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"Together Then - Together Again"

4th Quarter, 2022

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

Our reunion in Birmingham Alabama ended in another successful event with approximately 630 attending. It wasn't without challenges but those were overcome with a lot of hard work by many people. I can't list all of them here but to those that stepped up to lend a hand at the Quartermaster, Registration, Silent Auction and anywhere else, I thank you.

We were expecting the impact of COVID on us to have gone away for this year, but it still lingered. After being closed for almost 2 years the hotel staff was undermanned and inexperienced from the front desk to housekeeping and maintenance. Conditions and circumstances at the hotel forced us to relocate our Bunker and Banquet to the Convention Center next door. The Hotel services were so much less than what our contract called for they con-



ceded to a partial refund applied to every room. In spite of the less than the "3 star" service from the hotel, we had a great time.

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2022 Election Results

The results of the elections held at the Membership Meeting on September 10, 2022, at the Birmingham reunion are as follows:

■ Elected for a 2-year term as **President** beginning January 1, 2023 - **Frank Church**. Mr. Church resigned his Vice President position effective January 1, 2023.

■ Elected **Vice President** for the remaining one-year balance of the Vice President's term beginning January 1, 2023 - **Stephen Page**. Mr. Page resigned his position as Director effective January 1, 2023.

■ Elected **Secretary** for the remaining term ending December 31, 2022, and for the 2-year term beginning January 1, 2023 - **Gregory Mason**

■ Elected **Director** for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2023 - **Mike "Doc" Rafferty**

■ Elected for the remaining one-year balance of the **Director** position effective January 1, 2023 - **Eric Newton**

Greg Mason, Secretary

Tribute to Chaplain Haworth Feb. 14, 1937 – Aug. 15, 2022

By Chaplain Bill Karabinos

Legendary Blackhorse Trooper, Chaplain Larry Haworth, died of natural causes, 15 August 2022, at the Army Residence Community in San Antonio.

Chaplain Haworth and his wife, Deanna, were known and loved by the phalanx of Blackhorse Troopers, not only those who served in Vietnam, but also many of the Fulda Gap Legion in Germany. Both Deanna and Larry were ever present at all the 11th ACVVC reunions from 1986 through 2015, when their debilitating health no longer permitted them to travel. They moved into the

Army Residence Community in San Antonio; Deanna passing in January of 2021, and Larry, this August. Both were interred together at Eternal Valley Memorial Park Cemetery in Newhall, California, at the Veterans Memorial Park section on October 14, 2022. Larry was buried with full military honors as befitting his long and faithful service in the United States Army.

Many of our troopers were present at the service, with President-elect, Frank Church (G Trp, 69-70), representing the 11th ACVVC.

In 1969, Captain (Chaplain) Larry



Chaplain Haworth and wife, Deanna holding 11ACVVC Lifetime Achievement Award

Haworth was assigned to the 2nd Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. It was Larry's second tour in Vietnam, and he kept his drive and enthusiasm for staying with the cavalry troopers in the field. Every Sunday he would make his rounds to all the front-line troops by air or land, across rice paddies

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and through jungles. He would travel to where we were.

He would bring in his bag, his Bible, his robes and set up a makeshift altar on sandbags, C-Ration boxes or whatever was available. He would hold religious services for anyone that felt a need to attend. Trooper Frank Church, said: "I took advantage of that at least once. I don't remember what the topic was, but I do know that it meant a lot to me for him to listen and offer spiritual guidance for these were horrific times in the life of a soldier. There is no doubt that many young men enduring the ugliness of war felt the same as I did."



Chaplain Haworth Honored

His connection with the cavalry was only beginning. A few years later, the 11th ACR was in Germany, and Larry was a community chaplain in the Cav's area. Once the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia was formed, Larry continued his ministry by attending every reunion for the next 30 years.

In 2015, Larry was no longer physically able to attend our reunions, and moved, with his wife Deanna, into the Army Residence Community in San Antonio. He kept in touch as well as he could, even addressing the reunion gathering via videotape from San Antonio in 2017.

On 14 February 2019, about ten members of the 11th Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia came to San Antonio to present Larry with a Lifetime Achievement Award, as testimony to his many years of dedicated ministry and confirmed him as Chaplain Emeritus.

Though Larry was unable to continue



Chaplain Haworth in Vietnam

his ministry, nonetheless, he has been listed in our newsletter, *Thunder Run*, as Chaplain Emeritus and continued asking God's blessing on his Blackhorse brothers.

In 2004, Larry published an extremely readable and excellent book, *Tales of Thunder Run*. Trooper Bob Rush (HHT 2; 69-70), cited a quote from that book, which is particularly poignant to all of us veterans. Larry wrote: "The veteran who has seen combat has seen life from a perspective the protected will never know. Before he served, he was one of the protected; not now."

At our Memorial Service in Birmingham, Larry Haworth was solemnly remembered as Chaplain Bill said:

I'd like to offer a short salute to a man who in Vietnam was referred to as "Saint Six."

Early on, in Larry's young life. He heard a call while reading the book of Isaiah. That evening he may have heard in his sleep a voice; a message - God's soft, inviting words.

"I am the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
I who made the stars at night,

I will make their darkness light.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?
And Larry Haworth responded –
Here am I Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
And Larry served in God's ministry well into the 1960's when again he had another calling in the night. It seemed like God in anguish said;
"I will send my men away,
Some may not see another day,
Who will tell them, I love them?
Who will bear my light to them so far away?
Whom shall I send?
And now Captain, Chaplain, Larry Haworth answered
Here am I Lord, is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will smile and take away their fright.
I will tell them Lord, that you love them
I will tell them Lord, that ... so do I.
... for "God loves you, and so do I."

That's how Chaplain Haworth ended all the *Thunder Run* messages he wrote every quarter, over three decades. "God loves you, so do I."

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Membership is Our Strength
It's not the price you pay to belong, it's the price you paid to become eligible to join



37th ACVVC Annual Reunion



THE PRIVILEGE ▲



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Birmingham, AL



◀ SUSAN, COURTNEY, CURT & SANDRA



IN THE BUNKER



◀ ED, OLLIE, JOE, MIKE & PAUL



TROOPERS ▶



◀ JERRY & JAN

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◀ SILENT AUCTION ▶



President's Message

By Pete Walter

“Greetings from the President...” Many of you first read these words over fifty years ago. Don't worry, you're not being drafted again, but this will be my last message as President of the 11th ACVVC. When I was thrust into the position of President by succession in 2018, it was my intent to not run, nor serve in this office for more than two elected terms. I enjoyed my four and one-half years as President but being true to my word, I did not run again for the office. The position of President is one of great responsibility and a serious commitment that anyone in this office makes to his Blackhorse brothers. I supported our Vice President, Frank Church as the candidate and the members elected him unanimously at the Birmingham reunion as 11th ACVVC President for the term 2023-2024. I could not be happier for Frank, and I believe the 11th ACVVC is in good hands. Congratulations Frank! Thank you to all who have helped me and supported the actions and decisions of your elected Officers. President-elect Frank has asked me to continue as the editor of “Thunder Run” and the annual calendar, and I look forward to doing so. I can assure you our primary focus has always been, and will always be, to do what is best for our Blackhorse brothers who served with the 11th ACR in Vietnam and/or Cambodia. It was an honor to work for you!

We lost one of our most respected and beloved members on August 15 when Lawrence “Larry” Haworth, LTC, USA (Ret) passed away. Larry was one of the first members of the 11th ACVVC and served as one of our Chaplains for many years. Larry served as a Chaplain with the Blackhorse in Vietnam in 1969 – 1970. Chaplain Bill Karabinos provides a beautiful story about Larry in this issue.

We held elections at the reunion in Birmingham, Alabama and some new/old Troopers were elected to office. As noted above, Frank Church takes over as your new President on January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024. Steve Page was elected Vice President for the same time period. Greg Mason was re-elected Secretary through December 31, 2024. Mike “Doc” Rafferty was re-elected as Director for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2023, and Eric Newton was elected as a Director to fill the unfinished one-year term of Steve Page who will resign Jan. 1, 2023 as Director to move into the VP slot. Congratulations to all and Good Luck in continuing the unparalleled success of the 11th ACVVC!

Our members selected the DoubleTree Hilton in Omaha, Nebraska (Sep 2 – 9) as the site for our 2024 reunion. Next year we will revisit the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids, Michigan, (Sep 18 – 24). We had a great turnout there in 2018 with 1,300 in attendance. We expect another big turnout, so register early using the reunion registration form in this issue.

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As President I was honored to present two Special Recognition Awards. One went to Jack Morrison, Rockport, Indiana (A Trp & Air Cav Trp, 1967-69) for his many years helping his brother veterans with VA claims and advice. Mike McFarland (brother-in-law of Ron Fishel, REGT HHT, 1967-68) was recognized for his invaluable help as a graphic artist in setting up our annual 11th ACVVC calendar. Congratulations Jack and Mike! Finally, I was pleased to award the 11th ACVVC 2022 Trooper of the Year Award to Frank Church, of Payson, Arizona (G Trp, 1969-70). Frank's devotion to the 11th ACVVC and his attention to detail as Reunion Chairman were invaluable assets to our organization and a tremendous help to me.

We were honored to have members of the active-duty 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment attend our reunion: LTC Ken Furtick, Regimental Deputy Commander; CSM Kevin Burg, 2/11; SGT Chris Jamero, 1/11; PFC Jonathan Carlier, 1/11; SPC David Carter, 2/11; PFC Andrews Dexter, 2/11 and SPC Roman Alicea, RSS. We hope you enjoyed your time with us! The 11th ACR has a new Commander, Colonel Timothy J. Ferguson, the 70th Colonel of the Blackhorse. Welcome COL Ferguson! We look forward to working with you and the Blackhorse Regiment. COL Ferguson provides an article in this issue.

We received many compliments on the guest speakers at the Veterans Benefits Seminar. Jimmy Dickey (Veterans Outreach Program Specialist from the Birmingham Vet Center) and John Pinion (Outreach Coordinator from the Birmingham VA Medical Center) addressed an audience of over a hundred people and answered questions on every topic. In addition, Jimmy brought the Mobile Vet Center Van which was parked outside the Convention Complex and provided pamphlets and VA information until late in the afternoon. Thank you gentleman!

Chaplain Bill Karabinos hosted another solemn and respectful Memorial service and took time to focus on the career of our own Chaplain Larry Haworth...thank you Bill.

There were many issues with the host hotel, starting from the moment our Troopers checked in and things seemed to go downhill from there. VP/Reunion Chairman Frank Church worked non-stop with the hotel staff to try to remedy the poor situation we were presented with and ultimately the hotel agreed to pay a partial refund to our guests. Read Frank's report in this issue. Both Frank and I want to personally thank Amy Haizlip, Event Manager at the Birmingham Jefferson Convention Complex for the great work she and her staff did in helping to make our reunion a success. We also must extend our sincere thanks to all of our Troopers and your families for your patience and understanding in getting through a situation that was less than perfect.

I want to thank everyone who helped, any and all of you

who volunteered at all of our functions. You never cease to amaze me in your willingness to pitch in and lend a hand wherever and whenever needed, and Jen – special thanks for the great photos!

In closing, I want to once again thank everyone for their support and guidance over the past the past four-plus years. The COVID pandemic took a toll on all of us, and sadly it took many of our members. We may not be totally finished with COVID, but we did soldier on and managed to continue our unbroken string of thirty-seven reunions despite unforeseeable circumstances which would have hindered lesser people than Blackhorse Troopers.

