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

The Army gave this young man a taste of the armored cavalry life



The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Troopers pose with their honorary platoon leader Ethan Larimer, 11th ACR Honorary Blackhorse Trooper, at the National Training Center, Calif., on June 1, 2018. (Photo Credit: U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Justin May)

*United States Army, Sgt. Justin May
June 12, 2018*

Young Ethan Larimer has always dreamed of joining the Army and following in the footsteps of his father, Daniel Larimer, who was a “Blackhorse Trooper,” as soldiers of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment are known.

However, Ethan has a unique neurological disorder — Charcot-Marie-Tooth neuropathy type 4J, or CMT4J — that will prevent him from joining the military. Because of his medical condition, Ethan has difficulty with motor functions and uses a wheelchair.

“Ethan has dealt with his disease very

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well,” said Daniel Larimer. “He has been hospitalized for weeks on end at times as well as continuous physical therapy. One thing Ethan has taught me is that even if you have some barriers or limitations, that doesn’t need to be your life.”

Though Ethan will never be able to serve in the Army due to his disability, he still dreams of riding into battle on the back of tanks. When Ethan’s mother, Victoria Perkins, contacted the 11th Armored Cavalry about fulfilling Ethan’s

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Grand Rapids, MI: 2018

State of the Reunion

Frank Church- Reunion Chair pro-tem, 11th ACVVC

As you may have already noticed there has been a change in the Reunion Chairman position. Steve Page has decided to step away from that role. We are all saddened by his departure, but fully understand and respect his decision.

Steve served the 11th ACVVC for many years and performed with pride, professionalism and dedication. We all owe him our thanks and appreciation.

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Lake Michigan is a natural wonder that is worth the short trip to its shore, or in it if you like cold dips in clean waters. Grand Rapids has much

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Allen Hathaway
President

From The Command Track

By Allen Hathaway, President



This is perhaps the most difficult Command Track article I have written because it is my last article. Although my term as President ends on December 31, 2018, I submitted my resignation on June 7. It was a decision I didn't make lightly, but after careful consideration it was a decision I thought was best for me. There were several reasons, a few of which I'll share with you. I want to assure everyone that I am healthy!

Before I begin I need to inform the membership that Steve Page resigned as Director and Reunion Chairman on June 4. These two resignations weren't in any way connected, they were just coincidental. Having said that I'd like to take this opportunity to say a few things about Steve.

Steve has served as a Board Member for the past 8 years and Reunion Chairman for the past 16 years. Sixteen reunions are half the number of the reunions we've had for the entire life of the organization!

Steve is a valuable asset to our organization. He has devoted countless hours of his personal time over these past 16 years to ensure that each reunion was successful. Like all of us, he is a volunteer. He has given up opportunities in his personal life to serve this organization. I know he cares deeply for the members, the organization and our future.

We have a reunion program that is top notch. The annual attendance is impressive. Through these reunions we have reunited countless numbers of old friends who share a very special bond. We have healed as a group and have renewed the pride each of us has in serving our country and our regiment. Along the way we have recorded the history and distinctive service of the 11th Cavalry in Vietnam.

The job of Reunion Chairman is challenging. Like many of the other projects in the organization, reunion planning follows a cycle. In this case, the imme-

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mediate attention is given to the current reunion ensuring that every detail is covered. At the same time, plans are being made for the following year reunion. In addition, preliminary work begins for the reunion two years out. The cycle is never ending and Steve has done a tremendous job coordinating all these details for what is basically three reunions.

Over the years Steve has been recognized for his outstanding work. His awards include, Outstanding Trooper Award (2002), Trooper of the Year (2008) and Quilter Award (2010). In 2014 he was inducted into the Regimental Honor Roll, an honor bestowed by the regimental commander. All of these are considered prestigious awards.

We owe Steve a debt of gratitude for his many years as Reunion Chairman. He'll be 77 years old this year. Although I regret his leaving, I respect his decision. I know it was a decision he didn't make lightly. I hope each of you can appreciate his commitment over these past 16 years.

I've had the privilege of serving as President for the past 10 1/2 years and Vice-president and director four years prior to that. I've also served as Membership Chairman and KIA researcher for the past 14 years.

This was my second term as President having served in 1992-1997 and as a Board Member from 1988-1991 all while serving as Quartermaster for 11 years and Membership Chairman 7 years. All told, that's 24 1/2 years in some capacity on the board.

It has been a privilege to serve our members as President and I hope that I have represented the 11th ACVVC as a strong, well respected organization. Our members are the greatest! They are

proud of their service to our country and proud to have served in the Blackhorse regiment.

There were several reasons for my decision, one of which is that I'll be 73 this year. In the past year I've realized that I'm not getting any younger. I've devoted much of my personal time to the organization over these years and I have loved every day, but I also have a family. I'm so blessed to have a wife who has supported and encouraged me throughout the years. I have three grandchildren who are involved in many activities. I've found that it's becoming more difficult to balance my personal life with my family and my commitment to the organization.

This would have been my last year as President. Four years ago I talked with the board about my intentions to serve through 2018. Earlier this year at our board meeting I talked again about my intentions to finish this term and not run again for President. I originally planned to finish my term but it just didn't turn out that way.

I thank each of you for your help and support throughout my term. I look back at the accomplishments this organization has made since that first reunion in 1986. It's because of the support of our members that this organization is what it is today. I am so proud to have been a part of it all.

I'm not going far. I'll still be involved with membership and Operation Embrace. I plan to continue to attend reunions. I'll just scale back a bit.

I'll close this article as I have always done for many years by saying, "Always give thanks to the men and women in uniform who serve our nation each and every day". To our members, Welcome Home, it's good to be "Together Again".



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Ethan Larimer, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Honorary Blackhorse Trooper, and Col. Joseph Clark, commander, 11th ACR, share humorous stories. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Justin May)

Ethan was given a personal “Box Tour,” an event where people are shown the ins and outs of training and battles at the National Training Center in Irvine, California.

dream, the famed Blackhorse Regiment was happy to oblige.

Ethan recently spent a day with soldiers of the 11th Armored Cavalry, who helped Ethan check off all the items on his bucket list. Upon arrival to Regimental Headquarters, Ethan was inducted into the Blackhorse Honorary Rolls, an honor set aside for those who have served the regiment above reproach. The regimental commander then presented Ethan with the Regimental Command Team coins. Ethan was able to see demonstrations of several guns, including the M240B Machine Gun, Browning M2 .50 Cal. Machine Gun, M249 Squad Automatic Weapon, and M4A1 Carbine. He also got to drive his wheelchair into a tank and see a helicopter.



The 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Troopers explain building clearance drills to Ethan Larimer, 11th ACR Honorary Blackhorse Trooper, and Daniel Larimer, Ethan’s father and former Blackhorse Trooper. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Justin May)

“Through his diagnosis and living with CMT4J, Ethan has shown great resiliency,” said Col. Joseph Clark, Regiment Commander, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. “My interaction with Ethan was inspiring, because he maintains positivity, and refuses to allow his disability to stop him. Throughout the day, he was curious and asked many questions about what we do. His personality, his drive, and his grit is exactly what I look for in my troopers, and I am honored to have made him a Blackhorse Trooper.”

Ethan was given a personal “Box Tour,” an event where people are shown the ins and outs of training and battles at the National Training Center in Irvine, California. Then he led a platoon during building clearance drills through the streets of “Razish,” a simulated town at NTC.

Later the 11th Armored Cavalry’s Horse Detachment gave Ethan a tour of the stables and brought some of the horses out to greet the young Blackhorse Trooper. The Horse Detachment conducted a special demonstration for Ethan and his family to mark the end of Ethan’s day.

“Even though I am no longer a service member, the post and the unit I was a part of really pulled out all the stops to accommodate my son,” said Daniel. “We are all really grateful to come back and see what the Blackhorse has become and to hear ‘Allons’ again.”

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Ethan Larimer, center, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Honorary Blackhorse Trooper, and Grant Averill, Ethan’s friend, are briefed about the capabilities of the vehicle mounted Browning M2 .50 Cal. Machine Gun.(U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Justin May)



Ethan Larimer, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Honorary Blackhorse Trooper, explores the main battle tank. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Justin May)

Show Your Pride



LEFT: “Trooper” & “Road Wheel”, Basenjis wearing custom-made shirts fabricated by Lisa Cambria, wife of Frank Cambria (G Troop, ’70 - ’71)

RIGHT: Gene Johnson (E Troop & Air Cav Troop, ’66 – ’67, ’70 – ’71) proudly displays his 11th ACR license plate



Editor's Corner

Pete Walter

“Change is the law of life” (John F. Kennedy)

“There is nothing permanent except change” and sometimes change comes quickly. So, the best way to deal with change is to be part of it. As you have read earlier in this issue the 11th ACVVC has had two of our stalwart Officers resign leaving a void that we must fill.

Steve Page, one of our Directors and our long-time Reunion Chairman resigned in early June. Steve orchestrated our reunions and negotiated with our host hotels for seventeen years, from Florida to Oregon to California to Washington, D.C. and a dozen cities in between. The time and effort Steve has put into our reunions is immeasurable. The silver lining here is that Frank Church has been working side-by-side with Steve for several years and immediately volunteered to step up as our Reunion Chairman. Thank you Frank!

Allen Hathaway, President, resigned on June 7, 2018. Allen has served in virtually every capacity in the 11th ACVVC as Director, Quarter Master, Vice President, President and Chairman of Membership, Operation Embrace and even a stint as the Editor of *Thunder Run*. Fortunately for the 11th ACVVC, Allen will continue to serve as Chairman of Operation Embrace and Membership.

There is not enough space in this column to express my sincere gratitude and the honor I enjoyed in associating with these fine men. Thank you Steve & Allen and Best Wishes Always in all you do!

Now, for the technical stuff - As per our By Laws, “In the event that the

President refuses or is unable to act the Vice President shall assume the office of President pro tempore until the President is formally replaced as per the Bylaws.” So, I immediately assumed the office of President.

On June 8, 2018 as per our By Laws “In the event of a vacancy in any office, or inability or refusal to serve, the office shall be filled pro tem by a majority vote of the remaining Officers.”, I was elected President (pro tempore) and Frank Church was elected as Director (pro tempore) by a unanimous vote of the remaining Officers.

Both Frank and I have been nominated and will stand for election to the offices of President and Vice President at our Annual Membership Meeting, September 8, 2018 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Thunder Run – Thanks to the input of stories and photos by you, the members of the 11th ACVVC, *Thunder Run* continues to be recognized as the standard for military unit association magazines. Although I am listed as the Editor, every one of you is an “Editor” in your own right as you pore over old photos, letters, orders, etc., to find interesting stories and photos to share with your brothers and your extended Blackhorse family. The success of *Thunder Run*, our reunions, our annual calendar, and our Scholarship program all depend on your involvement. Thank you for everything you do to continue the legend of “**The Best Damn Regiment You Will Ever See!**”

Pete Walter, 3rd HOW BAT, '70

On Life

To hurt deeply brings questions of what life is about;
Is it gaining prestige, winning, or having business clout?

Books offer life's purpose in descriptions and explanations;
Do they provide anything more than aspiring expectations?

Logic pulls this way, and philosophy pulls that;
But both disciplines once declared the world was flat.

History offers the reader some stone and bone clues;
But are they really insights into my relationship with you?

Science and math provide clear chains of thought;
But human relations don't fit neatly into logic's box.

It seems knowledge and learning is all about things;
While life's real journey is becoming a human being.

Ted Rauh, G Troop, '67 – '68

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to offer in the way of food, and local history, it is also known as “beer City”.

