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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Maury Edmonds

Reunion IX is now behind us and I trust that all you who came had a safe return home. Everyone of the over 400 who were with us had a marvelous time – at least that's what I was told repeatedly by everyone I spoke to. I only regret that others of you could not make it. We were happy to welcome a large number of first-time attendees, all of whom promised they would be at Reunion X.

We are in debt to Charlie Baker and his ground team, augmented by many volunteers, who did a superb job of planning and running our reunion activities. Special thanks, also, to John & Wanda Goodpaster who ran the most successful PX we've ever had; to Don Shipley & Karen Payne, with the Dockerys help, in setting up and overseeing the Memorabilia Room; to Bill Litvjak and Cheryl Klein plus a host of others in the Hospitality Room; to Phil and Lynette Sierer for doing the lotteries and taking pictures; and, of course to Allen Patrick and Karl & Carol Haartz for handling registration and the myriad of other things that always come up. Thank you all.

It was a special treat for us to welcome about 40 current and former members of the 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry, including the current commander, LTC Kirk Dorr, and the two most recent

commanders who led the squadron in Iraq, Col Jody Petery and LTC Cliff Wheeler. It was inspiring to talk to those great young troopers and their families who are sacrificing so much in our behalf. LTC Wheeler gave us an excellent briefing on their very successful combat operations. The 5/7 CAV legacy continues to grow. Thank you, troopers.

The Memorial Service, organized by Jerry Houston, could not have been better or more meaningful. Don Quick's homily which set the stage; the solemn reading of the names by reps of each unit, including those lost in Iraq; Willie Mercer's beautiful and touching music, including the very moving "Mansions of the Lord" at the end; the perfectly executed posting/retiring of the colors without command by our association color guard; the rifle salute by squadron troopers; the taps played by two buglers; and the hauntingly played "Amazing Grace" on bagpipes. An aura of reverence and respect and love for those we lost surrounded us.

We happily recognized Don Shipley with the President's award; Eddie Ratcliffe and Red Boulden were designated as Man of the Year for 2007 and 2008 respectively; and, it was a special privilege to recognize Mike Sprayberry

for his persistent leadership in trying to find remains of our three soldiers still unrecovered in Vietnam. Mike was presented the special "Sacred Trust Award".

A great reunion.....tempered only by the fact that some unexpected charges along with smaller donations caused us to punch a big hole in our bank account. You'll read more about that elsewhere. Don't worry. We're a strong association and with your help, we'll be fine.

We will, again, gather in Washington for Veterans Day in November to participate in the wreath laying ceremony at the wall. We'll meet, as usual, for dinner the night before. Hope to see a lot of you there. Details will follow later.

Special thanks go to those who serve as members of our board of directors. We could not do without you.

Please keep our troops in your prayers and take care of yourselves.

Vice President's Report

by Karl Haartz

Reunion IX History – A MUST READ

With reunion IX in the 5/7-history book, I have to say THANK YOU to all that attended. This is your association and your reunion and I agree that they don't come any better. You, the members make the association this way.

Upon leaving the reunion many of you remarked that each reunion gets better and we have tried to make each one better as we grow. As in the past I am going to make my article short and go right to the facts. We over spent our budget on this reunion. This has just come with growth and maybe a little blame on the economy. We have gone from 30, \$5 pizzas to 85, \$14.50 pizzas. I can foresee \$1/ slice pizza night in our future. The table decorations, which people walked away with, were custom made to use at reunion IX and hopefully future reunions. They are gone! Display them proudly!

As in all education, you pay to learn. We did learn a lot in at this reunion but we did spend a lot. I am asking for donations for the treasury to bring

things back in line again. Send your donations to Royce at the address in his financial report.

When we all get together in 2010 be prepared to drink Dunkin' Donuts coffee from a box, not hotel coffee from a silver urn.

HELP!

A special thank you to Ginger Dannewitz for all the time & effort she used in making a very unique quilt for a silent auction. At the end of the reunion Pam Jamison was high bidder at \$2050.00. Actually thanks to both of you ladies.