See ya in Grand Rapids!

Pete

VSO Information

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The New PACT Act

I am sure most readers are aware of the new PACT ACT signed into law by President Biden. This new VA focused legislation will expand VA health care and benefits for veterans exposed to Agent Orange and the environmental toxins of the Gulf War. Although I assist all veterans, I will focus on the effects for us Nam vets.

Two new presumptives are added. Hypertension and Monoclonal gammopathy (this one I really needed to research on! A brief description later) If you have not filed a claim for either of these conditions, do so. As with any new claim, you need to provide a diagnosis and your DD 214 verifying service in Nam. If you have filed previous claims for either and were denied, you must submit a supplemental claim- VA Form 21-0995. With this claim,

you need new evidence, which the new law is. Note: it is true, VA will review previously denied claims, but do not wait. **FILE THE CLAIMS NOW!** Now both conditions may be considered "Nehmer" cases and be rated from the date of the first claim. As I always advise, seek the assistance of an accredited Veteran Service Officer.

Monoclonal gammopathy - an abnormal protein in the blood which can lead to cancers such as lymphoma and multiple myeloma. Please consult with your doctors regarding this.

Readers may have noticed the barrage of attorney TV commercials focusing on the above conditions and the medical conditions many Marine vets and their families have due to the contaminated waters of Camp Lejeune. Careful here. Although an attorney, agent or organization cannot charge a fee to submit a claim for a veter-

an, a fee can be charged submitting a "higher level" claim which a Supplemental claim is. A typical fee is about \$500.00 which the VA sends to the attorney/agent out of any amount the veteran will be entitled to. Think about it - any medical condition considered to be an a "presumptive" due to Agent Orange exposure is going to be granted. With the above new conditions - and bladder cancer and Parkinsonism's from last year - the agent will submit a 21-0995, the conditions will be granted, and the attorney will receive \$500.00. Better to seek the assistance of a VSO.

Should a reader have any questions/concerns, please reach out to me. I will do my best to return your call or email within 48 hours.

Allons!

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Planning Reunions is a huge responsibility not just in choosing a site for a reunion but for the many details that must be considered for the smooth operation of our individual functions. This process normally starts 2 years in advance with contracts negotiated and signed with adjustments made as needed. Detailed discussion with the Hotels beginning about 60 to 30 days out. This year specific details were not discussed until 2 weeks before our reunion was to begin. It was not until then that I was notified that the Sheraton

Hotel could not meet their commitments to us. That created an almost impossible situation to overcome. But the Convention Center Staff took it on and made it happen almost seamlessly. I can't thank them enough for their "5 star" service and the remarkable job they did on making everything happen on very short notice.

This will be my last Reunion update. I was elected President of the 11th ACVVC for a two-year term and will be taking office Jan. 1, 2023. Steve Page has stepped back in as Reunion Chairman. He

will be providing updates for next year in Grand Rapids and reunions beyond that in a separate article. Steve is very experienced and has my confidence and support.

I thank everyone who has supported me as Reunion Chairman and the confidence shown in electing me as the next President of this proud military organization.

Frank Church - 11th ACVVC

37th ACVVC Annual Reunion (Cont.)

Birmingham, AL



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▲ CHAPLAIN BILL LEADS MEMORIAL SERVICE



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QUILTER AWARD WINNER



▲ MARGUERITE, DALE,
GARY & SHERYL



▲ JAY, BERNIE
& LARRY

▼ JOHN HAMM PICKS A WINNER!



▶ QUARTERMASTER
STORE



UPCOMING EVENTS

East Texas Round Up

It will be held in Gladewater, TX, at the Antique Capital RV Park May 16-21, 2023. Our lunch will be Saturday, May 20 at noon as usual. You don't have to be a camper to attend (parking is free for non-campers). If you live in the East Texas area make plans to attend, we would love to see you there.

2022 Veterans Day - Wreath Laying at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial

All Blackhorse Troopers, families and friends are invited to participate in the Annual Veteran's Day wreath laying at the Wall.

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 9:45 AM.

When: 9:45 AM, Friday, November 11, 2022

Where: Near the Three Soldiers Statue at the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial, Washington, D.C. The physical address (for GPS) of the Wall is: 5 Henry Bacon Drive NW, Washington, DC. You can also use: 23rd St. NW & Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20037

Who: All Blackhorse Troopers from all eras, family and friends. Please pass this information to anyone who might be interested in participating.

2023 Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Why: The wreath will be laid at the Tomb in observance of the 122nd anniversary of the activation of the 11th Cavalry on February 2, 1901, at Fort Myer, Virginia.

What: The laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

When: Immediately following the 11:00 A.M. Changing of the Guard, Thursday, February 2, 2023

Where: At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Washington, D.C.



Who: All Blackhorse Troopers from all eras, family and friends. Please pass this information to anyone who might be interested in participating.

Show your colors - wear something Blackhorse!

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. (IMO = In Memory of)

General Fund

Gold Level

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Bronze Level

Harney, Kelly
IMO Uncle Michael Sakole III

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Platinum Level

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Schmidt, Bonnie
Stone, Tom & Donna

Gold Level

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Association of, Retired Police Officers
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IMO Michael Sakole III

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Croft, Robert

Deane, Charlie & Catherine
IMO Michael Sakole III

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Hawley, Robert

Jones, David
Justice, Sharon

Landt, George
Paul, Mack

Rafferty, Michael
Raeder, Heidi & Stephen
IMO Michael Sakole III

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Spiegel, Stewart

Stoll, Ned
Tallent, James
Terry, Hardy

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Dominguez, Manuel

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Marr, Doris
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Simon, Henry

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Clement, Stephen
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Foster, Roland
Kulowski, Jr., John
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Sweet, Max

Tallent, James
Williamson, Gerald

Wooldridge, Barry

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Banks, Lawrence

Bennett, Richard
Butler, Roger

Czys, Samuel
Ingram, Glendon

Sale, William
Sowell, Jerry

Tepper, Elliott

Wheelock, Thomas

Bronze Level

Carter, Stanley
Cebalo, John

Hafer, John
Harris, Lemuel

Hernandez, Amador
Jack, Fred

Jaros, Lawrence
Madej, William

McNeil, Richard
Mullin, Patrick

Pace, Donald
Paul, Mack

Rensland, Craig
Sanchez, Angel

Tonks, Glenn
Velders, Larry



SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE & IMPORTANT INFORMATION

by Mike "Doc" Rafferty, Director and Scholarship Chairman
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In 2023, scholarship applicants will again be divided into two categories: applicants who plan to enroll or are enrolled in colleges and universities; and applicants who plan to enroll or are enrolled in a trade school or a community college vocational program. The same percentage of scholarships will be given to each group of students. Both groups of students use the same application which can be found in this issue of Thunder Run or on our website (www.11thcavnavm.com). This is an updated application form and should be used by all applicants applying for scholarships in 2023.

The 11th ACVVC Scholarship Program has awarded 691 scholarships totaling \$2,186,000 to the children and grandchildren of our membership since its inception in 1996! Every scholarship dollar paid to these deserving scholarship winners was donated by YOU, the members of this great association of Blackhorse combat veterans! Our Scholarship Guide provides more information on the scholarship process and history of the program. You can find the Guide on our website. If you have a child or grandchild who is planning on attending a college, community college or trade school fall semester, 2023, please encourage them to apply for a scholarship (application deadline 05/15/2023).

Each recipient's Scholarship Award will be dedicated in honor of a specific 11th Cavalry "Blackhorse" Trooper who was Killed in Action (KIA) in Vietnam or Cambodia. The Blackhorse KIAs honored each year are selected on an impartial and random basis. An attractive certificate suitable for framing and containing information about the trooper in whose honor their scholarship is dedicated will be sent to each recipient. In addition, each year, one recipient is selected to receive a special Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Scholarship award in honor of former 11th ACVVC President Chuck Schmidt for his leadership and devotion to the 11th Cavalry "Blackhorse" Troopers of the Vietnam War.

A Scholarship applicant must fall into one of the following categories:

- 1: A child or grandchild of an 11th Armored Cavalry Trooper who was Killed in Action (KIA) in Vietnam or Cambodia.
- 2: A child or grandchild of a deceased life member of the 11th ACVVC.
- 3: A child or grandchild of a current life member of the 11th ACVVC in good standing.
- 4: "Child" is defined as a natural born, adopted or stepchild.
- 5: "Grandchild" is defined as a natural born, adopted or step-grandchild.

Additional Criteria

The applicant who plans to attend or is attending a 4-year college degree program must have maintained a minimum Unweighted Grade Point Average of 3.5 during the last two years of high school (or college if applicable).

The applicant who plans to attend or is attending a trade school or community college vocational program must have maintained a 3.0 minimum Unweighted Grade Point average during the last two years of high school.

The applicant must be a high school graduate by fall semester 2023. Graduate and doctoral level students are not eligible.

2023 scholarship winners will receive an award of \$3000. The Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Scholarship award winner will receive \$5000. All scholarship awards are sent directly to the school the recipient is attending. Please contact me if you have questions.

Meet Our 2022 Scholarship Winners

Last Name	First Name	Sponsor	Unit	KIA Last Name	KIA First Name
Baumgartner	Addison	D. Clark Thomas 69-70	C Trp	Cunningham	Norman
Betzer	Walker	Donald Price 66-67	HHT 1/11	Andrews	Walter
Caldwell	Nathaniel	Ronald Caldwell 69-70	D Co	Lantz	Gary
Carnal	James	James Carnal 66-67	L Trp	Pitre	Kenneth
Cupp	Cadence	Bryan Cupp 69-70	A Trp	Weeder	Richard
Dabrieo	Derek	Raymond Conwell 68-69	919 Eng	Smith	Forrest
Darrow	Alec	Daniel Stephan 66-67	M Co	Will	Frederick
Davenport	Mason	Clarence Davenport 70-71	398 Trans	Mendez	Salvador
Ellerbrook	Claire	Robert Spangler 68	541 MID	Cartwright	James
Fabel	Adeline	Sheldon Manthei 69-70	H Co	Hawkins	Kenneth
Garrisi	Alyse	Lorenzo Garrisi 67-69	C Trp	Detrick	Robert
Guse	Abrianna	Randy Davis 69-70	HHT Regt	Wilhelm	William
Hacker	Olivia	Richard Daly Jr 67-68	A Trp	Hill	Douglas
Heithoff	Corey	Kenneth Heithoff 68-69	F Trp	Clark	Norman
Hendry	Megan	Thomas Brody 67-68	HHT 2/11	Busch	John
Ioannides	Matthew	Paul Ioannides 66-67	HOW 3/11	Baker	Gary

