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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Maury Edmonds

As usual, a lot is going on in the life of our association. Uppermost in our minds and our prayers are the leaders and troopers in 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry, now in their final training at the national training center in the California desert prior to deploying again to Iraq in December. We can be very proud that our colors are being carried into battle by such dedicated, competent, and courageous young Americans. I have met many of them. They are simply the best. Our prayers go with them that they will be successful in their mission and that all will return to their families.

Many thanks to those who stepped forward as sponsors for the deployed troopers. I'm sure Don Quick (dquick@communicom.com) can still link any of you up with a trooper should you wish to be a sponsor.

LTC Dorr, Squadron Commander, has invited us all to attend the "Colors Casing Ceremony" at Ft. Stewart on December 8th at 3 pm. It will be an opportunity to give a good send-off to our 5/7 CAV warriors. As well, sponsors will be able to meet their troopers in person. I realize many live too far away to make it; but, I look forward to seeing those of you who can.

Our Veterans Day gathering in Washington is just around the corner. About 70 have told us they'll be there; it's not too late to sign up if you can make it. There is more information on the DC gathering in Karl's column and on our web site: www.cav57.org.



And, of course, our 2010 reunion in Nashville is on track to be a huge success. Make your plans now. I guarantee your buddies will miss you if you're not there. More detail on

the reunion is in this newsletter.

On a final note: I hope you all remember that despite the fact that we are going through troubling times now with the economy, the widening political divisions in our country, and with many thousands of young Americans – volunteers all -- in harm's way around the world, we still live in the greatest nation on earth with families and friends and combat buddies who support and sustain us through good times and bad. At the end of the day, each of us has a lot for which to be thankful and proud.

I am thankful and enormously proud of each of you for your continuing patriotic service to our country and for your support to our brothers in arms, past and present.

Jane joins me in wishing God's greatest blessings on you all.

*Garry Owen!
Maury*

2010 Reunion Update

Our tenth reunion is getting closer and plans are falling into place for another great gathering of our 5/7 Cav troopers and their families and friends. The Marriott Nashville Airport Hotel has done a complete redecoration since our last stay there in 2000. The staff is looking forward to taking care of our members and they're anxious to show off their updated facilities.

They've added on a large meeting space to the hotel so taking care of our large Friday night banquet and Saturday night Bar-B-Q gathering will not be a problem. We'll also have plenty of room for our PX and Memorabilia Room plus space to display raffle prizes that our members contribute.

The city of Nashville has also gone through a lot of updating and is as exciting as ever to visit. One of the newest venues is the **Country Music Hall of Fame**

(www.countrymusicHalloffame.com).

Opened in 2001 after an investment of \$31 million the museum is an attraction that appeals to all ages. It's only seven miles from our reunion hotel. Check out their web site so you can research all the great resources available through the museum.



Other great venues include the **Grand Ole Opry** (www.opry.com) locate 5.5 miles from the hotel and the downtown jazz and music venues also within seven miles of the hotel.

For all those members and their friends and

family planning to arrive early in the week we're planning a dinner cruise on the **General Jackson Showboat** on Tuesday evening. Check out the enclosed Reunion Registration Form. This is your chance to send in your registration and help us get an early count on who is coming and who is signing up for the **General Jackson Dinner Cruise**.

An incredible amount of information on Nashville and surrounding area attractions, restaurants and historic venues is available at the following web site: www.visitmusiccity.com. I encourage you to look up the site on your computer to learn more. If you don't have access to the internet call the following number **800-657-6910** and ask the Visitors bureau to send you a **Nashville Vacation Guide**.

When you arrive at the reunion hotel we will also have brochures so you can check out places

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Vice President's Report

by Karl Haartz

Garry Owen All and Happy Holidays "Krazy's" "Important Announcement"

I am no longer telling folks that I am between jobs. I AM RETIRED and learning to live on a fixed income. I do have a part time endeavor by helping my older brother, TAKE THE DAY OFF! There is no comment from my lovely wife Carol on this subject.

