



# Thunder Run

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

### Kick Up Your Heels in Nashville

#### ■ 11 ACVVC’s 17th Reunion Expects over 1,000 in Attendance

by Ollie Pickral

Some troopers are polishing up their old cowboy boots and adjusting their Stetson hats in preparation for our 17th reunion in the Music City capital, Nashville. Inasmuch as Nashville is known for its ties to the music world, we are expecting well over 1,000 people to attend. Take a look at the full-page layout regarding the Grey Line Tours. You can sign up for one or all the scheduled bus trips to the many faceted entertainment areas offered in Nashville.

This issue of your newsletter is mainly geared to the upcoming reunion as we want all to have the opportunity to attend. Nashville is easy to access by air, car, bus or train. Inside are all the ingredients to get you to the reunion and keep you happy/busy while there. In addition to the Grey Line tours form, Gus and Sharron Christian who live near Nashville have included an article to help you have a very enjoyable visit to the surrounding areas. We have included the registration form needed prior to the reunion, and if you are a golfer, we

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have included the form required to participate in that event. Before filling out these forms, call the hotel now and get your room. If Sheraton Music City is full, ask for the overflow hotel nearby. As of this writing, the rooms are going fast. Call for reservations at: (615) 885-2200. For the backup hotel, contact the Holiday Inn Opryland-Airport at: (615)316-1062.

Having toured the hotel recently, I was pleased with the layout, its “all rooms with balconies” concept, spacious courtyard with tables and chairs, and it’s “newness.” The hotel staff is very excited about our upcoming event and I am positive we will enjoy their hospitality.

We have included more photos of our troopers’ license plates depicting their allegiance to our combat unit. Please for-

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### Blackhorse CO to be Reunion Speaker

#### ■ General Wallace H. Nutting, U.S. Army (Ret)

Former Blackhorse CO Wallace Nutting, a native of Saco, ME retired to Biddeford Pool, ME in 1985 after more than 35 years in the U.S. Army. In 1986 he was an Associate Fellow at the Center for Int’l Affairs, Harvard University. Since 1986 he has served as a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Higher Defense Studies, National Defense University.

During World War II, General Nutting served in the Maine State Guard. He fought in the Korean War in 1950-51, had two command tours in the Vietnam War, and served three overseas tours in Germany and one in Latin America. In 1966, he commanded the 1st Squadron, 10th Cavalry at Fort Lewis, Washington. He trained and deployed his unit to Vietnam. He returned to Vietnam in 1970 to command the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. In Germany he commanded the 1st Infantry Division, (Forward) and the 3rd Armor Division. In 1979, he was appointed Commander-in-Chief, US Southern Command, Republic of Panama, simultaneous with implementation of the new Panama Canal Treaties. In 1983, he

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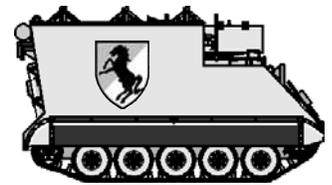
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# From The Command Track

By Ollie Pickral, President



Ollie Pickral, President  
11th ACVVC

Well, its early May here in Texas and already we are getting 90 degree temps. This also means we are only three months away from our seventeenth reunion

being held in Nashville, TN, August 8-11, 2002.

In late April, I met with Matt McKnight, reunion chairman Steve Page and the Sheraton Music City staff at our hotel and discussed the contract and our requirements for the upcoming reunion. The staff are excited about us coming and pledged to assure they will do their part to assure we have the best reunion yet. I believe all attending will like this new and modern hotel. All rooms have balconies, are spacious and new. It is my understanding that our room block has already been met and we are trying to get more rooms assigned to us. Once those rooms are gone, we'll have to go to our "overflow" hotel, the Holiday Inn Opryland nearby.

We continue to find more and more troopers through our website. Many thanks to Otis Carey and his group of website professionals for providing our organization with one of the best websites for any organization like ours. They continue to update and add information almost daily.

Your Officers and Directors have been busy communicating with one another, mostly through emails and have passed more motions to keep our organization strong and vibrant. Our Secretary, Frank Cambria has listed those motions on page 4 for your information and review. In addition to this, the Officers and Directors have progressed with our "action items", delegated at the November 2001 meeting:

Board members Chuck Schmidt and Mike Forbes with the assistance of our Service Chairman, Rick O'Dell have ordered pamphlets that will assist our members in filing claims especially agent orange claims with the Veterans Administration (VA). These pamphlets

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will be given out at the reunion in Nashville and will be made available to our other members upon request.

Vice President and Scholarship chairman, John Sorich has been discussing possible designs for a portable monument to our 768 KIAs with member Dave Tessier. If you'll remember, Dave was responsible for getting an 11th Cav monument and tank in Colorado Springs, CO. We all appreciate his expertise. The design is leaning toward having portable panels for each Sqdn. and Troop/Company letter. This monument would require a special shipping container so it could be transported to each reunion. This would free up monies spent each year for bus rentals and would also free up most of a day in travel time to and from monuments in various cities that we might go to. This, we think will give our attendees more free time to be with their buddies or time to visit the sites the city might have to offer.

Don Snedeker, our Historian has agreed to provide a "Time Line" of the history we have collected about our duty in Vietnam and Cambodia. This "Time Line" would start when we left for Vietnam in Aug.-Sep. of 1966 and continue through our departure of Vietnam in April of 1972. Each line of history would be indicated by a short description of what happened each day of contact with the enemy, operations starts and finishes, KIA/WIA info, etc. This will be a lengthy process and will take some time to finish.

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The Officers and Directors of 11 ACVVC are looking forward to the upcoming reunion and hope to see you there. Prepare to have one great time in historic music city, Nashville. Until next time,

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## 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, Warren Swinford, 2300 W 400 S., Clayton, IN 46118.**



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

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

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

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

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

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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ward these pictures for publishing in future *Thunder Runs*. We also want you to send in your photos of events during your tour in Vietnam. It could pertain to anything that you did or that happened while there and you captured it on a photo. We must have your original photo for the newsletter. Your photo will be returned to you after our contract publisher has completed duplicating it for the newsletter.

Those of you who want to purchase Quartermaster items may want to purchase them while at the reunion in Nashville. This will allow you to purchase the correct sizes in our jackets, sweatshirts, Tees and golf shirts. It will also give you the ability to view each product that we sell compared to reading the description on our order form. Best of all, you will avoid shipping charges; thus you save some money!

Put on your spurs, feed the horses, and get to Nashville for one great time!!