Larry Allen's project of a DVD with all the names of our KIAs and pictures of each still needs your help. Larry still needs pictures of each of the KIAs. See Larry's note which follows:

I'd like to pass along a couple of suggestions to make the pictures easier to work with. If you have the picture copied at Wal-Mart or a drug store please send me the paper copy. That saves

me the time and expense of printing it before I scan it. Those places don't give enough resolution to blow the picture up. If you take it to a camera store ask them to scan it at the highest resolution possible. If you scan it please scan them at 600dpi or higher. At that resolution the emailed file works well. Thank you all who have sent pictures and in advance to those who will.

Garry Owen

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Secretary's Report

It was a great reunion. They seem to get better and better. This year it was a great pleasure to coordinate the Memorial Service on Saturday morning. For me it is the most important event of our reunion. Often we forget the hard work many put into events at the reunion.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a number of folks who worked hard to make the Memorial Service the success it turned out to be. We are indebted to E. J. Pembleton, wife of Jerry Pembleton, who had the inspiration to encourage the use of "Mansions of the Lord". She did all the leg work, got permission to use the music, and provided the sheet music and sound recoding that was used.

We also owe a great round of applause to Larry Allen for putting together the power point presentation of the wall and pictures of our fallen comrades. As a reminder, if any of you have pictures of those who were killed in Vietnam or Iraq, get them to Larry at 1941 Holiday Drive, Sandwich, IL 60548.

Willie Mercer put the fabulous music together with the assistance of the audio specialist, Chad Swartz, at the church.

The Color Guard, lead by Hoss Dannewitz practiced for a number of hours to get it right. Members of the color guard were Joe Williams, Red Boulden, George Hannaford and Charles Skipper. John Long provided the technical expertise for the guard.

Charlie Baker provided the local support and coordination to include finding the Bag Piper and the two trumpeters who played "Silver Taps". He also coordinated with the Squadron to provide the Firing Squad. One of the hardest tasks at the service is the reading of the names.

This year the names were read by Bill Purdy, Walt Zimmerman, Bill Litvjak, Doc McBride, Larry Allen, Charlie Baker, Colonel Jody Petery and LTC Cliff Wheeler. Maury Edmonds provided sound guidance and support at the rehearsals and read the names of our members who had passed since the last reunion.

As usual our Battalion Chaplain, Don Quick, provided our homily. Reunion events just don't happen. They all take planning, time and effort. Those who worked on the Memorial Service understand the meaning and the importance. I am sure their reward is in a job well done but from one who saw it come together, blossom and end up as a meaning event for us all,

Thanks to all.

Jerry Houston

Membership VP's Report

It was a great reunion for all that attended! Now is the time to use those rosters and call those buddies that could not make it for whatever reason. Touch base with them tell them they were missed. As the reunion was a bit more expensive than anticipated, Royce Vick needs some money to put back in the till so we can do it again in two years. If you have dues due get them paid up and we will do it again in two years somewhere. Wherever it is, I'll be there if at all possible.

Garry Owen, Don Shipley

If you would like to be on Krazy Karl's e-mail updates list, please send him your e-mail address. Karl sends out news flashes and frequent updates and HE DOES NOT FORWARD ANYTHING. Karl's e-mail is: Cav571vpkk@raodrunner.com

SHAKEY'S HILL and COMMITMENT AND SACRIFICE

DVD's of "Commitment and Sacrifice" and "Shakey's Hill" are now available at a special price of \$12.00 per DVD to 5/7 CAV Members, with a minimum order of two DVD's. These orders will also be shipped free of charge to you. This price will make the Films more affordable for everyone and can make a great gift for family and friends. Payment is by check only.

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REUNION IX REPORT *

By Charlie Baker

* Report submitted to the "SABER", the 1st Cavalry Division Newsletter

The 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association held Reunion IX in Jacksonville, Florida from 29 June through 5 July 2008, and by all accounts it was a rousing success. Starting with the St. Johns River Dinner Cruise early in the week, and ending with the Barbecue on the final night, 390 veterans and loved ones from the Vietnam Era renewed and strengthened friendships that started as far back as 1965 at Ft. Carson. The reunion was further enhanced by the presence of thirty young officers, soldiers and wives who are currently serving in 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry at Ft. Stewart, Georgia.

