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

Reunion XX After Action Report

The 11th ACVVC Annual Reunion

◆ Colorado Springs, Colorado 4-7 August, 2005

By Chuck Schmidt and Dave Tessier, Reunion XX Co-Chairmen

Colorado Springs proved to be a great venue for the 20th Annual Reunion of the 11th ACVVC. One of only two locations in the United States with an 11th Armored Cavalry Regimental Memorial, as well as being a major desti-

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nation vacation spot, the Springs offered an ideal setting for more than 1,000 members, family, and friends to gather for the

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11th ACVVC President, Chuck Schmidt, reads the citation as MG Richard Rowe prepares to pin the Bronze Star w/“V” Device on Bill Daniels. John Poindexter, (CO, “A” Trp, ‘70), to the left of MG Rowe, stands by with a medal and citation for Bud Solich standing to Daniels left. Donald Dush, far right on the photo, awaits his award. All three awardees from “A” Troop earned the medal on the 26th of March, 1970 in the action dubbed “The Anonymous Battle.”

Scholarship Program Reaches New Heights!

By: Chuck Schmidt, President & Chair of Calendar Fundraiser

With the award of 25 \$3,000 Scholarships for 2005, the 11th ACVVC Scholarship Program continues to set records for grants awarded to the children of our members, enabled by record fundraising activities. The \$75,000 awarded this year’s applicants is made possible because of the outstanding generosity of our members responding to the Annual Calendar Fund Drive, the Annual Raffle, and the Silent Auction conducted annually during the Reunion.

This year, the Calendar raised a record of almost \$27,000 after setting a goal of \$25,000. The Raffle was also in record territory having set a goal of \$33,000 and reaching more than \$35,000. The Silent Auction was just short of \$5,000, not a record, but a close second! This over \$67,000 raised through your

With 20% of the membership contributing more than \$65,000 annually, we would be well over \$150,000 by just reaching 50% participation!!

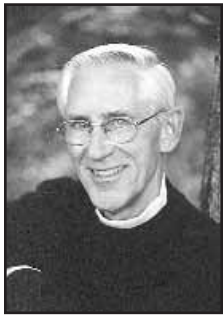
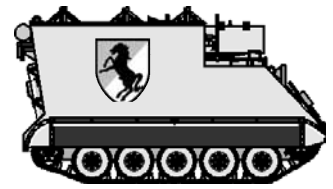
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Chuck Schmidt, President
11th ACVVC

Annual Reunion

We have just completed a successful Annual Reunion in Colorado Springs, CO, and our reunion Chairman, Steve Page (B Troop, '66-67), is already going full speed ahead planning for our gathering next year in Kansas City, MO. "Together Then, Together Again" is our motto and it is demonstrated annually as we gather for a few days to renew old friendships, swap "war stories", meet and get to know extended families, toast our fallen comrades, and just have a great time together. All the planned activities are simply backdrops to make sure we can accomplish our main goal of reuniting. This year, as always, there were some minor annoyances with the seating at the banquet and some complaints about slow registration. We will continue to work on these "glitches" and hope to do it just a little better each year. A timely reminder about next year—for the first time the membership has voted to hold the reunion in September rather than the first week in August. The rationale is that most members no longer have children in school, and we can negotiate much better rates on hotels if we go "off season". We will give it a try the next two years, note the feedback and attendance, and adjust from there if necessary. Mark your calendars—September 21-24, 2006—Kansas City, MO!

Scholarship Program

Our Scholarship Program has also just wrapped up for this year. Again, we had a record number of highly qualified applicants (50) and awarded 25 scholarships of \$3,000 each for a record total of \$75,000. Unfortunately, we cannot possibly give awards to all applicants and we hope that those students who did not win an award this year will not be discouraged and will try again. A number of awardees this year were applying for the third time. Five of

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the winners this year were graduate students/candidates and we are readdressing whether we should be awarding postgraduate grants or whether our program should be limited to undergraduates only. We welcome comments on this issue as the Officers and Directors debate the merits and come to a conclusion before publicizing next year's program. We thank Gene Johnson (E Troop, '70-71) for Chairing and coordinating this year's efforts along with Jim Holt (HOW Battery, 1/11, '67-'68), who ran the raffle, and Allen Hathaway (HHT Regt, '66-'67) who ran the silent auction at the reunion. All scholarships are made possible by your support of fundraising efforts and your generous contributions to the Scholarship Program. The annual calendar, the raffle, and the silent auction were all successful this year because you supported them and generously contributed from your hearts.

Trooper Assistance Program

The Trooper Assistance Program allowed eight of our "Brothers" to attend their first reunion this year. We had more than enough money in the Trooper Reunion Assistance Program Account to cover the \$4,500+ cost of helping these Troopers come to their first reunion and reunite with their buddies—some of whom they had not seen for over 30 years! All of the assisted Troopers were worthy of the help they received. On their behalf, I thank all who have contributed to this fund at the Annual Business Meeting and throughout the year. At the conclusion of this year's meeting, we again passed the hat and those in attendance contributed \$1,114 to ensure more can avail themselves of our help in the future.

Thunder Run Editor

Bill Gregory (H Company, '69-'70), the editor of "Thunder Run" for the past three years, has decided to step down after this issue. Bill has done a great job, and

under his guidance, the newsletter has become one of the very best of unit veteran publications available. We thank Bill for his outstanding service and wish him the best in his new endeavor, which has led to his very difficult decision. We are fortunate that Jim Griffiths (F Troop '68-'69) has volunteered to take on the job. Jim is a retired teacher, and brings great credentials to the job. We look forward to newsletters under his editorship. Welcome aboard Jim!

11th ACVVC Quartermaster

Our Quartermaster, Rod George (How Battery, 3/11, '66-'67), announced that he has to resign from his position for health reasons. Rod has held the QM position for the past eight years and has excelled in making our small store of distinctive "Blackhorse" memorabilia an outstanding success. He has ensured the store was adequately stocked with the most desired items, and has promptly filled orders year around. This is a never-ending job, which takes extraordinary amounts of volunteer time and energy especially around the Christmas Holidays and during the annual reunion. Rod and Elida made an outstanding husband and wife team, always keeping outstanding service to our members their priority goal. The Georges will be difficult to replace, and we all owe them both a debt of gratitude for their selfless service. Thanks from all 11th ACVVC Troopers! Life member, Jerry Beamon (K Troop, '69-70) and his wife, Jan, have volunteered to take over the Quartermaster Store and the transition is currently in progress. During the transfer, the store will have to be temporarily closed. We hope to have it reopened in time to take Christmas orders. Welcome Jerry and Jan to one of the most time consuming volunteer jobs in the 11th ACVVC.

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generous support of these programs, coupled with individual donations throughout the year, and funds on balance in the Scholarship Fund, enabled the award of the record number of awardees.

We anticipated that the number of applicants would be declining since most of us do not have teenagers at home. To our surprise, a record number of 50 applied for assistance this year. We would like to have awarded all applicants, but had to limit the

number to the 25 that we could support. Many Troopers have wondered when the program will open up to grandchildren, and we want to do that soon. Our priority, however, will be to members' children as long as the need is there and based on this year's experience, it may be a few more years until we can expand the program to include grandchildren.

In the meantime, I appeal to *all Members* of the 11th ACVVC, to continue to support

this vital program. Of the almost 5,000 members, some 1,000 are stalwart supporters for every appeal. I ask the other 80% to come on board. If we could reach just 50% participation, we could assist every qualified applicant with some sort of aid, and start to include grandchildren as well. **With 20% of the membership contributing more than \$65,000 annually, we would be well over \$150,000 by just reaching 50% participation!! ALLONS!!**



Editor's Corner

G. E. "Bill" Gregory, Jr.

I had to cancel my trip to Colorado Springs this year at the last minute and was very disappointed to have had to miss what was a great reunion. Like many of you, I have had to rely on the accounts given me by others to keep up with what went on. To try to help with that effort, we have devoted much of this issue to articles updating us on all the activities. We also have included much information about our scholarship program and this year's winners. Again, we were able to award a record number of scholarships, thanks to your generous support for the program. Please consider the articles on the scholarship program and hosting a reunion. We have an exciting account by 11th ACVVC Secretary Frank Cambria of his, and his wife Lisa's, encounter with communist police forces, during their recent return trip to Vietnam. We also have some moving poems and articles that we hope you enjoy.

I will be leaving *Thunder Run* after the publication of this issue and will be replaced by James M. "Jim" Griffiths (F Troop, 2/11, 1968 – 1969). Jim will bring a wealth of experience to the job, that can only serve to make the publication better. I have been given a rare chance to serve another great organization over the next two years, and do not feel I can give both jobs the attention they deserve. So, I have very reluctantly resigned from *Thunder Run*. I have enjoyed being your editor, and have taken no small amount of pride in the success of *Thunder Run*, during the last three years. I have at times been given more credit than I deserve, for that success, but at the same time have been embarrassed by failures I could not control, so perhaps it all evens out. I cannot say too much about the great support I have enjoyed from all the officers and directors of the 11th ACVVC, not to mention the great members who have given freely of their talents and support to make us look good. I have served two presidents of the organization,

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Ollie Pickral and Chuck Schmidt, who both have been very supportive and made my job much easier than it might have been. Many of you have contributed articles, poems, and other efforts to us, and I am grateful to you. It takes a degree of courage to write for publication because you share a piece of yourself with the world and thereby leave yourself vulnerable. Those who write regular columns like Chaplain Larry Haworth, Barb Moreno and Rod George, have my special thanks because they go out on that limb time after time. This was a proud publication before I came to it, and it will continue to be long after I leave it. Three years ago, I

came to the publication hoping to keep it strong, out of all the different kinds of politics, and one that we could share with all our friends and families, adults and children alike. My greatest pride is that we have met that goal.

I will see all of you again at reunions and plan to continue to be an active member. I hope to be able to serve the 11th ACVVC in other capacities in the future. Until then, I thank you for allowing me to make a contribution to our great organization. I close with one of my favorite blessings from the Bible (Numbers 6: 24–26, KJV) "The Lord Bless thee, and keep thee: the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: the Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace".

ALLONS !!

Newsletter Deadlines

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

- First Quarter.....Jan 15
- Second Quarter.....Apr 15
- Third QuarterAug 15
- Fourth QuarterOct 15

Bill Suhre Honored

■ **Bill Suhre, 11thACVVC Auditor Committee Chairman and "Pro Bono" Counsel Receives Prestigious Award**

11thACVVC Life Member, William "Bill" R. Suhre, Esq., CPA, was awarded the prestigious Andrew Borge Award on 22 April 2005, from the Weld County, CO, Bar Association. The Andrew Borge Award is an annual recognition of one attorney who has provided legal services to indigent or needy clients. Bill received the honor for legal, tax, and other professional services provided on a "pro bono" (free) basis to veterans, veteran's families, and veterans organizations for several years. Bill is an attorney and Certified Public Accountant and lives in Greeley, Colorado. Bill served as 2nd Platoon Leader in "I" Troop, 3rd Squadron, 11th ACR in Vietnam in 1968.



