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

### After Action Report

## 11thACVVC Reunion XXI

Compiled by Chuck Schmidt from input by Eric Newton, PAO, and Steve Page, Reunion Committee Chairman

We did not know what to expect as we changed the traditional Reunion dates from early August to mid September. Overall, however, the change did not affect attendance and the September weather proved to be a blessing. Although the golf tournament got a few sprinkles, everyone played a full 18 holes, and the rain on Saturday morning stopped just in time for the Memorial Service, thanks to some timely prayers by Chaplain Larry Haworth! Attendance was over 950, which is what we experienced at Daytona Beach, FL in 2004, and Colorado Springs, CO last year.

Kansas City proved to be a great location. Being in the center of the country was a plus to members’ travel plans. Eric (Newton, K Troop, ’68-’69) states that the Hyatt Regency hotel was the best he has seen in a long time. The rooms were top notch and the hotel’s amenities were great. The negotiated room rates were a steal for the amenities offered, the hotel staff was responsive, and the banquet



ABOVE: MG Guy C. Swan III, 57th COL of the Regiment, and John Poindexter, A Trp, ’69-’70, present 1st LT Robert Henderson’s Silver Star (posthumous) to Robert’s sisters, Ann Ragan, Mariberta Waring, and brother, Will Dickey. RIGHT: EMCEE, Chuck Schmidt, reads the “Trooper of the Year” plaque as awardee, Allen Hathaway (HHT, Regt, ’66-’67) looks on.



facilities, food, and service were unsurpassed. We received more positive comments this year than ever before. Our large turnout pretty much took over the hotel, and the hotel staff commented that we were the absolute best group they had seen in a long,

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## The 11thACVVC Annual Awards

The following awards were presented at the Reunion Banquet for service “Above and Beyond” to the 11thACVVC and its membership.

### Trooper of the Year Award

■ **Allen Hathaway:** For increasing membership by over 500 in past year.

### Outstanding Trooper Awards:

■ **Don Snedecker:** For outstanding historical displays at reunions.

■ **Bill Suhre:** For timely representation before the IRS, saving the 11thACVVC considerable assets.

■ **MG Guy C. Swan, III:** For long-time unrelenting support of the Objectives, Troopers, and Organizational Goals of the 11thACVVC.

### Quilter Award

■ **Joe Coopet:** For outstanding service in conducting the annual Marty Ognibene Memorial Golf Tournament.

### Women’s Group Award

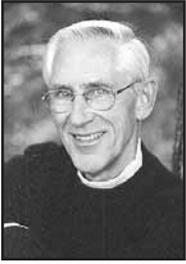
■ **Kathy Tandberg:** For exceptional performance in developing and publishing “What’s Cooking in the Blackhorse?”.

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Chuck Schmidt,  
President, 11th ACVVC

**W**ow! The past year has been a great one for the 11thACVVC! Through the efforts of our Membership Chairman, Allen Hathaway, (HHT Regiment, '66-'67) we have over 500 new members. These are "Found" Troopers who have never been members before, and many of them were simply unaware that we even existed. What this means, is that there are Troopers out there just waiting to be asked to join our ranks. If you know of any, please let us know and we will contact him and invite him to once more become a "Blackhorse" Trooper. (See membership article)

The Regiment has a new Commanding Officer, Colonel Mark E. Calvert. COL Calvert and CSM Ricky Pring honored us by their presence at our XXI Annual Reunion in Kansas City, Missouri in September. We welcome him to the "Blackhorse" Family and look forward to a great relationship between the 11thACVVC and the great Troopers of the active unit. COL Calvert has the best job in the United States Army, and he knows it!

Our Scholarship Program continued to set records for fundraising and number of scholarship grants awarded. The Calendar appeal netted more than \$32,000, the Raffle over \$39,000 and the Silent Auction more than \$4,000. As the result of the outstanding generosity of our members, we were able to award 27 deserving children of our members Scholarships of \$3,000 each. Congratulations to all of our awardees. Unfortunately we also had to turn down a number of highly qualified applicants due to limited assets. We will continue our successful program, and anyone can donate to the cause at any time during the year. Thanks to all who were willing to sacrifice from their sustenance to support this vital program. We introduced nine of the awardees last issue, and continue with more in this newsletter.

A new video entitled "Combat Reports" was just produced and is available for sale through the Quartermaster (QM). This edi-

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tion is completely new and contains lots of battle action from Vietnam and Cambodia. A bonus is the inclusion of some interviews and action from the Regiment's recent deployment to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom III. Eric Newton (K Troop, '68-'69) and Jerry Williamson (D Company, '68-'69) provided the video for this production from their trip last year to visit the Troops in the Combat Zone. A great deal of thanks is due these two Troopers for undertaking this dangerous trip. The young soldiers of the Regiment were enormously impressed to see our Veterans from Vietnam on their battlefields. This video will make a great addition to your library and the DVD will ensure that your legacy continues for the next generations of your family. It also makes a great gift for family and friends—so stock up. The QM has put together some sales items and will greatly reduce the cost of the initial Video if you order both as a package. The QM still has some clearance items available, so get yours before all stocks are depleted.

Our Women's Coordinator, Barb Moreno (Bob, G Troop '68-'69), and Kathy Tandberg (Lauren, C Troop, '69-'70) have assembled a great cookbook entitled "What's Cooking with the Blackhorse" which is being advertised for sale in this issue. You can never have too many cookbooks, and this collector's item will make great Christmas gifts. Thanks Barb and Kathy. All profits will be allocated to the Scholarship Fund, Trooper Reunion Assistance Fund, or the Women's Group.

The XXI Annual Reunion attracted more than 950 to Kansas City, MO. Many commented that this was one of the best reunions yet, and the Hyatt Regency Crown Center the best hotel in service to our Troops, family and friends. Our Reunion Chairman, Steve Page, (B Troop, '66-'67) deserves our thanks for another outstanding job! The highlight of the weekend was the presentation of two Silver Star awards, three Bronze

Star with "V" device, and four Soldier's Medals to eight of our members from "A" Troop (two posthumous) for bravery in "The Anonymous Battle" fought near War Zone "C" in March 1970. MG Guy C. Swan, Jr. (57th Colonel of the Regiment) awarded the medals at the Saturday night banquet following a superb multimedia account of parts of the battle by our keynote speaker, and Troop Commander of "Alpha" Troop at the time, John C. Poindexter.

We are fully engaged in planning for next year's gathering, Reunion XXII, in Louisville, KY. The highlight will be the rededication of our Memorial that stands in the Memorial Garden on the grounds of the Patton Museum at Fort Knox. You can read about the details of this memorable undertaking in the "Memorial Restoration and Dedication" article elsewhere in this quarter's Thunder Run.

After the Memorial Service in Kansas City, Joe Willey (HHT Regiment, '69-'70) recognized that we have not been doing a very good job of contacting the next of kin (NOK) of our KIA's. Joe volunteered to chair a committee to attempt to get in touch with all KIA families and invite them to be part of the "Blackhorse" brotherhood. Once located, all will be offered an opportunity to be added to our mailing list and be invited to attend the Reunion in Louisville and participate in the rededication of our Memorial at Fort Knox. To implement the plan, Joe has written a five paragraph operations order, which can be seen in this issue of TR. Any Trooper who wishes to be part of the committee (we are looking for State and Troop contacts) should contact Joe. His information is listed on page 3. Thanks Joe!

Once again, I will end this article with an appeal—*support our troops in the successful completion of their mission! God bless our armed forces and god bless the United States of America!!!! We thank our soldiers for their sacrifices in defense of our freedom!*

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**Third Quarter.....Jul 15**

**Fourth Quarter.....Oct 15**

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### 11thACVVC SCHOLARSHIP 2006 RAFFLE WINNERS

\$1,000.....Susan Beaven, daughter of Barry Beaven, C Troop, '69

\$750 ..... Kyle Ward, son of George Ward, L Troop, '68-'69

\$500 ..... Joseph Hessburg, K Troop, '68-'69

(Joseph donated his winnings back to the Scholarship Fund—Thanks Joe)

\$250 ..... Tim Doyle, G Troop, '67-'68

# 11thACVVC Reunion XXI



Chuck Schmidt, President, addresses the membership at the Business Meeting.



Family members of 1st LT Robert "Robin" Henderson following the banquet and presentation of the Silver Star (posthumous) for his action in "The Anonymous Battle".



Kathy Tandberg (Lauren, C Trp, '69-'70) is awarded the Women's Group Award for excellence in producing cookbook



REPS4 RCO, COL Mark Calvert, addresses the banquet audience as CSM Ricky Pring looks on.



Former SGT, Ronald Vaughan is awarded the Soldier's Medal for extraordinary heroism.



Chuck Schmidt presents Verlon Goad the Bronze Star for WWII Service. Mr. Goad, 92, is veteran of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.



Patti (Andrews) Barish, sister of SP5 Walter Andrews (A-Trp), accepts posthumous award of the Soldier's Medal from MG Swan.



By Friday, 11thACVVC Troopers literally took over the hotel lobby



705th MP Battalion Color Guard from Fort Leavenworth, KS, presents the color at the Banquet.



Marti Farrington, friend of KIA, 1st Lt Robert Henderson; and Robert's sister, Mariberta Waring, present a Native American designed Pendleton blanket to John Poindexter, A Trp, '69-'70.



MG Guy C. Swan III congratulates Former SGT, Donnie Colwell, for his award of the Silver Star. SGT Colwell also received the Soldier's Medal for his actions on 25 March 1970.

# Kansas City, MO



EMCEE, Chuck Schmidt, presents an "Outstanding Trooper" Award to Bill Suhre (I Trp, '68) for excellent support as 11thACVVC Auditor.



John Poindexter (A Trp, '69-'70) recalls battlefield fighting in "The Anonymous Battle".



2006 Scholarship winners Sarah Krueger (Ron, HHT, 1/11, '66-'67) and Michael Weynand (Mike, HOW, 1/11, '67-'68) ready to draw winning raffle tickets at the banquet



Patrick Murphy (G Trp, '71) reads names of Troopers lost since the last reunion at the Memorial Ceremony



Eric Newton (K Trp, '68-'69) (left) and Jerry Williamson (D Co, '68-'69) with new RCO, COL Mark Calvert at Memorial Ceremony.



