



# THE BUGLE



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In July 2020 we will have the opportunity to renew that special bond that only combat veterans can really know. It is a bond we call a brotherhood, forged under fire and in the tragic loss of some of our best buddies.

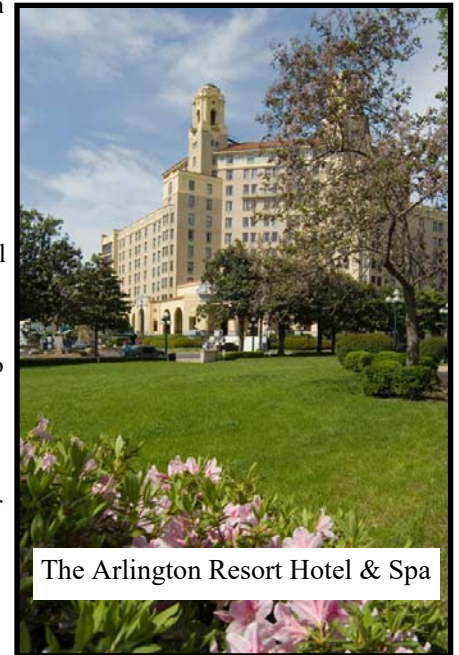
As we grow older, now more than ever, we can take pride in having answered our nation's call in tough times when the right path was unclear to many. So please join other members of our great association for our next reunion in Hot Springs, Arkansas at the Arlington Hotel Resort & Spa. Details of the reunion are to be found in many places in this newsletter. So mark your calendar, start saving for the trip and I will see you in Hot Springs!

During our recent visit to check out the hotel and things to do in Hot Springs your officers moved to fill the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President by electing Cliff Wheeler to that post. This comes after several years of his service as the VP for Squadron Integration. I think you will appreciate what he has to say elsewhere in this newsletter about how he sees his new role and how he plans to serve the members of our Association in his new office.

We also have a new section in our newsletter called the "Emeritus Corner" which will give our two emeritus officers, Maury Edmonds and Karl Haartz, a platform to share their thoughts on our history and their service.

Since we last met in DC and Pittsburgh we have lost several members. We aren't getting any younger or stronger so let's take care of ourselves and be here for our families and friends. I encourage you to make copies of your form DD 214 and give one to your spouse or whomever will look after your affairs when you have left us, along with a copy of your letter authorizing disability compensation if you have been approved and are receiving such compensation. This can make a big difference to your loved ones.

God bless America and Garryowen!  
Howard Prince



The Arlington Resort Hotel & Spa

## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report

As most of you have heard by now, the Board of Officers offered and I humbly accepted the position of 1<sup>st</sup> VP at the end of January. I took this offer and opportunity very seriously, because as you all know, no one can replace Karl Haartz.

What Karl has been able to accomplish for this Association and all of us members cannot be replicated, nor will I try to. But I have been committed to this great organization since the night before my assumption of command of 5-7 Cavalry back in 2006, when my friend Jody Petery first introduced me to the group.

After some serious thought and prayer, and the encouragement of many of you, I decided that perhaps I could do more to help encourage and integrate our younger generation of Veterans, and continue to make this the finest Veterans organization in this country.

I'll be looking to many of you for advice and assistance, much as I will have relied on Karl for assistance over the years. Right now my focus is on contract negotiations for our Veterans Day events in DC, as well as taking responsibility for the Association's participation in Memorial Day events. Soon I will turn my focus to planning for Reunion XV in Hot Springs, and multimedia outreach to our Iraq and Afghanistan era Veterans.

I will thank you in advance for your assistance as I assume my role as your 1<sup>st</sup> VP, because I will be asking for your ideas and your help. You can reach out to me at any time and I'll be glad to hear from you.

On Valentine's Day I had the honor of being a guest at the 5<sup>th</sup> Squadron "Warpaint Ball" in Savannah, GA. Along with MG (Ret) Larry Budge and his lovely bride Connie, we were treated to a traditional military ball with receiving

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's Report (cont'd)



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line, grog ceremony, and cake cutting ceremony by the youngest and oldest Troopers in attendance.

LTC John Horning and his wife Michelle and CSM Sedrick Brown and his wife Shundra were perfect hosts, and we were fortunate to witness several Troopers and ladies being honored with Armor Association awards during the festivities.

