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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Only a few of our members were able to attend the ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial Wall this past Memorial Day, but we still were well represented by a small group that presented our Association's wreath to honor our fallen brothers-in-arms. The wreath was once again made and donated by Mary and Joe McVeigh, who was also a wreath bearer for the seventh time, along with Joe VanderVeen. Cliff Wheeler coordinated the event and insured we kept the faith with our representation.

Veterans Day is on Monday, November 11 this year and we hope you will plan to join those who will gather to celebrate our service and our status as veterans at our banquet dinner on Sunday evening, November 10, before we go to the Wall the next day to remember those who never came home but whose memory we have a duty to keep alive.

Looking even further ahead, we are just a year away from our next reunion which is going to be another great chance to see old friends and remember lost brothers in arms in a great vacation spot in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Our planning team got us a great nightly rate at a classic resort hotel, so take advantage and stay the whole week. The details you need to know are elsewhere in this newsletter so start making plans now by booking your hotel rooms.

We are a special band of brothers who answered our country's call to duty when that wasn't easy or popular. Despite what many Americans have been taught, our cause was a noble one, that of freedom from domination by a totalitarian Communist regime that imposed itself by armed force against the will of the people of South Vietnam. It is a tragedy that our country lost sight of why we were there, but we must never doubt that we fought for freedom from oppression. Perhaps the best evidence is that more than 1.6 million South Vietnamese resettled in the US between 1975 and 1997 because they didn't want to live under a Communist dictatorship.

I am proud to have served the cause of freedom with our great battalion and I hope you are too---

Garryowen! Howard

1st Vice President's Report



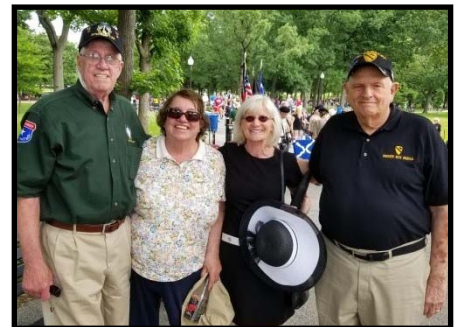
Joe McVeigh and Joe VanderVeen

Greetings to all former and current 5/7 Cav Troopers and families!

I was proud to be joined here in Washington DC by Joe and Mary McVeigh and by Joe and Marcia VanderVeen this past Memorial Day. Our Association was once again chosen to be represented at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund ceremony and wreath laying at the Wall.

Once again, Mary made the beautiful wreath (as she has for several years now) and both Joes honored us by presenting the wreath at the end of the official festivities. Our heartfelt thanks to Joe, Marcia, Joe and Mary for making this event so special.

In 5th Squadron news, we have a new Commander down in Ft. Stewart. On May 31st, LTC John Horning turned over the Squadron colors to LTC Adam Latham in a ceremony on Cottrell Field. MG (Ret) Larry Budge and his wife Connie



Joe & Mary McVeigh and Marcia & Joe VanderVeen

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1st Vice President's Report (cont'd)



MG (R) Larry Budge & LTC Adam Latham

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and Bob Baldwin and his family joined me in representing the Association, welcoming LTC Latham and his family to the 5-7 Cavalry family, and thanking LTC Horning and his wife Michelle for their dedicated service to the Troopers over the past two years.

I was especially pleased to be joined by Command Sergeant Major (Retired) Bill Transue at the ceremony, and the Troopers looked spectacular.

We wish LTC Latham all the best as he takes over the reins of the Squadron, and we wish LTC Horning and Michelle continued success as they move on to Fort Polk, LA.

I'd also like to congratulate a couple of other members of the 5th Squadron on reaching career milestones. Chaplain (Major) Mijikai Mason and Major Martin Anders have recently been selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. Mij served as the Warpaint Chaplain from 2004-2008 and deployed with the Squadron twice to Iraq. Martin served as an Assistant S3 and ran our Iraqi Police training program in 2007-2008.

Additionally, congratulations to LTC Steve Jackowski for taking command of 2-8 Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division at Ft. Hood on May 29th. Steve served as the Squadron S4 and the Commander of A Troop from 2006-2009, in Iraq and Ft. Stewart.

Veterans Day is just around the corner and the Holiday Inn is taking reservations! We were able to secure another 3-year contract with the Holiday Inn this winter with only a small increase in room and meal rates. I expect to publish menu choices and start taking orders in late August. But don't wait to make your reservations! The toll free phone number for booking with the hotel is 1-888-294-5059 or you can call direct to the hotel at 703-684-7200. In order to receive the contracted rate, you must identify yourself as a member of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association when making the reservation. Or you can book online using the reservation link, **Reservation Link: [5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Assn](#)**

Keep the advice and suggestions coming. I'm proud to be a part of this great special group. GarryOwen!

