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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

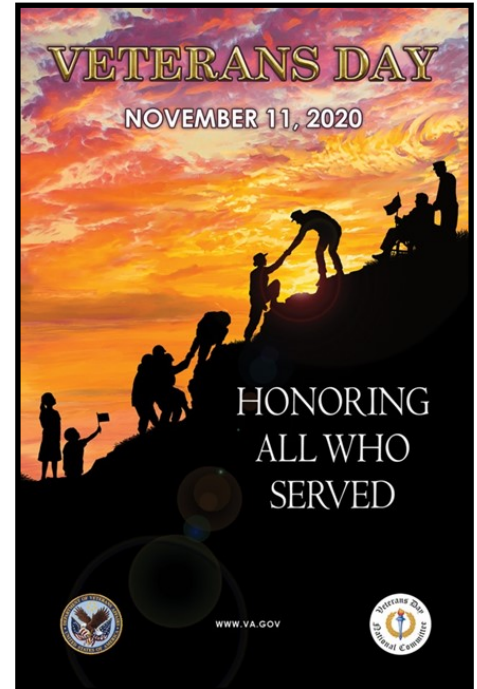
Vince Laurich sent me this inspiring official VA poster for Veterans Day 2020. It seems to capture perfectly the year we have been going through. We see veterans climbing a steep hill, carrying heavy burdens, but helping each other with support from families and friends. To me it symbolizes our special bonds as combat veterans. We were young and many were unsure about serving in Vietnam, but we answered our country's call to serve and did our duty. Citizens have no higher calling than to serve our country as you did with valor, honor and courage. I am proud to have served among you and to share the knowledge that we did what our country asked so long ago and after the attacks on our country on 9-11.

Among the heavy burdens the now older veterans, that's us, may be struggling to carry up the hill in this poster could be PTSD, lost limbs and eyesight, cancer and many other negative consequences of our wars. To all these we must add that there is also now the danger of contracting a potentially lethal virus infection whenever we leave the safety of our homes.

As I write this the VA is reporting it has 5,000 active Covid infections and has dealt with over 72,000 Covid infections since this started. Sadly there have been almost 4,000 deaths among veterans this year, but 88% of infected veterans have recovered. To my knowledge we have received only one report that a member of our Association has died of a Covid infection and complications. So we have been lucky and we seem to be taking the right steps to protect ourselves and others. We are all at higher risk than younger people. Let's take care of ourselves so we can be there in Hot Springs next year.

We also still need each other because as we grow older we are increasingly at risk of being forgotten once again. So this Veterans Day let us reach out to those we can't physically join and reconnect until we can be together in person again next year. Let's get in touch with those we care about to honor our service and our special status as not only veterans, but as combat veterans. Let us also honor the memory, service and sacrifice of those whose lives were cut short while serving in combat.

Garryowen!  
Howard Prince



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

Greetings Troopers and families,

What a long, strange year it has been. We have, regrettably, had to reschedule our Reunion to next summer; we had no formal Memorial Day events here in the DC area, and were forced to cancel our annual gathering for Veterans Day here in DC. It has definitely been tough not being able to gather in fellowship, but much tougher for us not to be able to even see family and friends. But, I think we made the correct decisions in all these cases. The summer months and currently have seen some of the highest numbers of Coronavirus cases across the country. Sadly, this plague has claimed the lives of some of our Brothers (and sisters). I just hope and pray that you are all doing everything you can to keep yourselves and your loved ones safe.

In a bit of good news, we were able to work with the Holiday Inn National Airport to cancel our 2020 gathering without any financial penalty. This is largely due to our long relationship with the hotel and their incredible support for Veterans in general and our Association specifically. Since our current contract with the hotel was set to expire after the 2021 Veterans Day, we were able to extend the contract for one additional year at a very good price based on our negotiations. Fingers crossed for our reunion in July and Veterans Day 2021.