## SPEAKER from page 1

was appointed Commander-in-Chief, US Readiness Command/Director, Joint Deployment Agency, MacDill AFB, Florida.

He graduated from the Phillips Exeter Academy in 1946 and the US Military Academy in 1950, when he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Cavalry. He is a graduate of the US Army Armor School, the Command and Staff Course at the Naval War College, and the National War College. He has a Masters of Arts degree in International Affairs from George Washington University and an Honorary Doctorate of Military Science from Norwich University. He served as a Tactical Officer/Instructor at West Point and as an Author/Instructor in Joint and Combined Operations at the US Army Command and General Staff College. Staff experience includes Plans, Operations, and Training in Troop Units and as the Director of Strategy, Plans, and Policy on the Army General Staff in Washington. He was the Army Member of the Chairman's Staff Group, Organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

## More Monkey business...



"Lifer" the monkey is shown with Wally Walburn in early 1970. Notice the flattop haircut on Lifer. Some "real" lifers preferred this style. This was to immortalize A Troop's "1st Shirt." (1st Sgt.). Photo by Lowell "Wally" Walburn.

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# Secretary's Report

Frank R. Cambria

## Tennessee – A Great Place to Be – Y'all Come!

by Gus & Sharron Christian

This year why not plan your family vacation around the 11th ACVVC reunion and spend some extra time in the great state of Tennessee—The Volunteer State. If you can't work in extra time in August then maybe you can plan to visit us at another time. We have so much to offer in every corner of the state I hardly know where to begin. I will just mention a few attractions in each area but keep in mind for every location mentioned there are dozens of other attractions that I don't have room to tell you about.

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In the western part of the state you can visit Graceland—Elvis' home—The Peabody Hotel which brings ducks into the lobby fountain daily – Henning which is Alex

Haley's childhood home – Slave Haven Underground Museum and a lot of other points of interest around Memphis. Then there's Reelfoot Lake in Tiptonville, formed when an earthquake caused the Mississippi River to run backward for 3 days—and don't forget Jack Daniels Distillery in Lynchburg which is in a dry county and then there's Shiloh National Military Park.

Middle Tennessee has the Hermitage, home of President Andrew Jackson—the Parthenon which is the worlds only full size replica of the Parthenon in Greece—the Opryland Hotel, The Ryman Auditorium, which was the old home of the Grand Ole Opry and several other points of interest, several of which are listed on the 11th Cav website so I won't spend a lot of time on the Nashville attractions.

Around Chattanooga there's the Lost Sea, Americas largest underground Lake – Ruby Falls which has a 145 ft underground waterfall – Tennessee Aquarium which has live sharks in their tanks—Lookout Mountain where you can see 7 states and don't forget Rock City and the Tennessee Civil War Museum.

The 11ACVVC Officers and Board of Directors' (BoD) first quarter 2002 activities involved dozens of membership subjects discussed in over 400 emails and scores of telephone calls. Whereas only a few subjects required formal Officer and BoD motions and votes, each subject was important to the overall function of the 11ACVVC for the benefit of its membership.

First, an overview of the official motions:

◆ Motion 2002-0311 passed unanimously. Made by John Sorich and seconded by Mike Forbes: Donate \$200 to the organization M.O.M.G.T. to provide some golf balls, tees, etc. — but without creating the false impression that the golf game is an 11ACVVC activity.

◆ Motion 2002-0308 made by Eric Newton and seconded by Ollie Pickral passed unanimously. The Officers and BoD authorized our 11th ACVVC negotiating team to sign a business agreement, which would be beneficial to the 11th ACVVC by transferring the rights to use the contents of the book, "The Blackhorse in Vietnam," to motion picture agents to be determined for a potential motion picture from a film production company.

◆ Motion 2002-0326B passed by unanimous vote. Mike Forbes 's motion to purchase 600 (reduced from original motion of 1,000) Agent Orange pamphlets for distribution to all interested members. Motion was seconded by Ollie Pickral

◆ Motion 2002-0406 by Eric Newton and seconded Frank Cambria — "The 11th ACVVC shall purchase Directors and Officers Liability Insurance to cover all Directors and Officers against legal action due to

their position and official duties with the organization."

◆ Motion 2002-0104. It has been recorded as Officer and BoD authorization that the following expense approval was granted on Jan. 4 2002 by the Officers and BoD by majority vote: Request funds not to exceed \$275.00 for the purchase of three 11th Cavalry flag battle streamers @ about \$85 each, not including tax, etc. Some of the subjects discussed and debated by the Officers and BoD on behalf of the membership included:

- Funds to purchase signs for our reunions, including: MEMBERS ONLY, REGISTRATION, QUARTERMASTER, BUNKER PARTY, SILENT AUCTION, RAFFLE TICKETS, WOMENS MEETING, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, CHAPEL SERVICE, MEMORIAL SERVICE, ETC.
- Possible purchase of a fax machine.
- Which Agent Orange books would best help our membership
- Guest speakers for future reunions
- Having V.A. speakers and/or representatives at our reunions
- Improving and maintaining relations with our brothers in the BHA and the 11th Cavalry.
- Reunion format and activity scheduling
- Repositioning some Certificates of Deposits into U.S. Government mutual funds.
- Transportation difficulties of moving reunion attendees to distant scheduled events (memorial services, etc)
- Long term financial planning for 11ACVVC assets

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### Newsletter Deadlines

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

First Quarter.....Jan 15  
Second Quarter.....Apr 15

Third Quarter .....Aug 15  
Fourth Quarter .....Oct 15

Further east you will find the Great Smoky Mountains – Gatlinburg which has lots of things to see including Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, which has the worlds longest underwater tunnel in it's 1.4 million gallon aquarium—Ober Gatlinburg Park – Christus Gardens which has a three dimensional diorama depicting the life of Christ and there's numerous other attractions. Close by is Pigeon Forge which has Dollywood Theme Park – Splash Country water adventure park – Dixie Stampede where you can have dinner and watch a fun show with horses, wagons, riders in costumes and they involve the audience dividing them into the north and south and will have you cheering and stomping your feet with the show! There are lots of shows, attractions, games, shopping malls and enough to see and do for the whole family to enjoy. Then there's Oak Ridge which has the American Museum of Science and Energy and was a super secret city of WW II. The Museum of Appalachia in Norris has authentic log cabins, buildings and thousands of artifacts used by early settlers to the area. In Knoxville a few points of interest are the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame, the Knoxville Zoo and The University of Tennessee.