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Regiment Welcoming

As all readers of "Thunder Run" know, the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment has been deployed to Iraq since last fall. The Regiment is currently scheduled to return to Fort Irwin, CA during the months of January and February 2006. After allowing time for leave and readjusting to being back in the "World", the 11th ACVVC, the City of Barstow, the Blackhorse Association, and others are planning a gala "Welcome Home" party for the Cavalry Troopers and their families at Fort Irwin in April.

The exact dates of the redeployment are always subject to change and that is the reason for the delay in scheduling the party. All 11th ACVVC members are urged to attend this celebration so we can show today's soldiers that we will never again allow returning warriors to feel that their service was not important and appreciated. 11th ACVVC members will attend at their own expense, and the planning committee is currently trying to make arrangements for discounted rooms in Las Vegas and bus transportation to Fort Irwin and return.

There is more information elsewhere in this issue of "Thunder Run" and still more will be posted as it becomes available on our web site (www.11thcavnam.com) and in future issues of this newsletter. To ensure that this party will be at no expense to the returning Troopers, 11th ACVVC members attending the Annual Business Meeting in Colorado Springs voted to donate \$15,000 to support the food service for the Regiment's soldiers and families. The party will be catered by the famous

"Chuck Wagon Gang" from Odessa, TX who will donate all time, travel, and equipment to feed the 5,000+ expected celebrants.

Life member, Jerry Hensley (D Co, '69-70) is "Chow Master" of the "Gang", and is hard at work in Odessa finalizing the arrangements.

As I write and thank our individual Troopers for their support, I often fail to mention that in most cases they are assisted by devoted wives or "significant others" without whose help, the volunteer would not be nearly as successful. We salute all the great women who have made a difference in our lives and for their support of this organization—we owe you a debt of gratitude that we will never be able to repay!

Supporting the Troops

Finally, as I have mentioned in past issues, our great country is currently engaged in a worldwide war against terrorism. And whatever your political party or affiliation or whether you believe the current war in Iraq is the right decision, our Armed Forces and particularly our Army and Marine Corps are in harm's way and will be engaged in combat for the foreseeable future. *Our Troops deserve our total support for them and for their success in accomplishing their assigned mission!*

Supporting the Troops, but not the successful completion of their mission is asinine, in my opinion, and compromises whatever noble stated support we so vociferously espouse. *When you see one of our soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines or coastguardsmen (or women) go out of your way to approach them, offer your handshake, and thank them for their selfless service. ALLONS!*

From The Reunion Chair...

By: Steve Page, Reunion Committee Chair, 11th ACVVC

The 20th Anniversary Reunion in Colorado Springs was a resounding success. We extend many thanks to Dave Tessier and Chuck Schmidt for hosting this great event. We had 938 in atten-

dance who traveled from all over the US to be with their Brothers in Arms. Thanks to every one the returned the Reunion Evaluation Form. All comments are taken seriously. We will do our very best to address all the issues that were raised. We are looking forward to seeing every one in Kansas City, Mo. in Sept. of 2006

ATTENTION ALL TROOPERS

2006 11th ACVVC Calendar Photos Needed!!

The 2006 11th ACVVC Calendar will be assembled in October 2005 for publication and distribution in November/December. We have currently used just about all photos previously submitted that were suitable for publication. If you want photos you took in Vietnam and Cambodia to be considered for publication in the 2006 edition of the annual fundraiser for the Scholarship Program, please submit 2 or 3 of your best to the address below. If you want your copies returned, please include a self-addressed envelope with your submission with the address clearly printed. All photos must be received NLT 15 October in order to be considered. Especially could use a couple from Boat Troopers aboard ship and setting up camp in 1966 and some from the 1970 Cambodia Operation. ALLONS!!!

Submit photos to: Charles L. Schmidt, 2006 Calendar, 15110 Jessie Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Contacting Deployed Blackhorse Units

By: Gene Johnson, Vice President

To contact units deploying, use the 11th ACVVC Website, at: www.11thcavnam.com

"Click" on "Current Website Updates" then, "Click" on "Task Force Blackhorse"

You will find links that have been developed by the Regimental staff and that are linked to the website that Kyle Newton has developed for use in corresponding with Deployed Troopers and for shipping packages to our Troopers.

Blackhorse In Iraq

You may notice that we do not have much information from the active regiment in Iraq; this is not because they did not want to send us anything, or because we did not try. The war simply has them too busy right now, we are all sure you understand.

Editor

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four day event. Although Colorado Springs boasts about 300 days of annual sunshine, the 56 golfers who entered the tournament on Thursday were hard to convince because it poured down rain well into the afternoon in 50 degree temperatures! The golfing diehards would not let that deter them and they journeyed the short distance to Fort Carson and teed off on schedule. As the rain continued, most called it a day after 9 holes but a few hardy Troopers went for all 18! The luncheon and awards ceremony allowed everyone a chance to dry out, and the weather will give fodder for stories for years to come. One report is that on some drives the club slipped from the golfer's grip and flew further than the ball!

On Thursday while the golfers were getting soaked, Troopers and their families began arriving in earnest and by evening the "Bunker" was alive with activity. Although the "Bunker" closed at 12:00 midnight, reliable reports indicate that the 11th Cavalry's Vietnam Veterans shut down the bar in Rickenbacker's Club well after 2:00AM on this and every night through Saturday. As the weather began to clear in the afternoon, many took advantage of unscheduled time to begin their vacationing sight-seeing and participation in various activities offered in Colorado Springs and surrounding mountains. Never say that we do not move around the country—last year at sea level on the white sands of Daytona Beach, FL, and this year at over 6,000 ft elevation in the Colorado Rocky Mountains. Next year, we will split the difference by heading off to Kansas City, MO.

Friday's scheduled activities included bus trips to Cripple Creek, the 4th Annual Veteran's Seminar, and a great "Bunker Party" that lasted well past the scheduled closing time of 12:00 midnight. About 200 took the sojourn up to 9,000+ feet to try their luck at the "slots" and tables of the historic gaming and mining town. Word is that there were a few winners, and more who returned with less money than when they departed the Sheraton. The "Bunker Party" was well attended with all the tables set for 750 occupied during the evening. This was a wonderful way for friendships to be renewed with plenty of food and drink

to keep everyone happy.

With the "Bunker Party" going well past the midnight hour there were a number of bleary eyed Troopers at the Annual Business Meeting which convened promptly at 8:30AM on Saturday. The agenda for the meeting was jam-packed with reports from the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the numerous volunteer committees that keep our great organization functioning efficiently. Committee Chairmen covered the past year's activities and accomplishments and discussed future planned activities.

Of particular interest was the progress made by Allen Hathaway on the verification of our list of KIAs. It was pointed out that we were down to verifying the last Trooper, and that we had another 11th Cavalry soldier added to the Wall on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day this year. Allen's important project has resulted in changing the list of our fallen comrades from 768 to 726 KIA due to inaccurate reporting from the field in Vietnam as well as subsequent mistakes at the Department of the Army. We are now 99.9% sure that our records are accurate and we can proceed to update and upgrade our Memorial Monument located at the Patton Museum at Fort Knox, KY. The plan is to correct all data on the plaques on the monument and to list names of our Troops who made the ultimate sacrifice by Squadron and Troop/Company alphabetically for easier identification and location by visitors.

The "Welcome Home" party planned for our Regiment as it returns from a year-long deployment to Iraq was discussed by Jerry Hensley, and members present at the meeting voted to provide \$15,000 to show our support and appreciation of the 11th Armored Cavalry's role in fighting this war. Members of the 11th ACVVC remember the lack of such actions upon our return, and vow it will never happen again and that our soldiers will know that their service is an honorable way to demonstrate devotion and dedication to the ideals and values of their grateful Nation. All 11th Cavalry Veterans are invited to attend this celebration which is being planned for Fort Irwin, CA in April 2006. Specifics will be announced in future editions of *Thunder Run* and on the www.11thcavnam.com

website.

Elections were held for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Director. Incumbents, Charles L. Schmidt (President), Ollie Pickral (Treasurer), Frank Cambria (Secretary) and Robert Moreno (Director) were re-elected for their present positions. Gene Johnson, current Vice-President, decided not to run for a second term and Allen Hathaway was elected to that position. With Allen changing jobs from Director to Vice-President a vacancy was created and Rod George, current Quartermaster, was elected to fill the remaining year of that term of office. All positions become effective on 1 January, 2006.

The final item on the agenda was to "pass the hat" for the Trooper Reunion Assistance Fund and \$1,114 was donated.

Following lunch, reunion attendees boarded busses to the "Shrine of Remembrance" for the annual Memorial Service. The Shrine is the location of the 11th Armored Cavalry memorial tank, plaque, and Medal of Honor acknowledgements. More than 500 enjoyed the outstanding weather and beautiful setting to pay honor to our fallen comrades and to remember those of our ranks who passed away this past year. Adrian Vaaler played "Taps" following a 21 gun salute to our never forgotten "Brothers" by Troopers of the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment stationed at Fort Carson, CO. 11th ACVVC Chaplain, Larry Haworth, once again arranged a superb tribute to our Troopers who paid the ultimate price in service to their country. Jim Holt sang some inspirational songs fitting the solemn occasion.

The Saturday evening banquet topped off the formal activities for the day. The program included an update on the Regiment's deployed units by Major Christopher Emond, former CO of the 58th Combat Engineer Company, recently returned from Iraq. Major Emond's presentation included two video clips from the theater of operations by Colonel Bayer and Command Sergeant Major Pring, Regimental Commander and CSM respectively.

Lieutenant General (USA, Ret) Thomas M. Montgomery was the guest speaker for the evening. General Montgomery spoke of

his time in the Regiment in Vietnam as Commander of "H" Company, 2nd Squadron, in Vietnam in '68-'69 and how that experience with the soldiers in combat served to allow him to make a decision to make a career in the US Army. He went on to elaborate on how his time serving with the Troopers set the stage for his successive command positions culminating in command of operations in Somalia in '93-'94. General Montgomery stated his firm belief that our war in Vietnam played a crucial part in winning the "Cold War" in the late '90s, and that 11th ACVVC members can stand proud of their service to the Nation.

