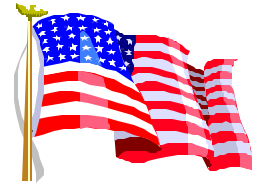




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President's Report

By Ted Swett

Garry Owen, Troopers!

I am writing this the day after Veterans Day, where eighteen of us paid our respects at The Wall, on your behalf, to our fallen 5th Bn 7th Cav comrades. You were very much on the minds of each of us.

As many of you know, being at The Wall is an emotional experience. This visit was particularly so for us this year.

Danny Smith, A-68 and George Hannaford, G-70, assisted me in presenting and laying our very attractive wreath. Following the ceremony, in order to symbolize our sense of loss and to honor the 5/7 troopers whose names are on The Wall, Vice President Wes Westmoreland supervised the "rubbing" of the names of three of our Medal of Honor winners who were killed in action. This was an especially moving experience for

me, as I did the name of PFC Lewis Albanese, B5/7, who was killed on my last day in command of the battalion, 1 December 1966, a day I will never forget.

The keynote speaker for the ceremony was Miss America 2000, Heather French. Her father is a former Marine Vietnam veteran. She clearly has an understanding of what you have endured, and is devoting her year in the spotlight to making others understand. In so doing she is aggressively advocating increased support for homeless Vietnam veterans. One of her most poignant lines in her inspiring talk was specifically addressed to all those, like each of you, who answered their country's call, rather than ducking it somehow, to serve during the Vietnam War. She said, "God has stamped you with a special stamp." She is right.

She closed by saying some-

thing that I want to echo, because I want to say it to you, too. It was directed to you and the thousands of others like you who put their lives on the line because our country asked you to. It is simply, "Thank you!"

My family joins me in hoping that you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving, and that your Holiday Season will be a blessed one. And may Y2K be a special year for us all! I'll see you in Nashville.



Welcome Home!

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Andy Hernandez	818-445-2897
Memorabilia	
Bill Brown	816-746-6384
Video	
Phil Sierer	210-914-2203

5/7 CAV

Mailing Label...

Remember to check the mailing label on the **AIR MOBILE**. It has information about you. If you see that it is incorrect please let George Hannaford know. Also, we would ask for any of you who can afford it to keep your dues paid up.

Company and year you were in Vietnam.

John Smith D 70 Dues 99
123 Main St.
Oak City, MI 48252

Dues paid thru.

Something for everyone...

If you have something that you would like in the newsletter, please drop us a line. We will try to get all of your comments, ads, or other remarks that you have to offer in the newsletter.

As for advertising, we will try to put your product in the newsletter also. There are times when space is very limited and so this cannot always be done but we will make every effort to help all members of this Association. We know that a lot of you are in business for yourself and if we can we will try and help.



Happy Holidays!

Army Records? How to Get the Copies You Need!

Do you want or need a copy of your DD214, medical records, 201 file, or a complete copy of all your military records? The National Personnel Record Center located in St. Louis, MO. is the place you need to write to: NPRC MPR, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132.

When you were completely discharged from your military service your record was sent there for storage. **They are waiting for you to write and request a copy.** There is a large backlog of requests so it could take some time.

When you request copies of your records also ask for copies of your orders (Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Silver Star, Army Commendation Medal, CIB, Travel orders, anything with other 5/7 Cav names on it. (Almost all orders were written with other names and information on them.) **WE CAN'T FIND YOUR BUDDIES IF WE DON'T KNOW THEIR NAMES.**

To request a copy of your military records fill out a SF180 and mail it to the record center. Your records will be mailed to you direct from the record center. I can't tell you how long it will take, because it depends on what you request and where your records are. Any questions please feel free to call or Email me: 227-9148 or Cav57@aol.com (put **Garry Owen** in the subject because I don't read my junk mail)

**Ed Perry 922
Cleta Dr.
St Louis, MO 63021**



Where do
I go to
Get my Army Records?

