



# THE BUGLE



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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Maury Edmonds

What a privilege it is to be associated with you, veterans of the 5/7 Cavalry and faithful members of 5/7 Cavalry Association. I could not be prouder than I am of you and your continuing commitment to our brothers and their families, veterans who served in Vietnam, Cambodia, Iraq and now beginning their service in Afghanistan. I believe I speak for all when I say we're proud of our service and we're proud of each other. The growing attendance at our gatherings and the comradeship we experience is the evidence. 139 were together in Washington for our dinner the night before Veterans Day, including some who were with us, and at the Wall, for the first time. We did our best to honor those lost to us and their families, as well as to all those who served in time of peril. Special thanks to all you who were able to be with us.

The 5/7 Cavalry is now in Afghanistan, though a sizable number of mostly lower ranking troopers remain at Ft. Stewart. LTC Jones, Squadron Commander, on the ground in Afghanistan, will keep us up to date on the varied missions assigned to them. We are not running the Sponsor Program as we did for earlier deployments; however, for those of you willing to do so, you can send messages and "care packages" to the Troop First Sergeant who'll pass everything he receives on to the troopers. Most will be spread out advising and assisting Afghan Army units with limited opportunity for comfort type items. I know they'll appreciate anything they get which makes their daily life a little better. I encourage you all to participate. Here are the addresses.

For Command Gp; Hqs Trp; Bandit Trp; or Comanche Trp, address to First Sergeant, -----Troop, 5-7 CAV, 1ABCT, 3ID, FOB Apache, APO AE 09383

For Apache Troop, address to First Sergeant, Apache Troop, 5-7 CAV, 1ABCT, 3ID, FOB Sweeney, APO AE 09355

What we want to do is let these troopers know we appreciate them and what they're doing; and that we're thinking of them and their families. All of them are in danger. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

Garry Owen, Maury

### VETERANS DAY 2012

Our Veterans Day Gathering at the Holiday Inn in Crystal City was another great success this year. As Maury indicated in his article 139 persons attended our dinner on Saturday evening. It was especially nice to welcome several first time attendees and their spouses. We even had a PTSD service dog join us for the evening.

Our guest speaker was Howard T. Prince II. and his speech was very poignant and very appropriate for Veterans Day. You can find a copy of his speech on our web site.

The photo to the right shows our wreath presenters this year. From left to right are Juan Gonzales, Howard T. Prince II, and Bob Child. They did our Association proud.

As usual we gathered at the Ranger kiosk across from the Lincoln Memorial at 11 am on Veterans Day so we could capture the whole contingent in a photo. You will see many of the photos taken during the weekend and at The Wall later in the newsletter.

The gathering in DC for Veterans Day continues to grow each year. It is a special occasion and one where brotherhood and fellowship are enjoyed by all, especially the Tullamore crowd!

We have secured a block of rooms at the same hotel for 2013 so mark the dates (Nov. 9, 10, 11 & 12, 2013) on your calendar and plan to join us. You won't want to miss it.

Garry Owen, Allen



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## “Krazy” Karl’s Report



### Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from “Krazy” Karl & Carol Haartz

Sitting here contemplating what to write I am trying to lose 10 pounds that I gained last week during the Thanksgiving feast so I gain them back at Christmas. Up this week and down next week. Fat, Happy, Retired.

Springfield, Missouri, let’s all go to Springfield, MO for Reunion XII. Whereas our members have voted to go to Branson, MO ever since I became 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President in 2000 and Branson does not have a venue that is large enough to hold us, we took a look at the surrounding but not a far away place from Branson. This is how we came up with Springfield. After some research and having Bill & Eva Brown (Brownie or Capt Brown C 66) do a weekend recon mission another group of us went the weekend of Nov 4-5. After much chatter with the hotel we signed a contract for \$92.00 per night, including a buffet breakfast, internet, & parking. There will be a Tuesday night outing bus trip with a dinner & show in Branson. The shows in Branson change every 90 to 180 days so we can’t lock in a show yet, but we’ll keep you informed. If you are not on line and want a downtown Springfield book call or write me and I will send you a copy.