The highlight of the evening came when Major General Richard Rowe, Director of Operations for Headquarters U. S. Northern Command, which is responsible for the Homeland Defense Mission, presented three soldiers from A Troop Bronze Star Medals w/"V" device for valor in combat during operations in March 1970 in Vietnam. Troopers Francis "Bud" Smolich, Bill Daniels, and Donald Dush were all belatedly cited for bravery in fighting the enemy during what has been dubbed the "Anonymous Battle". Our congratulations to these Troopers who finally are getting their recognition more than 35 years after the fact! A tip of our hat to John Poindexter, then the CO of A Troop, who has spent hours researching this battle, writing the citations, coordinating the paper work, and doggedly pursuing just awards for his soldiers!

Other awards that were presented during the banquet include the "Jack Quilter" Award that was passed from John Effinger to CSM USA (Ret) Donald Horn for safe-keeping over the next year. The award is presented to a Trooper who has exemplified the values of the 11th ACVVC over a period of time and who has contributed to the enhancement of the Regiment and our organization and members. Since this was the 20th Anniversary Reunion, research showed that five of our members have attended all 20 reunions from the first in 1986 to this year's gathering. Jim Haines, Bill Lewellen, Larry Haworth, Mike Cricco, and Bill Squires were surprised to receive recognition in the form of a 20 Year Plaque.

In 20 more years, we hope to see all of them receive a 40 year version! "Outstanding Trooper" Awards were pre-

sented to Tony "Doc" Balas, Gene Johnson, and Dave Tessier for their contributions over the past few years, and the "Trooper of the Year" award went to John Poindexter for his support of the 11th ACVVC programs and his untiring efforts to pursue recognition for his soldiers involved in the "Anonymous Battle."

The final activity of the banquet was to recognize our Scholarship winners for 2005 and draw the winning raffle tickets for this year's fundraiser. Four scholarship awardees were in attendance, and each drew and announced one winner. Winner of the \$1,000 prize was Ron Jackson from San Pedro, CA, followed by Joe Vela (L

Troop) of Sag, MI, for \$500, James White (Air Cavalry) Caledonia, MI, for \$300 and fourth prize of \$200 went to Terri Christian (K Troop) from Copperas Cove, TX. Congratulations to our Scholarship winners and to the raffle winners!

The evening concluded with the always emotional Vietnam song by Jim Holt and the outstanding "Blackhorse Salute" followed by dancing to a DJ 'til midnight.

Chaplain Haworth held a well attended worship service on Sunday morning, and farewells carried well into the day as the 11th ACVVC concluded another successful reunion. See you all next year in Kansas City, MO!

Welcome Home Celebration Planned for Blackhorse Troopers Serving in Iraq

A welcome home celebration and BBQ for Our Troopers is planned to take place at Fort Irwin for April 18-22 of 2006.

The 11th Armored Cavalry's Regimental Headquarters and 1st and 2nd Squadrons, are still deployed to Iraq. They are expected to return to Fort Irwin by mid January 2006. The 58th Engineer Company returned to Fort Irwin in July.

All units should have returned to Fort Irwin by mid April, and have had time for recovery operations and maximum leave to be with their families. The celebration will hopefully take place before any of the returning Troopers are reassigned or are discharged.

Cost of the BBQ at Fort Irwin should be less than \$10.00 per Veteran and per Guest. The Chuck Wagon Gang, of Midland and Odessa Texas will provide food for all.

Donations are being made by Businesses in Texas and Barstow California. Members of 11ACVVC have donated \$15,000 for this purpose. Additionally, many Veterans of specific units have donated funds to pay for Iraqi War Veterans and their Families who have served in the Troops and Companies in which that veteran or group of veterans served.

It is intended that the entire affair be free to the Iraq Veterans of the Blackhorse and their families. Even if you can't attend, please donate.

Please indicate your intent to attend and/or make a donation using the form below. Point of Contact is Jack Stoddard, (702) 459 4233, e-mail; jscb@cox.net

Blackhorse Trooper Celebration Sign Up Form..

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Donation Amount \$ _____

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Make checks out to : **11th Cavalry Welcome Home Celebration**

Please mail this form with your donation to:: **11th Cavalry Welcome Home Celebration, 5397 E Washington Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89110**

Meeting Our 2005 Scholarship Winners

To help us all become acquainted with and appreciate our scholarship winners, we plan to run brief statements from each of our scholarship winners over the next couple of issues of Thunder Run. This issue features the first twelve of this year's winners.



Samantha Jo Buist is the daughter of Fredrick Rosel (How Battery, 2/11, 1969 – 1970). She told us, "Thank You for awarding me the Blackhorse Scholarship. It is greatly appreciated and will be a huge help financially. I will take

and use this scholarship with great pride, making those involved with this program proud.

Thank you to everyone involved, it will help me tremendously in reaching my lifelong goals and my educational goals." She is studying Mathematics education.

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Paul Carter the son of Stanley Carter (A Troop, 1/11, 1970) told us, "I have just received notification that I was accepted to receive the 11th ACVVC Scholarship of \$3000.

I was discouraged and beginning to think that I was not going to get it. I'm very glad and thankful that I have." Paul is working toward his Masters in aeronautical and astronautical engineering.

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Anne Dawson the daughter of Ronald Dawson (G Troop, 2/11, 1971), says, "I am very grateful for the scholarship that the 11th ACVVC has awarded me. Thank you all very much". Anne has not selected her major yet.

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Tamera Giles the daughter of Marvin Dean (E Troop, 2/11, 1967 –1968) is studying to be a Pharmacist. She told us, "Thank you so much for selecting me as a 2005 scholarship recipient. This scholarship will

help ease the financial pressures of school and allow me to place all my focus on becoming the best pharmacist I can be. I really appreciate all the time and work you put into the scholarship program and selection process. Thank you once again for this wonderful opportunity and gift."

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Hannah Keltner is the daughter of Neil Keltner (C Troop, 1/11, 1966 – 1967). Her major is health promotion and disease prevention. "I am so excited to have been awarded the 11th ACVVC Scholarship.

I want to thank you, the committee and the generous men and women of the 11th ACVVC. It is truly an honor to be recognized by those who have sacrificed in the service of our country".

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Matthew Paulsen the son of Michael Paulson (A Troop, 1/11, 1970 – 1971) is a mechanical engineering major. He told us, "I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the Scholarship Committee

in selecting me as one of the scholarship recipients. This scholarship will be of great assistance to me in my goal of attaining a college degree.

It is wonderful to know that there are people like those in the 11th ACVVC organization who support a student's efforts to excel. I will work hard to make sure that you feel that you have made a wise decision in selecting me as one of your recipients. Again, thank you for your generosity".



Jim Roysdon the son of Jackie Roysdon (HHT, 1/11, 1968 - 1969), is studying social and organizational informatics / human – computer interaction. He told us, "I wanted to take a moment to thank you and the other members of the

committee for this award. I was overjoyed to hear that your group understands the hardships that an adult returning to school to complete their degree must endure. Thank you for the 11th ACVVC's generosity. I can focus more on my degree and less on expenses like books, supplies and parking fees. 'Allon's' in French means 'Let's Go' in English. It is an attitude that I will carry on through my studies. Thank you again".

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Kristin Siekman the daughter of Allen Siekman (HHT, 3/11, 1968 – 1969) is a nutrition – culinary science and management major. She said, "Thank you very much for the financial scholarship. It will facilitate the pursuit of my academic success at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. I am very grateful for the funds, and as a Vietnam Veteran, it means a lot to my dad that I am awarded the 11th ACVVC Scholarship".

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Jonathan Sorensen is the son of Curtis Sorensen (A Troop, 1/11, 1969 – 1970). He told us, "Thank you very much for the 11th ACVVC Scholarship. It is an honor for me and my family that I receive this generous scholarship".

He is an agronomy major.

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Anna Stone the daughter of David Stone (H Company and G Troop, 2/11, 1969 – 1970) is a Christian outreach major. She told our committee, “Thank you so much for awarding me the scholarship. I am honored to be receiving aid from the organization in which my served”.



Cody Suhre son of William Suhre (I Troop, 3/11, 1968) is majoring in business administration / graphic design. He told us, “Thank you very much for the 11th ACVVC Scholarship that will help me succeed”. ..



Laura Thomas daughter of Larry Thomas (HHT Regiment, 1967 – 1968) is a pre-med student studying forensic chemistry. She told us, “Thank you very much for selecting me as one of this year’s scholarship recipients; it will help greatly”.

11th ACVVC 2005 Scholarship Recipients

Recipient	Child of	Field of Study
Sarah Atchison	Daniel Atchison	Masters in Social Work/Public Admin. Certificate in Gerontology
Stephen Bligh	Stephen Bligh	Visual Communications - Photography/Television
William Boswell	Virgil Boswell	Masters in Criminal Justice
Samantha Buist	Fredrick Rosel	Mathematics/Education
Paul Carter	Stanley Carter	Masters in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering
Lesley Christian	Gus Christian	Masters in Public Administration
Anne Dawson	Ronald Dawson	Undecided - Sciences/Social Sciences
Tamera Giles	Marvin Dean	Pharmacy
Hannah Keltner	Neil Keltner	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention
Nickie Kranz	Robert Kelley	Literature and Speech Communications
Chaylene Kriegh	John Stanley	Radiology
Charles Melo	Salvador Melo	Underwater Welding and Rescue Diving
Joseph Messick	Ronald Caldwell	Kinesiology
Matthew Paulsen	Michael Paulsen	Mechanical Engineering
Courtney Rosel	Fredrick Rosel	Accounting and Finance
James Roysdon	Jackie Roysdon	Social and Org. Informatics/Human-Computer Interaction
Kristin Siekman	Allen Siekman	Nutrition - Culinary Science and Management
Jonathan Sorenson	Curtis Sorenson	Agronomy
Anna Stone	David Stone	Christian Outreach
Cody Suhre	William Suhre	Business Administration/Graphic Design
Karolynn Szczepanowski	Joseph "Switck, Jr."	Masters/Doctorate Biomedical Sciences -Medical Doctor
Natalie Terlecky	Slofko Terlecky	Political Science then Law School
Laura Thomas	Larry Thomas	Forensic Chemistry/Pre-Med
Andrew Vollbrecht	Kenneth Vollbrecht	Business Management/Mathematics
Bonnie Woodward	Richard Russel Jr.	Elementary Education/Psychology

A Scholarship Program Success

(Below is a note from Ryan Johnson, the son of Bruce and Yvonne Johnson. Bruce was formerly a lieutenant platoon leader, 2d Platoon, Troop E, 11th ACR, 1966-67. Ryan is one of our scholarship success stories).

“In 2000, the 11th ACVVC awarded me a scholarship to attend the University of Tennessee. I graduated Cum Laude on May 18 and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in computer science. I plan to continue my studies in the fall and acquire a graduate degree. Thanks to all the 11th ACR veterans for the scholarship help. It was much appreciated”.