It is not too late register; the cutoff date is August 1st. The overflow hotels are:

- The JW Marriott
616-242-1500
235 Louis St. Grand Rapids, MI
(next door to the Amway)
- The Delta by Marriott
616-949-9222
3333 28th St. SE,
Grand Rapids, MI
(2 miles northwest of the airport)

Be sure to tell them that you are with the 11th ACVVC reunion.

It is my intention, and that of the Board of Directors to continue to insure a first-class reunion.

Newsletter Deadlines

Due dates to submit articles for *Thunder Run*

1st Quarter	Jan 1
2nd Quarter	Apr 1
3rd Quarter	Jul 1
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We Need To Talk.....

Forty-six years since my war (Vietnam) and it seems almost like it was yesterday. Not a day passes that is free of some thought about the war. It's amazing how easily I can be transported back in time, how easily my memories of that time can be triggered. After all of this time my memories remain fresh.

When I came home from Vietnam nobody ever asked me what I did in the war. My parents never asked me, and my neighbors, church congregation, non-veteran friends and acquaintances never asked me anything about the war. I don't think any of them ever really wanted to know what I or any of us had actually done or been through in the war. Most had watched the war on television but they just didn't want to know what my (our) part in all of this death and destruction might have been, particularly since many of them didn't support our actions there. It might offend their sensibilities and ideas of who we were once, or what they thought we might be capable of. It hinted of a place we might have gone in our thoughts and actions that was counter to the values and ideas that most of us were raised with, and threatened their perspective on the peaceful, relatively non-violent environments we had all been raised in. The idea that we might be an actual killer returned to the peaceful web of life as they knew it seemed to threaten the safety of the lives they were living. Besides, asking somebody if they ever killed someone in the war is not a polite question. They didn't really want to know, and they were afraid if you said yes, it would mean you were not only capable of killing then... ..you might be capable of killing now, and that's a frightening prospect for them. They're afraid you might snap. That takes you far beyond the you they used to know; the you they never use to think would be capable of such a thing. So, is it really surprising they don't talk to us about our experiences?

It's funny that today when people meet a veteran they often thank them for their service, (It sure wasn't like that for returning Vietnam veterans) but still nobody really talks to us about what it was really like. They just expect us to come home and pick-up our lives where we left off as if nothing

had happened to us. It doesn't occur to them that maybe we need to talk about our experiences. We need to talk to try and understand the unimaginable violence, death, destruction, poverty, and societal destruction we had witnessed. We need to reconcile our own actions and find peace with the things our country asked us to do. We were all wounded to some extent by our experiences, and talking through them with someone who will listen is powerful medicine for our souls.

As veterans we find it difficult to talk to folks that haven't shared the same kind of experiences. How can our friends and family members understand something we have

difficulty understanding and dealing with ourselves? If we talk at all it's usually with other veterans. But that's not always enough. Sometimes we need to talk to someone who has the tools to not only understand, but to relieve our stress, our pain, and maybe even our guilt. So if you know someone who struggling to get it out, to unburden their soul, to find peace, reach out to them and be that lifeline of help they need. Help them reach out to fellow veterans, family, friends, and the resources available through your local VFW, American Legion, or your local VA Hospital.

Keith H. Elliott, 541st MID, '70-'71

2018 Election

By Greg Mason, Secretary, 11th ACVVC

Five positions will be up for election this year during the General Membership Meeting to be held Saturday morning, September 8th, during the 2018 Reunion. The five positions are President, the unexpired term of the Vice President, Secretary, Director, for a full term and the unexpired term of a Director.

The President and Secretary will serve two-year terms. The full term Director will serve a three-year term. The President, Secretary and full term Director's terms will begin January 1, 2019. The unexpired Vice President and Director terms began January 1, 2018 and will end December 31, 2020.

All candidates must be Life Members of the 11th ACVVC. Candidates will have an equal opportunity to state their qualifications at the General Membership Meeting. The elected candidates must be able to attend the annual reunion and two Board Meetings each year of their elected term.

The elected candidates must be able to communicate by e-mail with the other Board members and be able to help the Board make decisions on a variety of organizational matters. Each candidate must be highly organized and be able to commit time and energy to a specific project or committee as directed by the President. Excellent skills in using Microsoft Word

and Excel are required in order to prepare reports and other documents required of all positions.

The positions of President and Vice President require considerable time and superb organizational skills. The President needs to frequently multi-task in his responsibility to oversee all projects, programs, and activities of the organization. The Vice President serves as the President's right hand man. Sound leadership is fundamental to both positions

Candidates for Secretary should be able to intently follow and record organized minutes, summarize reports, actions and decisions from official meetings, and maintain records of the 11th ACVVC and its numerous projects. He should have strong language and writing skills and know basic Robert's Rules of Order. Information management skills on a computer are required.

The Directors are expected to commit themselves to a specific area of interest within the 11th ACVVC or as directed by the President.

Nominations for these positions should be submitted in writing (letter or email) to the Secretary or submitted from the floor at the General Membership meeting. Please consider participating on the Board of Directors serving the 11th ACVVC.

SERGEANTS: A TRIBUTE

Most anybody who's ever served will tell you that Sergeants run the Army. Generals and Captains notwithstanding, the day-to-day Army functions with Sergeants at the helm. The decisions your Sergeants made probably determined how your day was going to go.

I'll bet you remember your drill sergeant from basic. I sure do: SFC Vega-Padro, a Puerto Rican veteran of the Korean War. He was a good guy, but with limited English. Seemed like at Saturday morning inspection he knew only two words: "rusty" and "dusty". So of course, that's what us recruits called him: SGT Rusty-Dusty.

Next platoon over had SFC Shenan, an Irish guy, also a 2nd ID veteran. Here was a man born to be a drill sergeant. He didn't march, he strutted. He lived for dismounted drill. Knew every Jody cadence there was. Loved his job. Carried a swagger stick everywhere he went, we didn't know why; a black foot-long thing with a silver bullet on the end. At Ft. Ord in the summer of '59, he made an unforgettable impression.

Later on, the actions of two other Sergeants would change everything for me. Both men made decisions for which I will be forever grateful; one of them arguably saved my life.

Spring of 1960, at Ft. Gordon, GA: I was an MP, a member of the 504th MP Battalion. We were a STRAC unit, (Strategic Army Corps), charged with being able to go anywhere worldwide within hours. Although we were all MP-qualified, the battalion felt like Infantry with Military Police helmets, armbands, and M1911A1 pistols. A PFC with less than one year in, and subject to the vagaries of the duty roster, I was on KP one day, washing pots and pans. Late in the morning the Company Jerk, er, Clerk, came through and said, "Any of you guys not yet married, and not yet 21, are eligible to go to the post theater this afternoon to see a presentation about West Point." I knew a little about what that school was from the 50's TV show by the same name. So, I said to SSG Beals, the Mess Sergeant, can I go? He thought for a minute. He had every right to say no, you've got work to do here, we're too busy, etc. But something made him say OK.

Off I went to the theater. Some Captain, a

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West point graduate, showed a film about the place and said to several hundred of us, sign this form if you're interested. I did. Then followed physical exams, psychological tests, and a one-year assignment to the Army's West Point Prep School, (USMAPS), then at Fort Belvoir, VA. I received an appointment thru the Regular Army, and graduated from West Point in 1965. None of this would have happened were it not for SSG Beals' decision on a warm morning in the B Company mess hall, a moment that changed my life.

Fast forward to the fall of '66: the 3rd Squadron, 11th ACR has arrived in Vietnam and is moving in to their first base camp at Long Binh. The 173rd Airborne Brigade was nearby at Bien Hoa, and they had set up a weapons test range which we requested to borrow. I was the XO of 3rd How, responsible for the firing battery. We trundled over to Bien Hoa and proceeded to test fire all our small arms. A grenadier fired his 40mm launcher, but the round was a dud. Maybe it didn't go far enough to arm. With the wisdom and good sense possessed by all newly-minted 2LT's, I determined that we should not leave with that dud on the range and that I would toss a hand grenade into the vicinity of the unexploded round to set it off.

Pulling the pin, and gripping the grenade

in my right hand, I prepared to execute my plan. As I reared back in preparation for an overhand toss, SSG Hebert, one of the six gun chiefs in our battery and stationed to my right, said, "LT, watch out for that tree branch." Sure enough, I had not noticed a tree limb directly in the path of my throw. Without the Sergeant's warning, the grenade would have surely dropped a few feet from all of us, and who knows what catastrophe might have resulted? It's not a stretch to say he saved my life. SSG Hebert's decision to speak up likely saved a lot of lives that day, and I am everlastingly thankful to him.

Had a hip replacement a while ago, and the rehab is walking. No physical therapy, just walking. Bored, I'd think up marching songs to pass the time. I thought of SFC Shenan, and wished I'd made this one up in '59. I sang:

*SGT Shehan has a stick,
Honey, honey,
It's long and black but not so thick,
Babe, Babe,
SGT Shenan's swagger stick,
It's ten times longer than his finger,
Honey, Oh Baby Mine.*

How did you think that song was going to end?

George W. Ruggles, 3rd HOW BAT, '66 -

MOVING?

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From the 67th Colonel of the Regiment

COL Joseph D. Clark



(Editor's note: This article was received too late for the 2nd qtr Thunder Run.)

Greetings to the Troopers of the Best Damn Regiment. Our Regiment has just returned from Holiday leave and we are eager to get back to the business of training U.S. Army Brigade Combat Teams.

The Regiment completed the 20th Annual Long Walk to the Barstow Veterans Home, December 13th, where our troopers shared stories with veterans of each of the armed services. Our visit this year to the veteran's home was special, as this is the 20th year that the Blackhorse Regiment has conducted this tradition, which also marks how long the veteran's home has been in operation.

Our partnership with this great organization will continue to grow as we pass along the stories and history from one generation to the next.

The Regiment is in the middle of Rotation 17-03, with the National Training Center hosting 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division out of Fort Wainwright, Alaska.

The Blackhorse is providing the best operating environment available to train in as our capabilities continue to evolve, making our Troopers better, while also enhancing the training for the rotational unit. During Rotation 1703, the 11th ACR is partnered with the U.S. Marine Corps 2nd Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion out of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

This joint capability is another example of how the Blackhorse Regiment is working to improve the training experience for every Army BCT that comes through the NTC. Additionally, this expands our capabilities by providing our Troopers the experience of working in a joint environment.

The Regiment recently conducted a

Our Vietnam Veterans were also celebrated as we commemorated the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War with a parade and banquet here at Fort Irwin.

War Council with the end state of creating the Blackhorse Vision, which reads: "We are the best Regiment! Together, we shoulder the challenge of making our Army better by developing masters in our craft, and Troopers of character."

Given all that we are doing here in the Mojave, you would be hard-pressed to find a superior and better-prepared combat unit in the Army. I am extremely proud at how this Regiment has bonded with the common goal of creating a lasting legacy, while celebrating the Troopers who came before us.

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present, was evident in all of the smiling faces. It was a remarkable event that truly solidified the relationship between our veterans, Soldiers, and the community.

The Blackhorse Regiment has a way of demonstrating everything that is great about the Army. From the storied past of the 11th ACR to the current posture that the Regiment maintains, there is nothing like being a Blackhorse Trooper.

Thank you to all who have continued to support the Regiment. We will always strive to truly show how committed we are to each and every mission. We are the Blackhorse, "the Best Damn Regiment that you will ever see!" *ALLONS!*

11th ACVVC Raffle to Benefit Scholarship Program in 2018

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

The proceeds from this year's raffle will go towards providing scholarships for our children and grandchildren. **This is the first year our organization has offered scholarships to grandchildren of our membership. Since 1996, the 11th ACVVC's Scholarship Program has awarded 397 scholarships totaling \$1,294,000 to children of our membership.** Now we can look forward to giving many more scholarships to grandchildren of our members this year and for many years to come.