Cliff Wheeler



COL (R) Cliff Wheeler and CSM (R) Bill Transue



Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject to the monarch of Britain and were now united, free, and independent states.

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Emeritus Corner

Scribblings by "Krazy" Karl

IN THE CORNER AGAIN!!! I was surprised when the last newsletter arrived, and Allen had created the "Emeritus Corner." In this corner I get to wear a Stetson and not the usual dunce cap. Some of you probably disagree with me. As you read this I will be hobbling around on crutches for the month of July as I am having knee surgery to repair my ACL, meniscus and a couple other things which I can't spell (even with spell check).

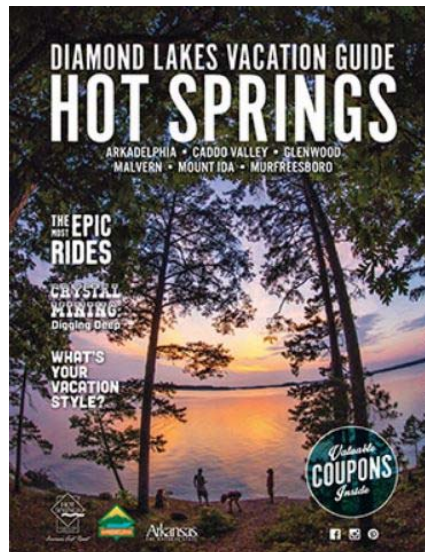
Don't forget Veterans Day. Get those reservations done ASAP. If you want to be one of the Wreath Presenters contact Cliff.

The Hot Springs Reunion is just a year away and it is time to get the reservations for rooms done. When making your reservations please note if you are planning to attend the BBQ on Saturday July 25, 2020, your check out date will be Sunday July 26, 2020. The sooner you make your reservation the more leverage we have with the hotel and they have been very accommodating. Don't forget to order a Hot Springs vacation guide. You can do it online. (<https://www.hotspings.org/vacation-guide/>).

Hope you all enjoy a long hot summer.

Garry Owen,
"Krazy" Karl

HOT SPRINGS VISITORS GUIDE



Start planning your trip this instant. Virtually flip through the pages of the guide and find all kinds of useful information on things to do and see in Hot Springs and surrounding areas, [all you have to do is click.](#)

By requesting this **Hot Springs Vacation Package** you will receive a fact-filled guide that includes information on lodging, dining, attractions, bathing facilities, and a calendar of events for the present year. You'll also receive a Spa Bucks Discount Coupon Book with over 30 money saving discounts at area hotels, restaurants, shops, and attractions! Weekly Destination Hot Springs newsletters containing information about upcoming events and exciting Hot Springs news will be sent to your email.

Fiddlers Green

Bill Hussong's wife Ann passed on June 10. Bill served with the 5/7 1967-68 as the CO of Alpha Company under LTC Wickham and LTC Long and as the S4 under LTC Vaught. Bill's home is in Moore, Oklahoma.

Vincent Mesa passed on May 26, Vince was with C Company in the original 5/7 group to arrive in Vietnam. Vince's home was in Martinsburg, WV.

Barry Gabbert passed in May. Barry was a member of B Company in the original 5/7 group to arrive in Vietnam. Barry's last address of record was Conroe, Texas.

Steven Lynn Robinson, age 73 passed on April 22, 2019. Steve, a Vietnam Veteran, was the 3rd Brigade Combat Photographer and was with the 5/7 Cavalry in 1968 for the Tet Offensive. He also was the photographer that went to Puerto Rico to photograph the family of our MOH recipient, Hector Santiago-Colon.

James Harmon, C Company, 1st Platoon, August 1966 to August 1967. Passed away in May 2019.

Squadron Trooper Travis Molitor passed away February 21. Travis was a mechanic in D Troop (Support) from 2008 – 2012).

Squadron Trooper Joshua Seavert (C Troop, 5th Squadron) was a victim of homicide in Lawton, OK January 2019. Joshua served in the 5/7 from April 2006 until 2011. Joshua served two tours in Iraq.

CSM (R) Charles L. "Mac" McQuerry passed on 6/5/2018. He served as the Battalion Sergeant Major from July '67 to July '68.

