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President's Report

Greetings Troopers and families,

What a reunion! We had some 350+ Troopers, friends and family attend our gathering in Franklin, TN from June 26 through July 3. This was an especially significant event, given that our last reunion was four long years ago. While there are more deserving people than I can afford to thank in these pages, we did recognize most at the banquet. However, I would like to send one last, additional thanks to Jerry Houston. When the board determined early this year that Hot Springs just wasn't going to be a suitable location for the reunion, Jerry stepped forward and offered to take point on setting us up in Franklin. He was a one-man ground team, and I think all of you that attended will agree that he did a fantastic job.

Unit Tribute. Thanks to all attending the reunion for your hearty support of the effort to memorialize our unit with a Unit Tribute marker at the National Museum of the United States Army. Based on the unanimous vote of support at the Association meeting, we have purchased a marker (total cost \$5000) and it is on the schedule to be installed this fall, prior to Veterans Day! We are still short of the fundraising goal, so if you would like to make a donation please make a check payable to the 5/7 Cavalry Association, note that the donation is for the [Unit Tribute] in the memo section, and mail your donations to Dick Baker.

Squadron Update. The squadron, which has been deployed to Europe since early March in response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, will be returning to Ft. Stewart soon. Their replacement brigade from the 1st Cavalry Division has been announced, and they should all return by late summer.

Veterans Day. Its right around the corner, and I do hope that you will consider joining us in Washington DC this November. If you have never attended our gathering in DC, make this the year you do. We have rooms blocked from Wednesday, November 9 through Saturday, November 12. Hotel reservations can be made using the following link; <https://tinyurl.com/5-7-Cav-Assoc>

You need to know that the link automatically defaults to check-in on November 9th and check-out on November 13th, so if you need to change the dates for your stay, use the dropdown arrow where it says "Change Search" Alternately, you can call 1-800-HOLIDAY (or 800 465 4329) and make sure you identify yourself as a 5/7 Cav Association member.

Congratulations. Big kudos to LTC Martin "Red" Anders for assuming command of 2-15 Cavalry at Ft. Benning in May of this year. 2-15 CAV is the unit responsible for training the Army's Cavalry scouts, so Red will be making the 5-7 Cav Troopers of the future. Also, congratulations to Noa Walker for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel. Many of you met or saw Noa and his beautiful family at the Nashville reunion. I was humbled to officiate his promotion ceremony on Saturday, August 6th. We should be proud of both these young men and their accomplishments.

Did you know? Many of you may know that the battalion (now squadron) traces its origin back to July 28, 1866, when Company E of the 7th Cavalry was constituted. But how many know how we got the nickname "Gray Horse Troop?" I first learned the term while reading Charlie Baker's fantastic book of the same name. In Chapter 4, Charlie explained the history of the 5th Battalion (now Squadron) and its genesis as E Company in the old 7th Cavalry. During the campaign against the Sioux in 1876, each Company (or Troop) was assigned a different color horse, to promote uniformity and to ease in recognition while in battle. E Troop was given the gray horses. Historian Greg Michno confirms that George Custer implemented this arrangement back in 1868 in his outstanding book, The Mystery of E Troop. Both Native American and US Cavalry accounts mention seeing the gray horses on the bluffs above the river during the annihilation of E Troop at Little Big Horn on June 25, 1876.

Please know that I am extremely proud, and humbled, to be the president of the best battalion-level Veterans group in the whole damn country!

Garry Owen!
Cliff Wheeler
President, 5/7 Cavalry Association



1st Vice President's Report

I am still digesting the Reunion in Nashville. In the meantime, Chris Long Henson reported in about her nephew, Hurly Long, the grandson of LTC Herlihy "Jack" Long. Young Hurly is a budding professional golfer, with a year on the European Tour under his belt, and he recently came to Reno to play in the PGA Barracuda Tournament at Lake Tahoe Mountain Club. Following Hurly on the course was our friend Jim Thomas (Jack Long's RTO in 1967-68.) LTC Long was commanding 5/7 Cav when he was killed on 27 January at Quang Tri Airfield by a 20 rocket barrage on our position. Hurly visited Jim and Sharon at their home in nearby Sparks, Nevada, where Jim outfitted him with a proper hat. It was a Garryowen moment for both of them.



