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

Gold Star Family License Plates Becoming a Reality in Ohio

By Richard Stobbs (HHT, 1/11, 1969)
and Jim Griffiths

Blackhorse Trooper Richard Stobbs helped lead the charge by being Chairman of the Gold Star Family Committee, which lobbied for passage of legislation to authorize Gold Star Family license plates.

On May 16, 2008, the Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Gold Star Family Committee announced that Gold Star Family license plates are available for families of Fallen Warriors in Ohio. These plates are the result of a bill allowing special license plates to be issued to families who lost loved ones in a combat zone.

The Gold Star plate features an image of a large five-point star, encircled by five smaller stars. Ten combat zones have been designated to appear above the star image: Iraq, Afghanistan, Desert Storm, Grenada, Lebanon, Persian Gulf, Panama, Korea, Vietnam, and World War II. Others may be available on request.



Mike Rankin, Registrar, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (left) presenting Gold Star Family license plate number GSF011 to Blackhorse Trooper Richard Stobbs (right) in honor of 11th Armored Cavalry’s fallen warriors in Vietnam.

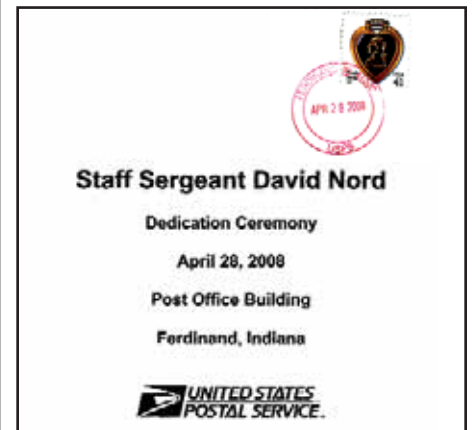
Ohio Public Safety Director Henry Guzman (Vietnam Veteran) and Ohio Adjutant General Gregory L. Wayt presented ten ceremonial Gold Star Family license plates to families representing all military branches and all major theaters of conflict.

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Post Office Named After Blackhorse Trooper KIA

By Jim Griffiths

Public Law 110-105 designated the Ferdinand, Indiana Post Office Building as the Staff Sergeant David Nord Post Office Building. The U.S. Army Sergeant was the town’s only casualty during the Vietnam War. The highly attended Dedication Ceremony took place on April, 28, 2008



The program from Post Office dedication for KIA David Nord had a Purple Heart stamp and was cancelled like a first day issue. (Courtesy of the USPS and Jack Morrison)

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Allen Hathaway,
President Pro Tem

From The Command Track

By Allen Hathaway, President Pro Tem



By the time this issue arrives in the mail there will only be a few weeks until the 23rd Annual Reunion of the 11th ACVVC in Chicago, IL, on August 21-24. Reunion chairman Steve Page, co-chairman Jim Kaszubowski and a host of volunteers have done an outstanding job preparing for this reunion.

We are pleased that Paul L. Kern (GEN, USA RET) will be our guest speaker this year. In 1968 he served as platoon leader with G Troop. On his second tour with the regiment in 1969-1970 he served as troop commander with I Troop. In addition to his Vietnam combat service, in 1991 he served as brigade commander of 2nd Brigade, 24th Infantry Division during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Four optional daytime activities are offered this year to give the attendees an opportunity to get out and enjoy some of the attractions in the Chicago area. The golf tournament, Arlington Race Track, Cubs baseball, and the "Windy City Tour" have turned out to be very popular as shown by the large volume of signups.

Friday night will feature the bunker party and the "Taste of Chicago", a sampling of some of the foods Chicago is famous for. This year's bunker party will also feature special live entertainment you don't want to miss.

The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on Saturday morning during the reunion. Elections will be held this year for president (to complete the term thru Dec 31, 2009) and one board member (three year term beginning Jan 1, 2009). The membership will also choose the location for the 2010 Reunion.

At the mid-year Officers and Directors meeting in April, all of our programs were reviewed and discussed to ensure they are working well and will continue to serve the membership. Some of the initiatives and modifications that were proposed will be presented to the members during the annual membership meeting.

At the time of this writing (July 10) we

estimate 950-1,000 will attend the reunion this year. Once again this promises to be an outstanding reunion with lots of activities and plenty of time to visit with old friends. A tentative reunion schedule is printed in this issue of Thunder Run. Please note times may vary slightly for some activities as the reunion draws closer.

The Scholarship Fundraising activity continues to be strong with record numbers of donors and donations. Our scholarship fundraising consists of three activities; the raffle, silent auction and annual calendar.

The raffle tickets for our 20th annual raffle were mailed in June. Jim Holt (How, 1/11, 1967-68) is once again heading up this activity. We encourage you to send the stubs along with your donation to Jim as soon as possible. Tickets are \$1.00 each with the chance to win 1st prize of \$1,000, 2nd prize of \$750, 3rd prize of \$500 or 4th prize of \$250. Drawing will be held on Saturday, August 23, 2008, at the annual reunion. Winners need not be present to claim prizes. Please contact Jim if you need additional tickets. (See page 3 for contact information)

Rod George (How, 3/11, 1966-67) is heading up the silent auction again this year. This is always a fun and interesting activity at our annual reunion. Donations of items or "in-kind" services for the auction are always appreciated. Items with an 11th Cavalry theme are always in demand, but any item of value and good taste is welcome. The silent auction will be held on Friday evening, August 22. You can bring items with you to the reunion, or you can mail them. Please see the separate article in this issue for the mailing address. If you plan to mail items, please ensure they are mailed so they arrive prior to August 21.

A special thanks to Barb Moreno and the ladies of the women's group for their generous donation of \$2,500 towards the Scholarship Fund. The donation was made possible by the sale of Blackhorse lap blankets. The women's group will once again be offering items for sale as a fundraiser for the Scholarship Program. I urge you to continue to support their efforts.

I would like to thank the Scholarship Committee of Frank Cambria (G Trp, 2/11,

1970-71), chairman, and co-chairman Mike Rafferty (G Trp, 2/11, 1969-70) for their efforts in coordinating all the activities involved in the scholarship program this year. Both have done an excellent job this year working with the Scholarship Program.

I would also like to thank Don Snedeker for coordinating the annual Memorial Day wreath laying at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. Don has been doing this for the past 10 years. A special thanks to all those who attend, some traveling great distances. Nearly 40 Blackhorse troopers, family members and friends attended on Memorial Day this year. Our wreath laying is very informal, but it offers an opportunity to honor our fallen comrades and to meet other troopers who served with the regiment. Plan to attend our next wreath laying on Veterans Day, November 10.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome COL Paul Laughlin as the 63rd Colonel of the Regiment. COL Laughlin assumed command of the regiment from COL Mark E. Calvert, 62nd Colonel, in a change of command ceremony held on July 2, 2008, at Fort Irwin, CA. We would also like to thank COL Calvert for his excellent leadership of the Blackhorse regiment during the past two years. Good luck and best wishes to both of you on your new assignments.

I want to thank all members of 11th ACVVC for making our group of Vietnam veterans the best around. Thanks for your support of all our important programs: Reunions, Scholarships, Memorials, Regimental activities, and just plain old good camaraderie! We have a great staff of volunteers that work daily to make all these activities work and it takes their support for this organization to function.

Finally, always remember those men and women serving in uniform. Whenever you see a Soldier, Sailor, Airman or Marine in uniform— walk up to him or her, extend your hand and give them a hearty "Thank you for Serving!" ALLONS! – It's good to be "Together Again".

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11th ACVVC Reunion XXIII, Rosemont, IL

Registration

Hello Everyone,

Here we are again, another newsletter, another article, and a month closer to seeing all our friends again at this years' reunion. Our house is once again turning into "reunion central". The registrations are steadily coming in and therefore the start of name tags has begun.

Making the name tags is really quite an interesting and fun process. Of course it can also be challenging. After creating the design for this year it must be loaded into the computer. Next you have to lay in the right type perimeters and run a few test tags. Next you have to play around with the different fonts, color choices, and type size. When all this is completed, you can begin making the actual nametags.

Thankfully this year so many of you used return address labels which is very helpful in the correct spelling of your name and where you are from. Please remember that we can only put so much on the nametag, so, if we abbreviate something or leave off your nickname don't be offended. Barb does try very hard to put everything on it. While the nametags will come with those stretchy strings, remember that the ladies will have really nice 11th ACVVC lanyards for sale at their area for only \$5.00, and they do hold the nametags nicely.

After sending in your registration form I will enter your name on the web site as coming. Please if you notice that I have misspelled your name or that of your guest, please contact me and I will correct it.

Be sure you check for the times that the registration desk will be open as it will be a little different this year. Also remember that if you mail in your registration at the last minute that I may not

receive it before I leave home. It takes about 5 or 6 days for it to get from Ollie to me. Thunder Run will probably not arrive until the second week of August. It would be your best bet at that time to register at our website www.11thcavnam.com. If you do not register at the website you need to immediately fill out the registration and get it in the mail. If I don't have it, then you will be required to again pay the registration fee plus a late fee. Of course if we later find out that you did indeed send in your registration and Ollie has it, one of the registration fees as well as the late charges will be refunded to you.

Also remember that if you live near the reunion site or are not sure if you want to attend and plan on "just showing up" that you will be paying a late fee as well as the registration fee. Also understand that by not pre-registering you will possibly not be able to sit with your unit at the banquet. Go ahead and pre-register. If it turns out that you are unable to attend for whatever reason please notify us (myself or Ollie) as soon as possible and your registration fees will be refunded to you.