Bristol was the Birthplace of Country Music and has a country music museum and the state line of Bristol TN and Bristol VA is down the middle of State Street. For you race fans there's the Bristol Motor Speedway and the Bristol Dragway, which offers tours of the facilities for a small fee. Greeneville has President Andrew Johnson's home. Jonesborough has the National Storytelling Festival in Oct. and Erwin has the National Fish Hatchery, which furnishes rainbow trout nationwide. Erwin is also the town that hung an elephant after she killed her trainer. Kingsport has Bays Mountain Park and Nature preserve. Tennessee has caves to explore that offers tours to the public in several areas of the state, whitewater rafting, battlefields, hiking trails, golf, fishing and loads of other things to do and see.

To find out more about our state get a Tennessee Vacation Guide by calling 800-462-8366 ext. 847 or online go to [www.tnvacation.com](http://www.tnvacation.com). Y'all Come!!!!

*Gus Christian served with 1st platoon, E Troop, 1969-70*

## VA Benefits Seminar – Nashville

by Chuck Schmidt,  
11th ACVVC Board of Directors

Most members of the 11th Armored Cavalry Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia are eligible for benefits provided by the U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) simply due to the fact of your service to your country. Benefits range all the way from the simple filing for a VA guaranty, no money down, home loan; to relatively complicated filing for disability compensation; to burial in a VA cemetery or headstone and burial plot allowance in a private cemetery. Although most veterans are aware of the VA and of its role to provide assistance, many are unaware of how to apply for benefits, which benefits they are eligible for, and are intimidated by the "Red Tape" and seemingly complicated procedures to establish eligibility. The most daunting seem to be those benefits provided by the VA Medical Centers and Clinics and subsequent claims for disability benefits.

### Aches and Pains

As we grow older, and all of us are, we start to notice that ailments and conditions that we may have tolerated when younger have gotten worse over time and are no longer bearable. Many of these conditions may be related to our military service and, if service connected, be eligible for treatment at VA Medical facilities and may also establish a disability rating which may qualify for monthly VA disability compensation. These payments can range from around \$100 per month for a 10% disability to over \$2000 per month for a disability classified as 100% or, if one or a combination of disabilities make you unemployable.

### Agent Orange (AO)

Did you know that there are currently more than 13 diseases and over 29 separate types of Soft Tissue Sarcoma Cancers recognized by the VA as having a connection to exposure to "Agent Orange" (AO) and are therefore treatable by the VA and probably eligible for disability compensation? In addition, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) is currently studying more than 25 other diseases for a possible causative relationship to AO exposure. Did you also know that the III Corps area of 'Nam was one of the most heavily sprayed areas in the country and this was the main area of operations of the 11th Cav? To prove to the VA that you were exposed to AO all you have to

do is produce evidence showing you served in Vietnam! Did you know that you—all veterans of the 11th Cav who served in 'Nam—are eligible for a free medical exam by the VA to determine if you currently have any symptoms of diseases related to AO?

### Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

An increasing number of Vietnam veterans are experiencing a condition known as "Post Traumatic Stress Disorder" or PTSD. As we age, start to retire, and have more leisure time on our hands, more and more of us are starting to be affected by this disease. Although somewhat difficult to establish, diagnosis of PTSD almost invariably results in compensation and eligibility for treatment by the VA. For this condition as well as any other, it is essential to establish a claim as early as possible as compensation is usually payable from the date that the claim was filed rather than the date benefits are awarded.

### Advocates/Representatives

The VA claims process can be complicated. Therefore, veterans should, in most cases, not try to represent themselves before the VA in processing a claim. Veterans can get free help from State and/or County Agencies or Veterans Service Organizations (VSO's). Many of us are familiar with and are probably members of one or more of these organizations. American Legion, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) are just a few of these service organizations available to assist. Additionally, most VSO's are fellow veterans and will relate to your service, sacrifices and needs.

### Attent Our Seminar!!

In keeping with our charter to assist our members whenever and however possible, we have scheduled a seminar on VA Benefits to be held during the Annual Reunion in Nashville. The above topics will be addressed in depth as well as other areas of benefits for which you may be eligible. Remember, VA Benefits are not "Handouts"! You have earned your eligibility for these services through your personal sacrifices and selfless service to your country! Mark your agenda and plan to attend this first seminar on VA benefits to be held at the Reunion Hotel (the Sheraton Music City Hotel) from 12:00PM to 2:00PM on Friday, 9 August 2002—location TBA.

# 11 ACVVC – Reunion XVII – Nashville, TN – Aug. 8 - 11, 2002

## Location

Remember Reunion 2002 Nashville, Tennessee August 8, 9, 10, and 11, 2002. Sheraton Music City Hotel, Rooms \$75.00 Dbl., Free airport shuttle and Free hotel parking; a special Memorial Service has been planned, so bring your cameras to this one. There will be Tours, Golf, Shopping and a good time for the whole family.

## Airlines

Special discounts for those who are flying into Nashville. American Airlines is offering 10% off published fares. This discount is good from 5 Aug. thru 14 Aug. 2002. Authorization Number is 7582AC and must be used. Call Toll Free 1-800-433-1790 for reservations.

SouthWest Airlines is offering 10% off most fares. Authorization Number is R1425 and must be used. Call Toll Free 1-800-433-5368 for reservations. The office is open M-F 7:00 am to 8:00 pm CST, and Sat and Sun 8:30 am to 5:30 pm CST.

These reservations may also be made through you travel agency provided they use the toll free number and authorization number

## Hotel

Contact The Hotel direct for reservations: (615) 885-2200 or (800) 325-3535 for central reservations. Be sure to mention 11th ACVVC Reunion.

## Backup Hotel

The backup hotel is the Holiday Inn Opryland – Airport. The room rates are \$75.00 per room for a double. Call them at: 1-615-316-1062 or 1-800-731-3770. Be sure to mention 11ACVVC for the proper rates. The address is 2200 Elm Hill Pike, Nashville, TN. 37214.

## Car Rental

Avis Auto renter is offering us discounts. The Discount Number is D086507. The telephone number is Toll Free 1-800-331-1600. Rates are in effect from Aug. 2 thru Aug 18.

## Local Info

Nashville Information may also be obtained from: The Nashville Convention and Visitors Bureau; 211 Commerce Street, Suite 100, Nashville, TN. 37201. Telephone: (615) 259-4730 or Fax (615) 244-6278.

## Golf Tourney

Shelby Park is the site of the golf tourney. See page 13 for details.