5/7th Cav was activated in 1965 under the command of Lt. Col. Trevor Swett at Ft. Carson in order to give the First Team a ninth infantry battalion. The battalion traveled to Vietnam in 1966 aboard the USS Gaffey, which created the bonds that have grown into the sixteen hundred member association today. Our members run from Pfc's like Bill Purdy, who along with Jasper Cantanzaro, envisioned and thus founded this association, to a Four Star General, John Wickham, who commanded in 1967. But rather than military rank, the association's underlying strength is the sharing of a one common experience – combat in defense of freedom with 5/7th Cav.

The 5/7th Cav served a crushing defeat to the NVA in its very first engagement, and went on from there in many platoon and company sized battles throughout the Central Highlands. 5/7th Cav moved north to the Que Son Valley in October 1967 and were victorious in several major actions against the 2d NVA Division. 5/7th Cav fought in battalion strength against the 5th NVA Regiment in the northern suburbs of Hue during Tet '68, kicked off Operation Pegasus along with 1/7th Cav on April 1, 1968, and led the Division into the A Shau Valley on April 19th. Moving south to III Corps in the fall of 1968, 5/7th Cav continued to set high standards in battles throughout 1969, 1970, and into Cambodia in 1970. Lt. Col. Maury Edmonds commanded the battalion during the Cambodia operation.

5/7th Cav was inactivated in March 1971 and remained so until 21 July 2004, when Lt. Col. Jody Petery received the uncased colors from the Association's President, Colonel (Retired) John Long. 5/7th Cavalry was organized as a cavalry squadron assigned to the 1st Brigade Combat Team, and the troops sang both songs at the Reactivation Parade - *Sgt. Flynn* and *Dog Face Soldier*.

The Reunion Banquet was held on the 4th

of July. MG (Ret) Maury Edmonds, who has assumed the mantle of leadership, presented awards to members of the battalion. Man of the Year for 2007 was Eddie Ratcliffe, who was recognized for his tireless efforts toward the sponsorship of our young soldiers in Iraq. Red Boulden was presented the Man of the Year award for 2008 for his extraordinary contributions to the association over an extended period. Don Shipley, who has been the heart and soul of locating our veterans over the past sixteen years, received the President's Award, adding the development of a wonderful and extensive collection of memorabilia to the list of his many contributions.

The Sacred Trust Award, a special one-time award, was presented to Michael Sprayberry, the only living winner of the Medal of Honor among 5/7th Cav's four recipients. Michael's continuing efforts to find and retrieve the remains of his three men killed on the night of 25 April 1968, to include travel to Vietnam, are an inspiration to us all. Of great assistance to Michael is Ed Garr, a Marine. Ed may be the first Marine to be made a member of the association other than Kathryn Gates, who had to marry Charles Skipper to achieve it. Garr is working with Michael Sprayberry to gain closure for the families of these three gallant warriors – Daniel M. Kelley, David L. Scott and Hubia J. Guillory.

All three squadron commanders since reactivation in 2004 attended the Banquet. Recently promoted Col. Jody Petery and Lt. Col. Cliff Wheeler, who took the squadron to Iraq for 2007 and 2008, were the primary speakers. They spoke not only about their squadron in Iraq, but also about the many supporting actions by the association's members who sponsored our troopers over there. These two gentlemen were preceded by the always stirring words of Lt. Gen. Jim Vaught, who commanded the battalion at Hue, Khe Sahn and into the A Shau. The active current commander, Lt. Col. Kirk Dorr, and all the squadron men and their ladies, were resplendent and inspiring in their Dress Blues and long gowns. At the closing barbecue on the following day, the youngsters on active duty melded in with the old timers. Their children dominated the opening songs on the dance floor, and two pair of first graders even danced the two-step with the old folks. Their parents are the future for the

association, and 5/7th Cav is in good hands. Very good hands.