**Veterans Administration** – You are a veteran, so go and get registered it doesn’t cost anything or I should say you paid for this many years ago. Ask for an Agent Orange Physical. Check to see what diseases are linked to AO. If your particular disease is not listed file a claim anyway. You can never tell when the VA will add a new disease to the list. PTSD – we all have it in various degrees and as we retire it give us more time to think of the past and out pops the PTS. Check your GAF Score as this is how the disability rating is valued. If you having a ringing or buzzing in your ears which **all you 11Bs & Cs** have it is called Tinnitus and it started in Vietnam. Tinnitus is a 10% disability. Your Purple Heart makes your eligible for a no cost pair of eye glasses every year. **Go to the VA, today.**

Hope to see some of you in Southern California, February 1 -11, 2013.

“Krazy” Karl – Your Humble 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President.

## Membership VP’s Report

WoW! What a great busy year we have had for the members of 5/7 active and aged resting in reserve.

The active unit now is split with troopers in both Fort Stewart and in Afghanistan teaching and training others the art of offense and defense. **Good Luck Troopers!** (It looks like the Army is getting smarter sending the Best of the Best to do the training).

All veterans are looking forward to the Holidays --- **Happy Holidays to EVERYONE.**

For us older Vets it’s the time after the holidays that is the most dangerous. Don’t let depression set in; get on the phone and call old friends. Most of the Nam gang is retired or real close to that time. Use that free calling, unlimited long distance, hard line or cell. Communication is what continues to make this the largest Battalion- Squadron association in existence.

We started putting this reunion group together at a time in history when the internet was just growing up. Today with open calling and a friendly old voice that we have inwardly found comforting, it may be an officer, NCO, or best buddy, or a 5/7 brother we trusted with our life, we are closer than brothers. I slide and I know from talking to others they do too as you probably do when we can’t gather with the great friends of the 5/7. We understand each other. There is a feeling of safety when get together as no other time on earth.

The 2014 reunion venue is set. You will be able to begin reserving rooms sometime in January. This reunion site has the possibility of being the largest one yet. We are now entering an off year from the main reunion when many will attempt to have mini reunions of squads or platoons. This is great! Let me know and I will get you rosters and help with locations or sites if you need help. I have connections through our 24 Karat Travel business that I can make available. Just let me know what you need.

Now as you make those calls remember the guys we have not located and chat between each other; two heads are better than one at this point. I bet you can come up with something that will help locate someone. Vietnam Vets, our time to find our brothers is getting shorter by the day.

Iraq Vets someday you will be where our Viet Vets are today trying to locate lost brothers. The Army will not help. Stay in contact! Our strength is in each other!

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Garry Owen, Don Shipley  
Membership Vice President



# LETTERS

Cecilia and I had a real moving Veterans Day. We have been there before and this is our third time around but this one really hit us deep. To see all the veterans and family and can't forget those who put it together in DC. The wall leaves an imprint deep in our soul and it will always live there for those who came and those we left behind lest we forget those that are still lost (MIA). We will never forget this time and God willing we will be there next year. Our friends Frank and Maggie Vargas (Medic, C-66) were really moved also. This was their first time and Frank and Maggie really enjoyed it. The facilities at the hotel were great and so was the food - Garryowen.

Andy Hernandez, C 1966

Dear Leadership Team, I want to thank you so much for giving me the Opportunity to be one of the Wreath Presenters at the Vietnam Wall on Veteran's Day. This was a very, very big deal for me, and I will remember that day for the rest of my life. It was especially gratifying to be able to present the wreath with General Howard Prince and Sgt. Juan Gonzales. I was especially close to Howard Prince, as I was with him both times when he got wounded, and was under his command in B Co. during the Tet Offensive. I also remember Juan from those days, and his brave actions at both LZ Colt and in getting Howard out when he was wounded. I had no idea I would see them 40 years later, and then to be able to participate in such a ceremony. I also want to thank you for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Silver Dollar. It is indeed a cherished Memento. I send my thanks to all of the other Team members as well. This was a great occasion. Joani and I look forward to seeing you again soon.

