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## 5/7 Cavalry Association News

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### President's Report

November was a busy month for us, and I hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving.

**Veterans Day:** We had another great gathering in Washington DC from November 9 through 12. Although our numbers were a bit low, we did have over 50 people for the dinner on November 10th. Troopers Joe Berry, Bill Moore, and Jim Thomas represented the Association in the wreath presentation ceremony at the Vietnam Memorial, and a special thanks to Mary and Joe McVeigh for donating the wreath again this year. We also had a chance encounter with Major General Edward Crystal, USA. He is the officer in charge of the Vietnam War Commemoration effort for the Department of Defense, and he took a few moments to shake hands with our Troopers, welcome them home, and even handed out commemorative coins.





## President's Report (cont'd)

**5<sup>th</sup> Squadron:** I drove down to Fort Stewart on November 21 to meet with 5<sup>th</sup> Squadron Leadership and donate two statuettes that belonged to COL Ted Swett. The Squadron assembled their leadership for a Stable Call, which included a promotion ceremony for young Lieutenants, a "Broken Spur" ceremony (hint: the Broken Spur is not a recognition you really want to earn). At the end, I was afforded the opportunity to talk to the assembled officers and NCOs about COL Swett, the original Warpaint 6, about the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion's creation and deployment, and to present the statues to the Squadron. These items of our history are now proudly displayed in the Squadron's Regimental Room, where they can be seen and admired by the current generation of troopers. My special thanks to the Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Mike Hefti, Command Sergeant Major Luis Padilla, and First Lieutenant Pete Rose for the warm welcome and the opportunity to fellowship with our 5/7 Cavalry Troopers.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Garry Owen, Cliff



"Brutus" Mascot Statue



Col Swett's Retirement Statue



CSM Paddilla & LTC Hefti

## "Krazy" Karl's Report

**Greetings and Merry Christmas 2023 & Happy New Year 2024.**

I guess we are all having fun as time is just flying by. Two weeks ago, there were 52 of us having our annual Veterans Day dinner in Arlington, VA. A great night was had by all. Veterans Day was the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of the Women's Memorial. The ladies conducted the ceremony at "The Wall," and did a marvelous job. Even the Color Guard was all women. Our wreath and presenters were sharp as usual.

Yesterday we stuffed ourselves with Thanksgiving Turkey and goodies. Depending on when Allen gets this newsletter in the mail, we could have only 5 months left until our San Antonio Reunion. We need everyone to get their reservations made so we can make the final preparations. As I left home for DC this year, I was planning to make it my last trip to DC. I flew into DCA instead of driving. Talk about being easy to do. It was very simple, and I wasn't tired when I arrived after 10 hours on the road. I am planning to go again next year.

Now to a serious situation. We aren't getting any younger. That is with the exception of Cliff Wheeler, and Cliff isn't finding any of the 5<sup>th</sup> Squadron troopers who want to help him. I stepped down from the 1st VP office 8 years ago, but here I am trying to help keep the Association afloat. I did approach many of you to step in and take an office. Well, that didn't work either. Our numbers are dwindling rapidly. Should we cut back on the length of the reunion? Should we drop the memorabilia room as we all know where we were and what we did. It is the comradery in the hospitality room that really stands out to me personally. Is it time for plated meals? Any other ideas would be appreciated. These are all questions that will be discussed in length at the association meetings in San Antonio.

As I have said in the past, the association is all of us, not just a few. Without your attendance there is no association. Now get on the phone or the internet and make your reservations as we want you all in San Antonio.

That is as plain as I can make it from here in frozen New Hampshire. Happy Holidays!!

"Krazy" Karl Haartz, 1<sup>st</sup> VP Emeritus

## Membership VP

During my short time as Membership V.P. things on the membership side are quiet. Time is taking its toll on the organization as age is catching up to all of us. A good measure of that is the recent attendance at the annual get together in Washington D.C. There were 54 at our annual dinner, including guests, down from past years of almost 200. The hospitality suite which in past years has been at times, standing room only, was mostly empty. The busiest night was that of the dinner. We all realize that health and expenses are what they are and we can only do what we can, when we can. Traveling today is not a fun experience and can be compounded by age and mobility. You are all in our thoughts, no matter what.

