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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Maury Edmonds

Garry Owen to you all. Can you believe that it's been over 42 years since the original members of our battalion landed in Vietnam and almost 38 years since the last ones returned home with the colors? Yet, if you're like me, your memories of those difficult times are fresh; the faces of your buddies are clear and forever young; and, your sadness over those lost remains and you remember them still.

Who could have imagined then that we would be brought together again by the bonds formed as members of the finest combat unit in the army? Who would have thought that 40 years later 400-500 of us would gather for reunions and upwards of 80 would participate in the wreath laying ceremonies at the Vietnam memorial in Washington? Well, here we are and we owe more than we can ever repay to those who started our reunions, and put them on every two years, and who have devoted so much time and energy to bringing each of us back into the fold.

Added to our band of brothers are those marvelous troopers who have manned the 5/7th Cav since its reactivation, have been to

Iraq three times, and now are fulfilling a homeland security mission. We are proud of them and we welcome them into our brotherhood.

Our responsibility, yours and mine, is to keep the flame alive; to continue to find and bring others back. We owe it to them and to ourselves.

Jane and I wish you and yours good health and great happiness and we look forward to seeing you at one of our gatherings.

God bless you and God bless and keep all those in uniform serving around the world in our behalf.

2010 Reunion Site Search

With Jerry Houston's help and lot's of negotiating with three different hotels in Nashville we have successfully contracted with the Marriott Nashville Airport hotel for our 2010 reunion. The dates are Monday, July 5 through Saturday, July 10, 2010.

Early arrivals on Sunday July 4 or before are welcome but remember we won't have everything up and running until Monday July 5.

This is the same hotel we stayed in for our 2000 Reunion. Since then the hotel has undergone a major make over: all new room décor, new restaurant layout and a new indoor ballroom/convention center area under a permanent dome construction.

They have eliminate the outdoor picnic

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area so our Saturday Bar-B-Q will be indoors out of the Nashville heat.

Jerry is researching extra curriculum activities including the Grand Ole Opry and the General Jackson Dinner Cruise.

Since we were there last the city has opened the Country Music Hall of Fame in a beautiful downtown venue. In addition the city has cleaned up the Jazz district and it has become a tourist attraction safe for all visitors, day and night.

Registration for the reunion will start later this year probably in August. We'll publish the registration forms in the newsletter that comes out then and we'll also post copies on our web site so you and print the form right from the web site.

Jerry has agreed to take on the job of Ground Team leader for the 2010 Reunion so he will be looking for volunteers to help out with the Hospitality Room, the Banquet and the Bar-B-Que. Karl & Carol Haartz and I will continue to work registration .

Don Shipley will handle the Memorabilia Room and Don welcomes volunteers too.

Goody and Wanda Goodpaster will be running the PX and they too will welcome volunteers to help out.

Plan on bringing the family and having a great time. Nashville is a great tourist location. If you like Jazz and Country and Western music you'll be right in your element.

Sixteen months and counting —
Garry Owen, Allen



MARRIOTT NASHVILLE AIRPORT HOTEL

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Vice President's Report

by Karl Haartz

Happy Winter from the Haartz' home in snowy New Hampshire.

"Take A Vet to School" this is a program done through the efforts and guide lines by the history channel. In the last newsletter I told you about my meeting some middle school children from Creston, Ohio. I have been corresponding with one of the students and her mother since our meeting in May at the Wall. The four girls I met that day gave me a t-shirt which reads on the back:

They gave their lives to pass the test
They gave their hearts for this quest
Where did they find the courage you may ponder-
It was simply a matter of honor



CRESTON MIDDLE SCHOOL SALUTES OUR VETERANS

I have carried this t-shirt with me and had pictures taken in various locations around the country and sent them with my correspondence. The instructor for this project is Mrs. Hess and she does a wonderful job of getting the kids involved with the local veterans. So much so that she brings around 130 kids and parents to Washington, DC on Memorial Day.