You may realize that this newsletter is about a month earlier than our usual schedule. There are a lot of events that we think you should all know about this month and next.

Just to back up a little I hope everyone went trick or treating to get a good sugar fix. As we move along in years not getting any older the **Agent Orange** takes it toll. Type 2 diabetes is one of the most prevalent we have. If you haven't been diagnosed with type 2 yet, chow down on the Halloween candy it won't last forever.

Veterans Day Gathering in DC

We will be having our veterans Day Dinner at the Holiday Inn, Crystal City, at 5 PM on **November 10, 2009**. There will be a short business meeting during cocktail hour. If you are planning to attend and have not told me yet please do so. I can be reached at 603-530-2399. This is my cell, and I will have it with me in DC. On **November 11th**, we will gather at the Park Service Kiosk by the Lincoln Memorial between 10 & 11 AM for our group pictures and a few more lies before the ceremony at the Wall.

5th Squadron 7th Cavalry Regiment- Colors Casing Ceremony. The active 5/7 at Fort Stewart will be casing the colors for deployment on **December 8, 2009** at Club Stewart. There will be a social gathering in the ballroom at Club Stewart. This would be a perfect opportunity for you to meet and greet your sponsored trooper before he goes overseas. If you plan to attend please let me know, so the 5/7 can plan for us. Thanks.

Reunion X Nashville 2010

Reunion X is progressing at a rapid pace, thanks to the continuing efforts of Jerry Houston. You will find a sign up sheet in this newsletter we would like those back as soon as possible. We had to make a few economy changes but we still are trying to procure the best and least expensive way to go. We need your numbers to make your Reunion X the best.

There will be a ground team meeting at the Marriott Airport hotel in Nashville on January 25, 2010. Jerry will be in touch with all the Tennessee members shortly.

Happy Holidays

See you in DC, Ft. Stewart & Nashville

"Krazy" Karl

2010 REUNION UPDATE (cont'd)



you may want to see and visit while you're in Nashville.

On January 25, 2010 your association officers are meeting with the Nashville Ground Team and hotel management to firm up all the reunion events. We'll also be considering the possibility of adding some organized tours of Nashville venues that you can enjoy on the days you have free time. Check out page 7 for some of the tours available. We'll have more information on possible tours in our January/February edition of the newsletter.

In the mean time have a great Thanksgiving and a Joyous Christmas!!!

See you in Nashville!

Garry Owen, Jerry Houston

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
1840 Hardman Ave.
Napa, CA 94558



Membership VP's Report

Since the last newsletter we have received six sets of orders that have resulted in several new names not previously on our roster. Of these we have located six which led to two others who's name we had on file but had not located. It's a work in progress, keep those new orders coming in they are one of the best ways to help us locate your fellow veterans.

Remember those casual conversations on the phone with old friends many times produce hints that lead to the finding or old friends not yet found. Many of our buddies served with other units in combat and they will tell you that no one has done a better job than our association in locating men from the past.

One of our members having trouble collecting disability discovered why he was having such a hard time in getting resolution to his problem ---- the social security number on file was wrong. It was off by one number. He had been filing for disability over a number of years and each time the case came back saying there was no record. It seems that since the day he was drafted someone recorded his SSN incorrectly. This resulted in all his records being filed wrong and when he filed with correct SSN nothing was found.

So the lesson hard learned is **CHECK those numbers**. Remember those guys typing in Nam were normally in the rear area healing and typing with one or two fingers. Making this worse were the old mimeograph machines that were used that tended to skip or smeared parts of letters in reproduction.

