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Arlington National Cemetery, March 8, 2011



Full Military Honors for Col Trevor (Ted) W. Swett on March 8, 2011, Arlington National Cemetery.

March 8, 2011, Arlington National Cemetery ---

A beautiful March day with weather in the 70's and a fitting day for a gathering of family, friends and comrades to honor the life of Col Ted Swett the original commander of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Regiment that formed in Fort Carson Colorado in 1966.

Ted passed away on January 23, 2011. A wonderful Celebration of Life ceremony was held at Christ Church Episcopal in Kensington, MD on Saturday, 29 January, 2011. Family, friends, West Point Classmates and 5/7 comrades were able to attend. Representing the 5/7 Cavalry Association were Maury Edmonds, Jerry Houston, and John Long. Following the service a reception was held in the home of Ted and Ann Swett (Ted senior's oldest son).

Due to the demand for services at Arlington the Full Military Honors Interment Ceremony for Ted could not be held right away. Ted's daughter, Marjorie Swett, took charge and coordinated with all the powers that be so the service could take place as soon as possible.

The service included full military honors: escort honor guard, marching band, caisson, riderless horse, bugler and 21 gun salute.

The graveside ceremony was brief and very poignant with the traditional folding of the flag and Willie Mercer's singing of "Mansions of the

Lord".

All of Ted's family including grandchildren were able to be there with the exception of his granddaughter, Brooks, who is teaching in London, England.

Once again West Point classmates and 5/7 Cavalry Association members were in attendance: seventeen 5/7 Cavalry Association members in total including three wives. Those attending were Bill Boyce, Bill and Eva Brown, Duke Frey, Karl and Carol Haartz, Bob Hanson, Dave Hensley, Dave Krewson, John Long, Willie Mercer, Allen and Pat Patrick, Eddie Ratcliffe, Mike Sprayberry, Cliff Wheeler, and Joe Williams.

In addition to being there at the inception of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Carson, Ted Swett was one of the original moving forces behind formation of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association. He worked with Bernie Grady, Jasper Catanzaro and Bill Purdy to get the Association going. He also assumed a lead role in planning and implementing the Association's fourth reunion in 1998 in Washington, DC.

In 2000, at our first reunion in Nashville, Ted decided that his role as President of the Association should be passed on to new blood. We elected John Long as our President that

year and Ted was elected unanimously as President Emeritus. In this roll he was always there for us as counselor and mentor.

When Maury Edmonds became the Association's President in 2004, Ted was right there with congratulations and the offering of a helping hand.

In combat and in civilian life Ted Swett always had time for his 5/7 Cav troopers. He enjoyed organizing the dinner at Guapo's restaurant that was held the night before each Veterans Day gathering at the Wall. In fact he was always with us at our Veterans Day gatherings at the Wall until his health started to fail him in 2006.

But in spite of his health he was determined to always be at our dinner the night before Veterans Day. This past November he was there. What a trooper. We will all miss him!!!



Garry Owen, Sir!

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President's Report

by Maury Edmonds

With the coming of spring, it's a good time to note that our association of 5/7 Cav troopers and families is stronger than ever. New members are still being found, our finances are strong, and the enthusiasm and feelings of brotherhood within our ranks could not be higher. I marvel every day at how fortunate we all are to be a part of this great organization. Attendance at our reunions and at our Veterans Day gatherings in Washington continues to grow. It would be wonderful if even more of you could make our get-togethers.

More great news: our 5/7 squadron is back home from Iraq; SPC Corlew continues to recover from his wounds; and, the troopers and leaders already are preparing for whatever missions come down the pike. A number of them have gone on to other assignments; but, wherever they go, each of them will be always be an important member of the 5/7 Cav. We wish them well.

Several of us were at Ft. Stewart on March 24th to thank LTC Dorr and his wife, Leigh, for their outstanding leadership over the last – almost – 3 years; and, to wish them both God's speed in their new assignment at the national training center. The new commander, LTC Christopher Jones comes to the squadron with great credentials to be the leader of our troopers; and, we welcome him and his family to the 5/7 Cav family.