Johnston	Madeleine	Roger Sonnenberg 66-67	HHT Regt	Fails Jr.	Edward
Johnston	Natalie	Robert Bensch 68-69	HHT 3/11	Heath	Isaac
Jones	Hayden	David Jones Jr 66-67	HHT 1/11	Pasch	William
Kissell	Harper	Eugene Burns 68-69	I Trp	Chandler	Charles
Kloth	Autumn	David Taylor 69-70	HHT Regt	Naylor	Dennis
Kopacz	Brianna	Duane Phetteplace 68-69	E Trp	Murphy	Bobby
Lashley	Dominique	Ronald Jackson 69-70	B Trp	Tolliver	Larry
Lewis	Stella	Terry Kaul 69-70	How 2/11	Stephenson	Bruce
Long	Amber	Franklin Glass 67-68	F Trp	Bone	Robert
Maguire	Shannon	John Poundstone 68-69	I Trp	Collazo	Carlos
Melody	Collin	Robert Stuedemann 67-68	K Trp	Harris	Jerry
Milne	Marissa	Bill Brawn 69-70	G Trp	Haney	William
Moore	Addison	Keith Weeks 67-68	I Trp	Riggs	Robert
Moore	Amy	Richard Moore 69-70	HHT 1/11	Kelly	Harry
Moreno	Simon	Roberto Moreno 68-69	G Trp	Hamner	Charles
Morgan	Alyssa	Roy Morgan 70	919 Eng	Nugent	James
Morgan	Lacey	Robert Hersey 68-69	K Trp	Williams	Jimmy
Morrissey	Erica	Matthew Morrissey 68-69	HHT 2/11	Lamkin	Stuart
North	Oriah	Craig Taylor 67-68	K Trp	Collins	Ralph
Ozier	Brook	Kenneth Carlock 71-72	G Trp	Jenkins	Len
Peterson	Gabrielle	Thomas Peterson 68-69	HHT 3/11	Skiles	Thomas
Puglisi	Mia	Richard Roseman 69-70	B Trp	Adams	George
Saavedra	Vanessa	Otis Carey 71-72	F Trp	Coates	Floyd
Salyers	Jaylan	Luis Vargas 66-67	L Trp	Brantley	David
Schrag	Noah	Alfred Bowen 67-68	G Trp	Sanderson	William
Schubert	Cameron	Jacky Schubert 68-69	K Trp	Reynolds	Gary
Sherrick	Rachel	James Davis 69-70	551 Maint	Barnes	Thomas
Shipley	Aeryn	Roger Shipley 67-68	A Trp	Hall	Robert
Shippy	Brianna	Dennis Hay 70-71	HHT Regt	Schmidt Award Winner	
Smith	Kappi	Daniel Grillot 70-71	C Trp	McWhorter	James
Spradlin	Andrea	Robert Helm 68-69	E Trp	Riley	Don
St. Pierre	Noelle	Raymond Feia 68-69	HHT 2/11	Edwards	Thomas
Sutherland	Sophia	James Sutherland III 69-70	E Trp	Elkins	Bruce
Thompson	Leslie	Mike Thompson 69-70	G Trp	Vincent	Ivan
Welch	Olivia	John Welch 68-69	G Trp	Embrey	David
Wright	Owen	Roland Baird 69-70	L Trp	Chaney	Roy
Zaragoza	Alexis	Stephen Zaragoza 69-70	G Trp	Lynch	Michael

This year the 11th ACVVC scholarship program awarded 53 scholarships totaling \$161,000. Our 2022 scholarship winners submitted outstanding applications and are well-deserving of their awards. A listing of our scholarship recipient's names can be found in this issue of Thunder Run. You can view most of the recipient's photos and their feelings about receiving a scholarship on our website (11thcavnam.com). Unfortunately, because of the large number of scholarship winners, we are not able to publish their photos and notes of appreciation in our newsletter.

This year 50 of our scholarship winners were grandchildren of our members. In fact, I received a total of 102 applications of which 98 were from grandchildren and four

were from children of our members. Most of the applicants fell into the 18-20-year-old age range.

Each year one applicant is selected to receive the Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Scholarship Award. This year's winner is Brianna Shippy, granddaughter of Dennis hay (HHT Regiment, 1970-71). She was selected for this award by Bonnie Schmidt, Colonel Schmidt's widow. Congratulations Brianna on this well-deserved honor! **(See her note on page 12).**

As we have done for the past few years, each scholarship is dedicated to one of our Blackhorse brothers who was killed in action in Vietnam or Cambodia. Each recipient received a certificate suitable for framing

honoring the KIA name assigned to their scholarship. Next of kin were notified their loved one was being honored whenever possible. We received several thank you notes from next of kin who were very appreciative their loved one was honored and remembered in this manner. To date, 461 of our brothers who died in Vietnam and Cambodia have been so honored!

The fact we have been able to help so many children and grandchildren of our members attain their educational goals is a tribute to your generosity. Your support of the calendar, raffle and silent auction have provided the bulk of the monies given to these deserving students. Thank you so much for your outstanding generosity!

A Note from the 2022 Colonel Charles Schmidt Leadership Scholarship Winner



Brianna Shippy

excelling in all my classes. Currently my favorite class is Financial Accounting. I love being able to enjoy this campus and all it has to offer.

I'm very grateful to have earned this scholarship. It means so much to me and my family. Both of my grandpas served in the

"I wanted to start off by saying thank you for this scholarship. It is an honor to have earned the Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Scholarship. I appreciate the help and support towards my schooling. I am currently attending Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas. I am majoring in Business Finance. I have always loved math and business and decided Business Finance was a great choice for my major. I am currently taking midterms and am

Army during the Vietnam War in 1970-1971. Both of my grandpas have always been very supportive in my life and I am so thankful to have them. My grandpa Dennis (Joe) Hay served in the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. My grandpa has always attended all my activities and events throughout the years. He has been to everything from basketball games, swim meets, cross country races, 4-H events and so much more.

My parents are Sandy and Bryan Shippy. My mom is an elementary teacher in Osawatomie, Kansas and my dad is the Maintenance Leadman at Phillips 66 Pipeline in Paola, Kansas. I have one sibling, my older sister, who also attends Pittsburg State University.

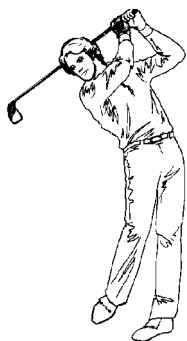
This scholarship means so much to all of us. Thanks again for the honor of receiving this scholarship."

Brianna Shippy, the 11th ACVVC 2022 Colonel Charles L. Schmidt Leadership Scholarship Award winner. Brianna is the granddaughter of Dennis Hay, HHT Regt. 1970-71.

After Action Report...

The 29th Annual Marty Ognibene Memorial Golf Outing

In conjunction with the 37th reunion of the 11th ACVVC, the 29th MOMGO was held Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Roebuck Golf Course in Birmingham, Alabama.



The old-school parkland layout course was designed by British architect Herbert Barker debuting in 1911 as Roebuck Springs Country Club. It continues to this day as the premier daily-fee public course in Birmingham. We had 20 golfers playing and I hope all enjoyed their round.

The Marty Ognibene Trophy for Low Gross men went to **Pat Arble**, (398th Transport, 68-70) of Adrian, Michigan with an 86. Low Net men was **Bill Suhre** (I Trp, 68-69) of Cape Coral, Florida with a 73. Low Gross for the ladies was

Barb Suhre with a 79 and Low Net was **Jan Dray** of Boca Raton, Florida with a 78. Low Gross foursome was 383 posted by **Larry Gunderman, Rick Belcher, Bill & Barbara Suhre**; they were

also Low Gross with a 302.

Long Drive (front & back) prizes for the men went to **Beau Mann** (F Trp, 69-70) of Las Vegas, Nevada, and **Pat Arble**.

Closest to the pin (front & back) prizes for the went to **Ed Buening** (F Trp, 69-70) of Grand Haven, Michigan, and **Jan Dray**.

I want to extend special thanks to Ed Buening for his continuous support and generosity and to Larry Gunderman for bringing an extra set of clubs.

The staff at Roebuck was wonderful and I want to recognize Herb Miller, Pro Shop Manager and Cassandra Williams, Catering Director who both did a great job.

I hope to see you all again in Grand Rapids, Michigan next year!

"FORE!"

Pete Walter

2022 Raffle Winners Announced

At our annual reunion in Birmingham, fifteen (15) tickets were drawn from the ticket basket for cash prizes. Winners were drawn and announced as one each for \$500, one for \$400, one for \$300, one for \$200 and eleven for \$100 each were awarded.

The winners are:

- A.L. Sanchez - \$500
- Marvin Baker - \$400
- Jim Adamonis - \$300 (donated back to scholarship fund)
- George Villarreal - \$200.

\$100 winners are: Jeffrey Mayer, Nick Cosimano; Kathleen Crabill; Anthony Carratuno; Thomas V. Smith; Dan Saine; Pat Vaughan; Mike Derushe; Lauren White; David Brod and Sammie Kruger donated amount back to scholarship fund.

Congratulations to our winners and thanks to all who participated in our annual raffle. The amount of \$57,351 was collected for this project. Please continue participating in future years as the proceeds benefit our grandchildren with their college expenses.

Ollie Pickral, Treasurer

Message from COL Timothy J. Ferguson,

70th Colonel of the Blackhorse



ALLONS!!



Greetings from Fort Irwin. The Troopers of the Regiment over the last several months have completed three rotations to train brigade combat teams for the next fight. It has been a busy time but know that the Regiment has performed exceptionally well. We continue to develop new ways and methods of fighting and are integrating lessons learned that are emerging from the battlegrounds of Ukraine.

We were able to send several Troopers as well as the Regimental Deputy Commander, LTC Ken Furtick, and 2/11 "Eaglehorse" CSM, CSM Kevin Burg to the reunion. They all remarked at what a great time they had and how unique it was to bond with our veterans.

We've had the opportunity to host several former Blackhorse Troopers during ride-alongs during rotations. We continue to offer these as a chance to reconnect with the Regiment, spend

time with the current Troopers, and see the work they are doing here at Fort Irwin.

As we concluded our Rotation a few weeks ago, the Blackhorse will face an interesting time. We'll have approximately five months until our next rotational fight. We will remain very busy of course. The National Training Center will host Project Convergence 22 in October and November and the Regiment will provide support to it execution. We will have Troopers testing new equipment and sensors, to providing an opposing force for the experiments, to other tasks. It is a huge undertaking but understandable that they will need the "FINEST IN THE LAND" to ensure success.

We wish all of you the very best and if there is anything we can do, never hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

COL Timothy J. Ferguson, 70th RCO

11th ACVVC 2023 Calendar Appeal

The first of our 2023 Scholarship fundraising efforts should be in your mailbox by Christmas. The 11th ACVVC 2023 Calendar will again feature twelve new photos submitted by you the members of the legendary Blackhorse Regiment. We thank all who have sent in photos for consideration. The calendar contains significant historical events of your regiment in Vietnam and Cambodia with photographs documenting many of our daily activities. For the past three years, we have received many compliments on the quality of the photographs in the calendar. This is due to two reasons:

1. You, our dedicated members, are sending in better quality images!

2. Mike McFarland (brother-in-law of Ron Fishel, (Reg HHT, '67-'68), an excellent graphic artist based in Ohio has volunteered to clean up the 50+ year-old photos using his superb skills.

Our Scholarship Fund is a self-sufficient fund; scholarships awarded, printing and mailing costs for the calendar are all paid from donations to the Scholarship Fund. The number of scholarships awarded each year depends on the donations made that

year; without your support this program would not exist.

The calendar you receive is yours to keep and enjoy whether you contribute or not. The scholarships can be used for college, trade school, or any other educational training following high school.

I will not appeal to you donors for greater donations, as you have established historic levels of unbridled generosity. The donations you made in the past year set a new record! As of this writing, you the members of the 11th ACVVC, your families and friends, donated \$109,259 to the 2022 calendar appeal! Since its inception, the 11th ACVVC Scholarship Fund has provided more than \$2,200,000 to our children and grandchildren. I want to thank all of you for your generosity and recognize and thank our long-time Scholarship Chairman, Mike "Doc" Rafferty.