Garryowen, Bob Child, 303-466-9456, [bobchild43@msn.com](mailto:bobchild43@msn.com)

I wanted to drop a note and Thank the 5/7 for welcoming and accepting us helicopter drivers to your reunion. It's always heartwarming to share some stories and experiences with others who were there. Garry Owen and Thank You, Happy Thanksgiving,  
Dale Dobesh

(Dale is one of our new Chopper Pilot friends, who attended our dinner and hospitality room in DC.)

KK Its sounds like a broken record , been here, done that, as I write and say THANK YOU for the effort you and others put forth annually to make Veterans Day special for me and so many others. I know it must get old even frustrating (What is it? 15yrs or so we have a mini 5/7 gathering in DC) but it means so much to so many. The events all seems to just flow w/o hassles. And you certainly have developed the fantastic ability to ask for help in such a way, with that con man twinkle in the eye and smile. It's a pleasure to watch you in action and participate as you work the room. I love ya, Man. A long way from a joy ride... Of course we know that behind every successful VP is a woman telling you how, what, etc. So Thank you CAROL

The 30<sup>th</sup> year activities at the Wall: each year something makes it unique, memorable, better than the last. Seventy degree weather was a blessing. I've been there on Vets Day 28 Xs, maybe the best weather day yet. In 1982, 200,000 attended, nasty weather cold, raw and there were two large Budweiser beer trucks on the grounds. Long lines for free beer despite the cold. Once the VVM and site were dedicated, beer trucks never returned to the site. This year was the first time we ever sat down for the ceremony. Sign of age perhaps. KK had 40 chairs reserved and most went unused. The formal program was well managed, appropriate not too long. I thought Gen Shinseki 's keynote address was spot on." Touch the granite, feel the letters and name --- An instant connection and instantly we see our friend; our peer, classmate, the warriors face, the moment, place and stories appear in your mind". How true. It's been said before but not with the same emotion. Of course he's one of us with friends on the Wall --- Just another Cav guy from the past with a big job leading the VA today. In 2000 when he was Army Chief of Staff (4star) he walked along the paths and benches near the Soldiers statue dressed in Class A's accompanied by Gen John Keane (Asst Chief,3 star) they stopped to shake hands with any and all wearing the Cav patch. Active duty Generals were publicly thanking us for our service, incredible. They paused for conversation and pictures with my guys. I still have it. Again a great memory.

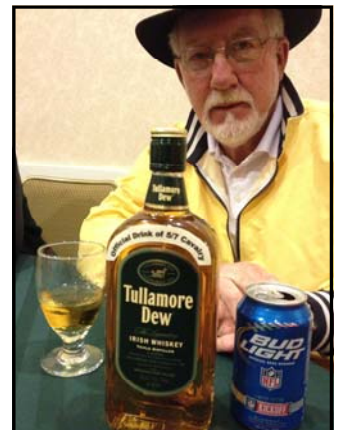
Speaking of Pictures? A Mystery Question I heard about the 11am group 5/7 photo sessions. Every year it happens. This year we must have had 75 or more cameras capturing that moment. Hundreds of scenes, moments and emotions are captured over a day or two at the Wall, hotel, and dinner. Two or three will show up in the newsletter. What happens to the rest? Copies, emails, a black hole, deleted? Maybe we need to facilitate **sharing**, maybe a collection point on the website.