Ryan Johnson



Ryan Johnson, scholarship recipient, 2000.

The Current Scholarship Committee Chairman (2004-05) is Gene Johnson.

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**John Sorich
Bill Lewellen
Ben Hotchkiss**

Information is provided on page 18 to help member’s understand how our Scholarship Program was developed and how the program works.

A Return To Vietnam

By Frank R. Cambria, Secretary 11th ACVVC

July 2005: 11th ACVVC Director and his party of five are captured by Vietnamese communist military during his third attempt to reach the Cambodian border in the restricted Fishhook area.

I looked out the passenger window of the ANA flight from Tokyo, searching the midnight sky as we approached Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon). After 35 years, I was returning to Vietnam. This time there were no flares in the distance, no lines of green tracers arching upwards or red tracers spraying the ground, and no distant flashes of light from exploding artillery rounds. There were just city lights glowing in the distance.

Lisa, my wife of just two years, leaned close to me holding my hand, not knowing what was going through my mind or how I might emotionally respond to returning to the land that was the source of my physical scars, two Purple Hearts, and resurfacing invisible emotional scars.

My primary "missions" for this 18-day journey to Vietnam; visit my wife's home town of Rach Gia on Vietnam's Gulf of Thailand coast, and revisit specific areas in Vietnam and Cambodia that represented the most significant days of my military service in War Zone C and Cambodia.

Lisa had escaped from Vietnam in 1978 as a teenager. Sadly, one of her sisters and a brother died during their escape attempts.

I found Rach Gia to be a very friendly city, although no one spoke English. I was the first American most of the people had ever seen.

We stayed in the best hotel in Rach Gai at \$26 US. The exchange rate in Vietnam was \$1US = 15,860 Dong. It seemed strange to 'tip' someone 20,000 Dong because 20,000 of anything sounds like a lot, but is only about a buck-twenty-five! The average daily wage is 60,000-80,000 Dong, which explains why motorbikes outnumbering cars by 200 to 1.

On the 8th day of our trip, we headed to the Fishhook border area west of An Loc & Quan Loi, and the area north of Loc Ninh and Bu Dop. My 2005 "recon" patrol of the former War Zone C had five people with luggage in a large Mercedes minivan doubling as my ACAV. Our only "weapon" was my engraved hardwood cane I purchased in the delta a few days earlier.

The Cambria Recon Patrol consisted of [1] Lisa, [2] Her 36-year old cousin Hue who spoke no English, [3] My hired driver Tran who fears the communists, [4] Hired guide Peter Tien, and [5] My very anxious 58-year old self.

The Cambodian Consulate was most accommodating to me in Saigon, and authorized me to enter Cambodia near where I wished to on QL13 a few miles north of Loc Ninh. But he also said that the Vietnamese military would most likely prevent me from exiting Vietnam anywhere in that area. As it turned out, he was right.

A little known communist Vietnamese military security unit called "PA35" (also described as the "Frontier Guard" and as "Secret Police") was preventing all foreigners from accessing the so called "security zone" along much of Cambodia and Laos borders.

We headed north on road QL13 towards An Loc, 90 kilometers from Saigon. At about 35 km south of An Loc, we approached the areas of vast forests and jungles that surrounded QL13 35 years ago. I was surprised to see that the forest and jungle was replaced by rubber trees and orchards, and that tiny 300 to 500 square foot houses (most with sides made of layers of palm leaves) now lined

both sides of the paved road all the way to An Loc.

We stopped in An Loc for lunch and found the people to be very friendly as in all other cities visited. I walked several of side streets looking for signs of the massive 1972 siege that destroyed the city. I found only three buildings with obvious battle damage.

In Loc Ninh I rented three rooms at the nicest "hotel" for us at \$12 US per room. Then we spent a few hours at an orphanage to personally deliver a donation of school supplies, food and cash to the children as a gesture of goodwill on behalf of the Blackhorse Vietnam Veterans. As it would turn out, this charitable goodwill effort helped save the day during our subsequent detention/capture in the restricted zone.

The next day we continued north into the frontier security zone where I made the first two attempts to cross the border into Cambodia.

The military Officer In Charge at the QL13 border checkpoint was friendly, saying I was the first American or Caucasian he has ever seen in the area. But he turned us back, stating that we were not allowed in that area.

We then doubled back and headed toward Bu Dop on a small dirt road into more dense jungle where my platoon had escorted convoys of captured NVA supplies out of Cambodia in late June 1970. Bu Dop was literally at the end of the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

The military OIC at the Bu Dop border crossing was visibly irritated and almost hostile that an American arrived in the security zone. I don't know if he identified the Blackhorse hat I was wearing, but I hope so!

My driver and Lisa were obviously very nervous. Even my guide urged me to leave immediately before the OIC radioed his superiors about us. So, we mounted up and moved out.

I had one more possible border crossing location that was not marked on current maps of Vietnam: Where nearly 200 vehicles of 2/11 ACR busted through the on 1 May 1970 jungle and entered Cambodia at the Pig Path in the Fishhook. Even though 35 years had passed, I believed that 200 armored vehicles would

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leave some permanent impression on the terrain. Using my 1970 military topographical map and compass, I felt I could find that exact location again.

We headed south to An Loc and then west on road 246 (renamed road 794) to the Fishhook to locate Hill 95, the location of the 2nd Squadron FSB Fort Defiance in March-April 1970. From there I could orient myself to the Pig Path.

I was shocked to find that almost all of the jungle along 246 was replaced by rubber trees to a depth of one or two clicks on both sides of 246. After identifying Hill 95, I found, much to my surprise, a narrow road of red clay 2 km east of Hill 95 heading NE in the direction where 2/11 entered Cambodia in 1970.

My driver followed the road until the rubber trees ended and only thick jungle surrounded the muddy road. He stopped and did not want to venture further. Using my topo map and compass, I knew we were approaching 2/11’s FSB South that 2/11 made in late April 1970. My excitement got the better of me and I became forceful to get the driver moving forward. Thirty minutes later we passed what I believe was FSB South. Mysteriously, the Vietnamese had bulldozed the area absolutely flat and removed every bit of vegetation from the location within the previous month or two.

Ten minutes later we reached a small military guardhouse and border checkpoint at a marshy area in the middle of the nowhere. My guide was quite surprised because it was not marked on his 2002 map. This was, as best as I could determine, within a few hundred meters from where 2/11 entered Cambodia 1 May ’70. This dirt road followed much of the trail made by 2/11’s 200 vehicles 35 years ago.

It was an emotional moment for me because both of my Purple Hearts and most of my platoon’s casualties were incurred within 10 km of this location on both sides of the border during February-

July 1970.

There was a small guard station where two dirt roads in the jungle intersected. The border was marked with a simple red and white striped drop-gate that blocked the road. The Vietnamese Officer in Charge of the checkpoint approached me as I climbed out of the car. I motioned him to follow me to border some 50 feet away. I briskly walked to the unmanned gate with him walking almost double time to catch up to me. As we reached the border, I stepped across and turned to face Lisa who was standing outside the car waiting to take a photo as soon as I crossed the border. That was when the excitement started.

At that point the Officer became very angry and a squad of his men filed outside the guardhouse. The Officer told us we were being “detained” until he could notify his superiors. Twenty minutes later a higher-ranking Officer arrived on his motorbike. He said that all of us had broken the law because we were in a restricted “sensitive” area, and spat out that I was the first American to reach this area since the final communist victory in 1975. Grinning, I looked around me and saw that the only smile on any face was mine. My wife, her cousin and the driver were visibly frightened, and all of the Vietnamese military troops had stern looks. My guide, who I believed was reporting to the communist government, showed no emotion.

We were taken to a completely isolated military outpost in the jungle not more than 600-700 meters from the border and approximately due north of the old FSB Fort Defiance. The outpost was square, 200 meters per side, with a 5-foot high earthen berm. Dug-in and sandbagged individual fighting positions were spaced every 20 feet along the berm, with three small cement positions for light machine-guns or RPGs per side. Each of the four corners had large and very solid cement

crew-served pillbox type positions. However, no weapons were apparent anywhere and the defensive positions were poorly maintained with no signs of recent use.

There were six unfortified structures within the perimeter. We were led into a 12’ x 30’ building set up as classroom for briefings and most likely communist party lectures to the estimated company-sized security force assigned there.

Proudly wearing my Blackhorse hat with shiny Captain’s bars, I portrayed a firm, self-assured military officer’s bearing as best as I could remember how, and made it clear that the four people with me were following my orders. Over the next six hours, several people, each with a higher rank, interrogated us.

Lisa’s reflections best describe of the rest of the incident: “During the time we were detained, Frank was very calm and I was so impressed with his attitude. He seemed to enjoy situation. I was most scared because I didn’t know how things would turn out if Frank had reacted in a different manner. The only time he showed anger was when they searched our belongings. He shouted his opposition to their search, using his cane for emphasis

My biggest concern was to not stay at the military outpost as prisoners overnight because I knew Frank would get very restless and he would wander around the compound without permission and then you could imagine the rest of the story. And truthfully, I did not wish to sleep on the dirt floor. This military outpost was not designed to detain people.

In my opinion, the soldiers were not sure how to handle an American Veteran. The people at this military outpost have never seen an American before in their lives.

The charges were finally dropped and we released at 8:30pm in pitch-blackness on the jungle road. I never want to look back again. All of us were relieved that we were released except Frank. I think Frank wanted to stay behind to experience the rest of this event, which may be one of the most significant in his life.”

If you would like to read more about Frank’s trip to Vietnam, email him at Captain.Frank@covad.net for an unabridged version of the journey.

2005 SILENT AUCTION DONORS

By Chuck Schmidt, Auction Chairman

The Silent Auction for the 2005 Scholarship Fund Drive was a resounding success. Auction items were sent to the Reunion Co-chair over the past several months and many were transported to the Sheraton Hotel in Colorado Springs by Reunion XX attendees. As shown in the list below, our members and supporters donated a great variety of Blackhorse memorabilia and other merchandise to be put up for bids. We displayed auction items during the Friday "Bunker Party" where bidding began in earnest. The final display and bidding on Saturday just before the banquet saw enhanced interest and when bidding closed just before assembly for dinner those who wanted cherished items frantically placed their final offers. When all bidding was completed, almost \$5,000 was raised in support of the 2005 Scholarship Program Fund Drive. A hearty thanks to all donors for their tax-deductible generosity and to those who had the high bid, congratulations and thanks for supporting the program. Any amount donated over actual value of the item also qualifies for tax-exempt status.

Below is a list of the Silent Auction items for 2005, with the donor's name, the amount of the winning bid and the buyer's name. Thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile and fun program.