Raymond Tarr (SP4, A Trp) accepts the Soldier's Medal on behalf of SP5 Craig Wright.



Bryan Cupp (SP4, A-Trp) awaits the pinning on of the Bronze Star w/"V" Device for actions in the Anonymous Battle, 26 March 1970



Dennis Jabbusch (SGT, A-Trp) is presented the Bronze Star w/"V" Device, awarded for his individual valorous actions.



Angel Pagan (SP4, A-Trp) awaits the presentation of the Bronze Star w/V Device awarded for his gallant actions in "The Anonymous Battle", 26 March 1970.



Jim Griffiths, Editor  
Thunder Run

## Editor's Corner

James M. "Jim" Griffiths

Back in the year 2000 I wrote these published words, "Former Secretary of State Dean Rusk, national security advisor Walt Rostow, and Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Kuan Yew, commenting on whether the high costs of the Vietnam War were justified, gave an answer in the affirmative. Dean Rusk, Walt Rostow, Lee Kuan Yew, and many other geopoliticians across the globe to this day answer yes. They conclude that without U.S. intervention in Vietnam, Communist hegemony—both Soviet and Chinese—would have spread farther through South and East Asia to include Indonesia, Thailand, and possibly India." I agree with that assessment.

Fast forward to August, 2006 where I was working at a local veteran's project at my county Youth Fair. Part of the project was a diorama of a U.S. fire support base in Vietnam. I noticed a man, who appeared to be Asian avidly perusing the FSB model.

I was wearing my white Blackhorse T-shirt with full color BH insignia and Vietnam Ribbon and casually walked over to the diorama and approached the man. The man's 10 year old son was with him and when this man saw me he asked me if I was a Vietnam Veteran. After I said yes he turned to his son and instructed him "Say thank you to this man, he helped you have the freedom you have in our country." He then said to me, "Your action in Vietnam gave us a 10 year cushion to ward off communist insurgency in our country."

I was confused at first as I thought he might be Vietnamese but his message didn't exactly jibe with the denouement of the Vietnam War that we as veterans of that conflict recollect. I asked him if he was Vietnamese and he said no, that he was a citizen of Singapore and he still was a Sergeant in Singapore's army and his active service had been on an M-113. I explained to him that I too had served on an M-113 and explained to him how we modified it into an ACAV. He stated

that his vehicle had been modified exactly the same way.

We had a great conversation for an hour or so and during the conversation he reiterated what he had said earlier about our contribution to staving off communist totalitarianism in his country. He emphasized that they emphatically taught in their schools that the United States effort in Vietnam contributed greatly to the present freedom in their country.

I was ecstatic hearing this personal, unsolicited testimony to what I had written earlier and had believed myself. I am also overjoyed to relate it to all of you because it applies to you as well. Take heart! I believe his words were a gift to me and I pass this gift on to all of you who so richly deserve it as well. ALLONS BROTHERS!

I am really sorry I wasn't able to attend the Reunion this year. By all accounts it was great (aren't they all?). I hope the first timers will make it a habit. It sure would be great if some way, somehow all Blackhorse Troopers would get to a reunion.

This issue includes accounts and pictures of the Reunion as well as items on the myriad of wonderful activities going on in the 11th ACVVC as reported to you by our regular contributors as well as others. We are truly a dynamic, innovative organization that is pressing forward with improvements on our ongoing activities as well as initiation of new projects such as "Operation Embrace". Everybody has an opportunity to contribute to this new, high quality endeavor.

Also on the cutting edge are the Memorial Restoration Project and the video Combat Reports. Read about these items and view them as well in new graphic color we are experimenting with. The Memorial is particularly breathtaking in my opinion. Enjoy everything else in this issue as it is top notch as always, just like your organization.

Have a great Holiday Season everybody!

## 2007 11thACVVC Calendar Appeal

By Chuck Schmidt

The first leg of our 2007 Scholarship fundraising effort will be in your mailboxes around Thanksgiving. The 2007 11thACVVC Calendar will once again feature 12 new photos submitted by you! I want to thank all who have sent photos for consideration and apologize to those who I have failed to follow-up on in returning the photos you sent in the past. I am going to screen all the pictures you have sent to see if they can be used in this year's edition. After that final screen, I will return all photos I have received that you requested I return.

I once again appeal to your **This year, the goal will be \$35,000!** generosity as we ask for donations to support our Scholarship Program. Without your support the program would not be viable.

Remember—we are not "selling" calendars. The calendar you receive is yours to keep and use whether you donate or not. We do however solicit your support with the most generous tax-deductible donation that you can make to assist the children of the 11thACVVC members begin or continue their post-secondary education. The scholarships can be used for college, trade school, or any other educational training following high school. Last year, however, the Officers and Directors voted to no longer award Graduate Students in pursuit of additional degrees after successful completing college. The reason for the limitation is to assist more of our high school graduates on the way to furthering their education.

Last year we set a goal of \$30,000 in donations in support of the Calendar project. You generously contributed over \$32,000! This year, the goal will be \$35,000! We will need your help in attaining that unprecedented level! Many of you have decided to submit \$100 to \$500 for this cause—we need you to continue your ardent support and to add more to your rolls. Last year we awarded 27 of our children scholarship grants of \$3,000 each for a total of \$81,000 in assistance. We attained that level with only about 20% of our members making donations. If we can get just half of you to participate, we could award assistance to every qualified applicant!! *Thank you in advance for your generous support!!*

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long, time. A hearty thank you is due to Steve Page (B Troop, '66-'67) for an outstanding job! (My comment, not Steve's.)

We were honored to have the new Regimental Commander, Colonel Mark E. Calvert, and the Regimental Command Sergeant Major, Ricky Pring, attend and address the audience at the Saturday night banquet. It was especially gratifying for Eric to see CSM Pring again as he and Jerry Williamson spent two days with him and his Troopers in Mosul, Iraq at this time last year looking in the worst parts of the city for a firefight promised by Pring. It turned out that, as in Vietnam, the enemy avoided engagement with the famed "Blackhorse" Regiment and Eric and Jerry did not see the action they were after.

Steve thanks and gives kudos to Barb and Bob Moreno for the most efficient registration operation yet — Bob for his booming voice announcing all "First Timers" (over 75 this year!), and Barb for her continuing efforts organizing and conducting the Women's Meeting on Saturday morning when we are engaged in the annual Business Meeting. Additional thanks are due our ever-faithful Chaplain. Larry conducted an outstanding Memorial Service Saturday afternoon at the famed Liberty Memorial across from historic Union Station. We found out that the site on the top of a small hill proved difficult for some to get to, and we learned a lesson to better prepare for wheel chair and other handicap access in the future. To those who were inconvenienced, we sincerely apologize, and for those who assisted their "Brothers" and families, THANK YOU!

As always, the highlight of the weekend was the gala Saturday night banquet. This year was extra exciting and took on special meaning because of an awards ceremony probably unprecedented in recent Army annals. Eight brave and gallant Troopers from A Troop received awards (two posthumous) for courage and fortitude while engaged in battle against a superior enemy force in late March 1970. John B. Poindexter (A Troop, '70-'71), who was the Troop Commander at the time, had spent the better part of three years compiling data to ensure these deserving Troopers were recognized for their heroic deeds.

Thanks to his dedicated pursuit the belat-

ed awards were finally presented. John was the featured speaker and prior to the awards presentation gave an outstanding multimedia rendition of parts of the action, which he dubbed "The Anonymous Battle". (The action is detailed in a book by the same title available through the QM Store.) MG Guy C. Swan III, the 57th Colonel of the Regiment, graciously agreed to present medals to the Trooper and family members for the posthumous awards. Two Silver Star awards, three Bronze Star w/"V" Device, and four Soldier's Medals were proudly pinned and offered to the Troopers and families.

Awardees were: 1st LT Robert Henderson (Posthumous)—Silver Star; SGT Donnie Colwell—Silver Star and Soldier's Medal; SGT Dennis Jabbusch, SP4 Angel Pagan, and, SP4 Brian Cupp—Bronze Stars w/"V" Device; SGT Ronald Vaughan, SP5 Walter Andrews (Posthumous), and, SP5 Craig Wright—Soldier's Medals. Congratulations to all awardees and their families. Their sacrifices and outstanding bravery reflects great credit on themselves, their unit, and the United States Army!

There were other activities such as the Veterans Seminar on Friday afternoon, the Bunker Party Friday night, individual sight-seeing trips, the Silent Auction Friday and Saturday evenings, the QM Store, and numerous mini-reunions and long lost "First

Timers" once more greeting their comrades-in-arms after more than 30 years apart. I personally got to get reacquainted with two Troopers from I Troop, SGT Paul Anderson, and 1st LT John Miller—Welcome Back! And, Eric Newton recalls reconnecting with Rick Walters of HOW, 3/11, '68-'69, from Wheatland, MO, who he last saw in early 1969 when Rick had hit a mine. Many thought that Rick had "Bought the Farm" from that attack, but he lived, stayed in the Army until retirement and is currently a Pastor of a church in Missouri! "TOGETHER THEN, TOGETHER AGAIN!!"

Finally, Steve Page would like to thank all who helped in any way, large or small, to make the reunion a success. Especially Rod and Elieda George on the Silent Auction; Barb Moreno and Kathy Tandberg for the outstanding cookbook; "Big Jim" Holt for the outstanding work on the Raffle and the ever wonderful singing at the Memorial Service and the Banquet; John Poindexter for his persistence in garnering awards for his Troopers and the outstanding banquet presentation; and lastly, the Officers and Directors of the 11thACVVC. Steve apologizes for any he may have missed, and also points out that each and every person that attends a reunion helps make it a success—YOU ARE THE REUNION!

