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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Maury Edmonds

As usual, we are ending the year with great opportunities for fellowship and fun. Well over 80 joined together again in Washington over Veterans Day to honor all those who served, particularly those who gave their all in that service. Bill Purdy, Willie Gore, & Ray Helton represented us in laying the wreath at the wall as part of that annual ceremony – with the rest of us as supporting cast. It was a moving and emotional event.

As we hoped and expected, Ted Swett pulled all the stops out so he could be with us at our dinner the night before. Memories, stories, and good cheer abounded in the hospitality room, at the dinner, and at the wall. Again, we were blessed by the presence of several of our brothers who had never been with us at this event. My hope is that more and more of you will be able to join us in the future.

Also on Veterans Day in Bloomfield, New Mexico, another wonderful event took place. A monument honoring Chris (Shakey) Keffalos was dedicated on the grounds of Bloomfield High School.

Chris was killed on May 21, 1970 in Cambodia after discovering the first of 59 large weapons storage bunkers during a heavy fight against the NVA. Chris, a beloved member of 1st platoon, B Co, was awarded the Silver Star posthumously.



Wreath Presenters (L to R): Ray Helton, Bill Purdy and Willie Gore

A dozen of his B Co buddies and their wives attended the dedication. The memorial project was led by Phillip Sategna, currently the high school football coach who was a classmate and good friend of Chris.

It is a great tribute to a fine young man.

Many thanks to all those who represented the rest of us at the ceremony.

The good news continues....our squadron heads home from Iraq in early December, with the main body expected to arrive at Ft. Stewart in three (3) separate flights December 1-8.

There will be a welcome home ceremony on Cottrell field at Stewart for each flight. The rear detachment will do the best they can to keep us informed of specific arrival times, should any of you wish to attend.

Tentatively, they plan a welcome home party when they all return from leave after the first of the year.

Special good news is that the squadron experienced only two IED incidents resulting in casualties. The most seriously wounded, Sp Corlew, continues his recuperation in Texas near his parents. The other wounded are all recovering. Let us pray that there will be no others and that Sp Corlew recovers fully.

Jane joins me in wishing each of you good health and that you have a wonderful holiday season. God bless you all.

“TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY”

by Karl Haartz

With Veterans Day & Thanksgiving Day behind us we can look forward to Christmas & New Years and the rest. Before long it will be July 2012 and we will all be going to San Antonio, Texas for Reunion XI of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry association. The greatest association in the world and that's because of you our members.

Veterans Day was a super gathering with 80 troopers, wives, family & guests at the dinner on November 10th. There were 10 new troopers that were attending for their first visit. Welcome again.

Charles Skipper put away your old dull Saber as the VVA Chapter 430 heard your cry and donated two M-16 replica rifles for our Color Guard,

during our dinner. Many thanks to VVA Chapter 430.

Wreath Presenter criteria at the “Wall” will be done by our members who have never done this before. This does not necessarily mean if you come to DC on Veterans Day you automatically get to carry the wreath in the ceremony. There are only 3 slots for each wreath and 22 wreath slots at the “Wall.” We have to make our request to the National Park service in October & April for one of these positions. I am very proud to say that the 5/7 association (you troopers) have only used the same wreath presenter once, on Veterans Day, since 1992. We do need more precipitation at the Memo-

rial Day Ceremony. If you are going to attend please let us know and we will put you in the pool, (not under the bus).

Canadian KIA – SP-4 Michael J Dunn, D Company 1968. I was not aware of this until I talked with X X on Veterans Day. Michael J Dunn actual home of record is somewhere in Canada. His name is on The Canadian Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Windsor, Ontario. Remembrance Day Canada is the same as our Veterans Day November 11th. Maybe in the future some of you troopers from the Detroit area could go across the river and give our remembrance to Michael. Hey, the Cana-

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Vice President's Report (cont'd)

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dian's might even ask you to party with them.

I had an e-mail from Marilyn Porod, thanking the association for the flowers at George's funeral and thanks to all sending cards.

