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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jane and I trust that 2013 has been a good, healthy, and prosperous year for you and your families. For us, it has been another great year enriched by our association with each of you.

Now, it's time to look ahead to a year of continued growth and fellowship. Our Reunion in Springfield in July promises to be another great experience with time to be together and to enjoy the attractions of the area, including Branson. I tell you this – you will be missed if you're not there; and, you will miss seeing those who have been so close to you over the years. We look forward to another record-breaking turnout. Don't let us down.

So, there is no better time to sign up with the hotel and also with the Association than now -- as soon as you finish reading this "Bugle". Details are included in this issue.

As most of you know, we lost several of our faithful members in 2013, including LTG Jim Vaught. For all of them, we pray their souls are at rest and their families are at peace knowing each of them put up the good fight. We will remember each of them for their service to our country and their enduring friendship to us.

Jane & I hope to see you in Springfield. All best wishes. Garry Owen! Maury



2013 Veterans Day Wreath Presenters:
Bob Matulac and Bob Hansen; both A Co '66

"KRAZY" Karl's Report

"HAPPY NEW YEAR 2014" – 2014 – Is there something special happening in 2014? Oh yeah, the 5/7 Cavalry Association Reunion XII in Springfield, Missouri. Hope to see all of you there.

On January 31st, we are meeting with the University Plaza Hotel again and all in the area are welcome to attend. We will be also going to Branson, MO on the 31st to check a few venues for our Tuesday night outing. After we check out these venues and make a decision we will be sending a 5/7 ASSOCIATION REGISTRATION FORM, This is not your hotel registration. Yes there are 2 places to register, one is the Hotel for your room and the other is, 5/7 Association for the Banquet, Barbeque, outings, pizza night, etc.

Family – The 5/7 Cav Association is a family oriented association. Old Troopers, Young Troopers, spouses, girl friends (not both), significant others and children are welcome. You can plan your family vacation around the reunion.

At reunion XI we had 236 troopers and 350+ family members at the Friday night banquet. When the old troopers are telling lies to each other, their better halves are together telling the truth about the old troopers.

Hotel Room Cutoff date June 1, 2014. Keep it in mind that if you have to cancel your

hotel room after the cutoff date let me know as we may have someone looking for a room at the last minute. We made this work well in San Antonio and hopefully here in Springfield also. Remember it is your 5/7 association and your reunion. It is you members that make these reunions great.

Register today before you forget it. Again the short term memory thing is sneaking up on us all, but we are way too young to have a senior moment.

Crowds – To those who haven't been to a 5/7 reunion before and think of there being a crowd, don't. We are just brothers with the bond of being in the 5/7 in Vietnam, Iraq, & Afghanistan. Yup, I have had members say that they can't come because they can't be in a crowd. Everything is very low key. If you want to talk with your buddy that you spent time in the fox-hole with you can. This isn't like going to the mall, which I do very seldom.

Gray Horse Troop/Forever Soldiers, Charlie Baker's long awaited book is finally out. It is the story of the 5th Battalion 7th U.S. Cavalry in Vietnam in 1967-68, and also in Iraq in the spring of 2005. In 360 pages with maps, diagrams and pictures, Charlie describes the major operations at the peak of the Vietnam War from his unique perspective as the battalion operations officer, and provides the big picture that

surviving veterans could not get while fighting for survival down at squad level.

Gray Horse Troop is a personal account of what the author saw, remembered, and further researched, so it may contain some inaccuracies from your perspective for which the author apologizes in advance. He also compares service in 5/7th Cav during the two wars, thirty-seven years apart, and gives a glimpse of being an infantry and cavalry officer throughout the hottest periods of the Cold War. For a signed copy of this book, contact Charlie at cbaker611@aol.com, or 904-923-5115.

