



The Blackhorse



The Blackhorse Regiment's Oldest Known Trooper - Horses to Armored Cars 1934- 1937



Andy Andreason, the oldest known Trooper



B Troop Vietnam Veteran, Ken Jankel with Andy at Andy's home

We believe we have located the oldest Trooper of our Regiment. Andy Andreason (95 years old) joined the Regiment in 1934 as a horse Cavalryman.

Andy remained with the Regiment as they tested and transitioned to armored cars in late 1936 and 1937. Andy was a crew member on the first armored car in our Regiment.

Andy lives in Redding, California and was introduced to Ken Jankel several months ago and Ken was able to take Andy for a three day visit to the Regiment. Colonel Paul

Laughlin and CSM Martin Wilcox provided Andy with a special VIP visit and the CG of Fort Irwin, BG Abrams included Andy in a special salute to veterans.

Blackhorse Association President, John Sherman Crow called Andy on Memorial Day to wish him well at a Physical Rehab Center in Redding where he is recovering from an accident. He wanted to join us at the Houston Reunion but was not quite able to make it. He fully intends to join in the Blackhorse Family Reunion in Las Vegas June 1-5, 2011.

If any of you would like to talk with Andy **feel free to call him** in the late morning or midafternoon California time at **(530) 242 4774**.

Andy was also in the WWII Battle of Attu, May 11—29, 1943, to retake the Aleutian Islands (part of Alaska) from the Japanese who had occupied the island since October 1942. The battle was intensive (sometimes hand to hand) and only 29 of the 2900 Japanese Soldiers

survived to surrender. On July 28 Japan abandon their garrison on the island of Kiska, ending Japanese presence on America soil.



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Great fun in Houston---We all had a wonderful time in Houston at our Blackhorse Family Reunion.

Glenn Allardyce and the superb team from the Houston/Southeast Texas Chapter absolutely out did themselves to make us all feel at home. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge those who worked so long and hard to give us this reunion. Our profound thanks to Glenn and Gabby Allerdyce, Don and Cinda McFetridge, Bob and Sandy Donaghe, Gene and Mitsi Johnson, Steve, Monica and Eric Lungstrum, Dennis Kelly and Amy Carr, Bob and Lois Hurt, Joe and Suzanne Sutton, David and Susan Gallman, Karen and Ken Waldman, Brenner and Lenora Sayers, James and Patsy Bennett, Sanh and Judy Nguyen, David and Sharon Wright, Charley and Donna Watkins, Jane Herring and Larry Haworth. THANKS ALL FOR THIS GREAT REUNION !!!!

And special thanks to Mo Baker, Don Johnson, Crystal Kruger, George Desario, Dick and Donna Leibert, Jim Bob Rollins, Brent Wood and Laser Shot and our CPA, Kathy Ploch for their outstanding support.

We were so blessed to have our own Hal Fritz deliver our keynote address on Saturday evening. What an inspiring message Hal, thank you. And, our thanks to Julian Burns, John Poindexter, Paul Laughlin (63rd Colonel) for their superb presentations. Finally, we profoundly thank Houston's own Bob Boudreaux for his great work as our banquet MC.

The member traveling farthest was Gunner Wagner---coming in all the way from the Philippines---great seeing you Gunner. Two of our Vietnam era members surprised us on Thursday morning at our opening ceremonies at Blackhorse Golf Club. David Barnes from

north Texas and Horace Eaton from Oklahoma mounted two beautiful black horses to escort our Color Guard. They drove hundreds of miles pulling a horsebox so that we could have our black horses to kick off our reunion. ISG(Ret) Steve Rochon and the Houston Lamar High School Color Guard were superb at the opening ceremony. Our own Blackhorse Regiment Cavalry Motorcycles (BHRCM) rode in from all over the country---some riding almost 2,000 miles to be able to be with their Blackhorse Family. BHRCM, we salute you for all you do for our troopers and their families at Fort Irwin.