Those of you who have never contributed to the Scholarship Fund Calendar Appeal should consider a modest donation. Additionally, printing and mailing costs continue to rise, and we can reduce costs by not mailing a calendar to anyone who does not want

one. If you prefer to not receive future calendars, please return the remittance envelope and check the box indicating this. If you have a suggestion as to how we can increase participation in this project, please contact me or any Officer.

A limited number of extra calendars will be available while they last; instructions for ordering extra copies are included with the calendar mailing. Watch for your calendar in the holiday mail, but keep in mind the USPS has slowed down mail deliveries and this may affect when you receive your copy..

I continue to ask our members to submit clear photos you have of interesting activities and/or groups from Vietnam to be considered for publication. Preferred format is a color print (copies please!), but negatives and slides are also accepted as are digital scans at a minimum of 300 dpi. As always, "Thank you!" to those who have submitted photos in the past.

We thank you in advance for your generous support!

Pete Walter, 11th ACVVC President

The 551st Light Maintenance Company



551st Light Maintenance Company

Although we were non-combatants, we were still soldiers and frequently ended up in roles that didn't seem so non-combatant. The 551st showed up on the 11th's perimeter guard and ambush patrol duty roster regularly.

I arrived in Pleiku, South Vietnam in June of 1967 as a 20-year-old, naïve, freshly minted second lieutenant. I had traveled to Vietnam with fellow OCS classmate, Lt. Dave. A couple of days later we were in Long Binh processing into the 185th Maintenance Battalion for further assignment to the 551st Light Maintenance Company. That evening, we met a couple of Huey pilots at the O-club who offered us a fun chopper ride out to Blackhorse Basecamp to join 551st (way better than an M151 in the daily convoy). The treetop ride was fun, and Lt. Dave and I served a full year as platoon leaders with the 551st LMC, and we rode the freedom bird home together.

The U.S. Army divides maintenance into unit, intermediate, and depot level maintenance. The 551st was attached to the 11th ACR as a forward support maintenance and supply unit. We provided the 11th ACR with intermediate level maintenance for all non-aviation equipment including ACAVs, tanks, light & heavy vehicles, engineer equipment, weapons, artillery, communications equipment, and other machinery. The 551st technical supply team provided the 11th with both unit and intermediate level maintenance repair parts and supplies (excluding POL). Technical supply also maintained a "maintenance float" of ACAVs, M48s & M60s, and Caterpillar D7Es that could be rapidly transferred to the 11th ACR units when maintenance took a vehicle down for an extended period (and, in emergencies [TET!], to replace combat losses).

Unit maintenance, was carried out by the vehicle crews and included cleaning, oil & filter changes, lubrication, weapons cleaning, track changes, etc. The 551st activities included heavy maintenance such as, major fault diagnosis and repair, ACAV & tank engine changes, gun barrel replacement, collision repair, repair of repairable combat damage, and other

major mechanical issues. More memorable repair jobs included frequent field changes of M48 engines and M107 175 mm self-propelled gun barrels with our M88 crew finessing things into position at the end of the extended boom. The early gasoline powered M113s presented major mechanical challenges, and the fuel cells were easy targets for the VC RPGs. Another challenge was the structural failures that caused leaks in the diesel fuel cells of early M113-A1s. A couple of our ace welders would squeeze into the fuel cell and MIG weld the seams to stop the leaks. Intermediate level maintenance was varied, complex and unpredictable.

The 551st technical supply mission was equally challenging. After Secretary Robert McNamara ordered the rapid unloading of cargo ships sitting in demurrage off Vung Tau, materiel was dumped wherever depot space could be found. Stock records were sketchy, and deliveries were unpredictable. Rear area logistic units were ordered to clean up their inventories and the 551st ended up being a convenient remote dumping ground. I remember receiving a box full of white arctic extreme cold weather gear in Long Giao! I was the technical supply officer and, in addition to leading contact teams, I spent a lot of time hitchhiking around Vietnam on Hueys going from depot to depot trying to find critical material to keep the Cav moving.

Our mission also included recovery and retrograde of unserviceable and combat loss equipment. We were often called to remote and scary places to recover combat loss ACAVs and tanks. Often the ACAVs were badly burned and difficult to hook. Disabled M48s often seemed to be welded to the muck. Our M88 crews were highly competent recovery experts but some of these recoveries tested even the best. In cases of combat loss, no matter how critical or dicey the recovery missions were,

we always paused momentarily to respect our comrades who were injured or lost in the vehicle.

A particularly memorable recovery assignment took place one night sometime in February/March 1968. The 11th, including the 551st, was headed back to Long Giao from somewhere in the northwestern III Corps. We had moved from Loc Ninh to An Khe and after a long, dusty, and tense road march we stopped in Long Binh for the night. Around 8:00 PM one of the guys found me to advise the CO was on the radio and urgently needed to speak. CPT Ron told me one of our trucks had broken down on the daily Long Binh to Long Giao convoy run. The vehicle and driver were left and needed to be recovered. By 9:00 PM we were headed out on a recovery/rescue mission with a jeep, wrecker and marginally effective comms and weapons.

The road to Long Giao was dark, scary, sometimes booby trapped and often under Viet Cong control. Convoys were regularly ambushed along this road. We did not take this mission lightly. We traveled fast and watchfully. About an hour out, we came across the truck and trailer but no GI driver. We quickly dismounted, secured the area, hooked the truck, and headed back Long Binh. We wondered about the rationale of that crazy recovery of a broken-down truck and never found out why, as originally reported, the driver was not with his truck.

We were supposedly non-combatants but whenever the 11th rolled out of Long Giao, a 551st "contact team" rolled with them (lots of war stories there). On larger operations, the contact team was led by a platoon leader. Sometimes we felt like second-class warfighters... being non-combatants, our weapons and comms were obsolete leftovers from previous times.

Although we were non-combatants, we were still soldiers and frequently ended up

in roles that didn't seem so non-combatant. The 551st showed up on the 11th's perimeter guard and ambush patrol duty roster regularly. One night, as the perimeter guard officer, I was called to a bunker where an Aussie had tried to fire a LAW from inside a bunker during perimeter weapons testing. Fortunately, the LAW had misfired. (Not sure why the Aussie was there but we dealt with the LAW very gingerly.) Then there were the nights we loaded into an ACAV and were taken to a jungle pathway outside of the basecamp to set up an ambush patrol (fortunately no one came along when we pulled this duty, but the bugs and leaches were annoying). Probably the scariest "combat" role we encountered was in An Khe during the TET offensive. We were advised there was concern (intelligence?!) the VC were on the way and base perimeter may be breached. My team of non-combatant soldiers were to take up a secondary perimeter position (we had recently been in Loc Ninh and memory of that perimeter breach there was fresh in our minds). We worried and strategized on how we would hit the VC while not hurting our guys if they had to retreat to the secondary perimeter. Fortunately, all ended well as the VC had other objectives planned.

Iraq Déjà Vu... Operation Desert Storm sparked memory of a particular 551st road march. A large 11th ACR operation required a large 551st contact team led by Lt. Dave. The 11th headed out early in the morning and the rest of the company went about our daily duties. Sometime mid-morning, I was called to the radio room (Conex surrounded by sandbags) because Lt. Dave was having trouble. Turns out, an element of the 11th's convoy took a wrong turn (not Lt. Dave's error) and had turned around to rejoin the convoy. Lt. Dave's contact team was made up of a lot of heavy equipment and supplies... they were having difficulty turning around. As we were talking, the radios went crazy... elements of the 11th's convoy were suffering a major ambush and the 11th was taking casualties. The rest of the day was spent worrying about casualties, watching a continuous stream of medivac choppers land at the 37th field hospital and praying for the team. In Iraq, 507th Maintenance Company suffered a similar incident with sad results. On March 23, 2003, when the

507th made a wrong it was ambushed and took casualties! I could not help to remember how Lt. Dave and his team may have been saved by a wrong turn.

Life with the 551st was generally as routine as it could be in a war zone. Generally, we provided equipment repair and supplied maintenance and repair parts. Life was occasionally interrupted by dodging incoming rockets or mortars (at Blackhorse Basecamp, our barrack tents were next to the POL dump, a favorite VC target), ambush patrol, perimeter guard duty, and the TET offensive. For the officers, life was a bit isolated... we had great comradery with the team, but we were always leading different guys... my tech supply platoon mostly remained at Blackhorse Basecamp. In the end, we were very lucky to have an outstanding team and did not suffer the low morale and fraying incidents of our fellow officers at the 506th S&S Company.

It is hard to believe that a team of very young 551st men, some not yet out of their teens, managed to successfully carry out our mission to help the 11th ACR stay in the fight from June 1967 to June of 1968. I haven't been in contact with any of my 551st comrades but fondly remember and am so proud of them. They answered the call and served with honor and vigor.

We were grateful to 11th ACR for protecting our teams and very proud that during our tour the 551st suffered only one Purple Heart. More Purple Hearts were warranted but our guys were too busy to seek medical aid for minor rocket/mortar attack shrapnel injuries (being non-combatants, the 551st did not have its own medic). Further, we saw too many serious injuries and casualties that needed medic attention and merited Purple Heart recognition.

On January 18, 1969, the 551st was awarded the Valorous Unit Award along with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment for actions during the period of January 31, 1968, to February 5, 1968.

A 551st website at <http://www.551st.com/stories.html> includes a lot of interesting information and pictures but the site does not seem to be regularly maintained.

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Lessons I Learned from Vietnam

**Ward Abbett, L Troop,
3/11 ACR 1967-68**

When I arrived in country, I was fortunate to be assigned to lead a platoon with Sgt. Carl Zeismer. Carl was an E-7 who served in Korea and had lots of experience. Under Carl's tutelage, as a LT, I learned a lot quickly. Here are just a few of the lessons:

- Roles & Responsibilities : There are roles for officers and those for NCOs. Don't confuse them.

- Training: Train – train – train, until it becomes "muscle memory." It will save your life.

- Cold Beer: In the field for long periods of time, occasionally we could order in a case of beer to be flown in with our rations. Beer was HOT. Cut a hole in the top of the case and insert the nozzle of the large CO2 fire extinguisher we carried. Cold beer!

- Un-sticking an ACAV: Commanders were fond of flying high up over our movement and giving directions. "Blackhorse 1-6, this is 6. Turn right". "6, this is 1-6. Turning right will lead us into a rice paddy". "This is 6. I repeat – TURN RIGHT NOW". Now we had the lead ACAV bogged down in the rice paddy, with mud suctioned under the hull. Solution: Daisy chain 3 ACAVs to the stuck one. Plant a little C-4 under the hull of the stuck one. Get on the radio and coordinate the pull/detonation.

Some of these lessons have been helpful to me in later life; others specific to Vietnam. These are just a few of the lessons Sgt. Zeismer taught me.

Now if you are going to win any battle you have to do one thing. You have to make the mind run the body. Never let the body tell the mind what to do. The body will always give up. It is always tired morning, noon, and night. But the body is never tired if the mind is not tired. When you were younger the mind could make you dance all night, and the body was never tired... You've always got to make the mind take over and keep going.

.....George S. Patton

Blackhorse Hoofbeats

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

Don Snedeker, 11th ACVVC Historian

September 2022

ACAV – The Workhorse of the Blackhorse: When Brian Daley returned from Vietnam in 1967, he had dreams of becoming a writer of science fiction. He wanted to put his time with the 409th Radio Research Detachment in Vietnam behind him, but some of the images of war just wouldn't go away. So, he embraced them. He wrote his first novel, *The Doomfarers of Coramonde*, in between attending classes and serving steaks to hungry diners. The novel centers on a crew of Blackhorse Troopers who are snatched from the reality of jungle warfare into a fantasy world of dragons, princesses, and evil wizards. Mounted on their Armored Cavalry Assault Vehicle (ACAV) named Lobo, the Troopers are forced to overcome not RPGs and mines, but sorcerers' spells and dragons' fire.