I'd like to congratulate LTC Randy Zipperer on his recent selection for Senior Service College. For military schooling, this is essentially the PhD level and is very competitive, so kudos to Randy for this milestone achievement and for his continued dedicated service. Randy commanded A Troop during our OIF V deployment to Iraq and currently serves on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon.



Randy Zipperer (A Troop 06-08) and Jake Dalton (B Troop 06-08)

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

### Our History

Did you know that there have been 9 Medals of Honor awarded to 5/7 Cavalry Troopers? Okay, "officially" there have only been 4 awarded to members of the 5<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup>, all from Vietnam, but there were 5 members of the "Gray Horse Troop," E Company of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, that were awarded the Medal in 1890. Since the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, and now the 5<sup>th</sup> Squadron, trace their lineage directly to E Company/Troop, I'm counting them. So who were the nine? Most of you know the Vietnam Brothers names, but you can look up all 9 at the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association website, <http://www.us7thcavalry.com/7-moh.htm>

Congratulations to MAJ Noa Walker (B Troop 06-08). Noa was accepted into the MG James A. Wright MBA program at William and Mary's James A. Mason School of Business. Quite an accomplishment for Maj Walker who is currently assigned to the US Army Strategy Support Element in the DC area.

Garry Owen,  
Cliff Wheeler,  
1st Vice President



## Vice President Emeritus' Report

Hey All -- Is everyone getting to eat turkey and get fat, happy and burp? Back in 1956 or around then the "Kingston Trio" wrote a song about elections in Boston. One of the lyrics was, "And these are the times that try men's souls." After lock downs, Covid, and total BS everyone needs a break. That is why we are planning to go ahead and have a reunion at Hot Springs. I will be at Hot Springs as I am not getting any younger and I want to see all of you there also. As I write this, I should be on the road to DC for Veterans Day. Nope I am sitting home for the first time since 1994. With a little protective distancing, mask it or casket, we need our lives back and out of the house.

Your board of directors has been working diligently for the last 6 months to pull this reunion together to be one for the record books. It has not been easy, zoom calls, conference calls, talking with the Hotel and just holding things together in general. Hats off to these guys who are volunteers. They are a great bunch of troopers.

Thanks to all you who volunteered your address for the Beaver Creek, Ohio, Elementary School. I would have liked to see a few more, but I am greedy. Amy Morgan the program director was overwhelmed with you guys. Thanks to All.

There is a new scribe for the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav newspaper "Saber." For those of you that don't get the "Saber" the scribe wrote that the 2/7 found the cache on "Shakey's Hill." Our own Bill Litvjak picked up on this and corresponded with Mr. Swenson and explained that he had made an error. When I received my last "Saber" there was a correction and the 5/7 got the credit it was do. Kudos to Bill Litvjak. I did invite Mr. Swenson to our Veterans day dinner in 2018.

The Politically Correct AR as in AR-15 stands for the ArmaLite Rifle series 15, not assault rifle. When our constitution was written the combat weapon of choice was a mussel loader. Did they call it a AR-ML, I don't think so.

My Dad use to say, "fools names & faces always seen in public places." Charles Skipper's wife Kathryn did it again. She escorted a 100-year-old WWII veteran to a political rally. She waved and yelled until the group made National TV. The next day did it again only this time an interview with the Vet. Way to go Kat.

Look for the next newsletter in late January as it will have the reservation form included with it.

As I wrap this up, the leaves have fallen and I am going to snow blow the driveway. I am not worried about Hurricanes and tornados.