Now for a brief overview of our annual business meeting: I was pleased to be able to report the State of the Association as GOOD. Thanks to the outstanding Officers and Directors, we closed 2009 in the best condition in our history. The business model you approved in 2008 is a work in progress but I firmly believe it is the proper model for our non-profit, charitable organization. Our financial condition continues to improve in both the scholarship and operating areas. We will continue to focus on our attempt to get broader support in funding the operating account while continuing to keep the pulse of the scholarship account steady. Remember, the 1901 Club mail outs each January is key to our success in maintaining our newsletter, website, e-news, statutory filings and soldier support programs to our active Regiment. Our goal is 1,900 members.

Based on your guidance at the 2009 Fulda Reunion to find more ways to support the active Regiment, we have instituted a program to provide our signature coach's jackets to our active Trooper/NCO of the quarter and year. We were also able this year to provide 760 pairs of combat spurs for our 1-221 Cavalry warriors returning from deployment to Afghanistan. All these

initiatives require operating funds---scholarship funds are restricted for that use only. Our scholarship fund is funded mostly by the 35 members of the Allons Club. Check out our website for Allons Club information ---we welcome more members---our goal is 100 members.

We were able to award 10 new scholarships to children of our Regiment. Congratulations to Aaron Cook, Amber Burns, Raegan Maxwell, Brandon Paton, Joseph Stromberg, Kristina Graham, Denisha Teague, Matt McKelvey, Colby Dillard and Heather Martinez.

Watch for changes in our scholarship program---next year we will add scholarship offerings for those who wish to pursue educational and occupational opportunities through community colleges and technical/trade schools. More information and printable applications may be found at our website.

The Blackhorse Family has a commitment from the Army to leave our Blackhorse Monument in place at Fort Knox by The Patton Museum until the new monument park at Fort Benning is prepared to receive monuments.

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COLONEL ANTONIO A. AGUTO

Let me start by introducing myself. I was commissioned an Armor Officer from the United States Military Academy in 1988. I am a Cav guy at heart. I deployed with 3d to Operation Iraqi Freedom and also had the privilege of commanding 4th Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in Baghdad and Diyala, Iraq. With my assignment as commander of this distinguished Regiment I am truly a “Lucky 16”. My wife Melanie and I are both honored to be part of the Blackhorse lineage and tradition of the 11th Cavalry.

For April the Regiment welcomed the 4th Brigade Combat Team of the 3rd Infantry Division. The 3rd ID “Dogface” Soldiers left well prepared for the unforgiving heat of the Iraqi desert and the rigors of combat. In May, the Regiment hosted our fellow Cavalry brothers, the 3^d Armored Cavalry Regiment “Brave Rifles,” from Fort Hood, Texas.

At the completion of training the two regiments came together in a traditional “Lucky 16” event. Troopers from both Regiments had the opportunity to honor their Cavalry heritage. The Regiment presented the Brave Rifles with a framed Blackhorse #11 football jersey and a Blackhorse branding iron. In return 3d ACR gave the Blackhorse a framed print of “The Battle of Rosebud Creek”. Overall, it was a fantastic event for both Regiments.

On 30 June the Regiment changed command along with LTC Christopher M. Doneski who took command of 1st Squadron, LTC A. Brian Robertson who took command of 2nd Squadron and LTC Lance R. Eldred who took

command of the Regimental Support Squadron. Also CSM William Tramel assumed responsibility for 1st Squadron and SGM Stephen C. Young assumed responsibility for 2nd Squadron. It was an exceptional event and a great introduction to this historic Regiment. I was especially honored to meet those veterans that were able to make the trip. I really appreciate the time, effort, and support of all our veterans. I look forward to meeting all of you during my tenure with the Blackhorse.

The rest of 2010 is an exciting mix of Afghan and Iraqi rotations plus training for the Regiment. In August we are looking forward to training the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division from Fort Knox in preparation for their deployment to Afghanistan. September will see the Regiment out in the Box executing platoon and company level Situation Training Exercises in a rare training opportunity. Also in September we will be putting the 2/34 BCT National Guard from Iowa through their paces as they also prepare for a deployment to Afghanistan. In October we will train the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division.

Then in November the Regiment itself will head to the Box where we will have the opportunity to rehearse and certify Hybrid Threat Operations (HTO). Hybrid Threat combines elements of counterinsurgency and force on force maneuvers. Representing the next generation of Army training, it is designed to deliver realistic, high-intensity scenarios to rotational units. The Blackhorse is excited to be a part of this new development and look forward to building the long uncultivated maneuver skill set.