MSgt Keith Rossmiller, Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office SEA/Current Conflicts Research Analyst is researching the SP-4 Samuel Shimek, MIA, 9 December 1968. SP-4 Shimek was with A/5/7. There have been many replies to MSgt Rossmiller from A company troopers. If anyone else has info please contact MSgt Rossmiller. 703-699-1243 keith.rossmiller@osd.mil. This is the first time that we know of DOD going back to the boots on the ground troopers for info. Let's keep it going.

I also have platoon pictures of C Company, taken December 1967. We would like to indentify as many of you guys as possible. Anyone wanting a copy send Karl \$3 for postage. Guys on line contact Karl and he will send it to e-mail and you can print. Specify which platoon.

Garry Owen, "Krazy"

Veterans Day 2010 After Action Report

Just a little feedback and thanks about Veterans Day activity 2010. I thought this year was special, maybe the best in a long time. Any time spent w 5/7 guys is always a plus. This year we had many first timers coupled with our old friends. And also many of our guys are starting to bring friends, some are Vets but others are simply folks who want to see and share in the camaraderie we talk so much about. All add a renewed energy, spirit, and enthusiasm along with questions and new versions of old stories.

I was able to connect John Montalbano with John Frohm (Frog) about the Cav Patch on the airstrip at Khe Sanh. Frog was in DC only because "Gunch" drove all the way to Detroit and Allentown, PA to bring him and Tim down to DC. What a gift they are. I met Bill Moore and his cousin Jack and was able to put Bill in touch with his E Co Platoon leader from 1968.

I'm sure others had similar experiences as well. But my personal highlight was again meeting the Skrlin brothers from NY who came as first timers last year looking for solutions, found willing partners and this year the results were obvious. Jake is a blessing for us all. This is truly another real life tribute all of the 5/7th organization. Damn you guys are good.

The Holiday Inn set up is as good as it gets. Hospitality room, a comfy zone for new and old. Everyone who walks in got a big time welcome. I'm also sure that since we're such a creative bunch someone will show up next year with a Tullamore Dew banner, challenge coins and tee shirtsand even more supply. Somehow THE DEW like magic appeared out of trees and from behind plants whenever needed thanks to RED and JOE.

Good folks do good things. And that certainly is very obvious when we all come together. Keep the peace. Thanks, REDEYE **KK**

DD FORM 214 -- SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFIT

Please share this with anyone who's had active duty service between January 1957 and December 31, 2001 and is planning for retirement. In a nutshell it boils down to this: You qualify for a higher social security payment because of your military service, for active duty anytime from 1957 through 2001 (the program was ended 1 January 2002). You receive up to \$1200 per year of earnings credit at time of application - which can make a substantial difference in social security monthly payments upon your retirement.

To get on Krazy Karl's e-mail updates list send him your e-mail address. Karl sends out news flashes and frequent updates. Also let Karl know if you're OK receiving the newsletter online. That will help the Association save on printing costs. Karl DOES NOT FORWARD ANYTHING so your e-mail address is safe with him.

Karl's e-mail is: Cav571vpkk@roadrunner.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.

Send your order and check for payment to:

**Norman Lloyd
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Napa, CA 94558**



Membership VP's Report

Memories of an old Vet --- An old friend reminded me this morning of how tough it was and how tired and wet we were 44 years ago in November of 1966. The 5/7 Cav lost twenty-six men killed in action during November of 1966. This was the most men killed in a single month from the 5/7 Cav during the Vietnam War. We lost forty one KIAs from September to December 66. Three hundred and thirty eight more 5/7 men died in the following four years of action. Thirteen more were killed in action in Iraq.

As the Year comes to an end it's time to call old friends rejoice with each other that we made it. Yes I will admit it we have survived this long due to luck, fate, and many times thanks to those that sacrificed all.

Thanks to this organization we are again lucky to have each other, as many of the rest of the world fail to understand our inner feelings and memories. Since the reunion we have found about 30 more of our comrades; 12 have joined the association, well above the average of a few years ago.