I commandeered the podium in Nashville to talk a bit about being anointed as VP, and my concerns about the future. For the Vietnam Vets, we are aging. Our ranks are thinning. Just in the last four years, we have lost several of our colorful and engaging colleagues - some who have played in volunteer roles essential to making our events so successful. The "young guys" are coming, but it is early for them. They are still digesting what has happened to their lives, just as we did in the 70s and 80s. We have more in common than some realize. I recently posted a similar comment on the 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry Facebook Page (with 625 members), extolling the virtues of joining the association.

Through the leadership of our new President, Col. (Ret) Cliff Wheeler, his troopers will join us in increasing numbers. Over the next decade, this should morph into we Nam vets, with our decreasing numbers, participating with them in what becomes their association. The 5/7 Cavalry Association needs to always be there for all 5/7 Cav troopers, as a place to post the colors, renew friendships, make new ones, and sit around telling bodacious stories. That's what we do. Pure and simple.

For now, we elders need to keep it going. We need to keep up the old levels of ceremony and activities. To do so, we will need new people stepping up as volunteers. Maybe this is the area for me to contribute – working through the Company Reps to proactively organize who is going to do what for each upcoming event. In this regard, I will be meeting with Cliff and Crazy Karl soon.

Garry Owen, Charlie Baker

Krazy Karl's Report

Reunion Franklin, TN is now in the record book. As I have said in the past if you members don't attend, we can't have a reunion.. There are so many of you that volunteered over the week that I say thank you . The biggest thank you goes to Dixie Houston. Dixie wasn't crazy about her husband Jerry being ground team guy again. This was the 3rd reunion he has done. After Hot Springs became a bust, Jerry stepped up and did a superb job. Thank You Jerry. Leanne Coffman & Ladies took over the raffle ticket sales. They did a wonderful job. I think everyone was quite happy with the simplicity of how the raffle was done. Yes, there were a few super nice items bought which we raffled in a silent auction.

Ian McCalister took over running the Hospitality Room. Ian made a shopping list every night. The early birds got the list at 7AM and were off. The Hospitality area was in full function by 9AM.

Jack and Emilie Thomas can't say enough about this couple. Jack jumped in and took charge of getting the Memorabilia Room set up and did an excellent job. Not only did he set it up but supervised the tear down and getting pack away in our trailer. Thank You Jack!!! And Emilie took charge of making the General Jackson Showboat a featured Thursday night event. Thank you Emilie!

Now to Ed Coon. Over the last 4 years Ed has been working diligently for the 5/7 Cav Assoc. Ed did all the leg work in finding and securing a cargo trailer that would fit our needs. Ed then went to Illinois and got the Memorabilia. The trailer is stored in Ed's pole barn. At the reunion, Ed is up by 5:30 AM, always on the go. By Monday afternoon he knows where all the important stores are, like Costco, Wally World, Liquor & etc. He is our super behind the scenes guy. Thank you Ed. See you in DC, Ed.

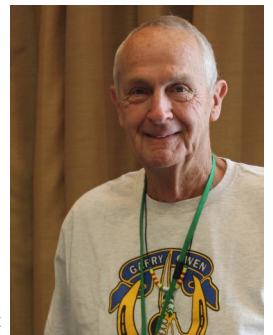
I know I have forgotten someone, but I was a truck driver and not supposed to remember everything. Yes, we did give Allen Patrick a ticket sample size for 2024 and you got supersized tickets.

September 2022 is now upon us, and we should be all thinking about Veterans Day in Washington, DC. Again, this year we will be staying at the Holiday Inn Express in Arlington, VA.

Over the last 30 years we have been placing a Memorial Wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial AKA, "The Wall," on Veterans Day. I'm very proud to add that we as the 5/7 Cav Association have used you, the members, as presenters each year. There has only been one repeat presenter and that was Col Ted Swett, our 1st Association president. If you have not been a wreath presenter on Veterans Day, please contact President Cliff Wheeler on your availability.

5th SQRADON TROOPERS – As we Vietnam Veterans are getting older; we need you younger troopers to step in and help continue the 5/7 association. The foundation of any good unit is the EMs. Yup you don't need to be anything special to carry on this association. Myself I was a Spec 4, 11C when I left the Army. I had been Spec 4, for 2 months. Many of you may have heard rumors of why I didn't gain rank and yes, they are all true. Now it is up to you, the 5th Squadron Troopers to carry on.

Garry Owen,
"Krazy" Karl



Chaplain's Corner

“Smallest Sample”

Three months prior to OIF III, I arrived at 5/7 CAV as an Attached Chaplain due to injury of the previous ADA Chaplain. Later, I was assigned halfway through the deployment. One month before I arrived, the unit experienced a suicide that was graphically displayed in front on the newly flagged unit during their PT session. An ADA Soldier hung himself in the stairwell that was part of the barracks and located in front of the PT field. So when the newly designated Troopers showed up for PT, they saw the deceased Soldier.

