air. A small tent had been erected for the family members, who were very grateful that we had come and especially grateful to Jim Angellini for his care, comforting words and hopeful encouragement. Before the service, the pastor asked

if I wanted to say something, but I declined as I knew Jim Angellini wanted to read a poem for his buddy. Jim did recite the poem: one he personally composed in 1998 and he did so without a script, with heartfelt emotion and warm affection. Following the poem, the flag was folded with the greatest of reverence and Taps was flawlessly played by an active duty soldier. The flag was then presented to the widow and son of our fallen brother trooper.

Afterwards, I asked Jim, if we could have a copy of his poem for *Thunder Run* so that all of you could share in his thoughts and he agreed. The poem is below.

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Smile and make someone happy.

Chaplain Blandin (Bill) Karabinos

HHT, 2/11 ACR (71-72)

Dedicated To A Friend

Many, many years ago, I found myself in a land I didn't know.
Sent by people who didn't care about me, to fight for others' liberty.
A land so strange and far away, I'll remember it till my dying day.
While Viet Nam is it's given name, we veterans all refer to it the same.
The "Nam" became the call, for this land where so many would stand and fall.
To risk our limbs and lives as well, we spent our time in that damn Hell.
I tried hard and did my best, like all the others put to the test.
Some walked, some rode and others flew, doing jobs nobody wanted to do.
We laughed, we cried, we were scared as well, in the "Nam" our personal Hell.
Many years have come and gone, but inside of me the "Nam" lives on.
Memories of the pain and the death, are still able to take away my breath.
My buddies lying on the ground and the sight of their blood all around.
Young bodies broken, torn and smashed, dying in the tall elephant grass.
12,000 miles from his home, he cried for his mother but died alone.
W loaded his body in a bag, and placed it on a "chopper" for his last ride.
Silently watching as the "chopper" flew away, I wanted to cry but couldn't that day.
For in the jungle the battle raged on, and I had to go and kill the Viet Cong.
Back home his Mom and dad did cry, and asked each other Why? Oh. Why?
The Honor Guard stood by the flag, that draped the casket with his body inside.
The firing squad's volley then did fly, one last tribute to he who has died.
Sadly they listened to the sound of Taps, but nothing they could do could bring him back.
They opened the ground and laid him within, he was now back home with his family again.
Their tears flowed caused by their grief, but we are unable to bring them any relief.
Another day, another death, another young soldier laid to rest!
As a young soldier standing strong, I mistakenly believed that crying was wrong.
I held my pain deep within, awaiting the day it will rise again.
While my buddy is now dead and gone, my thoughts and love for him lives on.
My buddy and I are never apart, I carry him always deep in my heart.
He's found his Peace and for that I'm glad, for he's my buddy, the best I ever had.
The time will come, I just don't know when, but I too will find Peace ...
... and be with my buddy again.

June 18, 1998

*Sergeant James Angelini
11th Armored Cavalry Regiment
101st Airborne Division, Republic of Vietnam
March 4 1970- July 1971*

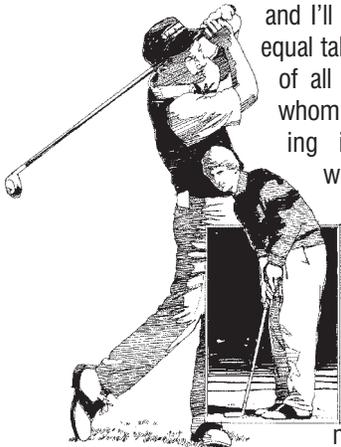
THE 27TH ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Thursday, September 6, 2018, Thornapple Pointe Golf Club, 7211 48th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512; 616-554-4747

In 2018 we will visit Michigan for the first time and the "Great Lakes State" promises to be a wonderful golf venue! We will play The Club at Thornapple Pointe, consistently rated as the top public course in the Grand Rapids area. A panoramic view of the breathtaking Thornapple River provides the backdrop for this expansive 18 hole course, featuring bentgrass fairways and impeccably groomed tees and greens. Winding along 7,000 feet of river frontage, your game guides you over gently rolling hills, through hardwood-lined fairways, and near three of the most enchanting, untouched wetlands found in the Midwest.

Entry fee includes greens fees, cart with satellite-based yardage system, Continental breakfast, mixed grille luncheon of char-grilled teriyake chicken breast, sirloin burgers and Italian sausage w/ peppers and onions, three salads, cookies and prizes!

Complete the form below and mail it to the address shown with a check for \$95 per golfer (payable to Peter L. Walter). Form and fee must be postmarked by Aug 18, 2018 to guarantee your entry! You do not need a foursome to enter. Include your average score for 18 holes and I'll pair you with a golfer of equal talent or include the names of all golfers in the group for whom you are paying. This outing is open to men and women. Dress code: no denim, shirts must have collars, shorts must be Bermuda length, soft spikes only!



Call 609-261-5629 if you have questions. You will receive confirmation of your registration in the mail. All entries must be prepaid. Tee times will be at 8:00 AM with a shotgun start with lunch and prizes following golf. Rental clubs are available at \$20 per set (call the course directly to reserve). Each golfer is responsible for getting to/from the golf course. All golfers who will be driving should offer rides to their fellow golfers. Don't delay!!! Mail today!!! "FORE!"

