

2018 MEDAL OF EXCELLENCE

GOLD MINE WAR LORD Q-16526

Sire:	MR WAR CUTTER	Q-731
Dam:	LISIEUX VIRCHICK	R2-102
Breeder:	GRANT ALLAN	MOUNT ISA, QLD.
Owner:	J & R MACMILLAN	NORTHAM, WA

GOLD MINE WAR LORD was born on 27th September, 1986, by the Quarter Horse Sire, MR WAR CUTTER Q-731 (Imp) by WAR LEO USA-60880 and CUTTERS KITTY USA-445509 and Dam LISIEUX VIRCHICK R2-102 x TEJANO CHICO Q-2 and QUARTER STAR R1-172.

The palomino colt was sourced and purchased in 1987 by Jim & Robyn McMillan, Litchfield Park, Darwin, from Mr. Grant Allen's, Gold Mine Quarter Horse Stud in Mt Isa.

Warlord spent his early days on the station, and was later taken to Mr. Wayne Williams of Eban Quarter Horse Stud, Noonamah, for his early training and breaking.

Warlord was shown in Halter events, placing first in nearly every event, and also placing Champion Halter Stallion/Colt, in the Darwin Top End Western Performance Club, and the Northern Territory Quarter Horse Club.



When he wasn't in training, he was back at the station carrying out daily tasks, such as mustering, checking boundary fences and buffalo eradication. A gun scabbard was attached to the western saddles so he was trained to the sound of either a shotgun or rifle fire. He was trained on the station

for roping cattle, pulling them around and pushing stock through the yards, putting young calves across the front of the saddle and bringing them up with the herd. Working while a helicopter is flying about mustering cattle. Being such a wonderfully natured Quarter Horse he was never phased by the harsh environment and conditions.

From daily station work, he was then entered into upcoming Quarter Horse Shows, usually during the 'Dry Season' and competed at Mr. Warren Anderson's Tipperary Station QH Shows, south of Darwin, Katherine QH Shows, Adelaide River QH Shows and Darwin QH Shows, winning numerous Champion Sashes and nearly all Western Ridden Events - and he was still only a Junior Horse.

In the NT Jim and Robyn McMillan were members of AQHA, AmQHA, ABRCA, TEWPC, DQHA and competed in Western Shows, NT Campdrafting circuit and the NT Rodeo circuit.

Warlord was used to compete in all of these events and was successful in Steer Roping, Steer Undecorating, Steer Wrestling, Barrel Racing, Pole Bending and Hazing for other roping competitors. He had some good campdraft scores in the camp, however he didn't win or place.

At Darwin Royal Show, Warlord was competing successfully in all of the Western Ridden Program of Events, plus he was also ridden in the 'Open' Rider events, competing and winning against Warmbloods, Thoroughbreds and many other non-western horse breeds. **Warlord** won Supreme Champion Exhibit at Halter in two consecutive years - 1991 and 1992. This was against everything that wasn't western and for a Quarter Horse to win against the quality of horses in the Horse Breed Section Halter events, proved to the McMillan's that he was exceptional. **Warlord** would be gear changed from Western to English, then compete in the Official English Events, and then produce an outstanding 'extended trot', and Ridden Workout, without effort and blitz the field.



He was one of the Best Work Horses ever and was loved by Ms Jan Allen and Mr. Jack Cooper, when they officiated in Darwin, NT Shows. They were full of praise for him, every time. Mr. Cooper said **Warlord** was one of the 'Best' Quarter Horses he had ever seen. Such an honour from two of the most distinguished AQHA Directors and Judges, at the time.



Warlord was used in AQHA Promotional activities, to show the quiet temperament to the general public. He was used in many bridle-less ridden displays in the Northern Territory, attracting so much interest in the breed of this horse. This great big golden palomino Quarter Horse, with loads of muscle and moving at ease, just floating in collected lope that were so controlled and effortlessly done, to then cranking it up and doing a Reining Display, spinning and sliding.

