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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Veterans Day was originally established to celebrate the end of "the war to end all wars." Since 1978 our Nation has celebrated this national observance on November 11, regardless of the day of week it falls on. Veterans Day is officially a "celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good."

This occasion is even more special to veterans who have served in combat where we did our duty at the risk

of our lives. More than most others we know the significance of the phrase "a band of brothers." And we come together each year to celebrate our loyal and honorable service despite our country having failed to honor us when we first came home.

We will continue to stand together as long as are able to do so. We also assemble to perform the solemn duty of those who lived to remember the tragic loss of all who died while serving in battle.

Over 100 members of our Association and guests gathered in Washington, DC last month to join in our annual observance of Veterans Day. Cliff Wheeler was the man on the ground who made the dinner on November 10 happen with his superb planning, organizational and negotiating skills.

Karl Haartz was always available to share his rich background knowledge when we needed his help with the planning. Joe and Mary McVeigh once again made and donated a beautiful and dignified wreath that decorated our banquet hall and was placed at the Memorial Wall the next day by this year's wreath presenters.

Jake Skrlin and Vince Laurich performed that special duty in memory of all those who fell while serving under the colors of the 5/7 Cavalry in Vietnam.

Jack Thomas volunteered to get our speaker, Doug Cohn, to join us for our celebration dinner. Doug is one of us, having served in Cambodia and Vietnam with the 5/7 Cavalry. He was badly wounded and suffered partial loss of a hand, among several other injuries. Doug regaled us with his recollections of life as a grunt out in the boonies. His humor helped us deal with the memories of tough and dangerous times.

The current Squadron Commanding Officer, LTC Chris Mahaffey showed us what a powerful team the modern 5/7th is and reported how the whole unit performed so well during a long and difficult recent deployment to several countries in Eastern Europe as part of NATO's efforts to strengthen deterrence against potential enemies from the East.

In addition to Chris and Cliff, a few other recent veterans also were present to celebrate and remember with us. We encourage all who have served since 2001 to join us any time you can to celebrate and remember with the Vietnam era veterans.

Planning for Reunion 2018 is well under way and the Board will soon begin site visits to choose the best location for our next full reunion. Please plan to attend if you are still able to travel.

Garryowen!

Howard Prince (htprince@earthlink.net)



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“KRAZY” Karl’s Report

I wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. Hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving. I will not be sending Christmas cards this year. My stamp money will be a donation to the association.

The DC gathering was well done and Cliff Wheeler did a super job. We had 116 for dinner on November 10th. Not a record but a good turnout.

Don Shipley will be handling the updates from now on. The Board of Directors needs to get on the stick and find some sparks plugs to run the association. Don can’t do it all.

Those wishing to send Christmas cards to Carol C Haartz, her address is P O Box 68, Campton, NH 03223.

Sincerely
Karl F Haartz

Membership VP’s Report



Happy Holidays to all.

This year we have had a great reunion; the biggest for the Association ever. It will be tough to top. We also had an outstanding Veterans day gathering in DC organized by Cliff Wheeler. Thank you Cliff!

As we grow older we have proved we keep getting better. Work on the

next reunion venue is underway and you will see more info on that topic later in this newsletter.



It has come to our attention as we get near the end of our time here on this earth that we need to be more thoughtful of our partners in life and their financial well-being. Many spouses have discovered after their life mate departs that the financial contributions of Social Security, retirement, insurance, and veterans disability, they have come to rely on, are not a given. Please stay up to date on your policies, beneficiary designations and educate yourself and your loved ones on what policies and coverages will carry forward in the event of your passing. Don’t wait until it is too late and allow this information to get lost. Remember the old Boy Scout Moto : “Be Prepared”.

From recent losses we have learned the government is very close-lipped as to what is coming for Veterans’ spouses afterward.

2017 is an off-reunion year so remember to keep your mailing address and e-mail address up to date so you can receive newsletters and other e-mail communications.

Also along those lines several have already stated they will be attending mini reunions this year and visiting with brothers as the year goes by. As always communications are a vital part of this a new internet update processes are being put in place to keep as many up to date as possible.

Garry Owen
Don Shipley
Membership Vice President

LETTERS

December 2, 2016

Dear Howard,

Thank you for playing the role of messenger to those members of the 5/7 who knew my mother. She had a full and active life. Her association with the 5/7 was something she was most proud of. As recently as 7 months ago she commented how she wished she could attend the reunion “one more time”. Thank you too for adorning her service with a lovely spray of flowers. Mom will be interned with my father at Fort Logan at a later date.