## Contact

Stephen Page, Reunion Chairman, 396 Pleasant St., Holyoke, MA. 01040; (413) 534-0720. My email address is: srpage24@msn.com

## 11 ACVVC Reunion Registration Form

Registration fees are **\$60.00** per person. Children age 6 and under - **\$40.00** each. These fees are for attendance to any one or all of the scheduled program events.

Please Print All Information

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

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

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Assignment: (list **only one** Troop/Company) \_\_\_\_\_

This will be your seating assignment for the Sat. night banquet dinner. Other 11th Cav Troop units you served with (if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_ Years in Country (ie....1966-967) \_\_\_\_\_

Print **all** attendee's names below for nametags:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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

Special dietary needs \_\_\_\_\_ Wheelchair requirements?  Yes  No

**Deadline for receipt of all Registration Fees is July 27, 2002.**

Send Check or Money order (no cash please) for the full amount, payable to: **11th ACVVC**; Mail To: **Bill Holford; 8515 Shoalcreek Blvd.; Apt. #108; Austin, TX 78757-7548.**

**Tour Options**



Provided by Gray Line Tours



**Friday, August 9, 2002**

**Tour option #1 Historic Tennessee Tour**

Depart Hotel for a tour of Hermitage Mansion- Home of our nations seventh President, Andrew Jackson. Next you will visit and tour the famous Belle Meade Plantation, known as the Queen of Tennessee Plantations with lunch included at the famous restaurant, Martha’s on the Plantation.

*\$49.00 per person /// min of 30 max.*

**Tour option #2 Jack Daniel’s Country, and Barbecue Shindig**

The Tennessee countryside comes alive on this tour. View the spectacular vistas of Middle Tennessee, as we travel from Nashville to the Jack Daniels Distillery. It is the oldest registered distillery in the US. Also included is the famous Jack Daniels Shindig party. (For our group only) The shindig includes bar-becue buffet complete with all the fixins, Jack Daniels and mixes, beer and of course the famous Jack Daniels Band.

*\$48.00 per person /// min of 30 max.*

**Evening Tour option #3-World famous Grand Ole Opry**

7:30pm Includes reserved seating and transportation.

*\$32.00 per person*

**Saturday, August 10,2002**

**Tour option #1- General Jackson Showboat Cruise**

Cruise the scenic Cumberland River on The General Jackson; Cruise includes transportation, lunch and entertainment.11:45 am to 2:30pm.

*\$45.00 per person*

**Tour option #2 -Shopping shuttle**

Visit World Famous Opry Mills and shop till you drop.

*\$10.00 per person*

**Tour option #3-Discover Nashville and Her Roots**

Depart with a guide on a professionally guided tour of Nashville to include downtowns Bicentennial Mall, Historic Second Ave., drive by the Ryman Auditorium, Music Row, Millionaires Row (where all the stars live) and last but not least, admision into the New Country Music Hall of Fame Museum.

*\$30.00 per person*

**Tour Registratin**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

All prices are per person. **Tour Registration Deadline is June 28, 2002.** No refunds or changes after July 25, 2002.

Tour Time	Cost	No. of Pax	Total
<b>Friday, August 9</b>			
Historic Tennessee .....	9:00 – 2:00 p.m. ....	\$49.00 .....	\$ _____
General Jackson Luncheon .....	11:30 – 2:30 p.m. ....	\$45.00 .....	\$ _____
Grand Ole Opry .....	7:00 – 10:00 p.m. ....	\$32.00 .....	\$ _____
<b>Saturday, August 10</b>			
Discover Nashville & Her Roots	9:00 – 12:30 p.m. ....	\$30.00 .....	\$ _____
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# Women's Corner

By Barb Moreno, 11th ACVVC Women's Coordinator

Greetings from the frozen Northland of Wisconsin. The newest edition of the Thunder Run arrived yesterday and as usual, I was the first to read it. As I read with great interest all the articles, I realized that it is once again time to start thinking about the next article. As I was thinking about what to write, my husband jokingly said "whatever you write be sure to include your e-mail address in it". It seems every time they mess it up. So for those of you who don't know it here it is: Moreno@Tomah.com. I hope all of you will use it and let me hear from you as to how things are with you.

Until today the bases of my article was to ask (beg?) for your help at this year's reunion coming up soon in August. The men have 'finally' asked for our help. I know I have written to several of you to ask for your help on the registration desk and with recording the articles we receive for the silent auction and to help with seeing that the winners of the different items pay for and receive the proper item. Two or three of our ladies have come forward and said they will help, but I still need more volunteers. If you only feel you can give us an hour or two then we'll take it. I know as of today (March 3rd) a lot of you are still not sure you will be able to make it to the reunion this year but please let me know something as soon as you can. We have finally been recognized by the Officers and Directors as being a group that is here to stay. Now let's show them that we do care about the 11th ACVVC and that they can count on us for help.

We have been so recognized that the board has asked that I put together a list of conditions to be met for a new award that will be started at next year's reunion that will honor the women.

On another subject, my husband and I went to the movies this afternoon. We saw "We Were Soldiers." This is perhaps the most powerful movie I have seen in many years. I was greatly affected by "Saving Pvt. Ryan" but this one completely blew me away.

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As some of you already know, I too was in the Army and stationed at Fort Knox. While I was in the Army, I begged my father on several occasions to sign the paperwork that would allow me to go to Vietnam. I felt it too important to give my time for my country. But because I was under the age of 21 at the time and needed his signature, he wouldn't sign and hence I did not go. Now I realize that I wouldn't have seen combat like my husband or the rest of the guys did, but somehow just being there would have made me feel as if I was doing something. As it turned out, it was good that I didn't go because I wouldn't have met my husband and had our two wonderful children.

So, watching this movie today, I was able to better understand what many of our young soldiers felt. Although you didn't get the intense feelings and vibrations and smells as what they did by actually being there, I found myself feeling afraid and tense and wanting it all to just stop. Yet at the same time I was in awe of the countryside. I kept thinking, 'how can a country that looks to be green and lush and lovely as this be soon covered in the blood of so many men who died or were wounded for something they may not have understood themselves'.

As I watched I felt an incredible stabbing

of fear and sadness as one by one the wives received their telegram informing them of their husbands death. Several times I felt Bob look at me only to see many, many tears rolling down my face and hearing me sob uncontrollably. I also stole glances at him from time to time only to see him tense and have a look come across his face as I'm sure he was remembering his time there and those buddies he lost.