I am proud and excited to command the legendary Blackhorse. If you ever find yourself in the High Mojave you are welcome to come and visit.

Blackhorse!



64th Colonel Assumes Command



Lucky 16 = 11th Cavalry (the most)
3rd Cavalry
+ 2nd Cavalry

We continue to experience database problems which we are trying to fix.

If you receive the newsletter incorrectly addressed, please draw one line through the incorrect information and print the correct information below the bad address. Then mail it to the return address on the newsletter.

Electronic Newsletter Only

If you would like to receive only an electronic newsletter, please log on to www.blackhorse.org and go the link Programs, then newsletter and submit your preference or complete the Membership Update at the bottom of page 12.

This would save the Blackhorse Association the expense of printing and mailing a hard copy newsletter to you, which amounts to approximately \$.52 for each issue. This is a considerable expense when you consider that 18,000 copies are printed and 15,500 of those are mailed. The remainder are shipped to Regimental units and Association Chapters.



1934 Pass in Review -----Andy Andreason astride the white mare



ANDY ANDREASEN—CREW MEMBER—1ST 11 CAVALRY ARMORED CAR

the Blackhorse Family

That family consists of Veterans of the Blackhorse Regiment and Attached Units from all eras of 11th Cavalry Service. Also included, are their Family Members, as well as Friends of the Blackhorse.

Our Regiment at this time includes the Regimental Units at Fort Irwin, 1st Battalion, 144 Field Artillery of the California, and 1st Squadron 221 Cavalry of the Nevada Army National Guards. All have served or are now serving in the War on Terrorism. Attached 2nd Squadron in Iraq, 155 HBCT lost 6 of the 21 Blackhorse Troopers KIA in Iraq in 2005.

Blackhorse Association Membership is extended to all of the above, through Regular, Associate and Corporate Memberships. (See pg 12.)

Never should one generation of Blackhorse Veteran abandon a later generation of Blackhorse Veteran or Active Trooper.



*Blackhorse Association holds
General Membership Meetings
annually, at reunions.*

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The chapter meets quarterly. Two of those meeting coincide with Memorial and Veterans Day activities, when the chapter has historically laid a wreath in honor of fallen Blackhorse Troopers at the Vietnam Memorial Wall.

An objective of the chapter is to work toward cementing a relationship where the two Blackhorse organizations can collaborate on events or projects together.

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**The 20TH Annual Northern California
Blackhorse Potluck/BBQ**

Saturday, October 2, 2010

1100 - ???

Slidehill Park, Davis, CA. 95618

Everyone is welcome to join us for a casual picnic in the park. Bring something to BBQ, something to share (salad, dessert, or munchies) and your beverage of choice.

Directions:

I-80 to Davis. Take the Mace Blvd exit. Go North, around bend (Mace becomes Covell Blvd) Turn Left on Monarch Ln. Take 1st right onto Temple. Park is one block ahead on left. OR

I-5 to Woodland, exit at Road 102 to Davis. Proceed South to Davis, approx. 8 miles. Turn left at the 1st major intersection - Covell Blvd. Go about 1 mile to Monarch Blvd, turn right, go 1 block. Turn right on Temple. Park is 1 block ahead on left.

Watch for balloons and signs.

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Never too late to say,

'Welcome Home'

by Gustavo Bahena, Fort Irwin California

Apr 9, 2010 "This is long overdue recognition for exemplary service by warriors of a previous era who answered our country's call to military duty to serve in Southeast Asia in a conflict we know today as - the Vietnam War," said Brig. Gen. Robert "Abe" Abrams.

The commander of the National Training Center and Fort Irwin spoke to a standing-room only audience during the Fort Irwin Welcome Home Day Ceremony on April 7.

California Governor, Arnold Schwarzenegger, had proclaimed March 30, 2010, "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." Fort Irwin did its part by holding a celebration at which veterans from local communities and other areas attended.

Veterans arriving to this military installation that morning were welcomed by school children who lined the road outside Tiefert View Intermediate School. Motorcycle riding veterans, and those being transported by other vehicles, received cheers from kids waving and holding signs.