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## REUNION 2007 (XXII)

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# Meet Our 2006 Scholarship Winners

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



**Carrie A. Sobus**, the daughter of Timothy S. Sobus (G Troop, 2/11, 69-70) related to us, "On behalf of my parents and myself, I would like to sincerely thank you all for selecting me to be a 2006 Scholarship recipient. This scholarship will be a great help for finishing my education at the University of Iowa. I am thrilled to be honored by this wonderful organization. This is a great gift and I will do my best to represent you all the best that I can. Thanks again for the scholarship and the wonderful opportunity!"



**Kyle P. Millea**, son of Keith L. Millea (K Troop, 3/11, 68-69) told us, "I just wanted to say 'thanks again' to the organization. This scholarship means a great deal to me and my family. This will help me immensely next year at the University of Oregon. I plan to study psychology and end up helping people in some way or another through this educational experience. Coming from a family without very much money, this scholarship does make a big difference, and I sincerely thank the members of this fine organization for your support in my future educational endeavors. I truly appreciate everything that the 11th Cav has done, and will continue to do for our country in the future."



**Robert J. Hagen** is the son of Waldo A. Hagen (B Troop 1/11 68-69).

Thank you so much for the scholarship and recognition. Robert said, "My father's service in Vietnam was a very important part of his life and is a part of mine as well. I have only utmost gratitude for this very generous gift, which will most helpful at the University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire. Once again, many, many thanks."



**Geoffrey T. Perrin**, the son of Craig T. Perrin, (C Troop, 1/11, 70-71) stated "Thank you for choosing me as a scholarship recipient. This is quite an honor and the assistance will be greatly appreciated." Geoffrey is studying mathematics.



**Dustin J. Hall** is the son of Roger D. Russel (E Troop, 2/11 71-72). He stated "Recently, I received your letter announcing that I have been chosen as a recipient of a \$3,000.00 scholarship. I could never begin to explain how much this news means to me. This money will go a long way towards helping with rising college expenses and accumulating student loans." Dustin is studying political science and also said, "I plan to attend law school. I have always had an interest in government and history."



**Kristi N. Esposito** is the daughter of Carmine C. Esposito, (G Troop 2/11, 70-71) and is studying medical surgery. She says, "Watching my father, his fellow soldiers and their families sacrifice for this great country has made me realize what it takes to be committed to something you love."



**Sarah E. Krueger**, the daughter of Ronald L. Krueger, (HHT Regiment 66-67) will be studying human development and psychology and says, "Thank you so much for helping me by selecting me as one of the recipients of your scholarships. I appreciate everything the 11th ACVVC has done for me and can't say enough to show my gratitude or express how helpful this scholarship will be in the next year as I finish up this phase of my education, Allons"

"I have wanted to attend Baylor University since I started high school nearly 8 years ago. After September 11th, when my dad was activated for military service I decided to stay closer to home and I regretted it for the 3 years that I spent in a local college. Now, with your help I have transferred to Baylor University and I have never been happier. I feel like I am exactly where I am supposed to be."

She also stated "With that said, I would like to extend my deepest thanks for your generous scholarship. It has provided me with the greatest opportunity imaginable and has greatly eased the financial burden of Baylor University."



**Patrick Magnarelli**, who is the son of John Magnarelli, (F Troop, 2/11, 69-70) stated to us, "Thank you very much for selecting me as the recipient of the 11ACVVC Scholarship. I am honored to know that you chose me out of the many applicants that applied. This money will be very useful for me next year as I attend Harvard University."



**Valerie M. Donohoe** is the daughter of Gary J. Donohoe, (A Troop 1/11, 68-69) and stated "Thanks to you, I am not up the creek without a paddle." Thank you for the scholarship.

She will be studying nutrition and dietetics in which she says, "I can work at a job that satisfies myself and helps others."

Thank you again.

# Membership Update

By Allen Hathaway,  
Membership Chairman

In the past few months the membership committee has made some significant gains. A complete report was presented at the membership meeting during the reunion. We also wanted to report some of the highlights to all members receiving this newsletter.

The most significant gain is the 528 new LIFE members since the 2005 reunion. Approximately 70 percent of our members are LIFE members.

We would also like to welcome the 275 new members who have joined the 11th ACVVC during the last three months. This is the highest number of new members in several years.

Since January 2006, we have located over 1,800 Blackhorse troopers, all who served in Vietnam. Nearly 1,100 have been located in the last three months. They are receiving a copy of this newsletter for the first time. Some who were recently located were able to attend the reunion in Kansas City in September. The consensus was they thoroughly enjoyed the experience of being with their fellow Blackhorse troopers again.

Many of those who have been contacted have returned their membership application almost immediately. The notes and comments that accompanied the membership application were overwhelming. "Thanks for contacting me!", "I'm glad you found me", "I've been in contact with another friend, please send him information too", "I don't have internet so I didn't know about the group" and "Thanks for your letter - my husband needed this" were just a few of the many notes received.

Special thanks go to Bob McKenzie (Howitzer Battery, 3/11, 1969, Oklahoma) and Ward Jones (B Troop, 1/11, 1966-1967) for helping contact troopers from their unit or their state. Their help was invaluable in contacting members of their unit to obtain current address information and encouraging them to attend the reunion.

We need your help too! We have a number of troopers whose address is

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incomplete. An apartment number or rural route box number may be missing, an incomplete address, 911 address conversion, undeliverable address, etc. In all these cases we have a telephone number for the individual. We're looking for volunteers who would be willing to contact two or three others in their state or from their unit in order to obtain the correct mailing address. If you can help, please contact me using the information for "Membership" on page 3 of this newsletter.

If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, we hope you'll become a member. To become a member, just fill out and mail the membership form on the back page of this newsletter. Make sure you give your full name, address, unit(s) and dates in country (month/year). This will help us match you with others who served in the same unit. We also encourage you to sign the release line at the bottom of the form. This gives us permission to give your address and/or telephone number to other troopers who may be looking for you. Please note: your name, address and telephone number

are NOT sold or given out to vendors or anyone other than Blackhorse troopers who have made a request.

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

A portion of membership dues is used to locate other Blackhorse troopers, much like we were able to locate 1,800 this year. Membership dues provide you with this quarterly newsletter Thunder Run. The newsletter keeps you informed of your organization, its members, and the activities of the 11th Cavalry, both past and present. We pride ourselves on our continued commitment to bring the news to our members through this newsletter which has been printed and mailed every quarter for the past 20 years.

Finally, we are expecting a larger than normal turn-out for the 2007 Louisville reunion. Please contact your friends EARLY and encourage them to attend. Contacting them EARLY allows them to make all the necessary plans and arrangements well ahead of time. See you in LOUISVILLE!

## Contribute To History

Hey Troopers! Do you have any Blackhorse magazines or newspapers, photographs, unit rosters, maps, or hometown newspaper clippings from your time with the Regiment that are molding away in your attic? Don't know what to do with them, and the kids aren't interested?

### DON'T THROW THEM AWAY!

Contribute to preserving the legacy of the Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam. Your memories will become part of the documentary history of the 11th Armored Cavalry Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia and the Blackhorse Regiment, to be used by scholars and historians now and long into the future.

Please contact the 11th ACVVC Historian, Don Snedeker at 703-241-0794 or at [blackhorse4@verizon.net](mailto:blackhorse4@verizon.net).

If you would like to donate a document, please send it to Don Snedeker, 2221 Tulip Drive, Falls Church, VA 22046. Please make sure to indicate the "who, what where, and when" on any pictures or documents that aren't dated.

# OPERATION EMBRACE

**Situation:**

At the 2007 Reunion in Louisville, KY, the 11th ACVVC intends on rededicating the 11th Cavalry's Memorial honoring 11th ACR troopers Killed In Action in the Republic of Vietnam. At this service the 11th ACVVC will also dedicate memorials honoring 11th ACR troopers killed in the Philippine Insurrection, World War II, The Gulf War, and Iraqi Freedom.

**Mission:**

1) Identify and make contact with as many surviving family members (Next of Kin (NOK) of KIA's from all conflicts. Inform the NOK of the planned service and extend invitations to all NOK to attend both the reunion and service.

2) Develop and execute a fundraising program specifically for this initiative. Fundraising proceeds will be used to defray the travel expenses of needy NOK and members attending the reunion and service. (NOTE: Fundraising for this Operation falls within the scope of what the IRS considers consistent with the requirements for a 501 (c) (19) organization; specifically in that this Operation perpetuates the memory of veterans and is intended to provide comfort to their survivors.)

**Execution:****A) Concept:**

Using organic and inorganic assets the 11th ACVVC will mount a national campaign to locate the NOK of 11th ACR troopers KIA in all conflicts in which the 11th ACR participated. NOK located will be informed of the memorial service planned for the 2007 reunion in Louisville, specifically of planned rededicate the 11th ACR Memorial and the intention to dedicate memorials for those troopers killed in all other conflicts in which the Regiment participated. NOK located will be invited to attend both the reunion and memorial service. Generation of personal information regarding our Vietnam KIAs to be displayed in the planned museum to be built next to the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C. will be a by-product of this initiative. If practical, concurrent with the search for NOK, the 11th ACVVC will conduct a fundraising operation the proceeds of which are intended to provide financial assistance to NOK and troopers requiring financial aid to attend the reunion.

**B: Tasks:****a: President:**

i: Inform the Regiment and Blackhorse Association of this initiative and request their assistance in providing any NOK information they might have.

I: Draft a letter to be sent to NOK informing them of and inviting them to the memorial service.

**b: Legal Counsel:**

i: Review fundraising requirements and offer an opinion regarding the feasibility of engaging in a nationwide fundraising program intended to solicit funds from non-members. (<http://www.multistatefiling.org/index.html>)

ii: If a nationwide fundraising program is approved, draft a

fundraising letter ensuring it conforms to IRS requirements.

iii: If a nationwide fundraising program is not approved, opine on the legality of inserting language similar to, "For more information, or to make a contribution to this cause..." on any press release, correspondence regarding the initiative, and on the website.

**c: Membership Chairman:**

i: Provide any NOK information available the coordinator.

ii: The Chairman and coordinator will decide on the format of a master roster. The coordinator will provide updates of the master roster as requested by the Chairman or as mutually agreed to by the Chairman and coordinator.