The Troopers, and their better halves, all looked splendid and a raucous time was had by all.

LTC Horning will be relinquishing command in late May or early June. We will publish information about that soon and hope some of you will be able to attend the ceremony at Ft. Stewart.

I'm proud to be a part of this great group of Veterans and I thank you again for your encouragement and your support.

Garry Owen!

Cliff Wheeler, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

## Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry

*A report from the US Dept. Of Veterans Affairs*

The Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pit Registry is a database of information about Veterans and Servicemembers. Participation in the registry is voluntary and will not affect access to health care or benefits.

**OEI/OIF/OND/OFS** Veterans and Servicemembers who have deployed to the Southwest Asia theater of operations on or after August 2, 1990 as well as those who have deployed to Afghanistan or Djibouti after September 11, 2001 can use the registry questionnaire to report exposures to airborne hazards (such as smoke from burn pits, oil-well fires, or pollution during deployment), as well as other exposures and health concerns.

Use the following link to learn more about this registry:

<https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/index.html#page/about>

# Emeritus Corner

## Reflections of this old Soldier by Maury Edmonds

It's been 49 years since I joined the ranks of the 5/7<sup>th</sup> Cav in the Dogs Head of South Vietnam at FSB Wood. Never once have I doubted my good fortune. It was clear to me then – and remains so today – that the character of those troopers and those who came both before and after them, was based of the strongest level of commitment to their mission and to each other. In the direst of circumstances, you did not falter. You remained true to your buddies, to your leaders, and to your country. You can be proud that when others hesitated, you did not; when others stumbled, you stood tall; when your comrades needed you, you were there. You were patriots then and remain so today. And, together we reverently and faithfully remember and honor those whom we lost.

It's wonderful that we still have opportunities to be together; and, I hope that you understand how very much your presence and participation in our gatherings mean to the rest of us. Your buddies still need you just as you need them.

I pray that God keeps you safe and in good health; and, that you'll be able to be with us each time we gather.

Garry Owen!

Maury Edmonds

## “Krazy’s” Report

**Hot Springs and surrounding attractions.** Got home to -10 degrees and 15” of new snow. Damn I wish winter was over! Maybe in 2 weeks when I go to Phoenix & California. Hope I see some of you there.

Back to Hot Springs, AR. It is a neat small town with a little gangster fame. Our hospitality room is going to be held in the “Speak Easy Room,” of the Arlington Hotel.

The Hotel is on the edge of Hot Springs National Park. Some of the mineral water from the park is pumped directly into the hotel. You can have a mineral bath in your room if you get the right room. I suggest that you get the Hot Springs visitors guide **NOW** to make your plans.

There are many smaller venues in and around Hot Springs which will accommodate anywhere from 20 to 130 persons. The site review team did book the only venue which will hold all of us for our Tuesday evening gathering. We did partake of a few of the restaurants around the hotel and I would recommend them all. Yup, gain some pounds again. Back to eating tree bark, and hay, yuk.

You golf people will be happy to know that you will be playing at the Hot Springs Country Club only a few miles away and easy access. Our host and ground team leader Larry Bailey, D & H 11/66/ to 11/67, took the team on a 5-hour guided tour of the Hot Springs area. WOW, there is a bunch to see and do all within 30 minutes of the hotel.

On Saturday at the BBQ in Pittsburgh I mentioned that finding a hotel for under \$100 was probably history. Well to my surprise and with Allen Patrick's finesse in negotiation, we pulled it off and with breakfast we were able to get a rate of \$92.50. As we get closer there are some other perks we will include.

Dates of reunion: Monday, July 20 through Saturday, July 25, 2020, **CHECK OUT JULY 26, 2020**. There are over 400 rooms at the Arlington Hotel, so hopefully no one will be left out. Our rate is good for 3 days before and 3 days after if anyone would wish to come early or stay longer. Ground team will arrive Saturday July 23, 2020. Set up Sunday. Allen should have the booking code somewhere in this newsletter.