26TH ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Name _____ Average Score _____
 Address _____ Home Phone _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Name _____ Average Score _____
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 Name _____ Average Score _____
 E-mail _____
 Mail Checks To: **Pete Walter, 8 Tallowood Dr., Westhampton, NJ 08060-3751**

2018 11TH ACVVC REUNION SHIRT ORDER FORM

All pre-ordered shirts will be available for pick-up at the Quartermaster Store during the 2018 reunion in Grand Rapids. **Orders must be received by August 1, 2018.**

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____

Shirt Color: Brown with reunion logo embroidered on **left** breast. Name, troop, year on **right** side.

Adult Sizes: M, L, XL - \$42.00 each / 2XL, 3XL - \$44.00 each

Prices include up to 3 lines of 40 characters per line of personalized embroidery (Name, Unit, Dates, Etc.)

PLEASE PRINT
Shirt Size: _____ Line 1: _____
 Visa Line 2: _____
 MasterCard Line 3: _____

Card No. _____ CVC Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature (Required for credit card) _____

Make checks or money orders payable to **11th ACVVC**. If paying by check, write your drivers license number on the check. Mail form to **11th ACVVC Quartermaster, C/O Jerry Beamon, 15926 Cedar Bay Dr., Bullard, TX 75757**.



2018 Silent Auction

By Greg Mason

The 2017 Silent Auction raised \$4,460 for the 11th ACVVC Scholarship Fund with 172 items donated and available for bid. The donated items included many hand-crafted items and one of a kind items with a Blackhorse theme. We look forward to another successful auction.

The auction process continues to be as follows:

1. Items are needed for the Silent Auction to be conducted during our 33rd Annual Reunion in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Items peculiar to the 11th Cavalry are always favorites, and any item of value is welcome, Cav related or not.

2. We will have a collection site set-up in the registration area to collect donated items brought to the reunion beginning on Wednesday from 2pm to 6pm, Thursday from 2pm to 6pm, and Friday from 2pm to 5pm.

3. You can ship items to Fred Droski, to collect, hold and bring the items to the reunion for display. If you plan to ship items, please use the convenient Silent Auction Donor Form printed in this issue. If you bring the items to the reunion, also complete the donation form and include it with the item.

4. The auction will be from 7pm to 9pm on

Friday night with the bidding ending precisely at 9pm.

5. Winning bidders must be present and pick up their items and pay for them between 9pm and 9:30pm after the bidding is complete.

6. If the item is not picked up, the item will be awarded to the next highest bidder at 9:30 or auctioned off at 9:45pm Friday evening. The bid form will have a place for you to leave a cell phone number in case we need to call you to let you know to pick up your item.

7. We will be able to accept cash, checks, Visa or MasterCard for payment.

We do need volunteers to work the collection site and the night of the auction. We are setting

up the collection site schedule in 2 hour shifts and if you would like to volunteer please contact me at gregmason@aol.com or 813-754-2980. I will respond to your email as I receive them. If you do not get a response, it is probably because AOL has a habit of putting stuff in their "junk" folder so feel free to follow-up with a phone call.

Our reason for requiring items to be picked up and paid for the evening of the auction is because of the difficulties we have had in prior years getting all the items delivered and paid for. We appreciate your understanding.

We look forward to seeing you in Grand Rapids and thanks in advance to all the donors!

So that his brethren shall know...

Please report the death of any member of The 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia to:

Allen Hathaway

13194 Rettew Dr.,

Manassas, VA 20112;

Phone: (703) 791-6610

11thcav1966@comcast.net

for listing in "Journey to Fiddler's Green."

11th ACVVC Silent Auction

Donated Items Information Form

Please provide the following information with your donated item. If you wish to donate anonymously, please check the box below. **Please print clearly.**

Description of item donated: _____

Name of Donor: _____

Address of Donor: _____

Phone # of Donor: _____ Value of Item Donated \$ _____

I wish to remain anonymous (check box)

Mail silent auction items to: 11th ACVVC, C/O Fred Droski, 192 Collindale Ave. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534-5817



33rd Annual 11th ACVVC Reunion

Amway Grand Plaza

187 Monroe Ave NW

Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503

Reservations: 1-800-253-3590

September 5-9, 2018

Schedule of Events



Wednesday, September 5

Noon - 6:00 pm Quartermaster Store Open
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Registration Open
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Silent Auction donations accepted
2:00 pm - 12:00 am Bunker Open (hospitality ballroom)

Thursday, September 6

6:00 am - 27th Annual Marty Ognibene Memorial Golf Tournament
 (optional fee per golfer)
9:00 am - 5:00 pm Quartermaster Store Open
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Registration Open
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Silent Auction donations accepted
2:00 pm - 12:00 am Bunker Open

Friday, September 7

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Quartermaster Store Open
10:00 am - Noon Veterans Seminar (open to all attendees)
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Silent Auction donations accepted
2:00 pm - 9:00 pm Registration Open
2:00 pm - 12:00 am Bunker Open
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Silent Auction

Saturday, September 8

8:30 am Raffle Drawing
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Annual Membership Meeting (members only)
9:00 am - 12:00 pm Women's Group Meeting
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Memorial Service
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Registration Open for Late Arrivals
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Quartermaster Store
5:45 pm - 6:45 pm Cocktail Hour
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Banquet, Program, Presentations and "Blackhorse Salute"
10:00 pm - 12:00 am Dancing

Sunday, September 9

10:00 am - 11:00 am Chapel Worship Service (Nondenominational)
All Day Farewells and Departures



33rd Annual 11th ACVVC Reunion Grand Rapids, Michigan



September 5-9, 2018
Amway Grand Plaza
187 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
Reservations: 1-800-253-3590

Registration fee is **\$95.00** per person. This fee is required for attendance at the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night Bunker Parties and Saturday evening banquet dinner.