Perhaps the high point of the entire week was the Memorial Service held at Southpoint Community Church, in which the 379 names of our Vietnam KIAs were read, along with the names of our 12 men lost in Iraq. Maury Edmonds led the service, and Chaplain Don Quick gave the invocation and homily. They were joined on the dais by the readers from each company, including Col. Petery and Lt. Col. Wheeler. "Amazing Grace" by the bagpiper was wonderful, the 5/7th Cavalry Squadron Honors Squad nailed the three volleys, and Taps was played beautifully by two members of the Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra. Everyone on the stage held it together until Willie Mercer sang Mansions of the Lord, at which time the tears began to flow. Larry Allen's visual presentation of names from The Wall added greatly to this memorable ceremony. All members of the association are encouraged to send any pictures you may have of our men on The Wall to Larry Allen at larcane@comcast.net.

The 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association continues to grow, and looks forward to Reunion X along with our continuing efforts to support the current squadron assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division.

Garryowen, Charlie Baker Fast Flanker 3

A song for Michael McIntire

Mr. Skate Board, you gave us a smile
You had to be here for quite awhile
We loved your freckles and your longish hair
Just like we looked when we went over there.

Mr. Skate Board, you gave us a grin
You were not bored before more kids came in
In that regard you had the final laugh
Cuz you made friends with all the hotel staff

Mr. Skate Board, your Dad is so great
Your Mom is also his wonderful mate
And you are still just a little man
But we suspect that you'll be all you can

Mr. Skate Board, you gave us a smile
We had you with us for a little while
We loved your freckles and your real long hair
Just like we looked when we were over there

A 5/7th Cav Veteran

LETTERS

Karl, The reunion this year was nearly perfect. Wonderful accommodations and service. I want to thank you and the other guys for all the time you put into the reunions so we can have a memorable time. I look forward to many more and hope you hang in there. Jerry Pembleton

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Many thanks to the ladies of F Troop for the terrific plant that I enjoyed as I recovered from unexpected gall bladder surgery in Jacksonville. The plant has traveled from our hotel room to Ft. Worth, and it continues to remind me of your thoughtfulness. Thanks for the many words of concern from so many of you at the reunion. Judy Vick

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Well this reunion is now in the books. And I am disappointed, now I have nothing to look forward too J. Thanks so much for a great time, as always --- Willie Mercer

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The Association sends its THANKS to MSgt. Andrew Gibson of the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, in Clemson, South Carolina for his contributions of Army T-shirts, pens, D-rings and name tag straps. Many of our members and their children were excited to receive these nice contributions. GO ARMY!!

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Just a short note to say thanks for all the care and concern shown by the 5th Bn 7th Cav Association and for all the Hospital visits and phone calls from everyone. Had pacemaker put in on Monday morning and was still pretty "drugged up", I think the doctor said "Valium on Steroids", so was unable to talk when you called. Was released Tuesday morning and got home all right late Wednesday afternoon. Doctor says I am as good a new, just some light duty for the next couple of weeks. I really appreciated the arranged hotel room. Thanks again ---- Dave Bland, B Co 66-67

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Being part of the ground team for the Jacksonville Reunion, I hope that each of you had a memorable time.

But first of all, to those of you who came to the Reunion for the first time, I would like to say "WELCOME HOME!" Please consider this your extended family. And may this be the first of many Reunions for you. I am the Marine-Woman Marine, that is-of the group, and having married a Cavalry Trooper, I feel I have the best of both worlds. It is an honor for me to be one of the "First Ladies of the 5/7 Cav Association," and I am proud to be part of the finest Association in the United States Army. To my knowledge, we are the **ONLY** Association whose wives are also members of the Association. And with that said, I would like to thank the Ladies who helped us decorate the Hospitality Room, Banquet Room, bought last minute gifts (some using their own money) and made gifts, for our Raffle. Thanks to you, it was a success!

And I would like to especially thank the guys of the Association for your continued respect and kindness towards me, despite the fact that I **AM** a Marine. But, who ever took my small fringed Marine Flag, would you please mail it to me??? :-)

Just think, a little over 700 days till our next Reunion. Wow! Are we there yet? Are we there yet?

If you ever make it down to "The Sunshine State" of Florida, our door is always open to our extended 5/7 Cav Family.

Until then, May God Bless You and Yours, and especially, **God Bless Our Troops**. Semper Fi and Garry Owen.