Warm Regards,
Jackie

To Cliff and the Veterans Day organizing team,

Thank you for putting together another great gathering in DC. It always amazes me how many of our brothers make the trip to DC to enjoy the hospitality room at the Holiday Inn, the dinner on the night before going to the Wall and then showing up for the group photo with the Lincoln Memorial in the background. It is especially nice that our spouses and family members join in too. The camaraderie and fellowship that we are able to experience when we are gathered for this event and our reunions is this best type of healing that one can experience and in my opinion sure bests the groups sessions at the VA.

Thank you, thank you! Garry Owen!

Vince Laurich - - - REFLECTIONS



**Ashau Valley,
April 68**
From Left: Cpt
John Taylor,
County Line
6; 1st Lt Boyd
Osler(3-6); 1st
Lt Vince
'Redeye' Laurich
(1-6) and 1st Lt
Tim Pasquarelli.

**Colorado
Springs, Aug
2016**
From
Left: John Tay-
lor, Boyd
Osler; Vince
'Redeye' Lau-
rich and Tim
Pasquarelli.



A walk in the past after 48 years

2016 Veterans Day Gathering in DC



Jack Thomas, Mrs. Cohn, Doug Cohn and Cliff Wheeler



Doug Cohn and Howard Prince



Christine Mahaffey, LTC Chris Mahaffey & Howard Prince



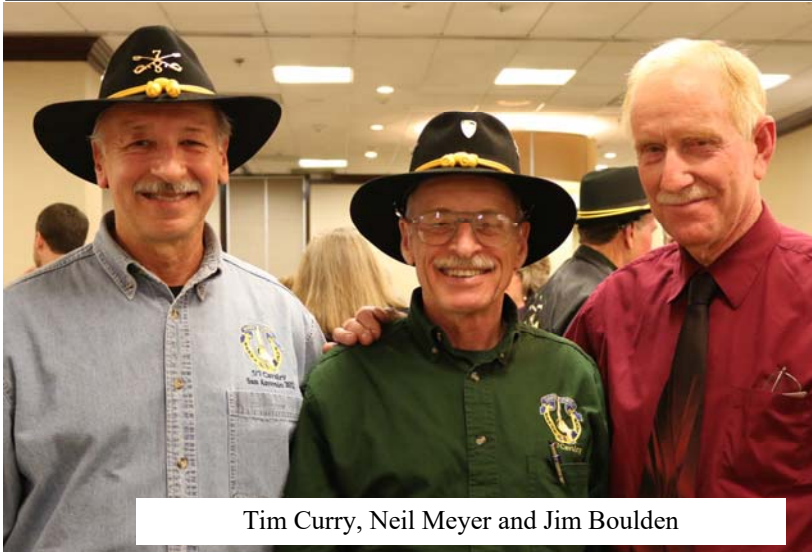
Mickey Matuczinski, Mary Meyer, Lin Weeks and Pam Elliot