All registrations must be received by Wednesday, AUGUST 8, 2018. Any registration received after this date will be returned. Registration refunds will be paid in full to our members if cancellation is received by the Treasurer no later than Friday, August 31, 2018.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION
(print clearly or use mailing label)

Name _____ Telephone No: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Unit Assignment _____ Dates in Country _____
(Example: B TRP, D CO - List only one unit. This is your banquet seating.) (Example: 1966-1967)

KIA Relative? Yes Name of KIA: _____

Relationship to KIA: _____ Unit: _____

ATTENDEES, INCLUDING YOURSELF (please print)

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
Total Registration Fee	\$ _____

Banquet Meal Selection (Indicate number for each selection) Chicken _____ Beef _____ Veggie _____

Is this your first reunion? Yes No Wheelchair or special needs seating? Yes No

Visa MasterCard

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature (Required for credit card) _____

Make checks payable to 11th ACVVC. Please mail registration form along with payment to:

11th ACVVC
C/O OLLIE PICKRAL
571 DITCHLEY RD
KILMARNOCK, VA 22482



2018 REUNION - GRAND RAPIDS SEPTEMBER

AMWAY GRAND PLAZA HOTEL
187 MONROE AVE NW
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503



- RESERVATIONS:800-253-3590
 ROOM RATE:\$139.00 + TAX, SINGLE – QUAD
 SELF PARKING:\$10.00 PER DAY
- ★ Rooms are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis
 - ★ In-room internet fee waived
 - ★ Rates are good three days prior to and three days after event based on availability.
 - ★ 600 room block

Register online using the line on our website: www.11thcav.com/
Hotel Reservations Must Be Made No Later than August 13, 2018

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC MUSEUM

<http://www.grpm.org/>

Located approximately 1/4 mile from the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.



HOURS OF OPERATION:

- ★ Monday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- ★ Sunday, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

ADMISSION:

- ★ \$8.00 for adults
- ★ \$7.00 for seniors
- ★ \$3.00 for students
- ★ \$3.00 for children

Reunion Registration Deadline and Cancellation

The purpose of this policy is to document and standardize the 11th ACVVC reunion registration cutoff dates.

Effective with the 2017 reunion, and all future reunions, the cutoff date for registration will be twenty-eight (28) days prior to the first Wednesday of the reunion.

The cutoff date for Grand Rapids will be August 8, 2018. All registrations must be received by this date. Any registration received after this date will be returned to sender. This policy will be published in all Thunder Run issues that have reunion information in them. Postings will also be made on the web site and Facebook.

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R 5 - 9, 2018



GERALD R. FORD PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY



Located approximately 1/4 mile from the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

★ Monday - Saturday. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

★ Sunday, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Free for children under the age of 5

Free parking is available

ADMISSION:

★ \$8.00 for adults

★ \$7.00 for senior citizens and military service members

★ \$6.00 for college students with ID

★ \$4.00 for youth ages 6-18

ation Policy

Cancellations and Refunds

Registration refunds will be paid in full to our members if cancellation is received by the Treasurer at least five (5) days prior to the first Wednesday of the reunion. The last day to cancel and receive a refund for the Grand Rapids reunion is August 31, 2018.

Deadlines

- 2018 Reunion Registration Deadline: August 8, 2018
- 2018 Reunion Cancellation Deadline: August 31, 2018
- 2018 Hotel Reservation Deadline: August 13, 2018

See ya'in Grand Rapids



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

by Mike "Doc" Rafferty, Director and Scholarship Chairman



Mike 'Doc' Rafferty

I received a total of 7 scholarship applications by the May 15th, 2017 deadline. That is 8 fewer applications than were submitted in 2016 and the fewest number of applications we have received since 1998. The youngest applicant is 18 years of age and the oldest is 45 years old. Three of these students fall into the "traditional" college age bracket (18-24 years of age). This is the second year in a row we have had fewer than 50% of the applicants in the "traditional" college age bracket.

The 11th ACVVC Board of Directors is pleased to be able to award scholarships to all of these deserving applicants this year. Some of their photos and thank you notes appear in this issue of *Thunder Run*.

The 11th ACVVC Scholarship Program has awarded 397 scholarships totaling \$1,294,000 to children of our members and KIAs since its inception in 1996. Every scholarship dollar paid to these deserving applicants was donated by **you**, the members of this great association of Blackhorse combat veterans!! You will find a usable copy of the current Scholarship Application in this issue of *Thunder Run* and also on our website. This is a new application form and must be used by all applicants applying for scholarships in 2018.