Mrs. Hess asked me to come to Creston and speak to their assembly on "Take a Vet to School Day," which I did on November 25th.

I gave a 20 minute power point presentation telling of my travels with the CMS t-shirt and veterans' functions which I have been part of.

Trying to keep the attention of 250 middle school kids, parents, teachers and 40 Veterans from WWII to Iraqi Freedom was no easy task. After the assembly the Veterans went to the rooms of the student which brought them to school to give a brief talk and answer questions. This is really a pretty neat project.

When the assembly was over and after a quick cup of coffee I jumped in my pickup and drove 725 miles home, talking to myself all the way. I didn't lose any arguments on the trip.

If any of you 5/7 troopers get a chance to do this it is a great experience.

Wreaths Across America – On December 6th I had the honor of carrying the Army Flag in the all



If you would like to be on Krazy Karl's e-mail updates list, please send him your e-mail address. Karl sends out news flashes and frequent updates and HE DOES NOT FORWARD ANYTHING. Karl's e-mail is: Cav571vpkk@roadrunner.com

SHAKEY'S HILL and COMMITMENT AND SACRIFICE

DVD's of "Commitment and Sacrifice" and "Shakey's Hill" are now available at a special price of \$12.00 per DVD to 5/7 CAV Members, with a minimum order of two DVD's. These orders will also be shipped free of charge to you. This price will make the Films more affordable for everyone and can make a great gift for family and friends. Payment is by check only.

Send your order and check for payment to:

**Norman Lloyd
P.O. Box 544
Ross, CA 94957**



Membership VP's Report

Well we are rolling toward another reunion in Nashville 2010, and Jerry has taken the bull by the horns as he always has. He needs some backup guys, so you fellows in the Nashville, Tennessee area are called on again. You can blame the folks that asked for Nashville in Florida later.

We were reminded just before the end of the year we are getting older as Lorenzo Clark went to recon fiddlers green. Pat Dockery told me we all were getting older, and I thought all the time it was just him!

In the past many times Pat and Theresa have done Memorial Day alone for all of us. Hopefully several more will be able to attend in 2009. Now is the time to start planning to be there.

Another reminder of our age was from the VFW annual report for 2008; don't think you are the only one that has a Pharmaceutical chest full of medicine. As for the Viet Vets that still only take a vitamin, *[when they remember it]*, are now in the minority. Been to the VA lately? Those that are retiring now don't have the excuse they are too busy that is why I still work.

Take care guys. Here is my new e-mail address: 57Don@24ktTravel.com

Garry Owen, Don

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service color guard in Kittery Maine as the Wreaths Across America convoy passed though on its way to Arlington National Cemetery. The WRA program does all of the national cemeteries' in some way. This year there were 105,000 wreaths donated for this project.

NASHVILLE – Nashville, we're going to Nashville, Tennessee for Reunion X, July 5 – July 10, 2010. We will be using the Marriott Nashville Airport Hotel. This is the same hotel we used in 2000. They have enlarged the banquet area and we won't have to eat outside. We gave a little and they gave a little but with our economy we did great for you. Allen will give more details in the future as we get closer to reservation time. That won't be until August of 2009 anyway, but save your bucks NOW! The question always arises about how we can make the next reunion better. I don't think we can make them better but we can keep them equally as nice.

Association Jackets- I have been working with my local embroidery company to get "**Crossed Sabers**" for the back of our jackets. They look great I must add. Those of you wanting jackets or to upgrade your present jackets with the 5/7 Crossed Sabers contact me. These are the King Louie black satin trophy jackets: Garry Owen Crest / 5/7 Cavalry (under) on right side; three (3) lines of script on left side; Cav patch on right shoulder and sabers on back.

- Jacket, Crest, Patch, \$80.00
- Script - Add \$10.00 (name, company, Vietnam year(s))
- Crossed Sabers on Back – Add \$30.00
- Shipping – Add \$10.00

If we do 6 or more jackets with crossed sabers at one time they will give us a \$5.00 discount per jacket. This is either new or add on. You guys can coordinate this through me. I do have 2-XL & 1-2x jackets waiting for names. Anyone interested let me know.



