



THE BLACKHORSE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Don Wicks, Director of Fundraising

The 1901 Club

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Dear Troopers and Friends of the Blackhorse,

The 1901 Club – named for the year the 11th Cavalry Regiment was constituted and organized - is our primary fundraising tool for all operations of the Association. This effort needs your participation – it is absolutely critical to our continued success. Currently, about 500 members of our total 13,000 members financially support the Association. Our goal is to have 1300 members (10%) participate in the 1901 Club with a \$100 annual contribution. We will welcome generous donations of any amount; we can take our Association to levels not thought possible with small donations from many of you. If you like the direction of your Association, join in now and help us ensure we will be here for succeeding Blackhorse generations.

Our annual operating expenses include printing and mailing of our Blackhorse Newsletter published twice each year, printing and mailing this 1901 Club mail-out, sponsoring events for the active regiment at Fort Irwin, maintaining a web presence and a monthly E-News email program, postage, and essential administrative and statutory filing costs---the latter to protect our 501(c) 3 non-profit, charitable status with the IRS. All the officers and directors of the Association are volunteers and receive no remuneration for their services. When donations exceed operational needs, monies will be transferred to the scholarship account.

To encourage participation, we conduct this annual drawing. For each \$20 donated, a number will be assigned, and a random drawing will be made at next year's reunion in San Antonio at our Stable Your Mount gathering on Friday, the 17th of June, 2016, and you need not be present to win. Five winners will receive their choice of a 1901 campaign hat, saber or spurs. Winners not present will be notified immediately after the reunion.

Please send your donations in the enclosed return envelope. Donations should reach me by 31 March, 2016 for inclusion in the drawing. Please consider sending \$100 and being part of our 1901 Club – although we will place your name as a contributor on our website for any size contribution.

Allons! and Blackhorse Forever!

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