You can help fund the scholarship program by participating in the 2018

raffle. The drawing will be held Saturday, September 8th during the 33rd annual reunion in Grand Rapids, Michigan. You need not be present to win. The suggested ticket price is \$1.00 per ticket and is not tax deductible. The prize pool consists of:

- 1st place (\$500)
- 2nd place (\$400)
- 3rd place (\$300)
- 4th place (\$200)
- ...and eleven \$100 prizes.

Raffle tickets were mailed to all 11th ACVVC members in May. Please consider purchasing tickets to help fund this important program. If you do not wish to participate in the raffle you are still welcome to send a donation to the 11th ACVVC scholarship program.



Deck of Cards

Double deck Pinochle. Haven't played it since the Blackhorse pulled out of Phu Loi in March of 1972. But a few days before that final road march to Long Bien with a small remnant of the last remaining 11th Cavalry troopers and the few vehicles not turned over to the ARVNs, I had a chance. I think it was Sergeant Jordan and Chief Jose Ulloa who invited me to play. I was touched. But then again, I didn't really trust them. Second only to our Deputy Squadron Commander, Major Paul Foley, no one liked to pull my chain like First Sergeant Jordan. Once there, I found out it was for money and realized they thought the chaplain an easy mark. Not so Laddies! Those Pinochle games were relief moments and still among my better memories of Vietnam. I didn't win often though I played a good game. Certainly, I was a poor match for those card counting wizards, but luckily the pairings rotated.

I'll not forget those experiences. They were simply relaxing moments without sound and fury, thundering guns or flashing parachute flares, it was *camaraderie*. I can still smile thinking about those games of 46 years ago. The guttural, sometimes profane and easily forgettable banter at that wobbly table by-passed rank and seniority, religious confessions and diverse cultures, it was sincere, jovial and honest.

Some of you old soldiers might laugh at me for classifying those games as sentimental; but then you are the same crowd who cry when Victor McLaughlin is sent to the brig in *She Wore a Yellow Ribbon*. We played no more than three times with different characters to my left or right and across the table and I wish I could remember all their names. During one game, someone confessed in front of all that playing cards was like praying. At first we laughed and I noted that it sounded like an excuse for not going to church. But later as I walked back to my chapel-office-bunk, I recalled a song I had heard in my youth. It was called: *A Deck of Cards*.

I first heard the song in the 1940's after World War II. Memory tells me it was playing on a late night radio station: WWVA from Wheeling, West Virginia. I think it was on the "The Grand Ole Opry." The name of the singer (really narrator) immediately caught my attention; he was T. Texas Tyler. Gosh, as a 10 year old I thought "now isn't that a great name." The story had such an impact on me, that almost 70 years later I can still remember most of the lyrics.

About a dozen years ago, walking the streets of Nashville with my wife, I found a record of the same song by Bill Anderson on "Honky Tonk Row." I was surprised; had to buy it and bring it home. Not quite the same impact, so I'm still searching for the original. But I do have all the words now and thought you too might enjoy them or ... even use them as an excuse for skipping church some Sunday.

T. Texas Tyler's story was about "soldier boys" who arrived in a town after long days on the march and were order to go to

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the chapel. During the service one lad was playing with a deck of cards instead of using a prayer book and was sent to the Provost. When asked to explain himself before he was sent to the brig for playing cards in church, the lad explained to the Provost Marshall that he meant no disrespect.

"Well sir," T. Texas Tyler began his narration, "I have been on the march for about six months and I had neither a Bible nor a prayer book, only a deck of cards to use for my prayers."

"You see, sir, when I look at the Ace, it reminds me that there is but one God. And the deuce reminds me that the Bible is divided into two parts: the Old and New Testaments. When I see the trey, I think of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. And when I see the four, I think of the four evangelists who preached the Gospel: there was Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

And when I see the five, it reminds me of the five wise virgins who trimmed their lamps; there were ten of them: five were wise and were saved, five were foolish and were shut out. When I see the six, it reminds me that in six days God made this heaven and earth. And when I see the seven it reminds me that on the seventh day, God rested from his great work.

And the eight, well there were eight righteous persons that God saved when he destroyed the earth: there was Noah, his wife, their sons and their wives. The nine reminds me of the lepers our Savior cleansed, and that nine of the ten didn't even thank him. When I see the ten, I think of the Ten Commandments that God handed down to Moses on a tablet of stone.

When I see the King, it reminds me that there is but one king of Heaven, God Almighty. And the Queen, well I think of the Blessed Virgin Mary who is the Queen of Heaven. And the Jack or Knave is the Devil.

When I count the number of spots in a deck of cards, I find 365, the number of days in a year. There are 52 cards, the number of weeks in a year. There are four suits, the number of weeks in a month. There are twelve picture cards, the number of months in a year. There are thirteen tricks, the number of weeks in a quarter.

So you see, sir, my deck of cards serves me as a Bible, an almanac and a prayer book"

And at the end of the record, T. Texas Tyler concludes: "And friends, this story is true. I know ... I was that soldier."

You were that soldier as well. Don't know if you prayed using a deck of cards. Don't know if you prayed at all. But I'm willing to bet when someone yelled "incoming," you really did.

Registraton Info For The 2018 11th Reunion

Registrations are still arriving at a steady pace. Looking at the amount of rooms which have been booked, this reunion should have well over 1000 people. This will include Troopers, family members, guests, Next of Kin, and Star members.

And of course, it looks like we are going to have over 75 First Timers coming this year. Please take the time to welcome them. Make them and their guest feel welcome. Give them a hand shake or a pat on the back and a big "WELCOME HOME". I'm sure you remember what it was like when you attended your first reunion.

Most of the information that I put out is for the First Timer, but it is also for those who haven't been to a reunion in quite a while. I know most of you already know the information that is put out, but for the benefit of those that don't I will again repeat myself so as not to miss anyone.

Be sure to pre-register, no matter if you live near the reunion site or aren't sure you can make it. There is a cutoff date for registration this year, so please register on time (cut off August 8, 2018). The best way to register is on line, it's easy, fast and so much simpler to do. If you decide to send in your registration by mail please

double check that ALL entries are complete, correct and legible. If you decide to send in your registration, please print out a copy of the form from the 11thcavnam.com web site or make a copy of the one in the Thunder Run magazine. Please don't cut or trim the registration form. I do file it and I need the whole page.

After sending in your registration I will enter all names onto the web site of those attending the reunion. If you notice that I have misspelled your name or that of your guest, please contact me and I will correct it. If your guest is from a different city, please put the name of the city next to their name. That city will be on their name tag. To keep your group together on the web site list I will use your city for all those coming with you. Any questions please call or e-mail me. Ph# 608-372-5892 or: gtroopbob@gmail.com

The Unit that is on your name tag or your guest name tag is the Unit you need to sit with at the banquet on Saturday. We only up enough places as there are people registered with that Unit. Example: If your name tag reads K Troop then you must occupy a place at one of the tables with the small flags that have K Troop 3/11 on it. If we find that someone from

another Unit is occupying seats with the wrong Unit, they will be directed to the proper Unit seats. This is only fair to those in each Unit.

Remember that everyone needs to wear their name tag at all times. Your name tag shows that you have paid your registration and there for you can drink and eat what is put out at the bunker. It also shows that you pre-registered and therefore have a reserved seat at the banquet.

If you would like to help at the registration desk let us know and we will put you to work. We would like to get as many people trained at registration as we can because you never know if or when we won't be able to make one of the reunions.

So, dust off the suitcases, drag out the photos and prepare for a great weekend of fun, friendship and memories.

Until next time I leave you with this quote. "Lead me, follow me, or get the hell out of my way", General George S. Patton Jr., Patton Principles

ALLONS.

Bob "Two Dogs" Moreno

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11th ACVVC Board of Directors

Registration Chairman

Reunion Assistance Fund

Ollie Pickral, 11th ACVVC Treasurer

The purpose of the Reunion Trooper and KIA Survivor Assistance Fund is to assist Troopers who served with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Vietnam and Cambodia, and family members of our troopers killed in action in Vietnam and Cambodia, to attend a reunion sponsored by the 11th ACVVC. Qualified applicants will be given one or more of the following items, depending on the number of requests, funds depletion, and the degree of assistance required:

1. A hotel room for one or two nights during the reunion weekend.
2. Transportation funds for fuel for auto, airfare tickets or bus or train.

3. Registration fee.
4. Meals or food allowance.

Funds are collected through direct donations by our members and are accounted for by the Treasurer. The Trooper and KIA Survivor Assistance Fund is a separate account and published in the 11th ACVVC financial reports.

To be considered for financial assistance from the fund to attend a reunion of the 11th ACVVC, the Trooper or the KIA's immediate family members (defined as parents, siblings, children, widows) making the request must:

1. Do so in writing to the Secretary or the President, and
2. Provide evidence of the Trooper's

service in Vietnam and/or Cambodia with the 11th ACR.

The applicant Trooper or KIA survivor should describe his/her need for monetary assistance, briefly stating his/her financial situation. In addition, the Trooper may be required to become a member, of the 11th ACVVC. The Officers and Directors of 11th ACVVC will decide by a majority vote on whom and how much assistance will be given to a Trooper or survivor of a KIA.

Requests must be submitted no later than to July 14, 2018.

A complete description of the Reunion Trooper and KIA Survivor Assistance Fund can be found on our website at: www.11thcavnam.com

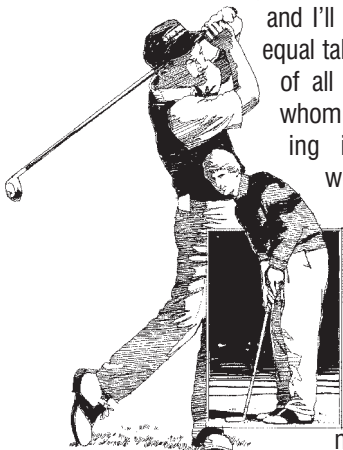
THE 27TH ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Thursday, September 6, 2018, Thornapple Pointe Golf Club, 7211 48th Street SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512; 616-554-4747

In 2018 we will visit Michigan for the first time and the "Great Lakes State" promises to be a wonderful golf venue! We will play The Club at Thornapple Pointe, consistently rated as the top public course in the Grand Rapids area. A panoramic view of the breathtaking Thornapple River provides the backdrop for this expansive 18 hole course, featuring bentgrass fairways and impeccably groomed tees and greens. Winding along 7,000 feet of river frontage, your game guides you over gently rolling hills, through hardwood-lined fairways, and near three of the most enchanting, untouched wetlands found in the Midwest.

Entry fee includes greens fees, cart with satellite-based yardage system, Continental breakfast, mixed grille luncheon of char-grilled teriyake chicken breast, sirloin burgers and Italian sausage w/ peppers and onions, three salads, cookies and prizes!

Complete the form below and mail it to the address shown with a check for \$95 per golfer (payable to Peter L. Walter). Form and fee must be postmarked by Aug 18, 2018 to guarantee your entry! You do not need a foursome to enter. Include your average score for 18 holes and I'll pair you with a golfer of equal talent or include the names of all golfers in the group for whom you are paying. This outing is open to men and women. Dress code: no denim, shirts must have collars, shorts must be Bermuda length, soft spikes only!



Call 609-261-5629 if you have questions. You will receive confirmation of your registration in the mail. All entries must be prepaid. Tee times will be at 8:00 AM with a shotgun start with lunch and prizes following golf. Rental clubs are available at \$20 per set (call the course directly to reserve). Each golfer is responsible for getting to/from the golf course. All golfers who will be driving should offer rides to their fellow golfers. Don't delay!!! Mail today!!! "FORE!"