When you send us your registration form please be sure to look it over carefully. Where it asks for years in country, it means what years you were there (example 68/69). You will also see that it asks for meal choices. Be very sure that you check the one you want because once we have it that is what we tell the hotel. Because we pre order them we can not make changes at the last minute. So, do not come to us and say "I want beef instead of chicken." If you fail to mark your choice at all then we will be ordering chicken for you. For those of you with special dietary needs (i.e. Lactose intolerant, no salt, etc.) make sure you let your server at the banquet know.

It is also important that you sit with your own unit. We only set up enough places as there are people registered with the unit. Example: if you are with G troop then you sit with G troop and not E troop. If we find that someone from another unit is occupying seats with the wrong unit, they will be asked to move to the proper unit seats. This is only fair to those in each unit.

Well, I have just received another packet of registration forms, so I need to record them and put them into the computer. Hope yours is in there. If you have any questions regarding the registration forms or want to help at the registration table please let me know. My cell number is 608-343-6244 or you can e-mail me at the address listed in the *Thunder Run*. We do need the help.

See you all in Chicago, the "Windy City".

Bob Moreno (G Troop 68/69)

Registration Director

Time To Make Your Hotel Reservations

11th ACVVC Chicago Reunion August 21 – 24, 2008

**HYATT REGENCY O'HARE
9300 W. BRYN MAWR AVE.
ROSEMONT, ILLINOIS 60018**

- Reservations @ (847) 696-1234 Toll Free (800) 233-1234
- The hotel provides free shuttle service from O'Hare Airport every 15 minutes.

Please make hotel reservations early.

REGISTRATION FORM



**11th ACVVC Reunion XXIII, Rosemont, IL
Thursday, 21 August thru Sunday, 24 August 2008**



**PLEASE MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT
Hyatt Regency O'Hare, 9300 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.
Rosemont, IL 60018
847-696-1234 800-233-1234**

Registration fee is \$75.00 per person. This fee is required for attendance at any of the scheduled events including the Thursday and Friday night Bunker Parties and the Saturday Banquet dinner.

Please register early. **Deadline for registrations is August 1, 2008.** The registration fee will be an additional \$25.00 per person for registrations received after that date.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____ Telephone No: _____

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

Attendees

_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
_____	\$ _____
	Registration Fee Total \$ _____

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

Special Dietary Needs: Yes No (Please indicate needs) _____

Is this your first reunion? Yes No KIA Relative? Yes _____

WHEELCHAIR OR OTHER MOBILITY EQUIPMENT RENTAL INFORMATION

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They will deliver to and pick up from the hotel

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Exp. Date _____

Signature (Required for credit card) _____

Make checks payable to 11th ACVVC. Please mail Registration Form along with payment to:

**11th ACVVC TREASURER
C/O OLLIE PICKRAL
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KILMARNOCK, VA 22482**

NORD from page 1

SSG David Nord



Staff Sergeant Nord was born and raised in Ferdinand, Indiana, sharing his younger years with his one brother and three sisters. After graduating from St. Ferdinand High School in 1967, he worked in a local furniture factory until drafted into the U.S. Army.

Following training at Fort Knox, Kentucky he was assigned to I Troop, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment at Blackhorse Base Camp, South Vietnam as a Scout Section Leader. After serving several months, he was granted home leave, where he married his long-time girlfriend Louann Hasenour.

Shortly after returning from home leave, he was killed in action on June 23, 1969 in Binh Long Province, becoming the only Ferdinand native to die in South Vietnam.

SSG Nord's fellow Ferdinand native, high school buddy and fellow Blackhorse Trooper, Frank Begle (A Troop, 1969), set the wheels in motion that led to Indiana's Ninth District Congressman, Baron Hill, introducing a bill (which was signed by the entire Indiana Congressional Delegation) and ended up being signed into Public Law by President George Bush.

Frank Begle, who now resides in Indianapolis, stated for an article in the Ferdinand News, "Kids today in Ferdinand look up to athletes or movie stars. I happen to think they should look up to a real hero from right here in Ferdinand. I wanted David Nord's name on this Post Office so maybe these same kids would ask their Mom or Dad why his name is there and they could tell them about David being a real hero, who gave his life for his hometown and his country."

Three fellow I Troopers during 1969 that were part of the same convoy the day David Nord was KIA were able to attend the dedication ceremony in

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Ferdinand. Mark Crist posted on the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia Website Forum "I along with two other members of I-Troop who served with David were at the dedication. It was to say the least overwhelming. Everyone who put this all together from the initiation to fruition did a superb job. The Nord family had alot of David's memorabilia on display which took up several cases. They have even kept his motorcycle all these years which was also on display. The good citizens of Ferdinand and the surrounding area were extremely supportive. They even gave us a standing ovation. I've never had a warmer 'Welcome Home' by such a large group of citizens. Believe me, small town America at its best!"

Chuck Mutchler, another I Trooper posted on the Forum, "Nick Soehnlén and myself were the other two members of I Troop to attend who served with David and I concur wholeheartedly with Mark's comments. A first class job by all who worked on it for a deserving soldier who made the ultimate sacrifice. David Nord can never be replaced but he had to be looking down on all of this and the fine son he left for us to know with a big smile and a heart full of pride. Ferdinand will never realize what a fine man they lost but his memory will live on thanks

Newsletter Deadlines

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

First Quarter.....Jan 15

Second Quarter.....Mar 25

Third Quarter.....Jun 25

Fourth Quarter.....Oct 1

All submissions for publication must be sent to: Jim Griffiths, Editor, 3784 Michigan Ave., Bridgman, MI 49106. Email: JGriff11@aol.com.

to the efforts of the community."

Jack Morrison (A Troop, Air Cav, 1967-1969) and Mike Pacey (Air Cav, 1969-1971) were other Blackhorse Troopers that were able to attend the Dedication. Morrison posted on the Forum, "The Army Times reported on the Dedication and put the number of people attending at 600."

The event surely was a wonderful turnout and event to honor the memory of one of the Blackhorse's finest, a fallen comrade!

(Portions of this article were previously published in an article by Kathy Tretter in the Ferdinand News and Thunder Run has been granted permission to use this material)

PLATES from page 1

Gold Star Family ceremonial license plate number GSF001 was presented to the family of Army Sgt. Emile DeLeau, Jr, who was posthumously presented the Medal of Honor for "magnificent courage and daring aggressiveness" in Oberhoffen, France, 12, February 1945. Jo Ann Clark Stobbs received ceremonial plate GSF002 in honor of Air Force Sgt. Gary V. Clark, her husband, killed in combat support December 17, 1969. Jo Ann Clark Stobbs is now married to Blackhorse Trooper Richard Stobbs.

Martins Ferry American Legion Post 38, the first organization to officially support the Gold Star Family Committee efforts, participated in the impressive ceremony.

The Ohio Department of Public Safety also presented Blackhorse Trooper Richard Stobbs with ceremonial license plate number GSF011, to honor Blackhorse Fallen Warriors of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam.

These Gold Star Family license plates are a Moving Memorial to our Fallen Warriors and the Committee would like to see all 50 states offer Gold Star Family license plates; about 21 states currently do so. Anyone wanting help in your state please contact Richard Stobbs at: rdstobbs@yahoo.com.



Jim Griffiths, Editor
Thunder Run

Editor's Corner

James M. "Jim" Griffiths

There have been many pleasurable experiences I have experienced while serving as Editor of your newsletter, *Thunder Run*. One of the most enjoyable aspects of this position is being able to bring to you positive stories concerning present and past Troopers of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. This 3rd Quarter issue of the newsletter contains more than its share of these positive type stories shedding light on both past and present Blackhorse Troopers.

One of our stories concerns the commemoration and honoring of one of our Troopers SSG David Nord (KIA June 23, 1969) through the naming and dedication of a U.S. Post Office in his honor in Ferdinand, Indiana. The impetus for this to occur came from a fellow Ferdinand native and buddy who served with the 11th ACR and is presently a member of the 11th ACVVC.

Another article concerns the establish-

ment of the availability of Gold Star Family License Plates in the State of Ohio for families who have lost loved ones in a combat zone. The charge for this was led by a Trooper who served with the 11th ACR and is a member of the 11th ACVVC. He was Chairman of the Committee that pushed for the legislation to achieve the Gold Star Plate and in the process achieved the 11th ACR being honored by Ohio with a plate as well.

One more article "A Wrong Made Right" concerns efforts by family and friends to successfully get corrected misspelled names on his medals and citations as well as misspelling on the Vietnam Wall for Blackhorse Trooper Cary H. Siler (KIA April 11, 1967)

I think you will enjoy these articles so read them to fill in the details of what happened as well as reading many other submissions made by our members in 3rd Quarter. The wealth of stories attached to this organization never ceases to amaze me and the aura and lore concerning our Regiment and our organization continues

to expand.

Be sure to read the submissions of our regular contributors. As always they are loaded with information you may find informative, entertaining, and useful especially the time sensitive material relating to our Reunion in Chicago.

At press time we are not sure how many of you will receive 3rd Quarter *Thunder Run* prior to the Reunion. It is our hope that many if not most or all of you will receive it in a timely fashion. Once it is out of my hands the time frame can be dictated by the printer and subject to the vagaries of the United States Post Office and their processing of it.

Please continue to submit articles, photos, and other items that make up the newsletter. **Those of you who submit items hardcopy via the Postal System please include an email address if you have one or a phone number, cell or other, so that I can contact you with any questions** I might have concerning your submission. This will help me make your *Thunder Run* a better publication.

Show Your Pride



Wayne LeBail (A Troop 67-67) is very proud of his truck that is loaded with Blackhorse regalia including a license plate showing his troop and 11ACR.