Gold Mine Warlord achieved;

- Register of Merit - Halter (31/7/1990),
- Register of Merit – Performance (31/7/1990),
- Register of Merit – Trail (31/12/1991),
- Register of Merit – Trail Class (7/2/1992)
- Register of Merit – Western Pleasure (31/1/1992)
- Quarter Horse Champion Award - (26/2/1992),
- AQHA Superior Horse – Halter (30/6/1993),
- Bronze Century Award – Halter (18/9/1999)
- Hi Point – Amateur Owner Horse NT – Jim Macmillan
- AQHA – EOY Hi Point – Amateur Owner – NT – Jim Macmillan
- Hi Point Newcomer – NT - Robyn Macmillan
- TEWPC – Hi Point Western Horse Award
- NTQHA – Hi Point Western Horse Award

In June 1995 competing at the Darwin NT Pearl of The North Rodeo and Campdraft Event, **Warlord** won the Steer Roping with a time of 5.2 seconds. He jumped out of the box and the rope was on the steer, it was so fast.

In 1995 the McMillan family moved to WA. They joined the WAQHA in 1995 and started competing in Western Shows throughout WA.



They promoted the Australian Quarter Horses at Events. At the 2001 Go Bush Festival at Dowerin, their Rebecca, aged eight, rode **Warlord** backwards through tunnels of streamers and on that particular day, it was blowing a gale and **Warlord** was a gentleman.



He was now in the Senior Horse category, and won;

- WAQHA End of year Hi Point Senior Horse Reining
- WAQHA Hi Point Senior Western Horse
- WAQHA Hi Point Halter Horse

Warlord won every single Hi Point Senior Horse Awards at Shows in 1999.

He was entered into English 'Open Ridden' Events at Northam Agricultural Show, and won this Class three years in succession, against Clydesdales, Thoroughbreds, Warmbloods, Arabians and almost every other breed or horse ever bred.

Warlord was ridden on and off, in Brookhunt Fox Hunting Seasons, from 2000 to 2011. He was ridden by Robyn or her daughters Rachel or Rebecca, in a field of up to 40 or more horses and riders and was a gentleman in this mixed field of horses.

Warlord went to Dawn and Gary Marshall's Hobby Horse Training, and they took the reins and showed him for a season. He won;

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- Open Trail Stakes,
- Senior Reining
- Champion Stallion at age 12 years against younger Colts and Stallions (which is unheard of)
- Supreme Champion QH and Supreme Champion of Show at Gosnells Allbreeds Spectacular,
- Supreme of Supremes at Darling Range All Breeds Show and much more.

Warlord was used to promote Quarter Horses in the International Festival Showcase at Northam Bernard Park, WA. He was ridden by Rachel McMillan, then 14 years, and their act was in front of a crowd of several hundred people from all walks of life from all over the world. Her sister Rebecca was also in the act with Foxhound and they all performed to a huge applause. There was a full orchestra providing the background music.

Warlord had a wonderful disposition and was bombarded by children and adults after their show, patting, touching and just wanting to see this beautiful golden palomino, well muscled Quarter Horse stallion.

The McMillan's have been life-long fans of the American Quarter Horse and the Australian Quarter Horse, and **Warlord** was registered with the AmQHA, and the National Foundation Quarter Horse Association of America.

In 2000 – the McMillan family were kindly selected to represent 'Families in Sports and Recreation', by the WA Tourism and were selected to show their Quarter Horses on the Eastern Wheatbelt Whitepages – Front Cover. Jim rode Warlord and Robyn had the children sitting on their other stallion Isle B Mustard. Rachel is standing up on the back, Rebecca is in the middle and their son, Mitchell, is at the front of the saddle.

Warlord had competed in nearly everything, except Cutting in which his sire MR WAR CUTTER was one of the most decorated cutters of his time, with Max McTaggart.

Warlord has left his mark on his progeny, as did MR WAR CUTTER with him. Through having such a good disposition these invaluable traits have been passed through to his progeny, and have made great Amateur Owner and Youth Horses.

A few of his progeny that had been in the show ring are;

- ANOTHER LORD Q-37773 was in the AQHA Top Ten Listing for Australia,
 - Hi Point Halter Horse WA
- F C QUARTER WAR KING Q-26210 – Owned by the Parry Family
- F C OUT OF THE BLUE Q-31270 – Owned by the Katarski Family
 - ROM – Halter
 - ROM – Performance
 - ROM – A/O Hunt Seat Equitation
 - ROM Trail
 - ROM – Hunter Under Saddle
 - Quarter Horse Champion Award

Many of the progeny were used primarily for quality work horses on stations in the Northern Territory, and unfortunately, many of these were never registered through the AQHA.

Sadly, GOLD MINE WARLORD died at age 26 years, in 2012.

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