Vice President's Report

By Wes Westmoreland

Garryowen Troopers,

This year has got to be the fastest year in my 62 years. As I left my job this morning I was walking in two inches of snow. The only good thing about this year going so fast is that it won't be long until we will be at Reunion V telling war stories about the longest year of all our lives.

Veterans Day is next week and I plan on joining other members of the 5/7 Cav at The Wall to honor our lost comrades. As they place the three foot high 5/7 Cav wreath in front of "The Wall" it will not only be for our lost friends but for all who paid the highest price for our Freedom.

The association is still making good progress in locating troops; by Reunion V we will have over 1300 good addresses of troops found. I want to pass on my thanks to all for sending in the information. (Thanks!)

The 5/7 Cav PX is now full. We have 29 different items for sale, everything from 1st Cav. Coins to 5/7 Cav shirts. I have not sent in the bills for the items yet. I am secretly hoping all the current membership will start sending in orders for one or more of the items available. They all make very nice Christmas presents. Maybe this will help take away some of the pain for Jerry, our financial secretary, when he receives my bill for over \$3,000.

Just a reminder, when we placed the shirts in the last newsletter for sale the cost of postage was included in the price of the shirt. So, if you order a shirt plus other items there will not be any additional cost for postage. If you do not order a shirt, postage will be extra at around \$3.20. This is a 2-3 day priority mail. If we receive orders for more items than we have on hand I will re-order. The re-orders will take 30 days or more. Mail your orders to the financial secretary and make sure you include the item number.

Your support for our association has been outstanding. Remember our reunion in Washington DC when the winners of the 50-50 drawing donated their 50 percent back to the association. Thanks to this past generosity the

association is not hurting for funds; therefore, at Reunion V we will still have drawings but will make the following changes: for each of the five winners per drawing we will have five or six items that the winners may choose from, such as a 1st Cav Watch, flag, guidon, etc. We hope this will work out better.

The Viet Nam War affected our minds and bodies in many ways. I don't believe I have any problems but who knows. If you know of a friend who has a problem such as post war syndrome, I recommend you go to the VA and apply for benefits. I know of one of our members who visited his local VA representative with copies of his orders for the Combat Infantry Badge (CIB) and other awards that he received as a member of the 5/7 Cav. He stated his problems and, guess what, he now will receive 80% disability (good for him). If you need help that's what we are here for. Don't let pride get in the way.

When called you went; you did what was asked and much more. For your information many who are receiving VA benefits don't know what the letters C.I.B. stand for. For your information only about 10% of all who served in Viet Nam were awarded the Combat Infantry or Medic Badge. To me you are a very special group of men, the real men of the war. If you need help or know of someone who does contact our Veterans Representative:

Marvin Maxwell
3404 Duncan Street
St. Joseph, MO 64507-1924
Phone: (816) 364-5158

I received a call from Captain Cargile D-68-69 informing me that when we get to Nashville to make sure to tour the Grand Ole Opera Hotel. He says that just seeing this hotel with all its flowers will make the entire trip worthwhile. Also I have been told that we have the top-of-the-line hotel reserved for our stay. With the 40 percent discount arranged by Jerry Houston plus the special events his beautiful wife Dixie is arranging we are all in for one great vacation.

Remember the last reunion in Washington? We always had free food and coffee in the hospitality room, plus all

drinks were less than 50 percent of the cost others were paying in the hotel. Well, we are going to do the same in Nashville; so come on, make your hotel reservation by calling (800) 770-0555 and send in your deposit of \$60.00 per adult. If you don't want to send in the money now send in the Reunion V sign-up form and write on it with all the other information needed "**Will pay in Nashville**". Remember to give number and names of people that will be in your group. We need to get a count of how many will be attending.

We had donations of craft items from our members in Washington. I hope we can have more donations of this type in Nashville. If you have a craft item to donate, just bring it with you and many thanks for your past generosity.