Sadly, Colonel Ted Swett lost his valiant fight leaving us the worse for it. He inspired us; he nurtured us; he cared for us; he remained a true 5/7 Cav trooper to the end. We miss him.

It's not too early to make plans to join us for Veterans Day and in San Antonio for reunion XI. Until then, all best wishes to each of you and your family. Keep all our troops in your prayers. God bless you all.

*Garry Owen!
Maury*

Membership VP's Report

by Don Shipley

The last three months have been full of turmoil around here. I hope your lives have been a little less hectic. Old age, retirement, and starting a new business with my wife --- lot's of changes in ones life but heck it's sure beats sitting on one's behind and letting the world pass you by. I know several of you had warned me of this in advance.

As the cold months are now sliding away those in the association are still finding people at a slow but steady pace. We need you to chip in. We can give you lists of persons that served in the 5/7 Cav that were from your state and have still not been located. Once you have the list you can do what we have been doing by searching online, making cold calls and asking other members who are in your state to help out. Give me or Karl and shout and we'll get you the lists right away.

Don't forget to check the mailing label on your copy of the newsletter to see if your dues are up to date. Also you guys who are receiving the newsletter online check with Royce or Allen and they'll let you know where you stand on your dues. Enjoy the Spring weather and Happy Easter!

Garry Owen, Don

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.

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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:

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1st VP's Report

Springtime 2011

and some of us troopers really need it. The roof on our house is beginning to shed its winter coat of snow. We haven't seen the grass since early December and that is good as Carol doesn't have to mow it. Due to an unexpected all inclusive trip to the VA Med Center Caribbean at San Juan, Puerto Rico, I have had to cancel my "Run for the Wall," motorcycle for POW-MIA awareness again in May. I was looking forward to seeing & staying with all of you 5/7 troopers along the way.

Garry Owen Challenge coins are back. There were numerous requests for the challenge coins that we have had in the past. After limited begging the manufacturer did not charge a new set up fee, so we can continue to sell them for \$10., each to include shipping. It would be nice if you included these in another order from our PX guy Goody. His address is on page 4 of the newsletter.



Veterans Administration –

You **all** need to get on the register at the VA. (1) You need to file claims for Agent Orange. This will mean that the VA will give you a physical. Don't say it is free as you earned it, but there is no charge to you the Veteran. (2) File a claim for Tinnitus which is the ringing in your ears. (3) Hearing loss, believe me it is not just selective hearing loss. (4) Most of all file for PTSD. Get the book and read the symptoms. We **all** have some degree of PTSD. What you resist, still persists, so don't put it off until tomorrow. Garry Owen, Krazy

Troopers located since last newsletter. I

If you would like to contact any of them ask me for the address.

Talbott	Charlie	Y	A 68
Stephens	John		D 67
Pollay	Jerry		D 70
Conti	James		E 70
Francisco	William	H	D 68
Jones	Thomas	L	E 70
Goss	Richard	E	D 68
Vazquez	Luis		B 69
Davis	Myron	H	D 68
Endrizzi	Raplh	M	E 70
Pratt	Philip	M	H 68
Eaton	Lary	W	B 69
Hodges	Larry	G	A 68
Tokarcik	John	C	A 69
Krewson	Dave		H 66
Pinder	Howard		C 68
Ramos	Jesse		H 69

Letters



I am finally able to show you a picture of the flowers sent by the 5/7 for Dad's memorial service back in January. They were gorgeous, as you can see! A friend of mine took pictures of all the arrangements with her digital camera, but then she couldn't figure out how to download them to her computer! --- thus the delay in sending this to you. Please let me know if I should send it to other 5/7 folks, too. January seems like yesterday to me, even though two months have passed since Daddy died. We are making our way, sad but ok. It meant so much to all of us to see you at the service, and the other 5/7 troopers who were able to attend. A true comfort. Thank you again, so deeply.