David McArthur (HHT 1/11, 1968-1969) proudly shows the Colors of the 11th Cav as he represented the 11th ACVVC at the Minnesota State Capitol Grounds Vietnam Veteran Statue Memorial Day, 2008

A Wrong Made Right

By Jim Bowers (I Trp 66-67)

I think all of us 11th Cav Troopers have a story to tell about our tour of duty in Vietnam. I would like to share mine with you.

My name is Jim Bowers and I served with I Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Platoon, from August of 1966 to August of 1967 – yes, a “boat person”. Upon arriving in Vietnam I could not help but notice the people around me. Our officers, NCO’s were all highly trained career soldiers which gave me a sense of security. One of the NCO’S was Staff Sergeant Cary H. Siler. He gave one the feeling that “this guy knows what he’s doing”, and is a leader and someone who is going to get you through all of this.

After being on several missions, my gut impression of Sgt. Siler was right. He distinguished himself as a leader and someone you looked up to. I knew he was going to do everything possible to get his men back home and in one piece.

One day, during one of our rare stays in base camp, Sgt. Siler came up to me and asked if everything was going all right. I told him yes, but I missed my wife and family. He told me he felt the same, and brought out a picture of his wife he kept in his wallet. I also showed him a picture of my wife. We spent about an hour together sharing a few beers and just getting to know each other.

We were not in base camp too long when we got orders to move out on operation Junction City II. We were told it was going to be close to the Cambodian border. Sgt. Siler was transferred from 3rd platoon to 1st platoon for this mission because they were short handed. We all tried to talk him out of transferring but he just said, “That’s where they need me”.

Sgt. Siler was lead vehicle in the

armored column when we got to our planned positions. It wasn’t very long after his column turned off the main road and started “bustin’ jungle” looking for Charlie, when the Viet Cong opened fire. Sgt. Siler went to the aid of a truck that was hit with a RPG and laid down heavy machine gun fire, which foiled the Viet Cong attempt to destroy the column. However, during the battle Sgt. Siler was mortally wounded. The last I saw of him was when they put his body onto the helicopter for the “dust off”.

Everyone in I Troop felt the pain of losing Sgt. Siler both as a mentor and especially a friend. As a result of his action that day, he was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart. The medals were awarded posthumously to his wife and family in October of 1967. There was only one thing wrong. The Army issued the medals and citations to Gary H. Siler, not Cary H. Siler. It appears that all of Cary’s Army records listed his name as Gary, not Cary. Even on the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington D.C., his name was carved as Gary.

39 years after his death, I met with his parents Hubert and JoVetta, and his two surviving brothers Lonnie and Eddie. We



Fellow I Troopers at the Gravesite of Cary Siler: (Kneeling) Left Jim Bowers, Right. David Rector, (Standing) Left Larry Burwick, Right Lance Hembree

met on Memorial Day 2006 at the tiny Buckeye Cemetery in Madison County Arkansas where Cary is laid to rest. It turns out they live only 30 minutes south of where I relocated after retirement. I have to mention that fellow I Trooper Larry Burwick (66-67) who lives in Cleveland, Texas, was responsible for locating the Silers.

Over the last 2 years I have kept in contact with the Siler’s and have met with them on several occasions. Last year we went to Branson, MO for the Veteran’s Day Parade, and rode on the 11th Cav Float. Several I Troopers who served with Cary in Vietnam annually attend this event.

About 1 year ago, Cary’s brother Lonnie started out on a seemingly impossible task of trying to get Cary’s military records and medals changed so they correctly spelled his name.

After 41 years and Lonnie’s persistence, he was able to get all of Cary’s records and citations corrected. On May 12th of this year a ceremony was held in the Siler’s Church where Adjutant General and State Command Sergeant Major for the Arkansas National Guard presented corrected citations, the Silver Star, and the Purple Heart to Cary H. Siler’s family. Work is underway to correct the Memorial in Washington D.C.

Representatives from Federal, State, and Local Governments were on hand along with family and friends. Also present were members of the 11th ACVVC who served with Cary. They were: Larry Burwick, David Rector, Lance Hembree, James Phillips, and myself. These brothers traveled from Missouri, Ohio, and Texas to attend. Just goes to show you how 11th Cav Troopers feel about their fallen brothers.

The Siler family was overwhelmed by the presence of the I Troopers, and so grateful we were there. We were simply saying, “We will never forget”.

(Editor’s note. According to 11th ACVVC President, Allen Hathaway, Cary Siler’s corrected name will actually be added somewhere on the same panel of the Wall since it is not possible to correct the current name. We look forward to a follow up article after the addition has been completed.)

Chicago Reunion Silent Auction

Greetings fellow troopers! As you are all aware, the preparations for the upcoming Chicago Reunion are in full swing. One of the very important preparations is that it is time for us to appeal to the membership for direct support.

The Silent Auction is one of the three corners of the platform that allows us to meet the monetary requirements for our scholarship program. As you are aware, this program was very important to our 11th ACVVC President Chuck Schmidt. Chuck passed away recently doing everything that he could to better our organization. Under his guidance the scholarship program has grown to the 11th ACVVC giving out 32 \$3000.00 scholarships. This incurs a yearly cost of \$96,000.00. It goes to our greatest asset, the children of our troopers.

Our membership has always come through with items for the silent auction. I am sure that there are those of you out there that have the talent to construct one-of-a-kind items related to the 11th Armored Cavalry. We also can use purchased items that represent the 11th Cav specifically or the military generally. We have also been successful at auctioning off new items such as tools, books and similar items.

We want to be able to thank our donors properly. To do that we need the information requested on the Silent Auction Donor form below. You may use facsimiles of the form if you wish. This gives us

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your info, the item donated info and your estimate of starting bid. It is important to include the form with the item whether you mail the item in or bring it in person. Last year a lot of confusion occurred when people left small slips of paper with minimal information on them.

You can bring items with you to the Reunion, or you can ship them to Wally Ergish who has volunteered to collect, hold, and bring them to the reunion hotel for display. If you plan to ship items, **send to: Wally Ergish, 2930 N. Moody Ave, Chicago, IL. 60634-5026.** If you will bring the item with you to the Reunion, it would be helpful to notify Silent Auction Chairman, Rod George, E-mail rhg1ekg2@aol.com or telephone # (406) 626-5819 so he can make preparations for your item.

Thank you all in advance for your continued generosity to this very worthwhile program.

Rodney H. George
Silent Auction Chairman

VA BENEFITS:

Use Them Or Lose Them?

(or) It Is Never Too Late To Apply.

Submitted by Frank R. Cambria, Secretary

A large number of our members have children who have served in the military. It has been reported that a very high percentage of veterans are not aware of expiration dates that many of their veterans' benefits have. Below are some important federal benefits so you can advise your veteran children to "use them or lose them." 11th ACVVC members are *never* too old to apply if the benefit has No Time Limit!

- VA Veterans Health care: **No Time Limit.** The Medical Benefits Package emphasizes preventive and primary care, offering a full range of outpatient and inpatient services.

- VA Enhanced Enrollment for Combat Veterans Health Care: **5 years** from release from active duty. This benefit covers all illnesses and injuries except those clearly unrelated to military service.

- Montgomery GI Bill Education, Training, and Employment Programs for Former Active Duty: **10 years** from date of last discharge or release from active duty. The current full-time rate for those with three or more years of service and enrolled in an institutional program is \$1,075 per month.

- Montgomery GI Bill for Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR): **14 years** from the date of eligibility for the program, or until released from the Selected Reserve or National Guard.

- Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP): No time limit, while remaining in the same level of the Ready Reserve.

- Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment: Generally, **12 years** of separation from service or within 12 years of being awarded service-connected VA disability compensation. For veterans with service-connected disabilities.

- Dental Treatment: Within **90 days** of separation.

- VA Disability Compensation: **No Time Limit.**

- VA Disability Pension: **No Time Limit.**

- VA Home Loan Guaranty Program: **No Time Limit.**

For more detailed information of these programs go to: www.va.gov.

11th ACVVC Silent Auction

Donated Item Information Form

Please provide the following information with your donated item. It is important for our records. If you wish to donate anonymously there will be a section to make that request.

Description of item donated:

Name of Donor: _____

Address of Donor: _____

Value of item donated: \$ _____

I wish to remain anonymous: (check box)



Scholarship Update

By Frank R. Cambria & "Doc" Mike Rafferty

The 11th ACVVC Board of Directors has speculated on how many children of our members are still under age 19 for each of the past several years. Because of numerous requests to include grandchildren in the Scholarship Program, the estimated number of *eligible children* is an important consideration for Board and the Scholarship Committee when planning for the future of the Scholarship Program.

We received an incredible 49 applications in the past two months from eligible children of our members, representing a 40% increase over 2007! The Scholarship Committee will award 32 \$3,000 scholarships (\$96,000) in 2008. The applicant with the total highest points, as determined by our five independent judges, will be the recipient of the new Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Scholarship Award. This award is in honor of Chuck, who died in office, for his exceptional leadership as President. The recipient will receive an additional \$1,000 from the 11th ACVVC plus \$1,000 from Bonnie Schmidt for a total scholarship award of \$5,000. [Note: the criteria for this award have been changed beginning 2009]

The 49 applicants in 2008 represented 23 States. It is interesting to note that population ranking of the States had little to do with how many applicants came for each State. For example, both New York

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and Montana had 2 applicants. The following lists the number of applicants from each State with each States' population ranking.

- 5 Applicants: IL #5, MN # 21
- 4 Applicants: FL #4
- 3 Applicants: TX #2, KS #34, MI #8
- 2 Applicants: TN #17, CO #22, VA #12, HI #42, NY #3, OH #7, MT #44, NC #10
- 1 Applicants: MD #19, CA #1, GA #9, WV #38, WA #13, KY #26, RI #43, IA #31, IN #15

We also received two applications from children who had previously received 11th ACVVC scholarship awards. Please remember that no person may receive more than one 11th ACVVC scholarship!