While some non-believers might be skeptical about the triumph of steel over sorcery, Troopers – like Brian Daley – who served in the Blackhorse between 1966 and 1972 aren't surprised at the outcome. Their ACAVs were capable of anything and everything. They were Timexes, taking a lickin' and still a'tickin'. They went everywhere, in the alkaline dust or the monsoon mud. They provided mobility, firepower, and protection on missions and a place to sleep at night.

Dee Cuttrell arrived in Vietnam in the summer of 1967. He was among the Troopers who replaced Brian and the other Boat People as their year in Vietnam was completed. He was initially assigned as the 1/11 Motor Officer, responsible for maintaining the squadron's hundreds of vehicles and pieces of combat gear. In September, he assumed command of Bravo Troop. His evaluation of the M113 ACAVs was shared by many other Blackhorse Troopers. "The M113A1 itself is just some kind of fantastic vehicle. We broke jungle, busted jungle as we called it with those things. We did everything with them. They were our house, they were our fortress, they were our assault vehicle, they did everything. And that

engine was fantastic. The track. The suspension system. Everything was just absolutely great ... The finest fighting vehicle in Vietnam."

There were, however, some naysayers. Dave Doyle served two tours with the Blackhorse, including as the 3/11 commander in 1969. At the end of his first tour in 1967, he thought that the M113 "was the best APC [Armored Personnel Carrier] we ever had." But, after seeing the carnage wrought on the Kilo Troop ACAVs during the 21 May 1967 ambush, he concluded that "it is not a fighting vehicle. Instead, it is a transportation vehicle transformed al a Rube Goldberg for a purpose for which it was never intended."

ACAV crew members generally made a progression through the five positions, starting in the back and moving forward and up in responsibility. Red Devil Marvin Gootee recalls: "I was assigned as a combat engineer with the third platoon on track E33. Initially, I was given the task of grenade launcher and ammo bearer which then progressed to machine gunner and eventually ending up as a track commander toward the end of my tour. Along the way, I did some time periodically as a track driver as did we all so that any man could perform any task on the track."

When the crew was complete (with nobody wounded or on R&R), the fifth man was a grenadier, armed with an M79 grenade launcher (bloop). He was frequently the new guy learning the ropes; he was responsible for making sure the track commander (TC) and M60 side-gunners never ran out of ammo by handing them boxes from the ACAV floor. Even with the fifth crewman, the gunners often found that they were shooting a box of ammo so quickly that the grenadier never had a chance to fire even one grenade – a lesson learned during the Regiment's first combat action on 21 November 1966 and repeated over and over until 1972.

Fox Troop's Jim Griffiths recalls that there was most definitely a hierarchy within the ACAV crew. When he joined the crew of

F-24, he "was assigned as the right-side M60 machine gunner. The newest guy always gets the right gun because the exhaust from the vehicle is on the right side and it is the 'privilege' of the newest guy to get the brunt of diesel exhaust in his face while moving." Besides the discomfort, the left-side gunner needed to be experienced and disciplined enough to not accidentally shoot the driver, who is directly in front of him, in a firefight.

Fred Rivera and Herman Johnson are a case in point. Fred drove their Charlie Troop ACAV, while Herman was the left-side gunner. "I trusted him to not shoot me in the head," Fred said decades later. Herman agrees: "I can't even tell you about that... That's between me and Fred."

It was that trust that caused Fred such grief when he held Herman in his arms on 20 August 1969. He was bleeding out from a head wound. Fred was sure his best buddy died that day near Loc Ninh. He thought so for over four decades. But that same trust – and love – for Herman persisted; he even wrote a book about their friendship (Fred Rivera, *Raw Man*, 2015). And when a twist of fate brought the two of them together again 47 years later, it was that trust and love that helped Fred fight through red tape and a reluctant bureaucracy to make sure Herman finally received the Purple Heart for those wounds. In the presence of Fred Rivera and Congressman Sander Levin and several fellow Blackhorse veterans, Herman Johnson received his long-overdue Purple Heart at The Wall on 10 July 2016, presented by Guy Swan, the 57th Colonel of the Regiment. A small crowd of visitors to The Wall spontaneously applauded the impromptu ceremony.

Most Troopers who served aboard ACAVs during their service in Vietnam will tell you that the M113 was an easy vehicle to drive. The driver's compartment, while somewhat cramped if you were a big man, was well organized and uncomplicated. Third-HOW's Rod George, who drove 3-HOW-73 (a Forward Observer ACAV), describes his morning routine.

“As soon as I had stretched enough that my legs would work right, I climbed up onto the track on the left front of the ACAV, grabbed the antennae protector bracket with my right hand and the edge of the open drivers hatch with my left and hoisted myself up on top of the ACAV. I dropped down into the driver’s hatch, flipped the ignition on with my left hand and made sure the automatic transmission was in neutral with my right. I offered a short prayer to the battery gods and hit the starter. The 361 cubic inch Chrysler V-8 caught with a roar and I kept it at half throttle while I checked the gauges [water temperature, oil pressure, charging system, speedometer, and tachometer]. Everything came up to green and the exhaust smoothed out as the engine warmed up.”

Driver’s controls included two floor-mounted laterals (controlling the left and right tracks), a wall-mounted gear shift (three forward and one reverse gears), an accelerator, and the driver’s seat. If you wanted the vehicle to go straight, you put the vehicle in gear and stepped on the accelerator. Moving left and right and braking was accomplished by pulling back on one or both of the laterals. That’s all there was to it. Driving was so simple, in fact, that regimental records are replete with awards for bravery given to ACAV drivers who maneuvered their vehicles in an assault while simultaneously firing their M16 rifles at close-in targets – usually RPG gunners who aimed to do the driver and his vehicle harm. When needed – usually in the middle of a firefight – drivers also helped the TC change the barrel on his caliber .50 machine gun. To do so, the driver had to stand up in his hatch, the upper part of his body totally exposed and with his back turned to the enemy.

Yes, it was dangerous work.

While the physical act of driving was relatively simple, operating an ACAV required considerable skill. Drivers were primarily responsible for knowing where they could take their vehicles and where they were likely to get bogged down. Or what would cause them to throw a track. Or where there might be a mine. Drivers were also the first-line mechanics, responsible for the care and feeding of their mount. Daily maintenance tasks included checking and cleaning fuel and air filters, oil and fuel levels, track tension and security, and myriad other dirty, sweaty, grimy tasks that had to be accomplished before eating, sleeping, or writing letters home. During the dry season, filters might have to be cleaned every time you stopped. During the wet season, cleaning the muck out of the suspension system while halted might preclude a thrown track somewhere down the trail.

Driving was also one of the most dangerous jobs in the Cav. You were closest to the enemy during the assault, and there wasn’t much aluminum between you and the RPG coming your way. You sat just above the left track, so when the mine detonated, it did so right under your feet. Sandbagging the floor of the driver’s compartment helped. The add-on armor introduced in 1967 didn’t; it protected the rest of the crew, but not the driver. Fox Troop’s Larry Logan put things in perspective: “You worried more about landmines than you did RPGs...” Bravo Troop’s Paul Letourneau agrees; in his platoon, Troopers referred to the “death seat...” The rule here is the FNG ... drives. Driving an M-113 ACAV is not a difficult skill to learn. The bad thing is if an ACAV hits a

mine, the three gunners get blown off the track, but the driver gets blown up.”

For Richard Saldana, it was both a mine and an RPG that did him in. He’d arrived in Vietnam in June 1969 and served eight months as a side-gunner. Then he switched to driver. On 1 April 1970, he was driving the troop’s lead ACAV. Alpha Troop (fresh from the Anonymous Battle) was hot on the trail of the 272nd North Vietnamese Regiment that had almost overrun Fire Support Base Illingworth just hours before. The unit covering the withdrawal of the 272nd hit Alpha Troop six times that morning. About a half an hour before noon, it was Saldana’s turn. His ACAV hit a hastily-emplaced mine, followed almost immediately by an RPG. The rocket hit the ammo can attached to the TC’s caliber .50. Richard recalls that there “was shrapnel flying all over the place”. The next thing he knew, he was on a light observation helicopter (LOH) being medevaced. After months in the hospital, the doctors were barely able to save his left arm – but his right hand was gone forever, severed in the explosion.

Yes, driving an ACAV was a dangerous occupation. Despite that, someone always stepped up when a new driver was needed. The Kilo Troop commander in late 1968 (Tom Middaugh) tells why: “We had no trouble finding drivers, as they took it as a badge of courage and prided themselves in their driving skill and ability to find a way around the mines, as well as being highly esteemed by their comrades aboard.”

Most drivers took great pride in ‘their’ vehicles – the TC might be in charge in the military scheme of things, but it was the driver’s vehicle.

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11 ACVVC is proud to announce your donations thus far this year. You continue to amaze us with your generous and thoughtful donations.

	Total No.	Total Amount
Your 2022 Year to Date Donations:		
General Fund	7	\$1,440.00
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Calendar Donations	<u>1682</u>	<u>\$95,074.26</u>
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GRAND RAPIDS, MI, 2023

It is never too soon to start planning for Grand Rapids. This Reunion will be held at The Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, 187 Monroe NW Grand Rapids, MI 49503. The dates are September 18 thru September 25, 2023. The Hotel room rates are \$139.00, Single/Double/ Triple/Quad, plus Occupancy Tax 9% and State tax at 6%. The Hotel will offer 10% for purchases in hotel outlets. Self-parking Special rate is discounted to \$10.00 per day with unlimited in and out privileges. The Hotel will not accept any reservations after August 18, 2023. Normal check in is 4:00 pm.

All deadlines posted in Thunder Run will be adhered to. Registrations received after our deadline will not be refunded as the meal counts will have been placed and the meals are not refundable. Please make your plans and register early. Cancellations need to be made before the deadline for a refund. We all need to work together to make this Reunion another success. More information will be in The Thunder Run 1stqtr.

Steve Page, Reunion Chairman

37th Annual 11th ACVVC Reunion

Birmingham, Alabama - September 5 -11, 2022

We had a good turnout, if everyone that registered had made it, we would have had 690 in attendance. As it turned out we had 599 attend. We had 17 First Timers registered this year. I hope to see them again next year. I pray that all who didn't make the Reunion are safe and in good health. I have contacted all of the ones that did not pick up their name tags to make sure they are OK. Everyone that I talked to are still with us and in fine health. I hope everyone had an enjoyable time seeing their old friends and making new ones.

I would like to thank all who helped with the Reunion. Frank Church who kept everything on track from the first day until well after the Reunion. To the Board Members for working all year to make your Reunion a success, and to all the Committee Members who volunteer their time to make the reunion a success. An extra thank you to Sara Evans, Pamela Hathaway, Sherri Church, Lou Reymann, Mark Van Atta, Robert Moreno my son, and Ray Rodriguez for helping me at the Registration desk. And a big "THANK YOU" to all of you who made it to your Reunion. ONE LAST THANKS. Thanks to all of you who sent a get-well card to my wife Barbara. I have them pinned on the wall so she can see them.

Remember as soon as you see the Registration Form for Grand Rapids, Michigan please fill it out and send it in. Be sure to use those little address labels you get in the mail on the Registration Form. It makes things so much easier when it comes to getting the spelling correct. You can also register online.