Don Shipley

Vice President of Membership

5/7 Cav Troopers Located Since Last Newsletter

First	MI	Last	Co	Yr	ID #	Located	Joined
Steve	R	Bowman	B	70	2917	7/7/2009	7/24/2009
Bill		Fox	A	70	4503	7/16/2009	8/28/2009
James	R	Byrnes	A	69	1665	7/1/2009	7/1/2009
Donald	O	Crizer	D	70	4500	7/1/2009	7/1/2009
Robert	E	Vogt	C	69	4501	7/1/2009	7/1/2009
Stanley	J	Vols	C	66	4502	8/28/2009	9/17/2009
Robert	E	Puhalla	H	68	4504	9/19/2009	
David	E	Wolff	D	70	4505	9/20/2009	
James	L	Eakes	B	70	4506	9/26/2009	10/13/2009
Jackie		Steinman	B	70	4507	9/26/2009	
Warren	F	Chambless	B	70	2918	10/4/2009	
William	D	Amerman	B	70	4508	10/4/2009	
Raymond	J	Girouard	B	70	4509	10/4/2009	
James	J	Deah	B	70	4510	10/6/2009	
Raymond	J	Leiva	B	70	4511	10/9/2009	
Harold		Yon	B	70	4512	10/9/2009	
Robert	D	Gwinn	B	70	1576	10/13/2009	
Bill	H	Wingate	B	70	2912	10/15/2009	
Jeffrey	A	Keay	D	70	2242	10/15/2009	
Clifton	G	Jurek	C	66	736	10/19/2009	



2009 VETERANS DAY GATHERING IN WASHINGTON D.C.

For our 2009 Veterans Day Gathering in Washington, DC we have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn National Airport in Arlington, VA (Crystal City area). The hotel is located one mile from the Regan National Airport and three blocks from the nearest Metro station. The room rate is \$99 per night; parking is free; also there is a free shuttle to and from the airport.

Our banquet/dinner on Tuesday evening, November 10, will be held at the hotel. The cost per head is \$35 including tax. A cash bar will be available during the dinner.

The block of rooms and room rates are effective from Monday, November 9, 2009 through Thursday, November 12, 2009. Hotel bookings should be made with the hotel by October 23, 2009. Reservations made after that date will be accepted on a space available basis.

All persons making reservations need to identify themselves as part of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association. The web address for the hotel is www.hinationalairport.com. The toll free phone number for booking with the hotel is 888-294-5059 or you can call direct to the hotel at 703-684-7200.

All are welcome at the November 10 banquet/dinner. You do not have to stay in the hotel to join in. Only thing we ask is that you let Karl Haartz know if you plan to attend the dinner. We need to get a count of all who plan to attend.

Please call Karl on 603-726-7080 or e-mail him at cav571vpkk@roadrunner.com.

We are looking forward to a great turnout. Last year we had nearly 60 people join in the dinner at Guapo's. Colonel Swett plans to join us too.

See you in DC!!! .

If you would like to be on Crazy 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

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 lg. 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.

**SEND ORDERS TO:
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CARLISLE, OHIO 45005-3268
PHONE # 937-514-8247
EMAIL: jgoodpaster001@cinci.rr.com**

CALL OR E-MAIL GOODY FOR INFO ON OTHER HATPINS AVAILABLE

Association Updates

Shakey's Hill Screening –Norman Lloyd will be showing his documentary on Shakey's Hill on October 20th, @ 7 PM, at the West Plains Civic Center, Main Theater. 110 St. Louis Street, West Plains, MO. All you troopers 5/7 troopers that are close should go.

Taps – William "Brad" Rolfs, D company Platoon Leader 1968, passed away at the VA, Biloxi, MS on October 14, 2009. Brad had been suffering from some Agent Orange related diseases. He will be laid to rest Arlington Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

KIA UPDATE – PFC Thomas Sweinsberger, was KIA 9/4/71 with the 1/12th. We have Tom on orders with us in 1970 and will be adding him to our KIA list. Can anyone give me some info on Tom? Send to Karl Haartz: [\[cav571vpkk@roadrunner.com\]](mailto:cav571vpkk@roadrunner.com).