Scholarship Guide

Our Scholarship Guide provides more information on the scholarship process and contains detailed assistance on completing the scholarship application. You can print a copy of the Guide and the Application at www.11thcavnam.com. If you have a child or grandchild who is planning on attending a college, community college or trade school this fall, please encourage them to apply for a scholarship.

Beginning in 2008, each recipient's Scholarship Award has been dedicated to honor a specific 11th Cavalry "Blackhorse" Trooper who was Killed in Action (KIA) in Vietnam or Cambodia. The Blackhorse KIAs to be honored each year will be selected on an impartial and random basis. An attractive certificate suitable for framing containing information about the trooper in whose honor their scholarship is dedicated is sent to each recipient.

Special Award

In addition, each year, one recipient is selected to receive a special Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Scholarship award in honor of former 11th ACVVC President Chuck Schmidt for his leadership and devotion to the 11th Cavalry "Blackhorse" Troopers of the Vietnam War. Chuck died on Veterans Day 2007 as a result Agent Orange-related cancer shortly after being elected to his third term as President. Chuck's widow, Mrs. Bonnie Schmidt, selects the

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recipient of this award from the list of scholarship winners.

Applicant Requirements

A Scholarship applicant must fall into one of the following categories:

1. A child or grandchild of an 11th Armored Cavalry Trooper who was Killed In Action (KIA), Died of wounds (DOW), or died as a result of the Trooper's service in Vietnam or Cambodia.
2. A child or grandchild of a current member of the 11thACVVC in good standing.
3. "Child" is defined a natural born, adopted or step-child.
4. "Grandchild" is defined as a natural born, adopted or step-child.

Additional Criteria

1. The applicant must have maintained a minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 during the last two years of high school (or college if applicable).
2. The applicant must be a high school graduate (by fall semester 2018).
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4. The 11th ACR veteran sponsor of the applicant must be a life member or annual member of the 11th ACVVC for at least one year.

Award Values

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Please inform your eligible children/grandchildren that applications and grade transcripts need to be sent to me by May 15, 2018. E mail me at platoonmedic36@gmail.com if you have questions. If you do not have access to e mail you may reach me at 575-915-2921.



**11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam & Cambodia
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Applicant's full name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
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**What was your High School GPA? _____ College GPA (if applicable)? _____
You must attach a copy of your grade transcripts from your last 2 yrs. of High School or College.
You must have at least a 3.0 Grade Point Average to apply for a scholarship.**

Briefly tell us about your extra-curricular and volunteer activities in the **space below**:

I, the undersigned verify the answers given above are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I give my permission for a copy of my high school/college grade transcripts to be submitted with this application.

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Blackhorse Hoofbeats

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

Don Snedeker, 11th ACVVC Historian

Operations Allons – Crossing the Dong Nai River, April 1968

In April 1968, a Viet Cong colonel defected and during interrogation he revealed the enemy's plans for the so-called Mini- or Second Tet that was scheduled to kick off with an attack on the Long Binh-Bien Hoa-Saigon area. The VC had already moved through the area along the so-called 'Phantom Highway' and were in their forward assembly areas south of the Dong Nai River. It was time to call in the Cavalry.

The change in orders to Blackhorse 6 on 20 April was succinct: "Intelligence indicates a probable VC attack in the Bien Hoa-Saigon area on 27 April. 11th ACR operations vicinity Bunard are terminated." Colonel Gorder was directed to move two squadrons (First and Second) south as quickly as possible (3/11 was already near Saigon). The 300 meter-wide (984 feet) Dong Nai River stood in the way. There were no bridges anywhere in the zone allocated to the Regiment, so crossing would mean getting help.

The same message that directed the Regiment to head towards Bien Hoa and Long Binh also told the commander of the 20th Engineer Brigade to provide the needed support. The brigade commander originally suggested using motorized rafts to ferry the 200 wheeled and tracked vehicles across the river. Blackhorse 6 didn't like that idea; he estimated that rafting would take a long time. Colonel Gorder knew that the expected enemy attack meant he couldn't afford two-plus days just to cross the obstacle. He also didn't want to depend on boats that might break down in the middle of the river, so he decided that a pontoon bridge was the right answer. All he had to do was persuade the engineers. As it turned out, the 38th Colonel of the Regiment was a very persuasive man.

While the two squadrons headed south, Blackhorse 6 flew to the Dong Nai in search of an acceptable crossing site. He found one at a big bend in the river. The only real issue was the width of the river at this location. Whether Gorder needed to have his eyeballs recalibrated, or he recognized that his recommendation would not be approved if his estimate was too high, he reported the distance at "only 500 feet".

Since the 20th Engineer Brigade could bridge a gap of 500 feet and still have bridging left over for contingencies, Gorder's recommendation was approved. It wasn't until mid-way through the second day of the actual bridging operation that the engineers realized the 500-foot estimate was short. Way short! On the first day, two engineers used triangulation to arrive at a distance of between 650 and 675 feet. However, the D Company, 168th Engineers, commander realized that even these estimates were off. He had a rope taken across the river. The answer came back: 920 feet. He already had most of the bridging available in the region. What he needed to complete the project would empty the motor pools of all that remained. Nonetheless, his request for the additional bridging was fulfilled, and the pontoon bridge was completed by 1600 hours on 24 April – just

55 hours after the first engineers arrived on site.