Sunday, late night in the hospitality room turned into the replay of the Wedding Feast at Cana. Many left on Sunday after events at the Wall. Only the diehards and hardcore remained. We ran out of Dew\* not once but twice. Not to worry, miracles happen and we utilized contingencies. Timely re-supply was available. The evening was a story teller's dream, maybe some rewriting of history perhaps. No judgments at our gathering..I just listened and laughed...ok I tried to listen. We had some energized guys who added plenty of enthusiasm. You had to be there. Laughter filled the room. We also had the opportunity from the smoking section to observe a very large and lavish Indian wedding in the main banquet room. Very interesting exposure to a different dress, culture and music. In our small party room, Red, Mike and Norman Lloyd were holding our attention with adventures and tales. Anybody know where FUJI is located? And someone pointed out that the new uniform of the day appears to include cowboy boots, at least in the 5/7 Assoc... Neil and Tim kept me company and safe, Frog, Larry, & Dewey where the hell were you? And somehow we adopted an interloper named FRANK (101<sup>st</sup>vet), a fishery biologist from South Dakota...retired in CO. Hope he comes back next year. Our 5/7 brothers have some very interesting friends that are always welcomed. And they always seem to fit. And I don't want to overlook another table of brothers that were enjoying the wind down. Gen Prince, Truman and Niagara Joe, and others seemed to have a table as loud and cheerful as ours. RED was last man out and closing the door at 12:20am when JW and his crew showed up. Like I say diehards and hardcore....They're A Co guys.

So add a trip to WASH, DC for Veterans Day to your bucket list Post the dates now and plan for 2013. It's another life experience.

GARRYOWEN, Keep the peace, thanks, **Vince, AKA REDEYE**

And for the DEW folks among us : \*GIVE ME CHAMPAIGN I WON'T COMPLAIN - IF THAT'S THE BEST THAT YOU CAN DO - BUT IF YOU HAVE CLASS, FILL MY GLASS WITH SOME TULLAMORE DEW!



"The Godfather of the Dew in the 5/7 "

# New Troopers Found

Warner	Stephen	D	H 70
Roche	Daniel		D 68
Record	Glenn	A	A 68
Eckert	Michael	G	C 67
Richardson	James		H -Squ
Byerly	Leonard	A	C 68
Burnett	Bruce	G	C 70
Barfield	Brian	S	C 70
Blair	John	L	A
Benzee	Michael	L	C 68
Baker	Carter	D	H 70
Burman	Harry	D	C 66
Diamond	Robert	E	C 68
Curto	Frank	T	A 70
Abisia	Benito	C	C 70
Quinlan	Thomas	P	C 67
Landman	Robert	J	A 68
Cooper	William IV	W	A 04
Nascimento	Gordon	A	C 69

# 2012 VETERANS DAY GATHERING



Lane Phares, Red Boulden, Linda Boulden and Neil Meyer



Bob Cronin, John Hayes and John Lord plus Crazy Karl



Bob Child, Joanie Child, Juan Gonzales & John Gonzales

Notice: not all of these new troopers found have joined the association. If you know one of them contact Karl for the address and give them a call. Thanks as they are waiting to hear from YOU.

Ian McCallister, Sue McCallister and family



## 5/7Cav PX

# 2012 VETERANS DAY PHOTOS

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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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. If "3000" appears in your status it indicates we have your status as "Active Duty". Dues payments should be mailed to our treasurer at the following address:

**Royce Vick**  
 3724 Shelby Dr.  
 Ft. Worth, TX 76109-2733



## 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry Report from the Field

Greetings and "Garryowen!" from Forward Operating Base Apache, Afghanistan. We hope this note finds you well this Holiday Season with bright prospects for the New Year.

At the writing of this letter, the Warpaint Squadron is again in the midst of a very busy and challenging time. In July, the Squadron received notification that it was scheduled to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and operate throughout Zabul Province. True to form, this deployment required the Squadron to operate in a decentralized manner with eight separate elements spread across different Forward Operating Bases.



Prior to deployment, we negotiated a vigorous training exercise at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana. This exercise was followed by a rapid loading out of the Squadron's equipment. The Troopers received two weeks of leave to spend with loved ones and then we deployed to Afghanistan in staggered fashion with the lead elements departing Fort Stewart in October and the trail elements deploying from Fort Stewart this month.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of November, a good date, the Squadron cased the colors on Contrell Field with several 5-7 CAV veterans in attendance to include MG(R) Edmonds and COL(R) Charlie Baker. To each of the veterans who made the journey to witness the casing ceremony, we are humbled by your continued support.