Howard Prince, Vince Laurich and Jake Skrlin



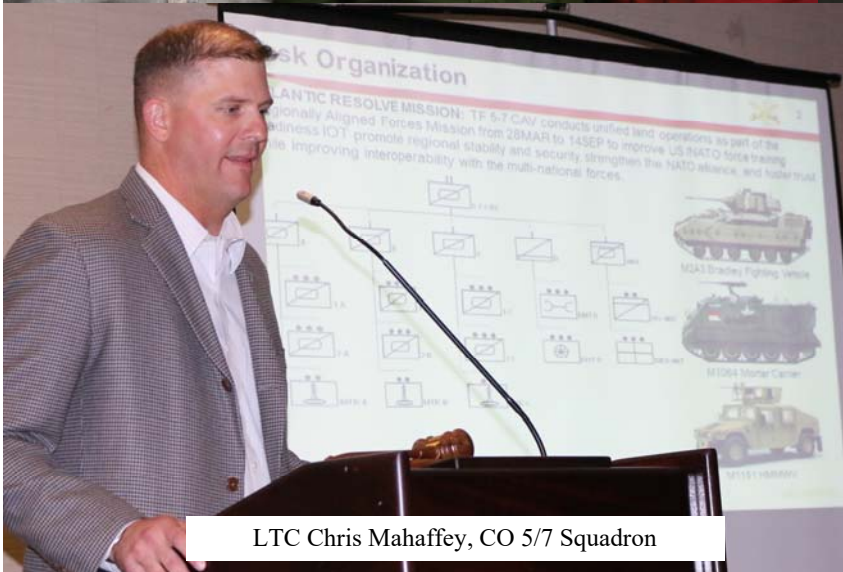
2016 Veterans Day Gathering in DC



Tim Curry, Neil Meyer and Jim Boulden



Sue and Ian McCalister, Eldon Erlenbach and Paige Rhodes



LTC Chris Mahaffey, CO 5/7 Squadron



Sydney Locke and Bill Baldwin



Left to right: Richard Frohm, Tim Curry, John "Frog" Frohm, Neil Meyer & Jimmy Boulden

I was invited to the Washington DC reunion by my brother John "Frog" Frohm. I was a bit apprehensive as I had never met any of his buddies and only knew them from what my brother had told me. I knew it was going to be a nice experience from the moment I arrived at the airport where I was fortunate enough to meet Bob Baldwin and his family. They helped me get to the hotel. Since I was several hours ahead of John's arrival I decided to walk to the hospitality suite. I ran into Neil Meyer in the hotel lobby. Neil was kind enough to take me to the hospitality suite and introduce me to friends of Frog. I was treated as if all of them had known me for decades. For the next two days I spent time with my brother and his friends. I can't begin to tell you how much I enjoyed being with all of them. I especially want to thank John's close friends Neil, Jim, Tim and Duane. They made me feel part of the family. One special thank you goes to Mike Sprayberry. Throughout out the reunion he checked to make sure that I was enjoying myself. The morning I was leaving I ran into Mike. He told me I was welcome to come to any of the reunions. I was part of the 5/7th family. I want to thank all of you again for making me feel welcome. I hope to make this a regular event. Richard Frohm

5/7Cav PX

Item Description	Quantity On Hand	\$ Price
Twill Shirt Khaki Long Sleeve - 2XL	1	25
Twill Shirt Forest Grn Long Sleeve - 2XL	6	25
Men's Forest Green Polo - Small	1	25
Men's Forest Green Polo - Medium	3	25
Men's Royal Blue Polo - Small	2	25
Men's White Polo - Small	2	25
Men's White Polo - Medium	3	25
Ladie's White Polo - Medium	8	25
Ladie's White Polo - Large	3	25
Ladie's Cornflower Blue Polo - Small	1	25
Ladie's Cornflower Blue Polo - Medium	5	25
Ladie's Cornflower Blue Polo - XL	9	25
Ladie's Pink Polo - Medium	4	25
Ladie's Heather Gray Polo - Small	1	25
Ladie's Heather Gray Polo - Medium	9	25
Ladie's Heather Gray Polo - Large	1	25
Ladie's Heather Gray Polo - XL	3	25
Ladie's Cardinal Red Polo - Medium	2	25
Note: Other shirts will only be available at reunions		
Otto Ball Caps Black	24	15
Otto Ball Caps White		15
Challenge Coins	28	12
Hat Pins \$2 shipping covers up to 5 pins		
An Khe pins 1/1/4 "	12	3
A Shau Valley	12	3
Cambodia	12	3
Hue City	12	3
1st Cav Vietnam/Airmobile 1 1/4" pins	12	3
Miniature Garry Owen	12	3
Regulation Garry Owen	12	3
Mini ClB	12	3
Regulation ClB	12	3
Combat Cavalry	12	3
1st Cavalry 3" Fridge magnets (new item)	12	3
Flags		
1st Cavalry 3'X5' Flag	6	15
POW/MIA 3'X5' Flag	6	15

PLEASE ALLOW THREE WEEKS ON SHIRT DELIVERY.
PLEASE INCLUDE \$3.00 POSTAGE ON HATS & ON SMALL ITEM ORDERS AND \$5.00 ON ALL SHIRT ORDERS.

Attention: Please contact John Goodpaster for, pins and flags. For shirts, hats and challenge coins contact Bob Child. Check out available inventory on this page.

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2018 Reunion Venue Research

Our members voted on several 2018 reunion venue sites during our Colorado Springs reunion at the Hotel Elegante. The three sites gaining the most votes included Myrtle Beach (1st Place), Pittsburgh (2nd place) and San Antonio (3rd place).