Internet Updates – With the spam blockers getting more complex a lot of you are not getting the e-mail updates that I do every couple of weeks or so. Whereas I send these BCC (blind carbon copy) the spam blocker just won't send it to you. What you need to do is add my e-mail address to your safe sender list (Apple calls it something else). I really don't want to start sending these with everyone's e-address exposed. There are over 650 association members that are on line now.

Garry Owen,
"KRAZY"



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Membership VP's Report

The Holidays are over and if you have not gotten your reservation for Springfield Reunion you need to do that today. With all the newly located personnel this could be the best yet, you don't want to miss it.

This hotel has a huge hospitality room and lot of break out areas as well as excellent meeting rooms. There is free parking on three sides of hotel; the fourth side is a large building for banquets of up to 3,000 persons.

Many of you have learned from past reunions how great the companionship of old friends can be and the ease of friendship of men you can trust and have trusted with your life so long ago. The women in our lives also get to know a little more about our past and also build new friendships and renew friendships from past reunions.

Although it has been many years, getting back with old friends is a lot easier than you may think. Old photos and things brought back from our Vietnam past will be in the memorabilia room. The memorabilia room is a great place to fill in your friends and family on many of the actions that took place when we were in country. It is particularly interesting place for grandkids who often don't a clue about Vietnam and the time you spent there.

The reunion is also a great time to catch your fellow vets up on how you have fared in getting integrated into the VA health system and VA benefits. Since our time together in San Antonio hopefully many of you have won the battle with the VA. If not, don't give up. They are slower than molasses at the North Pole in the winter time. Also remember the health section of the VA is not directly connected to the Benefits section. The wording of your benefits claim can make a big difference between getting a rating and being turned down. If you are turned down make sure you re-file.

I'm looking forward to seeing each of you at the reunion. It's going to be a great time and probably one of the biggest yet.

Garry Owen,
Don Shipley
Vice President of Membership

LETTERS

Hi Garry Owen Troopers,

It has been a few years since I have written anything for the Association. For that "dementia effort" I do apologize to all of you. With this writing I would like to relate a subject of concern to me and probably all of the 5/7 Association officers. As all of you know the 5/7 is continuously growing and constantly on the move to become a more efficient and totally serving operation to all its members and their families. The continued growth is largely due to the hard work and concern of our dedicated officers, the volunteers and their families and the support of the Association's vision. Each officer, as well as each volunteer member has his/her own life's agenda as well as their devotion to the responsibilities of the Association office they hold.

As the Association grows, expands and improves the governing positions seem to become more demanding on time especially with all the events and activities that occur throughout the year. Although, all of the activities seem to be keeping our 5/7 servants young and vibrant, they do need some assistance and help along the way. Since I became a member of the Association a few years ago I have taken upon myself to contact the 5/7 members who live West of the Rocky Mountains and especially those living on the West Coast. My initial intent was to stay in contact and eventually pay a visit to offer some sort of support that the person needs or wants.

At the moment there seems to be a "shortage" or lack of interest in the Association from those troopers who were in Company B. Since I served in B Company '68-'69, I've attempted to focus somewhat more on Company B troopers to help unite all of our buddies. During my research, of all those who I have either contacted by phone, card or a hand written letter I have only received one return call. That call was from Bill Rowley of Camarillo (Southern Ca.). Thank you Bill. Not only do my efforts seem to be in vain at times, as I'm sure the officers feel most of the time, I know that mine are not really. No returns, especially from the West Coast troopers tends to make me wonder: 1) Why aren't the buddies from Company B, as well as all the other Companies a little more concerned about their fellow comrades? 2) Why not stay in touch a and a little involved? 3) Each of us knew what was going on when we met and became buds, why not now?

For me personally, contacting and having the desire to stay in touch has been rewarding and somewhat fulfilling. Not only have I found some of the buddies whom I haven't seen for 40 years that I served with, I have also located some who are no longer suffering. We should remember that we all served our country during a very unpopular conflict and depended on each other for survival which drew us close. One thing is for sure as 5/7 troopers we do completely understand each other and what we had to endure. We understand each other more clearly and better than anyone else because we have lived it and suffered through it together. I want to strongly encourage all 5/7vets to sign up with the 5/7 Association and pass the word to others and find the buddies that you have been wondering about for all these years.