On 27 November, we uncased the colors and hoisted the battle flag indicating that the proud Troopers of 5-7 CAV were now operating in Southwest Afghanistan. We replaced a contingent from 1-8 Infantry and are now undertaking several different Afghan National Security Forces partnering and security missions within the Zabul province. The Squadron's ultimate goal is to facilitate the ability of Afghan National Army counterparts to operate independently. We will achieve this by mentoring



our Afghan National Army counterparts in staff and leadership functions as well as providing timely support when our partner units are in contact.

The Afghan National Army faces many challenges similar to our Army, but in a different context due to cultural, logistic, economic, and political issues. Once we complete our mission our redeployment timeline is slated for early fall of 2013.

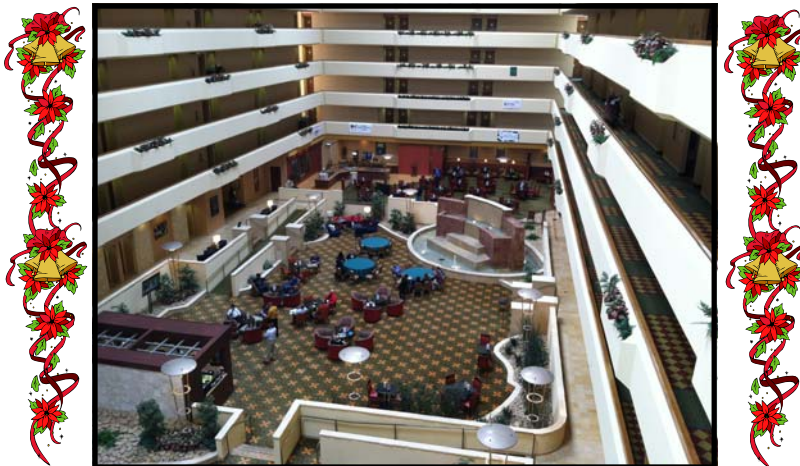
The Squadron is doing well and unquestionably performing in a manner that would make the Squadron's veterans proud. Our performance thus far validates that our extensive train up for this deployment produced Officers, NCOs and Troopers who were ready for the mission. Fortunately, we also retain love and support from the Families back on the home front and are frequently in touch with our Rear-Detachment.

We know the Holiday Season is a tough time to be deployed. It is the fellow Troopers, proud veterans, and Family members of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment that provide the much needed support and care for the deployed Troopers, and we thank you for this support. We hope everyone has a warm and safe Holiday Season and we look forward to providing further updates as we get settled in Afghanistan and continue our work with the Afghan National Army.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and GARRYOWEN!, LTC Chris Jones

## 2014 Reunion Preview

As Karl indicated in his article we have signed a contract with the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, MO for our 2014 reunion. The dates are Monday, July 13 through Saturday, July 19. The room rate is \$92.00 per night. Based on room availability the hotel will honor this rate three days prior and three days after our reunion dates to accommodate those who arrive early or plan to stay over. Below are some photos of the hotel to help satisfy your curiosity about where we will be meeting in 2014. Mark your calendar now so you can be ready to join us for our twelfth biennial reunion.