Today most of us remember special days and nights 40 plus years ago in vivid detail, but we need a note to remind us what we went to the store for.

Are Your Membership dues paid up? 2010 is almost over, Happy Holidays to Everyone.

Don Shipley

Vice President of Membership



Check out the photo above. That's C Company's 1st Sgt Carfora on the right but we have not identified the trooper on the left. This photo was taken on LZ Baldy in 1967. If you can identify the trooper on the left please let Karl and Don Shipley know.

FIDDLERS GREEN

Tim McCarthy, B Co, '67 passed away from liver cancer on November 25, 2010. The family has arranged for Tim to be cremated and his ashes spread in the Halifax River in Daytona, FL. The association has arranged for a wreath to be part of the ceremony. Following is a letter expressing the family's appreciation.

Many thanks to the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association for your kind expression of sympathy on Tim's passing. He fought hard to the end.

Tim's friendships in the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association were such an important part of his life and he always looked forward with great anticipation to the biannual reunions. It was my pleasure to meet some of his friends when Bobbie McKenzie and Keith Nelson and his wife Amy visited Tim in the VA Medical Center in Augusta. Tim was able to speak on the phone to Robert Van Camp in Colorado the night before he died.

A wreath from the Association would be a very special part of his service and greatly appreciated by our family. I will certainly let you know as soon as arrangements are completed.

Most sincerely, Polly Anne Foster

George Francis Porod, 75, of Menominee, Mich., passed away surrounded by his loving family on Tuesday, October 26, 2010, at the VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Mich. George was born on December 12, 1934, in Menominee, to the late John and Stephanie (Paliowski) Porod.

George proudly served his country in the United States Army for over 20 years, serving one tour of duty in the Korean War and two tours in the Vietnam War with the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry. A number of George's military accomplishments were mentioned in two different book publications. George was a member of the 20 Year Military Club in Menominee for many years. He was an ROTC instructor in Ann Arbor, Mich. and also was an auxiliary police officer for the Flint Police Dept. After moving to Menominee, George worked in security at the Waupaca Foundry during 1973-74. He joined the Menominee Sheriff's Department in 1974 as a deputy sheriff, retiring after 15 years of service. George was an avid hunter and outdoor's person. He had a garden every year and was pleased to give all of his vegetables to family and friends. His interests included photography, woodworking and anything that needed a talent for art. George enjoyed spending time at Camp 10 Point with his hunting buddies. A kind and loving man, George's greatest joy came from the closeness of his family.

George is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn Porod of Menominee, Mich; one daughter, Debbie (Marty) Wellner of Ingalls, Mich; two sons: George J. (Becky) Porod of Marinette, Wis. and James Porod of Green Bay, Wis; four grandchildren including: Jason (Kristin) Wellner, Jessica Wellner, George (Stephanie) Porod III and Benjamin Porod; two great-grandchildren: Jamesen Wellner and Zachary Porod; three sisters, one brother and step-brothers and step-sisters. Along with his parents, two brothers preceded him in death. A celebration of George's life were conducted by the 20 year club at the VFW Hall in Menominee, MI on October 31, 2010 with Military Honors. A memorial fund has been established in George's name.

5/7Cav PX

Reunion XI: July 22-29, 2012



Good News! San Antonio has been selected for our next reunion in 2012. The dates of the reunion are July 22 - 29, 2012. And the hotel that will host the reunion is the Crowne Plaza Riverwalk located at 111 East Pecan St. in downtown San Antonio.

Jerry Houston and I visited San Antonio in September to review possible hotel sites and were successful in negotiating a \$99.room rate for our 2012 reunion.

The Crowne Plaza Riverwalk Hotel has an excellent meeting room layout that will



make for a very convenient placement of the Hospitality Room, Registration Room, PX and Memorabilia Room. The access to the Riverwalk is within 10 yards of the hotel and the hotel is within walking distance of the historic Alamo.