Since returning home the three venues have been contacted and each was provided a copy of our site criteria that included our need to obtain an affordable room rate, good timing during the summer months and a hospitality room large enough to allow our group to gather as well as serve our own beverages.

Three major properties in Myrtle Beach made proposals but unfortunately all were in the \$240 plus range for room rates. Rates had the potential to be lower if we would agree to reunion timing later in September / October time period but we chose not to pursue those options as it placed our families with children and grandchildren in a difficult situation as that timing interfered with school operating schedules.

The Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square submitted a favorable proposal that appears to meet the majority of our site criteria. Based on the positive nature of the Sheraton's proposal the Reunion planning team has scheduled a site visit on January 16, 2017 to check out the hotel's facilities and confirm whether or not the hotel can become the selected site for our 2018 reunion.

If Pittsburgh does not work out we'll move on to investigate what San Antonio might be able to offer.

Our members will be notified of the results of the site visit by e-mail and an update on reunion site selection will be included in the next newsletter.

The reunion planning team includes Howard Prince, Karl Haartz, Don Shipley, Jerry Houston, and Allen Patrick. Dolores and Walt Zimmerman will also be joining the site visit as they live nearby.

Stay tuned for an update in mid-January.

Garry Owen, Allen Patrick

Origin of Veterans Day

On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, was declared between the Allied nations and Germany in the First World War, then known as "the Great War." Commemorated as Armistice Day beginning the following year, November 11th became a legal federal holiday in the United States in 1938. In the aftermath of World War II and the Korean War, Armistice Day became Veterans Day, a holiday dedicated to American veterans of all wars.

Though the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, November 11 remained in the public imagination as the date that marked the end of the Great War. In November 1919, U.S. President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. The day's observation included parades and public gatherings, as well as a brief pause in business activities at 11 a.m.

On November 11, 1921, an unidentified American soldier killed in the war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, D.C.; the U.S. Congress had declared the day a legal federal holiday in honor of all those who participated in the war. On the same day the previous year, unidentified soldiers were laid to rest at Westminster Abbey in London and at the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

Check Your Mail Label

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

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:
Dick Baker
PO Box 291
Bristol, NH 03222-0291

Financial Report

by Dick Baker

Account Balance

September Balance \$79,346.15

Income

Dues \$990.00

PX Sales \$245.00

Donations \$100.00

Interest \$75.17

Expenses

Veterans Day in D.C. (\$321.73)

Reunion Refund (\$125.00)

October Bugle (\$1,120.10)

Bank Checks (\$25.95)

November Balance \$79,163.54

Dues Received

Lawrence Sarginson \$ 40.00 2019-2022

Edward Peltier \$ 50.00 2016-2020

Michael Elliott \$ 20.00 2017-2018

John Walsh \$ 50.00 2015-2019

Donald Boyd \$ 30.00 2015-2017

Bruce Roberson \$ 60.00 2015-2020

Larry Miller \$ 50.00 2015-2019

Jerome Knapp \$ 100.00 2013-2022

Richard Griffin \$ 50.00 2017-2021

Neil Wirgu \$ 20.00 2015-2016

Kenneth Frolek \$ 100.00 2015-2024

Dale Anderson \$ 50.00 2013-2017

Craig Turner \$ 100.00 2015-2024

Larry Strong \$ 40.00 2016-2019

Parker Wood \$ 70.00 2015-2021

Jeffrey Kahler \$ 100.00 2013-2022

Alan Bruns \$ 40.00 2016-2019

Donald Berube \$ 20.00 2017-2018

Total \$ 990.00

Donations

Parker Wood \$100.00

The first few months in the position have been rewarding and help keep me busy. Just a

reminder that Dues are \$10 per year and the check should be made out to 5th 7th Cav Assoc.

Thru mid April checks or mail can be sent to 13543 W Sky Hawk Drive, Sun City West AZ 85375

If mailed to PO Box 291, Bristol NH 03222, it will be forwarded to AZ.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone!

Garry Owen,

Dick Baker





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2016 Veterans Day
Wreath Bearers;
Vince Laurich and Jake
Skrlin joined by
"Niagara" Joe, Jake's
brother.

Many memories and time with great people always makes my Veterans Day in DC special. Since 1982 dedication, 33 yrs, creates quite a few special moments. This year was no exception and very emotional. I had the honor of representing the 5/7th along with Jake, an amazing trooper from the Shakey's Hill era. He had family and friends with him and a cheering section from Niagara Falls, NY.

Vince Laurich