Effective for 2008, the full scholarship will be paid in one installment to the college or university instead of two installments. This recent decision has not yet been communicated to the 49 applicants.

For questions regarding the scholarship program, please email the Scholarship Committee Co-Chairman Doc Mike Rafferty at DocRafferty36@sbcglobal.net.

Scholarship Funding

By Frank R. Cambria, Secretary and Scholarship Committee Chairman

When you think about it, it is quite amazing that our association is currently awarding nearly \$100,000 of scholarship dollars per year to the children of our members. It is especially significant that 100% of this money comes from donations and fund raising events, most of which is from our members themselves!

Methods of Scholarship Fund Raising

1. Annual Raffle. Managed by Jim Holt. Raffle tickets were mailed to all members in early June 2008.
2. Blackhorse in Vietnam Calendar sales (managed by Pete Walter)
3. Silent Auction at reunions (managed by Rod George)
4. Women's Group activities (managed by Barb Moreno)
5. Direct donation by members and third parties. Of special note is that one unnamed individual donated \$1,000 at the reunion

News From Past Scholarship Winners

We are pleased to hear news from our past scholarship winners and look forward to hearing from more in the future.

I received the 11th ACVVC scholarship in 1999 when I was attending Daniel Webster College in Nashua, New Hampshire. I received my Associates Degree in Flight Operations from there in 2001 having received my private pilot's license in March of 2000. I entered advanced flight training in 2001 for an additional year and have gone on to receive many additional FAA Airline ratings. I started my career at Buffalo, New York as a flight instructor and before I left there had become a Captain on a King Air 200 and then a Lear 35. I am currently working in Islip, New York flying as Captain on a Falcon 50 and a Falcon 900.

My goal from about 8 years old was to become a pilot and I certainly enjoy what I do. I have only 2 states, Hawaii and Alaska, that I have not flown into and I always try to see as much as I can at each stop.

Thank you for helping me with the scholarship award. I think I have put it to good use.

Jeremy J. Bromley
(son of Jerry H. Bromley, H Co., 1970)

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I am a 2001 recipient of the 11th ACVVC scholarship award. In May of 2005 I received my Bachelors of Science degree in Exercise Science and on May 10th of this year I graduated with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from the University at Buffalo and was inducted into The Alpha Eta Society which is an Allied Health Honor Society. I am currently awaiting the New York State exam to obtain my license to practice. Between internships I have volunteered for the past 3 years at a program for MS patients and am currently working at an office where they specialize in patients with MS, stroke and brain injury.

I wish to thank you all once again for awarding me your scholarship and I wanted you to know I have worked hard these past 7 years to deserve it.

Lacey Bromley
(daughter of Jerry H. Bromley, H Co., 1970)

Funeral Ballad ©

By Laurence Butterfield (F Troop, 1969-1970)

**We went to a funeral, way up in Maine
Of a fallen hero, we knew not by name.**

**We showed up, not by chance
But because of others planning on attendance.**

**Hundreds of peace protestors
About as welcome as molesters**

**Playing to the media hype
I'm sure you know the type.**

**From all over the country they came
As if they were attending an important game.**

**On this grieving family and little city
They were not to show an ounce of pity.**

**They sought attention throughout the land
At the expense of this soldier, who died in the sand.**

**They claimed to support the troops, but not the war
Haven't we been down this road before?**

**Community, vets, biker gangs and supporters
gathered 'round
To support a scene that had become so profound.**

**And the government acted quite smart
Calling in police and guard to keep the sides apart.**

**The streets were lined as if waiting for a parade
Oh what a volatile scene it made.**

**Risking injury and arrest we went
To assure that the proper message was sent.**

**Let us honor these heroes we lay to rest
Never more to return to their family nest.**

**Not by picking this venue to protest a war
But by honoring the fallen and what they died for.**

**They fought for your right to be free
Even your right to protest and disagree.**

**But there is a time and a place
Without you having to show disgrace.**

**Don't dishonor this hero and event
I hope this is not what you meant.**

**Let us bury and honor our troop
We can do so without your group.**

**By protestors this funeral will not be molded
The flag will be properly presented and folded.**

**Nor will this hero's honor be stole
When the buglers Taps will softly flow.**

**And as the guns fire their final Salute
Better you stay far away and remain mute.**

**You can protest another day
Or do it very far away.**

**Here today, I may not be right
But make my stand, ready to fight.**

Incoming...

Information provided by and for our Troopers

From Adrian Vaaler“The 5th Annual Eugene Blackhorse Picnic will be held the Saturday after Labor Day, September 6, 2008. Please contact Adrian Vaaler, P. 541-344-2113 or Email: adrianvaaler@gmail.com for further information. My address is: 2610 Baker Blvd., Eugene, OR 97403. The picnic is held from noon to five. Bring your memorabilia from your Blackhorse service.”

Jan C. Brueckmann (C Troop, 66-67 ... recently visited the 11th ACR Memorial to view his purchased brick. He found that the brick had not been installed yet and fears he will not get back to Ft. Knox to see it. He would like to request that if anybody remembers him and/or would be kind enough to take a picture of his brick while visiting the Memorial and send it to him he would be greatly appreciative. He thinks he had J.C. Brueckmann C Trp 1/11 #2540 inscribed on the brick. He can be contacted at foxfields1@verizon.net

2009 11th ACVVC Calendar Photos Needed

The 2009 11th ACVVC Calendar will be assembled in October 2008 for publication and distribution in November/December. We have used nearly all photos previously submitted that were suitable for publication. If you would like your photos to be considered for publication in the 2009 edition of the annual Scholarship Program calendar fundraiser, please submit them to the address below. We look for photos with interesting content. Photos must be clear and suitable to enlarge. Please indicate the approximate date and a brief description of the location if known. Photos will be returned. All photos must be received by September 1, 2008, in order to be considered. Submit photos to: Pete Walter, 8 Tallowood Dr., Westampton, NJ 08060

Please see the instructions below from the company that prints the calendar.

If you would rather not send the actual photos, the second best option is to scan them at a minimum of 300 dpi (depending on size). If the original photo is 8 x 10 - 300 dpi is great. If the photo is the small 3.5 x 5 then the dpi should be a minimum of 600 dpi. I prefer to get them in color.

Chicago Welcomes The 11th Cav

The time is almost here and the Windy City is ready to welcome you. The Cub Game, Race Track and Windy City tour are all set to go, and the Friday night Taste of Chicago bunker party with Rick Elvis Saucedo is ready to rock and roll.

Here is an important list of information on picking up your tickets for all scheduled tours. Keep this list handy so you can refer to it when you get to the hotel.

Tickets for all tours can be picked up Wednesday, Aug 20 from 5:00 - 6:30 pm, Thursday, Aug 21 from 9:00 - 11:00 am and again from 5:30 - 6:30 pm and on Friday Aug 22 from 7:30 - 9:00 am. We will have a table set up near the 11th Cav registration area, with a sign posted: TOUR TICKETS. Please try to pick up your tickets early.

You must be in the foyer area by registration 30 minutes prior to buses leaving. Each

group will be assembled by TEAM CHICAGO MEMBERS, who will escort you to the buses. A guide will be on each bus to assist you and inform you of the tour schedule. Please pay strict attention to these guides as the buses are on a strict schedule as to not incur any additional charges to us.

Boarding Schedule

Thursday, August 21

Cubs Game - People assemble at 10:30 am in the foyer (signs will be posted). Bus leaves 11:00 am sharp for Wrigley Field. The bus will park in a designated lot and remain in that lot until your return. If you're planning on buying any souvenirs please do so during the game so we can adhere to the bus company's schedule. After the game, please return to the bus as soon as possible. Enjoy the game. GO CUBS!!

Race Track - People assemble in the foyer at 11:00 am (signs will be posted). Buses leave at 11:30 am sharp for Arlington Park. A guide will be on each bus to assist you into the track, take you on a tour of the track and show you to your seats. Your tour guide will escort you back to the buses when the races are over. Enjoy the races and Good Luck!!!!

Friday, August 22

Windy City Tour - This is a large tour so please assemble in the foyer at 8:15 am (signs will be posted). Buses leave at 9:00 am sharp and return at 3:00 pm. There will be a stop at Navy Pier, where you can grab a bite to eat. Each bus will have a professional Chicago tour guide on it for the entire tour. Please follow their instructions closely so we can follow the schedule and avoid leaving anyone behind. So get ready to sit back and enjoy a great tour of Chicago.

Taste Of Chicago - Food for the Taste of Chicago will begin at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. The show will start at 7:45 pm, with 2 sets. The second set will be dedicated to our 11th Cav troopers and the USA. This will be followed at 10:00 pm by the results of the silent auction. So come hungry and get ready to party.

We hope our members and their families enjoy the events we have planned for you. We can't wait until everyone gets here to experience our great city and all it has to offer. So get ready Blackhorse for one fantastic reunion!!

Allons, Jim Kaszubowski

MOVING?

We want you to get your copy of *Thunder Run* without a lot of trouble. Complete this form and mail it to: 11th ACVVC Membership Update, Allen Hathaway, 13194 Rettew Dr., Manassas, VA 20112.



Name: _____

Old Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

New Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone _____ Effective Date: _____

11th ARMORED CAVALRY MEMORIAL RESTORATION DONATIONS

The 11th ACVVC gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the following individuals who have purchased granite bricks in support of the 11th Armored Cavalry Memorial restoration. The list includes orders received between March 25, 2008 and June 21, 2008. Previous donors' lists appeared in 2nd and 3rd quarter 2007 *Thunder Run* and 1st and 2nd Quarter 2008. Numbers in parentheses indicate more than one brick. This brings the total number of bricks purchased to 662.