5th Squadron 7th Cavalry Commander Letter of Introduction



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HEADQUARTERS, 3RD INFANTRY DIVISION AND FORT STEWART
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Subject: Letter of Introduction to the 5-7CAV Association

May 31, 2019

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Greetings to the Association! My name is Adam F. Latham, originally of Pittsfield, MA, and I have been blessed to take command of this historic unit today on the 31st of May. My wife Heather, our children, and I are absolutely thrilled to join the Warpaint Family and continue the legacy that the Hornings have left us. I couldn't have asked for a better transition from a classier Cavalryman, and I'm excited for this opportunity.

It's a busy time for the Squadron! Aside from the command transition, it's the summer move cycle – meaning many of our leaders and Soldiers will be moving on to new opportunities elsewhere in the Army. Even so, the Marne Express stops for no one. We've completed Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) fielding, and by the time you read this, all of our upgrades to our M1A2 Tank and M2A2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle fleet will be complete. We will be spending the remainder of the month of June conducting training on individual Soldier skills, thorough services and maintenance of our equipment, and culminating with starting Scout Squad live-fire exercises as we prepare the Squadron for Platoon and Troop collective training this fall. Winter brings us back to the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, CA for a rotation in the desert showing off the dash, daring, and professionalism of the Warpaint Troopers! Much to do!

On top of all that, many of the Squadron's key leaders are currently at the United States Military Academy at West Point conducting summer training for some of the Army's future platoon leaders. An excellent opportunity for some of our lieutenants to hone their own skills by coaching, teaching, and mentoring the next generation. They will rotate through this duty from mid-May to the beginning of August, coming back just in time to catch the next round of gunnery and train-up for collective training.

If your journeys bring you to the Fort Stewart area, or if you ever have any questions about what the Squadron is up to, the Association is part of our team. Please don't hesitate to send me an email and I will be happy to answer, accommodate a visit to the headquarters, or an opportunity to chat with our Troopers. I can be reached at adam.f.latham.mil@mail.mil. All the best for this summer!

[GARRY OWEN! SEVENTH FIRST!](#)

ADAM F. LATHAM
LTC, AR
Commanding

Letters

To 5/7 Cav Veterans from Vietnam,

My name is Michael Strand. I have been researching the history of a PFC Jesse Samaripa. I am with the American Legion and am starting a new post in Manor, TX. It is possible that the post will be named for Jesse and I was hoping you might be able to assist me in getting more information about his time in Vietnam. He was assigned to 1st Cav, 5th Bn, 7th Cav, B Co. and was KIA on November 2, 1966. I am hoping to be able to contact any comrades he may have served with. If you or know of him or might know someone who would, would you please forward my contact email to them.

Michael H. Strand - jailboss911@gmail.com

Received a letter from Linda Thomasma . . . She is searching for info from troopers who may have served with her brother, Billy Ebel, Billy was in A Company, 1968. He was KIA on November 26, 1968. If you have info or photos that may help, please e-mail her at the following address: linda_thomasma@yahoo.com

To the Veterans of the 5/7 Cavalry Association:

For over 15 years Dr. Howard Prince has led an undergraduate student leadership conference at the University of Texas in Austin. Each year over 180 undergraduate students, representing schools from across the United States and Mexico, attend the three day conference to learn about becoming a better leader. Eleven graduate students from the University of Texas are selected and mentored by Dr. Prince to be team leaders for the undergraduates. It is truly an amazing three days of learning for the undergraduates and three months of growth for the team leaders. In appreciation for bringing us along on this year's leadership journey, the 11 graduate students wish to provide a small gift back to Dr. Prince and your organization which we know means so much to him personally. We hope that our donation to the 5/7 Cavalry Association shows our appreciation for you and the leadership that Dr. Prince has shown us. We thank you for your service to this nation and everything that you continue to do.