As the movie ended, the people walked quietly out of the theater as we continued to sit and read the credits. As we sat there we held hands and I could feel the sadness we both felt for those that did not return to their loved ones and at the same time feeling relief that Bob had come home safely so that we could meet and start a life together.

I left the theater wishing that tomorrow was the day to leave for this year's reunion so that I could hug each of our 'heroes' and thank them for what they did and let them know that I am so very proud of them.

Well, girls until we meet in Nashville I will say so long for now. And to each of you guys that read the Women's Corner, I want to say Thank You and I am so proud of each of you.

Barb Moreno

*(Barb is the wife of Retired SFC Bob Moreno of G Troop)*

## Show your pride...



**Black Horse and Proud of It!** These two Mercedes' belong to Robert Sandlin, HH Troop, 3rd Sqdn, 1970-71. Shown are Kentucky Veteran plates

From Gerald (Jerry) Baker who served with How. Btry, 3rd Sqdn.: I am trying to get those troopers whose MOS was for artillery and mortars interested in getting awarded a badge. The 11th ACR had three howitzer groups plus four 4.2 inch mortar tracks for each Troop. That means a lot of troopers did not get a CIB for their service in the War. I am interested in pursuing by an act of Congress, a CAB (Combat Artillery Badge) for artillery personnel.

I feel that this would be a truly just cause for the 11th ACVVC to follow up on behalf of its membership. My main concern is that all of us who saw combat, didn't get recognized for their service and if filing a claim with the VA, without a CIB, you are not judged to have served in a combat role.

Those wishing to sign up for the cause, please contact me at: 284 S. Broad Street, Hughesville, PA 17737-1002.

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From Tim Kerns: There is an upcoming memorial dedication in memory of SSG Allan Callaway of D Co. who was KIA 21 Feb. '69, this May 23, 2002. The Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Assoc., each year selects an area service member to be honored with a memorial. We are very pleased that this year they have selected Allan and we would like to have as many Blackhorse troopers attend as possible. The ceremony will take place at 10 AM in the courthouse square at Decatur, Ga. Decatur is a community east of downtown Atlanta that has become a part of the Greater Atlanta area. The AVVBA have been doing this since 1987 and the individual memorials are very impressive. I am sure Allan's will be as well.

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From Len McFarling: Had a great phone conversation with Jim Transue, who was First Sergeant of F Troop '68-69. Jim doesn't fly, and will get to the Nashville Reunion (his first) if someone driving from the Tampa area has room to give him a ride. Anyone able to help out?? If so, call Jim at: 813-621-8174.

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From Larry DeWit: After over 32

years and actually at the suggestion of my wife (she found very few books on armor and armored cav. in the stores), I have decided it's time to write a book on my experiences, and those of the guys that served with me, in Nam. I was the 3rd Platoon Leader, B Troop, 1/11 ACR from July 1969 through January 1970 and would very much appreciate the guys that were in B Troop or other troops during that period to contact me and share their stories. I have had some discussions with guys who review the B Troop website, but many have yet to be contacted. Also, since we worked so closely with the other troops and D Company, the 919th Engineers, and others, all input would be appreciated.

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From Mitch Hoover, brother of 1st. Lt. Thomas L. Hoover, 11th Cav KIA: (E Troop, 2/11) Please accept this small contribution in memory of my brother. Your organization has every reason to be proud, both for the job you did in Vietnam and the job you are doing at home. As an example, let me relate the following incident: A couple of months ago, I attempted to buy Jack Stoddard's book about his experiences with the 11th ACR. This transaction took place by email, and I forwarded the money to him electronically. In one of the ensuing emails, I mentioned that I was interested in 11th Cav due to my brother having served and died as a Blackhorse Trooper. Jack immediately returned my money and mailed the book, saying he could not accept my money. Needless to say, I was both surprised and honored.

11th ACVVC's support for the families of KIA Troopers is admirable and appreciated. Thank you, Allons and God Bless.



## Journey to Fiddler's Green

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

**Steven I. Pattishall**, 57 died January 25, 2002. Steve served with K Troop, 3rd. Sqdn. from August of 1966 through January of 1967.

**Henry D. Martin** passed away on October 22, 2001. Henry was a member of 11 ACVVC and served with the 506th S & S Co from October 1966 – October 1967. He died of cancer.

**Estel E. Hall**, 60 died in October 2001. Estel served with Air Cav Troop in 1966-67. He died of cancer.

**James E. Manley**, died November 17, 2001 from a heart attack after a prolonged illness. James served with Air Cav Troop in 1968-69 and was a member of 11 ACVVC.

**John E Bell**, died February 27, 1999. John served with L Troop, 3rd Sqdn. in 1970-71.

**James L. Viator**, died October 12, 2000. James was a member of 11 ACVVC and served with HHTroop, 3rd Sqdn. in 1967-68. He died at Teagues VA Hospital in Temple, Texas from prostate cancer attributed to Agent Orange.

**Clemens Duprey**, died in 1995. "Jack" was a Life member of 11 ACVVC and served as a CW2 with the 919th Combat Engineers. He died of complications with Agent Orange.

**Joe C. Webb Jr.**, died March 31, 2002. Joe served with L Troop (2nd Platoon) during 1968-69. He was an early member of 11 ACVVC.

**Lowell Cardwell** died on March 18, 2002. Lowell served with HHT 3rd Sqdn. in 1970 -71. Lowell was a member of 11 ACVVC.

**Vincent Bagarozza** died on May 29, 1991. Vincent served with How Btry, 1st. Sqdn from 1/1/68 until 12/31/68. His death is believed to be related to the Vietnam War.

**Richard L. Carver** died December 17, 2001. Richard served with the 409th RRD from May 1967 – 68. Richard died of a heart attack. He was a Life member of 11 ACVVC.

**Louis G. Jarvis** died on on 4/13/02. Louis was a Life member of 11 ACVVC and served with B Troop in 1966-67. He also served with the 11th Cavalry in 1962-64 in Germany.

**Charles (Chuck) David Igo** died in March of 1998. Chuck served in How Battery, 1st Sqdn. in 1967-1968.

**George "Pete" Aaron** died on April 21, 2002. Pete had fallen and broken his neck. Pete served with G Troop in 1971-72 and was a Life member of 11 ACVVC.

**Arnoldo Leonel Garza** died Mar 13, 2001 of lung cancer at age 53. He was not a member of 11 ACVVC and it is believed he served in 1st. Sqdn. between 1967-70.