From October 2004-2010, the Squadron experienced three more suicide Attempts but no completions and this was at a time when the Army suicide rate had surpassed that of the Vietnam Suicide rate for the first time.

From 2010, to a dark Saturday in August 2022, 5/7 CAV has experienced 13 suicides of Soldiers who deployed to OIF III. Suicide is endemic in our Squadron and is a trend that must stop!

Many may ask why such high numbers or may think instead that these numbers seem low. I assure you, these numbers are entirely too high given we deployed with 574 Soldiers in OIF III. The reason for our trends may have something to do with the actual 12 month deployment and then the surge deployment of 15 months that followed a year later.

Here are just some of the numbers of losses our unit experienced in OIF III and if anything is a conservative representation of the actual numbers:

January 2005-January 2006

- 6 Dead Assigned Troopers
- 2 Dead Attached/Supporting (FA/Fire Rescue)
- 2 Dead Special Forces
- 2 Dead Agents (CIA/British Intelligence)
- 40+ Wounded Troopers
- 5 Dead Interpreters
- {Half way through the deployment our PA took leave and attempted Suicide}- Replaced by a new PA
- * 411 (?) IEDs on Patrols (186 of those on one Troop)
- * 365 (?) Mortars inside the wire of a FOB that was less than 2 square miles
- 1 Trooper Attempted Suicide during deployment

** 100 Iraqis killed and 100 wounded when three car bombs exploded during a Shia Holiday in August. The entire Squadron responded.

** Entire Iraqi Army BN that we trained was hunted down and killed after we left in January 2006

- 1 Trooper drowned in a boating accident while on post deployment leave
- 1 Officer was found dead in his living room while on PCS leave post deployment
- 1 Medic Attempted Suicide During Post Deployment leave

One deployment may seem like too small of a sample to argue for causality but I know of few units who have experienced this level of loss in a year and exposure to trauma.

Even the smallest sample is a sample. Now couple with this that the follow on deployment from January 2007-April 2008 was equally traumatizing and one could argue that our Troopers have NOT recovered and many who deployed in 2005 also deployed in 2007.

Proper acknowledgment and recognition of the responses to these events and their losses may go a long way in helping the Squadron experience closure. However, from now until Valhalla it is going to be buddy checks that will win the day.

Troopers are Cavalry and are known for fighting the enemy and winning. The Bible calls Death the “Final Enemy to be defeated”! As your Chaplain, I’m calling one and all to fight Suicide as the Final Enemy.

We don’t just fight and win our Nations wars but we also help our Troopers fight and win their personal battles.

In an effort to help with this stand against the Final Enemy, I’m drafting a digital call list of those willing to be available 24-7 for our Troopers. Soldiers respond best to other Soldiers. If you desire to help us Stand against the Final Enemy of Suicide in our Squadron, please email me your contact information and name and I will add it to the list. The deadline will be November 15th in time for the Holidays. Once completed I will send it as an attachment to the Association to post and make available to all.

Help me Stand against the Final Enemy!!!!

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Twill Shirt Blue Denim Short Sleeve - XL	\$25	Combat Medic Badge (mini)	\$3
Men's White Polo No Snag - Large	\$25	"Shit Burner"	\$3
Men's White Polo No Snag - XL	\$25	7th Cav Crest (mini)	\$3
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Otto Ball Caps White 5/7 Logo	\$15	Combat Infantry Badge (regulation)	\$3
New Challenge Coins Vietnam/Iraq/Afghanistan	\$12	1st Cav Patch (mini)	\$3
Flags		Silver Star Medal (mini)	\$3
POW/MIA 3'X5' Flag	\$15	M-16	\$3
5/7 Cav Crossed Saber Pins	\$4	Purple Heart Medal (mini)	\$3
ALL HAT PINS \$3 each!	\$3	ARCOM (mini)	\$3
"Dinky Dau"	\$3	Vietnam Campaign Medal(mini)	\$3
"Hue City	\$3	NDSM (mini)	\$3
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"An Khe"	\$3	Air Medal (mini)	\$3
"Khe Sanh"	\$3	POW/MIA	\$3
Army Aviator (silver)	\$3	Vietnam Veteran (cap style badge)	\$3
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7th Cav Crest (regulation)	\$3	18th ABN Corps	\$3
I (heart) My Vietnam Veteran	\$3	3rd Infantry Div (mini)	\$3
Army Good Conduct Medal (mini)	\$3	P-38 Can Opener (Don't leave home without it!)	\$3

* The PX is receiving an upgrade with exciting new items coming soon!