INNER PEACE

I am passing this on to you because it has definitely worked for me... and at this time of year we all could use a little...calm!!! By following the simple advice I read in an article, I have finally found inner peace. The article read: "The way to achieve inner peace is to finish all the things you've started." So I looked around the house to see all the things I started and hadn't finished...and before leaving the house this morning I finished off a bottle of red wine, a bottle of white, the Bailey's, Kahlua and Wild Turkey, the Prozac, some Valium, some cheesecake and a box of chocolates. You have no idea how good I feel...

You may pass this on to those you feel are in need of Inner Peace...

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Women's Corner

By Barb Moreno, 11th ACVVC Women's' Coordinator

Once again, the year has slipped by and another reunion has come and gone. The friendships we have all made over the past years have been renewed and are now somewhat put on hold for another year. Maybe a few of us will see each other or send e-mails, letters or Christmas cards thru the year but most only get those few days in August to be face to face and share the years ups and downs. Of course everyone in the 11th ACVVC organization are always in my and Bobs hearts and minds for the entire year.

Reunion this year was amazing for me. I was so proud to see the Women's' Group grow to 85 ladies strong. It really boggled my mind. Thank you to all who attended. I truly hope you enjoyed yourself and learned something from our speaker. I have already been giving some thought toward next year.

We had an amazing speaker. Bill Schule, you were great. So many of us have not given a lot of thought to things like wills and/or what to do if by chance we aren't able to speak for ourselves. It certainly opened up my eyes, and I am pleased to say Bob and I will soon be sitting down and composing our wills.

Congratulations to all of you who won door prizes. I hope you all enjoy what you won. I guess if we now are to have 80 plus women at the meetings I will have to increase the number of door prizes.

Thanks, to all who helped not only me with the women's meeting but to all the help given to the reunion staff. Your help, love, support and most of all patience are greatly appreciated. It is because of those of you who stopped by the registration table to chat a few minutes or tease me about always being there for hours and hours that I am able to stay so wide awake and happy. It certainly is a labor of love for me. Hey, if I weren't having fun doing it year after year, I wouldn't do it.

Bob and I are now going over the many many notes we made to help us make your registration time go faster and easier. I know everyone wants to get going and meet their buddies again.

Golfers – I am soooo sorry Mother Nature tried to drown you all. But just look at it this

way, nobody won, but nobody lost either. And, we all know you had a really good “shower” those days. (TeeHee)

Congratulations to Deanna Haworth on being awarded this years women's award. Deanna, you really did deserve it. You are the most organized woman I know and a great supporter of the 11th ACVVC and of course to all of what Larry does for this organization and for the church.

Folks, she has me so organized for next year already. She amazingly took the boxes that the mugs came in and set it up so that I knew exactly where the right pin was or the marker was that I needed. It will be so nice next year to just be able to open the box and know that everything is there.

Sorry I had to lie to you and say that I would be sure not to thank you at the banquet. But you really did deserve the award, even if you did count the people while the rest of us were praying. Oh that's right – you counted them before we prayed. I forgot. Larry, be sure to keep an eye on her.

Bob and I checked out of the hotel a few days early and decided to do some sight seeing. After leaving Colorado Springs we drove to Royal Gorge. About half way there we stopped to eat at a Mexican restaurant and lo and behold who should walk in but Lisa and Frank Cambria. We four joined together for an enjoyable meal and once again had to say goodbye to each other. We'll see you guys soon. And PLEASE Frank, don't get arrested again, my piggy bank is kind of low.

Once at Royal Gorge we decided the bridge was just a little too high for us so we took the train that goes under it. The sights along the river tracks were incredible. It was a trip I wish my grandsons, who just love trains, could have taken with us.

Following Royal Gorge we turned onto the Fanthom Canyon Road! Now let me just say this – NEVER AGAIN!!! This road was dirt for 23 miles, narrow and no guardrails. The mountain road was going up and up but it was straight down on the sides. Every so often we had to stop because there were cows in the middle of this so called road, and if a car was coming the other way — Well, lets just say I closed my eyes and said A LOT of prayers!

The road finally ended at Cripple Creek. What a neat little town. And they didn't even keep all my money. In fact I had three dollars in my pocket when I walked into one of the gaming “establishments” and left with slightly over a hundred. Not bad odds if I do say so myself.

The next day took us to Pikes Peak. Now the last time we were there we took the Cog up. This time we drove up. And I do mean UP! If you didn't get the chance to go to the peak, you certainly missed a beautiful sight. You can see forever. But the air is so thin that I truly thought I was going to meet my maker. Poor Bob literally had to hold me up to get me back to the car. UGH !!

All to soon it was time to head back to Denver to the airport. But we had one more stop to make. The Aquarium. Being raised on the ocean I loved seeing all the fish, sharks and sea creatures. We spent about three or four hours just watching all the swimmers. It was great.

Wednesday brought us home to one of our sons and to our puppy dogs. All were very happy to see us. Anytime we try to sit down, since we got home, one of two dogs are in our lap and giving many many kisses. I don't think I've ever had so many puppy kisses spotting my glasses.

Thursday I went back to work while Bob slept for the day. I must say as much as I hated ending vacation it was good to get back to work and to my old routine. We have 4100 troops coming in this weekend, so there are lots and lots of military families at the hotel. This is an odd feeling bunch. This group of soldiers were only told they coming here and then they would find out were they were heading. Of course every mom at the hotel knows, or at least suspects, what that means. So again I am on a 24-hour “military mom” standby at the hotel. My heart and prayers go out to all these young people, these “heroes”

Before I finish this article I want to remind ALL OF YOU that we still need recipes. Thanks to all who gave me their recipes already. A very special thank you to the gentleman who brought me a copy of the cookbook that the Blackhorse group at Ft.

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Little Kids

After two tours in Viet Nam, I don't remember any soldiers who didn't like children. Don't get me wrong; I'm sure there were some who didn't. Whoever they were, they didn't make themselves known to me. On the other hand, all the troops I knew of did like kids. I'm sure you have kid stories from Viet Nam. From what I've seen about our troops and the news these days, it's clear that GIs still love kids. Iraqi kids tag along after soldiers now just like they did in Viet Nam in our day. What's more, from what I see on the History channel, soldiers in WWII loved kids too. It looks to me that American GIs have always loved kids and kids have always loved American GIs. I don't think the same can be said about other people and other armies, like Russians or North Koreans.

The movie, "Born on the Fourth of July" a few years ago, made me crazy when they portrayed our soldiers as baby killers. Why would the American media do such a backwards spin on how our guys really were? Many other movies like that one have had people so confused that when some of our guys would speak to a classroom at school or somewhere, the first question would be, "How many babies did you kill?" After that was set straight, the Viet Nam vet speaker could move on with his talk. The media spin doctors have too many Americans believing the opposite about our soldiers love for kids, especially in Viet Nam and even Iraq.

During my first tour in Viet Nam at Soc Trang a lot of our guys made regular trips to the local orphanage to help out. I did too, what with being the chaplain and because I loved kids too. We took food, toys, cloths and things like that which they needed badly. The fun and heart-warming part came when the little tykes would come out onto the patio and do their little dances for whatever soldiers came to visit that day. Being orphans, the children loved to be held and played with. Being away from home and loving kids, the soldiers loved to hold the kids and play with them. A lot of emotional needs were being met, including loving the children

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who loved them.

If our guys were the 'baby-killers' the media, had Americans convinced they were, then why did the VC and NVA use kids as human shields? The answer is that the VC/NVA knew that our guys loved kids and wouldn't shoot at them except in the most extreme circumstances. I repeat, in order to make the point crystal clear, our enemy knew our guys wouldn't shoot at kids, so why did our own media try to convince Americans that the opposite was true, that our own soldiers were baby killers?

To take this point a little further, there were times when a soldier had to shoot a child, like when the VC would strap a hand grenade to a little kid's back, pull the pin, and tell the kid to run over to a group of soldiers. There were other times when children might get into the field of fire during a firefight and one of our guys would unintentionally shoot the child. These were terrible events for our guys and they agonized over what happened, even if they had no choice in what they did. They were not to blame. The trouble is, loving kids as our guys did, they took on a huge burden of guilt anyway. You should know that this is the source of a lot of PTSD, even these many years later. If this happened to you, I want to say, "Rest easy. Accept forgiveness and cleansing for your soul and your mind. Even though you weren't at fault, accept forgiveness and a fresh start anyway." These things still matter. Kids are being killed in Iraq and other places where there's war. The soldiers involved are taking the burden because they love kids so much. (This principle also applies to women because our soldiers won't shoot at women either, as the other side knows, regardless that the media wants Americans to believe otherwise).

Let's move to a happier topic about

kids. Riding with the Blackhorse through the jungles, rubber plantations and villages of War Zone C, it was easy to see that our troopers loved kids and kids loved them. I'll have to admit that sometimes it looked like the kids loved our troopers for their candy (ha, ha). All kidding aside, that's not so far off base. You remember that whenever our tanks, ACavs or whatever showed up, a gang of kids would gather around. Sure, they wanted candy. What kid doesn't want candy? They knew they'd get some too. You guys gave it to them. Sounds good to me. It was a way you showed the kids that you loved them. That's what I believe. There may have been a few grinsches on our side, but not many and none that I knew. I suppose someone will bring up stories about bad actions of a tiny minority of our soldiers. But they were uncommon, according to my observations, and I was there too, you know. I say again our troopers loved kids; the kids knew it and they loved our troopers. I should say, you troopers.

I remember an unusual incident that happened near Loc Ninh when we were set up in a dry land rice field. A Vietnamese woman came to our FSB and talked to some of our troopers. I saw her, but didn't talk with her myself. Our Vietnamese interpreter got involved, of course. What this woman wanted was to sell us her son. Yes, her own son. I was flabbergasted! I saw the boy. It was obvious that he was mixed Vietnamese and something else. In Viet Nam, mixed race people were discriminated against very severely. I guess this woman wanted us to buy him either because she couldn't give him a good life or because she just didn't want him. It was pretty clear that he'd been fathered by a foreigner, probably a GI in the very early days of American involvement. This was in 1969 and the kid was about 12. My

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Welcome Aboard!