### We were young then – They are now

Did you know that the average age of the soldier in Viet Nam was about 19? You already knew that? OK. I guess it's common knowledge by now. Not that anyone had to tell you. Just remember back to those days. Or, better yet, pull out those old snapshots your buddies took over there in the jungle. You looked like a kid. Of course, if you were average (or younger), you really were just a kid. Not that you would have admitted it then. But from your perspective these thirty-some years later you see you really were a kid. Of course, fighting the war in Viet Nam made you a grown up kid real fast. On the other hand, some of us were on the high side of that average of 19. Like I was 30. That made me an old man. Old man at 30?? Yeah, I guess so. At least over there. Not that I was alone. Plenty of lifers were my age. A few non-lifers too. Some even older.

Now, here we are, fighting this war on terrorism. As I'm writing we're right in the middle of it. Whenever you read this we'll probably still be in it. Maybe it'll get even worse than it is right now. Not worse than 11 September. But worse than right now. I hope not. We have a great new generation of young soldiers and I don't think any of us want to see them go over to Afghanistan or Iraq or Lower Slobbovia or anywhere else to fight any more wars, including terrorism wars. But that's what freedom and democracy are all about. Someone has to pay the cost or it's all gone and done. I hope you recognize that the current generation of soldiers is the next generation down from us. In other words, they are our kids. For some of us, they are our grandkids. Maybe not literally, but "generationally." Like, I don't have any biological kids, myself. But I can still think of these young soldiers as being my kids because we're all Americans and we're all in this together. Besides, I have nephews and nieces and close friends who call me "Uncle" and I love them like my own flesh and blood. So these young men and women in uniform today are my kids. They're your kids too.

I had an experience the other day that pointed all this out to me. I got to thinking about how time goes so fast, how "we get too soon old and too late schmart." Ever hear that one before? Yes? So you know what I mean. I went over to Fort Irwin when I was in Southern California visiting family and my old stomping grounds. That's where the National Training Center is located. You already knew that? So then you know what I'm talking about. I drove my 40 foot diesel motorhome there and parked behind regimental headquarters. No, I didn't sneak in. How could I do that? It's almost as loud as a tank. But a lot more comfortable. It's where I live (with my wife) and they invited me to park it there for a few days. Nice guys. They treated me very well. Like they really appreciate Viet Nam vet troopers. We (you) are real role models for them. They look up to you (us). But then, we're like their dads to them. Or at least like their dad's generation. Seems like I said something like this a minute ago, didn't I? Well, one of our troopers from our Viet Nam days was there too. He was treated as well as I was. (Maybe better - we didn't measure.) I think they even had an officer escort him around. He was a real VIP. They actually let him sleep out in the field with the troopers. You're kidding, you say!! You say, what? No, they didn't order him to go out to the field. How could they? He's a civilian. I doubt if he's taken an order from an officer or NCO for thirty years or more. He went out overnight because he wanted to. He asked. I didn't see him the next day, but I think he wanted to do it just for the experience and the memories. Maybe to make himself feel young again too. After all, like I said, these kids were the same age as him when he was in Viet Nam. Besides, they were in the field with all the hardships and dirt except no one was shooting at them for real. Big difference. Much better - and you know what I'm talking about.

Did I go out overnight too, you ask? Well, actually, no. What I did was to go out all day starting at 0600 hours (That's 6:00 A.M., remember?) Which was most of what brought all this to mind. I was out

there with all these great young soldiers who looked exactly like y'all did back in those Viet Nam days. Speaking of bringing back old memories! However, they weren't you. They weren't us. We weren't back in the Nam. We were at the National Training Center preparing for whatever war would be forced on this country. These kids were training to go into harms way like we did for this country, your country and mine. And theirs. These are our kids. The next generation which came after us.

I'm going to tell you something else that really drove it home to me. Want to hear it? (You can always skip this part - but then you'd never know what I was going to say.) I spent the whole day riding around in a humvee. Let me tell you, humvees are sure a lot better than jeeps. I was always used to riding around in jeeps. Not in the jungles, of course, just when I visited the hospitals in the rear when we took casualties and such like that. Anyway, guess who's humvee I was riding around in. You'd never guess, so I'll tell you. It was the Command Sergeant Major's humvee. I will resist getting sidetracked here because my point is the Regimental Command Sergeant Major. And my point with him is that he was a PFC in Germany when I was over there after Viet Nam. He wasn't even old enough to be a Blackhorse trooper in Viet Nam, especially not during the early years, or for the boat ride over in '66. Now here he is, the enlisted ole man of the regiment. And he's a lot younger than me (always will be, too). Probably younger than you too, but that's a close call. Either way, he's close enough to you so you would have been in it together, except for a couple of years in time and some geography in distance.

Now here we are, thirty years and more later. Those young troopers are out there in that desert whereas we were over there in that jungle. All for the same purpose of keeping this great land of ours free and what we want it to be. The Blackhorse patch is still proud and visible. Mostly it's proud because of the reputation we gained for it in Viet Nam. We continued a proud tradition from the early days of the century

and WWII. Desert Storm and now the National Training Center are keeping our tradition alive and well and proud which is what I already said. The troopers of today's generation sure look up to our generation just like I hope we looked up to our dad's WWII generation. One thing for sure, we look in the mirror and wonder what happened. We may get out an old uniform or some old pants and realize they don't fit over the paunch any more. That's when we realize that time does indeed march on. Generations come and generations go. Ours was a "dynamite" generation. Still is. We contributed far more than people knew at the time. History and the march of time have proven the value of the Viet Nam vet, including the Blackhorse trooper in the jungles of Viet Nam. We are a great bunch. So is the current generation of troopers. They're proving their value too. And they look to us as role models and heroes, believe it or not. That's what I believe. That's what I've seen with my own eyeballs wide open.

One day we'll be gone. But I'll tell you for sure, we'll not be forgotten. We've made our mark. As far as I'm concerned this country of ours, the good ole US of A, is a lot better because the 11th ACR, the Blackhorse, rode through. It's still riding. We're still making our mark. Only now there's a new generation on board.