IN MEMORIAM—MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED IN THE LAST 5 YEARS

2016

Danny Grinder E 68-69
 Van C Mandakunis E 69
 Andrew Hulse D 68
 William N Dane D 69
 Arlyn E Wood H 69
 Danny W Noth B 68
 Richard Hawksby A 68
 Randy R Simpson C 70
 Claude B Jarrett B 67
 Johnnie L Smith B 67
 Willie G Middleton B 68
 Harold Kline B 68
 Robert J Rivers B 70
 Willie Wilson H 70
 Royce Vick H 66

2017

Charles Bunton C 66-67
 Lawrence T Sarginson B 68
 Gary J Creek C 66
 Lotis J Horton, Jr C 69
 Peter G Olsen H 70
 Dale J Rhodes H 70
 James L Ledbetter B 69
 Cecil S Kiser B 69
 Stephen R Allen B 67
 David W Greathouse B 69
 George Myrick B 69
 William D Chapman C 69
 William Mintz A 68
 Leroy Canty A 70
 Wallace Duggins H 70
 Larry Reel A 66

2018

James S Goemmer B 68
 Jerry Adkins A 69
 Terry D Dillon C 68
 Raymond A Judy B 66
 Charles K Reber B 66
 Hugo Lopez H 66
 Billy E Fisher D 68
 David W Condran A 70
 Charles L McQuerry H 67
 Ron Logterman C 66

2019

Larry D Fenner B 69
 David Baker C 66
 Marvin R Deckard C 69
 William L Parsons D 70
 Peter Ballo C 67
 Carol D McIntosh C 67
 David Crowe C 66
 Richard Gonzales C 66
 James D Harmon C 66
 Thomas D Lent C 67
 Vincent B Mesa C 66
 George R Clifford D 66
 Robert C Henzy D 69
 John Zepeda B 66
 Larry Vanderveen D 68

2020

Melvin M Augustyniak A 69
 John M Lary B 67
 Everett E Easterday C 68
 Michael "Hippie" Shurley D 67
 Maurice "Moe" Goulet C 66
 Raymond Barraza C 66
 Benjamin B Weedman C 70
 Edward R Canady A 66
 Thomas Blue A 69
 Harold Baker B 68
 Walter "Frenchy" Bossuot B 67
 Kenneth Kuykendall A 68
 Vardell Nesmith C 67
 Harold Powell B 68
 Pat Malinka A 69

2021

Howard Prince B 68
 Edward Salisbury D 70
 Caesar Perez C 66
 Gene Gargile D 68
 Bill Hussong A 67
 Steve "Mutt" Shear A 68
 Edd Lewis A Co 70

2022

Daniel Dilloway C 68
 Rod Henning D 67
 Albert Tapia C 67
 Bob Greenwood C 67
 William Lerch D 04

REUNION VENUES - 32 Years in 2024

16. TBD
15. 2022 Nashville, TN
14. 2018 Pittsburgh, PA
13. 2016 Colorado Springs, CO
12. 2014 Springfield, MO
11. 2012 San Antonio, TX
10. 2010 Nashville, TN
9. 2008 Jacksonville, FL
8. 2006 Colorado Springs, CO
7. 2004 Cincinnati, OH
6. 2002 St Louis, MO
5. 2000 Nashville, TN
4. 1998 Washington DC
3. 1996 St Louis, MO
2. 1994 Colorado Springs, CO
1. 1992 Dearborn, MI