**d: Historian:**

i: Provide any NOK information available the coordinator

ii: Provide the coordinator with guidance in respect to potential sources of information.

**e: PAO/PIO:**

i: Prepare and execute a national media campaign informing the public about this initiative and directing them to the website and/or 11th ACVVC mailing address for more information.

ii: Prepare a common press release that members can submit to their local media outlets.

**f: Webmaster:**

i: Using graphics shown at the Kansas City reunion, create a page permitting visitors to the website to view the conceptualized memorials.

ii: Include in that page a copy of the President's letter regarding the initiative.

iii: Include a donate now button on that page.

iv: Create a sub-forum in the Members Only Forum for this topic.

v: Reference the following email address: 11thACRKIA@gmail.com

vi: If possible, generate an E-Newsletter to members with registered email addresses informing them of the initiative and requesting they forward any NOK information they may have.

**g: Project Coordinator:**

i: Coordinate the actions of all officers and members participating in this initiative.

ii: Identify and access databases and archives that may contain NOK information.

iii: Monitor the 11th ACVVC website bulletin board for messages from NOK or from members reflecting some knowledge of a NOK.

iv: Prepare a master roster of NOK for submission to the Membership Chairman.

v: Prepare a report for the President, officers, and members.

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Hey Everybody;

Well, here it is October already. Boy has this year flown by. Autumn has settled in here in the mid west and the trees have turned their beautiful colors of reds and gold. It seems as if just over night we went from temperatures in the 90's to now needing a sweat-shirt or light jacket on when we leave the house.

We certainly had some nice weather for our reunion. Of course I understand it was a little windy at the memorial service and the rain that did fall seemed to do so later in the evenings. All in all I say it was still pretty nice.

Registration seemed to go so smoothly this year that it's almost scary. Thank you to everyone who helped us out at registration and everywhere else. Next year, even better!

Speaking of next year's registration, the sooner we get registration forms in the better. I know that Steve Page is working on the new form right now. I mean after all, we only have about three hundred days until we are in Louisville. When you do send in your registrations, why not use those address labels you get in the mail? You know the ones that every organization seems to send. I think I have enough to last for at least a year. We then can certainly read the correct spelling of your name, city and state. This is just a suggestion.

The women's meeting went very well. There were seventy women in attendance and fifty of them went home with a door prize. Next year, more prizes! I've already picked up a few things for it. Kathy Tandberg did a presentation on our next fundraising project. It's to be a military blanket with the Blackhorse logo on it. Size and pricing will be announced later. We also discussed a few other ideas for future fundraisers.

While talking we discovered that many of the ladies would prefer to see the money we raise be given to the Troopers Assistance Fund and earmarked as "companion funds". They feel that the guys raise a sufficient amount for the scholarship fund thru the raffle tickets and calendar sales and we should perhaps look more closely at helping troopers attend a reunion by providing some funding for those who can only attend if they have

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a companion to assist them. This is something that Kathy and I are now discussing and figuring.

Our cookbook went over better than I dreamed it would. I'll be honest and tell you that I spent a few sleepless nights when we defiantly decided to order a thousand books. We were able sell over half of them at reunion. Of course I still have close to four hundred in my garage. Please, if you didn't get one or you need more just e-mail me or call me at 608-372-5892 and let me know. They are \$12 plus \$3.50 to cover shipping and handling and can be ordered from me. We accept money orders or checks which should be made out to Barbara Moreno with 11th ACVVC cookbook in the memo box. My address is 24284 Endeavor Ave Tomah, WI 54660.

We did make enough at the reunion to pay off our printing bill (and got a small discount for paying it all at once) so everything we sell now is pure profit. If you already have one show it to your friends, family, neighbors, co workers, teachers and anyone else you can think of and sell some more for us. Remember the profits from this book are all going to the Scholarship Fund and Troopers Assistance fund with just a small amount

being kept by us for future use.

A few of you have mentioned to me that you submitted recipes that didn't appear in the book. Let me explain. Several things occurred while doing this book. First we had a major computer crash in the middle of it all and some things were lost to us. Secondly, the response from everyone was so immense that we had to leave out a few in order to still produce a nice size book at an affordable price.

We will be putting together a second book in two years so you can again start submitting more. The next book will be called "Partying with the Blackhorse" and will be all, appetizers, drinks and desserts. I do apologize to you if your favorite recipe did not appear in this one.

Well, folks this is about it for this time and now it's time to go back to work. Bob and I enjoyed seeing and talking to all of you again and then had an enjoyable week in Branson the following week. Of course when we arrived home it was to find that the person he hired to do some of his work for him never showed up to do it so it's catch up time now. For me it was a surprise inspection by the parent organization of our hotel, which I might add we passed with flying colors.

So until next time, may you all have a healthy, happy and peaceful autumn and holiday season.

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11TH ACVVC Women's Coordinator

## MOVING?

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## It's The Kids

During the years of the Viet Nam War, one of the things that stood out the most was the love of our soldiers for the Vietnamese children. It's too bad but many Americans, even to this day, believed that their own soldiers enjoyed shooting women and children. These were their own sons we're talking about. Since the main stream media ignored how their soldiers really related to the Vietnamese children and much of the information coming out of the entertainment industry defamed our sons in uniform, it's no wonder people were so profoundly and negatively informed. Consider the movie *Born on the Fourth of July*, which is a typical example. That movie portrayed our troopers as being almost uniformly baby killers. In recent years Viet Nam vets have frequently been invited into school classrooms to tell their experiences in order to give students a first hand insight into that period of our history. When open for questions to the vet, very commonly the first two questions are, "How many people did you kill?" and, "How many babies did you kill?" It is so tragic that even our own children have this twisted perception because the exact opposite happens to be the truth (with rare exceptions).

I, personally, with virtually all Viet Nam vets, remember clearly how children would run up to them, even out in the jungle villages as well as the larger towns, so they could hold the hands of the GIs, have their picture taken with them and, of course, receive more candy and gum than was really good for their health. I was one of many chaplains, officers, NCOs, and soldiers who supported orphanages, children's homes and schools, hospitals, and even leprosariums which commonly housed whole families. Indeed, with few exceptions, the children of Viet Nam truly loved American soldiers. I could talk on about soldiers risking, or even sacrificing, their very lives for the sake of the kids. I could talk from first hand about how the enemy used kids as shields while they shot at the Americans because they knew the Americans did not want to shoot back, and

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would only do so under the most extreme combat situations. (If you doubt what I'm saying, then you just weren't there and you don't know. So please keep an open mind).

"So what," you say? "What does that have to do with anything? The Viet Nam War was over a long time ago." My response is two-fold: Number one, I've learned from many personal observations, reports from friends who visit Viet Nam, and from other reliable sources, that the Vietnamese people today, as we speak, truly love and highly regard the American people. This is particularly true for Viet Nam vets who once fought on their soil. It's common knowledge that well over half of the Vietnamese people today weren't even born until after the conclusion of that war. Yet even these young people show a strong regard for Americans. If you doubt what I say, I suggest you go over there as a tourist, which is easy to do, and find out for yourself. Many of my personal friends and associates do just that. Many of these are Viet Nam vets. So it is my opinion that, even though Viet Nam today is still a highly regimented society run by a highly oppressive government, the people have many benefits, liberties, and personal aspirations which they could not possibly experience had it not been for the selfless role of the American soldier on behalf of them and their children (who are now mature adults).

My number two response to the "so what?" question is this: Through news sources, internet email from soldiers in Iraq, personal relationships with many soldiers returning from Iraq, and other reliable sources, it is clear that much of the Viet Nam experience is being repeated now with our young uniformed men and women in Iraq. Soldiers are swarmed by kids when they go on patrol and when they visit the civilian community.

Whenever the children can get to a GI, they do. Sure, they get their candy, just like the old days of Viet Nam. But kids still love American soldiers, want to be around them, and clearly understand that American soldiers love them too. For their own reasons the media vastly overplays the ugly, however true, aspects of the war in Iraq, which is shame on them. In similar proportion, they downplay the beautiful, yes beautiful, relationships and bonding that forms between our sons and daughters, and our grandsons and granddaughters in uniform, with the children they are fighting for. They are committed so these kids can aspire to a life better than anything they've known so far.

A further and profound reality that I predict, is that twenty, thirty, forty years from now and after the final battle of Iraqi Freedom, the children will be grown, the country will be more stable (hopefully, much more stable), and the people will have strong memories of and even bonds with those troopers who fought to give them opportunity to make a new life and gain a new hope for themselves.

So are we seeing history repeat itself? Yes, we are. Are we learning from these lessons of history? It's too early to tell. Are the Vietnamese people better off because our soldiers walked there? Overall, yes they are - just go and see for yourself. Are they as well off as they would be if things had been handled better? Of course not. So let's learn from that experience and do better with the Iraqis. At least let's recognize that our soldiers, both men and women this time, are our kids and grandkids. They love the Iraqi kids and the Iraqi kids love them. So whatever our politics of the war, it is clear that this relationship between the younger generations will benefit us all for a long time to come - from both the American and the Iraqi points of view.

I'll close with one more thought about children. I'm sure we all agree with the obvious, that children are our future. How a nation's children turn out will determine the course and character of that country, whether Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan or any other. We should be proud and honored that this generation of men and women in uniform have such a love for children, wherever they are. Personally, I believe these values come from our Judeo-Christian heritage of a strong regard for human life, especially the lives of innocents such as children. Whether or not you are Christian or even religious in your orientation, I believe it's valuable to be reminded of what Jesus had to say about how important children are. He said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (Mark 10:14-15 NIV).

I'm so proud that our men and women in the uniform of our great land have such a profound love for kids around the world, especially in war time. I'm honored to have served in Viet Nam where I could observe and be a part of the love shown by our soldiers in that place and time. I'm so proud of our young generation serving now in the same tradition of caring for the kids, even in the difficult circumstance of war, whether Iraq or any other hot spot around the world.

I know you're proud too.