I'll close off with a section of the Bible that is appropriate about how time passes on. It's from the Old Testament book of Psalms chapter 103 and verses 13-18: "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear

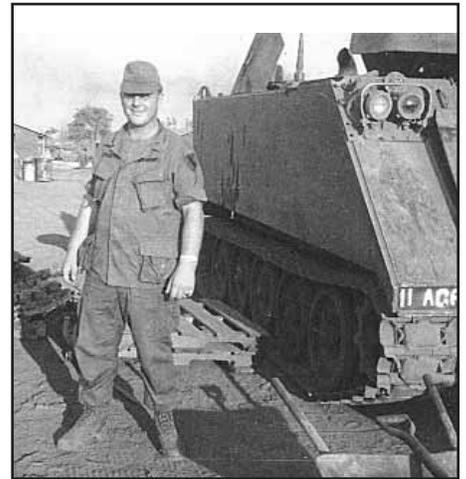
him (fear means what it says plus respect, honor, reverence and love); for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children - with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts."

Well, time just keeps moving on, which I say again for emphasis. Like my folks used to say, time goes faster and faster the older you get. I suppose your folks said the same thing. Now here I am, in my mid-sixties and doggone if Dad wasn't right. It's good to see that the Blackhorse is still "in the saddle," so to speak (go figure that one). But, mostly it's good to see that God is still "on the throne." After all, when all is said and done and even the young generation has grown old (older?), God is still on the throne, God is still there, God is still providing for our life's purpose and our soul's salvation through his son, Jesus the Christ. And if events of the past several months are any indication, a mission will always be there for you, me, the Blackhorse and whoever comes after.

*God bless the Blackhorse. God bless the generations of troopers. God bless America.*

*God bless you. God loves you. So do I*  
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## Photo file..



Ronald Freemyer takes a break at Blackhorse Base Camp, A Troop standown, 1969. Photo provided by Ron Freemyer.

### THINGS TO PONDER

- ♦ If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are richer than 75% of this world.
- ♦ If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.
- ♦ If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.
- ♦ If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation, you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

### 11th ACVVC General Fund Donations

The following made donations to the 11th ACVVC (\$165.00)

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**Editor's Note:** In the Vol. 17-No.1 (1st qtr. 2002) Thunder Run newsletter, the article "Why You Should Be a Member of 11 ACVVC" was written by Ollie Pickral. The article titled "Show Your Pride" was written after the idea was submitted by Dennis Kelly and John Tillman.

## Show your pride...



Out there for all to see. The Blackhorse Patch greets all who pass through on Hwy 21 in east Texas at the home of a D Company Trooper, '68-69.

Photo by Wayne Jacobitz

## Donations to 11thACVVC Scholarship Fund – (\$6,580.13)

The following troopers have made donations to our Scholarship Fund: (*donations are tax deductible*)

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A total of 870 donations were received for the Calendar which totals \$15,373.70 to date. The expenses were a bit over \$4,000.00. If you still haven't put that check in the mail to us, please do so now!! Thanks to everyone .....John Sorich, Scholarship Chairman

## Update

# Nashville Reunion

by Steve Page

Nashville 2002 Reunion Chairman

Greetings fellow Troopers we are now about three months away from Reunion Nashville 2002. It is time to your make Hotel Reservations. If you are able to please use American Airlines or Southwest as they offer us a discount, Avis Car rental is also offering a discount. Be sure to use the Discount codes.

We have made arrangements with Grey Line Tours for some really great tours that listing and reservation form are in this issue. Please remember that whether you attend one or all functions the Registration Fee is the same. Your Committee and I have spent many hours to help insure that this Reunion will run as smoothly as possible. We are here to help make sure your Reunion is a positive experience.

Committee members and Volunteers will be wearing Committee name badges these are the people to ask your questions to we will get you the proper answer. Registration is always a very busy time and lines are some times long we will do every thing we can to expedite this process. Please be patient. Our Hotels have made every effort to make our stay comfortable and memorable you should not be disappointed, if there is something you need, ask.

I have received many calls from "first timers." Please go out of your way to locate them and make them feel welcome. Remember we were all "first timers" once. We are all Blackhorse Brothers and Sisters. I have decided to present an award to the Unit with the best attendance; this award will go from year to year. Go out and encourage all the members of your unit to attend.

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Mail Checks To: **John Stanley, Golf Tournament Director,  
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Call 785-475-2945 (evenings) if you have any questions. You will receive confirmation in the mail if your registration fee is paid by July 20, 2002. All entries must be prepaid.

Shelby Park allows all spikes. Hope to see all you Tiger Woods wanabes there. We have three extra spots available, but don't count on getting one - enter now!

"Pvt" Stanley



# Quartermaster

## ORDER FORM

11TH ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

Product Description	Code	\$ Amt	Size	Qty	\$ Total
Coffee Mug, white 11oz w/full color Blackhorse insignia .....	B	6.00		_____	_____
Hat, Black Poplin adjustable w/full color direct embroidery Blackhorse insignia. ....	A	10.00		_____	_____
Key ring, 1.5 " Acrylic square w/full color Blackhorse insignia .....	A	3.00		_____	_____
Bumper Sticker "I Rode With The Blackhorse w/full color BH insignia .....	A	2.00		_____	_____
Window Sticker, full color BH insignia and Vietnam service ribbon .....	A	2.00		_____	_____
History Book, "Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam" .....	B	25.00		_____	_____
Watch, BH insignia on face, leather band (indicate choice) Man's Woman's .....	A	20.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, (indicate choice) colored subdued .....	A	4.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Challenge Coin, Antique silver 1.75" BH insignia/VN map on faces .....	A	12.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse 100 year memorial coin, 1.75" crossed sabers/BH insignia new .....	A	12.00		_____	_____
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 .....	B	6.00		_____	_____
Attache Case w/shoulder strap 11.5" x 15.5" w/dir emb. BH insignia & VN rib .....	B	30.00		_____	_____
Tote Bag, white, 12x12x6 w/full color BH insignia new .....	A	20.00		_____	_____
Barbeque Apron, white, 24x30 w/full color BH insignia new .....	A	25.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Pin .....	A	3.00		_____	_____
11th ACR Regimental Crest .....	A	3.00		_____	_____
Pin, "Xuan Loc" .....	A	3.00		_____	_____
Pin, "Quan Loi" .....	A	3.00		_____	_____
Pin, "100 Year Anniversary of 11th Cav" .....	A	3.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Cavalry Pin, brass, 11 over crossed sabers .....	A	5.00		_____	_____
Reunion pin (indicate choice), Indianapolis, Las Vegas, Appleton New Orleans, San Diego, Buffalo .....	A	1.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Women's Pendant w/chain, 10k gold w/full BH insignia .....	B	70.00		_____	_____
Gear Bag, red with color BH .....	B	35.00		_____	_____
Men's Ring, 10k gold w/full color BH insignia on face (specify size) .....	B	275.00		_____	_____

Note: all clothing items are available in size medium through size 3XL  
Specify size and color preference of item requested.