William E. Adams

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11th ACVVC Reunion XXIII, Rosemont, IL

Thursday, 21 August thru Sunday, 24 August 2008



Tentative Schedule of Events

Wednesday, 20 August

1000-1600 Registration Open for early arrivals

1930-2130

Live Entertainment

2130-2400

Bunker (continued)

Thursday, 21 August

0700-???? 17th Annual Marty Ognibene Memorial Golf Tournament

0900-1800 Registration Open

0900-1700 Quartermaster Store Open

1030-1800 Wrigley Field Baseball, Chicago Cubs vs. Cincinnati Reds (sold out)

1100-1800 Arlington Park Race Track "Blackhorse Day" (optional - \$23 charge)

1400-2400 Bunker Open

Saturday, 23 August

0900-1200

Annual General Membership Meeting (Members Only)

0900-1200

Women's Group Meeting

1400-1500

Memorial Service

1400-1700

Registration Open for Late Arrivals

1500-1700

Quartermaster Store Open

1745-1845

Cocktail Hour and Silent Auction

1900-2130

Banquet, Presentations, Raffle Drawing, and "Blackhorse Salute"

2130-0130

Dancing to DJ

Friday, 22 August

0900-1800 Registration Open

0815-1600 Chicago City Tour (optional - \$20 charge)

0900-1700 Quartermaster Store Open

1000-1200 Veterans Seminar

1200-2400 Bunker Open

1700-2000 Silent Auction

1730-1930 Bunker Party "Taste of Chicago"

Sunday, 24 August

1000-1100

Chapel Worship Service

(Nondenominational)

1000-1400

Quartermaster Store Open

All Day Farewells and Departures

NOTE: This is a tentative schedule. Times may vary as the reunion draws closer. Locations of all activities will be posted at the reunion registration desk.

11TH ACVVC DONATIONS

Donations to various 11th ACVVC activities since the 2nd Quarter issue of *Thunder Run*

Donor Levels:	Platinum Level \$500+	Gold Level \$100-\$499	Silver Level \$50-\$99	Bronze Level \$1-\$49
Trooper Assistance Fund	William Weaver	Gold Level	William Clifford-Basnett	John Foggin
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Steven Atkinson	Doris Kinback	Farrell Tharp	Ronald Vetere	Thomas Kent
William Corriston	Scholarship	William Trubeck	Karl Warner	Ralph Kidd
Bronze Level	Platinum Level	John Tstee	Bronze Level	George Knight
Willie Howze	Memory of Bao Van Ngo	Barton Werner	Tony Balas	Edward Kriston
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			Donald Dye	Clinton Sanford
			Walter Flick	Michael Todd
				Horace Yell

Bright, Bright

By Victor Rodriguez,
(A Troop 1968-1969)

Bright, bright are the lights that torture our eyes. Like sparks produced by molten stars scattered above our heads in the dead of night. We hear plinking of sharp metal against armored personnel carriers. The screams we hear are shadowing the confusion and panic of men regrouping to defend themselves. We hear boom, boom, prowling sounds of feared provocations, pounding messages to our hearts. Knock, knock, our knees are knocking against each other, and seeking a path to take flight. But they cannot flee without the consensus of the entire body which is locked in mortal combat. Orders are being shouted out and are being lost in the turbulence and confusion all around us. But, men accustomed to instinctual survival skills perform as one. They move forward, they move back, they stand, they leap, they lie prone, and they crawl. They pray to the foxhole God, but saying the hell with it, they move on. The taste and smell of gunpowder is in the air serving as an overture to the imminent smell of rotting corpses in the wind.

Bright, bright, boom, boom, and the smoke clears, rippling away like if a pebble was dropped in a muddy pool. A soundless reality sets in, to unfold a scene in the theatrics of war. A mutilated scene of a mangled terrain, where bodies, theirs and ours, litter the landscape.

We weep and honor our dead. We desecrate and cast theirs aside. We take time to gather our thoughts and settle our fears once again. We take time to realize that it's a sunny day as we move into green and fertile rice paddies and lush jungles (their land). Sometimes it's a day, a couple of days, or a week before it's bright, bright, boom, boom, and the fears are here again.

Ladies of the 11th ACVVC Blackhorse Caregiver Assistance Fund

History

In 2006 Barb Moreno, the Director of the Ladies of the Blackhorse saw a need to provide assistance to the spouse or caregiver of those troopers who were being assisted by the Troopers Assistance Fund which was under the guidance of the Board of Directors of the 11th ACVVC. Prior to then there was no assistance available for the accompanying spouse or caregiver of the assisted trooper.

Purpose Statement

The purpose of the Caregiver Assistance Fund is to assist the spouse or accompanying caregiver of the assisted trooper who served with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam and/or Cambodia. Qualified candidates will be awarded, with the approval of the assistance committee, one or more of the following items, depending on the number of requests, funds depletion, and the degree of assistance required: 1) reunion registration fees and 2) meals.

Maintenance of Funds

Funds shall be set aside each year for the purpose of assisting the spouse or caregiver of the assisted trooper as identified by the BOD of the 11th ACVVC. This fund shall be the result of any funds raised that are available from the ladies past or current projects. The Women's Director will keep the Ladies Assistance Fund as a separate item in the budget. The yearly amount will be determined by the past year's fund rais-

ing project after the payment of any bills and/or donations to the scholarship fund(s).

Rules of Acceptance

To be accepted for assistance, the spouse or person accompanying the assisted trooper may be required to show proof that said trooper is a member of the 11th ACVVC, that said trooper has been granted assistance from the 11th ACVVC, and a description of their monetary situation, i.e. . . . job, salary, and family situation etc. Spouses or accompanying person will only be allowed to accept this assistance one time. Exceptions to the one time only use of the Assistance Fund will be addressed on a case-by-case basis and will require the unanimous vote of the Assistance Committee. Exceptions will rarely be granted and will never be allowed in consecutive years. The Women's Director or her appointed assistant will maintain a listing of those who have been assisted and will pass this on to successive Director(s). The person requesting the assistance must do so in writing to the Director of the Ladies Organization and must provide evidence of the need for accompanying the assisted trooper. The Ladies Assistance Committee will determine to whom and how much assistance will be given. Neither the Ladies Director nor anyone serving on the Ladies Assistance Committee shall divulge the names of those assisted to anyone other than the current members of said committee or the director of the ladies group.

2nd Squadron's Final Year in Vietnam

By Bill Stokes (HHT, 2/11, 71-72)

The Second Squadron, beefed up with the Air Cavalry Troop and other support units, remained in Military Region III as an independent combat command after the Regimental Headquarters and 1st and 3d Squadrons stood down in March 1971.

With the help of other Troopers, I am preparing a manuscript, with embedded photographs, and slide show that describe the Second Squadron's activities during the period March 1971-

March 1972. Our hope is that the product will help bridge an apparent gap in the recounting of the Regiment's history.

The project is not for profit, and products will be made available for interested Troopers and their families. Would appreciate input—documentation, photographs, anecdotes, or descriptions of various activities.

Anyone interested in this project can contact: Bill Stokes, 195 Ridgewood Rd., Pinehurst, NC 28374, Cell: 919-451-2249 vmi56@aol.vom

'mTBI' – A Newly Diagnosed Wound May Be Affecting You!

By Frank R. Cambria, Secretary
IIACVVC

Do you have a difficult time hearing a conversation across your table in crowded restaurant or in other gatherings with *background noises*, while others seated with you do not? Do you have difficulty determining the *direction a sound*? Do you have these auditory symptoms even though your VA hearing tests scored normal or just slightly impaired?

If your answer is "Yes" to *all* of the above, and if you experienced *any* of the following when you were in Vietnam, you may still be suffering from the lingering effects of mTBI or **mild Traumatic Brain Injury**.

- ♦ Did your track hit a mine or was it hit by an RPG?
- ♦ Did you suffer a concussion in Vietnam?
- ♦ Were you so close to an explosion that it knocked you off your feet or left you with ringing ears, a headache, or feeling nauseous?
- ♦ Did you lose consciousness for a short period (from seconds to several minutes) from an explosion or concussion?

In "our" war and prior, mTBI did not exist as a defined combat wound. The Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center (DVBIC) was created in 1992 after the first Gulf War to learn more about head injuries in the military. Today there are four general classifications of TBI: mild, moderate, severe, and penetrating TBIs. *Only mild Traumatic Brain Injury does not have an obvious visible head wound*. Because its symptoms can be subtle, diagnosing mild TBI is more difficult than the other TBI classifications.

The website www.behavioralhealth.army.mil/ provides this description:

"Frequently mild TBI is the result of repeated exposure to mild explosions or moderate explosions resulting in significant pressure changes in HMMVV's. If you were knocked around, jolted or felt significant pressure changes as a result of a nearby explosion it's possible you could have mTBI."

Now please read the sentence again but replace "HMMVV's" with "ACAVs."

Kathy Helmick of the DVBIC writes, "We didn't know if mTBI was an issue in Vietnam or first Gulf War because we weren't looking for it and we weren't methodically evaluating patients. We are highly suspicious that things like shell shock from World War II and some post traumatic stress complaints could have been closed mild brain injuries."

What is mTBI (Concussion)?

Mild Traumatic Brain Injury is caused by blunt trauma to the head or acceleration/deceleration forces jogging the brain within the skull which may or may not produce a period of unconsciousness. Mild TBI is defined as an injury to the brain as a result of any period of observed or self-reported: Confusion, disorientation, or impaired consciousness; Dysfunction of memory around the time of injury (amnesia); Loss of consciousness lasting less than 30 minutes. *No* other obvious neurological deficits, *no* intracranial complications (e.g. hematoma / blood clot) and *normal* CT findings should be present.