Sincerely,
Team Leaders



2020 Reunion: The Arlington Hotel Resort and Spa, Hot Spring Arkansas

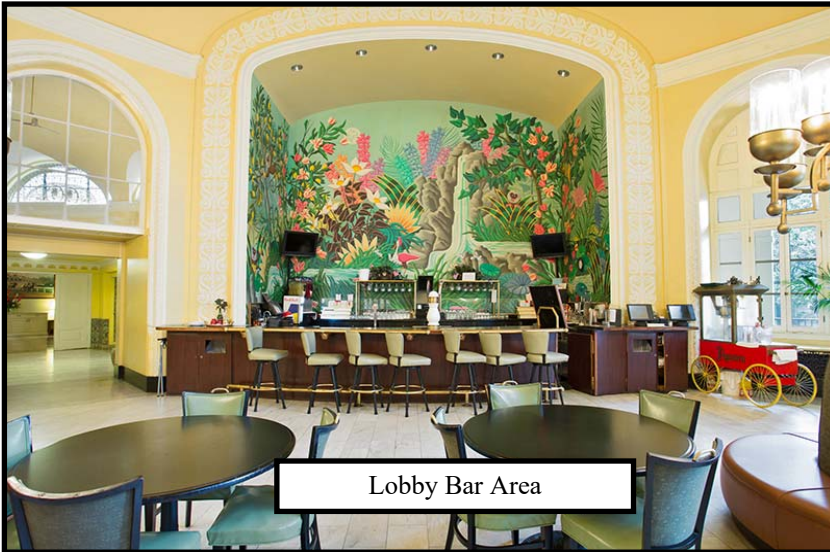


This is a photo of our reunion hotel in the heart of downtown Hot Springs, Arkansas. This is the third incarnation of the Arlington. The first Arlington was built in 1875 and was replaced in 1893 with a new brick structure which lasted until fire destroyed the building in 1923. The third and current structure was completed in 1924. She is a grand structure that has seen many dignitaries and famous people housed and entertained in her grand ballrooms and restaurants.

The hotel owners have successfully maintained and renovated the property to enable guests to enjoy the latest in hotel amenities.

Our reunion week is scheduled to take place starting on Monday, July 20 and run through Saturday, July 25.

Members can check-in up to three days early and stay up to three days longer at our preferred room rate of \$92.50, including a full breakfast during the reunion week.



Lobby Bar Area



First Floor Dining Room



The hotel will accept room bookings now for the 2020 reunion. The reunion dates are Monday, July 20 through Saturday, July 25. You also have the option of booking three days ahead and three days after. The room rate throughout this period is \$92.50.

To make your booking call the hotel direct at 501-609-2533 or 800-643-1502

The hotel is developing an online link to allow booking directly over the internet. That link will be published in our UPDATES e-mail which goes out on a monthly basis.



Outdoor pool area

5/7 Cav PX

Item Description *	QTY	\$ Price
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Twill Shirt Blue Denim Long Sleeve -	2	29
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Twill Shirt Blue Denim Short Sleeve -	3	29
Twill Shirt Blue Denim Short Sleeve - L	6	29
Twill Shirt Blue Denim Short Sleeve -	12	29
Twill Shirt Blue Denim Short Sleeve -	3	29
Twill Shirt Black Short Sleeve - L	2	29
Men's Forest Green Polo - S	1	25
Men's White Polo Cotton - S	1	25
Men's White Polo No Snag - L	26	25
Men's White Polo No Snag - XL	31	25
Men's White Polo No Snag - 2XL	3	25
Men's White T-Shirts - XL	3	15
Men's Gray T-Shirts - M	4	15
Men's Gray T-Shirts - XL	1	15
Men's Gray T-Shirts - 2XL	2	15
Ladie's Shirts *		
Ladie's Cardinal Red Polo - M	1	25
Ladie's White Polo - M	7	25
Ladie's Cornflower Blue Polo - M	3	25
Ladie's Heather Gray Polo - M	8	25
Otto Ball Caps Black	29	15
Otto Ball Caps White	11	15
New Challenge Coins	351	12
Hat Pins		
P-38 Can Openers	49	2
Purple Heart hat pins	3	3
Special Forces Bayonet Knife Pin	5	4
RPV Campaign Pin Green and White	1	3
Brothers Forever Pin	2	3
3rd Infantry Division Pin	8	3
Yellow background C.I.B. Pin	4	3
National Defense Service Medal Pin	3	3
Huey Helicopter pin	1	3
Chinook Helicopter Pin	7	3
Combat Air Assault Pin	16	4

Item Description *	QTY	\$ Price
Mortar pin	1	3
In Honor Triangular Flag pin	13	3
M-16 Pin	14	3
Claymore Pin	5	3
Combat Medic Badge	12	4
Solid Red Bar	20	3
K-9 Corps pin	10	3
Pleiku Pin	26	3
An Khe pins 1/1/4 "	13	3
Wings with H/D Crest	3	3
Dinky Dau	32	3
Khe Sahn	7	3
Cambodia	4	3
Hue City Pin	15	3
1st Cav Hat Pins 5/8"	16	3
1st Cav VN/Airmobile 1 1/4"	0	4
Miniature Garry Owen Pin 5/8"	22	3
Reg Garry Owen Pin 1 1/4"	23	3
5/7 Cav Crossed Saber pins	61	4
Mini CIB Pin	4	3
Regulation CIB Pin	0	4
Combat Cavalry Pin	2	3
Lest They Be Forgotten Pins	6	3
Silver Star Pins	9	3
Magnets		
1st Cavalry 3" Frig magnets	0	3
POW-MIA Magnets	4	3
U.S. Army Magnets	2	3
Vietnam Veteran Magnets	1	3
Flags		
1st Cavalry 3'X5' Flag	5	15
POW/MIA 3'X5' Flag	8	15
Patches and Decals		
POW-MIA Patch	4	3
C.I.B. Patch	3	3
GarryOwen Patch	7	3
1st Cav Patch, Large	0	5
1t Cav Patch, small	0	3

