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

The Summer of ‘66

By Raye Ashe, HHT Regt 1966-67

Leutenant General William F. Train, First Army Commander, stood on the reviewing stand at Fort Meade, MD, and looked down at the long olive drab line of soldiers in their clean starched fatigues. Their faces were deeply tanned from the months of training in the hot Virginia sun at Camps Pickett and A.P. Hill in the area known in earlier days as the “Wilderness”. Their bodies were lean and

hard from the tough physical training. Their eyes were young and sharp as they looked up at the General and listened to his words.

“The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment is prepared to undertake any mission. In late February of this year, I directed your Commanding Officer, Colonel William Cobb, to bring his unit to a full state of readiness within the shortest possible time.

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Las Vegas 2014

Steve Page,
Board Member and Reunion Chair



In just five short months we will gather for the 11th ACVVC’s 29th Annual Reunion in Las Vegas, NV at The Rio All Suites Resort and Hotel.

The planning for our visit with the 11th ACR at Fort Irwin is well under way. The officers and enlisted men and women of the Regiment are excited to show off what they do as the training force for all units being deployed. I think everyone will be very pleased with the professionalism and knowledge of

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Come Visit the Rock Pile!



“The Rockpile” - Fort Irwin has a unique monument to all of the units that have been sent there for training. The Rock pile started years ago when some troopers from one of the squadrons visiting Ft. Irwin climbed to the top of a hill of boulders and painted their company insignias on one of the rocks. Over time, other units have transported rocks near the pile and added their own insignias.

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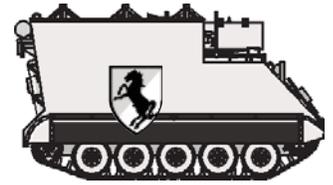




Allen Hathaway
President

From The Command Track

By Allen Hathaway, President



We're gearing up for the 29th annual reunion at the Rio All-Suite Hotel in Las Vegas on September 3-7, 2014.

We're expecting another large [reunion] turnout this year. We're already seeing a number of members attending their first reunion. For anyone who has never attended a reunion, we encourage you to make the effort to attend!

This is another excellent opportunity to combine the reunion with a vacation. The Rio Hotel offers our special reunion rate three days prior to and three days after the reunion. Plan to arrive a few days before the reunion or stay a few days after. We saw a tremendous increase in hotel room reservations after the February issue of *Thunder Run*. The hotel will begin to fill up quickly between now and September so start making your plans to attend.

One of the highlights of the reunion will be the trip to visit the regiment at its home at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, California. We're looking forward to visiting our regiment and the Blackhorse troopers there. The regiment has a schedule of demonstrations and displays that we know you won't want to miss. Veterans, family members and friends are encouraged to attend the reunion AND to join us on the trip to Fort Irwin.

If you plan to take the trip to Fort Irwin, please keep these things in mind:

- Buses will begin loading at 6:30 am. The last bus will depart at 7:00 am.
- Please get your morning coffee, juice or breakfast early so there is no delay in loading buses.
- Lines form early at the various coffee outlets or restaurants and may be long.

Plan ahead. Give yourself plenty of time.

• All those who wish to go to Fort Irwin must take the bus. We will be stopping at two or three different locations on Fort Irwin. Parking is limited at these locations and reserved for the buses.

The reunion registration form is printed in this issue and is available on our website. Please note that we have added a line on the form for donations to allow the regimental color guard and other deserving Blackhorse troopers to attend the reunion on Saturday. Your support is appreciated.

We're expecting another large turnout this year. We're already seeing a number of members attending their first reunion. For anyone who has never attended a reunion, we encourage you to make the effort to attend! If you looking for an old friend and want to meet them at the reunion, feel free to contact me or any board member and we'll try to connect you.

Our Scholarship Fundraising activity is going strong again for 2014. We are seeing another record number of donations for our ever popular calendar. Thanks to all those who have generously donated. If you haven't yet made your donation please feel free to use the convenient envelope included with the calen-

dar.

In past years we have had three annual fundraisers to benefit our Scholarship Fund: calendar, raffle and silent auction. For 2014, as in 2013, the focus of our raffle fundraiser will be to help raise funds to relocate the 11th Cavalry Memorial from Fort Knox to Fort Benning. The raffle is one way for each of us to contribute to this very important project. Raffle tickets will be mailed to all members in May. We're offering some great prizes again this year so be sure to return your tickets prior to the reunion.

Finally, if you are moving or have a seasonal address, PLEASE file your change of address with the post office and notify us of your new address! Fill out the form included in each *Thunder Run*. Be sure to include your phone number and e-mail address. We don't want to loose any of our members!

We invite all Blackhorse troopers, family and friends to join us at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Monday, May 27, to honor our fallen comrades as we lay our Blackhorse wreath at the Wall. Wherever you are on that day take a moment to remember our brothers. They shall not be forgotten. ALLONS and Welcome Home! – It's good to be "Together Again."

D-Day – 75th Anniversary

June 6, 2014 will mark the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landing at Normandy, France. This pivotal event during World War II led to the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi Germany's control.

In November 1944, the 11th Cavalry Group, comprised of the 36th and 44th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadrons, crossed the English Channel and landed at Normandy. Within a few short weeks the 11th Cavalry would be involved in

the largest land battle of World War II known as the Battle of the Bulge. Following this month long battle, the 11th Cavalry pushed across France and into Germany at a rapid pace, scoring many victories along the way and helping to ensure victory in Europe.

The 11th Cavalry lost 56 men during World War II. Their names are listed on the 11th Cavalry Memorial at Fort Knox. Many are at rest in American cemeteries in Neupré, Belgium;

Cambridge, England and Margraten, Holland. The 11th Cavalry was awarded five campaign streamers for its actions during World War II.

We are fortunate to have a handful Blackhorse troopers still living who served in World War II. We want to take this opportunity to reflect on the great courage and sacrifice for them and all those who served during World War II.



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When that order was given, the 11th was at reduced strength from having provided large numbers of men to overseas units. This task has required extensive reorganization and re-equipping, along with a complete training program. But now, just five months later, this task in the true tradition of the 11th has been completed, and as always, with superior results," General Train said. Praising the men for their energy and attitude during the training, he told the soldiers, "You have earned the right to be called Troopers – You have earned the right to be called Troopers of the Blackhorse Regiment."

It was July 7th, 1966. The retreat review was the first for the Blackhorse Regiment since its reorganization and it was the culmination of several months of rigorous and demanding training to prepare the Troopers for the movement to Vietnam and the war that lay ahead.

Since December 1965, General William Westmoreland had been demanding an armored cavalry regiment be sent to Vietnam to maintain security along the Viet Cong controlled highways. The General's request became bogged down in the bureaucratic quagmire of studies by the Army staff; discussion of the regiment's TO&E; equipment modifications and substitutions. For a while it looked as though a mechanized infantry brigade would be deployed, rather than the Blackhorse Regiment. Finally, a compromise was reached, providing for a modified 11th Armored Cavalry, with M113's instead of the M48A3's and M114's in the cavalry and headquarters troops. Out of these substitutions and modifications came the M113 Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicle (ACAV), a name coined by the Blackhorse Regiment.

The reorganization began in the middle of February. Nine hundred and eighty eight (988) trainees arrived to receive Advanced Individual Training. They were trained at Fort Meade and then moved to Camp Pickett, VA, to undergo tank, artillery and mortar training. On April 13th, the rest of the Regiment moved to Camp A.P. Hill, VA, to conduct the last week of AIT in the field and to start the Basic Unit Training. There was a hurried pace to the training because on the 12th of March, Department

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of the Army Message #754439 was received alerting the headquarters for "deployment to Southeast Asia."

AIT completed, the soldiers were assigned to their troops and tank companies. They were joined by other soldiers just out of AIT at other training centers. These soldiers came into the Regiment bearing orders reading, "TRANSFERRED TO THE 11TH ARMORED CAVALRY REGIMENT FOR FURTHER MOVE TO RESTRICTED AREA OVERSEAS..."

The rigorous training stressed operations under simulated combat conditions in a counter insurgency environment. Day after day, khaki clad aggressors ambushed convoys to teach the soldiers counter-ambush techniques. Pseudo-casualties were treated by medics. Dustoffs were called for the wounded and evacuated. Prisoners were taken and interrogated. Night exercises were conducted, including patrolling, base security and night road marches. It was long and hard training, but by the end of June the trainees had become molded into strong confident units. The end of June, they began moving back to Fort Meade for further training on Vietnam, along with administrative and equipment processing. Special classes were given on equipment to be issued in country. On July 17th, the retreat review was held. On this day they were addressed as "Troopers of the Blackhorse Regiment" for the first time.

There were still many problems to work out. There was a shortage of experienced NCO's and Specialists. E-2's and E-3's filled slots previously held by E-5's and E-6's. There were critical shortages of MOS's; 63C, 71B, 94B, 05C and 11D. These were filled by personnel receiving on the job training in secondary MOS's, or new personnel placed OJT in the MOS. The pilot shortage meant the Air Cavalry Troop would not join the Regiment until December. There was a definite shortage of equipment that was eventually filled.

Slowly, but surely the problem areas were worked out, or at least made livable.