The service at Arlington a few weeks ago was marvelous, too, very somber, very beautiful. And we were so touched, and honored, to have the group from the 5/7 standing with us. I'm sure

you've heard by now that Willie was allowed by the Old Guard to sing at the grave site.

Dad would have been very moved and pleased, as were we all. And although at first we'd been told that the guys wouldn't be able to carry the battalion colors or march in the procession, but instead would have to have a "static" standard bearer at the grave site, all of those restrictions somehow were lifted at the time of the ceremony, and the men of the 5/7 marched behind the horse-drawn caisson, with Joe Williams carrying the battalion flag. It was so impressive and so very meaningful.

Love, Marjorie

Ron Gordon would like to talk with anyone who served with his best friend, Leo Schroller, Jr. who was KIA, April 6, 1969. Leo was from Kennedy, Texas. Ron's e-address is trailrider11@gmail.com.

I would like any info about my uncle Delmar Lee Crockett Jr., who died in Viet Nam in 1967. If you remember him at all, I would absolutely love to hear back from you. Any memories or stories that you could share would mean so much to my family. Please feel free to e-mail me back. Thank you, and God Bless.

Veronica L. Thompson (veronica_thompson24@yahoo.com)

D Co. Troopers, I want to thank those who have telephoned and e-mailed me in regards to our fellow troopers and their families. I pass this information on and hope you do the same. Also a huge thank you goes to Mike Pizneck, he has helped many of us file new claims or appeals to the V.A. His expertise is greatly appreciated. Finally if you have changes of address, e-mails, and telephone numbers please update with me or one of the officers.
Garry Owen, Neil Meyer

To 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association

On behalf of all my family, I want to express our appreciation of the 5/7 Associations for the presence of William Litvjak and his wife Patti at or memorial service for my cousin Tim McCarthy, and the beautiful wreath from the association and all the kind expressions of sympathy from many of the 5/7 members.

Bill spoke movingly about the history & brotherly spirit of the 5/7 and shared some of his memories of the Vietnam War and read the poem "Fiddler's Green." His participation added a very special dimension to the service. Then Patti offered each lady a flower from the wreath as a keepsake and when she & I tossed the wreath the river to follow Tim, she saved the its sash to add to our keepsakes. I am so glad she thought of these things.

Having the opportunity to meet Bobbie McKenzie, Keith & Amy Nelson and having received e-mails & phone calls from several other 5/7 members, I can see that Tim was in the best company and I am very thankful for all the time, activities & friendships he shared as a member of your "Band of Brothers."

Again, many, many Thanks to all
Most Sincerely, Polly Anne Foster

Ric Wetherbee is starting his quest to conquer the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine. If you're near the trail, give Ric a heads up as it is a long walk.
Good Luck Ric

5/7Cav PX

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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Reunion XI: July 22-29, 2012



We're getting closer to the reunion dates. Make sure you have them reserved on your calendar.

The reunion planning team will be in San Antonio this coming January to put the final touches on all the arrangements.

You may want to start checking into all the attractions in the area in case you need to buy tickets in advance. For those coming to the reunion early in the week we are planning an outing for all members on Tuesday evening. But remember you have Wednesday and Thursday evenings free to book what ever events or attraction you want to attend. There's the historic downtown missions that date back to the 1730s;

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

Remember to

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

Thanks to Karl and Don many new members have been located since our last reunion. Several have indicated that they will be in San Antonio for their first reunion.

I'm betting that our attendance will break the 500 mark once again. Stay tuned for more updates. Garry Owen, Allen

5th Squadron Change of Command Ceremony

Several of us represented our Association at the 5/7 Cav Change of Command last Thursday at Ft. Stewart. It was a magnificent ceremony – I'm convinced the 3d ID puts on the most efficient and impressive ceremonies in the Army. Our troopers looked great – without a bobble by anyone in ranks.