Garry Owen,  
“KRAZY”

PS: Check page 7 for photo of new Challenge Coins now in inventory,

## Phoenix and West Coast Mini Reunions



**PHOENIX MINI REUNION:** Kneeling: Bob Ritchy, Bookard Dooley; Standing L to R: George Dean, Dick Baker, Karl Haartz, Larry Nunez, Tim Pasquarelli, Tom Spalding, Leif Aamot, Roger Hoppe, and Abe Ayala



**WEST COAST MINI REUNION:** L to R rear: Jack Boyt, Larry Nunez, Frank Vargas, Pablo Alvarez, Krazy Karl, Tom Hoon, Phil Pratt. Jerry Voskeritchian, Doug Truesdale, Alan Thompson, Eugene Ruiz, Front: Caesar Perez, Art Peraza, Tim Pasquarelli and Mike Geary

## 5/7 Squadron Report

Greetings 5-7 CAV Association.

I'm happy to report that the Squadron returned safely from Korea and we're back in the thick of things from a training and readiness standpoint. Right after our immediate return we did have some down time where Soldiers could take some well earned leave and we also participated in some Soldier/Family camaraderie events such as Warpaint Days and Marne Week. However, we also provided top notch training to the Georgia Army National Guard's 48th IBCT who deployed to Afghanistan in January. Our Warpaint NCOs taught the Georgia Soldiers about advanced rifle marksmanship, reflexive fire, and how to serve on a two-man protection detail for combat advisors in Afghanistan. Our NCOs did a great job and were commended by the 3ID Commanding General, Deputy Commander, Command Sergeant Major, and Commander of the Georgia Army National Guard for their excellence in delivering the training and conducting first class after action reviews with the trainees. You can all be very proud of how they represented 5-7 CAV and how they prepared their fellow Soldiers for deployment to combat. We also changed out two Troop Commanders in Nov/Dec.

After the Christmas block leave period, we jumped right back into the normal life of a Dog Faced Soldier at Fort Stewart and that means holding on to the Marne Express for all you're worth! Luckily we had the opportunity to submit a bunch of guys for professional development schools while we were in Korea, so in January we shipped them off to schools including Cavalry Leaders Course, Army Reconnaissance Course, Master Gunner, Recovery Specialists, and others. We've also been busy lately taking back ownership of all the property left behind at Fort Stewart while we were in Korea.

Right now we're in the middle of being the first Brigade in the Army to field the Joint Light Tactical Vehicle. It's a replacement for the HMMWV (Humvee) but it has the same level of protection as the MRAP against things like IEDs. Next week we start the process of serving as Observer Controllers for 2nd Brigade's major field exercise, Marne Focus, to prepare them for their upcoming rotation at NTC and then we start tank and Bradley gunnery again.

Soon we begin conducting modifications to our M1A2 tanks to bring them up to the highest level of protection and to improve the .50 Cal machine gun fire control system. These days the tank commander's .50 Cal has a fire control system that makes it as accurate as the main gun. We will also be changing three Troop Commanders this Spring culminating in the change of command at the Squadron-level as well.

After having served two years as the Squadron Commander, I will change command on 31 May 2019 with LTC Adam Latham who is presently working on the 3ID staff. Like any of the Armor Brigades in the Army right now, we are extremely busy, but the Soldiers are true professionals taking on all tasks and all challenges in a way that would make you proud to say Garryowen!

JOHN P. HORNING

LTC, AR

Commanding, 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Armor Brigade, 3d Infantry Division

## Letters

All, FYI,  
Frank Lambert reports that medications have put his ticker back in sync. No need for surgery and check up in four weeks. Snow has melted and temps in the 80s.

Frank Elliott continues his recovery, but claims to have a doctor's excuse not to shovel snow. We used to call that malingering?

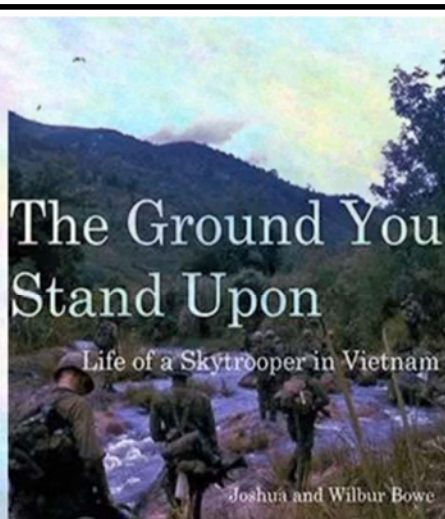
Thanks to their ladies for taking great care of ole troopers.