There is so much going on with us that it will be very rewarding and may even help with your PTSD and healing of your wounds. Come-on get connected and stay in touch with us all. Garry Owen, Jerry Mitchell

Photos from 2013 Veterans Day



New Troopers Found

Last	First	MI	Co Yr
Alexander	Othello	C	H 67
Ayers	John	M	A 68
Barrett	Clarence, SR	M	E 69
Batchelor	Robert	A	B 69
Berberman	Phillip		h 67
Biddle	Garry		A 66
Bohannan	Billy	R	A 68
Bradley	Charles	H	D 70
Braund	Michael		B 69
Britt, Jr	Herbert		D 68
Chandler	Dennis		D 66
Corcoran	Ronald	J	E 69
Dixon	Charles	L	A&H 68
Ehlke	Michael		A 70
Fisher	Andrew	P	D 67
French	Thomas	J	B 69
Friglington	Billy	L	D 69
Fulton	Stephan	J	A 69
Galloway	Bruce	E	H 67
Garrard	Robert	C	H 68
Gordon	Richard	J	A 69
Harper	William	J	B 68
Harrelson	Samuel	T	A 69
Johnson	Roy	E	C 69
Kalergis	George		A 67
Kardos	Robert	?	B 67
Kinnear	John	E	B 69
Latina	Thomas	J	H 70
Lee	Donald	M	C 70
Lovato	Robert C	E	H 68
McCord	Gerald		H 67
McMillian	Wilburn		D 70
Meliet	Michael	A	H 69
Michaels	Richard	G	A 67
Miller	Douglas		H 70
Millerden	Johnny		B 68
Mobley	Zevandah		E 68
Norwood	Thomas	E	H 69
Olsen	Keith	A	D 70
Oney	James	F	B 68
Ours	Elmer	G	D 69
Owens	Glover	L	B 68
Page	Alva	R	E 68
Pankey	Thelvis	J	B 68
Parades	Agustin	P	B 70
Phillips	Mark	L	E 70
Powell	Robert	E	C 66

Last	First	MI	Co Yr
Ricker	Larry	A	C 67
Salkeld	Rodger	P	D 69
Sanchez	Julio	C	H 70
Schwichtenberg	Jack	A	C 68
Stefani	Michael	C	A 70
Stribling	Roberrt	N	H 68
Swinford	Carlton	W	E 69
Talton	Ralph	O	C 67
Toniatti	Edward	G	D 69
Tuttle	Martin	J	D 67
Vincent	Steven	E	B 66
Ward	Michael	L	C 70
Ward	Wallace	N	B 67
Wheeler	Robert		C 67
Wilson	Thomas II	A	D 68
Wingandt	Patrick	A	B 68

WELCOME



HOME

Note from Jasper

For many of you who know, these past two years have been a bit rough for me. Finally, this December I received word that my last test looked very good and it now seems I am in remission. I don't think they ever really think you are cured. I had non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and it was in stage 4, so it was pretty serious.

There are many versions of this disease, I had the one that has a good chance to be cured. Some versions they can't do anything. This past year, I had been in and out of the hospital at least 6 times and in May, it really looked bad. Your prayers helped pull me through and I know a lot of you did some praying. I wish to thank all of you who sent letters, cards, their prayers, and phone calls.

I would especially like to thank the officers of the Association who kept in contact with me throughout this ordeal. Guys like Sgt. Diggs, Allen Patrick, Karl Haartz, Col. Edmonds, and close friends from B Company Rebholz, Leksutin, Miller, Feldkamp, Olin, and others all kept in touch and on those days I felt good, it was a great feeling and encouragement. Take care and hopefully I can see you at the next reunion.