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

NAME	UNIT	DATES	NAME	UNIT	DATES
Anderson, Levi S. III	L Troop, 3/11	1970	Locklear, Gerald B	F TRP, 2/11	1971 – 1972
Baldwin, Darrel J	K Troop, 3/11	1969 – 1970	Marquez, Anthony M	HHT, 3/11	1969 – 1970
Batt, Howard C	F Troop, 2/11	1966 – 1967	Marvin, James D	HHT, 2/11 & G Troop 2/11	1966 – 1967
Baughman, William R	K Troop, 3/11	1968 – 1969	Mcgavran, Stephen D	HHT REGT & ACT	1970 – 1971
Biehn, Jerry	C Troop, 1/11	1966 – 1967	Mcleod, Danny R	F TRP, 2/11	1971
Boice, William M	K Troop, 3/11	1967 – 1968	Menix, Wilbert R	A TRP, 1/11 & HHT Regt	1967 – '68 & '71
Broadnax, Wallace C	K Troop, 3/ 11 & HHT, 2/11	1970 – 1971	Mincey, Wade W	G TRP, 2/11	1969 – 1970
Brown, Arthur	HHT, 1/11	1967 – 1968	Mitchell, Robert E	D CO, 1/11	1969 – 1970
Brown, Mark A	HHT, 2/11	1969 – 1970	Montgomery, Bill R	HHT, 3/11	1968 – 1969
Burton, Jerry S	L Troop, 3/11	1967 – 1968	Moolenaar, George E li	HHT, 3/11	1966 – 1967
Canuel, Richard R	398 th Trans & ACT	1970 – 1972	Moore, Sampson	I TRP, 3/11	1969 – 1970
Cook, Gerald H	G Troop, 2/11	1970	Moreland, Gilbert W.	HHT, Regt & HOW, 3/11	1967 – 1968
Corrao, Carl J	2/11	1966 – 1967	Morrissey, William	HHT REGT	1969 – 1970
Daniels, William L	A Troop, 1/11	1969 – 1970	Murphy, Edward J	E TRP, 2/11	1970
Dean, William V	HHT, 3/11	1970 – 1971	Orr, John D	D CO, 1/11	1966 – 1967
Di Meo, John L	I Troop, 3/11	1966 – 1967	Parmley, Thomas M	HHT, 2/11	1967 – 1968
Emery, Robert E	A Troop, 1/11	1969 – 1970	Pierson, Jackie W	L TRP, 3/11	1970 – 1971
Faaita, Lokeni T	A Troop, 1/11 & ACT	1967 – 1968	Powers, Richard A	F TRP, 2/11	1968
Fairchild, Thomas N	HHT, 1/11	1970 – 1971	Rodriguez, Charles	HHT, 1/11	1966 – 1967
Fennell, Joseph H	919th Engineers	1970 – 1971	Rodriguez, Raymundo	G TRP, 2/11	1971 – 1972
Florom, William D	919th Engineers	1968 – 1969	Salters, Billy R	AIR CAV TRP	1970 – 1971
Gibson, William P	HHT REGT	1966 – 1967	Sanford, William E	A TRP, 1/11	1967 – 1968
Godfrey, Lyle D	919th ENGR	1968	Slay, Donald	M CO, 3/11	1966 – 1967
Haas, James J	A TRP, 1/11	1970	Sloan, Tommy D	A TRP, 1/11	1970
Hayes, Melvin	M CO, 3/11	1969 – 1970	Smallwood, Buddy W	L TRP, 3/11	1969 – 1971
Hensley, William C. III	F TRP, 2/11	1967	Spriggs, Steven B	31st ENGR BN	1968
Hensley, William C. Jr.	F TRP, 2/11	1967	Streat, Roger D	K TRP, 3/11	1969 – 1970
Hill, Raymond L	919th ENGR	1969	Stubbs, Jerry D	I TRP, 3/11	1966 – 1967
Holland G. Meade	551st Maint. CO	1967 – 1968	Sutherland, Barry L	I TRP, 3/11	1968
Jaime, Daniel	HHT REGT	1969	Thurstin, Gerald F	G TRP, 2/11	1969
Jones, Dennis	409th RRD	1969	Titschinger, Mark T	919th ENGR	1968 – 1969
Keller, Donald E	I TRP, 3/11	1967 – 1968	Valenti, Thomas G	HHT, 1/11	1966 – 1967
Kiesman, Daniel L	HOW, 3/11	1969 – 1970	Veenendall, Michael	I TRP, 3/11	1967
Laita, Alan H.	C TRP, 1/11	1967 – 1968	Vigus, Max F	HHT REGT	1968 – 1969
Leesmann, Dale A	2/11 & 3/11	1970 – 1971	White, Reginald	HHT, 1/11	1968 – 1970
Lendon, Thomas K	HHT, 3/11	1969 – 1970	Wiley, Jerry D	M CO, 3/11	1970
Lincoln, Leslie S	C TRP, 1/11 & 37th Med Co.	1969 – 1970	Young, Manuel	F TRP, 2/11	1970 – 1971
Lindsay, John R	H CO, 2/11	1970 – 1971	Zamora, Anthony	506th S&S CO	1969

point is that even this Vietnamese peasant woman knew our guys loved kids and wanted us to take the boy. (I have to wonder about whoever had fathered the boy. He probably didn't even know it).

I'll sign off with one more anecdote. This one is from the Bible, as you might expect. In Jesus' day, it wasn't everyone who loved kids or at least they didn't pay them much attention in public. One day Jesus was out and about healing people and teaching them about the kingdom of God. Some people had their kids along and wanted them to get near Jesus. The disciples had other ideas. Here's what happened: "People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When

Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, '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.' And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them and blessed them." (Mark 10:13-16 NIV).

This says a lot about you, me, the kids, and the kingdom of God. What do you think?

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

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WOMEN'S CORNER from page 13

Irwin put together. I will make good use of it that I guarantee. I would like to be able to send a draft of ours to the printer by the beginning of the year so we have it for the next reunion. So send them to me ASAP at: Barb Moreno "RECIPES", 24284 Endeavor Ave., Tomah, WI 54660. Or e-mail them to me at: puppytoes@charter.net

How many should you send? As many as you want.

Well, until next time I'll say so long.

God bless you all and please let me hear from you once in awhile.

Always

Barb

11th ACVVC VENDOR POLICY

Adopted by Unanimous Vote of the 11th ACVVC Officers and Directors— July 18, 2005

In accordance with the By-Laws, Certificate of Incorporation, and Constitution of the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia (11th ACVVC), this policy guidance is provided for the display and sale of memorabilia and other items by and for the 11th ACVVC.

1. The 11th ACVVC Quartermaster (QM) is the only individual authorized to offer items for sale directly to members of the 11th ACVVC through the quarterly newsletter, "Thunder Run", in the QM Store established during annual reunions, or at other venues, which may be established from time to time in support of 11th ACVVC activities. The QM may designate alternates to operate the QM Store if he is unable to attend authorized functions in person.

2. The 11th ACVVC will offer items from QM inventory as well as "on consignment" when the decision is made to not purchase an authorized item for stock.

3. The 11th ACVVC Board of Directors (BOD) consisting of elected Officers and Directors, with the advice of the QM, will approve products and services for sale from stock and/or on consignment. Whenever possible members of the 11th ACVVC will be given first consideration for supplying products for QM sale. Products must be quality items as determined by the BOD and QM and must contribute to the stated purposes of the organization, i.e. enhance the welfare and morale of the members of the 11th ACVVC. The qualification of any product will be as determined by the BOD and QM. Products offered for sale must meet criteria of unit identity to ensure continued tax-exempt status of the 11th ACVVC.

4. Vendors may apply to the 11th ACVVC Board of Directors for approval to offer products to the 11th ACVVC membership subject to these conditions:

a) All Vendors and products must be approved by the 11th ACVVC Board of Directors and Quartermaster prior to being offered for sale.

b) Approved products may only be sold through the Quartermaster.

5. Products must:

a) Commemorate the Blackhorse Regiment, or

b) Promote unit esprit de corps, or

c) Show pride of military service or patriotism, or

d) Be of a historical nature to preserve the legacy of the Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam. Product need not have to show a Blackhorse patch or symbol to meet these criteria, and do not need to be exclusively 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment (ACR) for approval, although such content (Vietnam and 11th ACR) should be included.

6. Sample products submitted to the 11th ACVVC Board of Directors and Quartermaster for approval must include:

a) Competitive suggested retail pricing

b) Wholesale pricing (cost) for the 11th ACVVC Quartermaster

7. Approved products may be offered for sale in the Quartermaster Store at annual 11th ACVVC Reunions, the "Thunder Run", or other venues that may be approved by the BOD.

a) Products not acquired and stocked by the QM may be sold on a "consignment" basis.

b) Vendor is responsible for all shipping and packaging of products for sale to and from the 11th ACVVC Quartermaster Store, the reunion site or the QM's permanent location.

c) Vendor will provide one "hands-on" display sample of each item without charge to the 11th ACVVC for the 11th ACVVC Quartermaster Store to display in the store.

d) The Quartermaster will display the Vendor's product at the Reunion Quartermaster Store.

e) The Quartermaster will secure inventory left in the Store for sale by Vendor.

f) Vendors will not be permitted to set up booths at reunions outside the Quartermaster Store.

g) Products stolen or damaged while in the possession of the Quartermaster or his designated alternate will be the responsibility of the 11th ACVVC.

h) Vendor will provide an inventory of the product to the Quartermaster.

i) For items on "consignment", the Quartermaster will complete the Opening **VENDOR INVENTORY AND REVENUE FORM to be signed by the Quartermaster and the Vendor** at the reunion site. This form [1] verifies receipt of the stated number and type of products from each Vendor, and [2] confirms the retail and wholesale pricing approved by the Board to determine the potential Vendor revenue and Quartermaster Store "margin."

j) The "margin" is 11th ACVVC Quartermaster Store revenue, and the remaining balance is the Vendor's revenue.

Example: Retail price of "Widget" is \$25.00. 11th ACVVC wholesale price for the "Widget" is \$19.00. \$25.00 - \$19.00 = \$6.00 "Margin."

k) At the end of the Reunion, for items on "consignment", Quartermaster will complete a Closing **VENDOR INVENTORY AND REVENUE FORM**.

l) Any remaining consigned Vendor products will be returned to the Vendor. A copy of this Closing **VENDOR INVENTORY AND REVENUE FORM** will be signed and dated by both the Quartermaster and Vendor. The Quartermaster will provide a copy of the form to the 11th ACVVC Treasurer.

m) The Vendor and Quartermaster revenue will be calculated on the form. **For a sample of a completed form, see the website or contact the Quartermaster. Use the following assumptions:**

1) Quartermaster signed for 50 each of 11th Cav Widgets on

the Opening **VENDOR INVENTORY AND REVENUE FORM.**

2.) 15 Widgets remain at end of reunion.

3.) 35 XYZ products are considered sold (50 – 15).

4) Quartermaster returns the 15 remaining XYZ to the Vendor.

5.) Quartermaster Store Margin is \$6.00 per Widget.

8. Occasionally a good selling product may be purchased and inventoried by the Quartermaster for resale on the 11th ACVVC website Quartermaster Store or in THUNDER RUN. In this situation, the quantity purchased for inventory will be determined jointly by Quartermaster and Board of Directors for each Vendor product. A primary consideration on inventory purchases will be to maintain as small of an inventory as possible to handle sales the Quartermaster reasonably expects during the following three to six months.