* Shipping Costs have gone up. Once you place your order you will be informed by e-mail the total cost plus ship-



New Challenge Coins now in inventory, Pre-reunion pricing: \$20 for two plus \$3 for shipping. Let Karl Haartz know how many you want. E-mail for Karl: cav571vpkk@roadrunner.com

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VETERANS HEALTH CARE



Dear My Health Vet member.

At VA, Veterans are at the center of everything we do. We are constantly working to make sure you know about the health care and benefits you have earned through your service to our country.

A new law, called the MISSION Act, strengthens VA's ability to provide you with state-of-the-art care and services through a network of providers and cutting-edge technology. The law makes several enhancements to VA care that begin on June 6, 2019.

With the MISSION Act, you will see VA continue to be a trusted, caring partner. We are focused on providing an excellent experience of care to you and the important people in your life. You'll see us expand our efforts to meet you where you are, with the right care at the right place and the right time - including through telehealth and in your community.

To help you learn more about your VA health care options, we have created a booklet that provides information on:

- Enrollment and health care eligibility;
- Expanded community care eligibility;
- Accessing new Urgent Care benefits for minor illnesses;
- Information on how copayments and insurance will be used;
- Learning more about VA's access and quality standards and how those relate to you;
- Awareness of the complaints and appeals process for health care delivery.

You can view the booklet at:

https://www.missionact.va.gov/library/files/MISSION_ACT_Community_Care_Booklet.pdf

We appreciate that you choose VA for your health care and we are honored to serve you.

Sincerely,

Richard Stone, MD
Executive in Charge
Office of the Under Secretary for Health

For more information about the MISSION Act vis it www.missionact.va.gov.

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Tom T. Trooper
Street Address
City, State Zip

Note: Dues are \$10 per year

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:
5/7 Cav Association
PO Box 291
Bristol, NH 03222-0291

Dues Paid

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Years</u>
Charles	ABT	\$10	2019
Charles	Adderson	\$50	2019-2023
Abraham	Ayala	\$50	2020-2024
Charles	Bremer	\$20	2019-2020
Roger	Buckner	\$30	2019-2021
Sam	Cathcart	\$30	2018-2020
Charlie	Chitty	\$250	2010-2034
Bobby	Cole	\$50	2019-2023
George	Dean	\$50	2017-2021
Kevin	Deckel	\$50	2017-2021
John	Fitch	\$50	2019-2023
James	Friedt	\$30	2019-2021
William	Henderson	\$100	2019-2028
Gary	Kilber	\$50	2020-2024
Leon	Lasley	\$120	2010-2021
David	Lilly	\$20	2019-2020
Richard	Lubarski	\$150	2005-2019
James	Lugo	\$20	2020-2021
Chuck	Lynn	\$20	2021-2021
Art	Peraza	\$40	2018-2021
Gary	Perry	\$30	2019-2021
Mike	Post	\$20	2019-2020
Harold	Powell	\$20	2019-2020
Louie	Reynoso	\$80	2019-2026
Roger	Rosdahl	\$50	2020-2024
Jose	Sanchez	\$20	2018-2019
David	Seabolt	\$30	2020-2022
Eric	Sleeper	\$30	2017-2019
Craig	Stephens	\$50	2018-2022
Stanley	Storm	\$30	2020-2022
Albert	Vculek	\$20	2019-2020
	Total	\$1,570	
Donations			
James	Moore	\$50	

Summary

February Cash Balance	\$71,010
Income	
Dues Received	\$1,570
Donation	\$50
PX Sales	\$322
CC Points Redeemed	
Interest Earned	\$239
Total	\$2,181
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Expenses	
Postage	(\$7)
Veterans Day Deposit	(\$1,500)
Funerals	(\$199)
Bugle	(\$1,000)
Total	(\$2,706)
May Ending Balance	\$70,485

Our cash balance is \$70,485 compared to \$76,689 at the end of our last reunion. A hotel deposit covering the next 3 years of our gatherings in DC and the printing of the Bugle are our largest expenses for this period. For those that are able receiving the Bugle electronically would help our cash outlay.

Dues payments (\$10/year) should be mailed to:

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5th Squadron 7th Cavalry Change of Command Ceremony, Ft Stewart, GA, May 31, 2019
LTC Adam Latham takes over command from LTC John Horning