The first Blackhorse vehicle crossed the Dong Nai around daylight on 25 April. To keep inside the weight and safety restrictions, Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicles (ACAV) crossed at 50-foot intervals, while tanks required ground guides and 150 foot-spacing. Several dead-lined vehicles were towed across with caution, while the heavy Armored Vehicle Launched Bridges (AVLB) crossed one at a time. Drivers maintained a strict 5 MPH speed, lest they end up in the river. Some of the Blackhorse Troopers were heard to thank the engineers as they crossed the bridge. As one engineer said: "The actual crossing went so smooth it was almost anti-climatic."

Six hours after starting, almost 200 vehicles had crossed the Dong Nai. A company from the 1/18th Infantry Battalion (Vanguards) guarded the northern bank, while 2/11's Golf Troop (cross-attached with a platoon of Hotel Company tanks) and two 1/18th Infantry companies protected the southern bank as the bridge was taken apart and loaded back onto the engineer's trucks.

Around midnight that night, elements of the 274th Regiment attacked the southern side of the river crossing site – well after the last vehicle had crossed the bridge. Over 100 rounds of 82mm mortar landed in and around the double-strand concertina perimeter guarded by Blackhorse Troopers, Vanguard Grunts, and the engineers. About 50 rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) were launched from outside the perimeter, as enemy soldiers tried – unsuccessfully – to get inside the ring of armored vehicles. Two Troopers were killed (Specialist 4th Class George Bennett, Hotel Company, and SP4 Steven Heffner, Golf Troop) during the two-hour contact and almost 30 GIs – mostly engineers – were wounded. A large number of engineer vehicles and bridging equipment was destroyed or damaged.

There were many acts of bravery witnessed by the defenders on the banks of the Dong Nai that night, but most people remember Platoon Sergeant Rayburn Bell walking around inside the perimeter with nothing on but his jungle boots, helmet, and M14 rifle. Bell, assigned to the 100th Float Bridge Company, had just gotten horizontal on his cot when the first mortar rounds hit. In his haste to get into a bunker, he left his clothes behind. After the initial salvo of incoming mortars, Bell retrieved his boots and helmet, but could not find his jungle fatigues in the dark. Discretion did not stand in the way of valor of this 15-year Army veteran as he rallied his engineers to reinforce the perimeter at several critical points.

The following day, the Grunts of 1/18th Infantry, accompanied by Golf Troop ACAVs, patrolled along the river bank and uncovered some freshly-dug bunkers. To their surprise, they also found traces of where an enemy battalion had crossed the Dong Nai headed south. Was the attack on the bridge site just a diversion to cover up the enemy's own river crossing?

Most importantly, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment arrived in plenty of time to defend Bien Hoa, Long Binh, and Blackhorse Base Camp against the combined might of three reinforced VC regiments. The attack came on the night of 4-5 May 1968 and was soundly defeated.



Blackhorse Women's News

By Kathy Tandberg, Women's Group Co-coordinator

Women's Group tour, luncheon plans underway

As I write this from my North Dakota home office, I can hear the wind howling from the west, snow and sleet hitting the window panes. Glancing at my thermometer, it's a bitterly cold -21 degrees below zero and it's not supposed to snow at these temps but it is!

Still I welcome 2018 and wish you and yours the best as you look ahead into the New Year!

That brings me to the 33rd Annual Reunion of the 11th ACVVC in Grand Rapids, Michigan, set for September 5-9. As you can read in this issue, the men's organization has a wonderful reunion planned for our veterans, family and friends! Bring it on!

The Blackhorse Women's Group is firming up details and locking in plans and reservations for a wonderful fun-filled activity that will be held Friday, September 7. Our activity includes a couple interesting tours by bus, ground tram, and luncheon.

Full details and registration and payment information for the Women's Group activity will be announced in the next issue of the Thunder Run. Between now and then, it will also be available by email direct to you. If you haven't already given the Blackhorse Women's Group your email, please email it to me at my email address below. Then I can include you in an announcement email as soon as we have the confirmed info!

Following are several items of discussion that were tabled from the Orlando Women's Meeting due to weather issues. These include lanyards, rescheduled Blackhorse bracelet making plans, Wreaths Across America, and the previously mentioned tour and luncheon plans, and Sarah's Angels.

Lanyards

Due to Hurricane Irma, for the first time ever the Blackhorse Women have 40 Orlando Reunion 2017 lanyards available. This is our annual fundraiser. Our raised funds are used for several worthy causes, including the Prayer Shawl Project, which provides a prayer shawl to a family when a Trooper passes.

We also use funds for Wreaths Across America. We donated 21 wreaths for Arlington National Cemetery again this year. The number 21 is representative of the 21 Blackhorse Troopers who were Killed In Action in Vietnam and are buried at Arlington.

We will discuss adding more wreaths at other locations during our 2018 Women's Meeting at Grand Rapids.

For those of you who are collectors of the reunion site-specific lanyards, and for those who support the Women's Group each year, we are offering them to you by mail. Buy one or more at a cost of \$6 each including shipping.

Please email me for payment informa-

tion and how to get one. There are only 40 so please contact me as soon as possible.