In July the Troopers were given their last leaves home. Some were married. Others met girls that would write to them in the coming year. Children were conceived to be born while their fathers were still away. There was an urgency and sadness to it all. And in no time it seemed the leave days were gone and "goodbyes" were said to parents, relatives, wives, girlfriends and children. Returning was complicated by the airlines strike that stopped all air traffic. Many slept in the airports waiting and hoping that the strike would end. Others filled the train stations and waited for a ticket. Some hitch-hiked. A few drove back with their families, who stayed for a few days and met buddies. Somehow they made it back on time, or only a little late.

In August the Department of the Army Inspector General conducted a special inspection of the Regiment and pronounced all units READY. The Troopers started packing and loading boxes for shipment. Eleven ships would be used to carry tracks, tanks, trucks, jeeps and other equipment. When the packing and loading was done the Troopers waited for the word to go. Long lines formed at telephone booths for last "goodbyes."

Finally the word came on the evening of August 18th. The Troopers were flown through the night from Friendship Airport in Baltimore to Oakland, CA, where they were taken by bus to the docks. A cold misty rain was falling as they boarded the ships. The 1st Squadron, HHT Regt, 37th Medical Co, 541st MI Det., 409th RR Det., 33rd Chemical Det., and the 17th PI Det. boarded the *USNS Sultan*. The 2nd Squadron and the 28th Military History Det. boarded the *USNS Upshure*. The 3rd Squadron boarded the *USNS Barrett*.

On the *Sultan* the men were shown to their bunks and the gear was stowed. The bunks were stacked high and tight with little space for anything, or anybody. Rifles

were secured to the bunk above to swing with the sway of the ship. The Troopers were excited, but tired from the long night flight across country. They lay in their bunks and talked about what lay ahead. Most drifted off to sleep and didn't feel the slight movement as the ship left the dock and headed out to sea. Some got up and went topside for one last look at home. They looked back through the fog and mist at the disappearing coastline. For some of them it would be their last look at home. For others it was the beginning of an experience that would prompt them to fall to their knees and kiss the American soil on their return a year later. But none of them knew this then. Things were much simpler in those last days of the Summer of '66.

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the current day Troopers.

The RCO, RCSM and staff are working on an agenda that is sure to please everyone. Some of the things being considered are The Museum, horse detachment and static displays among other venues that are still in the planning stages. Lunch will be provided to all those who take the trip to Fort Irwin. There are plans for a group photo at Fritz Field before the return to Las Vegas. More details will be posted when they become available. Because of the limited parking at the venues we will visit, Fort Irwin has requested that all attendees use the transportation provided. The bus information is listed elsewhere in this issue.

The hotel has been taking reservations for some time now and our room block is filling. Once the room block is filled, reservations will be taken as long as the room inventory permits. Make your travel plans and reservations for the hotel otelHotelASAP. If you are unable to attend you can cancel at no charge up to 72 hours before arrival. Hotel reservation information is listed in this issue.

Please send in your reunion registration as soon as possible to help us with the planning process. We expect another great turnout and it should be a very event filled reunion.

Women's Quilt Project Winner at Indy

Also Takes Best Quilt Award at County Fair

By: Cathi Bower,
Blackhorse Women Board Member

When a rewarding project takes on a life of its own, the benefits far outshine any challenges along the way. Such was the joy of the Blackhorse Women's quilt project of 2012-2013.

It began back at the St. Louis reunion in 2011, when a group of the 11th ACVVC family members agreed to begin a big quilt when we met the following year. We each would create individual painted muslin blocks, which would then be assembled during later that year, to return as a completed contribution to the annual benefit silent auction in 2013 at Indy.

In Orlando (2012), that day we had the best time together drawing squares. Later that next spring, those 59 individual blocks that were created during the meeting made their way across the country to the Pacific Northwest where they became a huge learning experience! (You quilters know what I'm talking about.)

Using those pieces, together with just the right additional fabric borders, I proceeded to assemble my first quilt, a random-patterned challenge, with much local input, a loaner sewing machine, and a wonderful community cheering section.

Each step was a really fun experience that all came together as if it was just meant to be! Five months, a giant learning curve and about 60 working-hours later, the labor of love was entered in our local County Fair where it won a big fluffy ribbon for "The Best Quilt!"



The Blackhorse Women's "Best Quilt."

The quilt department judge, as it happened, was a military history buff who was completely enamored with the idea of this project and with the 11th ACVVC. Along with the award, she wrote a glowing critique of the quilt's significance. Even the Fair's theme and colors, which change annually, by chance this year, were black, red and white, with a black horse and red rose! The quilt fit right in!

As intended, the award-winning quilt did arrive at the 2013 Indy Reunion silent auction, where many placed bids. Thanks to all of you who bid on this labor of love. Thanks the winning bid, the fortunate recipient, Linda Bailey (wife of David M. Bailey, G Troop 67-68) enjoys it now in her hometown in Ohio.

The Blackhorse Women are delighted to have been able to make this contribution to the cause. We are so proud of our guys and this wonderful organization, and we hope to be able to continue to participate, with more creative projects in the years to come.

In Memory...



The dedication of the 11th Cavalry Memorial in mid 1967 at the Blackhorse Base Camp near Long Giao, South Vietnam. Photo courtesy of Christian J. Buehler, HHT Regt (1967-1968)

Editor's Corner

C.E. "Bill" Gregory



Bill Gregory, Editor
Thunder Run

I looked around the huge room at the banquet, of the Indianapolis Reunion, and a lot of things went through my mind. One thing was how much we had all aged since my first reunion in 1993, not to mention since we were in Vietnam. It is easy to find the bad things about ageing – the illnesses, the slowing of our physical abilities, and how the mind seems to take longer to process data or recall information. Don't get me wrong, I am as guilty of dwelling on those things as anyone; but there are positive things (blessings if you will) about getting older. I have been around longer now, so I have been more places, met more people, have more friends and more memories to treasure. The folks I have met through our reunions are among those added blessings through the years.

I have been married to the love of my life for over 47 years and we have precious memories from each of those years we have shared. I have a grown daughter who has been the light of my life since the first time I laid eyes on her. She in turn gave me a granddaughter who is more precious to me than I could have imagined any child could ever be. It is a tribute to my daughter that she chose a good man to marry who has become a son to me. Add all this to the fact that I have been places and done things that as a youngster never seemed possible, and the tally comes out pretty good. Just like you spend money, I have spent 67 years (so far) and in return I have priceless treasures in family, friends, and memories. Not a bad deal and God willing, I will add more as He gives me more time. I will bet that each of you can do a similar tally and come to much the same conclusion as I did. No life is all good, but

most are better than we might think at first. Think about it, and treasure the good – learn from the bad.

This issue of *Thunder Run* has some treats for you, along with the information you will need to meet in Las Vegas in September. If you do not read anything else in this issue, please read Steve Page's "Tips for Your Las Vegas Reunion." He has pointers that will make your trip a lot easier. We could almost call this issue a "helicopter issue," since we have two articles about them, not on purpose, it just turned out that way. We have raffle information, scholarship information, bus information, and hotel information along with some pretty good entertaining articles from our authors this quarter. Every so often we come across an article in our archives that is so well written, so well researched, and of such historical significance that we run it again. Such is the case for "The Summer of '66" by the late Raye Ashe (HHT, Regiment, 66-67). This article documents an important transition in the history of the regiment, even those of us who were not involved in those days need to know about them to help us put our own history in perspective.

I hope each of you have a great spring and summer. For those of you who possibly can, I recommend going to the reunion this year. If you have been to a reunion you already know how much fun they are. If you have never been, this year has a lot to offer. You will not regret it. Until next quarter, may you go with God.

11th ACVVC Raffle Focus for 2014

By: Mike "Doc" Rafferty
Board Member and Scholarship
Committee Chairman

The 11th ACVVC board of directors decided in 2012 to temporarily change the focus of the raffle fundraiser from scholarships to the 11th Cavalry Memorial project. Last year, thanks to your generosity, we successfully raised \$32,232 for the Memorial Project. In 2014 the raffle proceeds will again be designated for the Memorial Fund.

Our organization and the Blackhorse Association are working

The drawing will be held on Thursday, September 4th during the 29th annual reunion in Las Vegas.

together on the project to move the entire 11th Cavalry Memorial complex from the Patton Museum grounds at Fort Knox to Fort Benning, Georgia. Fort Benning is the new

home of the Armor School and future home of the National Armor and Cavalry Museum. There are still many details to be worked out and significant expenses to be incurred before this project will be completed.

You can help by participating in the 2014 11th ACVVC raffle. The drawing will be held on Thursday, September 4th during the 29th annual reunion in Las Vegas. You need not be present to win. The suggested ticket price is \$1.00 (not tax deductible). The prize pool consists of:

1st place (\$500)

2nd place (\$400)

3rd place (\$300)

4th place (\$200)

...and eleven \$100 prizes.

Raffle tickets will be mailed to all 11th ACVVC members in May.

Please consider purchasing raffle tickets to help us fund this important project. If you do not wish to participate in the raffle you are still welcome to send a donation for the 11th Cavalry Memorial project.