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

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## The Lindjord Project – Renal Cell Carcinoma

Norman Lindjord served as a Lieutenant with the 3rd Squadron, 11th ACR in 1970 as a Forward Observer and as Fire Direction Officer. A great guy, he was well-liked by all, the officers, NCOs and the enlisted men. He was fastidiously neat and his reputation earned him the nickname "Hazel" (after the TV show starring Shirley Booth as a maid).

I had tried to keep in touch with Norm over the years and occasionally we exchanged cards and phone calls, but Norm was from Edmonds, Washington and I was from the East Coast, so we had little opportunity to meet again in person. In 2003, Norm and Dave Coover, (XO of the 3rd Squadron's Howitzer Battery, from Texas) attended the 11th ACVVC Reunion in Eugene, Oregon.

We spent a great night drinking beer and rehashing the same stupid stories – and a few new ones – that we had lived over thirty-five years ago. Norm also had some serious issues to discuss. He had had surgery to remove tumors on a kidney and his follow-up research disclosed that there were many other Blackhorse Troopers who had experienced similar problems. Norm conversed at length with many of these men; the first he communicated with was Tom Litney who had written a short note in Thunder Run about kidney cancer (Renal Cell Carcinoma or RCC) some years back. Tom died from RCC.

On February 6, 2005, Norm "Hazel" Lindjord died from cancer that started as Renal Cell Carcinoma.

I had been in contact with Norm and

Dave more frequently since 2003 and when I learned Norm was terminally ill, I decided to visit him, as did Jerry Trainor (from WI), Leo Regala (from Tacoma, WA) and Dave, (from TX). I didn't get there in time.....

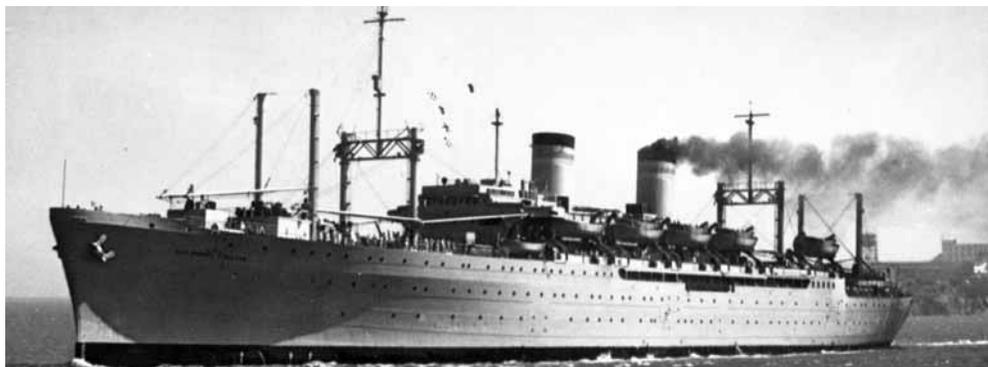
I flew to Washington for the Memorial Service and was warmly welcomed by the Lindjord family. Norm's parents, Hal and Mary, are two of the most intelligent and gracious people I have ever met. I was reunited for the first time in 35 years with Jerry Trainor and Leo Regala. Dave Coover flew in from Texas for the Memorial service. Also in attendance was Harold "Bo" Mann, (Edmonds, WA).

Hal and Mary gave me Norm's medical files in the hopes that perhaps I could do some follow up work for Norm. According to the information in his records, seven of the nine men he had been in contact with have already passed away from RCC.

My goal is to gather as much data as possible from Blackhorse Troopers who served in Vietnam and Cambodia and who have been diagnosed with Renal Cell Carcinoma. If successful, I would like to present this data to the Veterans Administration. Ideally, together we may be able to convince the VA that RCC can be linked to exposure to Agent Orange. To accomplish this goal I need your help. If you have been diagnosed with RCC or know another Trooper who has been, please contact me directly.

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## Enjoy a free cruise aboard the...



The USNS Sultan (pictured) along with the USNS Upshur and Barrett carried the main body of the regiment to Vietnam. USNS Eltinge carried the rear detachment.



# Welcome Aboard!

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

NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES
<b>HHT REGIMENT</b>		<b>124TH CS MAINT DET</b>		Wooton, Roger D 69-70	
Barlow, Gary M	69-70	Stahl, Jerry L	70-71	<b>HHT, 1/11</b>	
Conwell, Ronald W	71-71	Studler, Hilman D	69-69	Black, William R	67-68
De Simone, Alan W	68-69	<b>398TH TRANS DET</b>		Charron, Robert A	69-70
Deree, Michael N	68-69	Bordenave, Michael	68-69	Gutierrez, Winslow	66-67
Diersch, Werner H	69-70	Boyd, Anthony H	71-71	Houthoofd, Charles J Iii	68-68
Dilling, Eugene G	68-69	Decanini, Dante J	69-70	Klopfner, Ronald P	70-71
Ennis, Lottie D	70-70	Henry, Don M	69-70	Maraglio, Richard C	68-69
Gilbert, Eddie L	67-69	Kelliher, Paul G	69-70	Moore, John Jr	68-69
Graber, John P	69-70	Kleingartner, Timothy B	70-71	Seames, Edwin	67-68
Greene, Edward E	70-70	Mcalister, Patrick A Sr	70-72	White, David A	68-68
Gribble, Raymond L	68-69	Spencer, Danny E	71-72	<b>A TROOP, 1/11</b>	
Hardin, Edgar B	66-67	Stites, Gary S	71-72	Barrows, William J	68-69
Jelinski, Greg R	70-71	<b>409TH RR DET</b>		Bostelman, Christopher C	69-69
Larmer, Ronald D	69-70	Beard, James D	68-69	Eitel, Roger W	68-69
Leiterman, Kenneth R	69-70	Cooley, William L	69-70	Ervin, O'Dell L	68-69
Malone, Walker E	69-70	Cosby, Steven R	67-68	Fallat, Frank	68-69
Mauck, Gary P	68-69	Hewitt, Dean H	68-69	Hooten, George M	70-70
Migliorelli, Salvatore P	70-70	Hovey, Dann F	68-68	Hopkins, John C	67-68
Mohler, Ralph G	70-70	Hull, Lawrence L	69-69	Jabbusch, Dennis R	69-70
Noga, Gerald W	68-68	Kirk, James E	70-71	Laneve, Louis	67-68
Reeves, Daniel P	67-68	Knapp, John E	68-69	Nealis, Frederick T	69-70
Risolvato, Stephen D	68-69	Samples, Robert P	71-71	Rahn, Charles J	68-68
Rodarte, Victor D	66-67	Scoggin, Thomas P	70-70	Randall, Clarence R	69-69
Rutherford, Jerry R	68-69	Smith, Terry R	68-68	Rodriguez, Victor	68-69
Sartor, Donald J	69-69	Spencer, Edmond L	67-68	Schiller, Nelson E Jr	67-68
Smith, J H	70-71	Wendell, Raymond E	70-70	Shegogue, Edward	64-67
Sonnenberg, Roger L	66-67	Woodruff, George H	68-68	<b>B TROOP, 1/11</b>	
Spack, Steven R	66-67	<b>541ST MI DET</b>		Caruso, Frank E	69-70
Swerchek, John W	67-68	Bair, Warren W	70-70	Corn, John A	69-69
White, David A	67-68	Beauford, Richard E	66-67	Franklin, Gregory W	69-70
<b>AIR CAVALRY TROOP</b>		Frederick, Kenneth A	67-68	Ivey, Walker D	67-68
Bonesho, Thomas J	67-68	Hildebrand, Bruce E	69-70	Jurgensen, Richard J	69-70
Chaddock, James E	69-69	Horn, Darrell G	70-71	Kohler, Donovan L	68-68
Davis, James E	71-71	<b>919TH ENGINEER CO</b>		Kraycer, Edward J	66-67
Duncan, Robert L	68-68	Adams, Thomas T Jr	68-69	Laverdure, Dale J	70-70
Motte, John R	71-71	Arnold, James J	67-68	Meadows, Charles E	67-68
Smith, James D	68-69	Bradley, Otis	69-69	Migues, Willie J	66-67
Stuefer, William E	67-68	Brown, Willie C	68-68	Wise, David L	66-67
Tinsley, Jack M	68-68	Conn, Ansel Jr	68-69	Wright, Duane W	68-69
York, Peter N	68-69	Craig, Kenneth R	69-69	<b>C TROOP, 1/11</b>	
<b>17TH PID</b>		Dibona, Philip A	70-70	Benham, Daniel E	68-69
Boscarine, Leonard G	68-69	Divirgilio, Ralph P	68-69	Branham, Leonard R	69-70
<b>31ST ENGINEER BN</b>		Dunlop, James L	68-69	Jeter, Jeffrey L	67-68
Bixler, William L	68-69	Edwards, Ernest R	69-69	Mason, Roger D	67-68
Bolton, Ted R	68-68	Gatewood, Henry A	69-70	Payne, Horace B	68-69
<b>33RD CHEMICAL DET</b>		Gibbs, Lonnie	68-69	Tarity, Richard C	70-70
Brewington, Richard A	70-70	Jensen, Robert W	68-68	Williams, James E	68-69
<b>37TH MEDICAL CO</b>		Kotek, Richard J	70-70	<b>D COMPANY, 1/11</b>	
Black, William R	66-67	Maggi, Edward	69-69	Macchiarella, Jack	69-70
Bonfanti, Charles W	68-69	Martin, Dennis R	68-69	Mitchell, Lloyd H	67-68
Conroy, James A	68-69	Meranda, Charles E	69-70	<b>HOW BTRY, 1/11</b>	
Dibona, Philip A	70-70	Morrisette, Ray C	68-70	Grant, David G	66-67
Hutchins, Ernest F	69-70	Murphy, Charles E	68-68	Lundahl, Richard M	67-68
Jacques, Tine	67-69	Ramsey, Steven L	67-68	Meyer, Thomas J	69-70
Kirk, Garrett L	70-70	Rucker, Ulster	68-68	Mori, Alfred T	69-70
Kirk, Lynn W	70-70	Schultz, Gary L	68-69	Samala, Juan Jr	67-68
Self, Gary F	69-71	Searcy, David L	67-68	Tibitoski, James F	65-67
Womack, Robert L Ii	68-69	Sheetz, Fred	68-69	<b>HHT, 2/11</b>	
Young, Michael A	69-69	Stevenson, William A	67-68	Autry, Larry D	67-68
		Vaca, Bruce L	70-70	Bell, Clinton G	69-70
		Venturini, Anthony E	68-70		