27TH ANNUAL MARTY OGNIBENE MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Name _____ Average Score _____
 Address _____ Home Phone _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Name _____ Average Score _____
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 E-mail _____
 Mail Checks To: **Pete Walter, 8 Tallowood Dr., Westampton, NJ 08060-3751**

2018 11TH ACVVC REUNION SHIRT ORDER FORM

All pre-ordered shirts will be available for pick-up at the Quartermaster Store during the 2018 reunion in Grand Rapids. **Orders must be received by August 1, 2018.**

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ E-mail _____

Shirt Color: Brown with reunion logo embroidered on **left** breast. Name, troop, year on **right** side.

Adult Sizes: M, L, XL - \$42.00 each / 2XL, 3XL - \$44.00 each

Prices include up to 3 lines of 40 characters per line of personalized embroidery (Name, Unit, Dates, Etc.)

PLEASE PRINT
Shirt Size: _____ Line 1: _____
 Visa Line 2: _____
 MasterCard Line 3: _____

Card No. _____ CVC Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature (Required for credit card) _____

Make checks or money orders payable to **11th ACVVC**. If paying by check, write your drivers license number on the check. Mail form to **11th ACVVC Quartermaster, C/O Jerry Beamon, 15926 Cedar Bay Dr., Bullard, TX 75757**.



2018 Silent Auction

By Greg Mason

The 2017 Silent Auction raised \$4,460 for the 11th ACVVC Scholarship Fund with 172 items donated and available for bid. The donated items included many hand-crafted items and one of a kind items with a Blackhorse theme. We look forward to another successful auction.

The auction process continues to be as follows:

1. Items are needed for the Silent Auction to be conducted during our 33rd Annual Reunion in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Items peculiar to the 11th Cavalry are always favorites, and any item of value is welcome, Cav related or not.

2. We will have a collection site set-up in the registration area to collect donated items brought to the reunion beginning on Wednesday from 2pm to 6pm, Thursday from 2pm to 6pm, and Friday from 2pm to 5pm.

3. You can ship items to Fred Droski, to collect, hold and bring the items to the reunion for display. If you plan to ship items, please use the convenient Silent Auction Donor Form printed in this issue. If you bring the items to the reunion, also complete the donation form and include it with the item.

4. The auction will be from 7pm to 9pm on Friday night with the bidding ending precisely at 9pm.

5. Winning bidders must be present and pick up their items and pay for them between 9pm and 9:30pm after the bidding is complete.

6. If the item is not picked up, the item will be awarded to the next highest bidder at 9:30 or auctioned off at 9:45pm Friday evening. The bid form will have a place for you to leave a cell phone number in case we need to call you to let you know to pick up your item.

7. We will be able to accept cash, checks, Visa or MasterCard for payment.

We do need volunteers to work the collection site and the night of the auction. We are setting up the collection site schedule in 2 hour shifts and if you would like to volunteer please contact me at gregmason@aol.com or 813-754-2980. I will respond to your email as I receive them. If you do not get a response, it is probably because AOL has a habit of putting stuff in their "junk" folder so feel free to follow-up with a phone call.

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

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



Membership is Our Strength

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



11th ACVVC Silent Auction

Donated Items Information Form

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

Description of item donated: _____

Name of Donor: _____

Address of Donor: _____

Phone # of Donor: _____ Value of Item Donated \$ _____

I wish to remain anonymous (check box)

Mail silent auction items to: 11th ACVVC, C/O Fred Droski, 192 Collindale Ave. SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49534-5817



33rd Annual 11th ACVVC Reunion



Amway Grand Plaza
187 Monroe Ave NW
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
Reservations: 1-800-253-3590

September 5-9, 2018 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, September 5

2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration open	Center Concourse Registration
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Quartermaster Store open	Vandenberg A & B
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Silent Auction items accepted	Registration Area
2:00 pm - Midnight	Bunker open	Ambassador Ballroom

Thursday, September 6

7:00AM	27th Annual Marty Ognibene Memorial Golf Tournament (Additional Fee)	The Golf Club at Thornapple Pointe
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration open	Center Concourse Registration
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Quartermaster Store open	Vandenberg A & B
2:00 pm - 6:00pm	Silent Auction items accepted	Registration Area
2:00 pm - Midnight	Bunker open	Ambassador Ballroom

Friday, September 7

9:00am - 12 noon	Veterans Seminar	Pantlind Ballroom
12 noon - 4:30 pm	Women's Group Luncheon (Additional Fee)	Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Silent Auction items accepted	Registration Area
2:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Registration open	Center Concourse Registration
2:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Quartermaster Store open	Vandenberg A & B
2:00 pm - Midnight	Bunker Open	Ambassador Ballroom
7:00pm-10:00pm	Silent Auction Sell Off	Governor's Room

Saturday, September 8

8:30AM	Raffle Drawing	Ambassador Ballroom
9:00am -12:00 pm	Annual Membership Meeting (Members only)	Ambassador Ballroom
9:00am -12:00 pm	Women's Group Meeting	Pantlind Ballroom
2:00pm-3:00pm	Memorial Service	Ambassador Ballroom
	Quartermaster Store open	Vandenberg A & B
3:00pm-5:00pm	Registration open for late arrivals	Center Concourse Registration
5:45pm-6:45pm	Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)	DeVos Place Ballroom A, B,C,D
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Banquet, Program, Presentations and Salute	DeVos Place Ballroom A, B,C,D
10:00 pm - Midnight	Dancing (DJ)	DeVos Place Ballroom A, B,C,D

Sunday, September 9

10:00 am - 11:00 am	Worship Service Non Denominational	Pantlind Ballroom
All Day	Farewell and Safe Travels	

See You in Las Vegas 2019



33rd Annual 11th ACVVC Reunion Grand Rapids, Michigan



September 5-9, 2018
Amway Grand Plaza
187 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503
Reservations: 1-800-253-3590

Registration fee is **\$95.00** per person. This fee is required for attendance at the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday night Bunker Parties and Saturday evening banquet dinner.

All registrations must be received by Wednesday, AUGUST 8, 2018. Any registration received after this date will be returned. Registration refunds will be paid in full to our members if cancellation is received by the Treasurer no later than Friday, August 31, 2018.

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

Name _____ Telephone No: _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Unit Assignment _____ Dates in Country _____
(Example: B TRP, D CO - List only one unit. This is your banquet seating.) (Example: 1966-1967)

KIA Relative? Yes Name of KIA: _____

Relationship to KIA: _____ Unit: _____

ATTENDEES, INCLUDING YOURSELF (please print)

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

Banquet Meal Selection (Indicate number for each selection) Chicken _____ Beef _____ Veggie _____

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

Visa MasterCard

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature (Required for credit card) _____

Make checks payable to 11th ACVVC. Please mail registration form along with payment to:

**11th ACVVC
C/O OLLIE PICKRAL
571 DITCHLEY RD
KILMARNOCK, VA 22482**



2018 REUNION - GRAND RAPIDS SEPTEMBER

AMWAY GRAND PLAZA HOTEL 187 MONROE AVE NW GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49503

RESERVATIONS:800-253-3590
ROOM RATE:\$139.00 + TAX, SINGLE – QUAD
SELF PARKING:\$10.00 PER DAY

- ★ Rooms are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis
- ★ In-room internet fee waived
- ★ Rates are good three days prior to and three days after event based on availability.
- ★ 600 room block

Register online using the line on our website: www.11thcav.nam/
Hotel Reservations Must Be Made No Later than August 13, 2018

NEARBY ATTRACTIONS:

GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC MUSEUM

<http://www.grpm.org/>

Located approximately 1/4 mile from the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

- ★ Monday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- ★ Sunday, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

ADMISSION:

- ★ \$8.00 for adults
- ★ \$7.00 for seniors

★ \$3.00 for students

★ \$3.00 for children

Located approximately 1/4 mile from the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel.

GERALD R. FORD PRESIDENTIAL MUSEUM AND LIBRARY

HOURS OF OPERATION:

- ★ Monday - Saturday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- ★ Sunday, 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Free for children under the age of 5
Free parking is available

ADMISSION:

- ★ \$8.00 for adults
- ★ \$7.00 for senior citizens and military service members
- ★ \$6.00 for college students with ID
- ★ \$4.00 for youth ages 6-18

REUNION AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Reservations may be made on line at:

<https://www.gailandrus.com/conventions/>.

- Cost is \$20.00 Round Trip per Person
- Reunion Attendees only
- Airport pickup dates are September 5 and 6 Airport return date is September 9

Open page scroll down to CURRENT CONVENTIONS click on and open 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia. This open's Transportation Reservation Form.

Reunion Registration Deadline and Cancellation

The purpose of this policy is to document and standardize the 11th ACVVC reunion registration cutoff dates.

Effective with the 2017 reunion, and all future reunions, the cutoff date for registration will be twenty-eight (28) days prior to the first Wednesday of the reunion.

The cutoff date for Grand Rapids will be August 8, 2018. All registrations must be received by this date. Any registration received after this date will be returned to sender. This policy will be published in all Thunder Run issues that have reunion information in them. Postings will also be made on the web site and Facebook.

AND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN

SEPTEMBER 5 - 9, 2018



The rest is self-explanatory answer the questions and check your date of arrival and departure fill in flight information. You can pay by Credit Card.

Taxi Service from and to The Airport is \$35.00 each way there is no Hotel or Airport Shuttle available

Arrival Schedule:

(Transfer departs once per hour, on the hour)

- Wednesday, September 5, 2018 – Transfers operate from 12:00 p.m. to 12:01 a.m./midnight
- Thursday, September 6, 2018 – Transfers operate from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

From: Gerald R. Ford Intl. Airport, Grand Rapids, MI

(Transfer leaves from the baggage claim area once per hour)

To: Amway Grand Plaza Hotel (Lyon Street side entrance)-187 Monroe Avenue NW

Departure Schedule:

(Transfers depart once per hour, on the hour)

- Sunday, September 9, 2018 – Transfers operate from 4:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

From: Amway Grand Plaza Hotel (Lyon Street side entrance)-187 Monroe Avenue NW

To: Gerald R. Ford Intl. Airport, Grand Rapids, MI

Please Note: Any interruptions or delays on the part of the airlines are not the responsibility of Gail Andrus Travel. We will accommodate those who experience any flight delays within our scheduled operating hours only.

If you need further assistance, please email: Jennie Pavlak at jennie_pavlak@gailandrus.com or call 1-800-532-2431.

Our business office is located in the Eastern Standard Time Zone.

Registration

September is just around the corner and our reunion will soon be here. I hope you have booked your room or rooms and sent in your registration. This reunion might be one of the top 10 in attendees.

We just got back from Michigan where we stayed at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel. What a great hotel and staff they have. There is so much around the hotel that I'm sure you won't be able to see and do it all. For your information there is a staircase in the older part of the hotel which will make a great spot for unit pictures.

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This year we expect close to 200 applications for a scholarship and it would be great if we could give everyone a scholarship. So, on that note, for all of you troopers who have gotten the calendar and not sent in that little envelope with a donation please do so, because we do take care of our own.

On behalf of myself, Barbara and Raleigh we hope you have a great and safe spring and summer this year.

Until next time I leave you with this quote "Live for something rather than die for nothing." General George S. Patton Jr.

Allons.

Roberto (Bob) Moreno, Registration Chairman

Registration Policy

Cancellations and Refunds

Registration refunds will be paid in full to our members if cancellation is received by the Treasurer at least five (5) days prior to the first Wednesday of the reunion. The last day to cancel and receive a refund for the Grand Rapids reunion is August 31, 2018.