Respectfully Submitted  
"Krazy" Karl – Your VP Emeritus

### NIGHT RAID ON TIGER MOUNTAIN by JOHN MONTALBANO (A Co '68)

John Montalbano, A Co '68, wrote an article about 5/7 operations in '68, the A Shau in particular, Mike Sprayberry being awarded the Medal of Honor and his continued efforts to locate 5 MIAs still on Tiger Mountain. It appeared in the October 2020 Issue of Vietnam Magazine. John made a copy of the article available to all 5/7 Cav Association members. It is posted on our web site and you can access it by clicking this link: <http://www.cav57.org/Tiger%20Mountain/CAVALRY.pdf>



# BATTALION DIRECTORY

## 5/7 Cavalry Association Chaplain's Letter

Our great Military has seen so many great Veterans both in the build up to our great nation Declaring Independence and it being ratified 244 years ago. One would almost have to break down a list by era in order capture all the great warriors who have served. Or, one could simply pull up the list of Medal of Honor recipients and start there. Or, perhaps one could make an argument for any one of the hundreds of thousands that have paid the Ultimate Sacrifice in Battle.



5/7 Chaplain Mijikai Mason & former Chaplain Don Quick (Deceased 2016)

Even still we could look at our MIA Soldiers and find many there and couple that with those were POWs and have plenty to choose from, names wise.

The question that needs to be answered is found in the title of the article, "The Greatest Veteran", but it begs the question, "Who is the Greatest Veteran?" For the sake of space and due to my current occupation, I have chosen to break it down as follows: "THE" implies one and specifically the one and only. "Greatest" means, there are none greater; and "Veteran" means the person has fought in a nation or our nation's wars. With those definitions, the field narrows quickly.

As a little boy, I remember watching TV with my grandpa and seeing the news cast of Operation Homecoming. As a result of the Paris Peace Accords, 591 POWs were released back to the United States by the North Vietnamese. One of those released was Jeremiah Denton who after release went on to serve until the rank of Rear Admiral and then serve for six years on the Senate representing the state of Alabama. He is famously known for blinking Morse Code with his eyelids in order to inform the world that they were being "TORTURED". Pretty amazing story and life lived by this gentleman. As I watched, I noticed my grandpa's eyes fill with tears, when he disembarked the plane, kissed the ground, and thanked America for bringing him home. Simply fascinating!

Jeremiah Denton's story and life are one example of the numerous sacrifices and honorable actions by our Veterans. However, per our definitions, there can only be one Veteran not numerous. So who would come close or be in the running for The Greatest Veteran if not Soldiers like Jeremiah Denton?

I offer you the only candidate for the title The Greatest Veteran, which means you have choose for yourself if He qualifies or not for the title. Meet GOD! You read that correctly, I propose that God is the only candidate that is not only qualified but also stands alone in His wartime prowess.

Exhibit A: "The Lord is a warrior, The Lord is His name!" (Exodus 15:3)

Exhibit B: "The Lord will for you; you need only be still." (Exodus 14:14)

Exhibit C: "Praise be to the Lord my Rock, who trains my hands for war and my fingers for battle. He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield, in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me." (Psalm 144:1)

Lastly, from one of the greatest war strategists of all of history: Joshua 24:14-15

"Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and faithfulness. Put away the god's that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Benediction: "Thank you Lord for being a warrior. Thank you for fighting for us and with us both physically and spiritually. AMEN"

Chaplain Mijikai Mason

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## 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry Situation Update



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21 October 2020

SUBJECT: Update to the Families and Friends of 5-7 CAV

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Greeting to the Families and Friends of 5-7 CAV from the Land of the Morning Calm! I wanted to share with you a brief update on the Squadron's activities over the past quarter as the unit returns to Camp Hovey.

The fall months have kept the Squadron busy! In July, we finished gunnery and kicked off a day of competition between 1-7, 2-7, and 5-7CAV in celebration of our shared Regimental Birthday. With the other Squadrons residing at Fort Hood, the competition was done distributively, with much of it being publicized on Facebook. The competition began with a new Army Combat Fitness Test (ACFT), a Gunnery Skills Test, and engagements in the Bradley Simulator (BATS). The Day concluded with an organizational the day, feats of strength and skill, and with a saber cake cutting ceremony to recognize the 7<sup>th</sup> Regiment's inception. While 5-7CAV took top marks for the ACFT, 1-7CAV edged us out with GST and BATS by just a few points. Overall, the competition was awesome, and something we will absolutely continue.