At the ceremony venue, veterans were greeted by unit leaders and by an audience who whooped and clapped loudly. Abrams spoke to the 170 veterans seated at the center of the Freedom Fitness Gym and to a crowd assembled alongside them. Abrams asked audience members to raise their hands if they had relatives or friends who served in Vietnam. Many acknowledged they had.

"So, as you can see, this war touched all of us," Abrams said. "It's personal for many of us."

He spoke of the condemnation that veterans received from the public and media when they returned from tours in Vietnam. He mentioned that some veterans did not wear their uniforms upon returning home - something that today would seem strange with veterans from the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"In the '60's and early '70's, our Vietnam veterans were treated poorly - a gross understatement," Abrams said. "I remember vividly when I was a young kid, growing up as an Army brat, hearing how our returning veterans were treated. And I know that it broke the heart of everybody



in our house. When [servicemembers] returned home, my brothers included, they were ostracized by their neighbors. This was a dark, dark period in our nation's history and for our armed forces."

Abrams praised Vietnam veterans for enduring the unwarranted, negative reception in the United States with dignity, honor and silently. They demonstrated the best of the American spirit by serving our country with honor, he said.

"You made enormous sacrifices," Abrams told the veterans present. "You performed amazing acts of heroism every single day. Our Vietnam veterans fought for our freedoms and for the freedoms of the oppressed people of South Vietnam."

Gary Johnson is a veteran who experienced what Abrams spoke about during the ceremony. Johnson served as a staff sergeant with B Troop in the 1st Squadron of the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment from 1966 to 1967 in Vietnam. Johnson, who was a track commander atop an armored cavalry assault vehicle, served nine years until he was injured when his vehicle ran over a land mine in 1967. He was impressed with the magnitude of the 'Welcome Home' ceremony. He described it with one word.

"Beautiful," said Johnson, who traveled from Dewey, Ariz., to attend. "It's long overdue. It was a great ceremony."

Richard Lantello served as a crew chief on a Huey helicopter for the 326th Medical Battalion of the 101st Airborne Division from 1969 to 1970 in Vietnam. Lantello said he thought he would be attending a memorial-type of ceremony. He appreciated the celebratory event and said it was very nice.

"It was a lot more than I was expecting," Lantello said. "It was very emotional."

Lantello said that when he returned from Vietnam there were no receptions in con-

trast to today's 'Welcome Home' events for Soldiers of the current wars. It wasn't until his 10-year high school reunion that someone said, "Let's recognize our veterans." Originally from Whittier, Calif., Lantello was drafted while in college for having dropped one class from his schedule. He views today's volunteer Soldier as very professional and agrees that the public's support of today's Soldiers is positive.

"People like to go up to guys in uniform and say, 'Hey, thanks for serving,'" Lantello said. "It's very different now and it's good," Lantello said. "It's a good thing."

Spc. Isaac Nunez, a mechanic with 699th Maintenance Company here, said that he appreciates what Vietnam veterans did for our country. Nunez said that a 'Welcome Home' ceremony can be very touching for veterans, as it was for him after having returned from Iraq in December of 2009.

"They definitely deserve this," Nunez said about the Vietnam veterans. "To actually see this happen for them - it is an honor for them. When I went through it, I felt the same way - I believe the way they feel right now - because, it was a really emotional moment. To see this today, it really got to me."

Another person who said he felt strong emotions that morning was John Collins, a Vietnam veteran and telephone maintenance worker on Fort Irwin. Collins said that he will soon be sending a care package to service members in Kuwait and Afghanistan and that he would be including a note that will read, "Thank you, I've been recognized." He appreciated the ceremony and was amazed by the reception.

"It was very well put together - it was about time," Collins said. "I knew it would be good, but this was fantastic."

Abrams said that during the Vietnam War, over 58,000 Americans were killed in action and over 200,000 Americans were wounded in action. Today, there are somewhere close to 2,000 servicemembers who are still officially missing in action.

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Article XII: Scholarships

Section 1. This article outlines policies and procedures governing The Blackhorse Association Scholarship Program.

Section 2. The purpose of this program is to afford children of present or former members of the Regiment scholarship opportunities each year.

Section 3. Blackhorse Association Scholarship Program

A candidate must be a child or step-child of a present or former member of the Regiment.

The first selection priority will be given to children who lost a parent in service of the Regiment.

The second selection priority will be given to children of those incapacitated by wounds or injury while serving the Regiment.