Deadlines

- 2018 Reunion Registration Deadline: August 8, 2018
- 2018 Reunion Cancellation Deadline: August 31, 2018
- 2018 Hotel Reservation Deadline: August 13, 2018

See ya'in Grand Rapids



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

by Mike "Doc" Rafferty, Director and Scholarship Chairman



Mike 'Doc' Rafferty

I received a total of 164 scholarship applications by the May 15th deadline this year! 161 of the applicants were grandchildren of our members and 3 were children of members. We had 112 female applicants and 52 males who applied. Most of the applicants were high school seniors.

The 11th ACVVC Board of Directors is pleased to be able to award 89 scholarships for a total of \$269,000 this year! We can do this because of the generosity of hundreds of our members who support the Calendar, Raffle, and Silent Auction fund raisers every year.

Each of the scholarship recipients will receive a \$3000 award except for the winner of the Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Award scholarship who will receive \$5000. The winner this year is Ashley Smith, granddaughter of Grover Smith Jr., 720th MP BN. Congratulations Ashley!

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The scholarship winners come from a wide geographical area ranging from California to Maine. Their names and photos will appear on our website and in upcoming issues of *Thunder Run*.

Allons,
Mike "Doc" Rafferty
Scholarship Committee Chairman

Remember

Remember the heat, it waited outside the plane, to embrace you, to slowly become one with you.

Do you remember?

Remember the new words, FNG, bonnie, s....hook, Freedom bird, gook. didi mau, boom-boom, number ten, Number one, KIA, MIA, AR16, 50, 60, P38.

John Wayneing it, the world, dust- off.

Do you remember?

Remember the Top, the Capt., the Sarge, the shave tail, the Kit Carson scout, your first TC, your brothers.

Do you remember?

Remember the field, a field of fire, the fire fight, flares.

Snoopy, arty, humpin it, dismounts, tunnels, caches, AK's, RPG,s, claymores, mike-mikes, one steps, bamboo vipers, spiders in the rubber trees, sappers, chieu hoi, the cigarette after a firefight, C-rats, LRRPs , cursing lizards , and always the kids.

Do you remember?

Remember the rear, the movies, hooch maids, short time girls, whiskey, beer, pot, O-sticks, speed- all to make you forget.

Do you remember?

Remember being short, the freedom bird, rotating, "take these papers to be signed", "goodbye Buddy see you back home".

Do you remember?

Remember the world, papers, lines, white women, no black bras, Flushing a toilet, remember not to say "pass me the butter at home.

Why does it seem something is different?

Do you remember?

Remember? You can't forget it. It seems like yesterday. I wonder where he is, he was like my brother.

Do you remember?

Remember the Blackhorse

(Written by Don Ayscue, F Troop/ HHQ, 1969-1971, Fiddlers Green, Jan. 1, 2017

Submitted with permission by Jason Ayscue, son)



Welcome Aboard!

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

NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES	NAME	DATES
HHT REGIMENT		541st MI DET		D COMPANY, 1/11		Overbay, James R	70-71
Fye, Stanley L	67-68	Grant, Terry A	71-71	Brown, Jack T	70-70	Whitesinger, John Jr	70-71
Hernandez, Amador Jr	67-70	919th ENGINEER COMPANY		Frazier, Donald R	69-70	I TROOP, 3/11	
King, Kenneth L	67-68	Valles, Edward N	71-72	HOWITZER BATTERY, 1/11		Arakawa, Dave Y	68-69
Kingston, George S	70-71	Zybell, Frederick C	66-67	Crain, Maxie M	68-68	Garcia, Johnny M	70-70
Krkovich, Reginald D	69-70	HHT, 1/11		Gose, Gary O	69-70	Hobbs, Gordon	70-71
Miner, Donald T	69-70	Anderson, Larry D	70-70	Gray, John Lee Sr	70-70	Kelly, James M	69-70
AIR CAVALRY TROOP		Elrod, Harold L	68-69	Rabadue, Daryl P	68-69	Moore, Charles S	70-71
Bastian, William P	69-70	Gonzales, Benigno F	66-67	Terlaan, Heine T	67-68	Phillips, Karl G	69-70
Bruen, Arthur L Jr	68-68	Trujillo, Nestor A	66-66	HHT, 2/11		Rooke, James L	70-71
Johanson, Charles A	71-71	A TROOP, 1/11		Coleman, James C	67-68	K TROOP, 3/11	
Kovacic, Robert W	71-72	Anderson, Donald E Jr	68-69	Duell, Ronald R	71-72	Jacobson, James L	67-68
Straub, Delbert M	68-69	Dyer, Rodney A	69-70	Kingston, George S	70-71	Macpherson, Steven W	70-71
Sylvester, James S	70-71	Lindsey, Earl L	70-70	Straub, Delbert M	68-69	Scales, Hubert C	66-67
Wyman, Michael C	70-70	Minor, Charles F	68-69	Wyman, Michael C	70-71	Young, Eugene Jr	70-71
Zigante, John Jr	66-67	Phillips, Karl G	69-69	E TROOP, 2/11		L TROOP, 3/11	
27th ENGINEER BATTALION		B TROOP, 1/11		Golden, Kenneth L	69-70	Bergantz, Carl B Jr	68-69
Mackay, Roderick L	67-69	Anderson, Larry D	70-70	Young, Robert D	68-68	Livingston, Charles D	70-70
37th MEDICAL COMPANY		Gose, Gary O	69-70	F TROOP, 2/11		Mahan, Clarence E	69-69
Baham, Dennis W	71-72	Mcloud, Michael G	70-71	Suckow, Denny	68-69	M COMPANY, 3/11	
Dassaro, Salvatore P	68-69	Ward, Larry S		Williams, Lloyd A	71-71	Holcomb, Dennis L	67-67
398th TRANSPORTATION DET		C TROOP, 1/11		G TROOP, 2/11		Neal, Cecil G	69-70
Bakley, Stanley C	70-70	Best, Donald R	69-69	Burcham, Karey L	66-67	HOWITZER BATTERY, 3/11	
409th RADIO RESEARCH DET		Rajewski, Richard A	68-69	Short, Otis D	66-67	Carpenter, Terrance E	69-69
Blake, John V III	66-68	Veenstra, Fredrick A	66-67	HHT, 3/11		Costner, Freddy G	67-68
				Garcia, Johnny M	69-70	Greene, James E	69-70



CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

On July 20, 2018 and October 20, 2018 the North Texas Members of the 11th ACVVC will host their Quarterly Breakfasts at Poor Richard's Café, 2442 K Ave, Plano, TX 75074 at 10:00 am.

November 11, 2018 – Veteran's Day Wreath Laying at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington, D.C., 5 Henry Bacon Drive NW, Washington, DC 20245 All Blackhorse Troopers, family and friends are invited to participate in the Annual Veterans Day wreath laying at the Wall.

When: 9:45 AM, Sunday, November 11, 2018

Where: Near the Three Soldiers Statue at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington D.C.

Who: All Blackhorse Troopers from all eras, family and friends

What: We will initially gather near the statue of the Three Soldiers, make introductions, say a few words, and then informally carry the wreath to the apex of the Wall. Look for the Blackhorse Patch Wreath that will be there by 09:30. Please pass this information

on to anyone who might be interested in participating.

November 11, 2018 – Veteran's Day Breakfast in Plano, Texas at Poor Richard's Café, 2442 K Ave, Plano, TX 75074. The North Texas Members of the 11th ACVVC will be gathering at Poor Richard's Café, Plano Texas for Breakfast and Friendship on November 11, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. The Management will be hosting, along with the Blue Star Mothers, a celebration of Veterans Day. Activities at the Café will include a Unit Flag display, along with recognition of the different branches of service by trumpet. Blue Star Mothers will be "Greeters" and have a display of memorabilia and various pins for donations. Those 11th ACVVC members, and/or family members of the same, are welcome to join the group in celebrating this day of importance to our country. Should you wish to be part of our group, please contact: Jay Reese, 972-690-4386, by phone, or email: jayree7282@aol.com Any additional information including directions to Poor Richard's Café, Plano, Texas and updates will be provided. "ALLONS!"



Women's Luncheon and Tour Confirmed

It's that time again; time to look ahead to the 33rd annual 11th ACVVC Reunion that will be held September 5-9 at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

While the men's board has been busy these past many months planning this great reunion in one of the nation's northern states, the Women's Group has been busy planning for you.

Luncheon And Tour

This means we've been busy planning another exciting luncheon and tour while we're at Grand Rapids.

The event is scheduled for Friday, September 7 at 12 noon when we begin boarding buses that will take us to Frederik Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park.

The park is one of the nation's most significant sculpture and botanic experiences. Ranked in the top 100 most-visited art museums worldwide, there's something for everyone, both indoors and out. To name a few, the park includes Michigan's largest tropical conservatory; five indoor themed gardens; outdoor gardens, nature trails by foot or by tram, and boardwalk; sculpture galleries and a permanent sculpture collection. There's also a library filled with nature and gardening books, and gift shop. The café is a work of art itself with its décor of blown glass art created by world famous American glass sculptor Dale Chihuly. His art is on exhibit around the world and we saw some of it at Columbus, Georgia. It's also in Las Vegas at several locations.

The Meijer Gardens 158-acre main campus is barrier free and handicap accessible. Since it opened in 1995 after 13 years of planning, Meijer Gardens has attracted more than 10 million visitors.

As if that isn't enough on its own, I've been told by Grand Rapids residents that the Gardens café is a destination on its own, so our tour includes lunch on location in one of their group rooms.

As a group we will be served a Craft Box Lunch that will have your preselected choice between three options, including one that is Gluten Free. The choices are detailed on the Women's Group Tour and Luncheon registration form you'll find on the following page. Your lunch also includes chips, a chef's choice cookie or brownie, and a choice of canned soda.

As with our other Women's Group events, you will pay the actual cost of this event, which is \$41. Remember this includes transportation, tour and luncheon.

We received a group price so note that you must preregister and prepay with us in advance to hold your place.

Please locate the Women's Luncheon and Tour Registration form in this Thunder Run, copy or clip it, fill it out completely including your email address, mark your lunch selection, and mail with your check or money order to the address on that form

Other Women's Activity

The Women's Group annual meeting will be Saturday, September 8, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. We hope to see you there! We, your board, have reorganized our meeting to make the business portion of it shorter so we can move on to fun things to do or just get to know one another.

Blackhorse Bracelet Making

This year back on the agenda is our Blackhorse bracelet making session that was on hold thanks to Hurricane Irma who was in uninvited attendance at Orlando. But we're back on track for Grand Rapids. Remember, this will be done at our Saturday morning Women's Meeting.

Board member Cherry Platt will be teaching us how to do this. Board members and others have volunteered to help her teach us how to make these amazing

red, black and silver beaded Blackhorse bracelets!

Cherry assures me these bracelets are easy to make, taking about a half-hour or so. We'll be working on these together in groups so we can help each other out. I look forward to the time that will allow us to get to know each other better.

Cherry has already purchased beads and supplies to make kits for 150 people. If you are a beader, think about joining us and helping those who have never beaded before. I'm sure Cherry would appreciate the extra helpers. God bless her, she things she can teach the rest of us board members one night in the Bunker. We're willing and able ... you can let her know at Saturday's meeting if you are willing.

We should have enough, but just in case ... if you know you'll be joining us to make a bracelet, just in case we have more people come than we have bracelet kits, would you do me a favor and drop me a quick line or simple email and let me know? My information is below. Just send me your name/names if you are planning to join in.

It would be a great help and we can make sure Cherry has more than enough kits so everyone leaves with a bracelet. My contact information is at the end of this article.