Bracelet-Making Plans

The Blackhorse bracelet-making plans were rescheduled for Grand Rapids. It will be a fun activity for the Saturday morning meeting taught by board member Cherry Platt. All supplies will be furnished. Cherry has enough for approximately 150 bracelets so please plan to come to our meeting!

Sarah's Angels

Two years ago our group started Sarah's Angels. It's a time that we stop to recognize the loss of 11th ACVVC women/spouses/significant others who have passed from this earth. It's a way for us to honor and remember those who have supported their trooper.

At the Women's Saturday morning meeting each year we will read the names of those lost. We can only add a name to the list if we are made aware of the loss. That's where we need your help. We ask that you notify us if you hear of the loss of an 11th ACVVC Blackhorse women/spouse/significant other.

To notify us, please contact Prayer Chairperson, Jan Beamon, with information of a loss. She will need the name, husband's name and troop, date of death, and address. All losses need to be verified so if you have a link to an obituary (or one that can be mailed or emailed) that would also be appreciated.

At Grand Rapids we will read the names given to us the past two years as well as those we receive this year until the reunion.

You can contact Jan by email at janwowwe@gmail.com or by calling her at 903-780-5621.

You can also contact me, Kathy Tandberg, for this or anytime I can be of help or answer questions. I can be reached at 701-870-6868, or by email at kathy.tandberg@yahoo.com or by mail at 3818 Lone Peak Drive, Bismarck, ND 58503, or any other Women's Group Board member.

Contact information for all Women's Board Members can be found on the men's website at <http://www.11thcavnam.com> and then go to the area marked "Messages" in the middle of the home page. Click on "Messages." That will take you to the next page where you can click on Blackhorse Women's News, then click on Women's Board Members for contact information.

Newsletter Deadlines

Due dates to submit articles for *Thunder Run*

1st Quarter	Jan 1
2nd Quarter	Apr 1
3rd Quarter	Jul 1
4th Quarter	Oct 1

All submissions for publication must be sent to: Peter L. Walter, 8 Tallowood Drive, Westhampton, NJ 08060-3721; email basepiece70@verizon.net.



Fiddler's Green

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

George F. Bittle, HHT, 2/11 (1967-1968) and C Troop, 1/11 (1967-1968) passed away on June 17, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Garland, TX. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Alan R. Boettger, K Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on September 25, 2016. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in New Ulm, MN. He was laid to rest in New Ulm City Cemetery, New Ulm, MN.

John B. Borrer, I Troop, 3/11 (1970-1971) passed away on November 1, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Mooresville, IN. He was laid to rest in The Gardens at Olive Branch Cemetery, Greenwood, IN.

Richard H. Carlson, C Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on September 30, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Boise, ID. He was laid to rest in Idaho State Veterans Cemetery, Boise, ID.

Darrell Charles, 398th Transportation Det (1967-1969) passed away on October 6, 2017. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Atlanta, GA. He was laid to rest in Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA.

Larry W. Clodfelter, HHT, 3/11 (1967-1968) and Air Cavalry Troop (1968-1969) passed away on November 20, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Spring Lake, MI. He was laid to rest in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI.

Ansel Conn, 919th Engineer Company (1968-1969) passed away on July 24, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Plainwell, MI. He was laid to rest in Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, MI.

Rudy D. Darling, HHT REGT (1970-1970) passed away on October 9, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Morrice, MI. He was laid to rest in Roselawn Cemetery, Perry, MI.

Richard E. Davis, Howitzer Battery, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on December 22, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Alachua, FL.

Kenneth L. Doyle, HHT, 3/11 (1966-1967) passed away on November 27, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Indianapolis, IN. He was laid to rest in St. Joseph Cemetery, Lebanon, IN.

Francis E. Egan, M Company, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on December 8, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lake Ariel, PA. He was laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery, Youngsville, NY.

Terry D. Earley, G Troop, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on October 5, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in North Augusta, SC.

David B. Ekholm, HHT, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on September 2, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Sterling, IL. He was laid to rest in Oak Knoll Memorial Park Cemetery, Sterling, IL.

Charles A. Fericola, L Troop, 3/11 (1969-1969) passed away on October 9, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Toms River, NJ. He was laid to rest in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Toms River, NJ.

Curtis J. Frank, C Troop, 1/11 (1970-1970) passed away on June 5, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Comstock Park, MI.

Chester A. Huber, HHT, 2/11 (1966-1967) passed away on December 8, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Sparta, WI.

George L. Jones, I Troop, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on November 3, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Aurora, CO. He was laid to rest in Fort Logan National Cemetery, Denver, CO.

Peter J. Krebs, F Troop, 2/11 (1970-1971) passed away on December 3, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Sun Prairie, WI.

Dorsey M. Lewis, Howitzer Battery, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on August 14, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Ocean Isle Beach, NC.

John E. Liljegen, Air Cavalry Troop (1970-1971) passed away on December 18, 2017.

He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Ruckersville, VA. He was laid to rest in Ridge Crest Baptist Church, Lovington, VA.

Jan S. Madej, A Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on August 16, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Clinton Township, MI. He was laid to rest in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, MI.

Stanley R. Martz, I Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on October 3, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Richardson, TX.

Dennis M. Mayall, H Company, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on September 4, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Palm Harbor, FL.

Peter McDowell, I Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on November 6, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Savannah, GA. He was laid to rest in Beaufort National Cemetery, Beaufort, SC.