Jerry Fortuna's wife, Dawn is cancer free and recovering well. Also, Jerry off the crutches and walking again.

It is a short address list, so please pass to anyone else that would want to know. Hope your day is good.

Garry Owen,

Mike Sprayberry



**Unabridged Audiobook**  
**By: Joshua E Bowe**  
**Narrated By: Will Stauff**  
**Length: 10 hrs and 45 mins**  
**Release date: 11/13/2018**  
**Publisher: Joshua Bowe**  
**Genres: Personal Memoirs**

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[The Ground You Stand Upon: Life of a Skytrooper in Vietnam Audiobook by Joshua E Bowe, Wilbur E Bowe](#)

There is a 5 min. audio cut on YouTube, It has some very favorable reviews on Good Reads, starting with one from our own Joe Sanchez. Joe has written some good books on his days as an NYC cop. [The Ground You Stand Upon](#). Barnes and Noble's synopsis says that it relies heavily on staff journals and his father's letters home.

Wilbur Bowe is a former member of A Company,  
5/7 Cavalry, 1966/67

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

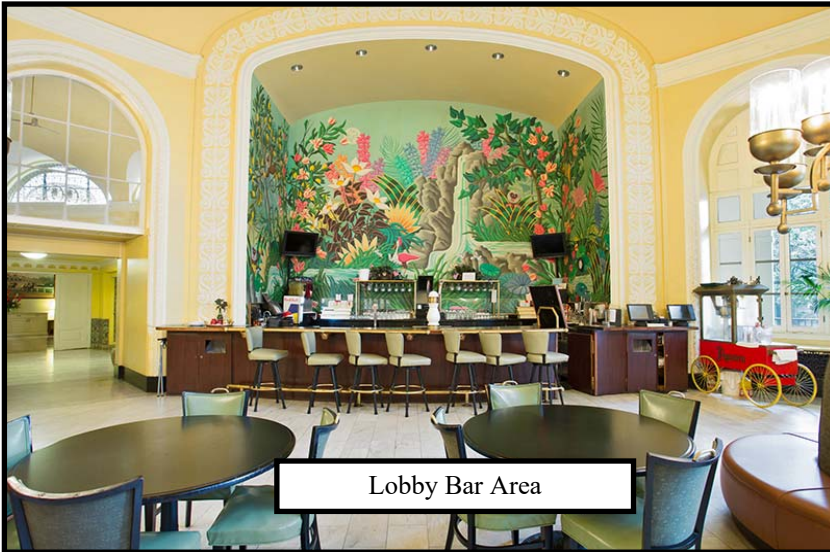


This is a photo of our reunion hotel in the heart of downtown Hot Springs, Arkansas. This is the third incarnation of the Arlington. The first Arlington was built in 1875 and was replaced in 1893 with a new brick structure which lasted until fire destroyed the building in 1923. The third and current 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

# U.S. Dept of Veterans Affairs

Item Description	Qty 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
Ladies' White Polo - Medium	8	25
Ladies' White Polo - Large	3	25
Ladies' Cornflower Blue Polo - Small	1	25
Ladies' Cornflower Blue Polo - Medium	5	25
Ladies' Cornflower Blue Polo - XL	9	25
Ladies' Pink Polo - Medium	4	25
Ladies' Heather Gray Polo - Small	1	25
Ladies' Heather Gray Polo - Medium	9	25
Ladies' Heather Gray Polo - Large	1	25
Ladies' Heather Gray Polo - XL	3	25
Ladies' Cardinal Red Polo - Medium	2	25
<b>Note: Other shirts will only be available at reunions</b>		
Otto Ball Caps Black	24	15
Otto Ball Caps White	11	15
<b>Hat Pins \$2 shipping covers up to 5 pins</b>		
An Khe pins 1/1/4 "	11	3
Combat Medic	12	3
Cambodia	5	3
Hue City	12	3
1st Cav Vietnam 5/8"	20	3
Miniature Garry Owen	28	3
Regulation Garry Owen	27	3
Silver Star	9	3
Mini CIB	12	3
Bronze Star	4	3
Lest They Be Forgotten (Rifle Helmet&Boots)	12	3
Combat Cavalry	3	3
5/7 Crossed Sabers	36	4
<b>Flags</b>		
1st Cavalry 3'X5' Flag	10	15
POW/MIA 3'X5' Flag	15	15

Did you file a VA claim and disagree with the decision? With the implementation of the VA Appeals Modernization Act on **February 19**, you have more choice in how you resolve a disagreement with a VA decision. You can also expect a more efficient, timely and transparent process. This new process is the result of years of collaboration between VA, Veterans and Veterans Service Organizations.