San Antonio offers a great variety of attractions: the historic downtown missions that date back to the 1730s; the Botanical

Gardens; the San Antonio Zoo; the Children's museum; Six Flags Fiesta Texas; and Sea World just to mention a few.

Check out the San Antonio Visitors Center web site to learn more about our 2012 Reunion City. The web address is

www.visitsanantonio.com.

As the date draws near we'll be adding more information about special plans for our reunion week in San Antonio. Until then have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Garry Owen, Allen



POW/MIA 3X5 Flags	\$15
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 Ig. 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	25
Irish Green Golf Shirt with Embroidered Garry Owen Crest. Black Cav 5/7 Lettering under Crest. Quality Jerzee Brand. M, L, XL, XXL	23
New Adult T-Shirt with large Carry Owen Crest screen print on front. M, L, XL, 2X, 3X; Colors: white & ash (light gray)	13.50
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.	10
"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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2010 VETERANS DAY GATHERING IN WASHINGTON ,DC

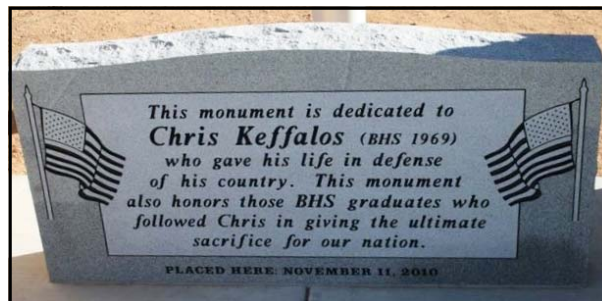


HONORING CHRIS KEFFALOS (SHAKEY) IN BLOOMFIELD, NM ON VETERANS DAY, 2010

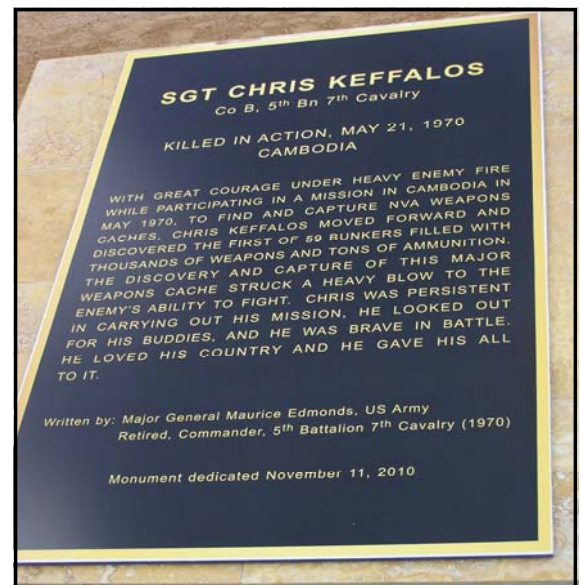
Chris Keffalos, the Shakey of Norma Lloyd's Shakey's Hill documentary, was memorialized by his home town on Veterans Day, 2010. Chris' boyhood friend, Philip Sategna, was the inspiration for this tribute. Through Phillips efforts a bronze sculpture in the traditional military format to honor fallen soldiers was unveiled on the grounds of Bloomfield High School along with a bronze plaque attesting to Shakey's bravery under fire. Attending were members of Shakey's B Co 5th Bn 7th Cav Regiment that were there in the battle in 1970 in Cambodia. Following are photos from the ceremony and gathering to honor Chris.



Left to right: Eldon Erlenbach, Dave Larson, Joe "Doc" Roberts, Bill Little, Billy Woodrum, Ian McCalister, Mac Coffman, Mike Lewis, Harry Lee, Frank Thurston



If you would like to help offset the cost of this project you can pay by cash, check or credit card. Please send all contributions to Phillip Sategna in care of Bloomfield High School, 520 North 1st Street, Bloomfield, NM