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Bodenus, George	70-71
Brown, Arch M	68-69
Burkett, Maynard L	70-71
Carpenter, Walter T	68-68
Delong, Daniel H	68-68
Donahue, John F Iii	68-68
Dunn, John S Jr	68-68
Engrav, Richard C	67-68
Farnsworth, Virgil C	68-68
Glover, Gerold F	71-72
Halvorsen, Richard E	68-69
Hollins, Mantora	70-71
Jordan, Michael D	70-71
Klosowsky, Lloyd R	68-68
Mularski, Larry	68-69
Murphy, Donald W	70-71
Palmer, Robert C	67-67
Pelfrey, Dewey C	71-72
Rainey, Donald J Jr	70-70
Reschetnjak, Nikolaus	71-71
Sena, Michael J	71-71
Smith, Larry H	71-71
Sullivan, David L	70-71
Toddy, Dale D	70-71
Zellmer, Steven J	70-70
<b>E TROOP, 2/11</b>	
Crudele, Anthony C	70-71
Engler, James R	70-71
Garrity, Thomas F Jr	71-72
Marlatt, Charles O	71-72
Mitchell, Charles R	70-71
Obstarczyk, Thomas	71-71
Palmer, Robert C	68-68
Peperas, Johnny T	65-67
Phillips, James M	69-69
Quinones, Eladio M	66-67
Rios, Rodolfo	70-70
Sullivan, David L	70-71
Wiltse, Thomas C	68-69
<b>F TROOP, 2/11</b>	
Amstutz, Thomas C	70-71
Carr, William E	69-70
Comer, Joseph K	68-68
Foster, Roland G Jr	71-72
Gilbert, William L	68-68
Hatch, Knolen J	71-72
Kaehler, James D	70-71
Lessnau, Robert J	71-72
Mccarty, Jerry D	71-71
Paskewitz, Allan J	70-71
Scheffler, Donald T	71-71
Thrall, Stephen L	71-72
Young, Thomas D	71-72
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Brand, Robbin D	67-68
Creger, Donald W	70-70
Dietz, John G	70-70
Foceri, Joseph C	67-68
Gordon, Dalton M	69-69
Parker, Timothy A	69-69
Schlepperegrel, William V	69-70
Sena, Michael J	71-71
Tanner, Joseph C	69-70
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Gibbs, Joseph A	67-67
Jacobsma, Edward G	66-67
Langloss, Gerald D Sr	71-71
Miller, Jimmy S	68-69

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<b>HOW BTRY, 2/11</b>	
Holden, Donald W	66-67
Leatherberry, Philip	67-68
Segura, Juan	69-70
<b>HHT, 3/11</b>	
Alantas, Algis F	68-68
Congleton, Larry	66-67
Cook, Lucien H	68-69
Dunn, Roger T	66-67
Edwards, Dennis L	67-68
Epperly, James F	69-70
Erhart, Richard D	68-68
Philbert, Calvin E	67-68
Pytlak, George J	67-67
Rios, Rodolfo	70-70
Schneiter, Robert W	67-68
Schultz, Lane D	67-68
Schwer, Donald	66-67
Shuey, Lawrence R	67-67
Waldroop, Clinton H	68-69
Williams, Thomas F	70-70
York, Peter N	68-69
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Hughes, John J	68-69
Hutter, Stanley C	70-71
Miller, John M	67-68
Musgrave, David L	71-71
Organ, Richard B	66-67
Waldroop, Clinton H	68-69
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Acklie, Stanley E	71-71
Ford, Joseph C	69-70
Oskin, Bingham T	69-70
Rout, Lawrence D	70-70
Voss, Alvin F	69-70
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Wojciechowski, Walter R	68-69
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Back, John E	66-67
Garcia, Oscar T	69-70
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Rosevear, Oscar M	67-68
Rothmeyer, Larry L	67-68
Steedley, Richard G	70-71
Velders, Larry W	70-70
Wahls, James E	70-71
Wildermuth, James E	67-68
Withers, Ronald E	67-68

## Incoming...

The following information has been provided by our Troopers:

**From the Editor.... for Doris Wright Kinback.....**"I would like to hear from anyone that remembers my husband, Captain George E. Kinback, Jr. from Xuan Loc, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (Blackhorse Regiment), South Vietnam, especially on November 21, 1966. This was the day of the Ambush on Highway 1. George participated in that firefight and received the Distinguished Flying Cross. He was writing a book about his experiences during his military career, had finished several chapters, but sadly to say he passed away January 6, 2006. My last promise to him was that I would get his book published. The book will be out sometime in November 2006. The title 'Tell Me A War Story', is the same title that George used for his stories, one being published in the United States Army Aviation Digest in March 1965 .Blessings to all of our military and their families that have and are serving our country. We honor you.".....

From **Gene Johnson** (E Trp., 2/11, 70-71)....."Hey Gene!! It's that time of year again. I just wanted to send you a note to give you an update on my schooling. I completed all of my classes for my Master's Degree in July with a grade point average of 3.8. All I have left to do is my final report & defense (basically a thesis).I will graduate in December!! If I had not received the scholarship last year, I would be looking at another year (at least) before finishing. In addition to completing my classes in July, I also started a new job. I am still with the City of Kingsport, TN (almost 8 1/2 years) but I was promoted to Risk Management Representative. I handle worker's comp, liability, safety/training, and will be involved in emergency response if there is a catastrophic event in our area. I just wanted to say thanks again the scholarship was greatly appreciated.....Lesley Christian.

From **Jerry Baker, Carl Ricelli, A.J Campbell and Larry Mix** (Section 2, How Battery , 3/11, 68-69) We desire contact with other members of the crew. If you are out there, contact Jerry at email gbaker6@comcast.net, telephone (570) 584-4226, or by U.S. mail at 45 Judy Lane, Hughesville, PA, 17737. "Let's share what we had once again."

# Memorial Restoration and Rededication

By *Chuck Schmidt*

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

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

In addition, the top of the monument will be restored to its original condition and design configuration that it had when

constructed and placed in front of the Regimental Chapel in Blackhorse base camp in Xuan Loc. Sometime over the years, there was a repair made to the top of the monument resulting in an unsightly concrete cap versus the original bronze dome configuration.

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

In conjunction with this effort, we are proposing to establish a "Circle of Honor" as a way to raise funds to offset the cost of the additions to the monument site. This will consist of 8 x 4 x 2 inch granite pavers that can be inscribed with

## Brick Order Form

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

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LINE 2:														
LINE 3:														

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

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

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

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

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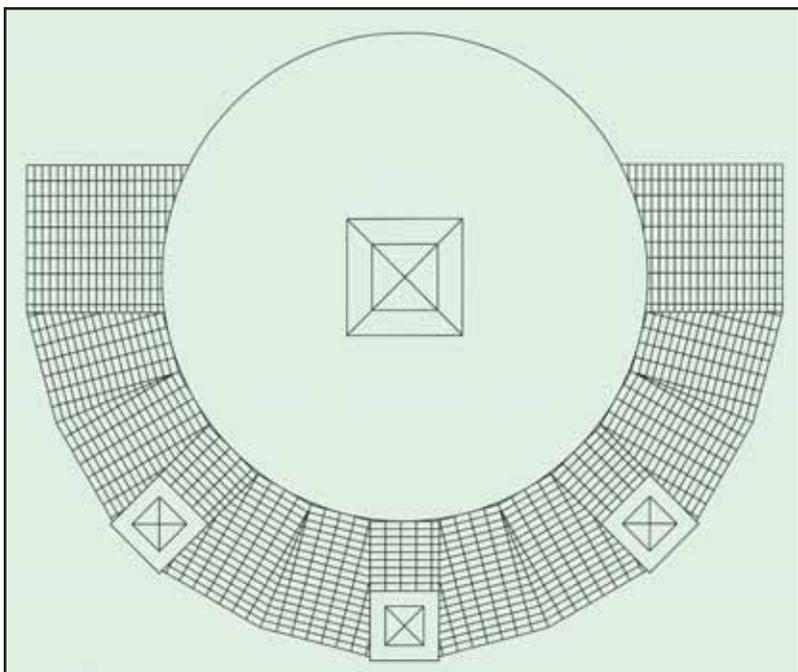
Signature (Required for Credit Card transactions): \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks/money orders payable to: 11th ACVVC. Mail this form with your check, money order, or credit card (no cash) to: 11th ACVVC Treasurer, C/O Ollie Pickral, 571 Ditchley Rd, Kilmarnock, VA 22482. Instructions: Print your message in the boxes below exactly as you want your brick to appear. Be sure to leave a blank box between words. Each line accommodates 15 characters, including blank boxes and punctuation (commas, periods, hyphens). If ordering more than one brick, photocopy this form or use a separate sheet of paper.



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

**RIGHT:** Layout sketch of proposed "Circle of Honor"



three 15-character lines that can include the name, unit, rank, and years served (or other message, if preferred). A donation of \$100 per paver will be required. This is a special way for you to join your fallen comrades in spirit. Since your name will never appear on the monument, this allows an avenue for you to honor your Brothers and include your presence with theirs. We are starting this fundraiser now so we can insure that the work (including the "Circle of Honor") can be completed in time for the rededication ceremony in September 2007.

An artist's sketch of the outline of the "Circle of Honor" is presented at right with the brick order form that you can use to reserve your place in history along with your deceased "Brothers". Reserve yours now! We will be limited to approximately 1,500 pavers, and must reserve these on a "First Come, First Served" basis. Once the Circle of Honor is in place, unclaimed pavers may still be available, however the required donation will then be \$125 due to additional costs of engraving on site.