Since I returned from Vietnam in 1971, I've had increasing difficulty determining direction from which a sound came, and much difficulty hearing normal conversations across the table in crowded restaurant or anywhere else with distracting background noises. To this day when we're in a crowded restaurant, my children tell me in frustrated voices to get my hearing checked. I have, many times, by both civilian and VA doctors and always my hearing is rated as normal. Traditional hearing tests do not detect the specific hearing difficulties I have.

Finally, in April 2008 an astute young female physician at the VA audiology clinic in Santa Rosa CA told me about mTBI. She said the Army is finding that some of our veterans from Iraq who have diagnosed mTBI are experiencing the same auditory difficulties I've experienced since Vietnam. The apparent cause was the acceleration and deceleration forces from explosions jogging the brain, bouncing it around inside their skulls.

The resulting "invisible" wound can be minor brain damage that impairs the brain's ability to separate and interpret or distinguish sounds amid background noises, and impairs the brain's ability to isolate and determine the direction of some sounds. So it's our brains, not our ears!! That is the GOOD news.

The BAD news is that the VA does not have sufficient funds to purchase adequate numbers of the new equipment necessary to diagnose these types of auditory problems caused mTBI wounds for us old veterans. However, I was told that the equipment is expected in the not too distant future, and I was "put on the list" to be tested.

If you have similar symptoms as I have described above, you may want to contact your VA audiologist.

TWO BOARD POSITIONS OPEN FOR ELECTION

By Secretary Frank R. Cambria

We will hold elections at the 2008 General Meeting for President and one Director (Bob Moreno) that expire on 12/31/08. President Pro-Tem Allen Hathaway has made official notification that he will be on the preliminary ballot for President to serve 1/1/2009 to 12/31/2010. As of this writing, official notification from Director Bob Moreno regarding his intent has not yet been received.

Nominations for both positions in 2008 election may be emailed to the Secretary (me) at Captain.Frank@covad.net to be placed on a preliminary ballot. Nominations may also be made in person from the floor at the meeting. Any nominee not in attendance at the business meeting must have previously submitted to the Secretary a letter of acceptance of nomination as candidate for the office to which he is nominated, and include a written statement of qualification to be read on his behalf at the General Meeting. All candidates for office must be dues-paid Life members.



Teak, Mahogany, And Rubber

For you who were there it doesn't take much to remember that there were a lot of trees in the jungles of Viet Nam. There were many different kinds in the AO where we operated (that's "Area of Operations" remember?). We've talked about trees before, like when we talked about the rubber flies or the canopies. Rubber flies were the flies in the rubber tree plantations and canopies were the overhead cover from the density of trees in the jungle. You know. Now I want to talk about three specific kinds of trees that were very memorable out there in those jungles. First, let's talk about rubber trees because they're very familiar to many of us. Some of you probably never got into the rubber tree plantations like we did in War Zone C. For you up north, I don't know if they had rubber plantations or not. I wasn't up north. There was a lot of activity in the rubber between Saigon and the Cambodian border. For one thing, the enemy, namely Victor Charlie, liked to operate in the rubber. All the plantations I knew of were owned by Michelin, the French tire company. It looked like Michelin had as much power and money as a lot of small countries, but that's another subject. The VC specialized in spider holes which were insidious, as far as I was concerned. More than once our guys got ambushed in the rubber. It was easy for the Dinks (VC/NVA = bad people) to make spider holes because there wasn't much undergrowth there, just thousands of rubber trees, planted in orderly rows with the other vegetation scraped away so the workers could get around easy. That left plenty of space for spider holes which were basically fox holes with lids covered by leaves so you couldn't see them. When you went by, men (baaad VC men) would pop up from their spider holes and shoot at you. Usually they caught you by surprise which was what the bad guys wanted but which was very detrimental for you, the good guy.

One thing about the rubber trees I always had a hard time with was this: When we were doing what we had to do to win their war, if we broke one of their rubber trees, which ACAV's and tanks were

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The second kind of tree I'm talking about is teak. Some of you were around more teak than I was. I think all of us have seen teak wood somewhere. It's used a lot in expensive boats. If you don't go on expensive boats very often, go check a boat show. Sometimes it's used on the dashes of very expensive cars which you may have seen at car shows (the only place most of us see these cars). Did you know that teak is grown on plantations (like an orchard except there isn't any teak fruit)? There were many places in the jungles of Southeast Asia where the jungle had been cleared and teak trees planted. I don't recall ever operating in teak plantations even though the trees were planted in rows just like the rubber trees. I think teak plantations had jungle growth around the bottom of the trees. They weren't taken care of regularly like the rubber trees where workers still went around gathering the raw rubber from the trees. With teak they waited until they got to a certain size then they cut them down to harvest the wood. When we were clearing highway QL14, once in a while a Rome plow or a tank would inadvertently knock down a teak tree. You guessed it, \$300 to the tree owner. Not to be gossipy or anything, but it looked to me like a pretty good deal for the plantation owner. Instant profit, no more work on the tree, and we provide the protection. Same good deal for Michelin who owned the rubber trees. War is a funny thing (funny as in strange, not as in humorous).

The third kind of tree I'll talk about wasn't grown on plantations. Matter of fact, I've never heard of anyone actually growing them. It took too long. I don't think you could grow one in a lifetime. I'm talking about mahogany trees. See what I mean? To me, mahogany trees are the most beautiful and spectacular trees I've ever seen. They take hundreds of

years to mature. Their wood is beautiful and used to make fine furniture. We had a mahogany cabinet when I was a kid. It was a wonderful work of art, in my opinion. My niece still has it. It just about broke my heart one day when we were clearing QL14 with the Rome plows, which I've told you about before. We were clearing a field of fire through the jungle growth along the old highway as you may remember. Everything had to be knocked down and burned so the bad guys wouldn't have the jungle growth to hide in to shoot at us. That made sense. But my heart still was broken the day the Rome plows came to a magnificent, majestic, old mahogany tree. It was standing all alone because the rest of the jungle growth had been flattened around it. Trouble developed with the mahogany because it was so huge and strong. I kid you not, the Cat D8 bulldozer had to ram the blade into the tree and do pivot steers to tear apart the tree piece by piece. It was way too strong to push over like the other trees. The dozer tore into it several times before the old mahogany finally fell. What a loss! How sad, I thought. I suppose it was necessary. It wasn't worth the lives of our troopers since it could provide cover for the bad guys who wanted to make us dead. But it was sad, anyway.

There's a lot more to say about these wonderful trees, but there's a fourth tree I want you to be conscious of before I sign off. Are you with me? In ancient times the Roman army had a terrible way of executing people they didn't like. Soldiers they conquered were an example of who they executed this extreme way (remember Spartacus?). Another group was certain criminals. This execution method was called crucifixion. That's where they nailed a man to a wood cross and hung him up to die which could take days. The agony and suffering were unimaginable, which was exactly what the Romans had

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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	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES
HHT REGIMENT		541st MI DET		Rosini, Thomas E	70-70	Roberts, Donald G	67-68
Bailey, Keith	70-71	Herweh, Terry	70-71	Starr, Douglas H	69-70	G TROOP, 2/11	
Henson, Billy D	67-68	919th ENGINEER CO		C TROOP, 1/11		George, Robert A	70-71
Perry, Floyd L	70-70	Greene, George A	68-68	Awe, Dean E	65-67	Hampson, Raymond D	66-67
Weaver, William T	69-70	Wiese, Frederick A	70-71	Harrington, William J Sr	67-68	H COMPANY, 2/11	
AIR CAVALRY TROOP		Williams, Willie L Sr	66-67	Peck, Thomas A	70-70	Bryant, Nolan B	69-69
Gomoll, George W	68-70	HHT, 1/11		Perry, Floyd L	70-70	George, Robert A	70-71
Little, Steven C	68-69	Fisher, Andrew D	69-70	2/11		Mc Kiness, Kerry L	68-68
Paceley, Joseph M	69-70	Little, Steven C	69-69	Delk, Daniel K Sr	71-72	Newberry, Gerry D Sr	69-70
37TH MEDICAL CO		Starr, Douglas H	69-70	E TROOP, 2/11		I TROOP, 3/11	
Perkins, Joseph E	68-68	A TROOP, 1/11		Quiban, Phillip V	66-67	Crisp, James M	70-71
398TH TRANS DET		Gabhart, Don	71-72	Saine, Dan E	68-69	Skorepa, Anton G	66-67
Henson, Donald E	68-69	Harrington, William J Sr	67-68	Torgerson, Edward A	68-69	Waugh, Rufus A	68-69
Solmonson, Fred D	66-68	Johnson, Bruce L	67-67	F TROOP, 2/11		L TROOP, 3/11	
Wright, Joseph R	68-70	B TROOP, 1/11		Demay, Gary L	71-72	Keith, Chester E Jr	69-69
409th RR DET		Braddy, James M	69-70	Hammond, Francis J	67-68	HOW BTRY, 3/11	
Journey, John E	67-68	Ott, Stephen R	67-68	Nealeigh, Clayton L	67-68	Mix, Larry L	68-69

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in mind. The cross of crucifixion was commonly called a tree. I think you can see which crucifixion tree I have in mind. You're right. It's the tree that Jesus was crucified on. I'll quote from the Bible for the explanation which will make clear how important this tree was and why I'm including it in the subject of trees I remember: "He (Jesus) himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls." (I Peter 2:24-25 - NIV).

See why some trees made such an impression on me? Obviously the fourth tree, the tree of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ is far and away the most important. Have those trees made same extreme impression on you too, especially the fourth tree? I hope so.