I would like to put some information out to you all. It's about your Registration. When you register, we take your information (Troopers name, Guest name, Unit you were in, Next of Kin, Star member, 1st Timer, City, State, and what choice of Meals you and your guest want) and are able to make your name tags with this information.

We have a cutoff date to register because we have to give the meal count to the Chef so he knows how much and what type of food to order and how many personnel he will need to accommodate our needs. Once we give him the meal count your meal has been paid with your registration money. We can't get it back.

I want to thank you all when you call before the cutoff date and say you can't make the reunion and to use the money where it will do the most good.

This year we had forty-five people who did not pick up their name tags. It would be great, if when you find out that you are not going to make the reunion to please call me as soon as possible so that I can



An hour before the banquet on Saturday night we close the Registration desk so we can get dressed. So, please call me and let me know that you will not be able to make the Reunion. We may be able to close down the Registration desk earlier and have some free time.

pull your packet and label it as a no show. We stay open until all the name tags are given out. I always have people asking if so and so are here or are they coming to the reunion? Most of the time all I can say is that their packet has not been picked up.

An hour before the banquet on Saturday night we close the Registration desk so we can get dressed. So, please call me and let me know that you will not be able to make the Reunion. We may be able to close down the Registration desk earlier and have some free time. Just as a side note next year will be our 20th year doing registration.

We had some items turned in to the LOST & FOUND this year. If you have lost something please call or email me, I might have it. I will bring what I have to the next reunion or mail it to you if you can identify the items.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (home) 608-372-5892 or (cell) 608-387-3346 or email me at groopbob@gmail.com

On behalf of myself, Barbara and my sons Robert and Raleigh, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

"ALLONS"

Roberto "Bob" Moreno
G Troop 2/11th (12/68-12/69)
Member of the 11th ACVVC Board of Directors
Reunion Registration

REGISTRATION FORM



38th Annual 11th ACVVC Reunion
Grand Rapids, Michigan Sept. 18-24, 2023



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

Registration fee is \$100 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, September 1, 2023. 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 Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

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Training and Testing a 2LT

I began my short army armor career as the most disrespected of all military personnel, a new 2LT. It didn't matter that I was an army brat of a Vietnam veteran infantry sergeant major. These are three true scenarios I experienced that maybe some troopers can relate to.

Like all new second lieutenants, fresh out of ROTC, I began with the Armor Officers Basic course at Fort Knox. Young NCOs were assigned to give us training scenarios and grade us on our responses. The following are all true experiences.

Exercise 1: You are in your tank, about to depart on a mission. Your loader reports that the radio is inoperative. What do you do? If you say to swap out the non-working radio for a good one, you would fail. The proper response was to drop down and check out the radio yourself. The logic was that the loader is the lowest ranking and least experienced crew member so you should check the problem for yourself to verify if there truly is a problem. Do not ASS-U-ME a solution until you make the appropriate checks.

Exercise 2: In the cavalry you will often dismount. You are on a ground patrol. Your point guard reports incoming fire. As you prepare to return fire, the man next to you reports that his weapon is inoperative. What do you do? My solution was to trade weapons with him because I knew mine was clean and working. I jacked a round and dry-fired the "inoperative" weapon. I failed the exercise

Now, if you believe an experienced Blackhorse trooper in Tay Ninh would go into the jungle with a potential inoperative weapon, I might disagree with you. I figured they were testing the new 2LT and I didn't blame them.

because the NCO said that I ASS-U-MEd the "inoperative" weapon could fire.

After AOB, I was assigned to a Fort Hood tank platoon full of Vietnam returnees who had too much time remaining to be discharged upon their DEROS. Tank rounds and fuel were being rationed. After 30 days, I called Armor Branch in the Pentagon and asked to be sent to Vietnam.

Months later, after two weeks in Panama for Jungle School, I arrived in-country and was assigned to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. Following a week of "dum dum" school in Di An, I caught a Chinook that took me into Tay Ninh where E Troop had just experienced 24 straight days of contact. The last thing they wanted was a new 2LT. One platoon leader was a 1LT and the other two were captains. I was assigned to join the 1LT who would be going on a well-deserved R&R in a week.

Exercise 3: In the first opportunity for a dismount patrol, I was told to stay in the rear with a SP4 assigned to accompany me. After a short distance into the jungle, the front of the patrol opened fire. I could not see the contact so I took cover. The SP4 reported to me that his M-16 was not

working. Mine was newly issued and clean. I swapped weapons with him. I jacked a round, aimed into the jungle and fired off a shot. Shortly, the firing ahead stopped and we withdrew back to our tracks.

Now, if you believe an experienced Blackhorse trooper in Tay Ninh would go into the jungle with a potential inoperative weapon, I might disagree with you. I figured they were testing the new 2LT and I didn't blame them.

I shadowed the 1LT for the next week and then he left for his R&R. For the next week I had the platoon on my own. Just before the 1LT was scheduled to return, we crossed the border into Cambodia. For the next week, we received resupply of only fuel and ammo. It was another week later that the 1LT returned to his platoon. I was re-assigned to replace one of the captains.

For the next three months I was a novelty to the men and visitors to E Troop. One night during a driving rain, the troop commander called me into his command track to take a black marker to cover my green bar, no longer a new 2LT.

Paul Saft

Thunder Run, Submission Format & Dates

Troopers & Ladies,

If you are reading this, you have received the 4th quarter, 2022 edition of *Thunder Run* (TR).; if not you should have it shortly. I hope you enjoy this edition as it contains plenty of information and photographs.

I want to remind you all of the deadlines for submissions to TR. For the sake of consistency and ease of memory all submission dates will be the first day of

the first month of each quarter, as shown below.

JAN 1; APR 1; JUL 1; OCT 1

Additionally, electronic submissions (as email attachments) are preferred and should be in Microsoft Word. All photos should be in jpg format and minimum acceptable resolution for reproduction of photos is 300 dpi. Files in pdf are not editable and cannot be accepted, please use only Microsoft Word.

If you have any questions, comments, complaints or suggestions on how we can improve on *Thunder Run*, I'd like to hear them. Thank you for all you do for the 11th ACVVC and the Legendary Blackhorse Regiment!

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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

Thomas Taylor Adams, 919th Engineer Company (1968-1969) passed away on March 12, 2021. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Rutland, VT. He was laid to rest in Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Montpelier, VT.

Richard Bryant Allen, HHT 11th ACR (1968-1969) passed away on September 19, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Huntsville, AL. He was laid to rest in Maple Hill Cemetery, Huntsville, AL.

Larry Ray Bailey, Howitzer Battery, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on August 15, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Portland, MI. He was laid to rest in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Hart, MI.

William David Ballard, G Troop, 2/11 (1967-1968) passed away on July 29, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Farmersville, TX. He was laid to rest in Dallas - Ft. Worth National Cemetery, Dallas, TX.

Wesley Carl Barnes, D Company, 1/11 (1969-1970) passed away on October 10, 2015. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Wichita Falls, TX. He was laid to rest in Ft. Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, OK.

John J. Beas, HHT, 3/11 (1966-1967) passed away on 07/09/2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in East Hartford, CT. He was laid to rest in Silver Lane Cemetery, East Hartford, CT.

David James Bravi, F Troop, 2/11 (1966-1967) passed away on October 27, 2021. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Ballston Spa, NY. He was laid to rest in Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville, NY.

Richard Allen Brewington, 33rd Chemical Detachment (1969-1970) passed away on September 30, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Batavia, IA. He was laid to rest in Batavia Cemetery, Batavia, IA.

Ronald Edward Cassidy, K Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on September 10, 2022. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Mount Carmel, TN.

Gerald T. Connolly, Howitzer Battery, 1/11 (1970-1971) passed away on September 12, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Braintree, MA. He was laid to rest in Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree, MA.

Thomas Joseph Consolo, HHT, 3/11 (1966-1967) passed away on September 22, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Thousand Oaks, CA.

Dorr Lewis Crane, Howitzer Battery, 2/11 (1966-1967) passed away on January 22, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Almond, NY. He was laid to rest in Bath National Cemetery, Bath, NY.

Richard Edward Depaul, HHT, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on July 6, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Springville, TN.

Ronnie Eugene Foust, L Troop, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on September 9, 2021. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Knoxville, TN. He was laid to rest in East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery, Knoxville, TN.

David J. Garvey, Howitzer Battery, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on October 2, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Wappingers Falls, NY. He was laid to rest in St. Denis Cemetery, Hopewell Junction, NY.

Burton Russell Halks, HHT 11th ACR (1967-1968) passed away on November 8, 2013. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Tamarac, FL. He was laid to rest in Corinth Cemetery, Iron City, GA.

Roger Guy Harwood, 37th Medical Company (1969-1970) passed away on July 25, 2017. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Fortuna, CA.

Lawrence Edward Haworth (Chaplain), HHT, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on August 15, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in San Antonio, TX. He was laid to rest in Eternal Valley Memorial Park, Newhall, CA.

Joseph Henry Hessburg, K Troop, 3/11 (1968-1969) passed away on August 16, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Remer, MN. He was laid to rest in Ft. Snelling National Cemetery, South Minneapolis, MN.

James Ronald Hoar, HHT, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on August 13, 2022. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in New Haven, IN.

Stephen Kent Hughes, 919th Engineer Company (1969-1970) passed away on July 13, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Onaga, KS. He was laid to rest in Onaga Cemetery, Onaga, KS.

Ronnie Lee King, HHT, 1/11 (1966-1967) passed away on May 23, 2015. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Ithaca, NE. He was laid to rest in Saint Joseph Memorial Park, Saint Joseph, MO.

Joel Trent Maloy, C Troop, 1/11 and HHT, 1/11 (1967-1968) passed away on September 2, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in San Antonio, TX.

Clifford Roy Matney, D Company, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on August 9, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in San Bernardino, CA. He was laid to rest in Hillside Memorial Park, Redlands, CA.

Richard Henry Merritt, 398th Transportation Detachment (1970-1972) passed away on July 2, 2021. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Martinsburg, PA. He was laid to rest in Spring Hope Cemetery, Martinsburg, PA.

Gary L. Miller, B Troop, 1/11 (1968-1969) passed away on June 29, 2021. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Tamaqua, PA. He was laid to rest in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA.

Kenneth Leroy Nelson, M Company, 3/11 (1967-1968) passed away on August 15, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Pleasant Hill, IA. He was laid to rest in Iowa Veterans Cemetery At Van Meter, Adel, IA.

David Charles Novak, HHT, 3/11 (1970-1971) passed away on September 21, 2021. He was a member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Saint Joseph, MO. He was laid to rest in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Saint Joseph, MO.

Michael John Sakole, HHT, 3/11 (1966-1967) passed away on August 12, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Manassas, VA. He was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Richard Lee Shomin, A Troop, 1/11 (1967-1968) passed away on June 14, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Holton, MI. He was laid to rest in Egelston Township Cemetery, Muskegon, MI.

Vincent Scott Simmers, 409th Radio Research Detachment (1969-1970) passed away on June 24, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Greensburg, PA. He was laid to rest in Brush Creek Cemetery, Irwin, PA.

David Ernest Solid, 398th Transportation Detachment (1969-1970) passed away on July 17, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in North Fond Du Lac, WI.

Johnny Stambaugh, E Troop, 2/11 (1968-1969) passed away on July 10, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lake City, FL. He was laid to rest in Jacksonville National Cemetery, Jacksonville, FL.

Wesley Edward Terry, A Troop, 1/11 (1967-1969) passed away on July 15, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Dayton, TX.