Garry Owen, Jasper

Note: Not all of the new found troopers have joined the association. If you know one of them contact Karl or Don for the new person's contact information and give the newly found person a call or send them an e-mail. Thanks! It will mean a lot to them particularly if they hear from someone they served with.

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 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	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
NEW 2013 Forest Green Twill Shirts / Embroidered - Garry Owen crest - 5/7 Cavalry —All sizes just in.	\$29

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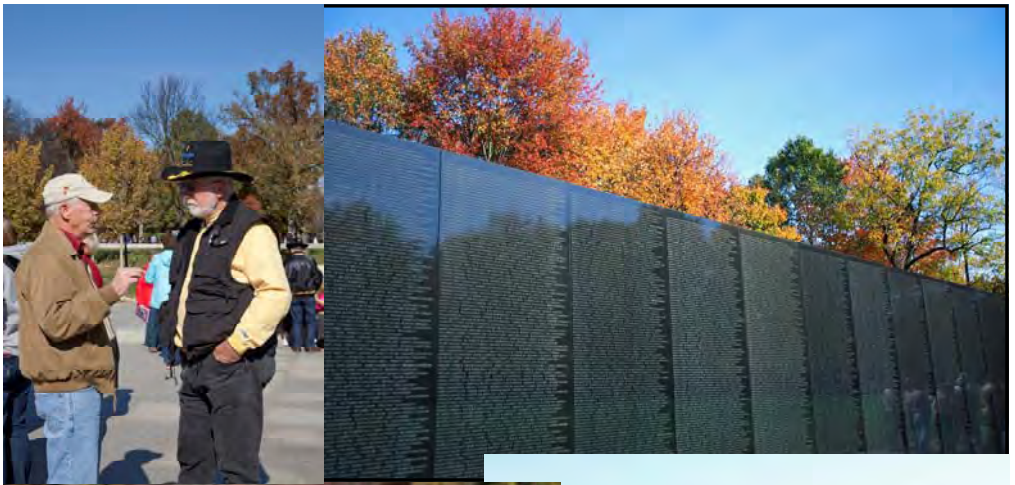
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More 2013 Veterans Day Photos



The **Commitment and Sacrifice Foundation** has made a donation of 500 copies of the DVD "**Commitment & Sacrifice**" to the 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry. Copies are also available for members of the 5/7 Squadron who may have changed locations. Please let Karl know how we can contact you so you can receive your copy. Karl's e-mail is: cav571vpkk@roadrunner.com.

Check Your Mail Label

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

Co B 69, Dues Paid Thru: 2009
 Tom T. Trooper
 Street Address
 City, State Zip



2014 Reunion Preview

Karl and I have been in contact with the hotel management and rooms are filling up fast. Please get your reservation in now. We don't want you to be left out. Call 417-864-7333 and ask for reservations. Make sure to identify yourself as a 5/7 Cav member so you get our room rate of \$92.00 per night.



Map of Springfield and surroundings. Branson is just south of Springfield. We are planning a fun night out in Branson for our reunion week.



Front entrance to hotel. There is plenty of free parking and two beautiful swimming pools. One inside and one out. Our 2014 Reunion is going to be a blast and we want you there. Book now!