Kathryn (& Charles) Skipper

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IMAGES FROM REUNION IX IN JACKSONVILLE, FL





5th Squadron 7th Cavalry REPORT

BY LTC KIRK DORR



It is a great day to be serving in the Cavalry! Thank you for such a warm welcome in Jacksonville. The reunion was truly a humbling experience, and our entire team thoroughly enjoyed the event. It brought to light how much of a privilege it is to be commanding this organization, while being so closely affiliated with the Army's best alumni association.

I can assure you that it is my intention to even further broaden the relationship between the active duty unit and the association over time. We are establishing our long-range calendar now, and will present shortly a list of activities and events we would love to have association member participation.

We are currently in the process of rebuilding the squadron following the 15-month deployment to Iraq. The squadron is fully engaged with the restoration of our equipment and combat gear, as well as receiving an influx of new soldiers to replace those who have departed the formation upon returning from Iraq. From 1 October 08 to 1 October 09, the unit will be dedicated to a special mission related to homeland security. This will preclude another combat deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan for that one-year period and provide a unique focus for us.

As veterans, I want to thank all of you for your service and sacrifice. You and all of our veterans have won for us every hour we live in freedom, and we will never forget. In a timeless quote, President Abraham Lincoln recognized the incredible sacrifices of the American soldier when he said "This extraordinary war in which we are engaged falls heavily upon all classes of people, but most heavily upon the soldier. For it has been said, all that a man hath will he give for his life; and while all contribute of their substance, the soldier puts his life at stake, and often yields it up in his country's cause. The highest merit, then, is due to the soldier."

Some Americans may forget our nation is at war with an enemy that threatens our way of life. But no one in this unit ever forgets. America will always be the land of the free and the home of the brave, because of the brave men and women who guarantee that freedom, the freedom of our good nation. We are profoundly grateful to you, our Army honors you, and the American people are deeply in your debt.

I appreciate the opportunity to reach out to each of you via this newsletter. I'm available to you at any time, and can be reached on email at kirk.dorr@us.army.mil.

May God Bless all of you and our great nation, and may we all pray for the continued safety of our fellow Troopers who remain in the saddle, on point, serving in harm's way, today.

GARRYOWEN!

Kirk Dorr
LTC, Armor
Commanding

IMAGES FROM REUNION IX IN JACKSONVILLE, FL



5/7Cav PX

Baseball Cap 5/7 embroidered	\$10.
Miniature Garry Owen Crest pin	3
1st CAV cloth shoulder patch	5
1st CAV window sticker (no Vietnam)	3
1st CAV Div. challenge Coin	10
Full size CIB	4
1st CAV Hat pin (1")	3
Combat Medic pin (new)	3
Air Medal Pin (new)	3
M16-A-1 Hat pin (new)	4
Combat Cavalry pin (gold wreath - new)	4
5/7 Guidon bumper sticker (new)	2
Reg. Garry Owen Crest Pin	3
Miniature CIB pin	3
AnKhe Hat pin	3
1st CAV Div. Flag 3x5"	15
Raised letter CAVALRY pin (new)	3
1st Cav Hat pin (5/8") (new)	3
UHI Huey pin (new)	3
Miniature Purple Heart pin	3
M60 Machinegun pin (new)	4
Huey Hat pin (black/gold)	4
5/7 Crossed Sabers lg. pin (new)	4
Claymore Mine Pin (new)	4
White Polo shirts button-up with collar Embroidered 5/7 Cav. and Garry Owen Crest all short sleeved, order by size	23
5/7 Cav Denim Shirts Embroidered with Garry Owen Crest. Order by size, colors are Blue, Khaki, Green; Men or Ladies; Short Sleeves or Long Sleeves	27
Irish Green Golf Shirt with Embroidered Garry Owen Crest. Black Cav 5/7 Lettering under Crest. Quality Jerzee Brand. M, L, XL, XXL	20
New Adult T-Shirt with large Carry Owen Crest screen print on front. M, L, XL, 2X, 3X; Colors: white & ash (light gray)	10
New Child's T-Shirt w/silk screen 1st Cav patch on left chest & "Cav Kid" lettering under patch. Sizes: 2-4, 4-6, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16.	9
"Commitment and Sacrifice" DVD. This documentary film follows the experiences of troopers from Bravo Company of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry regiment during the Vietnam War (1970) and the Iraq War (2005), through the lens of combat cameraman Norman Lloyd.	12

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LETTERS (cont'd)

Dear Members and families of the 5/7.