The weeks following our celebration the Squadron conducted range density with small arms ranges and live fire exercises in support of our upcoming INDOPACOM RAF (Regionally Aligned Force) deployment. This allowed us to try out our new M17 pistols, and M500 Squad Designated Marksman/Sniper rifles, along with qualifying the rest of our small arms. Additionally, our focus in August also shifted to RMA operations as we moved our equipment from the motorpool to rail, and then onward to the port for the long ride to Korea.

As RMA concluded we conducted Korea-specific training in preparation for Raider Brigade's upcoming rotational deployment. Cultural training or USFK training and a series of readiness fairs gave our formation confidence that they had a full understanding of both expectations and ways to support their families during the time away from Fort Stewart. We held award ceremonies and awarded the coveted Order of Saint George (OSG) to 10 Cavalry Association Members in our formation, and bid farewell to those departing the unit as the unit was deploying.

Underscored throughout our training and preparation since March, has been managing our reaction to the COVID pandemic – truly no small task! The Squadron has become very good at maintaining social distancing, use of masks, and we've gone through easily 200 gallons of hand-sanitizer in the last few months as we continue to focus on keeping the formation safe. As I write this, I'm sitting in quarantine on Camp Humphreys – an additional control measure we've imposed for all personnel coming into the Republic of Korea to mitigate the spread following some well-earned leave. Due to strict adherence to these measures, the Squadron has enjoyed a relative low number of cases, and no one has suffered lasting harm.

The ramp up for this deployment has certainly been unique, but the preponderance of the formation has finally made it to Korea and begun our initial download of vehicles. Being the first here – the Squadron was put in charge of Busan Port operations, where spearheaded by Warpaint 5, we finished our download of the entire Brigade's equipment set in 36 hours – a record for all rotational units! Further cementing our reputation, every single piece of equipment rolled off the boat under its own power – demonstrating the discipline and acumen of the Warpaint and Raider Teams. In the upcoming months we look forward to assuming the mission here and making Camp Hovey our own.

If your daily journeys bring you in or around the Headquarters, or if you ever have any questions about what the Squadron is up to, I am happy to make myself available. Please don't hesitate to send me an email. I can be reached at [adam.f.latham.mil@mail.mil](mailto:adam.f.latham.mil@mail.mil). All the best for this fall and the coming holiday season!

GARRYOWEN! SEVENTH FIRST!  
ADAM F. LATHAM  
LTC, AR Commanding

# 2021 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 19 and run through Saturday, July 24.

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 2021 reunion. The reunion dates are Monday, July 19 through Saturday, July 24. 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

Or this hot link:

<https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1624&skipfirstpage=true&page=209463>