LTC Kirk Dorr, who led the Squadron through a deployment to Iraq with another incredible record of achievement, was replaced by LTC Christopher Jones, a Cavalry officer with an impressive reputation. Chris follows in the footsteps of the three outstanding previous commanders, each of whom trained and led our troopers through very successful combat deployments to Iraq. In your behalf, we welcomed Chris, his wife Kristin, and his three children to the 5/7 Cav family.

Kirk is on his way to an assignment with the National Training Center at Ft. Irwin, CA. He went out of his way in his public remarks at 2 separate ceremonies to recognize and thank members of our 5/7 Association for our support to the Squadron – troopers, leaders, and families. I expressed our appreciation to him for his remarks and, more importantly, for his leadership of our troopers. Kirk has promised that he and Leigh will be with us at our next Reunion in San Antonio.

Deserving special recognition for his long term service, including two combat tours with 5/7 Cav, is CSM Bill Transue. He is one of the most outstanding troop leaders in the Army; and, he was indispensable as part of the Squadron leadership team. He's now recovering from a shoulder operation required by injuries incurred in Iraq. Typically, he refused treatment until the deployment was complete and the Squadron back home. He was at the ceremony with his arm in a sling.

Chris Jones is enthusiastic about building on the relationship between the Squadron and our Association. I'll meet with him once he gets settled to discuss how we can help.

As always, I was inspired in talking to a few of the officers, NCOs, and troopers. Many expressed thanks for our support to them as sponsors and for support to the families. A Troop Commander mentioned how much he appreciated the large 5/7 Crossed Saber insignia provided to them by John Goodpaster for his troopers.

I want to note our debt to Jody Petery for initiating the Squadron relationship with us; and, to Cliff Wheeler and Kirk for building on that. I have no doubt that we have the basis for a long term relationship with the Squadron....and we'll have more and more Squadron veterans participate with us in the years ahead. They are, in fact, our future as an association.

For now, another overseas deployment is not on the schedule.