**Membership is
Our Strength**



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

So You Want to Be a Driver

By: Jeff Lopez,
(How Battery 3/11, 1966-67)

I didn't volunteer, but the results were the same. My first experience driving a military vehicle was no different than a thousand other GI's. We all got a chance. After Basic at Fort Hood, Texas (Home of the 2nd Armored Division – "Hell on Wheels") I was ordered to Fort Meade. My orders said stated that Fort Meade was in Maryland. It looks like this Mexican is going to the East Coast. As it turns out I was in luck. Fort Meade is about one hour away from Washington, DC, and one hour away from Baltimore, Maryland. I never thought of myself as a tourist, but it looks like I will be one of the thousands that visit the Nation's Capitol. From the airport I took the bus to Washington, DC, from there I found I could take a cab directly to the base. Reaching the base the cab dropped me off by some office. I showed them my orders. "Well, looks like you are two days early," the Desk Sergeant said – yes, I did feel stupid.

I was two days early and in the wrong place – off to a good start. I got settled in; there was hardly anyone in H Company. After asking questions, I found H Company was strictly tanks. Back at Fort Hood (The Armpit of Texas!) we were always around armored vehicles, so it was no surprise. They started training us with classes about the tank. What it could do and how it operated. As a crew member we all had to know each other's job, just in case one of us got hurt. Every day we would do something different on the tank. By this time I figured we were all going to be tankers. Things change quickly in the Army.

I was reassigned to How Battery! The correct title is Howitzer Battery. So now I am in a howitzer battery. They tell us to forget everything about the tanks – done! (Not really) The training started. The gun, as it is called looked a lot like a tank. The principle was a little different. Fort Meade was a small base. Because of this, we could not shoot the gun, so the training went on. We were told in order for us to operate the gun at its full potential, we would move to Camp Pickett, Virginia. The Sergeant is having us go over everything again, and again and again. I think he is tired of this by the third day. He started asking everybody in the crew if they would like to drive, (more cross training, just in case). This went on for about six days. I was asking myself why, was I never asked to drive? Sarge was a gun guy; he was making sure everybody got a chance. How come not me? I had made up my mind. I would ask Sarge if I could get a chance to drive. We had reached our area to do more training. The day was not any different than before. There is Sarge. I'll ask him.

"Hey Sarge".

"Yes, Private".

"Everybody else on the crew has had a chance to drive the gun; I was hoping I could also get a chance to drive."

"Lopez, you mean you haven't had a chance to drive?"

"I guess you must have forgotten about me . . ."

(Sarge never gave me an opportunity to finish my thought).

"Oh, so you want to be the driver?"

"No, not really, everybody else has driven, so I figured it was my turn!"

"So, you want to be the driver of this gun, OK, you can be the driver."

"No you don't understand . . ."

(I think I am in trouble).

"I'll tell the crew that you are our driver."

Sarge isn't listening to anything I say! Maybe I just volunteered and I didn't realize it.

"Everybody gather around in the back of the gun, I have good news!"

I am standing there feeling real stupid.

"Private Lopez has asked to be the permanent driver, so we won't look any further."

What an ***hole! Sarge s***s!

I drove that self-propelled howitzer for seventeen months! During that time there was just one person who was interested in being the driver. I really hated driving in the dust and in the rain. In Southeast Asia there happens to be plenty of both. The monsoon season got everything wet, so that meant I was wet! I could not wait for the sun to come out. When everything was dry there was dust for everybody.

Just another G.I. in green.

REUNION SHIRT ORDER – also available with additional personalization 11thACVVC - 29th Reunion 2014 – Las Vegas, NV

All pre-ordered shirts will be available for pick-up during the Reunion in Vegas

If you know you are attending and want a Reunion shirt, whether or not you want your unit on it also, we encourage you to take this opportunity to make your pre-order; it will be ready and waiting for you at Registration – This year's shirts' sizes run large (like St Louis 2011 and Indy 2013.)

All personalization of shirts To receive your 2014 Reunion shirt for the Reunion, will be pre-ordered. ALL ORDERS must be in by June 30, 2014 – No Exceptions.



contact: _____

name and phone or email _____

2014 Reunion Shirt

Sport shirt – pique knit cotton/poly blend, color khaki - left chest pocket

(request no pocket) qty _____

Adult (mens) sizes S – 6X avail – (for sizes 3-6X, please add \$2.- per X)

size _____ (add over 2Xs =) _____

If to be shipped (AFTER the Reunion) – please add \$8.- per shirt

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Where Is The Blackhorse?

Henry Morris, F Troop, 1968

The North Vietnamese would have told you in mid-1967 it was in I Corps of South Vietnam near Chu Lai and Tam Ky with other American units which eventually became part of the Americal Division.

In 1968 (Tet '68) the Vietnam Communists (VC) would have told you it was in Loc Ninh, An Lac, Quan Loi, Ben Cat, Bien Hoa, Long Binh — it was everywhere!

Dr. Wayne Wilson, director of the burn unit at BG Sams Hospital, Camp Zama, Japan* would have told you some of it was in his ward after being wounded then evacuated there from 1967-1970.

Mr. Stephan Thompson would tell you it will always be at Camp Zama* because the facility he directs there is named in memory of a Blackhorse trooper Medal of Honor recipient killed

in Vietnam on 1 January 1969. That trooper is SFC Rodney Yano. The facility is the Yano Physical Fitness Center.

Mr. Thompson would also tell you that Scholfield Barracks has a library named in memory of SFC Yano who was a native of Hawaii. The Blackhorse will always be at Camp Zama, Japan and in Hawaii.

Cpt. Bob Palmer (E Troop CO '68) (deceased 2007) would have told you the Blackhorse was in Vietnam and Germany. He served with the regiment in Fulda in the seventies, after his tour in Vietnam.

Many troopers would tell you the Blackhorse is at Fort Knox where the memorial to those killed in Vietnam is located. After the memorial is moved to Ft. Benning, GA the Blackhorse will be at Ft. Benning, too. Many troopers believe the Blackhorse will always be at Ft. Knox in spirit.

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P-Daddy

By Blandin Karabinos,
HHT, 2/11 ACR, 71-72

It is possible to look at one man, shirtless and grimy, and know that he is a leader. Character emerges like cream; it rises to the top.

1st Platoon, E Troop, 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, October of 1971; there he was standing on top of a tank.

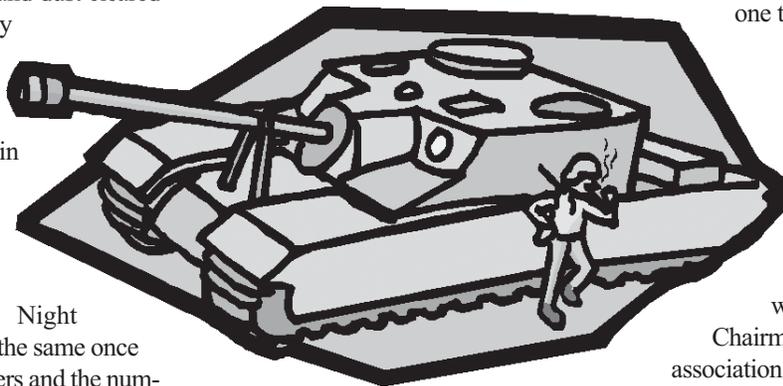
When the purple smoke and dust cleared away, I dismounted the Huey and walked into the laager. We were somewhat northwest of the Ben Cui rubber plantation in the Boi Loi woods. I could clearly see Nui Ba Den perched imposingly on the horizon.

Made no never-mind. Night defense positions all looked the same once you subtracted the B-52 craters and the number of termite mounds. They were a necessary stop in jungle busting but not in readiness and effectiveness. Maintenance was pulled, tail gates dropped and long before the NFL made such parties famous; our guys were working on their own version. Ammunition crates were dragged out and to my surprise, some of those carefully Styrofoam lined crates had a few cold beers on ice. The imagination and ingenuity of the American fighting men! No wonder we rode with the Blackhorse in Vietnam.

As I made my circuit around the perimeter, I heard a new moniker that I hadn't heard before. One of the troopers was talking about P-Daddy. I had to know. Who was P-Daddy? The trooper I asked pointed to the impressive looking soldier, shirtless and wearing sun glasses, who I noted on top of the Sheridan when we first landed. P-Daddy was the platoon sergeant: Charles Mehegan. My recall is less than superb after 43 years, but I'm pretty sure he was from Chicago.

P-Daddy and the entire gang made my stay with E Troop always pleasant. I can't remember exactly who was with what unit, but I think Bill Bachman was the Troop commander. What I do remember very well, was how pleasant it was to be with those guys on each of my weekly overnights in the field. Same-same with F and G Troops and the lads at the fire bases or at Chu Chi. Six months later, after the Cav went home, I enjoyed similar hospitality and camaraderie

atop Nui Ba Den, Tay Ninh City and other scattered outposts. But few stops rival the memories I have of 11th Cav NDP camp outs.



There was always something special about the hospitality that P-Daddy and the platoon provided; John Boles, the Platoon Leader was equally as guilty. Don't know how many of those guys were psalm-singing Christians, but there was always a crowd when Mehegan led them to "chapel" services. As I recall, he even put his shirt on, as did most others and we all did some heavy praying together.