Nashville Reunion Photos



NASHVILLE REUNION PHOTOS



Dues Paid August through March 2022

First	Last	Paid	Years	First	Last	Paid	Years
Bill	Boyce	\$10	2024	Alan	Krause	\$30	2020-2022
Charles	Abt	\$20	2021-2022	Edgar	Lewis	\$50	2022-2026
Larry	Allen	\$40	2023-2026	Bruce	Lillicrap	\$100	2017-2026
Charlie	Baker	\$10	2026	John	Long	\$40	2024-2027
Robert	Baldwin	\$40	2022-2025	Michael	Lynch	\$85	2024-2033
George	Banks	\$50	2018-2022	Paul	Mattuccilli	\$50	2022-2026
Michael	Beaupre	\$30	2022-2024	Kathy	Maxwell	\$40	2021-2024
Joseph	Berry	\$40	2021-2024	Dennis	McGuire	\$250	2010-2034
Wilbur	Bowe	\$50	2020-2024	Thomas	Meehan	\$50	2021-2025
Donald	Boyd	\$10	2021	James	Miller	\$30	2021-2023
McGregor	Coffman	\$50	2024-2028	John	Montalbano	\$10	2023
Ed	Coon	\$30	2028-2030	Arthur	Olson	\$30	2023-2025
Chris	Cordi	\$50	2018-2022	Allen	Patrick	\$10	2031
Joseph	Cybulski	\$40	2021-2024	Edward	Peltier	\$30	2022-2024
Jake	Dalton	\$50	2021-2025	Robert	Poundstone	\$30	2023-2025
Kevin	Deckel	\$50	2022-2026	Melvin	Powell	\$40	2023-2026
Dan	Dilts	\$205	2021-2030	Walt	Putback	\$10	2023
Michael	Elliott	\$20	2022-2023	Michael	Rasmussen	\$30	2021-2025
Eldon	Erlenbach	\$40	2021-2025	Eddie	Ratcliffe	\$50	2025-2029
Warren	Flenniken	\$50	2021-2025	Ryan	Sateren	\$100	2023-2032
Jerry	Fortuna	\$20	2024-2025	David	Seabolt	\$30	2023-2025
John	Garback	\$30	2021-2023	Jake	Skrilin	\$10	2021
Howard	Garrison	\$30	2022-2024	Larry	Smith	\$100	2021-2030
Michael	Geary	\$70	2018-2024	Lawrence	Strong	\$40	2022-2025
Paul	Hall	\$50	2023-2028	Charles	Sullivan	\$10	2019
Matthew	Hanna	\$10	2023	John	Talbot	\$10	2022
Bill	Heckley	\$50	2021-2025	John	Taylor	\$100	2021-2030
Dan	Hillcoat	\$40	2019-2022	Frank	Thurston	\$100	2024-2033
Donald	Hoag	\$40	2021-2024	Bob	Van Camp	\$10	2027
Harold	Huntsman	\$40	2021-2024	Frank	Vargas	\$20	2019-2024
Pam	Jamison	\$100	2022-2031	Noa	Walker	\$10	2022
Thomas	Jones	\$20	2022-2023	Haskel	Westmoreland	\$20	2024-2025
Timothy	Kelly	\$10	2023	Parker	Wood	\$100	2022-2031
Glenn	Koonce	\$10	2024	Lamarius	Workman	\$10	2022

Please mail dues and reunion checks to the address below:

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Financial Report by Dick Baker

Our cash balance is \$89,837 compared to \$76,689 at the end of our last reunion and \$88,686 at the beginning of the year.

Another successful reunion is now in the books. The Embassy Suites staff was very helpful and accommodating.

Hopefully Ed Coon operates at a slightly slower pace when at home. Thank you to the many volunteers at the reunion. This applies especially to the Hospitality room volunteers headed up by Ian McCalister and the ladies running the raffle table, headed up by Leanne Coffman. A thank you also to the ladies handling the lady's tea and assembling the centerpieces for our Friday night banquet. Jerry and Dixie Houston put in many hours being the local ground team. Thank you.

Note that the dues list does not include those who paid when registering at the reunion. But rest assured, that your dues were updated in our data base.

The Unit Tribute has been ordered and installation is currently scheduled for early November, prior to Veterans Day

Unit Tribute Donations

Richard	Baker	\$100
Charlie	Baker	\$200
Donald	Fredenburg	\$40
Donald	Hallquist	\$50
Fred	Kremer	\$100
Mike	Lewis	\$100
Irving (Bill)	Little	\$120
Bill & Patty	Litvjak	\$200
Hunter	Litvjak	\$100
Ian	McCalister	\$200
Philip	McDonald	\$200
Donald	Phares	\$50
Melvin	Powell	\$345
Bill	Purdy	\$170
Arthur	Reel	\$100
Wives of	Shaky Hill	\$100
Mike	Silvernagel	\$100
Cliff	Wheeler	\$500
Parker	Wood	\$500
Walt	Zimmerman	\$50
	Total	\$3,325

Donations

Bill	Heckley	\$50
Thomas	Meehan	\$50
Edgar	Lewis	\$50
Mitzi	Dearborn	\$50
	Total	\$200



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