I can never repay the kindness you all showed me while I was in Jacksonville. I had a hard time deciding if I should even attend in the beginning, but with the encouragement from several of you I decided to come. I am so glad that I did go. So many of you had words of encouragement and hugs for me. You will never know how much it has helped me go on. Those of you who had stories about George in your time with him just re-enforced how good a soldier he was even when he might have been hard on you.

Tuesday, July 15th I took George to Arlington where he has been laid to rest. It is the first time I had witnessed a ceremony there and am comforted by the dignity and respect given to Soldiers when we say our final goodbyes.

The 5/7 was represented by Gen. Vaught and his wife Florence. General Vaught gave a speech from the heart, which said everything about who George and the 5/7 were and are today. There was not a dry eye in the group. Truman Hamrick also was there to represent the 5/7 along with other family and friends.

Please accept my Thanks for all you have done for me and my family. It is a kindness I shall always remember. Sincerely, Cheryl Klein

A huge Mahalo nui (thank you very much) from Paradise.

For those of us out here on the frontiers of freedom at the ragged edges of the Empire in Hawaii the reunion was a great success. Not only did I get to see some Delta Company folks for the first time in 40 years but my son and daughter-in-law; both Army Captains, got to meet many of the extraordinary men from our generation of Army and the 5th/7th Cav.

All the volunteers in the PX, Memorabilia room, registration, and hospitality room did a great job. Their hard work and especially willingness to engage the two young active duty members of my family made the entire experience special. Other than being "pointed out" at the Banquet by General Edmonds, I also had fun that week.

As the Good Lord moves in mysterious ways, the event also brought out one of my former Fire Direction Center NCOs who lives in Jacksonville. Jon Dill was a SP4 with Charlie Battery, 1/21st Artillery and was on LZ Tiger High ground in the A Shau with us in April-May '68. It was a treat for him to meet many of the men he supported from April 68 - April 69.

Mahalo nui again for a great job. Depending on life's many twists and turns, we hope to see you again in 2010 --- Ray Gandy, "Scarlet Guidon Seven Zero" with Delta Company, 1968

Financial Report (cont'd)

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Karl nearly \$1,500 for incurred expenses plus the \$500 advance. Don Shipley is owed \$294 and a lesser amount is owed to Jerry Houston.

The hotel charges may appear exorbitant to you but don't forget you were staying in a first class hotel. Your room rate had been negotiated to only \$86 per night rather than the standard corporate rate of \$210. Coffee cost some \$50 per gallon, some mornings 21 gallons of coffee were consumed and the pizza cost \$14.50 each plus everything in the hotel had an additional service charge of 21%. This is a standard hotel fee and many hotels charge more. Many of you preferred cereal, milk, fresh fruit, etc. for breakfast. The association purchased these at cost for the breakfast buffet, making the breakfast even more expensive.

To me one of the reasons that we came up so short was due to a shortage in hospitality funds collected. Some \$4,600 was spent for food and drink but we received donations of only \$4,929. Hospitality donations usually far exceed actual cost and help offset other expenses. I mentioned Active Escapes earlier, but we also paid them an additional \$1,080 for the shuttle bus used to take you downtown and to the memorial service. These payments to Active Escapes were paid in June and do not appear on the current reunion summary of expenses.

The hotel staff was very understanding regarding our financial problem. They even invited us back and gave us names of hotels in cities we may utilize for future reunions.

I usually don't ramble on so much. Other questions you may have may have been answered by other association officers. I just received another e-mail from Karl and his concern is that the association recovers from its financial problems and remains the great organization that it is.