Afterwards, it was tail gate party time and a variety of choices for dinner; sometimes hot, sometimes not. But the best meals were often enjoyed holding a can of Peoria best: PBR. Never worried about place to sleep, lots of ground space, always a poncho-liner, and if it rained too hard, the inside of an ACAV. At that time, we thought that life could get better than this but now I wonder if it really did. Kidding, of course. Yes it has, but memories from 43 years ago messes with your mind.

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Of course, the active regiment is located at the National Training Center at Ft. Irwin, CA. If you attend the 2014 reunion in Las Vegas, you will be able to see that for yourself.

Sandy Morris says the Blackhorse is in her back yard in Evington, VA. In fact, there are two of them. She rides one at

Sergeant Mehegan was a true leader of men. The lads respected him and indeed, they looked to him as their Daddy. He had been there before, with the 3rd Squadron in '68 and the platoon knew he was going to take care of his lads. He didn't have to wear his stripes, the sun glasses seemed to flash his rank. And when things got sticky everyone turned to the First Sergeant.

One of the grandest things about the brotherhood of the 11th ACCVC is that it brings us back together. The reunions, the gathering in DC and around the country are great. The concern for our own coordinated so well by Officers, Committee Chairmen and Board Members of our association and, responded to so enthusiastically by the members. Many willingly travel far to represent the 11th Cav at funerals and to acknowledge our brothers around the country. Over a million dollars in scholarship money, bricks donated and monuments moved memorializing our fallen and those of us who survived, and even the lapel pins and bumper stickers we so proudly wear, all announcing what a special bond this regiment had and still has.

"Regrets, I have a few, too few to mention" Frank Sinatra once sang. That is true, but of "the few," I mention one of my own. And that is not keeping a list of names, nick names and home towns of the lads I served with in that theatre of operations a half a world away. I honestly believe that all of us, from time to time look back and now, smile.

Thank you Charlie Mehegan and so many other First Sergeants and God bless you all where ever you are today. You helped me to understand that life is good, even in the bush.

least three times every week in parades, on trail rides, in a local indoor arena or on roads and trails around the farmhouse.

The Blackhorse is truly everywhere!
*[Note: Henry & Sandy Morris visited their son, Thomas, who is stationed in Camp Zama, US Army Japan (Gen. Douglas MacArthur's HQs after WWII) from 13 Sept. - 6 Oct. 2013]



From the 65th Colonel of the Regiment

COL John Ward



COL John "Lanier" Ward

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — Blackhorse Troopers, Veterans, and all our supporting Family and Friends, the second quarter of 2014 has been an exciting one. First, we had the honor of beating up on the 3d Striker Brigade from 2ID and the 1st Brigade from 1st CAV in training rotations before taking a moment to honor our heritage by conducting our Regimental Ball in Las Vegas. We are now fully immersed in preparing our sister Regiment, 3d Cavalry Regiment, for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

After an overwhelming success last year with our Regimental Ball in San Diego, we asked our Troopers this year what they wanted to do for their Ball. They responded that they wanted to shift operations this year and do it in Vegas. The South Point Hotel obliged us and was a gracious host in allowing the Regimental Horse Detachment to conduct a Cavalry demonstration at their resident equestrian center. The demonstration attracted hundreds of spectators and portrayed our Regiment in a positive light. South Point even agreed to permit me to ride a horse into the ballroom for our culmination to the Grog Bowl Ceremony. Regardless of the bets that were placed, I didn't get bucked off as part of the entrance but it was agreeably one of my quickest dismounts ever. The Ball itself was an extravagant event where we honored the traditions of the Regiment and recognized many of our Troopers for the contributions they've made to their individual branches. Our loved ones and veterans who joined us in the celebration appreciated the opportunity to share in the elegant experience and helped us close the night out by letting it loose on the dance floor.

However, what made the weekend even more special was a visit prior to the event by many of your own 11th ACVVC to return to the Regiment at Fort Irwin. Allen Hathaway, Adrian Vaaler, Steve Page, Ken Jankel, Ken Sabo, Ron Kruger and Patrick Murphy all joined us for a tour of the installation in preparation for the 11th ACVVC's Reunion in September and planned trip to visit the Regiment. To close out their trip, we were able to get them to stand as part of our Regimental Formation and to pass a few words to our current Troopers. I don't know who was more appreciative . . . our Troopers or the group but I know both enjoyed being in each other's midst. The group proceeded to accompany us to the Ball where we were honored as Adrian Vaaler played taps during our Fallen Comrades' Ceremony connecting us to our past and the tradition that each of you represent.

We look just as forward to seeing many of you and your Families return to the Regiment in September. For those showing up for the reunion, please come out and visit us. If nothing else, you can help us kid Ron Kruger for his beer bottles that had "Cavalry" spelled "Calvary" (Sorry Ron, I couldn't keep a secret).

The Regiment returned safely from the Ball without incident and held a "Change of Responsibility" ceremony on March 12. We welcomed Command Sergeant Major (CSM) Carl Ashmead as the 21st Command Sergeant Major of the 11th ACR and bid farewell to Command Sergeant Major Phillip Simpao who did an outstanding job taking care of our Troopers and Family members the past 5 months as the interim CSM for the Regiment. CSM Ashmead and Sheri, his spouse of 21 years and mother to their four children, joins the Black Horse Regiment from 1ABCT, 2ID South Korea.

We have the honor of hosting 3d Cavalry Regiment for Rotation 14-05 this month which is scheduled to be the last unit to train here prior to deploying in support of Operational Enduring Freedom. It's a rare occasion that our two Cavalry Regiments get to occupy the same area and we are honored to host them for a "Lucky 16" gathering at Regimental Museum when their training is complete. Our "Lucky 16" celebrates whenever at least two of the three Regiments of the 2d, 3d or 11th (16) get together for any operation.

Again, we look forward to welcoming many of you "Home" to the Regiment during the Sept 2014 reunion in Las Vegas. I would ask if you have had the pleasure of meeting our adjutant, CPT Tony Bradley, at previous events or reunions that you take the opportunity if possible to drop him a note before he leaves us latter in April. Tony has been dedicated to taking care of our Troopers, our Veterans, and our Families during his time in the Regiment. He is off to the Adjutant General Captain's Course and passes the torch to 1LT Walter Holmes. Tony can be reached at anthony.a.bradley4.mil.mail.mil.

As always, our doors are open to you; once a Blackhorse, always a Blackhorse. See you in September! ALLONS!

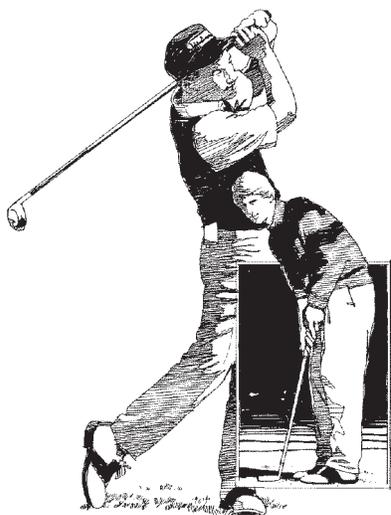


"The active 11th Armored Cavalry looks forward to welcoming you to Ft. Irwin – join us this fall!"

THE 23RD ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, September 4, 2014
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Call 651-246-8009 if you have questions. You will receive confirmation in the mail if your registration fee is paid by August 15, 2014. All entries must be prepaid. This year we will be playing at one of the best facilities in the Vegas valley. They have a dress code to include: 1) No denim (Blue jeans), 2) No tank tops or T-shirts. Shirts must have collars. 3) Soft spikes only facility. Tee times will be an 7:00 AM shotgun start—to beat the heat with lunch following golf. The golf course is a short 20 minute ride from our hotel. Top line rental clubs are available. Let Joe know if you need them.

22ND ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

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MOVING?

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

1st Quarter Jan 15

2nd Quarter Mar 25

3rd Quarter Jun 25

4th Quarter Oct 1

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

Silent Auction Items Needed

Items are needed for the Silent Auction to be conducted during the 29th Annual Reunion in Las Vegas. Items peculiar to the 11th Cavalry are always favorites, and any item or service of value is welcome, Cav related or not. You can bring items with you to the reunion, or you can ship them to ART EHRENBURG who has volunteered 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.

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

11th ACVVC Silent Auction

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A Blessing of a Vietnam Veteran Helicopter

By: Curt Rich, 398 Trans Det. 69-70

As most military aviators know, the US Army names all their aircraft after Indian tribes. The helicopter known to us as the Huey, started its military life as the Iroquois. Some readers may also be aware of the 2004 Huey restoration and tour documentary "In the Shadow of the Blade" which included an American Indian blessing of the souls who have flown or have ridden in the helicopter.

Our restoration effort, Project 425, is a private endeavor to restore a Vietnam Veteran Huey helicopter, 68-16425, to display condition and present it to the public. The aircraft has 1977 combat hours with the Warlords, B/123ABN, stationed in Chu Lai. During the last two weeks of January, 2014, we were invited to show the Huey at the South Florida Fair. One of the many other participants was the Native American dance troop, the Hitchiti Dancers. Early in the fair's run I approached the dance group's dance adviser, Glenn Alexander also a Veteran, about doing a similar ceremony on February 2, the last day of the fair. Our curator Mike additionally loaned him a copy of "In the Shadow of the Blade." We also wrote a press release asking all Veterans to be present for the blessing.