VETERANS DAY



WASHINGTON DC 2013

Financial Report

by Royce Vick

Dues Recorded Since Last Newsletter

First	Last	Amount	Year
Craig	Allen	\$0	AD
John M	Ayers	\$20	2014
Peter W	Baltes	\$50	2017
Nathan	Beck	\$0	AD
Gary M	Biddle	\$20	2014
Ben	Cardosi	\$20	2014
Kerry L	Dyer	\$0	AD
Michael J	Ehlke	\$20	2014
John E	Fleming	\$30	2015
Bill L	Fridlington	\$20	2014
Paul S	Hall	\$50	2017
Michael J	Herr	\$50	2017
Lotis	Horton Jr	\$30	2015
Harold D	Huntsman	\$20	2014
Michael O	Langdon	\$20	2014
Gerald	McCord	\$20	2014
John	McIness	\$50	2017
Robert T	Minner Jr	\$20	2014
Charles E	Oliver	\$30	2015
Roder	Salkeld	\$100	2022
Theodore	Salvati Jr	\$100	2022
Julio	Sanchez Jr	\$20	2014
Richard W	Sirginson	\$20	2014
Robert E	Stillwagon Sr	\$30	2015
Chris	Tardiff	\$30	2015
Thomas	Trout	\$20	2014
Craig	Werling	\$20	2014
Mbr Update			
Terry A	Barger	\$50	2018
Dennis	Carswell	\$40	2014
Robert W	Cole Sr	\$30	2023
Harold	Dailey	\$50	2010
Patrick	Dockery	\$30	2015
William K	Fox	\$30	2013
Bryan J	Geesler	\$100	2014
Harold	Gottesman	\$50	2018
Dennis	Kelly	\$30	2014
John	Leep	\$20	2015
Dale L	Lewis Jr	\$30	2016
David	Lilly	\$20	2015
Stephen	Loving	\$30	2015
J C	Marcus	\$30	2016
Robert C	McKenzie	\$50	2017
Richard K	Menard	\$40	2017
Clifford	Romer	\$30	2012
Dennis P	Sherry	\$30	2015
Lawrence R	Strong	\$30	2015
Joseph L	Szatkowski	\$50	2017
Dale	Vincent	\$100	2023
	TOTAL	\$1,680	

Thanks for all of the cards, notes, and "e" contacts this past year. Always good to hear from you.

Thanks to efforts of Don and Kaarl we have 73 new dues paying members. Many more were located during the year and are yet to join. Maybe they will and visit with each of us at the reunion.

Please plan on making early hotel and reunion reservations. This makes everyone's life much simpler, including yours. All cost and events will be available in the near future. Save your dollars to spend in Springfield.

We had five deaths to report on during this time period. It is our privilege to honor all members but many deaths are not reported to us in a timely manner.

The Association made a \$500.00 donation for the Bill Port memorial but the project was canceled and our funds were returned to us.

The Veteran's gathering in DC usually generates a nice donation but this years exceeded previous years. The only expense we had was \$135.00 to the State of Virginia which permitted us to operate our own hospitality area. A net profit to us of \$465.00.

Check your BUGLE for the status of your dues. If you use the electronic means to get the BUGLE contact me, Karl, or Allen for your dues status. Mail your dues to me at 3724 Shelby Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76109-2733. My e-mail remains ravick@charter.net.

Have a great year.
Garry Owen,
Royce

DONATIONS

Charlie	Baker	\$100*
Patrick	Dockery	\$100
Maurice	Edmonds	\$100*
Bill L	Fridlington	\$30
Harold	Gottesman	\$50
Karl	Haartz	\$100**
Vets Day		\$600
Stephen P	Loving	\$20*
Clifford	Romer	\$5
Thomas	Trout	\$5
	TOTAL	\$1,110

DONATIONS

*Donations for Bill Port Plaque. Project was cancelled and \$500 was returned.

** Paver brick to recognize John Goodpaster on the Carlisle. OH Veterans Memorial.



FUNDS BALANCE

AUGUST 2013 BAL: Checking & Savings	\$8,368
EXPENSES	
Postage	(\$705)
Heckley Printing - September BUGLE	(\$1,625)
Liquor License Vets Day Hotel	(\$135)
PX Supplies	(\$398)
IAS Name Registration	(\$80)
Memorials & Wreaths	(\$1,443)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$4,386)
INCOME	
Dues, Donations, PX, & DVD	\$4,059
Savings Interest	\$2
Certificate of Deposit Interest	\$41
Redeemed Certificate of Deposit	\$5,000
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,102
Dec 2013 Balance Checking & Savings	\$13,084
CDs	\$40,000
All Funds Balance	\$53,084



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