Models are "Krazy" Karl, C Co, 66 & Phil Nowlan B Company, 1968

Info Request

Howard Cleveland, brother of **Clark E. Cleveland**, A company KIA, 09/14/67 is seeking anyone who will be willing to share remembrances of his brother. This is going to be a tough one guys as Clark was only in country 5 weeks before being KIA. Howard's request was placed with the 7th CAV and the Saber newspaper. The contact info is coachclev@msn.com. Hope one of you guys can help.

John Robin Vrabel, C company, KIA 5/14/67.

I was contacted by the 327th Infantry Web Site for the 101st Airborne saying that had mistakenly listed John Vrabel with them. I checked with Coffelt and they have placed John with the C 5/7. Does anyone remember John Vrabel? Contact myself with any info.

GARRY OWEN
"Krazy" Karl

5/7Cav PX

POW/MIA 3X5 Flags	\$15
Baseball Cap 5/7 embroidered	10
Miniature Garry Owen Crest pin	3
1st CAV cloth shoulder patch	5
1st CAV window sticker (no Vietnam)	3
1st CAV Div. challenge Coin	10
Full size CIB	4
1st CAV Hat pin (1")	3
Combat Medic pin (new)	3
Air Medal Pin (new)	3
M16-A-1 Hat pin (new)	4
Combat Cavalry pin (gold wreath - new)	4
5/7 Guidon bumper sticker (new)	2
Reg. Garry Owen Crest Pin	3
Miniature CIB pin	3
AnKhe Hat pin	3
1st CAV Div. Flag 3x5'	15
Raised letter CAVALRY pin (new)	3
1st Cav Hat pin (5/8") (new)	3
UHI Huey pin (new)	3
Miniature Purple Heart pin	3
M60 Machinegun pin (new)	4
Huey Hat pin (black/gold)	4
5/7 Crossed Sabers Ig. pin (new)	4
Claymore Mine Pin (new)	4
White Polo shirts button-up with collar Embroidered 5/7 Cav. and Garry Owen Crest all short sleeved, order by size	23
5/7 Cav Denim Shirts Embroidered with Garry Owen Crest. Order by size, colors are Blue, Khaki, Green; Men or Ladies; Short Sleeves or Long Sleeves	25
Irish Green Golf Shirt with Embroidered Garry Owen Crest. Black Cav 5/7 Lettering under Crest. Quality Jerzee Brand. M, L, XL, XXL	23
New Adult T-Shirt with large Carry Owen Crest screen print on front. M, L, XL, 2X, 3X; Colors: white & ash (light gray)	13.50
New Child's T-Shirt w/silk screen 1st Cav patch on left chest & "Cav Kid" lettering under patch. Sizes: 2-4, 4-6, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16.	10
"Commitment and Sacrifice" DVD. This documentary film follows the experiences of troopers from Bravo Company of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry regiment during the Vietnam War (1970) and the Iraq War (2005), through the lens of combat cameraman Norman Lloyd.	12

PLEASE ALLOW THREE WEEKS ON SHIRT DELIVERY.

PLEASE INCLUDE \$3.00 POSTAGE ON HATS & ON SMALL ITEM ORDERS AND \$5.00 ON ALL SHIRT ORDERS.

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LETTERS

A SOLDIER GONE HOME Today (1/2/09) John Taylor, Hawk, Joe and I (Vince Laurich) attended the funeral service for our friend and PLT SGT in A 5/7 1968. Along with us, the other folks in attendance were celebrating the life of Command Sergeant Major (ret) Lorenzo Clark. It was an incredible event. The Mt Olive Baptist Church in Arlington, VA, a large church, was almost full with family, friends, and members of the church community.