*The addition of the three obelisks and the "Circle of Honor" is pending approval by the Board of Directors of the Patton Museum, so all donations collected for the pavers will be held in escrow until approval is granted. In the unlikely event that the project is not approved, all donations will be refunded.*

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# 2006 SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

The 11th ACVVC wishes to gratefully acknowledge these generous donations to the Scholarship Fund. Donations listed are through mid October, 2006. We will publish donations received after that in a later issue

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## Journey to Fiddler's Green

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

**Gregory J. Dinello**, who served with G Troop (1970-1971), passed away on April 1, 2006. Greg was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Huntington Woods, MI.

**Robert V. Drury**, who served with E Troop (1968-1969), passed away September 24, 2006. Robert was a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Frederic, MI.

**Doyle E. Lucas**, who served with M Company (1967), passed away on June 26, 2006. Doyle was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Prescott, AR

**James E. Settle**, who served as 1st Sergeant of K Troop (1966-1967) passed away on September 13, 2006. Jim was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hope Mills, NC.

**Timothy L. Stafford**, who served with E Troop (1967-1968), passed away on June 23, 2006. Tim was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Marseilles, IL.

**Larry D. Thomas**, who served with HHT Regiment (1967-1968), passed away on July 23, 2006. Larry was a Life member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Stanton, MO

**Keith A. Vanderbosch**, who served with E Troop (1969-1970), passed away on June 29, 2006. John was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Kentwood, MI.

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

# Add The Blackhorse Cookbook To Your Christmas List!

By Kathy Tandberg, Fundraiser Chair,  
Ladies of the 11th ACVVC Blackhorse

“Come and get it!” That’s what your family will love to hear after cooking up any of the more than 400 delicious Blackhorse recipes.

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**The cookbook is an ideal gift for birthdays and holidays with Christmas and Hanukah just a few months away.**

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Of course, the only place you’ll find these palate pleasing recipes is in the first edition 11th Armored Cavalry’s Veterans of Vietnam & Cambodia Blackhorse cookbook, “What’s Cookin’ with the Blackhorse.” The cookbooks are hot off the press and ready for your kitchen. As the first ever fundraising project of the Ladies of the Blackhorse, the cookbooks can be purchased by mail order from Women’s Coordinator Barb Moreno or from the Quartermaster.

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The Ladies ask that you keep the cookbook in mind as you make your gift lists for the year. The cookbook is an ideal gift for birthdays and holidays with Christmas and Hanukah just a few months away. Remember mom, sisters, aunts, teachers, the family minister, friends, your boss, the secretary, a new bride, kids heading off to college, and even the men in the family. They all need to cook and this would be an ideal gift – one that represents the men and women of an organization important to all of us.

Again, a big “Thank You” goes out to each and every one of you that sent in their recipes. This mission couldn’t have been accomplished without you. It also wouldn’t have happened without the assistance of Charles L. Schmidt, President, 11th ACVVC. The Ladies express their greatest gratitude to him as well.

**Blackhorse Cookbook Order Form  
on page 21**

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## EMBRACE from page 10

h: General Membership:

i: Some-to many of our members have already established contact with NOK. Through our newsletter, the website, emails, and if necessary a separate mailing, the membership will be requested to provide any NOK information they may have to the coordinator of this operation.

ii: Volunteers representing both troop/company affiliation and geographical considerations will be solicited from the membership. They will assist by:

- 1: Researching archived obituaries of local newspapers.
2. Contacting cemetery management to either obtain point of contact information (POC) for gravesites (hopefully a NOK) or request the manager to contact and inform the POC of our interest in contacting them.
3. Contacting local veteran organizations for assistance in locating NOK.
4. Contacting local churches, synagogues, and other places of worship for assistance.
5. Contacting local authorities for assistance

i: Fundraising:

1. If the Board approves, a fundraising committee will be established, strategy formulated, presented to the Board for review, and if approved implemented.

### Support:

A) At a minimum, funding requirements for this initiative will include stationary and postage expenses for mailing letters to NOK not previously identified.

B) Commercial search services may have to be employed to locate NOK. The cost per report (search) is approximately \$25.00. Use of these services will be a last resort effort, following a review by the Officers of the 11th ACVVC of the action taken to locate the NOK and only when that review suggests the

search might be productive.

### Command and Signal:

A: This initiative will be conducted under the auspices of the 11th ACVVC and overall direction of the President of the 11thACVVC.

B: Coordinator for this project is:

C: Dedicated email for this project is: 11thACRKIA@gmail.com

## Proposed

## Show Your Pride



Dave Tessier (H Company, 2/11, 70-71) may tip his Exterra over it is so loaded by Blackhorse patches.



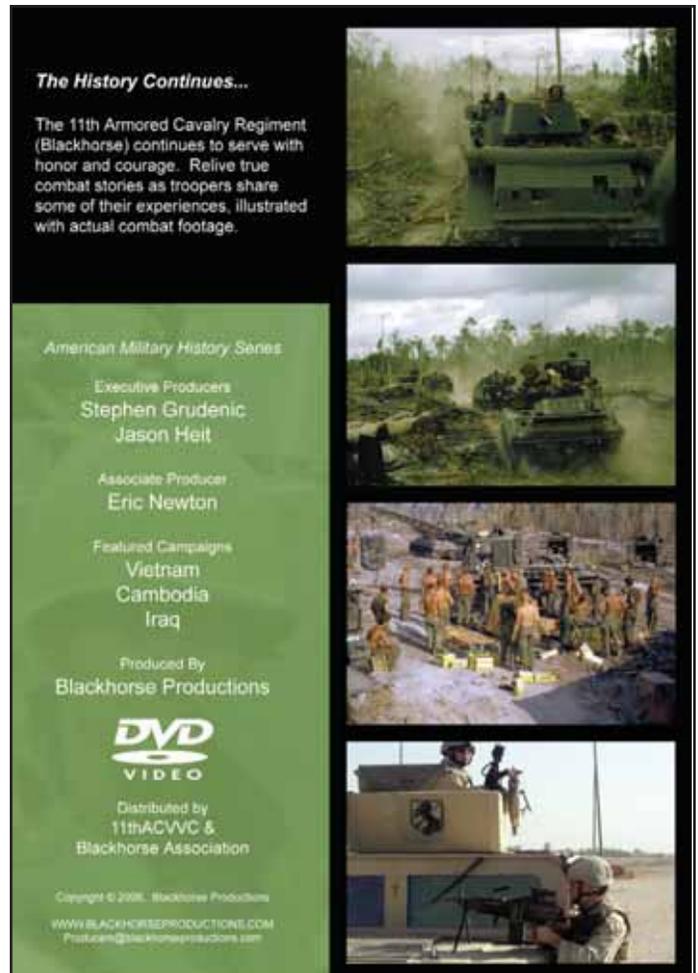
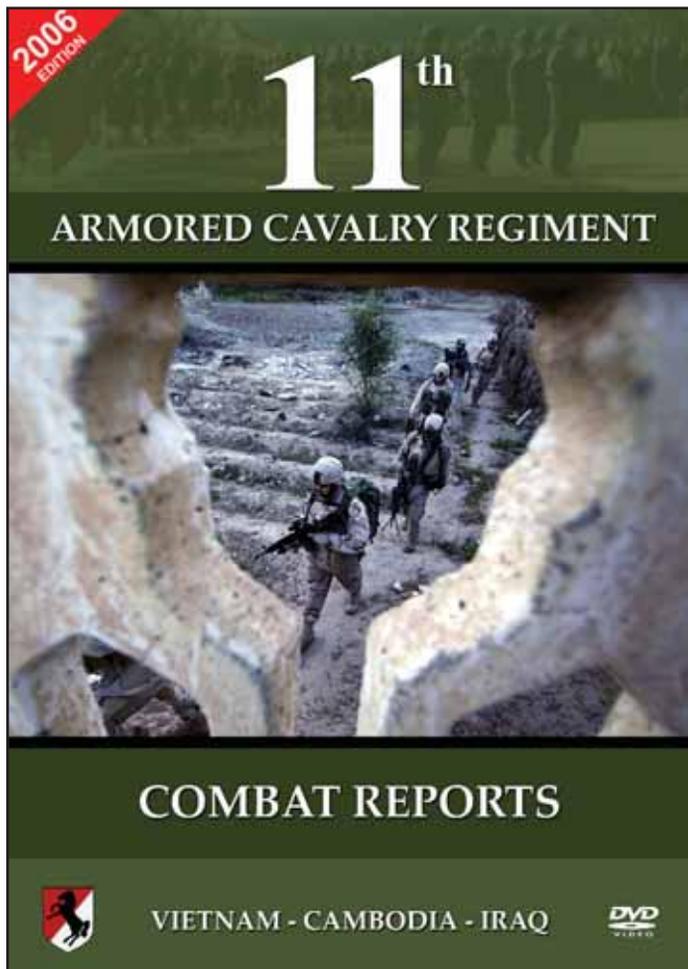
Gary Ingram (HHT, 2/11, 67-68) displays the Blackhorse Patch on his Corvette.



Just in time for the Holidays!

### COMBAT REPORTS Vietnam, Cambodia, Iraq

“Combat Reports” is a new documentary highlighting Veterans’ stories and battle footage from Vietnam, Cambodia, and bonus footage from Iraq featuring the 11th Cavalry in action. Iraq combat footage was shot by 11th Cavalry Vietnam veteran, Eric Newton (K Troop, ’68-’69), 11thACVVC Public Information Officer (PIO). All on a high quality DVD! Combined with the initial documentary produced three years ago, it will make a great library item, or gift to your children and grandchildren. The next generation needs to know of your sacrifices and heroic deeds!!



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For a preview of the Combat Reports DVD go to our website [www.11thcavnam.com](http://www.11thcavnam.com)

## Show your Pride



LEFT: Mike Thompson (G Troop, 2/11, 69-70) has a unique number on this license plate. What are the odds of getting our Independence Year, 1776?

RIGHT: Jack Morrison (A Troop & Air Cav Troop, 67-69) displays his unit plate on his Mercedes-Benz.