For those who attended the camaraderie is what it is all about.

As mentioned in the Presidents message elsewhere in this issue, Cliff made a trip to Ft. Stewart to drop off some memorabilia from our first Commander, Col. Ted Swett. Cliff made a presentation to the leadership on the benefits of this organization. Our future is in the present with recent and current members of the 5/7 Cav. It is all in trying to convince them that this Association is and will be important to them at sometime in their future. I hope to make a visit to the Squadron in the new year as I trek to Florida to visit my son. If everything can be coordinated I will make my pitch to them as well.

I wish all a Happy Holiday season, and a safe and Happy New Year. See you in San Antonio.

Garry Owen,  
Jack Thomas,  
Membership Vice President

## 2024 - 5/7 Cavalry Reunion - Holiday Inn San Antonio Riverwalk

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! The new year will bring us to our 16th reunion. Can you believe it? We started this celebration of brothers in arms 42 years ago.

Our reunion venue is the Holiday Inn San Antonio Riverwalk. The dates are locked in for the week of May 19 through May 25. The hotel will honor our group rate of \$125 per night for three days in advance of the reunion and three days after.

The hotel has set up a special online booking link:  
[5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association](#)

Just above is the link you can click on to make your reservation if you are reading this newsletter online. Once you click on the link it will take you to the hotel website, then enter your arrival/departure dates, and it will automatically populate our name and discounted group rate.

If your not online, you can call the hotel's 24-hour reservation phone number at **210-224-2500, and select option 2.**

If you are calling, please remember to reference our group's block code: **BCA.**

The reservations supervisor is Ms. Bonnie Ng. She has volunteered to help anyone that has trouble making their reservations. Just a friendly reminder that the last day to make reservations at our group discount will be on: **April 22, 2024.**

Word to the wise is book early so you can be confident you'll have a room. The hotel requires a credit card number to reserve your booking but nothing is charged to your card until you check-in. Should you need to cancel your reservation, please contact Jerry Houston (jerrybhouston@gmail.com) before notifying the hotel. That way we can make sure other members that need a room can be accommodated.

The reunion registration is included with this newsletter. Print it out or tear it out of the newsletter and fill it out and send it in to Dick Baker with your registration fees. His address is 13543 W Skyhawk Dr., Sun City West, AZ 85375. Don't wait to do it when you book your room. We need to know you're coming so we can keep track of the headcount.

We have the Royal Dukes Band confirmed for Thursday night of the reunion. Check them out at the following web site <https://www.royaldukesband.com/>. It's going to be a great reunion. See you in San Antonio.







# 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry Monthly Newsletter

November 2023



Blackfoot Troop had a chance to enjoy a team building workout hosted by the Army R2 (Ready and Resilient) program. Soldiers worked together to accomplish various exercises and mental challenges to see which team would finish first.



We were pleased to have our NCO Induction Ceremony. Recently promoted Sergeants took their oaths as NCOs and were proudly welcomed into our NCO family. Congratulations to the new NCOs; we know you'll do great things!



Congratulations to Diesel Troop for winning this year's Turkey Bowl! It was great seeing friends and families of the Squadron enjoying one of our favorite events of the year. We can't wait for the next one!



What a great Stable Call! Events included Apache Troop handing over the coveted Broken Spur to the SXO, promoting some of our 2LTs to 1LT, and receiving some historic 5-7 Cav statues from our guest of honor Ret. Col. Cliff Wheeler, President of the 5-7 Cav Association.



Dark Horse Troop is doing a fantastic job conducting services on their Abrams, preparing them for the upcoming training events next year. Some of the tasks include pulling out the engine, draining fluids, and cleaning the engine bay.