Blackhorse T-shirt, 100% cotton, pre-shrunk, full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black (check one) .....	A	16.00		_____	_____
Henley Shirt, 100% cotton, short sleeve, round neck w/full color BH insignia and VN ribbon. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White .....	A	20.00		_____	_____
Golf Shirt, 100% cotton w/full color BH insignia on left front. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White (check one) .....	A	30.00		_____	_____
Blackhorse Sweatshirt, 50% cotton, 50% acrylic w/full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black (check one) .....	A	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) .....	A	70.00		_____	_____

Shipping Costs: A items = \$4.00; B items = \$6.00 (max shipping is \$6.00 per order)

Subtotal \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping and Handling \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Check if address change

Please include the largest of chosen items S/H costs with your order. Maximum per order form charge is \$6.00. Checks or Money Orders should be made payable to "11th ACVVC." Allow six weeks for processing and delivery. Prices effective until 07-01-02. Previous price lists invalid. Mail order to: 11th ACVVC Quartermaster, c/o Rodney H. George, 21450 West Ninemile Road, Huson, MT 59846



## From the Quartermaster...

Rodney H. George

Greetings to all. I hope that springtime is bringing you warmth and happiness after our long winter. It is back up in the above zero range here in the Rockies and the snow is melting rapidly. I have a couple of announcements to make regarding the Quartermaster store.

*First:* I had to raise the price of our belt buckle from \$15.00 to \$20.00. When I contacted our vendor to purchase more of them, I learned that they had sold out to a large conglomerate. The new company still has the dies to make our belt buckle but they have raised our cost to more than we were charging for the belt buckle.

*Second:* The 11th ACVVC board has decided to sell our history book through an outside vendor to reduce stocks of the book. This means that the number of books we have to sell will be reduced.

If you are contemplating buying a book for yourself or someone in your family, I suggest ordering soon. Remember, there will be no more printings of this book. Once they are gone, that's it.

*Third:* A reminder... the QM store will be packed up and sent to the reunion site in Nashville approximately three weeks prior to the reunion and will not be open again until stocks are returned to Montana. Your mail-in orders may be slightly delayed during this period of time. Please be patient. I will get your orders filled as soon as possible when the inventory and I get back to Montana. Better yet, join us in Nashville and buy direct without having to pay shipping costs.

Speaking of the reunion, there are still some of the Washington DC reunion golf shirts available. I am reducing the price of them to \$25.00. If you are interested, just write "Reunion golf shirt- \$25.00 and the size you are requesting. Limited colors and sizes are available. Please Note: Medium - 4 red shirts only:

XL - 6 red shirts only: 2X - 30 red and 30 white shirts: 3X - 20 red and 25 white. Shipping costs for shirts is \$4.00.

Allons



## Welcome Aboard!

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

MemNo	Full Name	U1	Dates	U2	Date2
6104	Abbott, Robert E	F TRP, 2/11	70-71		-
6140	Arend, Gerald	I TRP, 3/11	70-70	K TRP, 3/11	70-70
6098	Berry, Miguel		68-69		-
6138	Blevins, Donald	HHT, 2/11	66-67		-
6121	Bliss, Michael J	124TH CS DET	71-72		-
6101	Bourdelaais, Herbert C	HHT, 2/11	66-68		-
6122	Brogdon, Roger W	A TRP, 1/11	67-68		-
6099	Brophy, Robert A	HHT REGT	67-68		-
6128	Clarke, Ted		66-67		-
6105	Cox, Ralph E		68-69		-
6143	Cupp, Bryan R	A TRP, 1/11	69-70		-
6145	Derochemont, Ronald K	F TRP, 2/11	70-71		-
6129	Edwards, Frank M	G TRP, 2/11	69-70		-
6125	Ewert, Robert	AIR CAV TRP	67-68		-
6132	Garbin, John R	C TRP, 1/11	65-67		-
6112	Gay, Kenneth M	K TRP, 3/11	66-67		-
6108	Giles, Gene	C TRP, 1/11	66-67		-
6144	Hale, James L	A TRP, 1/11	70-71		-
6113	Hale, Thomas N	409TH RRD	69-71		-
6141	Hayden, Michael E	A TRP, 1/11	67-68		-
6106	Hendrix, James D	HHT REGT	66-67		-
6118	Howard, Joseph L	HHT REGT	68-69		-
6096	Jack, William M	HHT, 3/11	68-69		-
6117	Johnson, Thomas L	HHT, 1/11	70-70	HHT REGT	70-70
6120	Laws, James D	HHT, 1/11	69-69		-
6124	Lopez, Jeffrey	HOW, 3/11	66-67		-
6139	Mack, Dale	HHT, 2/11	70-70		-
6123	Mcguire, John M	C TRP, 1/11	68-69		-
6109	Miller, James		-		-
6137	Molina, John C	HHT, 1/11	69-70		-
6136	Mulrath, John Jr	F TRP, 2/11	68-69		-
6107	Perez, Jose B	H CO, 2/11	66-67		-
6119	Plymale, Edward N	HOW, 1/11	69-70		-
6111	Presnell, Doug	M CO, 3/11	70-71		-
6133	Przybilla, Roger	AIR CAV TRP	66-67		-
6142	Racine, Armand	C TRP, 1/11	67-68		-
6102	Ratliff, Robert W	C TRP, 1/11	70-71		-
6130	Rink, Donald E	HHT, 1/11	70-70		-
6100	Rogers, Richard L	541ST MID	67-67		-
6135	Rosenkrands, Peter K	919TH ENGR	70-71		-
6126	Ruscher, John	HHT, 3/11	69-70		-
6134	Stanley, Ronald P	H CO, 2/11	70-71	M CO, 2/11	68-69
6127	Steele, Dennis V	G TRP, 2/11	69-70		-
6131	Stevens, James C	C TRP, 1/11	70-70	HHT REGT	70-70
6146	Underwood, R B	HHT, 1/11	66-67		-
6116	Vance, James O	B TRP, 1/11	69-69		-
6110	Warlick, James R	K TRP, 3/11	69-69		-
6115	Weiser, David R	HHT REGT	69-70		-
6097	Young, Paul H Jr	G TRP, 2/11	70-71		-

**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.

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 (Troop, Sqdn) (Mo/Yr) (Mo/Yr)

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

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

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