Fort Stewart Family Readiness Group The FRG will incur expenses during the deployment in their effort to support the needs of family members. There are no Army funds available for family support, unfortunately. If you have not already done so you can send a donation to them, make the check to "5/7 Cav Family Readiness Group" and mail it to SSG John R. Anderson, Hq, 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry, 1218 William Wilson Ave., Ft. Stewart, Ga. 31314.

5/7 Cav Golf Tournament

The active 5/7 Squadron is having a Golf Tournament at the Ft. Stewart course on Nov 6th. The Squadron has put aside 5 foursomes for the Association, with our players being mixed in with troopers. Playing slots cost \$35. If you would like to attend please contact SSG Anderson at the above address.

ATTENTION 5/7 CAV LADIES! --- The ladies will be making a quilt that will be raffled or auctioned off during Reunion X. If you would like to participate please email or call Karen Payne at kap@24KtTravel.com, telephone 1-888-863-0724. She will need to know who will be willing to participate by December 1, 2009.

Veterans Eat Free

Applebee's has announced Veterans and Active Duty personnel eat free on Wednesday, November 11. Simply show proof of military service.

Golden Corral — Military Appreciation Monday. Free "Thank You" Dinner on Monday, November 16, 2009, 5 PM to 9 PM.

Letters

Garry Owen — I know this is the first time you hear from me. My name is Alonzo Rodgers. I was in Nam in '68 with Ziddie and a bunch of fellows. I'm looking forward to the 2010 reunion. I took some photos of the VA's Jessie Brown Medical Center in Chicago. It's where a lot of us old Vets go to try to re-buy our youth. Here's a picture of the center. Trooper Rodgers



5th/7th Cavalry Association,

Thank you so much for your generous donation to Crossroads Hospice and the beautiful rose you sent to Phyllis' service. Your care and concern is much appreciated during this difficult time.

Sincerely, The Johnson Family

We were traveling back from Phoenix this summer, and I ran into CSM Charles McQuerry at Breakfast in Pagosa Springs, CO, Thursday, July 9. We were staying at the same place, and there he was in the breakfast room with his hat on, and I recognized him and his wife immediately. He was with one of his sons and family. We last saw them at the reunion in Colorado Springs 3 years ago.

We had a great discussion. He missed the reunion in Jacksonville, as we know, but he hopes to make it to Nashville.

He and his wife still live near Laughlin, NV at a 55+ Senior Community 9 months out of the year, and when it is too hot down there they spend the summers in Pagosa Springs, CO and Colorado Springs, visiting sons and family. He and his wife have been married for 59 years now. He had a hat on that said WWII Vet, Korean Vet, and Vietnam Vet. He is 84 and seems to be in great health and good spirits. He asked about you guys and said to tell you all hello.

He asked if I was with Howard Prince when he got wounded, and I said Yep, both times, at LZ Colt and TiTi Woods.

Garry Owen,
Bob Child, 303-466-9456, bobchild43@msn.com

Check Your Mail Label

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Tom T. Trooper
Street Address



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**

5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association Reunion X
Nashville, Tennessee --- July 4 – July 10, 2010

Name: _____ Company: _____ Year: _____
 Total Attending: _____ Arrival Date: ____/____/____ Departure Date: ____/____/____
 Telephone numbers: Day: (____) _____-_____ Night: (____) _____-_____

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: I am willing to volunteer for:
 Registration ____ Hospitality Room ____ Logistics ____ Banquets ____ Memorabilia Room ____ PX ____ Other _____