The third selection priority will be given based on financial need of the applicant as expressed in the narrative portion of the application.

The recipient must use the scholarship by their 30th birthday. The candidate must be a graduating high school senior or enrolled in an accredited college or university at the undergraduate level or an accredited Jr. College/Technical or Trade College/School. The scholarship is a one year \$3000 scholarship paid at the beginning of the Fall Semester each year. A student may apply each year for a total of four years so long as the scholarship pay-out is made by the student's 30th birthday. No more than \$12,000 may be awarded any one student.

After the award each year, the educational institution must advise the Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee that the recipient is enrolled as a full time student and provide the Chairperson with the remittance address for scholarship payment.

If, by December 1 each year, the institution fails to notify the chairperson of successful registration, the scholarship is voided and all funds committed will be returned to uncommitted status.

Interruption of studies due to sickness or severe hardship may be basis for maintaining the unused portion in a committed status. Cases of this nature will be reviewed by the committee as needed and presented to the BHA Board for final decision.

All scholarship funds with accumulated interest remain the sole resources of the Scholarship Fund until disbursed. All scholarship disbursements will made to the educational institution after being advised of the recipient's enrollment in good standing as a full time student and remittance address for scholarship payment.

Section 4. Application: BHA Scholarship requests will be prepared by the scholarship applicant with Parent/Guardian verification and sent to the Chairperson by mail. In applying for the BHA scholarship offerings, the quality, accuracy and completeness of preparation of the application is an important factor in the selection process.

Section 5. Selection and Award: The Scholarship Committee shall select the scholarship recipients from all qualified applicants and present their selections to the BHA Board for approval. When possible, announcement of winners will be made at or before the annual Blackhorse Family Reunion.

A printable application form with specific requirements is provided on the Blackhorse Association website at www.blackhorse.org under the Programs/Scholarship link. It must be completed and mailed to the Scholarship Chairperson by 1 February each year. Incomplete or poorly constructed applications will be rejected.

RETURN THE APPLICATION AND ATTACHED MATERIAL TO:

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APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FEBRUARY 1, EACH YEAR FOR CONSIDERATION

BLACKHORSE ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Indicate Category, if applicable: Parent KIA ____ Parent WIA ____
 Applicant Full Name _____ SSN: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____
 Phone: (home) _____ (cell) _____ E-Mail _____
 High school or College/Univ, tech or trade school attending _____ Grad. Yr: _____
 Declared or Intended Major: _____
 Certified Standard Test Scores: SAT _____ ACT _____ Other: _____
 Most Recent Year High School or College/Univ. GPA _____

Provide each of the following as attachments to this application. (Full Name on each page)

- Attachment 1. Describe your ambitions and goals. (May include your chosen field of study)
- Attachment 2. Two persons in your chosen field that have most influenced you and why.
(Limit Attachment 1 and 2 narratives to 250 words.)
- Attachment 3. Activities, training and awards received in past four (4) years.
- Attachment 4. Two (2) letters of recommendation: at least one from a teacher or professor.
(No relatives please)
- Attachment 5. Official High School transcript and/or current College/Univ. GPA

(Note: Previous scholarship recipients who are reapplying need send only a letter of recommendation from a professor and a current copy of their grade transcripts)

Parent or Guardian Affidavit:

I affirm that the Scholarship Applicant _____ is a natural or adopted child of an Association member who is currently serving in the 11th ACR or served in the 11th ACR from ____ to ____.
 (Note: Parent must provide proof of Regimental service in form of orders, awards, BHA membership, etc)

Name of Parent or Guardian (Please Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Applications must be postmarked by February 1, each year for consideration



Camp Atterbury, Indiana – Troopers of the 1st Squadron 221st Cavalry stood tall and proud in the Camp Atterbury sunshine as they prepared to be inducted into the order of the combat spur for service during Operation Enduring Freedom 09-10. The Wildhorse Squadron recently returned from a 9 month deployment in which it acted as the Security Force for the 11 United States led Provincial Reconstruction Teams while simultaneously conducting counterinsurgency operations as the battlespace owner in Laghman Province. Squadron Commander LTC John Cunningham said of the deployment “Troopers faced life or death situations on a daily basis over there and although we had many injuries, somehow we managed to bring them all back. Words can’t express how proud I am of their performance and this is a great way to cap it all off.”