Under the new law, Veterans can choose one of three options to have a disagreement reviewed:

- **Option 1: Higher-Level Review Lane** Select this option if there is no additional evidence to submit, but you believe there may have been an error in the initial decision. A more experienced reviewer will take a fresh look at the previous decision and may overturn it.
- **Option 2: Supplemental Claim Lane** Choose this option if you have new and relevant evidence to support a claim. VA will also assist in gathering evidence.
- **Option 3: Appeal Lane** You can appeal directly to the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

Visit [VA.gov](http://VA.gov) for more on the new appeals process or click the button below for information on all VA benefits.

Thanks to Don Shipley for passing this on.

**PLEASE ALLOW THREE WEEKS ON SHIRT DELIVERY. PLEASE INCLUDE \$5.00 POSTAGE ON HATS & ON SMALL ITEM ORDERS AND \$10.00 ON SINGLE SHIRT ORDERS & \$15 ON MULTIPLE SHIRT ORDERS..**

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### Karl Haartz Request:

Does anyone in C Company remember the date in 1966 that a helicopter crashed on top of a ridge and C company stayed there for three days due to fog and finally hiked out. There were 3 or 4 injured due to the crash of two birds. If you recall this event, please contact Karl. (cav571vpkk@roadrunner.com)

### Check Your Mail Label

Co B 69, Dues Paid Thru: 2009  
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

# Financial Report

by Dick Baker

## Dues Paid

First	Last	Paid	Years
Charles	Bernier	\$10	2019
Joseph	Cybulski	\$40	2017-2020
Paul	Dieffenbacher	\$150	2010--2024
Robert	Doctor	\$30	2019-2021
Eugene	Feldkamp	\$50	2018-2022
Jerry	Fitch	\$50	2019-2024
John	Garbark	\$20	2019-2020
Corey	Gillis	\$20	2020-2021
Jack	Gray	\$30	2018-2020
James	Greening	\$50	2018-2022
Clinton	Hoy	\$20	2019-2020
James	Lee	\$30	2019-2021
Joseph	McVeigh	\$20	2020-2021
Anthony	Moore	\$30	2018-2020
Jack	Neuse	\$30	2018-2020
Hector	Perez	\$100	2020-2029
James	Plassio	\$20	2019-2020
Richard	Shanahan	\$30	2018-2020
Henry	Soza	\$50	2032-2036
Gary	Storz	\$20	2019-2020
Johnny	Zimmerman	\$10	2019
-		<u>\$810</u>	

## Summary

<b>November Bugle</b>	<b>\$74,903</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Dues Received	\$810
Donation	\$25
PX Sales	\$204
CC Points Redeemed	\$519
Interest Earned	\$128
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>\$1,686</b></u>
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<b>Expenses</b>	
PX Purchases	(\$1,579)
2020 Reunion Deposit	(\$3,025)
Funerals	(\$125)
Bugle	(\$850)
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>(\$5,579)</b></u>
<b>February Ending Balance</b>	<u><b>\$71,010</b></u>
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## Donations

<b>Dennis Dearborn</b>	<b>\$ 25</b>
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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

Our cash balance is \$71,010 compared to \$76,689 at the end of our last reunion. Primary expenses are printing costs of the Bugle, (Thankfully Bill Heckley keeps the cost down) and the deposit made on our 2020 reunion. For those that are able, electing to receive the Bugle electronically would help our cash outlay.

Dues payments (\$10 per year) should be made out and mailed as follows:

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### **2020 Reunion Planning Team**

L to R: Allen Patrick, Jerry Houston, Howard Prince,  
Benny Baker (Director of Sales) Karl Haartz,  
Toni Aulgur (Director of Catering), Dick Baker and  
Larry Bailey (Ground Team Leader)