All the best to you all. Garry Owen! Maury

PS: Photos are on page 6

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City, State Zip

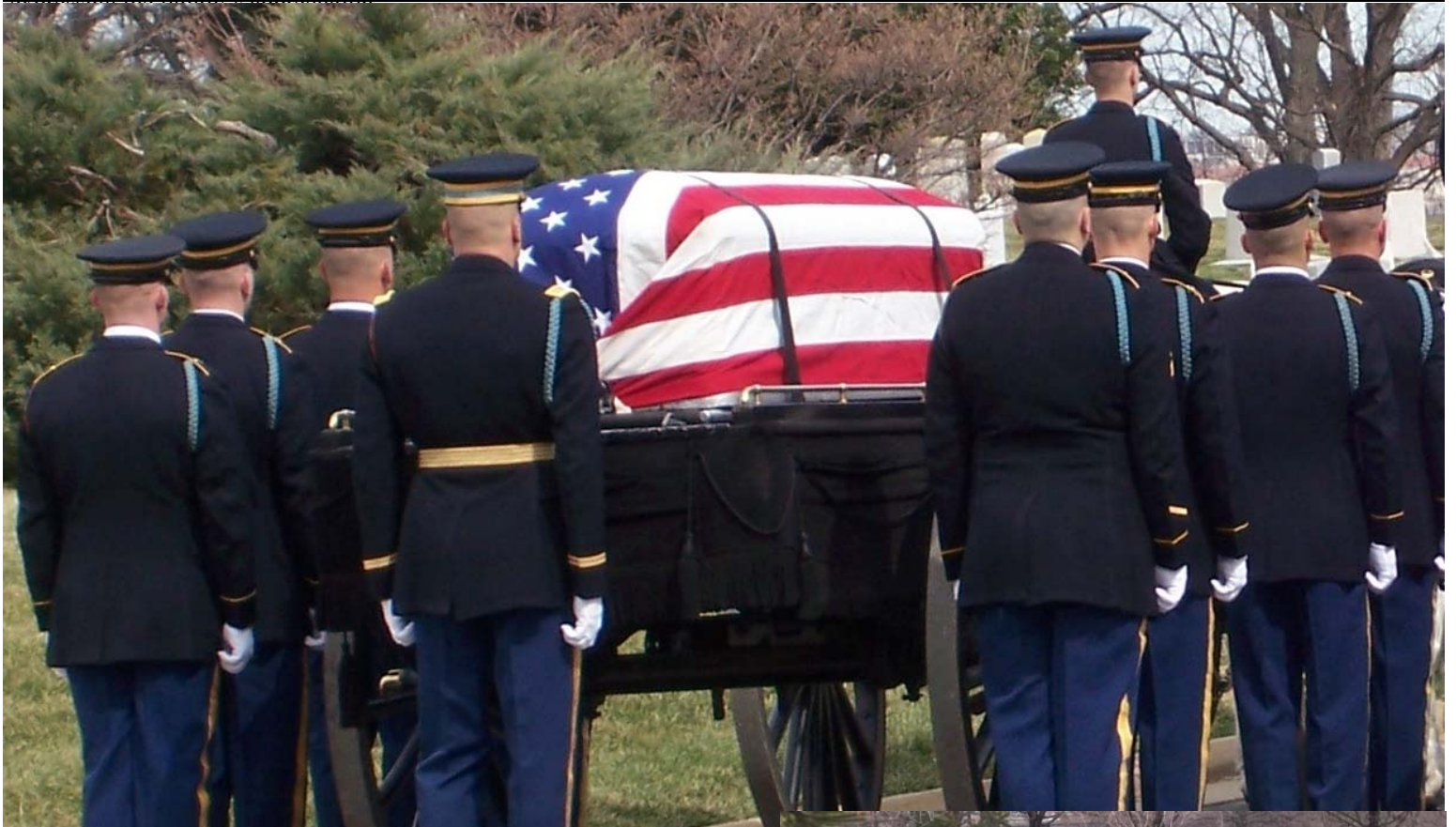


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The sample mail label on the left represents the label that appears on the front of your newsletter. It indicates the company/troop and year you initially served in the 5/7 Cav. The label also gives you the status of your dues. Dues payments should be mailed to our treasurer at the following address:

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Col Ted Swett's Military Honors Interment, March 8, 2011



5th Squadron 7th Cavalry Change of Command Ceremony



Ft Stewart GA, March 30, 2011 --- LTC Kirk Dorr turns over command of the 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry to LTC Christopher Jones



LTC Kirk Dorr leading the Squadron in the Change of Command Ceremony



Maury Edmonds with LTC Jones and Mrs. Jones

Financial Report

by Royce Vick

Dues and Other Income

New Members	Dues		
Burk	Thomas J	\$20	00-12
Conti	James T	\$20	00-12
Cramer	Gary	\$20	00-12
Davis	Myron H	\$20	00-12
Eaton	Lary W	\$20	00-12
Endrizzi	Ralph M	\$20	00-12
Filson	Craig	\$20	00-12
Francisco	William H	\$20	00-12
Goss	Richard E	\$20	00-12
Hodges	Larry G	\$20	00-12
Jones	Thomas L	\$20	00-12
Pinder	Howard	\$20	00-12
Pollay	Gerald C	\$20	00-12
Prod	Marilyn	\$50	00-15
Pratt	Philip M	\$20	00-12
Ramos	Jesse	\$20	00-12
Simmons	Paul	\$20	00-12
Talbott	Charlie Y	\$20	00-12
Dues Updates			
Anderson	Richard	\$20	10-12
Arnold	Rodney	\$40	09-13
Barger	Terry	\$30	10-13
Barrow	Royce	\$20	10-12
Bass	Jim D	\$50	10-15
Bernier	Charles	\$10	09-10
Berube	Donald J	\$50	08-13
Bowyer	Timothy F	\$50	06-11
Bridges	Larry	\$20	10-12
Crizer	Donald	\$100	10-20
Denton	Terry	\$60	09-15
Eakes	James	\$50	10-15
Elliott	Frank	\$100	03-13
Elliott	Michael P	\$20	10-12
Galyean	Paul	\$20	09-11
Haartz	Karl	\$90	11-20
Hoag	Donald	\$40	10-14
Hoffer	Gary L	\$20	03-05
Ingram	George	\$20	10-12
Julian Jr	Claude A	\$30	09-12
Keller	James S	\$50	10-15
Koehler	George	\$50	10-15
Ledesma	Demencio	\$20	10-12
Lewis Jr	Dale	\$30	10-13
Lopez	Hugo E	\$20	10-12
Lumbard	Gary	\$40	10-14
Marcano	Orlando D	\$20	10-12
Mayer	David W	\$50	10-15
Middlesworth	Steve	\$30	10-13
Miller	Clifton E	\$50	06-11
Miller	James B	\$50	08-13
Miller	Larry	\$50	09-14
Nesmith Jr	Vardell E	\$40	09-13
Oblad	Robert	\$50	10-15