The two hour service was beautiful, lively and loud. It was obvious to all that it was indeed a celebration and the Holy Spirit was among us. Hymns, songs, choir, pianos, organs, scripture and prayer preceded eight individuals giving reflections and testimony.

We learned that Lorenzo not only achieved the highest enlisted rank in the Army but he also was a super active leader in his church and community. More than one witnessed and quite a few defined Lorenzo as their mentor, role model, and Soldier's Soldier.

Pastor James Victor Jr. delivered an energized and inspirational eulogy. I could not begin to adequately repeat it. Simply put --- the road to salvation is hard unless we prepare ourselves. Lorenzo was prepared.

The Celebration continued with a caravan of cars to Arlington National Cemetery. Some unwanted excitement occurred as we tried to stay together and follow cars on I395 N and the nearby busy highways. We got there eventually and gathered as the Honor Guard transferred the casket from the hearse into the horse drawn caisson.

I've never attended a military funeral but they didn't hold anything back for one of their own: band, bugle, color guard, rifle team, etc. It was an honor for us to be present.

We returned to the cars and followed in procession to the burial site. The Army Chaplain and the Pastor did more readings and blessings, the flag and Honor Guard, etc.

Another Interesting tidbit --- the Chaplain at the gravesite mentioned Lorenzo's service with the Honor guard in the 70's as a 1st SGT and later as CMS of the Old Guard, his commitment to excellence, service, and his standing among his military peers. And he drew focus that Lorenzo once stood and honored others as these young men now stood for him. Now he's resting in a great place.

The cemetery still had the Christmas wreaths in certain sections.

A few passages taken from a message from Lorenzo Clark and shared with all today:

- Greetings to my Family and Friends--- A few days ago I sat and stood as you are today. Due to an illness beyond my control I could no longer stay here with you. I will miss hearing and seeing old and familiar faces but as we know our GOD doesn't make any mistakes. When he comes he only takes what belongs to him so he came for me. Oh Yea I was ready. I had completed the course. I ran my race to the end.
- You see my Family today. I am so proud of them sitting there knowing where I have gone and who I am with. Be strong in God's grace and He will be merciful unto you.

Did I say it was incredible! Beautiful!! It certainly was a grand celebration of life for a Soldier's Soldier and a man. Keep the peace. More later, Vince Laurich



Additional Photos on next page.

Check Your Mail Label

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. Dues payments should be mailed to our treasurer at the following address:

**Royce Vick
3724 Shelby Dr.
Ft. Worth, TX 76109-2733**

Co B 69, Dues Paid Thru: 09
Tom T. Trooper
Street Address



Letters (cont'd)

On Sunday November 9, 2008 John Taylor, our CO in 1968, took members of his Company (A Co 5/7) and family to the Gettysburg Battlefield for a tour and dinner. It was an incredible day as we also celebrated our 40th year together as brothers. (See photos below)
GarryOwen, Vince Laurich



Lorenzo Clark A Co '68 In Memoriam





5th Squadron 7th Cavalry REPORT

BY LTC KIRK DORR



The "Warpaint" Squadron wishes all of you a belated "Happy New Year" from Fort Stewart, Georgia. The Squadron has emerged from the holiday and inaugural season, and is currently engaged in a lengthy field training exercise that will encompass qualifying all of our Cavalry Fighting Vehicles, HMMWV ("Humvee") gun trucks, and Mortar crews for the first time in almost two years.

We continue to build the new team for what is expected to be a future deployment (early 2010) to Iraq or Afghanistan. Unfortunately, we have recently farewelled many great Troopers who have transitioned to other assignments, but our new team is particularly talented and motivated for future missions.

In conjunction with training our core competencies and honing our warfighting skills, the Squadron continues to support the 1st Brigade Combat Team's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and high-yield Explosive Consequence Management Response Force (CCMRF).