Salvador B. Melo, H Company, 2/11 (1970-1971) passed away on November 29, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Sierra Vista, AZ. He was laid to rest in Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Sierra Vista, AZ.

Charles E. Meranda, 919th Engineer Company (1969-1970) passed away on June 12, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in North Fort Myers, FL. He was laid to rest in Coral Ridge Cemetery, Cape Coral, FL.

Russell L. Merideth, HHT, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on November 4, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Tavares, FL. He was laid to rest in Forest Grove Cemetery, Plain City, OH.

Charles S. Merriam, C Troop, 1/11 (1967-1968) passed away on July 24, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Norfolk, VA. He was laid to rest in US Military Academy Cemetery, West Point, NY.

Louis G. Miller, Howitzer Battery, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on October 8, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Newcastle, OK. He was laid to rest in Fairview Cemetery, Tuttle, OK.

Jerry R. Mitchell, HHT, 1/11 (1965-1967) passed away on December 5, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Laurel, MD. He was laid to rest in Crownsville Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville, MD.

Richard E. O'Dell, 919th Engineer Company (1968-1969) passed away on December 4, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Roanoke, VA. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Todd J. Olbrych, 541st MI Detachment (1969-1969) passed away on March 30, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Seekonk, MA.

Thomas M. Parmley, HHT, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on October 15, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Englewood, CO.

John A. Quinn, B Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on December 16, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Alvin, TX. He was laid to rest in Houston National Cemetery, Houston, TX.

John C. Roberts, HHT, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on December 27, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Marion, TX. He was laid to rest in Redeemer United Church of Christ Cemetery, Zuehl, TX.

Alvin L. Sather, HHT REGT (1967-1968) passed away on July 15, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hermiston, OR. He was laid to rest in Hermiston Cemetery, Hermiston, OR.

Richard W. Schoppe, K Troop, 3/11 (1966-1967) passed away on November 29, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Los Lunas, NM. He was laid to rest in Santa Fe National Cemetery, Santa Fe, NM.

Robert H. Schleimer, I Troop, 3/11 (1969) passed away on August 31, 2017. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Dunedean, FL. He was laid to rest in Holy Cross Cemetery, Brook Park, OH.

William B. Schuessler, K Troop, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on November 16, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Albuquerque, NM. He was laid to rest in Charles Evans Cemetery, Reading, PA.

Clarence B. Taylor, M Company, 3/11 (1968-1969) and L Troop, 3/11 (1968-1968) passed away on September 29, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Manassas, VA. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Francis R. Uebelher, K Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on September 10, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Milwaukee, WI.

Gary E. Williams, G Troop, 2/11 (1970-1971) and H Company, 2/11 (1970-1971) passed away on September 12, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Brookings, SD. He was laid to rest in Salem Lutheran Cemetery, Salem, SD.

Kenneth C. Wood, 919th Engineer Company (1968-1969) passed away on November 6, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Colfax, NC. He was laid to rest in Forest Lawn Cemetery, High Point, NC.

Gaines L. Wullenwaber, M Company, 3/11 (1970-1971) passed away on October 12, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Beaumont, TX. He was laid to rest in Haven of Rest Cemetery, Beaumont, TX.

Reunion Assistance Fund

Ollie Pickral, 11th ACVVC Treasurer

The purpose of the Reunion Trooper and KIA Survivor Assistance Fund is to assist Troopers who served with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam and Cambodia, and family members of our troopers killed in action in Vietnam and Cambodia, to attend a reunion sponsored by the 11th ACVVC. Qualified applicants will be given one or more of the following items, depending on the number of requests, funds depletion, and the degree of assistance required:

1. A hotel room for one or two nights during the reunion weekend.
2. Transportation funds for fuel for auto, airfare tickets or bus or train.

3. Registration fee.
4. Meals or food allowance.

Funds are collected through direct donations by our members and are accounted for by the Treasurer. The Trooper and KIA Survivor Assistance Fund is a separate account and published in the 11th ACVVC financial reports.

To be considered for financial assistance from the fund to attend a reunion of the 11th ACVVC, the Trooper or the KIA's immediate family members (defined as parents, siblings, children, widows) making the request must:

1. Do so in writing to the Secretary or the President, and
2. Provide evidence of the Trooper's

service in Vietnam and/or Cambodia with the 11th ACR.

The applicant Trooper or KIA survivor should describe his/her need for monetary assistance, briefly stating his/her financial situation. In addition, the Trooper may be required to become a member, of the 11th ACVVC. The Officers and Directors of 11th ACVVC will decide by a majority vote on whom and how much assistance will be given to a Trooper or survivor of a KIA .

Requests must be submitted no later than to July 14, 2018.