GarryOwen, Royce

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Financial Report

by Royce Vick

Dues and Donations

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Banks	George L	\$10	00-08
Barnes	David	\$20	08-09
Bridges	Larry V	\$10	00-08
Campbell	Danny J	\$20	08-09
Day	Charles D	\$50	00-12
Foster	Raynard	\$10	00-08
Hallquist	Donald W	\$20	08-09
Klein	Cheryl	\$10	00-08
Pschirrer	Richard J	\$10	00-08
Sayas	Jose B	\$20	08-09
Shaughnessy	Michael Q	\$10	00-08
Smith	Steven C	\$10	00-08
Spaur	Bill	\$20	08-09
Szekely	Gregory R	\$20	08-09
Tucker	David	\$110	08-18
Wallrath III	Richard	\$20	08-09
Yazzie	Richard K	\$10	00-08

MEMBER UPDATE

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Baldwin	Bob	\$20	08-09
Bennet	Michael	\$100	07-17
Bortell	Tex	\$20	07-09
Bruneau	R E	\$50	08-13
Buckner	Roger L	\$30	07-10
Castell	Ron	\$50	06-11
Cooper	Moses L	\$20	07-09
Diffenbacher	Paul	\$60	03-09
Dollard	Mike	\$20	10-12
Fortuna	Gerald	\$20	08-10
Gibson	Dennis B	\$50	05-10
Gore	Willie L	\$10	03-04
Gunkel	Lrry	\$10	07-08
Hrabik	Zbigiew	\$30	09-12
Jamison	Edward A	\$30	07-10
Johnson	Jimmy D	\$50	08-13
Koutrouba	Bill	\$40	07-11
Lee	Franklin K	\$20	07-09
Letts	Junior	\$100	09-19
Lian	Nick	\$20	06-08
Lindler	John	\$100	04-14
Little	Irving E	\$40	01-05
Lopez	Ramiro	\$20	07-09

This report is in two parts. You are being furnished information regarding the period since the last report on February 29 through June 30. Don and Karl did their usual good job in locating several new members as well we had more active duty to join. I received a lot of calls and notes regarding the reunion in Jacksonville and paying for the outside activities. Active Escapes coordinated the dinner cruise and St. Augustine visit. We just collected their fees. This was a breakeven task for us. More comments and information for you in the reunion update.

REUNION UPDATE

Freedom isn't free. Neither is "free" pizza. The \$60.00 registration fee per person barely covered your commemorative mugs and the two dinners. Everything else is a labor of love and generosity. I have been to several reunions and this one generated the most favorable comments. There is really only one big problem. We are not only broke, but financially in the hole. When we went to settle up Sunday we were some \$6,100 short and still had other outstanding bills. Allen and Karl had negotiated the contract with the hotel and were helpful in getting many of the charges and fees dismissed. We now owe the hotel \$3,572 but had assets of only \$1,942. Karl gave me \$500 in cash to deposit when I returned to Fort Worth. I deposited this along with a \$100 donation from me. Maury Edmonds informed me he would be sending a generous donation to cover the balance due the hotel. Thank you sir.

The hotel bill is now covered but we still owe

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Dues and Donations Cont'd

Olson	Lois	\$20	07-09
Saucedo	Ray	\$20	08-10
Schlieve	Gregory A	\$20	07-09
Smith	Larry	\$20	07-09
Steuer	Judy	\$30	07-10
Swett Jr	Ted W	\$20	07-09
Terpenning	Steven	\$30	08-11
Tjaden	Steven	\$30	08-11
Villard	Garry	\$10	08-09
Wagner	Harold	\$30	07-10
Walters	Linton P	\$100	05-15
Wetherbee	Ric	\$30	06-09
Young	Clifford	\$60	03-09
Zimmerman	Laurel	\$30	07-10
Total Dues		\$1,850	

DONATIONS

Bruneau	R E	\$20
Cuney	Bruce	\$120
Saucedo	Ray	\$20
Swett Jr	Ted	\$40
Young	Clifford	\$60
Zimmerman	Laurel	\$30
Total Donations		\$290

FUNDS BALANCES

Balance 2/29/08 \$28,871

INCOME

Interest Income	\$73
PX Sales	\$175
Dues	\$1,850
Donations	\$290
Reunion Deposits	\$16,971

Total Income \$19,359

EXPENSES

Postage	\$134
Wreath Memorial Day	\$211
PX Supplies	\$7,393
Newsletter	\$563
Mugs for Registration	\$2,080
Reunion Refunds	\$434
1/2 DJ Payment	\$275
Awards	\$709
AE Dinner Cruise/St. Aug	\$10,730