Financial Report

by Royce Vick

Dues and Other Income

NEW MEM			
Alexander	David L	\$20	00-11
Brooklyn Jr	Otis	\$100	00-20
Carroll	Stephen	\$20	00-11
Carswell	Dennis S	\$10	00-10
Douglas	Dick	\$20	00-11
Green	David G	\$10	00-10
Griffin	Leon	\$20	00-11
Kuykendall	Ken	\$20	00-11
Menard	Richard	\$40	00-13
Schindewolf	Aaron	\$20	00-11
Schultz	Joseph	\$20	00-11
Simmons	David B	\$20	00-11
Wood	Michael	\$20	00-11

UPDATE			
Bauer	Richard G	\$20	10-12
Campbell	William A	\$50	10-15
Carter	William T	\$20	09-11
Dowser	James W	\$30	07-10
Eastland	Bobby E	\$20	10-12
Espada	Reinaldo	\$30	12-15
Gibbs	Wayne R	\$20	11-13
Hoatland	Robert	\$60	09-15
Horne Jr	Elverson	\$100	10-20
Johnson	Leland C	\$50	09-14
Johnson	Ronald C	\$50	08-13
Kelly	Dennis	\$20	09-11
Kilber	Gary	\$50	09-14
Lynn	Charles A	\$20	08-10
Mack	Bob	\$50	10-15
Perry	Gary D	\$70	06-13
Plassio	James	\$20	10-12
Pschirrer	Richard J	\$30	10-13
Salvi	Rod	\$50	10-15
Schlieve	Gregory	\$30	09-12
Skinnon	Neil	\$50	07-12
Starr	Richard	\$20	09-11
Vincent	Dale	\$50	08-13
Wood III	Parker F	\$50	09-14

TOTAL DUES		<u>\$1,300</u>	
PX SALES		\$830	
PLAQUES		\$125	
PICTURES		\$15	
DONATIONS			
Espada	Reinaldo	\$50	
Hoatland	Robert	\$40	
Total		<u>\$90</u>	
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$2,360</u>	

Updating Your Dues

Send your dues to :

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Please note that this report only covers the period through October 31. No bill has been received for the wreath used at the Wall on November 11. A \$200.00 donation was sent to the Bloomfield, NM High School for the Chris Keffolas Fallen Soldier Memorial Sculpture but the check still has not cleared.

Some items from November do need to be noted however. I came back from D.C. with \$350.00 in funds not needed to cover expenses at the dinner and hospitality room. Carol Haartz was in charge of finances - collecting fees and paying all bills. What a good job she did again.

None of the organization's funds are used during the Veteran's Day Gathering in D.C. Expenses for the hotel rooms, dinners and the hospitality room are paid by those attending the functions.

You need to note also that some 13 new members have joined since the reunion. What a great job Don and Karl continue to do.

I do enjoy serving as your finance officer. The personal notes and thank you's I receive with your dues payments are certainly appreciated.

It's time you started a personal savings account for your reunion trip to San Antonio. We will be in a great hotel, right on the river (it is a really small creek), with an abundance of restaurants nearby serving authentic Mexican food and steaks.

Happy holidays to all!!

Garry Owen, Royce

Funds Balance

BALANCE '08/01/10 \$32,454

INCOME

Dues	\$1,300
PX	\$830
Donations	\$90
Reunion Plaque	\$125
Reunion Pictures	\$15
Total Income	<u>\$2,360</u>

EXPENSES

Hoover's Mfg Co - PX Supplies	-\$60
Mike Rasmusen - Reunion Refund	-\$280
Postage Stamps - Royce	-\$44
Jerry Houston - Gen. Jackson tickets	-\$205
Gaylord Opryland	-\$338
Hoover's Mfg Co - PX Supplies	-\$137
Karl Haartz - Postage	-\$69
IAS Net - Web Site	-\$90
Karl Haartz - Hats and Shirts	-\$681
Karl Haartz - Dues Cards	-\$10
Heckley Printing - Airmobile	-\$1,430
Richard Rebholz - Reunion Refund	-\$114
John Goodpaster - Postage	-\$39
Miami Valley Sports - PX Supplies	-\$180
Total Expenses	<u>-\$3,677</u>

BALANCE 10/31/10 \$31,138





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