Women, family members: if you need further information on our upcoming plans, I can be reached by email at kathy.tandberg@yahoo.com or by phone at 701-870-6868. Mailing address is 3818 Lone Peak Drive, Bismarck, ND 58503.

Also, be sure to check out the Blackhorse Women's webpage site by going to www.11thcavn.com and locate the large Messages Box in the middle of the page and click. On the next page click on the Blackhorse Women's News tab in the white box near the bottom.

Find and "Like" us on Facebook by searching Blackhorse (11th ACVVC) Women.

Women's Group Tour and Luncheon Registration Form

Please join us for Luncheon and Tour at the Frederik Meijer Gardens & Sculpture Park
Friday, September 7, 2018, 12:00 Noon - 4:30 p.m.

- Cost: \$41.00 per person includes Lunch, Admission and Transportation
- Open to spouses, family and friends of 11th ACVVC veterans. (Need not be a member of the Women's Group to attend.)

This form must be received by August 7, 2018.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Meal Choice: Includes Chips, Beverage and Dessert. Please choose one of the following Craft Box Lunch catered by Garden Kitchen.

_____ Taste of the Gardens Chicken Salad Sandwich, said to be one of the most popular sandwiches offered by the Gardens: Natural chicken breast, dried Montmorency cherries, walnuts, pineapple, celery, spring mix.

_____ Sculpture Club Sandwich: Another popular choice made with local Applewood bacon, turkey breast, pickled red onion, spring mix, roasted garlic tarragon aioli.

_____ Gardener's Cobb Salad, a Gluten Free option: A favorite choice by everyone, not just those who need GF food. Grilled chicken breast, spring mix, rendered bacon lardons, rainbow carrots, grape tomatoes, hard-boiled egg, red onion, green goddess dressing.

Make checks or money orders payable to **Blackhorse Women's Group** (Sorry, NO CREDIT CARDS) **Mail this form and payment separately from your Reunion Registration to:**

Kathy Tandberg
 Blackhorse Women's Group
 3818 Lone Peak Drive
 Bismarck, ND 58503

11TH ACVVC DONATIONS

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

Members donations are used for the sole purpose for which they are intended. Whether it be for Scholarship, Reunion Assistance, Memorial or the General Fund, member donations are used to support that specific fund.

<p>Scholarship Fund</p> <p>Platinum Level Ferguson, Matthew Gillins, Al Gulley, Gerald</p> <p>Gold Level Cartwright, Wavely Johnson, Eugene LaFontaine, Donald</p>	<p>Silver Level Simon, Henry</p> <p>Bronze Level Hancock, Mark & Rebecca In Memory of Rick O'Dell</p>	<p>Reunion Assistance Fund</p> <p>Gold Level Downey, Sue In Memory of Richard O'Dell Moore, William Walsh, Courtney</p> <p>General Fund</p> <p>Gold Level Burr, Chuck</p>	<p>Silver Level Whitesinger, John</p> <p>Bronze Level Fye, Stanley Hanson, David Trabanco, Andrew</p> <p>Calendar Fund</p> <p>Platinum Level Myers, Gary</p>	<p>Gold Level Brown, Kenneth Dirska, Alfred Hessburg, Joseph Smith, Wade</p> <p>Silver Level Andersen, Kevin Brydge, Donald Gathe, Wilbur Godfrey, Thomas Gordon, Dalton Halstead, Babe</p>	<p>Bronze Level Carter, Stanley Grabenhorst, John Kirchoff, Thomas Manthei, Sheldon McHoud, Michael Miner, Donald Newton, Kenneth Parfitt, George Terlaan, Hank Young, James Zigante, John</p>
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Fiddler's Green

We are sorry to report the following Troopers have taken the journey to Fiddler's Green. We send our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences to their families and friends. We honor their service to our country and to our regiment by posting their names. Over 500 U.S. newspapers are checked daily for the keywords "11th Cavalry" or "11th Armored Cavalry". Information is then posted on our website to allow us to post notices. Please check the "Funeral Honor Guard check daily" at www.11thcavnam.com

Jeffrey H. Albert, A Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on March 9, 2018. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in San Diego, CA.

John T. Baker, HHT, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on January 11, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Truckee, CA.

Abram E. Barrows, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1968-1968) passed away on November 1, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lockwood, NY. He was laid to rest in Halsey Valley Cemetery, Halsey Valley, NY.

Roy Bolen, HHT, 2/11 (1971-1972) passed away on January 21, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Christiansburg, VA. He was laid to rest in Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Dublin, VA.

Herbert C. Bourdelais, HHT, 2/11 (1966-1968) passed away on August 23, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Elbert, CO.

Terrance L. Bradford, D Company, 1/11 (1969-1970) passed away on January 28, 2017. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Seattle, WA. He was laid to rest in Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, WA.

Van E. Burch, F Troop, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on December 17, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Mount Holly, NC. He was laid to rest in Evergreen Cemetery, Belmont, NC.

Henry L. Butler, HHT, 1/11 (1969-1970) passed away on March 9, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Peoria, IL. He was laid to rest in Lutheran Cemetery, Peoria, IL.

Marshall D. Campbell, M Company, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on November 23, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Wilmington, NC. He was laid to rest in Oleander

Memorial Gardens, Wilmington, NC.

James S. Carter, G Troop, 2/11 (1970-1971) passed away on September 11, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Suitland, MD. He was laid to rest in Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery, Cheltenham, MD.

John W. Corder, M Company, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on March 16, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Beebe, AR.

Alfred J. Crum, HHT, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on July 18, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Johnson City, TN. He was laid to rest in Mountain Home National Cemetery, Johnson City, TN.

Robert M. Cummings, E Troop, 2/11 (1966-1966) passed away on 06/00/2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Rosamond, CA.

James E. Davis, Air Cavalry Troop (1971-1971) passed away on November 14, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lawton, OK. He was laid to rest in Ft. Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, OK.

James W. Easley, HHT, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on July 28, 2017. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lancaster, PA. He was laid to rest in Conestoga Memorial Park, Lancaster, PA.

James E. Erwin, 37th Medical Company (1969-1970) passed away on June 19, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Collegedale, TN. He was laid to rest in Chattanooga National Cemetery, Chattanooga, TN.

Ralph S. Farese, L Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on June 12, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hot Springs, AR.

Danny E. Faulk, F Troop, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on April 21, 2018.

He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Huntsville, AL. He was laid to rest in Greene County Memorial Gardens, Paragould, AR.

Charles R. Ferrell, G Troop, 2/11 (1970-1971) passed away on April 26, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Conyers, GA. He was laid to rest in Georgia National Cemetery, Canton, GA.

Donald G. Fischer, D Company, 1/11 (1967-1968) passed away on March 26, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Clarksville, TN. He was laid to rest in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff, KY.

Randall L. Fuller, B Troop, 1/11 (1968-1970) passed away on May 8, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Phoenix, AZ. He was laid to rest in National Memorial Cemetery Of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ.

Robert A. Gagliardi, K Troop, 3/11 (1966-1967) passed away on December 7, 2016. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Pennsauken, NJ. He was laid to rest in Lakeview Memorial Park, Cinnaminson, NY.

Michael D. Gambarella, B Troop, 1/11 (1967-1967) passed away on December 13, 2016. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Houma, LA. He was laid to rest in St Francis De Sales Cemetery, Houma, LA.

John C. Gilbreath, HHT, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on June 6, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Tucson, AZ. He was laid to rest in Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Sierra Vista, AZ.

Herbert R. Gillock, B Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on February 10, 2018. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Alvaton, KY.

- Jack N. Guthrie**, M Company, 3/11 (1966-1967) passed away on March 9, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Bartonville, IL.
- Daniel N. Heise**, HHT, 2/11 (1971-1972) passed away on December 16, 2017. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Bristol, IN.
- Henry J. Hernandez**, Howitzer Battery, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on August 22, 2017. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Cochran, GA. He was laid to rest in Salem Baptist Church Cemetery, Cochran, GA.
- Gary R. Hewelt**, 27th Engineer Battalion (1966-1967) passed away on May 5, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Clinton Township, MI. He was laid to rest in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, MI.
- Rudy H. Holbrook**, HHT REGT (1969-1970) passed away on November 27, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Sinks Grove, WV. He was laid to rest in Woodland Cemetery, Auto, WV.
- Richard E. Hoyt**, HHT, 1/11 (1969-1970) passed away on December 3, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Melbourne, FL. He was laid to rest in Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Mims, FL.
- Henry O. Inman**, C Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on October 17, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Waynesville, NC. He was laid to rest in Riverside Cemetery, Canton, NC.
- Ronald W. Jennings**, HHT, 1/11 (1971-1971) passed away on May 23, 2018. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Swanton, OH. He was laid to rest in Shilo Cemetery, Fulton County, OH.
- Sammy E. Johnson**, K Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on August 12, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Maumelle, AR.
- Harold B. Jones**, I Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on February 27, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Clayton, NC. He was laid to rest in Powhatan FWB Church Cemetery, Clayton, NC.
- John R. Jones**, B Troop, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on April 3, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Augusta, GA. He was laid to rest in Harlem Memorial Cemetery, Harlem, GA.
- James E. Kirton**, Air Cavalry Troop (1971-1972) passed away on September 13, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Springfield, VA. He was laid to rest in Cloverdale Cemetery, Cloverdale, IN.
- Walter M. Kortright**, F Troop, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on November 18, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hauppauge, NY. He was laid to rest in Hauppauge Rural Cemetery, Hauppauge, NY.
- John T. Ludwick**, E Troop, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on March 1, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Elkton, MD. He was laid to rest in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear, DE.
- Francis C. Lunn**, HHT, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on July 28, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Butler, PA. He was laid to rest in America'S Cemetery, Hermitage, PA.
- Jay O. Lyle**, Air Cavalry Troop (1969-1970) passed away on April 22, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in East Liverpool, OH.
- Gregory A. Lyons**, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on 04/00/2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Chincoteague Island, VA.
- Dennis R. Martin**, 919th Engineer Company (1968-1969) passed away on May 1, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Rattan, OK. He was laid to rest in Cloudy Cemetery, Rattan, OK.
- Elliott L. Mcdaniel**, 919th Engineer Company (1967-1968) passed away on February 28, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Reform, AL. He was laid to rest in Arbor Springs Baptist Cemetery, Reform, AL.
- William F. Mennell**, HHT, 2/11 (1970-1971) passed away on May 18, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hattiesburg, MS. He was laid to rest in Highland Cemetery, Hattiesburg, MS.
- Cleveland T. Mitchell**, HHT, 3/11 (1970-1971) passed away on October 19, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Clearwater, FL. He was laid to rest in Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery, Ft Mitchell, AL.
- James A. Morrill**, H Company, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on September 4, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Albany, NY. He was laid to rest in Saint Peter'S Cemetery, Troy, Rensselaer County, NY.
- Dennis E. Neal**, HHT, 2/11 (1970-1971) passed away on April 19, 2018. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Kilgore, TX.
- Roger M. O'Neal**, F Troop, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on February 18, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Chapman, KS. He was laid to rest in Indian Hill Cemetery, Chapman, KS.
- Daniel J. O'Neil**, L Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on September 30, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Polk, OH. He was laid to rest in Blairsville Cemetery, Blairsville, PA.
- Shawn R. Orbach**, L Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on February 6, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Farmingdale, NJ. He was laid to rest in George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, NJ.
- Ronald D. Owens**, I Troop, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on May 26, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Mooresburg, TN.
- William W. Owens**, H Company, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on February 19, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the

11th ACVVC and resided in Merritt Island, FL. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Philip L. Palmer, B Troop, 1/11 (1969-1970) passed away on March 15, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Mc Leansboro, IL. He was laid to rest in Hebron Cemetery, Broughton, IL.