Total Expense \$22,529

JUNE 2008 BALANCE \$25,702

POST REUNION UPDATE

FUNDS AS OF JULY 1 \$25,702

Registration	\$8,807
PX Sales	\$12,384
Hospitality Donations	\$4,929
Combined Raffles	\$3,780
Silent Auction	\$2,050
Donation	\$10

Total Income \$31,960

TOTAL FUNDS AS JULY 4 \$57,662

EXPENSES

Reunion Refunds	\$260
Breakfast Items	\$999
Bar Supplies	\$3,562
Table Décor	\$905
Bugler	\$250
Raffle Prizes	\$740
Bag Piper	\$200
Active Escapes (Tour Co.)	\$1,918
DJ	\$275
Church Donation	\$250
Hotel Reunion Expenses	\$46,960

TOTAL EXPENSES \$56,319

Association Funds Balance	\$1,343
Deposit Made July 10	\$600

TOTAL FUNDS as of July 10 \$1,943



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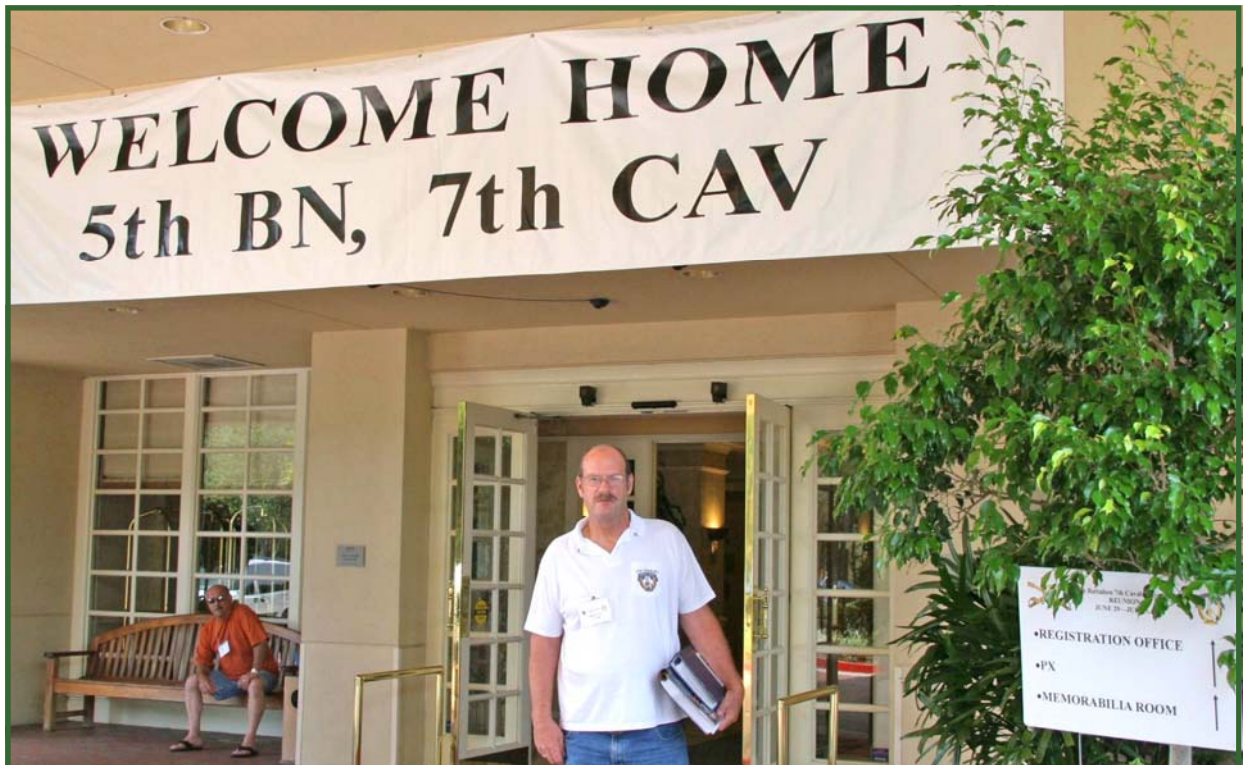
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Here is "Krazy" Karl waiting at the front entrance of the Jacksonville Marriott to Welcome Home our fellow troopers and their families for Reunion IX.