Some of us had the opportunity to have worked for Col. Swett. This was a great honor and he will long be remembered. When the phrase "Follow Me" was first used it must have come from Col. Swett.

Financially this is a great report. Eighteen new members, over \$33,700.00 on deposit, \$350.00 extra that was deposited from donations at the Veterans' Day celebration this past November, Larry Allen generating a profit of \$935.24 from the sale of pictures at the last reunion, \$205.00 in donations and all of our bills are currently paid. How much better can it get?

The Association made a donation of \$200.00 to the Bloomfield, NM High School to honor Chris (Shaky) Keffalos. I received a nice thank you from the High School and the family of Chris.

Don't forget that this is a great time to catch up on your dues and even pay ahead as you prepare for the San Antonio reunion.

I recently finished a book entitled Empire of the Summer Moon by S. C. Gwynne. The book is about the rise and fall of the Comanche Indians. The setting is Texas with a great deal of what happened in and around San Antonio. The Comanche's were great horsemen and caused great losses to the Texas Rangers and the U.S. Army. You will not regret having read this book. The book came out in May, 2010 and is now in its' 19th publication with movie rights having already been sold.

Mail your dues and donations to me at the following address:

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Garry Owen, Royce

Dues Continued

Plourde	John	\$100	10-20
Post	Michael	\$40	08-12
Powell	Harold P	\$30	09-12
Prokop	Kenneth	\$60	08-14
Rebholz	Richard	\$30	09-12
Schutt	Duane	\$40	10-14
Scull	Martin D	\$30	10-13
Segner	Victor T	\$30	09-12
Sherry	Dennis P	\$30	09-12
Smith	Billy	\$10	11-12
Steuer	Judy	\$40	10-14
Stocker	Ronald W	\$50	09-14
Strickland	Sonny G	\$50	10-15
Strong	Lawrence	\$10	10-11
Turner	Craig	\$50	09-14
Vick	Royce A	\$50	10-15
Walsh	John	\$50	09-14
Wetzel	Norm	\$30	09-12
Winkle	James	\$50	09-14
Total Dues		\$2,560	
PX Sales		\$485	
Pictures		\$935	
Veterans Day		\$350	
Donations		\$205	
Interest Income		\$39	
Total		\$4,575	

Funds Balance

Balance 10/31/10	\$31,137
INCOME	
Dues	\$2,540
PX Sales	\$485
Donations	\$205
Reunion Pictures	\$935
Vets Day Donations	\$350
Interest Earned	\$39
Total	\$4,554
Expenses	
PX Items	(\$119)
Shakey's Memorial	(\$200)
Reunion Refund	(\$65)
Web Site Fees	(\$180)
Postage	(\$88)
Vet Day Wreath	(\$213)
Nwsltr Printing	(\$1,006)
Col. Swett Wreath	(\$172)
Check Fees	(\$22)
Total	(\$2,065)
Balance 3/31/11	\$33,627

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Reunion XI
July 22 - 29, 2012
Crowne Plaza Hotel
San Antonio, TX