Edward Turner, A Troop, 1/11 (1967-1968) passed away on September 13, 2016. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Texas City, TX. He was laid to rest in Houston National Cemetery, Houston, TX. Ed is a veteran of the Korean War.

Wayne Lewis West, G Troop, 2/11 (1969-1970) passed away on August 7, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Lower Salem, OH. He was laid to rest in Masterton Cemetery, Lebanon, OH.

Gale Roy Williams, G Troop, 2/11 (1970-1971) passed away on May 7, 2021. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Boise, ID. He was laid to rest in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, OR.

Tom Watson Woodham, Howitzer Battery, 3/11 (1969-1970) passed away on July 9, 2022. He was a LIFE member of the 11th ACVVC and resided in Bristol, FL.

The 2022 Silent Auction

By Greg Mason and Mike "Doc" Rafferty

Thanks to all who participated in the Silent Auction and a special thanks to all those who donated items. The auction is totally dependent on your support and those who participated came through once again.

A total of 85 items were auctioned this year generating \$6,106 in gross receipts for the Scholarship Fund. This amount is equivalent to 2 scholarships at \$3,000 each.

Since 1996 the Silent Auctions have raised approximately \$148,000. Many of the items donated had a military or 11th Cavalry theme, which are always popular. We also had a number of hand-crafted items and to those who made these items a very special thanks as some of them were ones that had the highest bids. We hope you will continue to make and donate these items.

A special thanks to Paul and Teresa Gissible, Ron and Janet Krueger, Sara Evans, Terry and Tom Morrison, Joe Gehring and John Welch for help in collecting, organizing, tagging items, setting up and monitoring the Silent Auction. Thanks to Bob Moreno and his staff for receiving items in our absence. Thanks to Jerry Beamon for assistance at the end of the auction in processing credit card payments. All of these folks helped

make the auction a success.

The following is the list of donors for our Silent Auction, many who donated more than one item. Start thinking of items that may be donated for next year's reunion!

- Anonymous (6 items)
- Patrick M Arble (1 item)
- Edward Brown (2 items)
- Edward H. Buening (1 item)
- Jim Crossno (1 item)
- Cynde Curry (2 items)
- Marvin A. Dean (3 items)
- Billy J. England (1 item)
- James T. Foreman (1 item)
- Evan Garrison (2 items)
- Kimberlie Gerlach (2 items)
- Paul & Teresa Gissible (1 item)
- Dennis Gourm (1 item)
- James & Kristen Graham (1 item)
- Betty Hamm (5 items)
- Michael Henschel (1 item)
- Kent Hillhouse (3 items)
- Ron Krueger (5 items)
- Janet Krueger (2 items)
- Dale & Pat Leesman (1 item)
- Walter Malone (1 item)

- Johnny Mann (2 items)
- Robin McCarthy (1 item)
- Patrick McCombs (1 item)
- Sharon Miller (4 items)
- Tom Molino & Don Snedecker (1 item)
- Lyle "Skip" Monson (4 items)
- Robert & Barbara Moreno (3 items)
- Johnny Moreno (1 item)
- Jack Morrison (1 item)
- Tom & Terri Morrison (2 items)
- Eric Newton (3 items)
- Thomas Peoples (2 items)
- Ollie Pickral (1 item)
- John Poindexter (1 item)
- Jennifer Quinn (1 item)
- Marla Reynolds (1 item)
- Curtis H. Rich (3 items)
- Homer Rusteberg (2 items)
- Gerald Scherz (2 items)
- Steve Tyre (1 item)
- Courtney Walsh (1 item)
- Sandy Waters (1 item)
- Dennis Weachter (1 item)
- Eddie Wood (1 item)
- Jim & Vanessa Young (1 item)



Blackhorse Women's News

By Sheryl Myers, Women's Group Co-coordinator

Dear Ladies,

Aspens leaves are turning gold here in CO – welcoming the Fall season, a beautiful time of the year. I'm sure you all have been witnessing the wrath of the hurricane that it is damaging the southeast part of our country. We pray for the safety of all those affected by this storm.

Reunion Week - Fundraising

Wednesday, Thursday & Friday, our Fundraising Table volunteers were busy selling Lanyards and Blackhorse Tote Bags. In an effort to close-out the remaining Totes, we reduced the price to \$5.00 ea. We sold 70 Totes, and sold out the Lanyards. For those who could not attend the reunion and would like to purchase 1 or more totes, you can still order by mail. The Order Form has been corrected to reflect this reduced price. Many thanks to all the ladies who volunteered at the tables. Proceeds from these sales allow us to donate to the 11th ACVVC Scholarship Fund, Wreaths Across America, Prayer Shawl Project and other 11th ACVVC programs.

Saturday Morning Women's meeting

Every year, the Blackhorse Women's Group honors one lady for "her exceptional service to the Blackhorse Women's Group" and the 11th ACVVC. This year that award was presented to Carrie Holton. She has blessed us all with her voice. Thank You Carrie.

Angela Hunter, Veterans Service Officer, from the Alabama Dept of Veterans Affairs, Birmingham/Jefferson County, was our speaker. She provided a copy of the latest "Veterans Services" pamphlet to supplement her presentation. Angela provided a thorough explanation of all the benefits available to the spouses of our Veterans, while answering questions from the ladies. Her visit was much appreciated and I hope those in attendance now feel they are better prepared for the future.

For those ladies not in attendance you can contact your local State Dept of Veterans Affairs office for your county and request a copy of the "Veterans Service" pamphlet.

Business Meeting

Cherry Platt gave an update on our Prayer Shawl Project. She and her

helpers have provided just short of 600 prayer shawls to ladies whose Trooper has passed, and now to Troopers whose Blackhorse Lady has passed. Marguerite, our Treasurer explained her report and discussion was held regarding the amount to be donated this year to the Scholarship Fund. It was agreed to donate \$2000. to the 11th ACVVC Scholarship Fund. We will also be donating to the Wreaths Across America project, to provide 22 wreaths in honor of the 11th ACR KIA Troopers buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

Sarah's Angels Honor Roll

Two of our Blackhorse Ladies were recently added to our Sarah's Angels Honor Roll. Deanna Haworth, spouse of Chaplain Larry Haworth, passed in January of this year. Deanna will be remembered especially for her loving service to the Blackhorse Women's Group for many years, as our Prayer Leader. Janet Maley passed in 2021. She was the spouse of Robert Maley, HHT 2/11th and F Trp, '68-'69. Please read all about the Sarah's Angels Honor Roll project in this issue of Thunder Run.

Our Page on the Website

It is now easier to access the Blackhorse Women's Group page on the 11th Cav website (11thcavnam.com). On the main page, near the bottom, look for Blackhorse Women's Group in the directory. A click will take you straight to our page. This is where you will find our list of Board Members, our latest article in Thunder Run, and the "Honoring Our KIA's Scrapbook".

For each KIA Trooper honored in the Scrapbook, there is now a link at the bottom of his picture, which will provide not only his Memorial page, but state cemetery location. Thank You, Allen

Thank You to those that attend our meetings, support us with their time, and donations. We love you!!

SARAH'S ANGELS HONOR ROLL

In 2016, Kathy Tandberg, Board Member of the Blackhorse Women's Group, introduced the idea of honoring Ladies of the Blackhorse at their passing, much like we honor our Troopers.

Our Ladies have been faithful supporters of their trooper, as well as of the programs of the Blackhorse Women's Group and the 11th ACVVC.

Our first honoree was Sarah Belcher, spouse of Rick Belcher, A Trp. Sarah was always ready to volunteer where needed as the Blackhorse Women's Group sought to support the programs and Troopers of the 11th ACVVC .

We are asking for your help in honoring these ladies by notifying one of our Board Members with the following information: Her name, spouse's name and unit, date of passing, and a copy of obituary if possible. (The copy of her obituary will be placed in our Honor Roll book.) * Please include an address, so that a Prayer Shawl can be sent to her Trooper or family member.

Our Honor Roll Book is always present at the Blackhorse Women's Group Meetings for viewing and a copy of each honoree's page is sent to her Trooper or family member.

Please help us honor the Ladies of the Blackhorse !!

Contact: Sheryl Myers - sheryl.e.myers@gmail.com; 19155 Royal Troon Dr. Monument, CO 80132 or 571-721-9189

37th ACVVC Annual Reunion (Cont.)

Birmingham, AL



ROBIN, DOC,
CHRIS & LILY



VETS BENEFITS SPEAKERS,
JIMMY DICKEY & JOHN PINION



DAVE SCHEUMANN &
MISSING MAN TABLE



MIKE "DOC"
RAFFERTY,
SCHOLARSHIP CHM



FRANK CHURCH, TROOPER
OF THE YEAR



LTC FURTICK, JIM
YOUNG, JERRY
MITCHELL, ERIC
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11th ACVVC OFFICERS

Let it go. It doesn't matter

My Marine friend, Bruce Doran, often challenges me with the question: "What's your point?"



SP4 Charles Hamner, KIA

His question stops my rambling and forces me to focus. My point is ... show respect. Showing respect, makes this a better world. That includes respecting the living and the dead, those we love and those we don't, those we are closest too and those

far away. Those whose memory can only be recalled by a monument, a flag or a gravestone. A gravestone pressed down, sunken in and overgrown like that of Charles Hamner.

At 1324 hours, 9 November 2022, the name of Specialist 4, Charles Hamner, KIA, 31 July 1968, will be read at The Wall of the Vietnam Memorial. His name is engraved on panel 50 W, row 38. In Birmingham, Alabama his grave in New Grace Hill Cemetery, may now be located in the swampy land of an overgrown grassy field.

Charles is our brother, a Blackhorse Trooper and the only KIA of our Regiment from Birmingham, Alabama. His grave was found; his spirit, his soul, was embraced and honored during our reunion this past September.

Operation Embrace is a standard of the 11th ACVVC. A standard as fitting as our annual reunion, as sacred as our memorial at Fort Benning, as noteworthy as our newsletter, Thunder Run, or our scholarship program that has contributed over \$2,200,000 to our children and grandchildren.

Operation Embrace salutes our fallen brothers, our KIAs and those who have passed since. It locates men who fought with the 11th Cav in Nam and invites them to join our brotherhood, it offers comfort and consolation to their widows and children, it salutes at the graves of our veterans: at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, at The Wall, and in National Cemeteries, church graveyards, memorial

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parks and private burial grounds all over America; maybe too in Europe and Southeast Asia. At the heart of Operation Embrace is President Emeritus, Allen Hathaway --- and not far behind is his beautiful wife, Pam. Allen and Pam have visited and found gravesites all across the country. No matter where they travel, they take time to pay their respects and honor our brother troopers. They often go to great lengths, to pull weeds and cut grass, remove debris and wash headstones. They do this because the grave sites they visit indicate the remains of a gallant warrior, a Blackhorse Trooper.

In Birmingham, on Friday of our reunion, Allen mentioned that one of our KIAs was buried in the city and he was going out to visit the grave of Charles Hamner, a SP4 in G Troop who had died from wounds received while on a combat operation. Charles died in 1968 and was buried in New Grace Hill Cemetery, Birmingham, Alabama. I joined Allen (a poor substitute for his wife, Pam) and together we found the cemetery on the fringe of Southwest Birmingham.

