

2026 Silent Auction

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The 2025 Silent Auction raised \$6,955 for the **11th ACVVC Scholarship Fund** with 152 items donated and available for bid. The donated items included many hand-crafted items and one of a kind items with a Blackhorse theme. We are not allowed to have alcoholic beverages or firearms in the auction as many state laws prohibit it. We look forward to another successful auction.

The auction process will be as follows:

1. Items are needed for the Silent Auction to be conducted during our 41st Annual Reunion in Orlando, Florida. Items peculiar to the 11th Cavalry are always favorites, and any item of value is welcome, Cavalry related or not.
2. We will have a collection site set-up in the registration area to collect donated items brought to the reunion beginning on **Thursday from 1pm to 5pm, and Friday from 9am to Noon.**
3. **You can ship items to Joseph Gehring, 2665 Day Lily Run, The Villages, FL 32162 after April 1,** to collect, hold and bring the items to the reunion for display. If you plan to ship items, please use the convenient Silent Auction Donor Form printed in this issue. If you bring the items to the reunion, also complete the donation form and include it with the item.
4. The auction will be from **2pm to 4pm on Friday Afternoon** with the bidding ending precisely at 4pm. Those in wheelchairs or motorized chairs may be allowed in at 1:45 to allow them a little time to view the items before the crowds enter if our space in the rooms is tight.
5. Winning bidders must be present, pick up their items and pay for them between 4pm and 4:30pm after the bidding is closed.
6. If the item is not picked up, the item will be awarded to the next highest bid at 4:30pm or auctioned off at 4:45pm Friday afternoon. The bid form will have a place for you to leave a cell phone number in case we need to call you to let you know to pick up your item.
7. We will be able to accept cash, checks, Visa or MasterCard for payment.

We do need volunteers to work at the collection site and on the night of the auction. We are setting up the collection site schedule in 2-hour shifts and if you would like to volunteer, please contact me at gregrmason311@gmail.com or 813-220-9027. I will respond to your email as I receive them.

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

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



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Donated Items Information Form

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

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Description of Item donated: _____

Name of Donor: _____

Address of Donor: _____

Phone number of Donor: _____

Value of Item Donated \$ _____ I wish to remain Anonymous (Check here) ____

Mail Silent Auction Items After April 1 to:

**11th ACVVC
C/O Joseph Gehring
2665 Day Lily Run
The Villages, FL 32162**