## From the 62nd Colonel of the Regiment

Mark E. Calvert

Veterans of the Blackhorse Regiment

I've been in the saddle now for just over a month and the pride of riding along with the Blackhorse continues to soar higher and higher with each day of service with the Troopers of this great Regiment. COL Pete Bayer, the 61st COL of our Regiment, did a superb job of resetting the Regiment and preparing it for the challenges ahead. I am happy to report that we are now fully engaged as a dual missioned unit for our Army:

1) Preparing and Training to fight as a Heavy Regimental Combat Team to defeat the enemies of our Nation

2) Setting the conditions for our Army to train for war here at the National Training Center.

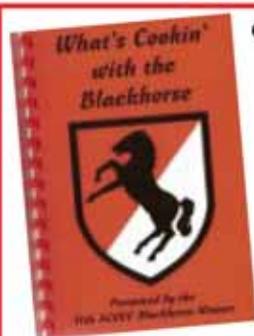
As I sit down to write this update 1/11 ACR is preparing for a deployment to Fort Stewart to support the training of a Brigade Combat Team from the 3rd Infantry Division, 2/11 is engaged in the early stages of a four week gunnery cycle that will take them from crew/squad live fire qualification to a platoon combined arms live fire event in the northern training area of the National Training Center, 1-221 CAV is preparing for a Squadron change of command and a conversion to become the Regiment's Armored Reconnaissance Squadron and finally the Regimental Support Squadron, in addition to supporting the Regimental operations is gearing up for

marksmanship and convoy live fire exercises. It sure is great to be back in the CAV where you are never bored 'cause there is always somebody shootin' at something somewhere.

The past month has been a time of change in leadership across the Regiment. LTC Tim Renshaw took 1/11 and LTC Chuck Hensley 2/11 in June, and LTC Brent Barnes took the Regimental Support Squadron the last week of August. 10 September will be the last major change of command in the Regiment for at least the next two years as LTC Johnny Isaak turns over command of 1-221 CAV to Scott Cunningham in Las Vegas.

The changes in the Regiment will continue over the next few years as we transition from our old OPFOR configuration to a Heavy Regimental Combat Team and get in line with the other heavy brigades (HBCTs) in the Army. 1/11 and 2/11 will remain as Combined Arms Battalions with a lethal balance of Armor and Infantry Troops, but 1-221 CAV will transform from a tank battalion structure to a Bradley/HMMWV based Reconnaissance Squadron.

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### "WHAT'S COOKIN' WITH THE BLACKHORSE"

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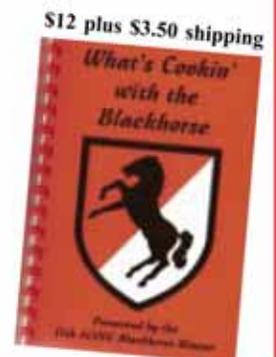
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Artillery formations will return to the Regiment's force structure as we add a Self-Propelled Artillery Battalion from the California National Guard. The Regimental Support Squadron will reorganize and as the 58th Engineer Company and the 511th MI Company move to a newly formed Regimental Special Troops Squadron, which will also include RHHT, a Signal Company, Chemical and Military Police platoons. The Regimental Support Squadron will gain a Medical Troop and several Forward Support Troops that will provide direct support to each of the Squadrons when we deploy.

The day I took command from Pete Bayer we also saw a change in distinguished position of Honorary Colonel for the Regiment. GEN (Ret) Don Starry (41) passed the torch to BG (Ret) and the Honorable Tom White (52). We are not going to say goodbye to anyone because as the 41 COL says "BLACKHORSE FOREVER." I do want to pass along my heartfelt thanks on behalf of all the Active Blackhorse Troopers for the dedicated service of GEN Starry. Although the torch has passed we know you are still as always in the

service of the Regiment.

In closing, I would like to thank both the Blackhorse Association and the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia for reaching out to the Active Troopers - they are the legacy of this great Regiment

Keep the troopers of the Blackhorse, and all of our military men and women in your prayers. The war we are in is going to be a long one. Our enemy is intent on the destruction of everything we hold sacred in this country. Troopers today are serving in the finest traditions of those who have gone before. They are a professional group of men and women who have answered the call of duty in a time of war. They are brave, dedicated and determined and represent the top 1% of our population because they have elected to serve a cause greater than themselves - a cause that will preserve the very liberty and freedom the enemy seeks to take away from our Nation.

God Bless You all - Blackhorse!

*Mark E. Calvert  
62nd Colonel of the Regiment*

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# Quartermaster

## ORDER FORM

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

Product Description	Code	\$ Amt	Size	Qty	\$ Total
Coffee Mug, white Acrylic 11oz w/full color Blackhorse insignia .....	C	10.00			
Hat, Black Poplin adjustable w/full color direct embroidery Blackhorse insignia. ....	B	10.00			
Key ring, 1.5 " Acrylic square w/full color Blackhorse insignia .....	A	3.00			
Bumper Sticker "I Rode With The Blackhorse w/full color BH insignia .....	A	2.00			
Window Sticker, full color BH insignia and Vietnam service ribbon .....	A	2.00			
Watch, BH insignia on face, leather band (indicate choice) Man's Woman's .....	B	20.00			
Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, (indicate choice) r colored r subdued .....	B	4.00			
Coin, 11th ACVVC, BH insignia, crossed sabers, together then, together again .....	B	10.00			
Belt Buckle, solid brass w/crossed sabers & BH insignia .....	B	20.00			
Flag, indoor/outdoor 3'x5' with color insignia .....	B	50.00			
Lighter, "Zippo" style brushed chrome w/full color BH insignia .....	B	15.00			
License Plate, metal red & white background with crossed sabers & 11 .....	B	5.00			
License Plate Frame, metal, black w/Blackhorse 11th US Cavalry in white .....	C	6.00			
Attache Case w/shoulder strap 11.5" x 15.5" w/dir emb. BH insignia & VN rib .....	C	30.00			
Tote Bag, red & black, 14x1x6 w/full color BH insignia and VN rib .....	B	20.00			
Blackhorse Pin .....	A	4.00			
11th ACR Regimental Crest .....	A	4.00			
Blackhorse Cavalry Pin, brass, 11 over crossed sabers .....	A	5.00			
Blackhorse Women's Pendant w/chain, 10k gold w/full BH insignia .....	B	125.00			
Gear Bag, red with color BH insignia (11x11x21) .....	C	35.00			
Men's Ring, 10k gold w/full color BH insignia on face (specify size) .....	A	550.00			
Lapel Pin: "Support Our Troops" .....	A	3.00			
Magnetic "Blackhorse" .....	A	5.00			
Magnetic "Support Our Troops" Ribbon .....	A	4.00			
Video: "Combat Reports" (DVD Only) .....	C	30.00			
Video combo #1: "Combat Reports" & Blackhorse Video (DVD only) .....	C	50.00			
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Book, "Vietnam Insights" by James Griffiths .....	C	10.00			
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Book, "The Anonymous Battle" by John Poindexter .....	C	12.00			
History Book, "Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam" .....	C	25.00			
Blackhorse T-shirt, 100% cotton, preshrunk, full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black (check one) .....	B	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 (check one) .....	B	15.00			
Golf Shirt, w/BH insignia and VN Ribbon: Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White .....	B	25.00			
Blackhorse Sweatshirt, 50% cotton, 50% acrylic w/full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black (check one) .....	B	25.00			
Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon, snap front, quilted lining w/full color BH insignia, (6" back ), crossed sabers (front right) and Allons insignia (front left) .....	B	75.00			
Women's Sleeveless Shirt w/BH insignia. (available in size small also) Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Butter Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> White (check one) .....	B	15.00			
Windbreaker, white w/snap front, crossed sabers w/11BH patch logo, VN Ribbon, Vietnam 66-72 on left breast. Sizes: Small thru 3X available .....	B	35.00			
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Note: unless otherwise noted, all clothing items are available in size medium through size 3XL  
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# From the Quartermaster...

Jerry Beamon

Hello All,

The Reunion in Kansas City was a huge success as you know. Jan and I had a great time meeting all the new 1st timers who attended. We are glad they came.

To start with we would like to thank everyone who helped us out in the store. It's just like Blackhorse troopers to pile on when they are needed and without your help we could not have accomplished what we did so quickly and efficiently. Our sales for this Reunion exceeded \$37,000.00 .Without the help it would have been impossible to have filled all the purchases you made. Again thanks to all who gave of their time to help.

We have several new items that can be purchased on the web or you can mail in your orders. Please check out the specials we have and remember Christmas is just around the corner. Wives, I know your trooper will appreciate that special gift. So don't wait too long to mail in your orders as we will be very busy in November and December. Please get your orders in early.

Our records show this reunion recorded the highest amount of sales we have achieved in a long time. Now, with this Reunion behind us we are looking forward to our next reunion in Louisville Ky.

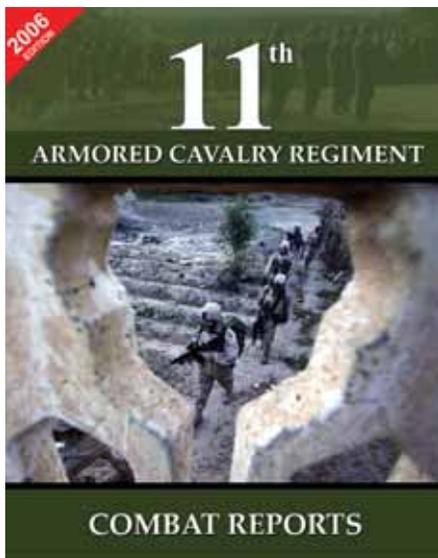
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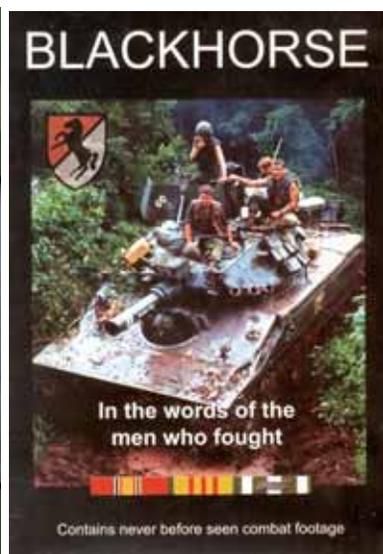
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