This years Spur Ride was a great success. Spur Candidates moved across various lanes--learning the skills and physical demands that come with being in the Cavalry--with the goal of winning their spurs at the end. Congrats to our new Spur Holders!



**5/7 Cavalry Association Reunion XVI  
Holiday Inn Riverwalk San Antonio, TX May 19 – 25, 2024**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company/Troop \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone numbers: Home: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**NAMETAGS:** Please provide names for you, your family & guests the way you would like them to appear on the nametag.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** I am willing to volunteer for:

Registration \_\_\_ Hospitality Room \_\_\_ Logistics \_\_\_ Banquets \_\_\_ Memorabilia Room \_\_\_ PX \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Events	Adult/Child	No. of Adults/Children	Total \$
<b>Golf Outing: TBD Golf Course Wednesday, May 22, 9:30 AM Lobby</b>	\$40		
<b>Pizza Night Wednesday, May 22, 6:00 PM until all gone</b>	Free		
<b>Ladies Social Hour Thursday, May 23, 10:30 – 11:30 AM</b>	\$20		
<b>Crazy Music Night with the Royal Dukes Band Thursday, May 23, 6 – 10 PM</b>	\$25		
<b>Banquet Dinner and Guest Speaker: TBD Friday Evening, May 24, 6 PM (child = 11 - 4)</b>	\$45/20		
<b>Bar-B-Q Dinner Saturday Evening, May 25, 6 PM (child = 11 - 4)</b>	\$40/20		
<b>5/7 Cavalry Association Dues</b>	\$10/year		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

- Calculate the total registration fees and make checks payable to **5/7 Cavalry Association**
- Send Completed Registration form with applicable fees to - - -
- Dick Baker, 13543 W Sky Hawk Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375

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1. The Royal Dukes performance will take place in the hotel ballroom. A cash bar will be available.
3. The Golf Outing takes place at the TBD Golf Course a 15-minute drive from our hotel. The \$40 fee includes a golf cart for every 2 players. Tee Off is TBD. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin, etc. More details when checking in at Reunion registration. Sign up early to reserve your spot.
4. The Association Hospitality Room will be open Monday through Saturday, 6 am to midnight.
5. A \$12 Continental Breakfast Voucher provided at registration; Hours 6 - 9 AM; Saturday 7 - 10 AM
6. No refunds on registration fees after April 29, 2024
7. Hotel reservations must be made by April 19, 2024
8. Book Reservations by phone 210-224-2500; Identify yourself as part of the 5/7 Cav Association
9. Direct Link to Online Reservations: [5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association](#)

- Should you need to cancel your room, make sure to let the association know before contacting the hotel.
- With advance notice, we may be able to assist others needing a room.
- If you still need a room, email Jerry Houston at [jerrybhouston@gmail.com](mailto:jerrybhouston@gmail.com) to see if we have any cancellations that may be available.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EACH OF YOU IN SAN ANTONIO!!!**



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## PX\*

<b>Shirts Men/Women</b>		Claymore Mine	\$3
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
Men's White Polo No Snag - 2XL	\$25	K-9 Corps	\$3
Ladie's White Polo - Medium	\$15	Least They Be Forgotten	\$3
Ladie's Heather Gray Polo - Medium	\$15	Army Meritorious Unit Citation Ribbon (mini)	\$3
<b>Hats</b>		Combat Cavalry Badge (mini)	\$3
Otto Ball Caps Black 5/7 Logo	\$15	Combat Infantry Badge (mini)	\$3
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
<b>Flags</b>		Silver Star Medal (mini)	\$3
POW/MIA 3'X5' Flag	\$15	M-16	\$3
<b>5/7 Cav Crossed Saber Pins</b>	\$4	Purple Heart Medal (mini)	\$3
<b>ALL HAT PINS \$3 each!</b>	\$3	ARCOM (mini)	\$3
"Dinky Dau"	\$3	Vietnam Campaign Medal(mini)	\$3
"Hue City	\$3	NDSM (mini)	\$3
Chinook Helicopter	\$3	The Wall	\$3
"An Khe"	\$3	Air Medal (mini)	\$3
"Khe Sanh"	\$3	POW/MIA	\$3
Army Aviator (silver)	\$3	Vietnam Veteran (cap style badge)	\$3
"Pleiku"	\$3	Combat Action Badge (black,mini)	\$3
"Cavalry"	\$3	OIF Vet	\$3
"Cambodia"	\$3	M-113	\$3
UH-1 Huey Helicopter	\$3	Humvee	\$3
60mm Mortar Tube	\$3	"In Honor" (folded flag)	\$3
Brothers Forever	\$3	Air Assault (mini)	\$3
M-60 Machine Gun	\$3	Enduring Freedom Vet	\$3
"Agent Orange Victims"	\$3	Combat Action Badge (silver,mini)	\$3
Vietnam Service Ribbon	\$3	M-2 Bradley	\$3
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!