Since 1 OCT 08, and for the first time in its existence, U.S. Northern Command has a dedicated force to respond to potential chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive (CBRNE) incidents in the homeland. The CBRNE Consequence Management Response Force, or CCMRF, is a team of about 4,700 joint personnel that would deploy as the Department of Defense's initial response force for a CBRNE incident. Its capabilities include search and rescue, decontamination, medical, aviation, communications and logistical support.

The Squadron must be prepared to deploy within 48 hours to any location in the United States to support this unique task force.

On 7 February at Fort Stewart, the Squadron will host a Cavalry Ball. Our guest speaker is Lieutenant General (Ret) Harold G. Moore, the honorary Colonel of the 7th Cavalry Regiment and the esteemed co-author of "We Were Soldiers Once...and Young", and "We Are Soldiers Still".

Major General (Ret) and Mrs. Edmonds are also attending. This will be the first time in several years that we have had the opportunity to conduct such an event. For the next article, I'll be sure to include some pictures and a summary of this special occasion.

Finally, I would like to send a special thanks to those Alumni Association members who made donations to the Squadron Family Readiness Group this holiday season. These gifts go a long way towards improving the Soldier quality of life and Family-oriented programs we try so very hard to resource.

The Association has always been there for us, providing encouragement, financial and moral support, and more. Your willingness to dedicate your time and resources to show our Troopers that they are not forgotten, and that people appreciate their service, means more to these Soldiers than you can ever imagine. I can't say thanks enough. God Bless and GARRYOWEN!

Very Respectfully,

Kirk C. Dorr
LTC, Armor
Commanding

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Military Record Requests (SF-180)

<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/standard-form-180.html>

Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA

<http://www.purpleheart.org/Membership/default.aspx>

Disabled American Veterans

<http://www.dav.org/>



Financial Report

by Royce Vick

DUES & DONATIONS

NEW MEM		DUES		DONATIONS & PX		
Padgett Jr	Mark S	\$0	AD	Holloway	Gregory R *	\$200
Blackson	George	\$20	09-10	Anonymous		\$700
Gillis	Carey L	\$10	00-10	Anstett	Raymond	\$25
Knoll	James P	\$10	00-09	Dannewitz	Harold	\$20
Peraza	Arthur	\$60	09-14	Dockery	Pat	\$100
Philliben	Frank	\$10	00-09	Dzikas Jr	Joseph	\$80
Schutt	James R	\$10	00-08	Folden	Marc L	\$50
MEM UPDATE				Gordon	Thomas R	\$100
Anstett	Raymond	\$10	08-09	Gottesman	Harold	\$60
Bernier	Charles W	\$10	08-09	Gray	John	\$30
Bilyeu	Michael	\$50	03-08	Hasson	Alain	\$50
Bivins	Gregory R	\$160	95-11	Hernandez	Andrew	\$90
Bodoh	Patrick	\$40	06-10	Hynes	William	\$200
Boyd	Donald	\$30	06-06	Kinder	Robert A	\$60
Brown	William	\$30	08-11	Lee	Harry	\$100
Cardenas	A. M.	\$30	05-08	McCalister	Ian	\$500
Cathcart	Sam C	\$40	05-08	Nowlan	Philip A	\$30
Chaffin	David	\$30	06-09	Roberts	Joseph A	\$50
Coit	Harry W	\$100	04-14	Rolfs	W. Brad	\$100
Cole	Thomas A	\$100	05-15	Silvernagel	Myron	\$50
Dagel	Dennis W	\$100	02-12	Solenberg	Tom	\$80
Dusz	Thomas A	\$30	08-11	Wickham Jr	John A	\$100
Dzikas Jr	Joseph	\$20	08-10	Woodrum	Bily W	\$100
Eastland	Bobby E	\$20	08-10	Woods	Larry H	\$50
Fitch	Jerry	\$20	07-09	TOTAL		\$2,925
Geesler	Bryan	\$50	99-04	In Kind		
Gibbs	Wayne R	\$20	09-11	Goodpaster	John	\$40
Goodpaster	John	\$40	07-11	Heckley (N'Ltr)	Bill	\$2,064
Gordon	Thomas R	\$20	07-09	PX SALES		\$351
Gottesman	Harold	\$40	09-13			
Gray	John	\$20	07-09	* In Memory of Frank Defino A Co '67		
Hernandez	Andrew	\$40	08-12	FUNDS BALANCES		
Hertz	David	\$50	07-12	9/30/08 Balance		\$5,827
Holloway	Gregory R	\$20	08-10	INCOME		
Kasprowicz	Tim	\$50	07-12	Dues		\$2,070
Kelly	Dennis	\$20	07-09	Donations		\$2,925
Kinder	Robert A	\$40	08-12	PX Sales		\$351
Lilly	David M	\$50	03-08	TOT INCOME		\$5,346
Meskimen	Clarence	\$40	08-12	EXPENSES		
Miller	Davy	\$30	07-10	R Vick reimb loan		-\$500
Nelson	Tommy	\$40	08-12	K Haartz reimb loan		-\$2000
Neuse	Raymond M	\$30	06-09	PX Supplies		-\$105
Nowlan	Philip A	\$30	07-10	Postage		-\$42
Ratcliffe Jr	Hugh E	\$50	09-14	Wreath Vets Day		-\$216
Ravnaas	Orvin R	\$50	07-12	TOTAL		-\$2,863
Reel	Arthur	\$40	07-11	1/31/09 BALANCE		\$8,310
Rosdahl	Roger	\$40	08-12			
Sherry	Dennis P	\$20	07-09			
Silvernagel	Myron	\$30	08-11			
Smith	Danny L	\$100	08-18			
Smith	Thomas E	\$100	03-13			
Solenberg	Tom	\$20	08-10			
Spence Jr	Luther	\$30	08-11			
Woods	Larry H	\$20	08-10			
TOT DUES		\$2,070				