Hubert R. Parish, HHT, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on May 14, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Huntingdon, TN. He was laid to rest in West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery, Memphis, TN.

Ted L. Pegram, Air Cavalry Troop (1971-1971) passed away on December 22, 2016. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Climax, NC. He was laid to rest in Red Cross Baptist Church Cemetery, Climax, NC.

Robert W. Pelfrey, Air Cavalry Troop (1965-1967) passed away on August 26, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Dayton, TN. He was laid to rest in Pierce Cemetery, Evansville, TN.

Charles Pizer, K Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on April 26, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Somerset, PA. He was laid to rest in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Stoystown, PA.

James F. Polston, I Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on January 29, 2016. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Albany, KY. He was laid to rest in Craig Cemetery, Albany, KY.

Grover D. Porterfield, HHT, 2/11 (1966-1967) passed away on May 3, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Covington, VA. He was laid to rest in Alleghany Memorial Park, Low Moor, VA.

Charles R. Poteet, E Troop, 2/11 (1970-1971) passed away on May 5, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Candler, NC.

Frank D. Rampey, HHT REGT (1969-1970) passed away on September 5,

2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Honolulu, HI. He was laid to rest in Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery, Kaneohe, HI.

Frederick X. Ravin, 919th Engineer Company (1968-1969) passed away on February 15, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Raleigh, NC. He was laid to rest in Salisbury National Cemetery, Salisbury, NC.

Paul F. Reeder, Howitzer Battery, 1/11 (1970-1971) passed away on May 13, 2018. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Prospect, PA. He was laid to rest in Braddock Cemetery, Braddock, PA.

Robert F. Riley, HHT, 1/11 (1967-1968) passed away on March 17, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Rancho Cucamonga, CA.

Don R. Roberts, HHT REGT (1970-1971) passed away on December 12, 2016. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in New Boston, MI. He was laid to rest in Carleton Cemetery, Carleton, MI.

William J. Romer, I Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on November 27, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in East Williston, NY. He was laid to rest in Cemetery Of The Holy Rood, Westbury, NY.

Gregorio Ruiz, B Troop, 1/11 (1970-1970) passed away on April 16, 2018. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hebronville, TX. He was laid to rest in New Hebronville Cemetery, Hebronville, TX.

Neil P. Rullo, K Troop, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on December 31, 2016. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Howard Beach, NY. He was laid to rest in Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, NY.

Irwin J. Rutchik, A Troop, 1/11 (1969-1970) passed away on March 24, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Brooklyn, CT. He was laid to rest in Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown, CT.

Tim A. Sanford, Air Cavalry Troop (1970-1970) passed away on May 16, 2018.

He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Flat Rock, IN. He was laid to rest in St. George Lutheran Cemetery, Edinburg, IN.

Theodore R. Slone, HHT REGT (1960-1967) passed away on December 26, 2016. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Branchland, WV. He was laid to rest in Isaac Slone Cemetery, West Hamlin, WV.

David A. Spaulding, I Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on January 23, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Sturtevant, WI. He was laid to rest in Graceland Cemetery, Racine, WI.

Myron K. Stabler, G Troop, 2/11 (1971-1972) passed away on March 11, 2018. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Hurricane, UT.

Curtis L. Stonecipher, F Troop, 2/11 (1970-1970) passed away on April 25, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Elizabethton, TN. He was laid to rest in Happy Valley Memorial Park, Johnson City, TN.

Peter W. Sturges, HHT, 2/11 (1971-1972) passed away on June 16, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Newtown, CT.

Danny J. Sutherland, E Troop, 2/11 (1971-1972) passed away on September 6, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Forestport, NY. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

John F. Totten, F Troop, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on November 12, 2017. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Warrior, AL. He was laid to rest in Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Corner, AL.

Jerome J. Wiczorek, HHT REGT (1966-1967) passed away on February 22, 2013. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Clinton Township, MI. He was laid to rest in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township, MI.

William E. Young, HHT, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on February 15, 2017. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Ontario, CA.

The Search For The Yano, 528



LEFT: The Yano at Ft Irwin

BELOW: Chuck Rollins & the Yano, 528 at Yuma.



Editor's note: This article originally appeared ten years ago in the 1st Quarter, 2008 issue of *Thunder Run*.

By Chuck Rollins, (*Air Cav Troop 1967 – 1968*), *Crew Chief 528*

After reading the article “The ‘Yano’ Comes Home” by Sherri Bratt in 3rd quarter 2007 *Thunder Run* and noting that it contained inaccurate information concerning the rediscovery of that aircraft, I contacted the Editor of *Thunder Run* and was encouraged to write this article containing accurate information about the relocation of the 528 which we now know as the Yano. Being an active part of the search and rediscovery of the 528, I am able to portray a first hand, credible rendering of this saga.

Searching and Finding the Yano, 528.

After spending many hours, days and months on the internet I was given a source to possibly track and find out what became of my old Gun Ship 528. While talking with a good friend and webmaster for B Co/158th Avn., Dave Mussey, about my search he gave me the name of the Viet Nam Helicopter Historian, Gary Roush, of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots’ Association (VHPA). Gary Roush has compiled a database of most, if not all Helicopters flown during the Viet Nam years. The information contained here is nothing short of amazing. This database was the source that finally enabled me to track and ultimately find my UH-1, the 528. Ironically, it was right here, near where I worked, at Oro Grande Base Camp, New Mexico. I had often looked at these old helicopters but never dreamed mine had been among them. So, finally after

tracking it in the database, I found that the 528 was located at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona.

Saving The Yano, 528.

In January, 2000 I contacted Rick Douglas at Yuma Proving Ground in Arizona to verify that he, in fact, had possession of 528. After introductions by email I found Rick to be very interested and cooperative concerning my desire to visit and actually experience seeing this old war bird. He told me it had a destiny to wind up as a target for aerial gunnery in the near future but he would hold off on this Huey until I could get there. I continued to work with Rick at Yuma and Brian Howard at the War Planes Museum, New York to acquire 528 as a donation to that museum. Gary Roush had introduced me to Brian as the Curator at War Planes and the person I should work with directly.

I made my trip to Yuma on May 19, 2000 to actually make visual and physical contact with my old Gun Ship no matter what condition it was in. Chuck Wullenjohn, Public Affairs Office, came out and conducted an interview and published an article, “Comrades in Arms” about my reunion with 528 in the Yuma Daily Sun. I also met Mike Thompson, Yuma Museum Director, who was also extremely helpful with this recovery. After my visit we continued to work the donation procedures until, finally, in November, 2000 528 arrived at War Planes Museum, New York. My visit to Yuma, reunion and article can be verified by con-

tacting the Public Affairs Office at Yuma Proving Ground, Arizona. I also have copies of the article.

Transfer of the Yano from War Planes to Ft. Irwin

After the events of 9/11 in 2001 projects such as these were put on hold due to budget constraints in New York. I also had some personal issues that took me out of the loop for some time. So the events that took place in moving 528 to Ft. Irwin are not clear to me. But I was contacted by CW4 Rick Bebb by email referencing a request for parts for the Yano. This was sometime in early 2003 and the first time I knew it was now in Barstow at the Dagget Airport. Through Mr. Bebb I met Bill Heidner and he was working and assisting in restoring the Yano. I made a trip to Barstow and Fort Irwin in late April 2003 to meet Bill and Rick as well as see 528. I also met Neil Morrison at the Museum while I was there. The restoration project seemed to slow due to some internal funding and personnel issues. Rick Bebb and Bill Heidner were transferred and so I again lost contact with the project.

On June 8, 2007 I received an email copy from Gary Roush. In this email he was explaining some of these events to Sherri Bratt and he gave her my email address. Sherri and I corresponded by email and I gave her information about 528 back in the day, Air Cav Troop, 11th ACR, RVN, 1967 – 1968. I had planned to meet her when I made my visit to Fort Irwin in July 2007. She was on leave, however, when I arrived and so Neil Morrison, Museum Director, met with me and gave me a personal and much appreciated tour of 528 and the 11th ACR Museum

As I have indicated 528, The Yano, was not discovered by unnamed retired 11th ACR Vets at an unnamed private museum in New York. It is unfortunate that I was unable to meet with Sherri Bratt as I would have been able to relate to her the true recovery story of this famous UH-1C Gun Ship. My reason for this article is to give the accurate story of recovery and credit to myself and to those who were instrumental in saving 528, the Yano. Those people are: Rick Douglas, Mike Thompson, Gary Roush, Brian Howard, Rick Bebb, Bill Heidner, and Neil Morrison.

The Yano is currently a work in progress, we are not done with her yet.

Blackhorse Hoofbeats

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

Don Snedeker, 11th ACVVC Historian

• **Operation Thunder Dragon.** In late May 1967, Second Squadron was operating outside of Chu Lai in I Corps Tactical Zone, not far south of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) with North Vietnam. The squadron was part of Task Force Oregon and working directly with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade. On the last day of Operation Thunder Dragon, Fox Troop got into a big fight. The following is a description from the 2/11 After Action Report. "Three days later [25 May] a forward fire base came under an unexpected mortar attack. Sergeant Wendle C. Davis, a mortarman with F Troop, left his position of safety inside an armored personnel carrier and rushed through the incoming mortar fire to his own mortar position. He immediately began to fire rounds toward suspected enemy positions. Sergeant Davis' exceptional example spurred other mortar men to join him. Upon ascertaining that he had a well-organized crew returning fire, Sergeant Davis ran across an open area to man a caliber 50 machinegun with which to place fire against enemy small arms positions that were supplementing the enemy mortar fire. In the process he was mortally wounded. Captain Donald A. Burns, commanding F Troop, received word of the enemy attack on the fire base and rushed his force to the scene of the battle. Once in the battle area, Captain Burns stood on top of his personnel carrier in order to direct his forces against the enemy. Destroying the enemy forces closest to the beleaguered camp, F Troop continued the attack to destroy any enemy forces still remaining in the area. Nearing the base of a hill not far from the small American camp, F Troop once again came under heavy enemy fire. Without delay Captain Burns deployed his troop and routed the enemy. During the battle Captain Burns continually exposed himself to enemy fire in order to call in artillery and rally his troops. His daring effort was an example to his men and contributed substantially to the success of the mission. Captain Burns and Sergeant Davis were awarded the Silver Star for this action which resulted in thirty-five enemy soldiers killed."

• **Hey Nguyen, got a light?** Between late December 1967 and mid-January 1968, First and Second Squadrons conducted search and destroy operations along Highway 13 between Loc Ninh and the Cambodian border. The operation was designed to open Thunder Road for military traffic for the first time since the French were in charge in the early 1950s, as well as to locate VC and NVA units that were suspected of infiltrating across from Cambodia southwards toward Saigon. In mid-January, Alpha Troop came across an intricate enemy base camp supply complex. The base had obviously been hastily evacuated, as the

Troopers found wet laundry hanging on the line and a just-used toothbrush in a cup. Cards wishing the guerrillas a 'Happy Tet' from Uncle Ho Chi Minh were found throughout the above-ground structures hidden in the dense jungle. Bags of rice, estimated as enough to feed a VC company for three days, were stored inside the camp. Most interesting of all, however, was a cache of cigarette lighters – one for each man in Alpha Troop.