Events	Adult/Child	Number of Adults/Children Attending	Total \$
General Jackson Dinner Cruise (1.) Tuesday Evening, July 6 (Fee based on 50 persons attending)	\$75/\$52		
Golf Outing (Green Fee will be required) Wednesday Morning, July 7	TBD		
Pizza Night Wednesday Evening, July 7	\$1 per slice on night of event		NA
Nashville Tours (2.) Thursday, July 8 Time TBD.	See notes below	NA	NA
Banquet Dinner Friday Evening, July 9 (child = 10 & under)	\$35/\$17.50		
Bar-B-Q Dinner/Dance Saturday Evening, July 10 (child = 10 & under)	\$30/\$17.50		
TOTAL			

Calculate the total registration fees and make checks payable to:
5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association
Send Completed Registration form with applicable fees to:
5th Battalion 7th Cavalry association, 3724 Shelby Dr., Ft. Worth, Texas 76109-2733

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S | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The General Jackson Dinner Cruise includes a prime rib dinner, a three hour cruise and live country music entertainment. Child is 4 – 11 years; 3 & under free. (Fee based on 50 persons attending) There will be several tour choices available on arrival at the hotel. Details of the tour options are available in the newsletter and on our web site (www.cav57.org) |
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Note: The Association Hospitality Room will be open Monday through Saturday. A continental breakfast will be served each morning. All members, family and guests are welcome.

REUNION HOTEL
Nashville Airport Marriott, 600 Marriott Dr. Nashville, TN 37214
Reservations: 1-615-889-9300
Room Rates for 5/7 Cavalry Association Members and guests are \$99.00 per night
 The hotel's web site is
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bnatn>

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EACH OF YOU IN NASHVILLE!!!!

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO OUR
TREASURER AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

Royce Vick

3724 Shelby Dr

Ft. Worth, TX 76109

NASHVILLE TOURS

Our Nashville Ground Team Leader, Jerry Houston has been investigating sightseeing and tour options that members may want to take advantage of while visiting Nashville. No decisions have been made yet. The Reunion Planning Committee will be reviewing the following options during our January Planning Meeting. One of our challenges will be trying to arrange a tour so the hours don't conflict with the busy reunion schedule of events, especially on Thursday and Friday of reunion week.

Look these tours over. If there are one or two that you particularly want the reunion Planning committee to focus on please let Karl Haartz know. Karl's e-mail is cav571vpkk@roadrunner.com and his cell phone number is 603-530-2399.

Shuttle Bus to downtown Nashville

The cost for a 5 hour shuttle service from the hotel to the Downtown area and Opry Mills is \$475.00 with additional hours billed at \$95.00 per hour.

Below is a breakdown of tour options and pricing based on a **MINIMUM** of 35 people.

Discover Nashville Tour with Studio B and Lunch \$65.00pp (9am – 2pm)

Motor coach picks up group at hotel and departs for City Tour – this tour highlights the landmarks of the city including Historic Downtown, Fort Nashborough, The State Capitol, Parthenon, Music Row and historic RCA Studio B, Bicentennial Mall and Vanderbilt University area. We can also make a stop by the Korean War Memorial if your group would like. Your tour will also include a guided tour of Studio B, admission to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Ryman auditorium. You will also enjoy a leisurely lunch at Sambuca Restaurant.

Discover Nashville Tour with Studio B (Star for a Day Package) and Lunch \$82.00pp (9am – 2pm)

Motor coach picks up group at hotel and departs for City Tour – this tour highlights the landmarks of the city including Historic Downtown, Fort Nashborough, The State Capitol, Parthenon, Music Row and Studio B, Bicentennial Mall and Vanderbilt University area. We can also make a stop by the Korean War Memorial if your group would like. Your tour will also include a guided tour of Studio B where you will record a CD as a group (one CD per person will be given as a souvenir), admission to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Ryman auditorium. You will also enjoy a leisurely lunch at Sambuca Restaurant.