At the appointed time, Mr. Alexander assembled about twenty dancers in full Indian dress around the helicopter and performed a ceremony of burning sage and walking completely around the aircraft allowing the smoke to waft into the interior. As he did this, he



Dancers and participants in the helicopter blessing.

(Photo by Jim Kosinski Best Light Images Photography).

asked for a blessing on all souls who have ever flown or have ridden in the Iroquois. He invited Veterans to accompany him and one of those was MG Wayne Jackson, USA ret, one of our "crew members." The ceremony concluded with a large circle comprised of alternating a Veteran and a dancer completely surrounding the aircraft doing a side step movement around it to the rhythmical beat of the drums. I know for myself, the entire event was a moving, solemn experience.

Additional information about the blessing or our project can be found at facebook.com/groups/project425/



11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam & Cambodia (11ACVVC)
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION [revised November 21, 2013]

➔ Please print the latest **Scholarship Guide** at www.11thcavnam.com/scholar.html
Scholarship Chairman Michael "Doc" Rafferty

➔ **Important:** A person who has been awarded an 11th ACVVC Scholarship is not eligible to apply for a second scholarship.

[1] **Applicant's** Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

[2] **Applicant's** Social Security Number: _____ E-Mail Address: _____

Address: _____ Apartment/Unit # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Telephone Number: _____

[3] **Applicant's Qualifying Status:** (Check Only One): Child of Deceased 11ACR Trooper who served in Vietnam or Cambodia
 Child of a Current 11ACVVC Member Trooper Who is a Current 11ACVVC Member

➔ [4] **Applicant's SPONSOR 11th Cav Veteran:** Full Name: _____ Email _____

[5] **Sponsor's 11th Cav Unit** in Vietnam: _____ Dates in Vietnam _____ 11ACVVC Membership #: _____

➔ [6] **Name and Address of College or Trade School That You Plan to Attend:** Are you pursuing a graduate degree program? _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

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

[7] **Standard Test Score For Your State:** ACT _____ SAT _____ Other _____ Specify: _____

[8] **Estimated Expenses for the School Year:** Tuition & Fees \$ _____; Room & Board \$ _____;
 Books & Supplies \$ _____; Miscellaneous \$ _____; Total Exp. \$ _____

➔ [9] **Schools and Colleges Attended:** (10th Grade to Present)

Name	City, State	Dates From / To

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➔ [10] You **must** attach a copy of your **grade transcripts** from your **last two years of education** in High School or College.

➔ [11] On **one** typed sheet of paper with **your NAME & EMAIL** and your **11ACVVC Sponsor/Father's** name at top of the page:

1. State the **Field of Study** That You Plan to Enter and **Why**.
2. Tell Us **Why** You Would Be a **Worthy** Recipient of the 11ACVVC Scholarship.
3. **Note:** Concentrate on **why you** should be awarded an 11ACVVC Scholarship. Focus on **your** qualifications and not your father's military experience. applicable, also describe **your** participation in veterans' affairs or events, if any.

I, the undersigned, give my permission for a copy of my High School / College Transcript to be submitted with this Scholarship Application. I understand that the selection process may involve a committee composed of individuals that are in the community at large.

[13] _____
 ↑ Signature of **Applicant** Printed Name Date

[14] _____
 ↑ Signature of **Sponsor Veteran or Guardian** Printed Name Date

➔ [15] **Please Mail Your Completed Application with attachments for [10] and [11] above to the Scholarship Committee Chairman:**

Michael "Doc" Rafferty
 11ACVVC Scholarship Chairman
 5837 Habanero Drive ● Las Cruces, NM 88012
 Email: platoonmedic36@gmail.com ● Phone 915-792-2804 or 575-915-2921

➔ **QUESTIONS?** Email is Doc Rafferty's **PREFERRED** method of communication.

Application Deadline is May 15th



HELICOPTERS

A few years ago I was visiting in Southern California where I was raised. It's still my home town, even though I'm a confirmed Texan now, having adopted San Antonio to retire. During my visit they had a fierce, record breaking forest fire in the San Gabriel Mountains north of Los Angeles. When watching the fire fighting on the news I spotted a huge Grasshopper dropping fire retardant on the fire. "Huh? Grasshopper, Chaplain, you say?" I reply, "Well, not exactly a grasshopper as in bug in the sky. Actually, it was an old Sky Crane helicopter." It must have been a left-over relic from the Viet Nam War because I don't think they've made any since then. I didn't realize that there were any still flying. But, there it was, fighting a forest fire.

That got me to thinking about the helicopters we used to fly around in, in Viet Nam. Remember? We all know about Hueys. We've talked about that iconic (look it up) helicopter before. But there were a few other types of helicopters that the Army flew. Sky Crane is what I think they called the one that everyone agreed looked like a grasshopper. There was probably a dirty name for it, which I, naturally, wouldn't know (I probably wouldn't say it if I knew - you get what I mean). Grasshopper helicopters didn't seem to be very popular with the pilots I knew. They were shaped that way so they could carry a pod under their belly which they would leave somewhere while they went to get another pod. I don't know what units used pods in the field so I don't know where they were going.

Chinooks were popular and well known where we operated in the field - mostly around the Cambodian border and other such adventurous places. Chinooks were practical because they could carry big loads, including a lot of troops and cargo. That is, when there were several of us that someone decided should be somewhere else in the field or maybe even in the rear for going on R & R. Chinooks carried troopers and cargo inside with bulky swing loads hanging outside underneath. A swing load was where the Chinook raised up off

the ground, hovered long enough for a troop on the ground to hook up a carrying strap, with a net full of cargo attached, then fly away to wherever it was going. I don't mind telling you about Chinooks two main rotors (rotary wings, you know) they raised a storm of dirt from all the turbulence stirred up when taking off from bare ground. I never once met a trooper who volunteered for the joy of being under that "Dirty Bird" at lift off. You ate dirt, hooked the strap, and spit mud, all at the same time. Ugh! Something else was important to us in those days: Chinooks usually brought our hot chow to the field (in mermite cans), which I'm sure you remember fondly. Chinooks had a nick name that you will quickly recall, being "S—t Hook. "I won't spell it out, this being a family article. I'm sure you agree.

One very popular helicopter was the Cobra. The reason it was popular is that it was the first 100% attack helicopter fielded in the Army. If you thought Huey gunships were awesome, when you saw Cobras in action you found out what awesome really meant. They were skinny having a narrow profile, with a two man crew - pilot and gunner/co-pilot. They had mini-guns, rockets and I don't know what else. They were super-maneuverable and very desirable to have overhead and shooting for your side. On the enemy side perceptions and opinions were exactly opposite, which is easy to understand.

There was another type of helicopter which worked as a team with Cobras. It was a funny looking little bugger that we called "Loach." To be honest, I don't remember what its real name was or what company built it, maybe Hughes Aircraft. I know it wasn't Bell Helicopter because they built the helicopter that I think was the Ranger. I think the Loach was called that because it was actually a Low Observation Helicopter. Get it? Right. Besides, Loach was like roach and so it sounded clever and funny, which we needed in those days. Our Loaches could do most anything a good pilot could want. We understood that it could even fly upside-down. Maybe not for long, but at least for a barrel-role. "Did I

ever fly in one upside-down?" you ask, "Or even see it happen?" "Nope," I reply. I only heard about it. It didn't matter because that little helicopter could do so much. We've told Loach stories before but don't have time for more now, maybe later.

Regarding the team thing I mentioned, Loaches, being low observation, would do just that. Their crews (an aircraft commander, a pilot, and one crew chief/gunner) flew very low. They would spot the enemy, namely VC and NVA. Then they would draw fire, deliberately getting the enemy to shoot at them. I kid you not, on purpose getting those Dinks to shoot at them! (Dinks were bad people trying hard to turn us into KIA). "Whaaaaat? " you say incredulously. That was because guess who was flying overhead, a little off-center, as the Loaches team-mate. Yep. A Cobra fully armed with fierce weapons to make the enemy KIA instead of you. [Having two Cobras in the team made a heavy team. One Cobra with a Loach was a light team]. I think that was pretty cool (we said neat in those days). Sure made the bad guy wanna go home!

The Bell Ranger is the last helicopter we'll talk about today. I already mentioned it a minute ago. The one thing I remember is that it was sometimes used for Command and Control (C & C) by some commanders. Our commanders mostly used Huey slicks because they needed the space and Rangers were too small, being just a little bigger than Loaches. Besides, Rangers couldn't do half what Loaches could do - no one ever said, rightly or wrongly, that they could fly upside-down, or even do a barrel roll. I have no idea as to the truth of these rumors - but that was the word circulating around where we were. I've observed over the years that the Loach apparently went into oblivion in the active Army inventory while the Ranger has gone on to great things. In Iraq and Afghanistan it was way updated and awesome.