The Blackhorse Association played a key role by providing the initial money for the purchase of the Spurs as well as collecting all of the donations received. In addition, Blackhorse Association members donated generously toward the fundraising effort, which allowed every trooper to receive their combat spurs. Squadron Executive Officer LTC Kurt Neddenriep said “We would not have been able to

make this possible without the outstanding support we received from the Blackhorse Association and their generous members. And, the Blackhorse Store (Barb and Don Brown) miraculously had them produced, shipped and delivered on time. We are truly grateful.”

All of the approximately 750 Troopers who deployed with the Squadron are eligible to wear the combat spur. It is a tradition that dates back to medieval times when it was used to induce knights into a fraternity of warriors usually based on a deed conducted on the battlefield or during a tournament. It later evolved to the early U.S. Cavalry when newly arrived Troopers were not allowed to wear spurs until they proved their ability to perform with both horse and weapon.

Today spurs are awarded two ways: The first when completing a series of complicated tasks that proves the Troopers mettle known as a Spur ride, and the second while serving with a cavalry unit during combat operations. The Trooper is normally awarded silver spurs for the Spur ride, and gold spurs, such as those awarded to the Wildhorse Troopers, for the latter.

Thanks Blackhorse-Wildhorse! And Blackhorse Forever!

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BG Abrams gave a poignant description of war-time contributions by Vietnam veterans:

"The actions of these men and women - these Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines - are well documented in numerous books and movies," Abrams said. "They fought with great courage and personal valor. They helped build a South Vietnamese Army and an Air Force, and built life-long relationships with the people of South Vietnam. They built schools, villages, hospitals long before nation-building was in our Army's vocabulary



COL Ret. Bill Stokes, former Commander 2/11, has compiled a history of Squadron's final year in Vietnam April 71 - March 72. The history is a manuscript and slide show and is available to all who served in that era free of charge. Troopers of that period who would like a copy can contact him at:

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President Message, continued from page 2



FINALLY, WATCH FOR INFORMATION ON OUR 2011 LAS VEGAS REUNION:

The reunion will be on the strip at Treasure Island from June 1 to June 5. Gus Flangas is our point man along with Jim Travino in what should be our largest reunion in years. Begin planning now to join in the fun. Because of the proximity to the Regiment, one day will be devoted to a Ft. Irwin visit to spend time with our Regiment. Full schedules and preregistration info will be posted soon on our website at www.blackhorse.org and www.blackhorse.com. Watch for it! See you in Vegas. Plan now to join in the fun.

Thanks to all for sharing your time, talent and treasure with the Blackhorse Association.

Allons! and Blackhorse Forever!
John Sherman Crow
49th Colonel President (2008-2011



It would be great if Blackhorse Veterans, (Vietnam and Border Legion) worked together to insure that all Active Duty and Guard Troopers, as well as Kosovo, Iraqi Freedom, Kuwait and Afghanistan Veterans were in attendance. We (past veterans) could then honor their service to.....

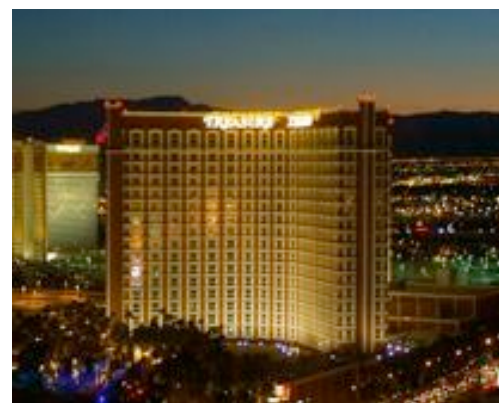
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SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY



THE BLACKHORSE ASSOCIATION DONORS - JULY 2010**ALLONS CLUB**

The Allon's Club was born in 2008 with a goal of finding 100 Donors to commit to a \$1,000 Annual Donation for 4 years. So far 33 Blackhorse Troopers and Friends of Blackhorse have made that commitment.



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John Poindexter
MG Ret Steve Rippe &
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MAJ & Mrs Jeremy Dobos
John Sherman Crow
Frances Jones Crow
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& Susan
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