Fort Campbell Tour \$18.00 pp (9am – 3pm)

The tour includes a tour of the Fort Campbell Museum as well as a short narrated tour of the base. Lunch is on your own at the "Mess Hall"

Civil War Tour with lunch at Buca Di Beppo \$70.00 pp (9am – 4.30pm)

Tour includes transportation and admissions to the Carter House, Carnton Plantation, Lotz House as well as lunch at Buca Di Beppo Restaurant. There is some walking involved as you tour through the homes. Pricing includes tax and gratuity at restaurant. Some menu items require an extra charge.

Historic Tennessee Tour \$50.00pp (9.30am – 3.30pm)

Southern Plantations, Presidential Estates, Nashville and Civil War History is part of the day. Tour stops include: The Hermitage, home of our 7th president Andrew Jackson and Belle Meade Plantation – the centerpiece of a 5200 acre plantation, renowned as stud farm and nursery in the 19th Century. Lunch is on your own at The Hermitage. Alternatively we can take the group to the Hermitage Smorgasbord for a buffet style lunch.

Tribute to the King \$28.00 pp (6pm – 9.30pm) Available on Monday and Thursday evenings

An absolute treat for music lovers and Elvis fans! Price includes transportation and show.



Country Music Hall of Fame



Belle Meade Plantation



5th Squadron 7th Cavalry REPORT



5-7 CAV Storms the Desert

FORT IRWIN, CA. - 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry Regiment is forging the way ahead at the National Training Center as the Raider Brigade prepares for its role of Security Force Assistance.

Main body flights brought the Soldiers of 5-7 Cavalry to NTC beginning on October 1. The unit was selected by the 1st Heavy Brigade Combat Team Commander, Col. Roger Cloutier, to handle the railhead operations and receive the brigade's equipment.

The bulk of the workload was accomplished by a contingent of WARPAINT Troopers who departed Fort Stewart, GA as an advanced party and set up a base of operations at the Marine Corps Logistical Base Yermo, Calif. Approximately one hour from Fort Irwin, MCLB Yermo served as the staging area where all military rail arrives from various installations across the country.

The mission of moving 820 vehicles into Fort Irwin was successfully and safely accomplished due to the hard work and continuous effort put forth by these individuals.

Upon completion of the railhead mission, the Soldiers of 5-7 Cavalry transitioned to life in the Rotational Unit Bivouac Area (RUBA). During this initial phase of reception and integration, training was focused on the individual level.

Soldiers received essential training on

various equipment, but more importantly, received the latest information from theater through a conduit of civilian and military personnel. The training the CAV Troopers received set the conditions for their upcoming rotation into "The Box."

As a large dust cloud churned behind vehicles of 5-7 CAV they rolled out across the soft desert sand along unimproved

meal on day one.

Soldiers enjoyed a T-bone steak dinner which undoubtedly eased the tension and boosted morale amongst the ranks.

Over the course of the next two weeks, Soldiers and leaders will endure an arduous training regiment. The first six days are designed for the troop commanders to operate and maneuver their

troop within their assigned areas of operation.

The training follows the stair-step training model which builds into the culminating event: eight days of full spectrum operations.

All elements will endure stressors and receive the most realistic training the Army can provide.

5-7 Cav. has set the bar for the rest of the Brigade Combat Team, and will continue to enhance and refine our skills that will carry us through the upcoming deployment.



Lieutenant Colonel Kirk Dorr, 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment Commander, meets with Brig. Gen. Abdul Nassir during Task Force WARPAINT's first Key Leader Engagement on FOB Seattle. (photo by CPT Humberto Alvarez)

roads, ultimately leading them to Forward Operating Base Seattle.