Outdoor pool area

## 5/7 Cav PX

Item Description	QTY	\$	Item Description	QTY	\$
Twill Shirt Blue Denim Long Sleeve - Large	4	\$29	Cambodia	4	\$3
Twill Shirt Blue Denim Long Sleeve - XL	0	\$29	Hue City Pin	15	\$3
Twill Shirt Blue Denim Long Sleeve - 2XL	1	\$29	1st Cav Vietnam Hat Pins 1"	29	\$3
Twill Shirt Blue Denim Short Sleeve - Small	2	\$29	1st Cav Vietnam/Airmobile 1 1/4" pins	30	\$4
Twill Shirt Blue Denim Short Sleeve - Medium	3	\$29	Miniature Garry Owen Pin 5/8"	20	\$3
Twill Shirt Blue Denim Short Sleeve - Large	4	\$29	7th Cavalry Regulation Garry Owen Pin 1 1/4"	41	\$3
Twill Shirt Blue Denim Short Sleeve - XL	11	\$29	USA Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran	12	\$3
Twill Shirt Blue Denim Short Sleeve - 2XL	3	\$29	USA Enduring Freedom Veteran	12	\$3
Twill Shirt <b>Black</b> Short Sleeve - Large	2	\$29	Combat Action Badge - Antique Silver	12	\$3
Men's Forest Green Polo - Small	1	\$25	Combat Action Badge - Black	12	\$3
Men's White Polo Cotton - Small	1	\$25	18th Airborne Corps Pin 7/8"	11	\$3
Men's White Polo No Snag - Large	24	\$25	Hummer	12	\$3
Men's White Polo No Snag - XL	28	\$25	M-113 APC Tank Pin	12	\$3
Men's White Polo No Snag - 2XL	2	\$25	M-2 Bradley Tank Pin	12	\$3
Men's White T-Shirts - XL	3	\$15	Shit Burner Pin	12	\$3
Men's Gray T-Shirts - Medium	4	\$15	Vietnam Veteran Agent Orange Victim	12	\$3
Men's Gray T-Shirts - XL	1	\$15	HP405 Air Medal	12	\$3
Men's Gray T-Shirts - 2XL	2	\$15	HP426 Bronze Star	10	\$3
<b>Ladie's Shirts</b>			HP420 USA Commendation Medal	12	\$3
Ladie's Cardinal Red Polo - Medium	1	\$25	14138 Vietnam Veteran w/ribbons Pin 1 1/4 inch	12	\$3
Ladie's White Polo - Medium	7	\$25	HP501 Vietnam Campaign Pin	12	\$3
Ladie's Cornflower Blue Polo - Medium	3	\$25	14755 Vietnam Service Ribbon 7/8"	12	\$3
Ladie's Heather Gray Polo - Medium	8	\$25	Purple Heart Pin 1 1/8 inch	24	\$3
<b>Note: Other shirts will only be available at reunions</b>			Vietnam Memorial Wall Pin	12	\$3
			POW/MIA Pin - Black	12	\$3
<b>Otto Ball Caps Black</b>	19	\$15	<b>5/7 Cav Crossed Saber pins</b>	7	\$4
Otto Ball Caps White	7	\$15	Mini CIB Pin	60	\$3
New Challenge Coins	279	\$12	Regulation CIB Pin - Antique Silver	12	\$4
<b>Hat Pins</b>			Combat Cavalry Pin	41	\$4
P-38 Can Openers	48	\$2	Lest They Be Forgotten Pins	6	\$3
Purple Heart hat pins	3	\$3	Silver Star Pins	9	\$3
Special Forces Bayonet Knife Pin	5	\$4	<b>Magnets</b>		
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Pin Green and White	1	\$3	1st Cavalry 3" Refrigerator magnets (new item)		\$3
Brothers Forever Pin	2	\$3	POW-MIA Magnets	4	\$3
3rd Infantry Division Pin	28	\$3	U.S. Army Magnets	1	\$3
HP474 National Defense Service Medal Pin	9	\$3	Vietnam Veteran Magnets	0	\$3
UH1 Huey Helicopter pin	29	\$3	<b>Flags</b>		
Chinook Helicopter Pin	7	\$3	1st Cavalry 3'X5' Flag, Black	0	\$15
Combat Air Assault Pin	16	\$4	POW/MIA 3'X5' Flag	24	\$15
Mortar pin	1	\$3	<b>Patches and Decals</b>		
In Honor Triangular Flag pin	13	\$3	POW-MIA Patch	4	\$3
M-16 Pin	14	\$3	C.I.B. Patch	2	\$3
Claymore Pin	5	\$3	GarryOwen Patch	3	\$3
Combat Medic Badge	11	\$4	1st Cav Patch, Large		\$5
Solid Red Bar	20	\$3	1t Cav Patch, small		\$3
K-9 Corps pin	10	\$3	C.I.B. Decal	10	\$2
Pleiku Pin	25	\$3	1st Cav Stickers, small		\$2
An Khe pins 1/1/4 "	11	\$3	1st Cav Sticker, large		\$3
Wings with H/D Crest	3	\$3	Vietnam Service Ribbons Stickers	20	\$3
Dinky Dau	32	\$3	Vietnam Service Ribbons Stickers	20	\$3
Khe Sahn	7	\$3	1st Cav Sticker, large		\$3
Battalion Flags	23	\$50	Vietnam Service Ribbons Stickers	20	\$3