• **Blackhorse Spiderman.** First Lieutenant James Palmer – known as Spider Man to his buddies – was brand new to the Regiment and Air Cavalry Troop. In fact, he arrived just at the height of the Tet '68 offensive. With only about a week in the unit, he was becoming familiarized with Lai Khe and how Air Cavalry Troop operated. His orientation was rudely interrupted, however, when, on the night of 8 February 1968, the airfield at Lai Khe came under attack, damaging eight Blackhorse aircraft and a ¾-ton truck. The damage would have been higher but for Spiderman's quick actions, as described in his Air Medal with 'V' device for valor citation: "On this date in the vicinity of Lai Khe, Lieutenant Palmer was notified that an enemy rocket had struck the main communications point and that the resulting fire and secondary explosions were endangering the aircraft of his unit. Upon reaching the area of the aircraft, he observed an unarmed UH-1C [Huey gunship] helicopter that was in extreme danger of being destroyed. Reacting instantly, he dashed through the flying debris to man the aircraft and although he had never flown an aircraft of this type, Lieutenant Palmer successfully flew the helicopter from the area of the fire and landed it one half mile away. Due to his instant reactions, the helicopter received only slight damage."

• **Fiddlers Green.** New York-born Staff Sergeant Robert Meeker joined the Blackhorse on September 7th, 1968, two years and one day after the Regiment arrived in Vietnam. A graduate of Fort Benning's 'Shake and Bake' NCO Class 25-68 in June, he was assigned as a scout section leader in Lima Troop, 3/11. In the span of the six months that Sergeant Meeker was with the Blackhorse, he earned two Silver Stars. In February 1969, Lima Troop moved with the rest of 3/11 to Fire Support Base Holiday Inn to work with the 1st (US) Infantry Division and the 5th (ARVN) Infantry Division. Sergeant Meeker and his platoon were on a routine reconnaissance on February 18th when the armored column was suddenly hit by automatic weapons and antitank grenade fire. His Silver Star citation continues: "In the initial burst of fire, Sergeant Meeker's vehicle sustained a direct hit from a rocket propelled grenade round, knocking him from the vehicle and severely wounding him. Although wounded and

dazed, he remounted his vehicle and began directing accurate and deadly machinegun fire upon the hostile elements. While engaging the enemy forces from his vehicle, he was again hit by enemy small arms fire... Suddenly his vehicle received another direct hit from an enemy rocket propelled grenade round, wounding his entire crew and causing the vehicle to erupt into flames. Yet, he continued to shower the enemy positions with machinegun fire, pinning the hostile elements down long enough to allow the evacuation of his wounded comrades. For a third time his vehicle was hit by a rocket propelled grenade round, again knocking him to the ground. In spite of his severe wounds, he refused medical attention until his wounded comrades had been attended to." Robert Meeker succumbed to his wounds that day, but his actions guaranteed him a hallowed place in Fiddlers Green.

• **From Chicago to Quan Loi.** From the February 1970 edition of the *Blackhorse* newspaper: "A pair of official Chicago street signs which read '43rd Street' and 'Union Avenue' have been

posted above the red soil of Quan Loi. The signs, which ordinarily stand amid multi-family dwellings, sidewalks, automobiles and the gray smog of Chicago, are surrounded by 12-man tents, unpaved track-torn roads, battle-scarred armored vehicles and a permanent haze of red dust. Specialist Five Bernard L. Malnarick of 4211 S. Union St., Chicago said the signs were a gift from a fellow Chicagoan, Mayor Richard J. Daley, who had the signs produced in the city's sign shop at his request. Malnarick explained that the display not only reminds him of 'life back on the block,' but also gives him a fixed point to call home as his unit, the 919th Engineer Company, moves throughout III Corps. Malnarick, a tanker gunner, received the gift while the engineers were busting jungle dangerously close to the Cambodian border. Displaying the bright yellow signs on the tank turret didn't seem tactically sound, so he deferred the official unveiling until he returned to Quan Loi. A Chicago City Flag, also a gift from the Mayor, brightens the inside of Malnarick's drab tent."

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

11th ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

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

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

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

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TYPE MEMBERSHIP: NEW RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____
 ANNUAL (\$15) LIFE (\$100)
 LIFE Plan (\$25 enclosed, plus 3 payments of \$25 in 3, 6 and 9 months)

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

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

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

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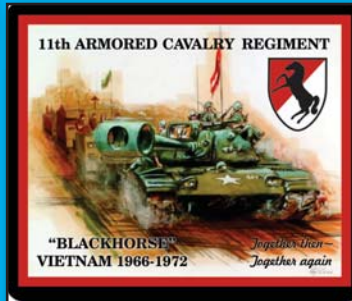
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#7 Blackhorse Patch Colored \$5.00



#21 Small Magnetic Patch (5"x4 3/4") \$5.00



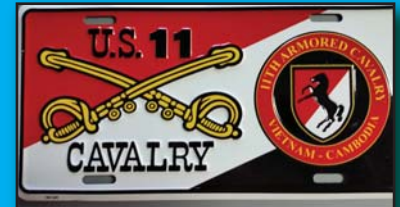
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#11 Flag, Indoor/Outdoor \$60.00



#16 Tote Bag, Embroidered \$20.00



#13 License Plate, Blackhorse \$8.00



#15 Attache Case \$30.00



#17 Blackhorse Pin \$5.00



#14 License Plate Frame, Black w/white letters \$12.00



#10 Web Belt with buckle \$25.00



#12 Key Ring \$8.00



#19 Blackhorse Cavalry Pin \$5.00



#18 11th ACR Regimetal Crest \$5.00



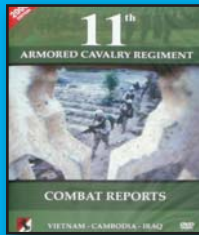
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#23 Leather Gear Bag \$45.00



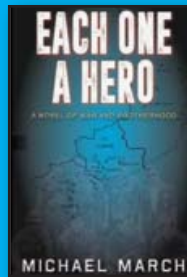
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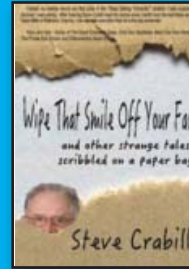
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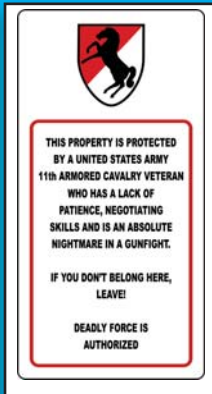
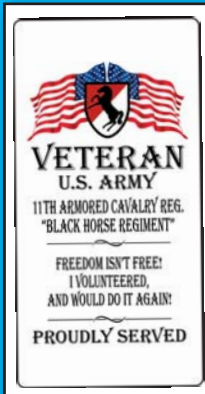


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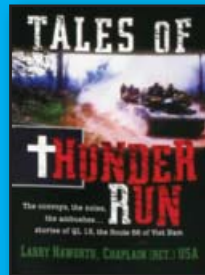
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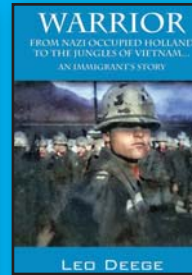


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#34 Signs \$25.00



#37 Book, "Tales of Thunder Run" by Chaplain Larry Haworth \$11.00



#35 Book, "Warrior" \$15.00



#40 Golf Shirt, w/BH Insignia. Specify color: Red, White or Gray \$35.00



#38a



#38b



#38c



#39 a/b T-Shirt, Dark Gray & Sand \$20.00

#30 Car Flag \$25.00



#38d

#38 Poplin Hats \$17.00



#43 Windbreaker, black w/snap front & BH Insignia & VN Ribbon, \$35.00



#41 Denim Shirt, w/BH & VN Ribbon \$35.00



#42 Blackhorse Jacket, 100% Nylon \$95.00



#29 Ladies Necklace \$25.00



Hello to All You BLACKHORSE Troopers.

Well it is ALMOST time for another Great Reunion. We will be heading out to Grand Rapids here shortly. Jan & I hope you have made your reservations already. If not, you had better make it now or it will be too late. I've heard we are in for another great time, so Grand Rapids get ready - we are making plans and we are on our way. We hope you are going to be there also. We have put IRMA behind us, and hope you who were affected by her have too.

We are still asking for volunteers to help us out if you any spare time.

Just want to mention what a wonderful time we had at our East Texas Round Up. We had a lot of new faces; some even came in from as far away as Kansas and Arkansas. WOW! Even during all the mix up we had with the Parks Department on our dates, we still had a good time with all who were able to make it out.

Jan has already got next year booked so please add this to your calendar.

Our date for the next East Texas-Round Up is Saturday May 4, 2019

We will have the dining hall next year...now for the ones who would like to join us early for the camping the dates are May 1st through 4th. We had such a good time this year. If you would like to get a cabin or book a site we are in the Big Pine area. I have 8 sites booked already so call me before booking as I may have one for you. The sites book-up fast so call as soon as you can so you can join in on the fun starting Wednesday and checking out Sunday....if you have any questions call Jan at 903-780-562.

Once again on shipping of QM items: Some confusion has arisen about the cost of shipping a GEAR BAG. I'm sorry to say the cost of shipping has gone up on the size & weight of a box from the Post Office. They are still less than the other guys. So j just a gear bag alone is \$25.00. If you add several items (a cap, a t-shirt, several pins) the cost is about the same, \$25.00.

All other prices remain the same at this time. So please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions. See ya'll soon!

Jerry Beamon, Quarter Master, K Trp, '69-'70

Together then...together again

"I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted at their best; men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped of their humanity.

I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate and the military. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were willing to die for one another.

As long as I have my memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and my comrades. Ahhh... Such good men."

Author unknown

(The above passage has appeared in many publications and at least one book. I have been unable to definitively confirm attribution. I first saw it type-written and framed above the receptionists desk at the Fort Dix, NJ VA Outpatient Clinic over ten years ago.)

Pete Walter, 3rd HOW BAT, 1970

'Find an Old Friend'

By Bob Kickenweitz, Website Manager

Many of you troopers believe that when you registered with the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia and placed on our "Master Roster" that you were automatically placed in "Find an Old Friend," NOT TRUE. A lot of you when filling out the registration form did not enter an e-mail address. Why, because at that time you didn't have one, and you cannot be entered in "Find an Old Friend" without an e-mail address. The whole file is based on your buddy finding your name on the file and sending you an e-mail. So, if you still don't have an e-mail address, send us your wife's e-mail address, or one of your kid's e-mails address. Go to our web site: www.11thcavnam.com then go down the page till you see the matrix and look for "Find an Old Friend" in the left hand column and click it. Then again in the left hand column look for "Find an Old Friend Update" and click it. Fill in the data and click Submit Comments.

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3.	Bumper Sticker "I Rode With The Blackhorse" w/full color BH insignia	3.00			
4.	Window Sticker, full color BH insignia and Vietnam service ribbon	3.00			
7.	Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, Colored	5.00			
8.	Mouse Pads	12.00			
9.	Cavalry Hat (Brown in color, rope and pin included in price--round or oval head shape)	225.00			
10.	Belt: Military style "web" trouser belt with Blackhorse buckle	25.00			
11.	Flag, indoor/outdoor 3'x5' with color insignia	60.00			
12.	Key Ring	8.00			
13.	License Plate, metal red & white background with crossed sabers & 11	8.00			
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33.	Book, "Patton's Boys," by: Jack Stoddard and Edward Cook	20.00			
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35.	Book, "Warrior," by Leo Deege	16.00			
36.	Henley Sport Shirt w/ BH patch & RVN ribbon red or white in color. Size: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> L <input type="checkbox"/> XL <input type="checkbox"/> 2XL <input type="checkbox"/> 3XL	28.00			
37.	Book, "Tales of Thunder Run," by Chaplain Larry Haworth	11.00			
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39.	Blackhorse T-shirt, 100% cotton, preshrunk, full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Dark Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Sand	20.00			
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