The base will be home for the next 15 days of training. Living accommodations and life support are far better than most expected. Due to the foresight and pre-planning of Dealer Troop, 5-7 was the only unit in the brigade to consume a hot

GARRY OWEN,
CPT Humberto Alvarez, S1



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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/>

Vietnam Veterans of America
<http://www.vva.org/>

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
<http://www.vfw.org/>



Financial Report

by Royce Vick

DUES & DONATIONS

New Members

Bowman	Steven R	\$20.00	09-10
Crizer	Donald O	\$20.00	09-10
Hernandez	Daniel	\$20.00	09-10
Vogt	Robert E	\$10.00	00-09
Byrnes	James P	\$10.00	00-09
Fox	William K	\$20.00	00-10
Vols	Stanley	\$20.00	00-10

Member Update

Arnold	Rodney	\$10.00	08-09
Gunkel	Larry	\$20.00	08-10
Krus	Alvin	\$30.00	09-12
Lynch	Michael	\$30.00	08-11
McClung Jr	William	\$50.00	09-14
Shannon	Richard M	\$30.00	06-09
Aragon	Luis M	\$100.00	06-16
Best	Joseph A	\$30.00	06-09
Clements	Dennis W	\$50.00	08-13
Elliott	Michael P	\$60.00	04-10
Handley	Michael	\$50.00	08-13
Kozuh	David C	\$50.00	06-11
Nance	Allen L	\$60.00	10-16
Oldson	Myles M	\$100.00	09-19
Reber	Charles	\$20.00	08-10
Walters	Linton P	\$120.00	05-17
Weeks II	Robert A	\$10.00	09-10
Wirgau	Nwil	\$60.00	08-14
Brooks	Ronnie V	\$20.00	09-11
Cooper	Harvey L	\$50.00	09-14
Deckard	Marvin	\$70.00	03-10
Klapperich	Reid	\$100.00	07-17
Middlesworth	Steven	\$20.00	08-10
Ropp	Jerry	\$50.00	09-14
Walter	Charles	\$50.00	07-12

Total Dues \$1,360.00

PX Sales \$222

Donations

Arnold	Rodney	\$10.00
McClung Jr (1.)	William	\$50.00
Lloyd	Norman	\$40.00
Oldson (2.)	Myles M	\$100.00
Green	Lawrence	\$30.00

Total \$230.00

Anticipation. That is what I hope you are feeling. Begin making plans for and looking forward to our next Reunion. Jerry Houston and others have been working for months in preparing the events for another memorable reunion. We have some very good room rates, and Allen continues to work to reduce the cost of food services and the hospitality room charges. Save your money and plan on being in attendance.

Our financial condition is very sound. As you may recall, we left the last reunion in debt. Several generous members stepped up and made donations to cover that debt. Each of us should not only keep our dues current but remember fellow troopers by making a donation in their memory to the Association. You not only get to take a tax deduction for your donation, but it will make you feel good that you honored a fellow trooper.

Please note the number of new members. It takes your help to locate potential members. Don Shipley and Karl Haartz can only track down missing troopers by your providing names of troopers you served with. Several hundred of our active duty brothers have joined the Association.

I also get letters of appreciation. Included with the majority of the dues checks I receive are personal notes covering many topics. These are not only thanks for work the Association officers are doing but bits of personal items that they want to share. John Goodpaster forwarded me a letter from Marie and Charles Davies. Their son, Evan, recently took over the Command of the 5/7 Cav Alpha Troop, 1BCT, Fort Stewart Georgia. The note was thanking John for his hard work in providing quality items that could be purchased and shared. Thank you Mr. and Mrs. Davies.

Check your Airmobile for your dues status. Keep it current. Make a donation to honor a friend. Send those items to me at 3724 Shelby Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76109. Save for a vacation in Nashville.

**Garry Owen,
Royce**

FUNDS BALANCES

6/30/09 Balance \$10,535

INCOME

Dues	\$1,360
PX	\$222
Donations	\$230
Total Income	\$1,812

EXPENSES

Newsletter	-\$1,025
Memorial (Phyllis Johnson)	-\$50
Web Site Hosting Fee	-\$90
Membership Cards	-\$94
PX Supplies	-\$122
Lloyd CDs	-\$40
Total Expenses	-\$1,421

10/15/09 Balance \$10,926

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2. To honor all fallen troops



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