## Dues Paid July Through October 2020

First	Last	Paid	Years		First	Last	Paid	Years
Raymond	Anstett	\$30	2021-2023		Robert	Minner	\$40	2018-2021
Donald	Berube	\$20	2021-2022		Michael	Mitchell	\$50	2019-2023
Ted	Bortell	\$50	2021-2025		Larry	Mullens	\$20	2021-2022
John	Bozzelli	\$130	2009-2021		Allen	Nance	\$50	2021-2025
Larry	Budge	\$50	2023-2027		Paul	Nechanicky	\$40	2019-2022
Larry	Collins	\$50	2019-2023		Jimmy	Ooten	\$20	2020-2021
Ralph	Dagenhart	\$50	2021-2025		Timothy	Pasquarelli	\$50	2020-2024
James	Eakes	\$100	2021-2030		James	Patrick	\$30	2018-2020
Duane	Engel	\$50	2021-2025		Casar	Perez	\$40	2020-2023
Wayne	Gibbs	\$20	2022-2023		Walter	Putback	\$20	2021-2022
Galen	Gregerson	\$100	2021-2030		Danny	Roche	\$20	2021-2022
Ray	Helton	\$50	2020-2024		Bruce	Russell	\$50	2020-2024
David	Hensley	\$30	2019-2021		Rod	Salvi	\$50	2021-2025
Daniel	Hernandez	\$50	2017-2021		Fred	Schneider	\$50	2021-2025
George	Koehler	\$30	2021-2023		Myron	Silvernagel	\$50	2022-2026
George	Kqpetankis	\$100	2019-2028		Henry	Soza	\$50	2037-2041
Charles	Leshner	\$20	2020-2021		Edwin	Spichel	\$50	2021-2025
Bruce	Madison	\$30	2021-2023		Gregorio	Trujillo	\$50	2020-2024
Orlando	Marcano	\$20	2021-2022		Donald	West	\$20	2020-2021
Philip	McDonald	\$20	2021-2022		Tommie	Whittemore	\$20	2021-2022
Robert	Meadowcroft	\$50	2017-2021		Johnny	Zimmerman	\$20	2021-2022

## Financial Report for July 2020 thru October 2020 by Dick Baker

<b>June 2020 Balance</b>	\$82,422
<b>Income</b>	
Dues Received	\$1,840
Donation	\$1,256
PX Sales	\$884
Reunion Registration Deposits	\$0
Other	\$0
Interest Earned	\$200
<b>Income total</b>	<b>\$4,180</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
PX Purchases	-\$168
Funerals	-\$124
Bugle	-\$923
Postage	-\$231
Veterans Day Deposit	-\$500
<b>Expense total</b>	<b>-\$1,947</b>
<b>October 2020 Balance</b>	<b>\$84,655</b>

DONATIONS		
Mitzi	Dearborn	\$50.00
Paul	Boyle	\$30.00
James	Coleman	\$35.50
Christine	Fitch	\$40.00
A Company 1966 in honor of Ed Canady		\$1,000.00
Allen	Nance	\$100.00
		<b>\$1,255.50</b>

Our cash balance is \$84,655 compared to \$76,689 at the end of our last reunion and \$69,312 at the beginning of the year. The Increase is primarily due to reunion deposits held for the 2021 reunion.

**Annual dues checks (\$10 per year) should be made out to the 5/7 Cavalry Assoc. and mailed to :**

**Richard Baker  
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