Not what I expected. The location was more like Boot Hill in a Clint Eastwood western. Most of the grave markers were below the top of the weed/grass growth. We were greeted by a large dead oak whose branches had fallen and lay across headstones. Locating a grave requires section and plot markers; we couldn't find any. There was no cemetery building in sight. The sparsely graveled road was mostly washed out and looked more like abandoned trails, but Allen pulled in and we got out at the first crossroad. There were a couple of men making an attempt to cut the grass and expose the granite to the light of a bright Alabama sun. While Allen went up to ask their assistance, I noted a half-buried section marker at the

crossroads. It would be the only one we would find. One of the workers pointed to a far valley that he thought was Section 7, the section where our veteran is buried. Back to the truck and a bouncing ride to the far valley, which was even less well kept than the front section.

We parked in the middle of the valley and started to tromp through the high grass looking for a military headstone. Few were located. We found a couple of WW II markers, a Korean War veteran's grave when we overturned a fallen headstone and even a recent Iraqi Freedom soldier's marker. Realizing the futility of our search, Allen walked across the highway to a Granite and Monument Company in the hope that they might have a record of burial locations. He had to squeeze through a chain and padlocked gate to get to the road. I continued to look, all the time expecting to uncover black or green snakes in the deep grass and praying that none would be venomous. In about twenty minutes two employees from the monument company drove him back to where we had been looking. The lady had a map, and the gentleman, a weed-wacker.

The search for the grave required locating a landmark, and their first choice was futile. After searching for a while, he moved to another landmark, and this one proved to be correct. Walking in about 50 yards from the road almost to the woods, we found a military headstone, well weathered and sunken so deep into the ground that the date of death was covered by red clay - which they have in Alabama, as well as Georgia. The good folks from the granite company, used their weed wacker to cut a swatch around the grave, while Allen and I pulled it up as far as we could. At least far enough to expose the date of death line and positively identify



SP4 Hamner's marker

the grave of Specialist Charles Hamner. Charles was a G troop, 2nd Squadron, Blackhorse Trooper who died bravely in combat; making the ultimate sacrifice for his country. Once the gravestone was erect, we steadied it, brushed it off and cleaned it as best we could. "Welcome Home Brother", we both muttered. Then we stood silently and thought, that this is his reunion too. We knew Charles couldn't laugh with the rest of us in the Bunker, so we paused to pray over his remains in the field.

With heads bowed, we stood and gazed at the gravestone of Charles Hamner and thanked God for such men. Charles was a Blackhorse Trooper and one of us, one of our own. Momentarily we were with him at Fiddlers' Green; he had come back again to fill his canteen. His memory touched our hearts. We couldn't embrace him physically, but we could remember his sacrifice and honor his grave. We placed a challenge coin atop the headstone and pushed a reunion pin into the soft granite.

Returning to our reunion site at the convention center in Birmingham, we couldn't help but feel anger that his grave and that cemetery were so poorly kept; so, neglected. We had grown used to the precise lines of headstones at Arlington or Andersonville or the well-groomed grounds of so many church yards and community cemeteries, that it was such a shame that our brother's grave was not as well kept. But our anger abated as we smiled with honor at the memory of this good man: "Where do we get such men?"

We need to continue to search out, salute and honor our fallen comrades as an organization, as a program called Operation Embrace, and as individuals. We are Blackhorse Troopers, and we leave no man behind. Trooper Charles Hamner, rest in the peace, even as the marker of your passing crumbles into oblivion, you deserve a glorious location in God's well-kept estate.

2022 National Cavalry Competition

By Eric Newton, PAO

Under the leadership of SFC Stemple, outgoing OIC, CPT Gates and the new Horse Detachment OIC, CPT David Roberts, the 2022 National Cavalry Competition was a landslide victory with the Blackhorse Troopers winning 36 of the possible 52 ribbons

For the fourth year in the row, the team retains the Gen Pulaski award for military excellence as overall winner.

- 1st Place in the Maj Howze Event. (Named for the 11th Cavalry Last Charge)
- 1st place in the Bugle competition thanks to Trooper Juan Renteria
- Level 1 high point winner, Trooper Bryan Stapleton
- Level 2 High Point Winner, Trooper Michael Gates
- Pegasus award for best horse in show to "Tank"

Just proves we are the best DAMN regiment and the FINEST IN THE LAND!

Eight 11th ACVVC and 2 BHA veterans attended to support our young soldiers. The longest distance was 800 miles by Jim Foreman and his wife.

Veterans left to right in the photo : 11th ACVVC PAO, Eric Newton, Jim Foreman, Ron Herndon, Tom Stone-all three of F Troop. Please watch *Thunder Run*, our 11thCavNam.com and out Facebook page for information on the next spring competition in San Angelo, Texas. Come out and support our champions.



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



#2 Key Ring \$6.00



#3 Bumper Sticker \$3.00



#4 Window Sticker \$3.00



#8 Mouse Pad \$12.00



#10 Web Belt with buckle \$25.00



#9 CIB car magnet, 3"x4" \$6.00



#11 Flag, Indoor/Outdoor \$60.00



#16 Tote Bag, Embroidered \$22.00



#17 Blackhorse Pin \$5.00



#7 Blackhorse Patch Colored \$5.00



#14 License Plate Frame, Black w/white letters \$13.00



#13 License Plate, Blackhorse \$9.00



#18 11th ACR Regimental Crest \$5.00



#19 Blackhorse Cavalry Pin \$5.00



#20 Vietnam Blackhorse Pin, Wreath \$5.00



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



#26 Large Magnetic Patch (8" x 7 3/4") \$7.00



#38



#38c



#5 Hoodie Sweat Shirt \$30.00



#35 See through Window Decal Sabers and Patch, 12" x 13" \$15.00



#25 Blackhorse Coin \$15.00



#44 See through Window Decal Blackhorse Patch, 5" x 4.5" \$10.00



#45 See through Window Decal Blackhorse Patch, 12" x 13" \$15.00



#27 Golden Boot Spurs \$30.00



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



#38a



#38b



#38d

#38 Poplin Hats \$17.00



#31 Lapel or Hat Pin Size Spurs \$7.00



#39 a/b T-Shirt, Light Gray & Green \$20.00



From the Quartermaster...

Jerry Beamon

Newsletter Deadlines

Due dates to submit articles for *Thunder Run*

- 1st QuarterJan 1
- 2nd QuarterApr 1
- 3rd QuarterJul 1
- 4th QuarterOct 1

All submissions for publication must be sent to: Peter L. Walter, 8 Tallowood Drive, Westampton, NJ 08060-3721; email basepiece70@verizon.net.

There is a great deal of talk about loyalty from the bottom to the top. Loyalty from the top down is even more necessary and much less prevalent. One of the most frequently noted characteristics of great men who have remained great is loyalty to their subordinates.

.....George S. Patton

Hello Troopers and Troopers' Wives!

Well, we had another great Reunion in Birmingham, and for those who missed it, you missed another great time to visit with fellow troopers and renew old acquaintances from past Reunions.

Jan and I want to give a Special Shout Out to ALL our volunteers who have been so faithful in helping us out in the Quartermaster Store. Each one of them are special to our hearts. We even had several 1st Timers in our group to stop by and give us a hand. That was a Blessing in itself. Again, thank you each and everyone of you for your help.

Just giving everyone a heads up, about what's going to be happening to your Quartermaster Store in the future. It has been decided to reduce our inventory items because of COVID-19. It has been a tough time these past two years with our sales

being way down and some items not selling at all. So Again, PLEASE watch Thunder Run and do not use past issues to order. Our items are changing, and our prices will be changing as well. So please, look your issue over real good before sending your order to us.

Also, the EAST TEXAS ROUND UP will be held again in Gladewater, Texas (about two hours east of Dallas) at the Antique Capital RV Park, May 16th - 21st. Our lunch will be Saturday, May 20, 2023 at noon as usual. And you don't have to be a camper to attend (parking is free for non-campers). So, if you live in the East Texas area make plans to be there, we would love to have you to attend.

We'll be looking forward to seeing everyone in Grand Rapids after the Holidays. So, start making your plans NOW. ALLONS
Jerry

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 _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

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

SER NO RANK (during tour) _____ SSN NO _____

OTHER INFORMATION _____

TYPE MEMBERSHIP: NEW RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBER _____
 ANNUAL (\$15) LIFE (\$50)

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

(Sign) _____

Visa Mastercard Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

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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ORDER FORM • 4th Qtr 2022

11TH ARMORED CAVALRY'S VETERANS OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA

Item No.	Product Description	\$ Amt	Size	Qty	\$ Total
2.	Key ring, Plastic	6.00	_____	_____	_____
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	_____	_____	_____
5.	Hoodie Sweat Shirt	30.00	_____	_____	_____
7.	Blackhorse Shoulder Patch, Colored	5.00	_____	_____	_____
8.	Mouse Pads	12.00	_____	_____	_____
9.	CIB car magnet, 3"x4"	6.00	_____	_____	_____
10.	Belt: Military style 'web' trouser belt with Blackhorse buckle	25.00	_____	_____	_____
11.	Flag, indoor/outdoor 3'x5' with color insignia	60.00	_____	_____	_____
13.	License Plate, metal red & white background with crossed sabers & 11	9.00	_____	_____	_____
14.	License Plate Frame, metal, black w/Blackhorse 11th US Cavalry in white	13.00	_____	_____	_____
16.	Tote Bag, red & black, 14x1x6 w/full color BH insignia and VN rib	22.00	_____	_____	_____
17.	Blackhorse Pin	5.00	_____	_____	_____
18.	11th ACR Regimental Crest	5.00	_____	_____	_____
19.	Blackhorse Cavalry Pin, brass, 11 over crossed sabers	5.00	_____	_____	_____
20.	Vietnam Blackhorse Pin w/wreath.....	5.00	_____	_____	_____
21.	Small Magnetic Patch "Blackhorse" (5"x 4 3/4")	5.00	_____	_____	_____
25.	Blackhorse Coin	15.00	_____	_____	_____
26.	Large Magnetic Patch "Blackhorse" (8" x 7 3/4")	7.00	_____	_____	_____
27.	Golden Boot Spurs	30.00	_____	_____	_____
31.	Lapel or Hat Pin Size Spurs	7.00	_____	_____	_____
33.	Book, "Blackhorse Tales"	25.00	_____	_____	_____
35.	See-through Window Decal Sabers and Patch, 12" x 13"	15.00	_____	_____	_____
38.	Hat, Poplin adjustable <input type="checkbox"/> 38a, <input type="checkbox"/> 38b, <input type="checkbox"/> 38c	17.00	_____	_____	_____
39.	Blackhorse T-shirt, 100% cotton, preshrunk, full color BH insignia. Specify color: <input type="checkbox"/> Light Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Green	20.00	_____	_____	_____
41.	Dark Denim shirt (men's)).....	35.00	_____	_____	_____
44.	See through Window Decal Blackhorse Patch 5" x 4.5"	10.00	_____	_____	_____
45.	See through Window Decal Blackhorse Patch 12" x 13"	15.00	_____	_____	_____
Subtotal					_____
Shipping and Handling					_____
Total					_____

Note: unless otherwise noted, all clothing items are available in size medium through size 3XL. Specify size and color preference of item requested.

Shipping Costs: (Includes multiple Items)

- A) \$3.00 — \$5.00 = \$3.00 C) \$10.00 — \$35.00 = \$15.00 Gear Bag Only = \$25.00
- B) \$6.00 — \$10.00 = \$9.00 D) \$36.00 and up = \$20.00 Gear Bags with other items = \$28.00

Visa Mastercard Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CVC Code _____

Signature _____

*** If paying by check, please write your drivers license number on the check.**

*Name _____ Phone _____

*Address _____ Email _____

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