A complete description of the Reunion Trooper and KIA Survivor Assistance Fund can be found on our website at: www.11thcavnam.com

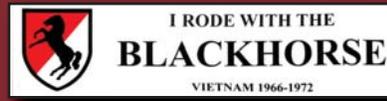
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#1 Coffee Mug \$15.00



#2 Key Ring \$5.00



#3 Bumper Sticker \$3.00



#8 Mouse Pad \$12.00



#9 Cavalry Hat \$225.00



#7 Blackhorse Patch Colored \$5.00



#21 Small Magnetic Patch (5"x4 3/4") \$5.00



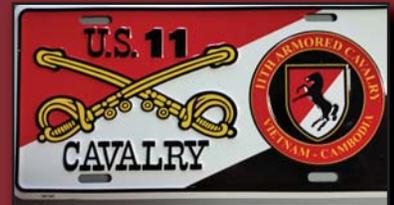
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#11 Flag, Indoor/Outdoor \$60.00



#16 Tote Bag, Embroidered \$20.00



#13 License Plate, Blackhorse \$8.00



#15 Attache Case \$30.00



#17 Blackhorse Pin \$5.00



#14 License Plate Frame, Black w/white letters \$12.00



#10 Web Belt with buckle \$25.00



#12 Key Ring \$8.00



#19 Blackhorse Cavalry Pin \$5.00



#18 11th ACR Regimental Crest \$5.00



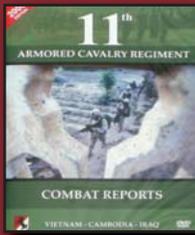
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#25 Blackhorse Coin \$15.00



#26 Large Magnetic Patch (8" x 7 3/4") \$7.00



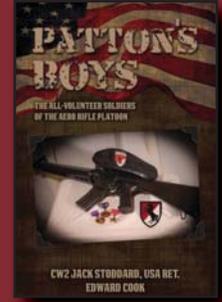
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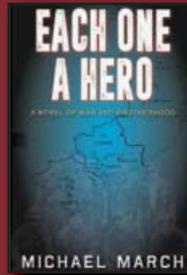
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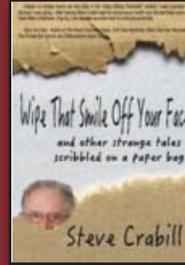
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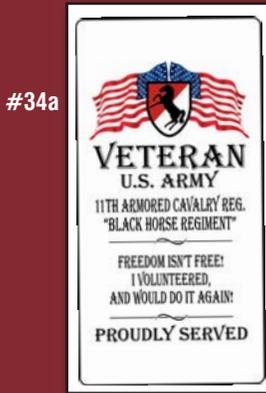
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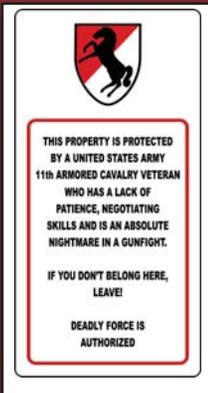


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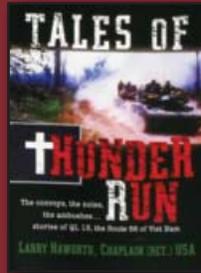


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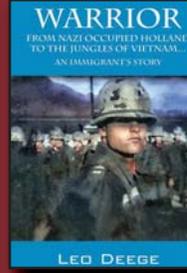
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#38d

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From the Quartermaster...

Jerry Beamon

Hello To All Our Blackhorse Troopers!

Jan & I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas along with a Happy New Year.

It's that time of the year again to start preparing for our next Reunion this time in the great city of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Are you making plans now to attend? Hope so! I know Steve Page has done a great job getting things ready for our arrival. I think he had some time to work on plans while we waited on hurricane Irma to pass us by while we were stranded in Orlando at our last reunion. So start making your plans now. And as usual we are asking for volunteers. If you have any spare time we would like help in the Quartermaster Store.

Dear Troopers and Trooper Wives. Please **look over the order form** before you fill it out! **Several things have changed on the order form** and we need your help to make things go more smoothly. We have been able to get by in the past with minimal information on the form, but that has gone

about as far as we can. So please help us out. **All** info is needed so we can better do our job getting orders out as fast as we can. And we need your phone number on the form as well. So many still leave this off thinking we have your information on file, **BUT** we do not.

So, if you are into camping (RV'ng) come on out to Tyler State Park (789 Park Rd 16, Tyler, TX 75706). The dates are April 27th & 28th, for the EAST TEXAS ROUND UP. You can contact Jan at 903-780-5621 for further information. So come on by! Our ladies have a meal planned out for us. Just bring yourselves, that's all you need.

Final reminder guys! Don't forget the security code on the back of your credit card, telephone number, return address, and check out the changes to the order form. And again make your plans to attend our 33rd reunion just as soon as you can, and we will see you there in Grand Rapids.

ALLONS!

Jerry Beamon, QM

'Find an Old Friend'

By Bob Kickenweitz, Website Manager

Many of you troopers believe that when you registered with the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia and placed on our "Master Roster" that you were automatically placed in "Find an Old Friend," NOT TRUE. A lot of you when filling out the registration form did not enter an e-mail address. Why, because at that time you didn't have one, and you cannot be entered in "Find an Old Friend" without an e-mail address. The whole file is based on your buddy finding your name on the file and sending you an e-mail. So, if you still don't have an e-mail address, send us your wife's e-mail address, or one of your kid's e-mails address. Go to our web site: www.11thcavnam.com then go down the page till you see the matrix and look for "Find an Old Friend" in the left hand column and click it. Then again in the left hand column look for "Find an Old Friend Update" and click it. Fill in the data and click Submit Comments.

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Welcome Aboard!

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

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