## Dues Paid Since Last Newsletter

First	Last	Paid	Paid Thru
Pat	Arace	\$10	2023
James	Brown	\$100	2030
Rick	Belt	\$100	2032
Wilbur	Bowe	\$20	2026
Jim	Brennan	\$50	2026
Eddie C	Cargile	\$50	2025
McGregor	Coffmann	\$20	2030
Harry	Cook	\$50	2028
Jerome	Cullitan	\$30	2025
Bruce	Cuney	\$200	2031
William	Devos	\$50	2027
Daniel	Dilts	\$50	2035
Calvin	Dunham	\$20	2024
Joseph	Dzikas	\$70	2030
Johnny	Eason	\$30	2025
Martin	Frey	\$30	2033
Phil	Fulkerson	\$50	2028
Willie	Gore	\$10	2030
Wendell	Janke	\$50	2023
Bob	Kinder	\$30	2035
Leon	Lasley	\$40	2025
Richard	Lawless	\$30	2025
James	Leach	\$30	2025
James	Lewis	\$20	2022
David	Lilly	\$50	2025
John	Long	\$100	2037
Raymond	Mason	\$50	2027
Joseph	McVeigh	\$30	2024
Don	Phares	\$20	2026
Richard	Reed	\$40	2026
Jose	Sanchez	\$20	2024
Farrell	Sirvoy	\$80	2027
Ric	Sleeper	\$40	2025
Charles	Ward	\$20	2024
Carl	Weber	\$100	2029
Craig	Werling	\$10	2016
Norman	Wetzel	\$60	2028
		\$1,760	

## Financial Report by Dick Baker

Our cash balance is \$92,749 compared to \$90,594 at the beginning of the year and \$89,951 in May 2023 ( last Bugle report).

Now is the time to call the Holiday Inn San Antonio Riverwalk (210-224-2500) and book your hotel room. Identify yourself as being with the 5/7 Cavalry Association to receive the discounted room rate. The reunion begins May 20th and ends with checkout on Sunday May 26th, 2024.

While you are at it, complete the reunion registration form, along with a check, and mail it to me at the address listed on the form. You can obtain the form at : [www.cav57.org](http://www.cav57.org) or in this newsletter.

To date I have received 22 reunion registrations, keep them coming, along with booking your rooms.

I think we should now consider future reunions. Do we keep moving every 2 years or identify a good central location that everyone likes? This would eliminate a certain amount of work from each reunion. Open for discussion.