The helicopters we've talked about today were all Army and were the ones I observed in Viet Nam during my two tours there. The Army had others also, especially early in the Viet Nam War. The Air Force,

Marines, and Navy had others. But I wasn't around them so have no observations to discuss with you.

Some of our helicopters were state-of-the-art at the time. We knew how important they were for us to survive and do our mission. So, I'll close off now with a reminder that we always needed to stay prepared and ready for anything. It's the same for our life today. My pertinent point to ponder is a quote from God's Word, the Holy Bible: "Since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.... Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." (I Thessalonians 5:8-9, 11)

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

Incoming...

Information provided by and for our Troopers

Photos Wanted: We are looking for any photos of the 11th Cavalry Memorial in Vietnam. If you have a photo of the memorial or you were at the original dedication in 1967 please contact Allen Hathaway, 703-791-6610 or 11thcav1966@comcast.net

Reunion Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are needed on Thursday during the reunion to help with the silent auction. One to two hours on Thursday afternoon to help check-in and catalogue donated items. We also need help for, one or two hours on Thursday evening to help set-up and monitor the silent auction. If you can help, please contact Paul Gissible at gissible@yahoo.com or Ron Krueger at ronkrue@hotmail.com.

The 24th Annual Northern California Blackhorse Potluck/BBQ Saturday, October 4, 2014 (1100 until??). Slidehill Park, 2850 Temple Drive, Davis, CA. 95618. Everyone is welcome to join us for a casual picnic in the park. Bring something to BBQ, something to share (salad, dessert, or munchies) and your beverage of choice. Directions: I-80 to Davis. Take the Mace Blvd exit. Go North, around bend (Mace becomes Covell Blvd.) Turn Left on Monarch Ln. Take 1st right onto Temple. Park is one block ahead on left. **-or-** I-5 to Woodland, exit at Road 102 to Davis. Proceed South to Davis, approx. 8 miles. Turn left at the 1st major intersection - Covell Blvd. Go about 1 mile to Monarch Blvd, turn right, go 1 block. Turn right on Temple. Park is 1 block ahead on left. **RSVP: Ron Krueger: 530-758-0351/cell 530-304-4249. ronkrue@hotmail.com .**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

11th ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

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

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

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

SER NO RANK (during tour) _____ SSN NO _____

OTHER INFORMATION _____

TYPE MEMBERSHIP: NEW RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____

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

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

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

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

(Sign) _____

Visa Mastercard Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

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

29th Annual 11th ACVVC Reunion

Las Vegas, Nevada ♦ ♦ ♦ September 3 - 7, 2014

Schedule of Events

Wednesday, September 3

12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Registration Open
 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm Quartermaster Store Open
 2:00 pm - 12:00 am Bunker Open

Thursday, September 4

7:00 am - 23rd Annual Marty Ognibene Memorial Golf Tournament (optional fee per golfer)
 9:00 am - 6:00 pm Registration Open
 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Quartermaster Store Open
 2:00 pm - 12:00 am Bunker Open
 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm Silent Auction
 8:00 pm Raffle Drawing

Friday, September 5

6:30 am - 8:30 pm Fort Irwin Trip (optional fee per person - includes lunch)
 6:30 am - 7:00 am Board busses
 7:00 am - 10:00 am Travel to Fort Irwin
 10:30 am - 5:30 pm Fort Irwin tour and demonstrations (includes lunch)
 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm Travel to Rio All-Suites
 6:00 pm - 12:00 am Bunker Open
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Registration Open

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Quartermaster Store Open

Saturday, September 6

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 Open
 5:45 pm - 6:45 pm Cocktail Hour
 7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Banquet, Presentations and "Blackhorse Salute"
 10:00 pm - 1:00 am Dancing

Sunday, September 7

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



REGISTRATION FORM



29th Annual 11th ACVVC Reunion
Las Vegas, Nevada
September 3 - 7, 2014



Rio Hotel - 3700 West Flamingo Road - Las Vegas, NV 89103
Reservations: 1-888-746-6955

Registration fee is \$95.00 per person. This fee is required for attendance at any of the scheduled events including the Thursday and Friday night Bunker Parties and the Saturday Banquet dinner.

Register early. The registration fee will be an additional \$25.00 per person for registrations post marked after Saturday, AUGUST 16, 2014. All registrations must be received no later than Saturday, AUGUST 23, 2014.

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

Name Telephone No:

Address

City/State/Zip

E-Mail Address

Unit Assignment Years in Country
(Example: B TRP, D CO) (Example: 1966-1967)

ATTENDEES (please print)

Four lines for attendee names and donation amounts, each with a dollar sign and a blank line for the amount.

Please accept my donation to help an active duty trooper attend the reunion \$

Total Registration Fee \$

Banquet Meal Selection (Choose one selection per attendee) Chicken Beef Veggie

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

KIA Relative? Yes Name of KIA:

Relationship to KIA: Unit:

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

Blackhorse Hoofbeats

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

2 December 1966 Ambush. On 2 December 1966, a convoy consisting of two M-48 tanks (Delta Company), three ACAVs (Bravo Troop), and two 2½-ton trucks (Bravo Troop and the 27th Engineers) was ambushed near Suoi Cat on Highway 1. The area was a favorite for the VC and had been nicknamed 'Ambush Alley' by Blackhorse Troopers. The reinforced enemy battalion, from the 275th (VC) Regiment, lost over 100 personnel killed or captured. Bravo Troop was awarded a Presidential Unit Citation for this action and the 21 November 1966 ambush. The following is extracted from the official after action report. "The Viet Cong had dug-in and covered positions on both sides of the road...covering the killing zone with heavy and light machineguns, 60 mm mortars, and at least one 75 mm recoilless rifle and small arms. Viet Cong forces were also positioned close to the shoulder of the road with grenades, with the apparent hope of damaging the suspensions systems of the ACAV's [Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicles] and tanks which proved to be fruitless. They did, however, provide lucrative targets for the grenadiers on the passing ACAV's as they dropped their hand grenades and fired their M-79 [grenade] launchers with deadly accuracy."

Moving Trees. From mid-April until mid-October, Second Squadron operated as part of Task Force Oregon in the I Corps Tactical Zone near Chu Lai. On 28 September, Golf Troop and Hotel Company were maneuvering through the rice paddies and hedgerows located between Highway 1 and the mountains to the west. Just four days earlier, Fox and Golf Troops had been involved in a major contact in the same general vicinity, so everyone was looking for the NVA survivors of that fight. Captain Roderick Heath, the 2/11 Aviation Section Leader, and Major Philip Larkin, the Battle Squadron S-3, were flying in an OH-23 ahead of the ACAVs and tanks when they made an unusual discovery. The 2/11 annual history for 1967 picks up the story. "They spotted 30 trees moving west; a closer look revealed the trees to be 30 NVA in green uniforms with camouflage tied to their backs. Immediately, artillery and 90 mm tank fire were directed upon the enemy. As the enemy fled west, H Company gave chase in what was termed to be a classic armor movement – tanks on line. With such a force in pursuit, the enemy commander lost control of his troops and 28 of them were killed, 3 were taken prisoner. It was in this action that Captain John A. Kerr, squadron aviator, displayed heroism while in aerial flight. When he detected several enemy fleeing from the oncoming tanks, Captain Kerr flew his unarmed OH-23G command and control helicopter into their path and with fire from his passenger's personal weapon diverted them toward the pursuing armored vehicles. One lone enemy broke from the group and continued to flee. Captain Kerr made an extremely low pass of 20 feet over the insurgent, forcing him to the ground. He held the enemy soldier in that position, by hovering directly over him, until ground forces apprehended the soldier. For his heroic actions and highly competent flying ability, Captain Kerr was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross."

Loc Ninh Red. Starting in late 1968, the Blackhorse Regiment was frequently deployed into the area around An Loc and Loc Ninh. This area was renowned for its red dirt – red dust that got into your pores in the dry season and red mud that painted your skin in the wet sea-

son. Air Cav Troop's ARPs knew about these conditions first hand. The following is taken from an after-action report in late 1968. "During conduct of operations in the Loc Ninh area US uniforms became saturated with red clay and took on the color of the NVA dark khaki uniform. On at least two occasions NVA forces approached groups of US troops across open areas with forces clearly visible to each other... [T]he US troops were not wearing their helmets or were equipped with the jungle hat. In both instances the NVA were subjected to impromptu ambushes with favorable US kill ratio. It was obvious that the NVA mistook the red stained uniforms and lack of helmets for NVA troop formations."

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

Civic Action, 37th Med Style. The following article appeared in the July 1970 edition of the Blackhorse Newspaper. "Each morning, Sergeant First Class Norwood C. Dunaway gets up before a class of 20 students and starts teaching, just as he did a year ago at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. But the classroom is in Di An, South Vietnam, and instead of Americans, he is training young Vietnamese medics to take care of the health problems in their own villages. 'These students are extremely eager; we've had no problems with absenteeism or lack of attention,' commented Dunaway, who is also in charge of the six-week course for Regional Forces-Popular Forces medics. The course will continue until the second week of July. The course, set up by the 11th ACR civil affairs section and operated by the 37th Medical Company, is based on the eight-week course given to Army medics at Ft. Sam Houston. It includes instruction in the symptoms of disease, anatomy and physiology, the various drugs which the medics will have available to them, and Medcap [medical civil-affairs program] procedures. The students are taught through lectures, demonstrations, and practical exercises. Sgt. Dunaway and the other two instructors, Staff Sergeant Charles Castaneda and Specialist 6 Edward Shahan give each lesson in English and it is immediately translated into Vietnamese by Sergeant First Class Nguyen Phuoc Thien. According to Sgt. Dunaway, there have been no communication problems. The medics were sent to the school by the MACV [Military Assistance Command, Vietnam] Advisor Team in Di An. The team has already expressed the desire to have more courses in the future."