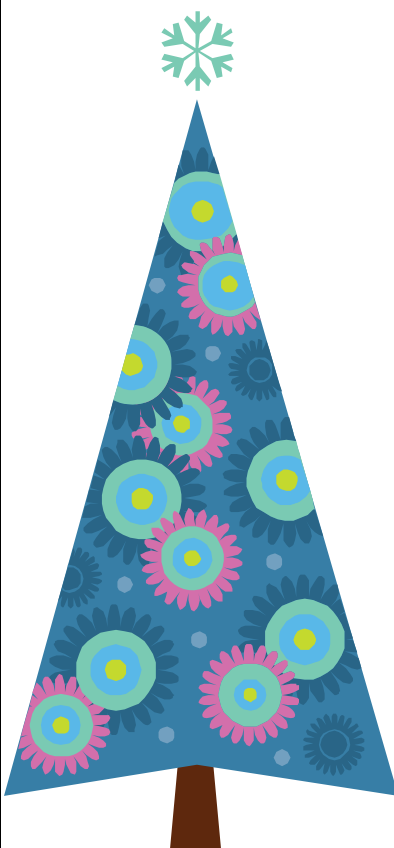


# Financial Report

by Royce Vick

## Dues Recorded Since Last Newsletter

First	Last	Amt	Year
<b>New Mem</b>			
Brian	Barfield	\$10	2013
Daniel A	Carroll	\$20	2014
Carl D	Earls	\$20	2014
Michael G	Eckert	\$20	2014
Thomas P	Quinlan	\$20	2014
James	Richardson	\$20	2014
Daniel	Roche	\$20	2014
Stephen D	Warner	\$20	2014
Thomas F	Zaffarno	\$20	2014
<b>Update</b>			
James	Anthony	\$40	2016
Royce P	Barrow	\$20	2014
Richard G	Bauer	\$30	2015
Larry	Bridges	\$20	2014
William	Cooper	\$20	2016
Jake	DeBoard	\$20	2012
James E	Friedt	\$20	2014
Carey L	Gillis	\$50	2017
Jonathan K	Hergert	\$100	2019
Brent	Hodges	\$60	2016
Stephen	Ibey	\$10	2014
Raymond	Judy	\$50	2015
Claude A	Julian Jr	\$20	2014
Rolf F	Kellermann	\$100	2022
Jerome	Knapp	\$100	2012
Alvin	Krus	\$40	2016
James	Lugo	\$60	2016
Charles A	Lynn	\$20	2014
Wilford	Mathews	\$50	2016
Philip	McDonald	\$20	2014
Van S	Norris	\$50	2007
Lee	Patrick Jr	\$40	2016
James J	Plassio	\$30	2016
Ronald	Pruett	\$50	2016
Orvin	Ravnaas	\$50	2017
Alonzo	Rodgers	\$250	2038
Joseph S	Schultz	\$20	2014
Eric	Sleeper	\$100	2016
Thomas	Solenberger	\$50	2014
Bill	Spaur	\$60	2017
Richard T	Starr	\$20	2013
Wayne C	Swinford	\$30	2008
Eugene T	Szweda	\$20	2013



A special seasons greeting from me. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

This is the first time you have been able to read about our final finance condition since the reunion. It took a while for all checks to clear and funds to be received. We are in the finest financial condition we have ever been. Thanks for the donations, PX purchases and timely dues payments.

I try to keep all funds invested in some interest paying account. With dividends so small, even from CD's, but it does produce some income. Don't forget your donations are tax deductible so you can make a tax deductible donation gift to the association.

Start planning now for the 2014 Reunion. Most of the Association Officers visited the hotel in October and were very impressed with the facility, meeting rooms available, the food and great hotel staff. Don't be left out. Make your reservations early.

Notice how many new members we have since the last Bugle. A special thanks to Karl who continues to turn up these folks.

GARRY OWEN  
Royce

## FUNDS BALANCE

Oct Bal: Checking/Savings	\$9,887	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Vets Day Beverage License	-\$135	
Flowers: Bullock Memorial	-\$154	
<b>Income</b>		
Dues, Donations, PX	\$549	
Interest (\$0.39)	\$0	
CD Interest	\$13	
Nov Bal: Checking/Savings	\$10,160	
<b>Certificate of Deposit</b>		
	\$45,000	
<b>Balance: All Accounts</b>	<b>\$55,160</b>	
<b>DONATIONS</b>		
Larry	Bridges	\$30
Jonathan K	* Hergert	\$50
Sidney	Katz	\$30
DC Vets Day		\$300
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$410</b>

\* 11th Pathfinder Company 1967-1968

**Southern Arizona Veterans Alliance** – For you troopers in Arizona you should check out this web site. There is a lot of good info there and they are a Veterans Helping Veteran organization. Our Arizona membership is growing every year and gets bigger during January, February, & March. [www.soazva.com](http://www.soazva.com)



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