If each calendar year is a chapter in my book of life, 2008 had many twist and turns and ups and downs. Two thousand eight will also be a well remembered year in the history of the 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry Association but we closed out the year with no outstanding debts or obligations.

Several generous members stepped up and made contributions to our association. Several more members caught up and even paid ahead on their dues.

Every member should review their dues status when reading this issue. Your "paid through date" is on the first line of your address label. If you receive your AIRMOBILE by email please contact Allen Patrick for your dues status as he maintains the master roster.

Your dues fee is used to pay for the Veteran's Day wreath and the Memorial Day wreath as well as publication of the AIRMOBILE. This income is also used to pay for the awards presented to members at the reunion and other costs to the Association.

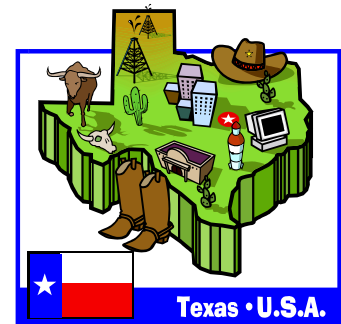
We are financially solvent due to the generosity of Bill Heckley. He donated the printing and postage for the August and October issues of the AIRMOBILE. His contributions saved our organization \$2,064. Thank You Bill and Garry Owen.

During the year I received many complimentary notes and emails regarding the hard work of the Association officers. Also, everyone that has contacted me regarding the 2010 Reunion is pleased that it will be held in Nashville. Reunion costs may increase so start saving now for the event in July, 2010.

I have tried to furnish each member who donated funds with a letter for tax deduction purposes. If I have missed anyone, please contact me and I will send you a letter recognizing your contributions that you can use when you file your taxes.

Don't forget that all dues payments should be sent to the 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry Association, 3724 Shelby Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76109-2733. Dues are still just \$10.00 per year.

Garry Owen,
Royce



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**Veterans Day 2008 5/7 Cav Wreath Bearers: Nick Mascolo (E Co '68),
Larry Nunez (C Co '66), and Ian McCalister (B Co '70)**