Gotta love 52 tons of American-made steel! In the space of less than an hour on 17 September 1970, M48A3 tanks from Mike Company, Third Squadron, detonated five VC-laid anti-personnel mines. Results: negative casualties, negative damage to the tanks.



Welcome Aboard!

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

NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES		
HHT REGIMENT									
Adams, Raymond C	67-68	Cocco, Thomas N	70-70	Womack, Thomas L	69-69	Lindsay, Jock C	69-70		
Brandt, Wesley P	68-69	Lancaster, James L	70-71	F TROOP, 2/11	69-70	Neves, Charles A	67-68		
Joseph, N L	67-68	Lyster, Steve E	70-71			Smith, William K	69-69		
Morris, Warren M Iii	70-71	Palmer, Thomas J	70-70			Tomaszewski, Jerry P	70-71		
Vogt, Thomas S	68-69	Shelnut, Phillip W	68-68			Walter, James B	67-68		
Williams, Dana L	69-71	B TROOP, 1/11				I TROOP, 3/11		66-67	
Yonkey, Carl R	67-68	Braun, James M	67-68	Heronemus, Clarence M	66-67				
AIR CAVALRY TROOP									
Lane, Earl L	69-70	Fahrnbach, Joseph F	66-67	Vermillion, Van E	70-71	K TROOP, 3/11			
Pelfrey, Robert W	65-67	James, Clarence L	66-67	G TROOP, 2/11	68-68	Greene, Arnold A	66-67		
Stern, Audra R Jr	69-70	Littlejohn, Gary L	66-67			Bradley, James W	68-68	Lawrence, Lester H	69-70
Strickland, Melvin K	66-67	Palmer, Philip L	69-69			Bryant, Ben F	67-68	L TROOP, 3/11	
37th MEDICAL COMPANY									
Brown, Samuel A Jr	69-70	C TROOP, 1/11				Hausey, Howard E	66-67	Andrews, Jerry R	70-71
Gozora, Stephen R	71-71	Brooks, Floyd J	70-70	Hund, Richard P	70-70	Beck, John J	70-70		
Mcmorris, Thomas J	70-71	Burnworth, Allan R	70-71	Lucas, Philip E	68-68	Bolding, Paul J	69-70		
Moreno, Fred	69-70	Funk, Everette R	69-70	Mix, Lawrence T	65-67	M COMPANY, 3/11			
Sauter, Robert W	69-69	Huffman, Ralph E	70-71	H COMPANY, 2/11		Beck, John J	70-70		
398th TRANS DET									
Mcmillin, Michael J	69-70	Littlejohn, Gary L	66-67	Demarest, Robert E	66-67	Greisinger, William A	67-68		
Workman, Paul J	71-72	D COMPANY, 1/11		Praught, Mark A	70-71	HOWITZER BATTERY, 3/11			
409th RR DET									
Brown, Ernest L	68-69	Boles, Edward A	70-71	HOWITZER BATTERY, 2/11		Birdine, Alfred E	69-70		
Flores, Enrique Jr	66-67	Lane, Gary S	68-69	Juneau, Lester Jr	67-69	Christian, Todd M	67-68		
Harbst, Terry V	66-67	Pellatz, William D	69-70	HHT, 3/11		Jicha, Edwin J Jr	69-70		
Ludwig, Carroll A	69-77	Reid, Eric P	67-68	Bolding, Paul J	69-70	Peoples, Thomas G	68-69		
506th S&S COMPANY									
Lambeth, Larry V	69-70	HOWITZER BATTERY, 1/11		Fogarty, William J	68-69	Sukow, Dana K	71-71		
591st ENGINEER COMPANY									
Pease, Earl	67-67	Dutcher, James C	67-68	Hurry, Bruce B	69-69				
919th ENGINEER COMPANY									
Mastyl, Stanley	66-67	Frank, Kenneth E	69-70	Jicha, Edwin J Jr	69-70				
Specht, Eugene M	66-68	Lopez, Alfred A	69-70						
UNKNOWN									
O'Neil, Richard J	67-67	Mitchell, Loren F	64-67						
HHT, 1/11									
Boles, Edward A	70-70	Pass, Charles A	69-70						
A TROOP, 1/11									
Bishop, William D	68-68	Stewart, Eugene O	68-69						
HHT, 2/11									
E TROOP, 2/11									
HHT, 3/11									
HOWITZER BATTERY, 3/11									

Memorial Day Wreath at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial



All Blackhorse Troopers, family, and friends are invited to participate in the Annual Memorial Day wreath laying at the Wall. **When:** 9:45 AM, Monday, May 26, 2014. **Where:** Near the Three Soldiers Statue at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington D.C.

Who: All Blackhorse Troopers from all eras, family and friends
What: We will initially gather near the statue of the Three Soldiers, make introductions, say a few words, and then informally carry the wreath to the apex of the Wall
Look for the Blackhorse Patch Wreath that will be there by 09:30. Please pass this information to anyone who might be interested in participating.

11TH ACVVC DONATIONS

Donor Levels: Platinum Level \$500+ Gold Level \$100-\$499 Silver Level \$50-\$99 Bronze Level \$1-\$49

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In Memory of Duncan "Mike" Hinton

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Barnthouse, Lawrence
Barrett, Donald
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Beckman, Jack

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Bloese, Michael
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Bowen, Alfred
Bowman, David
Boyd, Gordon
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Brooks, Timothy
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Brown, Ken
Brown, G. Gardner
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Arble, Patrick
Arft, Larry
Austin, William

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DePaul, Richard	Donald McLean	Rosenbalm, Allan	Wooldridge, Barry	Behm, Ernest	Bufano, Rocco
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Danny Kreger, F Troop, 68-69, shows his pride as he drives his Jeep near his Gragston, WV home. He tells us: "I am PROUD to have rode with the Blackhorse. I drove track 22 in 68."

Gary Goldsmith, B Troop, 69-70, shows his pride on the back of his Jeep, as he travels around his home in Maine. Folks know they are following the Blackhorse!



11th Cavalry Memorial Project

The project to relocate the 11th Cavalry Memorial from Fort Knox to the site of proposed National Armor and Cavalry Museum at Fort Benning is moving forward. Our goal is to complete the move and construction of the new memorial site no later than June 2015. This gives us just over one year to complete the project.

Columbus Monument Company was chosen to design and construct the new memorial site. They have extensive experience with several other memorials located at the National Infantry Museum and Fort Benning.

Specifications for the new memorial design were submitted to Columbus Monument Company in January. In late March we received the first artist rendering of the memorial complex. Consideration is being given to a few minor adjustments. We expect the final design to be completed by May.

The entire memorial complex will be moved, including the large Vietnam Memorial, the three memorials which are dedicated to the Philippine, World War II and Iraqi Freedom campaigns, plus the nearly 1,000 granite bricks which surround the memorial. Many who purchased bricks asked that their brick be placed together with a buddy. To ensure all bricks



remain together, the locations of each brick will be catalogued prior to the move. All bricks will be placed at the new memorial site in the same relative position as the old site.

In May and June 2014 the entire memorial will be cleaned, carefully packed then transported to Columbus, GA, where it will be stored until early 2015 when construction of the new site will begin.

The cost of the move will be shared between the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia and the Blackhorse

Association. To help offset the cost of this project both organization are offering granite bricks. Anyone can purchase a memorial brick. **The bricks are a lasting tribute of your service to our regiment.** The bricks are a special way in which we ALL can participate and show our support for our fellow Blackhorse troopers whose names are listed on the memorials. The bricks measure 8 x 4 x 2 inches and can accommodate inscription of up to three lines of 15 characters per line. Many choose to have their name, unit and years of service with the regiment inscribed on their brick. Some have chosen special inscriptions which are very touching: "WE NEVER FORGET," "BLACKHORSE FOREVER," "HONORING OUR BROTHERS" and "PROUDLY SERVED" are just a few examples. The cost of the granite bricks is \$100. Bricks will be placed at the new memorial site at Fort Benning during the construction phase.

The opportunity to purchase a brick will end later this year. The bricks add a very special and personal touch to the memorial. The deadline for ordering a brick is drawing near. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this project. We urge you to support this worthwhile project by ordering a brick.

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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.

Richard C. Barclay, Jr., B Troop, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on October 8, 2012. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Houston, TX.

Buddy R. Castaneda, HHT, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on September 21, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in San Antonio, TX. He was laid to rest in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX.

Anthony C. Civello, 919th Engineer Company (1969) passed away on September 28, 2013. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Glenside, PA. He was laid to rest in Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Philadelphia, PA.