9. The Board of Directors may or may not, as situations warrant, establish a committee to act on its behalf with regards to specific Quartermaster issues.

Kansas City, 2006

Plans for the Kansas City Reunion are well under way. We believe that it will be a huge success. Hotel reservations cannot be made until after September 20, 2005. When calling The Hyatt Regency be sure to mention The 11th ACVVC to get the proper rate of \$89.00 per night.

- The hotel number is (816) 421-1204, or Toll Free (800)233-1234
- The hotel address is: 2345 McGee St., Kansas City, Mo. 64104

Full details along with the registration Form will appear in an upcoming issue of *Thunder Run*, and will be posted on the website.

ENGLISH

A U.S. Naval Admiral was attending a naval conference that included admirals from the U.S., English, Canadian, Australian and French Navies.

At a reception, he found himself standing with a group of half dozen or so officers that included personnel from most of the countries.

Everyone was chatting away in English as they sipped their drinks, but a French admiral suddenly complained that whereas Europeans learn many languages, Americans learn only English. He then asked: "Why is it that we always have to speak English in these conferences rather than speaking French?"

Without hesitating, the American Admiral replied: Maybe it's because the Brits, Canadians, Aussies and Americans arranged it so you wouldn't have to speak German."

Suddenly the group became very quiet...

Memory of a Soldier

By: Joan Kyar Freyholtz
(sister of Larry C. Kyar, L Troop, KIA March 28, 1968).

The American Flag is flying
Oe'r many a soldiers grave
They gave their life for our country
Honorable and brave
It doesn't matter which war they fought
The effort was all the same
Fighting for someone's freedom
Was the name of the game
Notifying the loved ones
Was a difficult job at best
He died in a battle
Now he's coming home to rest
The pallbearers are solemn
As they fulfill their task
God, please be with us
Stay in our presence we ask
At the graveside we gather
The escort fires a round
Someone is playing taps
It is a mournful sound
Now we face the tomorrow's
Each day is a gift to share
Spread some thoughtfulness and joy
Letting others know you care

Guide To 11th ACVVC Scholarship Program

HISTORY

11TH ACVVC began collecting money at the 1989 Reunion in Minneapolis. \$1,000 was donated to the Blackhorse Association Scholarship Program.

At the 11TH ACVVC Membership Meeting during the reunion in 1996, it was decided by the membership to begin a Scholarship Program separate from the Blackhorse Association.

Below is a list of Scholarship's that have been provided;

1997 – 2000	46 Scholarships of \$2,000 each
2001	13 Scholarships of \$3,000 each
2002	16 Scholarships of \$3,000 each
2003	20 Scholarships of \$3,000 each
2004	22 Scholarships of \$3,000 each
2005	25 Scholarships of \$3,000 each

As of June 30 2005, 142 Scholarships have been awarded for a total amount of \$380,000.

In 2001, the Board of Directors voted to use the monies that are generated by the interest received from the Association's Certificates of Deposit for the Scholarship Program. Additionally, the fundraising activities that we participate in each year add to the total scholarship funds. These activities include Calendar Sales, the Raffle and a Silent Auction each year at the annual reunion. Your support makes this program work.

Prior to the 2001 Scholarship season, applicants were judged, in addition to the existing categories, also on the basis of financial need.

To determine financial need required the scholarship committee to make financial needs judgment's and decision's with very limited personal financial information available. Furthermore, divorces, varied costs of living and salaries in different areas of the country made it almost impossible to have one standard to apply to all members. Some applicants felt that the financial need consideration was often prejudicial. It seemed unfair to some student applicants and also prevented many, otherwise eligible students, from applying.

It was decided that the intent and spirit of the 11TH ACVVC Scholarship Program was to benefit the children of all members - and members themselves if qualified. After a long discussion, the consideration of financial need was removed from the criteria.

THE CRITERIA FOR ELIGIBILITY

11TH ACVVC Scholarship Applications will be accepted from;

- Trooper's that are current members in Good Standing
- Children and Stepchildren of Current members in Good Standing
- Children whose legal guardian is a Current Member in Good Standing

Applications will be accepted from applicants whose membership or whose parents' membership has lapsed by the Veteran sending in one year's membership fee.

THE APPLICANT

The applicant must fill out the Scholarship Application Form completely. The completed Scholarship Application must be received by

the Scholarship Chairman **no later than the deadline of May 15** of each year.

Applications received after the deadline or not filled out completely Will Not be considered.

The application is available on the website at: www.11thCavNam.com. An Application may also be requested by mail or e-mail from the Scholarship Chairman shown above.

The application should be submitted in the two page format as displayed on the website.

JUDGING

Scholarship Applicant's are judged in three categories:

I Form Completion & Legibility

II Grades

II Written Response to the two questions on page 2 of the 11TH ACVVC Scholarship Application

The Scholarship Committee may offer a priority of Scholarship's to Children of those Killed In Action, and to Children of those who Died of Wounds. These are the only criteria that takes precedence over judged items I through III above.

The Scholarship Chairman or Committee Member selects the Judges.

The Judges are usually selected from the community where the Scholarship Chairman or Designated Committee Member resides. The main consideration for selection of Judges is that they must be impartial, educated and that they have a good idea of what it takes to succeed in College.

The judges are asked to rate each applicant on a point system. The point total for a perfect score is 30. Up to 15 Points may be awarded for Items I and II above. The remaining 15 points are allocated to Item III above.

Judges' scores are totaled. Applicants are then listed in descending score order. The number of Scholarship Recipients is based on the amount of funds available to award \$3,000 Scholarships. As many Scholarships as possible will be awarded.

Selected Recipients of the 11TH ACVVC Scholarship should be notified in writing by the end of June. The Recipients Letter will include a set of instructions to have the Scholarship Funds sent to the Educational Institution they are attending.

Following the instructions will expedite payment of the scholarship money.

SUMMARY

The 11TH ACVVC Scholarship Program is intended to benefit all qualified people associated with 11TH ACVVC membership. We will continue to award Scholarships so long as our membership supports the Program.

We thank the thousands of Trooper's, their supportive families, loved ones and all who have contributed so generously over the years to make this program a success. All of us together, contributing what we can, have helped make this program one for which we can all be proud.

Allons !

11TH ACVVC Officers and Directors, and the Scholarship Committee

DAUGHTER FINDS MANY 'HONORARY UNCLES'

Memories flow at Vietnam vet reunion

By Elena Brown—Special to the Gazette

As they finish registering and making their way to the bunker, hearing aids and canes are of little consequence. The gray hair and arthritis are forgotten. There's no talk or thought of heart or liver or other ailments. The men are transformed into "fit-to-serve" as they pass through the threshold into the arms of their buddies. "Welcome home, brother," says a man to my father. "It's good to see you back." My 58-year-old dad smiles. And the men hug.

The men of the Blackhorse 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia embrace each other with the welcome they never received when they returned home from the war decades ago. My dad, retired Army Sgt. Edward Brown Jr., and I try to make the annual four-day reunions together every year, as we did last week when it was in Colorado Springs. It's our father-daughter time. It's where stories I never heard at home are shared. Where people can sit at any table and look at pictures of teenagers in tanks thousands of miles away. Where most stories start with "Remember when?" or "How about the time?" It's where a gray-haired biker with tattoos chats with a grandfather who is an officer of a local homeowners association.

The Vietnam reunion is intense, but the slice of history is filling. I was 13 when I went to my first reunion in 1987 in Louisville, KY. I didn't understand the hugs and songs of the '60s being played every night. I've attended seven of these reunions, and I've watched men return and mourn the men that didn't. I now understand just how important the reunions are. Through the years, my dad's brothers-in-arms became my "honorary uncles." There's something comforting about knowing I can be anywhere in America and have a goodhearted man to watch over me. The

banquet this year included awards, prestigious speakers, thousands of dollars in scholarships for the children of men who served and video feeds from Blackhorse troopers in Iraq. Men were honored this year with the Bronze Star for actions of 35 years ago. Here, honor and valor never fade.

The "Blackhorse Salute" slide show signaled the end of the banquet program. Francis "Frank" Gowrie lit up a cigarette at the dinner table. Smoking isn't allowed at the banquet, but no one complained. "It's nerves, baby," my dad explained as he sipped from his beer. "This can bring up some bad memories."

Intense images on the four giant screens reminded us — several hundred vets and their friends and family members — why we were here. Pictures from the air and ground showed men at war more than 30 years ago. A radio transmission of combat was played. It freshened the memories of good and bad. I watched Gowrie, a retired New York City cop, getting increasingly emotional. His tears become my own. But we weren't alone. My father grabbed my hand, and a member of Gowrie's unit placed an arm around his shoulder.

During the 20th reunion memorial service at the Shrine of Remembrance, the chaplain asked the crowd if anyone would like to speak on behalf of the fallen. The men stirred, but no one moved. Moments passed and four men climbed the small hill under the warm sun and took to the podium. That was the day I heard my father speak. He spoke to his brothers and their families about patience struggling with Veterans Administration red tape, of understanding the need to control vices and regaining lost faith. "Where was God when I was in Vietnam?" he asked the crowd as he recounted Spc. Ron Clark falling into him during the fight when he was also wounded. Clark took a direct hit from a rocket-pro-

pelled grenade launcher. His death was fast and his survivors should know he didn't suffer, my dad said.

"God left me here for a reason," dad said. "He made sure I came back.

"If and when you see a brother falling down, pick him back up."

When the memorial concluded, a Fort Carson soldier played taps behind the flag snapping in the wind above. Ron Betz, who was drafted, and my dad, who volunteered, are always selfishly inseparable during the reunions, but it's OK. Some of the "newbies" had to learn that when our dads, uncles and grandfathers exclude us it's not intentional. This is an intense reunion of men who served in an unpopular war. There is a bond that defies race, religion and sometimes manners. Once they return from the shared memory, they'll introduce and include us — we just have to be patient.

My dad and his buddies would tell me of May 14, 1968, when the 1st Platoon was hit.

"We let loose with everything we had," dad said.

"It was pretty chaotic; it was a tough one," Betz agreed. "We lost about five people."

Dad took most of his injuries on his right side, receiving wounds in his shoulder, chest, hip and leg. The blast perforated his eardrums. He spent three years in the hospital and had 11 surgeries recovering from that one bad episode. When all was said and done, he received the Purple Heart, Army Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Army Valorous Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service, Combat Infantry Badge and Army Sharpshooter Badge.

The void that Vietnam left in the souls of vets grows smaller with each reunion, a place to remember and a place to heal. First-timer Mackenzie Wink, 10, of Amery, Wis., arrived with her grandfather, Dirk McCloud.

"I'm glad my Gramps came back," she said.