God bless you. God loves you. So do I.
 Chaplain Larry Haworth
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Show Your Pride



Howard Linnabary (HHT 3/11, 66-67) displays his pride with his Mercedes.



Jack Nelson (C Troop 1968) shows pride with Purple Heart Plate and Blackhorse on his Pontiac Solstice.



Journey to Fiddler's Green

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

- Leroy Beach**, Howitzer Battery, 3/11 (1968), passed away on January 13, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Franklin, NC.
- Douglas J. Beeck**, I Troop, 3/11 (1968-1969), passed away on April 6, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Nevada City, CA. He was laid to rest in Sacramento Valley VA National Cemetery, Dixon, CA.
- John M. Bersch**, E Troop, 2/11 (1966-1967), passed away on January 5, 2003. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Winneconne, WI.
- Richard Bunyan**, G Troop, 2/11 (1967-1968), passed away on December 16, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Cameron Park, CA.
- Lawson W. Campbell**, I Troop, 3/11 (1970-1971) passed away on March 19, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lorton, VA. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.
- Donald A. Carter**, F Troop, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on March 27, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Thonotosassa, FL.
- Donald L. Conkin**, K Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970), passed away on January 3, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Kalamazoo, MI. He was laid to rest in North Shore Memory Gardens, North Coloma, MI.
- Walter A. Davis**, K Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970), passed away on December 11, 2007. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Bakersfield, CA.
- James J. Dickey**, M Company, 3/11 (1967-1968, platoon leader) and HHT, 3/11 (1967-1968), passed away on May 17, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Avon, OH. He was laid to rest in Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman, OH.
- Carroll D. Dixon**, Air Cavalry Troop (1968-1969), passed away on February 15, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Burleson, TX. He was laid to rest in Dallas - Ft. Worth National Cemetery, Dallas, TX.
- Earl J. Fisher**, HHT, 1/11 (1969-1970), passed away on December 9, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Joliet, IL.
- Walter E. Hammond**, HHT, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on March 9, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Bloomingdale, GA. He was laid to rest in Mason Memorial Cemetery, Saluda, SC.
- James T. Hicks**, L Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970), passed away on February 5, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Banner Elk, NC. He was laid to rest in Cook Cemetery, Elk Park, NC.
- Luther D. Hollomon Jr**, Air Cavalry Troop (1971-1972), passed away on December 3, 2007. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Raleigh, NC.

- Jack L. Hyatt**, L Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968, medic) passed away on April 11, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Forest Park, IL. He was laid to rest in Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL.
- Johnny J. Jones**, C Troop, 1/11 (1967-1969) passed away on March 29, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Fayetteville, NC.
- Kenneth R. Leiterman**, HHT Regt (1969-1970), passed away on November 25, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in De Pere, WI. He was laid to rest in Mt Olivet Cemetery, Green Bay, WI.
- Stephen A. Lucas**, 31st Engineer Battalion (1968-1969), passed away on December 25, 2007. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lake Elsinore, CA. He was laid to rest in Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, CA.
- Fred L. Matney**, HHT, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on April 16, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Tacoma, WA.
- Dennis L. Myers**, HHT, 3/11 (1971) passed away on April 17, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Eufaula, AL. He was laid to rest in Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery, Ft Mitchell, AL.
- Bao Van Ngo**, H Company, 2/11 (1966-1967, interpreter) and HHT, 2/11 (1971-1972, interpreter), passed away on June 1, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in San Jose, CA. He was laid to rest in Oak Hill Memorial Park, San Jose, CA.
- William G. Owen Jr**, 919th Engineer Company (1968-1969) and 919th Engineer Company (1970-1971), passed away on January 9, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Cordova, TN.
- Lee A. Phelps**, HHT, 1/11 (1967, squadron XO), passed away on April 8, 2006. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Aptos, CA. He was laid to rest in Benito & Azzaro Pacific Gardens Chapel, Santa Cruz, CA.
- James B. Pizzulo**, F Troop, 2/11 (1965-1967), passed away on June 30, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Girard, OH.
- Willie J. Rose Jr**, I Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) and E Troop, 2/11 (1966-1967), passed away on January 3, 2008. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Wahiawa, HI. He was laid to rest in National Memorial Cemetery Of The Pacific, Honolulu, HI.
- Bruce J. Stephens**, Air Cavalry Troop (1969-1970), passed away on May 14, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in San Antonio, TX. He was laid to rest in Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, TX.
- James E. Webster**, L Troop, 3/11 (1966-1967) and Howitzer Battery, 3/11 (1967) passed away on December 25, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Bivins, TX. He was laid to rest in Restland Memorial Park, Dallas, TX.
- John R. Wedgewood**, A Troop, 1/11 (1970) passed away on February 27, 2008. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Kenmore, NY.
- Roger D. White**, M Company, 3/11 (1966-1967), passed away on January 2, 2002. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Arnold, MO. He was laid to rest in Higdon Cemetery, Fredericktown, MO.
- Donald J. Wichser**, Air Cavalry Troop (1970-1971), passed away on October 31, 2007. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in West Point, CA.
- Dennis C. Zvinakis**, 541st MID (1970), passed away on December 22, 2007. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in La Jolla, CA.

You might want to make copies of these dog tags, place one on your refrigerator

and extra dog tags on your adult children's refrigerators



Women's Corner

By Barb Moreno, 11th ACVVC Women's Coordinator

Hello Everyone,

Okay, so winter is finally over and we are into spring. At least that's what the calendar says. But I don't know. We have had cold weather and so much rain that I'm thinking of building an ark. There have been so many in the communities near us that have lost so much due to flooding and tornados. I am very thankful that we live on a hill, and pray that those affected by the flooding and tornados will soon be back on their feet to a happy and healthy life again.

In just a couple of weeks we will once again be meeting in Chicago for our annual reunion. It surprises me when registrations arrive every year as to how many people are coming to their first reunion. I hope no matter if it's your first or you have been to every single one, that you will join us, as we ladies all get together. Our meeting time is designed to be sometimes informative and sometimes just fun. Hmm, what will it be this year? At all of our get togethers, everyone goes away with not only a new friend, some understanding of what our men saw or did, but also a gift, sometimes even more than one.

Last year we started something new. One of the gifts was a "treasure chest" filled with all sorts of goodies. I want to remind the lady that chose it, that she is to bring it to the meeting this year, once again filled with treasures of her choosing. If for some reason she is not attending this year, she is reminded that she is still responsible for seeing that it gets there. You can either give it to someone to bring or mail it to me and I will take it for you. I wonder what will be in it this year. Join us and find out.

I am pleased and proud to say that when the Board of Directors held their mid year meeting in Texas this Spring, that we the ladies of the Blackhorse were able to present them with a check in the amount of \$2500 dollars.

Also at this year's meeting there will be a special gift for the returning lady who brings with her the most new people. So like I said in the last article when you are sitting in the bunker listening to old "war stories" look around and find a lady whom you don't know and introduce yourself. Maybe invite her to meet you for breakfast and then come together to our meeting. The lady who brings the most "newcomers" with her to the meeting will receive a special gift. Will it be you?

We are in need of some help from all of you at both the registration desk and at the ladies table. Remember we as a group decided to continue to have fundraisers to support the scholarship fund and to start our new assistance fund. So, now we need to follow through with it. We have about 100 cookbooks left and will be selling these at a super low, low price. We also have about 35 blankets left and will be adding a few new things this year.

One of our new items is a lanyard. It is black with 11th ACVVC printed on it in red. These will be available this year only and cost \$ 5.00 which is really a good bargain. They will hold your reunion nametag very nicely. But we do have a limited amount available (500) and when they are gone, they are gone. We will also have something for adults, kids and grandkids. So be sure to stop by and see them all and do your holiday

shopping with us.

Are you all aware that the ladies have their own page on the 11th ACVVC web site? About five years ago we requested this page. Shortly before last year's reunion it became a reality. The problem is, now no one seems to be using it. This site is for us to have discussions about whatever you want. It's a place to just check in with each other and see what's new with each other. If we don't use it we "will" lose it. I check it everyday so write to me. This is also a way for me and my "spies" to see who will receive the next women's award. I know there are so many of you out there that are worthy of this award, but if I don't know about it, and what you are doing, then how can you be recognized? So let's start using it ladies, okay?

I am pleased and proud to say that when the Board of Directors held their mid year meeting in Texas this Spring, that we the ladies of the Blackhorse were able to present them with a check in the amount of \$2500 dollars. That's pretty incredible. Hopefully we will be able to continue to help them each year.

Well, I guess that's about it for this time. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you in Chicago in August.