Bernard E. Freeman, HHT, Regiment (1967-1968) passed away on February 19, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hampton, VA. Bernard is also a veteran of World War II.

Billy Wayne Goad, I Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on January 24, 2014. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Muskogee, OK. He was laid to rest in Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Fort Gibson, OK.

Lawrence P. Greene, Sr., C Troop, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on January 9, 2014. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Pawleys Island, SC.

Perry S. Hatfield, L Troop, 3/11 (1966-1968) passed away on February 13, 2014. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Coalmont, TN.

Wayne A. Jacobitz, D Company, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on January 29, 2014. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Mount Vernon, TX. He was laid to rest in Macon Cemetery, Vernon, TX.

Warren O. Koenke, I Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on February 5, 2014. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Port Orange, FL.

Dory M. Lacy, C Troop, 1/11 (1970-1971) passed away on October 22, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Amarillo, TX. He was laid to rest in Llano Cemetery, Amarillo, TX.

Gilbert L. "Gil" Lagosh, H Company, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on March 9, 2014. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Cudahy, WI.

Rodney J. (Mike) Lavergne, HHT Regiment (1969-1970) passed away on January 24, 2014. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Graham, WA. He was laid to rest in Tahoma National Cemetery in Covington, WA.

Thomas D. McGuinn, H Company, 2/11 (1969) passed away on December 9, 2012. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and

resided in Grants Pass, OR. He was laid to rest in Eagle Point National Cemetery, Eagle Point, OR. Thomas is also a veteran of the Korean War.

William S. Neal, HHT, 1/11 (1970) passed away on December 22, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Canton, NC.

Robert E. Rice, HHT, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on May 29, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Owensboro, KY. He was laid to rest in Resurrection Cemetery, Owensboro, KY.

Vincent L. Spadafora, Jr., HHT Regt (1970) passed away on March 15, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Canastota, NY. He was laid to rest in Saint Agatha Cemetery, Canastota, NY.

James W. Wheeler, 27th Engineer Battalion (1966-1967) passed away on May 21, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hoover, AL. He was laid to rest in Forest Grove Memorial Gardens, Pleasant Grove, AL.

Erwin Doug Wiggins, 7th Army Postal Unit, 11th ACR (1970-1971) passed away on March 22, 2014. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Columbiaville, MI. He was laid to rest in Flint Memorial Park Cemetery, Mt Morris, MI.

So that his brethren shall know...

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

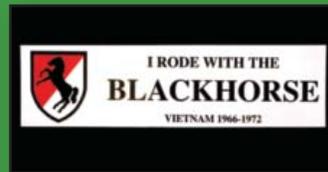
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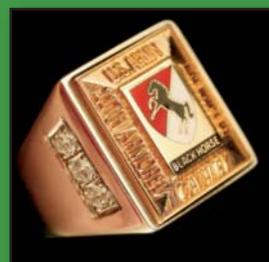


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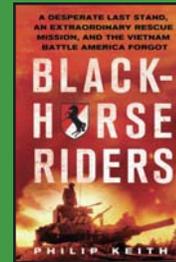
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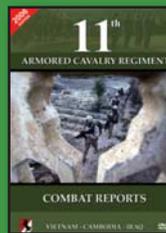
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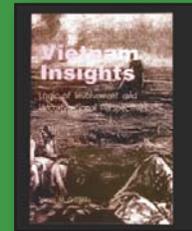
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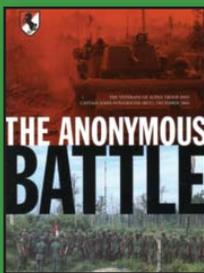
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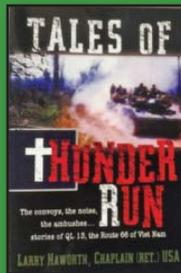
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#41 Blue Dress Shirt, w/BH & VN Ribbon \$32.00



#42 Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon \$95.00





Looking Ahead to Las Vegas

The Blackhorse Women have two important projects. The first one is Wreaths Across America. We donate to this important cause, which provides wreaths at America's military cemeteries. ...The second is the Prayer Shawl Project

By Kathy Tandberg,
Women's Co-coordinator

Hope spring has found you wherever you call home! But looking ahead to next September, the Blackhorse Women have exciting things happening at the Las Vegas reunion. First and foremost is the reorganization of the group. Decisions for our group, both financial and otherwise, are currently being made by a six-person interim board of directors. At the meeting we will hold an election to officially vote in the board. Nominations will also be taken from the floor should anyone else want to be on the ballot.

We will also be seeking your ideas, thoughts and input to see what you want from the meetings. Bring your ideas and let's make them happen. The interim board has already heard from some of you who want occasional speakers, more activities like the silent auction quilt,

and some women wanting lessons on making the prayer shawls. We've also heard from women who want a more bonding experience. We will continue fundraising, which will enable us to continue in these and other activities. On that note, our new fundraising chairperson Renee Majors, out of Indiana (C Troop spouse of Bruce Majors). We welcome Renee and look forward to her participation.

Because of reorganization, the Blackhorse Women will be offering one item at the Vegas reunion – a site specific lanyard for your reunion name tags. These do not come included with your tags at registration. However, they will be available in limited quantity for a small donation somewhere not far from the registration area. So be sure to get yours as soon as you register, as we expect they will be sold out by Friday. More details yet to come in the next *Thunder Run*.

The Blackhorse Women have two important projects. The first one is Wreaths Across America. We donate to this important cause, which provides wreaths at America's military cemeteries. We must never forget the sacrifice of our military.

The second is the Prayer Shawl Project under the direction of chairperson and board member Cherry Platt (spouse of Fred Platt, L Troop). For those who are unaware, Cherry is informed by the men's board when a trooper takes the journey to Fiddler's Green. Upon receipt of the information, Cherry sends a prayer shawl to the family on behalf of the Blackhorse. If you knit or crochet, you can help this project from home. We are also adding quilted prayer shawls for volunteers with those talents. Cherry will explain in more detail about the Prayer Shawl Project in the 3rd quarter Thunder Run. A special thank you goes out to Cherry and the many volunteers whose talents and efforts make this special project possible.

For further information about the Blackhorse Women's Group, or to volunteer, please contact Kathy at or 701-873-2970. I look forward to hearing from you; and seeing you in Vegas!

Tips For Your Las Vegas Reunion

By: Steve Page,
Director and Reunion Chair

Here are a couple of things you need to know about the upcoming reunion.

Each room is provided with a Keurig single cup coffee maker. The pods for the coffee maker are in the Honor Bar for a price. It would be more economical to purchase the pods and bring them with you.

Coffee for early risers can be found at The BK Burger Bar located in Masquerade Village. This will be very busy on Friday before our trip to Fort Irwin. They are open from 6 AM to 11 AM for breakfast. Starbuck's are scat-

tered throughout the hotel along with other eateries. Lines form early! Plan ahead.

On Friday September 5th we will take a trip to Fort Irwin. The schedule for this trip is very tight because of transportation. We will load motor coaches at 6:30 AM from The Hotel Convention Center. The route to the loading point will be well marked. Please plan to take some extra time to get there for loading. We will not be able to wait for late comers. These coaches will be on the road at 7 AM. All those who want to go to Fort Irwin must take the buses. Parking is limited and is reserved for buses. The Post has asked

that no privately owned vehicles be driven there. We will be making two or three stops. Because of the schedule at Fort Irwin, getting the coaches loaded and unloaded quickly is very important in order to meet their schedule for the events planned for us. We do not want to leave any one stranded at the Fort. So please be at the loading site on time for the return trip.

The shuttle service to Harrah's and Bally's on The Strip leave Rio and return every 30 minutes on the hour and half hour between 10 AM and 1 AM. Taxi fare is about \$17.00 to the airport one way. Airport Shuttle is about \$8.00 one way or \$18.00 round trip.



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From the Quartermaster...

Jerry Beamon

Hello to All BLACKHORSE Troopers,

As you have guessed about now we are starting to gear up for our upcoming Reunion in Las Vegas and a trip out to Fort Erwin to see our Regiment and greet our troopers who are carrying on in our foot-steps. So make your plans early to be there Jan and I will be looking forward to seeing you.

Please look over the Reunion Schedule to see our times of operations. We will be there to serve you. We once again are asking for volunteers to help in the Quartermaster store, please e-mail me and let me know it would be greatly appreciated any help we can get.

On that note I have sad news for those who are planning to attend the East Texas Round Up. Our host Wayne Jacobitz passed away back in late January just as he had finalized plans with the Rusk State

Railroad in Rusk Texas for the round up. So as he had hoped (for those who knew Wayne he wanted the others to carry on with his ideas) for those here in the Eastern & Central Texas area to be able to come together and share some old war stories and have a good time of fellowship.

If you have tried to call Wayne's phone and did not receive an answer for information about the Round up well now you know why. You can call us at 903-825-1135 and leave a message if no one answers. We will get back to you just as soon as we can.

Again please, as you make out your order, check it to make sure your name, address, and a phone number is on it so we contact you if we have questions about your order. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in Las Vegas. ALLONS!

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