It's a common feeling, because in the sea of faces, there is probably someone who served with and maybe even saved your loved one.

Hosting A Reunion Is A Labor Of Love

Steve Page, Reunion Committee Chair

Bringing a Reunion to your city may not be a project that every one wants to take on. The work is tedious and the tasks are numerous. Reunion planning starts about two and one half years before the actual event is scheduled. The first six months are spent gathering hotel and banquet information. The Reunion Proposal Form must be filled out and submitted by May 15 of the year in which the site will be proposed. The member who submits the Reunion Proposal Form must present the site proposal at the reunion. A vote of the membership will determine the next reunion site.

After the site is chosen, the planning begins. A time frame for the things that need to be done will be sent out and must be followed closely. Help is available from the reunion committee chairman as well as from the registration committee. Attention to detail as well as accurate record keeping and communication skills are of the utmost importance. This project would be very difficult to complete without computer skills. This is not a job to take on and think it will do itself.

The reunion takes two years of dedication. Without that, the job cannot be completed.

An updated Reunion Proposal Form can be obtained from Steve Page at the address below. The minimum requirements must be adhered to. Proposed sites that are submitted that do not meet these requirements will not be considered and therefore not presented to the membership.

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Reunion Committee Chairman
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Reach Out of the Darkness

By: Gale Charles,
(C Troop, 1/11, 1968 – 1969)

Reunion XX was full of surprises. The first surprise I remember was a real Colorado rainstorm, which was a welcome sight to many of us from the drought plagued regions of the U. S. Some of us may have never had a Buffalo Burger before. There appeared to a stronger taste to it, or maybe it was just my imagination running away with me. Meeting old friends again as well as finding new friends was a big part of this reunion. I met several first time troopers and I want to thank them for taking the opportunity to see what a Blackhorse Reunion was all about. I met three medics at this reunion for the first time. One I met on Sunday and it was worth the wait.

I have an extreme fear of flying so it takes a lot to get me off the ground. I like being on solid ground. We all make choices in our lives, good and bad. A friend of mine told me at this reunion "On the road of life there are drivers and there are passengers. You choose." I am a '60's music fan. A song that came out in the late '60's when I was finishing my tour in 'Nam, "Reach Out Of The Darkness", meant a lot to me. It never reached number one, but it has a powerful message in the words.

Monday morning arrived for me as I prepared to head to the airport. I met a couple from the mid-west on the shuttle and enjoyed talking with them. I was dropped off in front of the Delta entrance and said my goodbyes to the couple. I went inside the airport and located my gate. Now I only had to wait about 1¼ hour before my flight to Salt Lake. The Sheraton motel shuttle driver had told me there were a number of good restaurants in the Salt Lake airport, but go to Dick Clark's. I was looking forward to finding Dick Clark's and relaxing a bit. After taking my medication to relieve my anxiety, I heard the announcement that passengers going to Salt Lake may board at this time. I was able to relax by listening to music until we arrived unscathed at Salt Lake.

I took advantage of the moving walkway at the airport, finally arriving at Dick Clark's Restaurant. I was all set to go in when I heard some weird spacey song I did not care for. There was something I did not like about the restaurant so I decided to go to a different place to eat. Walking a little further, I saw a

restaurant over in the corner by the restrooms. I think it was called The Shuttle Inn. I went inside and ordered a drink as I had about two hours to kill. A short time later, a young soldier came in wearing Desert Storm attire. I was not paying much attention as I was scanning the menu for something to eat. As I looked up from the menu, I glanced over at the bar and observed the soldier as his right shoulder turned towards me. In plain view was a Blackhorse patch with the stallion reared up. I was totally shocked as this was the last thing I was expecting. Reaching into my pocket, I found my challenge coin. I approached him at the bar. I did not know what to expect, but I tapped him on the shoulder showing him my challenge coin; his eyes got big as saucers as he stared at my coin. After a moment of silence, he looked at me with a smile on his face. I put my arm around him saying welcome home. We said a few words and then I returned to my seat. After finishing my meal, I told the bartender to give the soldier at the bar a drink and put it on my tab. I was getting ready to leave when the young Blackhorse trooper came over towards me asking if he could sit with me. He told me I did not have to do this, but I told him that I wanted to since this was not the case when I came home from the war. We hugged each other and he showed me a picture of his family. I took his picture and gave him my address.

The guy sitting next to me must have been watching as he said, "why don't I get a picture of both of you together, OK?" He took a couple pictures of us and returned the camera to me. The young soldier told me he had many pictures of Iraq that he would send me. I gave him a hug and told him to take care. This was the biggest and probably most exciting surprise for me during the reunion weekend. I will never forget him and hopefully we can become good friends.

The lyrics of "Reach Out of the Darkness" rang true to me now more than ever. "Reach out in the darkness, Reach out in the darkness and you may find a friend". It is hard for me to reach out to a total stranger, but the Blackhorse Spirit in me told me to reach out in the darkness. My baseball coach told me one time "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." "Everybody needs a little love, so reach out in the darkness and you may find a friend."



Journey to Fiddler's Green

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

Darl Arrant, who served with How Battery, 2/11 (1968 – 1969) passed away on January 30, 2000. Darl lived in Gilmer, Texas and was a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC.

Danny E. Browning, who served with G Troop, 2/11 (1967 – 1968) passed away on April 30, 2005. He lived in Fort Towson, Oklahoma and was a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC.

Rodney J. Hooks, who served with the Air Cavalry Troop, (1969 – 1970) passed away on February 18, 2001. Rodney lived in Alvin, Texas and was a member of the 11th ACVVC.

Michael F. Koury, who served with the 398th Transportation Company, (1970 – 1971) passed away on December 31, 2004. Michael lived in Weaver, Alabama and was a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC.

Horace F. "Fred" Morton, who served with the Air Cavalry Troop,

(1968 – 1969) passed away on April 7, 2005. Fred suffered with cancer and lived in Houston, Texas.

Jose B. Perez, who served with H Company, 2/11 (1966 – 1967) passed away on February 23, 2005. Jose lived in Hialeah, Florida and was a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC.

Jason Eugene Robinson, who served with K Troop, 3/11 (1967) passed away in May 2005. He lived in Bowden, Georgia.

Michael F. Thompson, who served with I Troop and How Battery, 3/11, (1968 – 1969) passed away on December 6, 2004. Michael lived in Middletown, Connecticut and was a member of the 11th ACVVC.

Dennis James Zonia, who served with How Battery, 1/11 (1968 – 1969) passed away on August 21, 2005. He was a Life Member of the 11th ACVVC and from Webster, Massachusetts.

Incoming...

The following information has been provided by our Troopers:

From **Ruth Ann Maynard**. To my 11th Cav brothers: I desperately need your help in locating someone from D Company, 1/11, who knew Sgt. Charles Matthews. He was killed on August 13, 1969. His widow, Mary, has contacted me and asked for help in locating someone who spent time with him while he was in Vietnam. I posted a notice on the website and wrote emails to several men who were in D Company, but never received an acknowledgement from anyone. Mary tells me how they dated all four years of high school and married in December 1968, shortly before he went into the military. She says he was her soul mate and she still grieves for him. I don't believe she remarried after his death

I know, from experience, how much it means to find someone who was with your husband, son, or brother during their time in Vietnam. I apologize for having to ask for your help, but I've done all that I can do. I thank you on behalf of Mary, and myself, for any help you can give us in locating someone who knew Sgt. Matthews.

Your 11th Cav sister, Ruth Ann Maynard RuthAnnMaynard@webtv.net



Craig J. Dahms (F Troop, 2/11, 1969 – 1970) has been awarded the Good Samaritan of the Year Award for 2005 by Help Hospitalized Veterans organization. Craig resides in Walcott, Iowa.

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One Long Year

By Dale Sabine, 3rd. Platoon, K Troop, 3/11, 1967*

Away from you for one long year,
 I think of you so much my dear.
 I Think of the times we've had together,
 also of times we'll have forever.
 I yearn to hold you in my arms,
 to tell you of your many charms.
 To look into your eyes so blue,
 and to tell of my love for you.
 Soon my time here will be through.
 Then I'll come charging home to you.
 To hold you tight and so near,
 and to kiss away your every tear.
 To watch our child that you now carry,
 grow, learn, and someday marry.
 And be content the rest of my life,
 that I chose you to be my wife.

* NOTE: Dale wrote this poem while in Vietnam.

Freedom

By: Dale Sabine, 3rd. Platoon, K Troop, 3/11, 1967

A war torn country asked us here,
to help keep free, their land, to them so dear.
So being a land so strong on freedom,
to this war torn country we do come.

Not we alone this war do bare,
but many free nations now are here,
to keep the torch of freedom glowing,
and communism from every free nation overthrowing.

In the paper each day we do see,
names of men who died to keep this and other countries free.
To these men we owe a lot,
but mostly not to forget for what they fought.

All through history the price has been high,
in many wars our men did fight and die.
Just so the day would never come,
that we would lose our most precious freedom.

And yet in America some people there,
for what these men gave their lives seem not to care.
Also there the races fight and argue with each other,
yet over here they live, fight and die like brothers.

Oh America from the bottom of my heart I ask you,
what is our nations people now trying to do?
When every other war was through,
Every ones rejoicing the soldiers return too.

Yet now when a soldier comes from here,
He receives not their happy cheers.



From the Quartermaster...

Rodney H. George

Greetings to all. It is with a certain amount of sadness that Elida and I are announcing that we are retiring from the Quartermaster job. You may or may not know that I suffered a heart attack a few months ago and I will be unable to continue as the Quartermaster. It has been our pleasure to be able to serve you over the past eight years. I am pleased also to introduce you to the new Quartermaster team. Jerry and Jan Beamon of Texas have offered to take over the post of Quartermaster. Customers can expect delays as the inventory is transferred to their home in Bullard, Texas. Until the transition is complete, we ask for your patience in filling orders. There will be a period of time that no transactions will be able to be processed. Jerry and Jan will do everything to ensure a smooth running operation well in time for Christmas orders.

Please do not send any more orders to the Montana address. Any that are received from this point on will have to be returned. I hope that you will understand this delay and the learning curve that it takes to be the QM. I am sure that you will support Jerry and Jan with the same consideration that you have shown Elida and me. The new QM address is shown below and on the QM order form.

At the reunion this year we set a new sales record of \$35,102 dollars worth of merchandise sold. It will take a little time for the vendors to replace stocks so please be patient if you have some items that are placed on backorder. I was only allowed to sit in a chair and take money. The girls did all the running back and forth and I wish to thank them for all their hard work.

Thanks Elida, Janet and Erin Krueger, Pam Hathaway, Michelle Betz and anyone that helped out that I may have missed.

Rod George, QM #2 11th ACVVC

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