Barb Moreno, 11th ACVVC
Women's Director
puppytoes@charter.com

Show Your Pride



LEFT: Mike Kathman (L Troop 66-67) shows outstanding pride with his Ford Truck

RIGHT: James K. Theriault (ACT 67) displays his Blackhorse pride above his fireplace



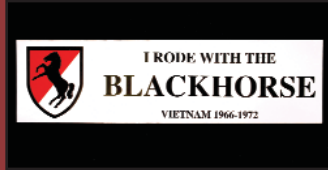
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#2 Key Ring \$3.00



#3 Bumper Sticker \$2.00



#4 Window Sticker \$2.00



#5 Blackhorse Watch w/Leather Band \$35.00



#6 Blackhorse Watch w/Metal Band \$35.00



#7 Blackhorse Patch Colored \$4.00



#8 Blackhorse Patch Subdued \$4.00



#9 Coin, 11th ACVVC \$10.00



#10 Belt Buckle, brass \$25.50



#12 Lighter, Zippo \$15.00



#13 License Plate, Blackhorse \$5.00



#14 License Plate Frame, Black w/white letters \$7.50



#11 Flag, Indoor/Outdoor \$50.00



#15 Attache Case \$30.00



#16 Tote Bag, Embroidered \$20.00



#17 Blackhorse Pin \$4.00



#18 11th ACR Regimental Crest \$5.00



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#21 Blackhorse Women's Pendant \$140.00



#22 Gear Bag, Red \$35.00



#23 Men's Ring, Gold & Silver \$225.00



#19 Blackhorse Cavalry Pin \$5.00



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#25 Lapel Pin, Support Troops \$3.00



#26 Magnetic Blackhorse \$5.00



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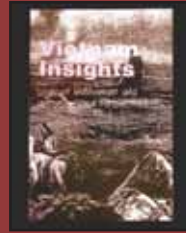
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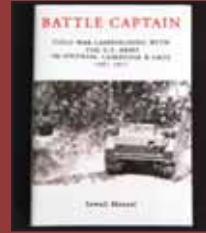
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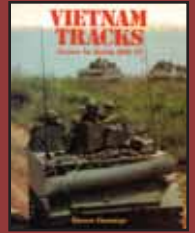
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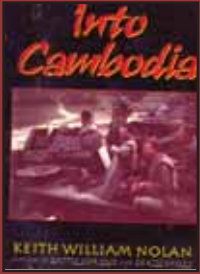
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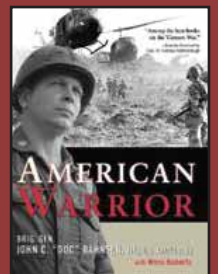
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#39 Book, "American Warrior" by 'Doc' Bahnsen-\$20.00



#40a Old Blackhorse Hat \$10.00



#40b New Blackhorse Hat \$10.00



#41a/b T-Shirt, black/ash \$16.00



#42a/b Golf Shirt, w/BH Insignia & VN Ribbon, red/white \$30.00



#43 Golf Shirts, gray/bark, Crossed Sabers (mens, womens) \$30.00



#44a/b Sweatshirt, ash/black \$25.00



#46 Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon \$75.00



#45 Denim Shirt, w/BH & VN Ribbon \$30.00



#47 Windbreaker, white w/BH Insignia & VN Ribbon, \$35.00

Show Your Pride



LEFT: John Carabetta, (D Co. 1968-1969) shows pride with his excellent Memorial Day display.
BELOW: Roger Cross (919th. Engr.1968-1970) proudly displays his 11THCAV North Carolina plate on his Tahoe.



Beau Richards (H Co. 69-70) is very proud of his dapper Blackhorse Rottweiler named "King"

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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11th ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

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

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3.	Bumper Sticker "I Rode With The Blackhorse" w/full color BH insignia	A	2.00			
4.	Window Sticker, full color BH insignia and Vietnam service ribbon	A	2.00			
5.	Watch, BH insignia on face, leather band (indicate choice) <input type="checkbox"/> Man's <input type="checkbox"/> Woman's	B	35.00			
6.	Watch, BH insignia on face, metal band (indicate choice) <input type="checkbox"/> Man's <input type="checkbox"/> Woman's	B	35.00			
7.	Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, Colored	B	4.00			
8.	Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, Subdued	B	4.00			
9.	Coin, 11th ACVVC, BH insignia, crossed sabers, together then, together again	B	10.00			
10.	Belt Buckle, solid brass w/crossed sabers & BH insignia	B	25.50			
11.	Flag, indoor/outdoor 3'x5' with color insignia	B	50.00			
12.	Lighter, "Zippo" style brushed chrome w/full color BH insignia	B	15.00			
13.	License Plate, metal red & white background with crossed sabers & 11	B	5.00			
14.	License Plate Frame, metal, black w/Blackhorse 11th US Cavalry in white	C	7.50			
15.	Attache Case w/shoulder strap 11.5" x 15.5" w/dir emb. BH insignia & VN rib	C	30.00			
16.	Tote Bag, red & black, 14x16 w/full color BH insignia and VN rib	B	20.00			
17.	Blackhorse Pin	A	4.00			
18.	11th ACR Regimental Crest	A	5.00			
19.	Blackhorse Cavalry Pin, brass, 11 over crossed sabers	A	5.00			
20.	Vietnam Blackhorse Pin w/wreath	A	5.00			
21.	Blackhorse Women's Pendant w/chain, 10k gold w/full BH insignia	B	140.00			
22.	Gear Bag, red with color BH insignia (11x11x21)	C	35.00			
23.	Men's Ring, gold & silver w/full color BH insignia on face (specify size)	A	225.00			
24.	Men's ring, gold, silver, & diamonds	A	280.00			
25.	Lapel Pin: "Support Our Troops"	A	3.00			
26.	Magnetic "Blackhorse"	A	5.00			
27.	Magnetic "Support Our Troops" Ribbon	A	4.00			
28.	Video: "Combat Reports" (DVD Only)	C	30.00			
29.	Video combo #1: "Combat Reports" & Blackhorse Video (DVD only)	C	50.00			
30.	Video combo #2: "Combat Reports" (DVD & Blackhorse Video (VHS)	C	40.00			
31.	Book, "Vietnam Insights" by James Griffiths	C	10.00			
32.	Book, "Battle Captain" by Sewall Menzel	C	20.00			
33.	Book, "Vietnam Tracks"	C	26.95			
34.	Book, "Into Cambodia" by Kieth Nolan	C	23.00			
35.	Book, "Tales of Thunder Run" by Larry Haworth, Chaplain	C	11.00			
36.	Book, "Fiddlers Green" by Jack Stoddard	C	16.00			
37.	Book, "The Anonymous Battle" by John Poindexter	C	16.00			
38.	History Book, "Blackhorse Regiment in Vietnam"	C	25.00			
39.	Book, American Warrior" by "Doc" Bahnsen	C	20.00			
40.	Hat, Black Poplin adjustable w/full color direct embroidery Blackhorse insignia. <input type="checkbox"/> a (old) <input type="checkbox"/> b (new)	B	10.00			
41.	Blackhorse T-shirt, 100% cotton, preshrunk, full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black	B	16.00			
42.	Golf Shirt, w/BH insignia and VN Ribbon: Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> White	B	30.00			
43.	Golf Shirt, crossed sabers, Specify: <input type="checkbox"/> Mens <input type="checkbox"/> Womens <input type="checkbox"/> Bark <input type="checkbox"/> Gray	B	30.00			
44.	Blackhorse Sweatshirt, 50% cotton, 50% acrylic w/full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Ash <input type="checkbox"/> Black	B	25.00			
45.	Denim Shirt, <input type="checkbox"/> Mens <input type="checkbox"/> Womens	B	30.00			
46.	Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon, snap front, quilted lining w/full color BH insignia, (6" back), crossed sabers (front right) and Allons insignia (front left)	B	75.00			
47.	Windbreaker, white w/snap front, crossed sabers w/11BH patch logo, VN Ribbon, Vietnam 66-72 on left breast. Sizes: Small thru 3X available	B	35.00			
			Subtotal			
Note: unless otherwise noted, all clothing items are available in size medium through size 3XL. Specify size and color preference of item requested.			Shipping and Handling			
			Total			

Shipping Costs: A items = \$3.00; B items = \$6.00; C items = \$9.30 (max shipping is \$9.30 per order)

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Please include the largest of chosen items S/H costs with your order. Maximum per order form charge is \$9.30. Checks or Money Orders should be made payable to **11th ACVVC**. Allow six weeks for processing and delivery. **ALL PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**. Previous price lists are invalid. Mail order to: **11th ACVVC Quartermaster, c/o Jerry Beamon, 15926 Cedar Bay Dr., Bullard, TX 75757.**



From the Quartermaster...

Jerry Beamon

Hello to all our Blackhorse Brothers.

I would like to say a “thank you so much” for your response to the layout in *Thunder Run*, it has been overwhelming. Our sales for the 1st and 2nd quarter have been great.

Needless to say our shipping fell way behind on getting your packages out to you. Sorry it happened but Jan and I have been busy with record sales and a host of other things going on here. I ask you to please bear with us. We still have many who do not fill out the bottom of the order sheet with your return address, please do so. It adds more time to fill your order if we don’t have complete information. A phone number if you have one or (cell phone) is important to us if we need to contact you. If you provide all the information we can better serve you. Also check on the shipping amount; it has gone up again and from what we are hearing it may go up again. We hope not, but it has gone up.

Once again Jan and I are asking for volunteers to help us out in the store in Chicago. Since we will be loading up and heading

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to Chicago we will not be able to fill orders that arrive after August 15 until after the Reunion. As soon possible after the Reunion we will get back on track to fill all orders when we return

Very special thanks to Allen Hathaway who has been a big help in the past several months. Thanks also to Pete Walter, Otis Carey, and Pete Echon. Without their help on many occasions things would be much more difficult. They have been in our corner to help us through the past few months. Thanks again fellas!

Hope to see many of you in Chicago!!!

ALLONS, Jerry

QUARTERMASTER CLEARANCE & FEATURED ITEMS

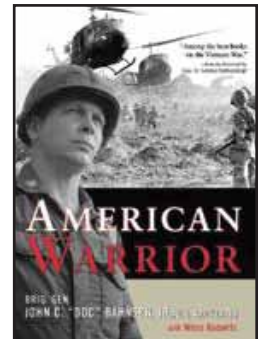
Clearance items sales include **past reunion golf shirts** while they last. Louisville XL and 2XL only for \$15.00



#43 Golf Shirts, gray/bark, Crossed Sabers (mens, womens) \$30.00



#45 Denim Shirt, w/BH & VN Ribbon \$30.00



#39 Book, “American Warrior” by ‘Doc’ Bahnsen—\$20.00



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