Garry Owen, Dick Baker

### Financial Summary

<b>5/23 Balance</b>	<b>\$89,951</b>
<b>Income:</b>	
Reunion Registrations	\$2,395
Dues Received	\$1,760
Donations	\$250
PX Sales	\$170
Interest Earned	\$476
	<b>\$5,051</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Reunion Expenses	-\$688
Bugle	-\$820
PX Purchases	\$0
Funerals	-\$239
Veterans Day	-\$435
Web / Email	-\$71
	<b>-\$2,253</b>
<b>11/23 Balance</b>	<b>\$92,749</b>

### Donations

Kirk	Dorr	\$150
Mitz *	Dearborn	\$100
*IH of Karl Haartz		
		\$250

## IN MEMORIAM—MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED IN THE LAST 7 YEARS

<b>2016</b>	John M Lary B 67
Danny Grinder E 68-69	Everett E Easterday C 68
Van C Mandakunis E 69	Michael "Hippie" Shurley D 67
Andrew Hulse D 68	Maurice "Moe" Goulet C 66
William N Dane D 69	Raymond Barraza C 66
Arlyn E Wood H 69	Benjamin B Weedman C70
Danny W Noth B 68	Edward R Canady A 66
Richard Hawksby A 68	Thomas Blue A 69
Randy R Simpson C 70	Harold Baker B 68
Claude B Jarrett B 67	Walter "Frenchy" Bossuot B 67
Johnnie L Smith B 67	Kenneth Kuykendall A 68
Willie G Middleton B 68	Vardell Nesmith C 67
Harold Kline B 68	Harold Powell B 68
Robert J Rivers B 70	Pat Malinka A 69
Willie Wilson H 70	George Bazal D 70
<b>2017</b>	John Cecere H 66
Charles Bunton C 66-67	<b>2021</b>
Lawrence T Sarginson B 68	Howard Prince B 68
Gary J Creek C 66	Edward Salisbury D 70
Lotis J Horton, Jr C 69	Caesar Perez C 66
Peter G Olsen H 70	Gene Gargile D 68
Dale J Rhodes H 70	Bill Hussong A 67
James L Ledbetter B 69	Steve "Mutt" Shear A 68
Cecil S Kiser B 69	Edd Lewis A Co 70
Stephen R Allen B 67	Royce Vick H 66
David W Greathouse B 69	Henry McDonald C 66
George Myrick B 69	Thurman Woods D 68
William D Chapman C 69	Jerry Dover E 68
William Mintz A 68	Andy Westin C 67
Leroy Canty A 70	<b>2022</b>
Wallace Duggins H 70	Daniel Dilloway C 68
Larry Reel A 66	Rod Henning D 67
<b>2018</b>	Albert Tapia C 67
James S Goemmer B 68	Bob Greenwood C 67
Jerry Adkins A 69	William Lerch D 04
Terry D Dillon C 68	Larry Nunez C Co 66
Raymond A Judy B 66	Hank Thomas D Co 67
Charles K Reber B 66	Rudy Kozuh A 70
Hugo Lopez H 66	Nicholas Filipak A 66
Billy E Fisher D 68	Ric Wetherbee D 67
David W Condron A 70	Thurman Woods D 68
Charles L McQuerry H 67	Burley D Middleton D 69
Ron Logterman C 66	<b>2023</b>
Alvin Zuber B 66	Larry Allen C 68
Dennis Baker H 70	Bill Litvjak C 69
<b>2019</b>	Truman Hamrick B 66
Larry D Fennern B 69	Patrick Dockery C 70
David Baker C 66	Mike Walker A 66
Marvin R Deckard C 69	Harold Dannewitz C 66
William L Parsons D 70	Joe Levatino D 66
Peter Ballo C 67	Danny White B 69-70
Carol D McIntosh C 67	Darrel Lockhart A 69-70
David Crowe C 66	Tim Armstrong B 68
Richard Gonzales C 66	Charlie Talbott A 68
James D Harmon C 66	Cornelius Floyd D 67
Thomas D Lent C 67	Myron "Mick" Davis D 68
Vincent B Mesa C 66	
George R Clifford D 66	
Robert C Henzy D 69	
John Zepeda B 66	
Larry Vanderveen D 68	
<b>2020</b>	
Melvin M Augustyniak A 69	

Please email dues and reunion checks to the address below.

Dues are \$10 per year.

Checks should be made out to 5/7 Cavalry Association

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Bristol, NH



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