I will be thinking of all of you when I visit The Wall on Veterans Day. I know all would like to be there and I know you will be in spirit and heart. Everyone have the best Holidays ever and I hope to see you in Nashville. Till the next newsletter, take care and keep in touch.

Wes



2nd Vice President's Report

By George Hannaford

Well here we are November is almost over. We met again at the Arlington Hyatt Hotel and on Veteran's Day we placed a wreath at The Wall for the 278 Troopers that gave all they had for us. We still will find more before we are done.

Don Shipley, Danny Smith and I spent Wednesday at the National Archives digging through records of the 5/7 Cav. We tried to keep Karl, Don and me in line, which was a full time job, I don't think we got in any trouble this time. We got to turn around in the Pentagon parking lot again, it's our favorite place to turn around when we are lost, which is every time we drive in DC.

I want to tell those of you that suffer from joint pain or Arthritis. I had this problem with both knees and my left shoulder. My sister got me to take a vitamin called Glucosamine with Chondroitin. I take 1500 mgs a day and my pain is gone. Give it a try; you can get it at Wal Mart or any store that has vitamins.

As we enter the holiday season I wish all of you the best. I'll be thinking of all of you going into the next century.

Garry Owen,

George Hannaford

Veteran's Advisor

By Papa Doc Maxwell

GarryOwen ,

I have touched on *Veterans Benefits* throughout the years mostly on the physical side of the coin. Agent Orange, Combat wounds, etc. and compensation for them. This article is the flip side, mentally, and rather a touchy one for many, especially me. My favorite chef on a cooking channel (Emeril Lagasse) has a wise saying "Don't go there"! Yet, someday we must confront the excess baggage we brought back. I will not touch on the medical treatment side, even though medical professionals are developing new treatments as I write. I will cover "been there, done that side".

Now entering Door number 1: PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder). For those who have served in other wars, it was Combat Fatigue or Combat Exhaustion, etc. Like our Brothers who were in the Korean "Conflict", we came home to a two-headed snake! Not only were we bothered by what we saw, what we did, what we felt, we came home to an indifferent and even a hostile country, community and like myself a hostile "family". Hence a battle for reality and preservation on two fronts.

For those who sought help, the VA and others filled veterans with psychotropic drugs, sleepers, antidepressants, and locked you away in a guilt ward. And, what I hate the most, experimented with the body and mind!! Until the GI's started a "rap" group on their own, recovery was benign.

Others who would not accept society "tinkering" with their souls withdrew into a dark hole. A hole, which was so **BLACK** it, was forever. Some are still out there 30 plus years later, wishing for one ray of light, hoping for reality, and seeking comfort. Yet, not knowing how, where to go, with fears as strong as the day they began. Smells, sounds, images haunt them. Some have had others who have gone through treatment approach them. Guys they know, love and respect, yet the spirit recoils and barriers slam up. The mountain is too high. Shame is too big.

What to do on our level? The ones who have "been there, done that" do not give up one damn minute on those who are still behind the **Bamboo Curtain**. Rejection is easy to walk away from. Reach out each time you or they feel a need to "climb the Mountain". Call and call again. Write and keep writing. Hope and keep hoping.

For those in our unit who have not come to a reunion because they are afraid to face one another or relive fears they wished buried, let us help confront the Devil on your back. If you are interested about finding help with PTSD during our Reunion V, I can work with Jerry Houston to have a VA Counsel Team come and explain their program. If so, drop me a Dime (phone call), write me a letter (do not tell me the facts unless you wish to) or e-mail me your thoughts [papadoc@ccp.com]. What is said to me is always confidential. I have not got on God's "Angel" list just yet, but I am working hard on it.

A Note!! Remember: We who lived through this have affected lives of others, such as our families, loved ones, and children. What we do for ourselves may be a Blessing for others who have had to put up with us.

Garry Owen,

Papa Doc

Special Message

By Dan Watson

Dear 5/7 Cav Troopers,

I never thought too much about Vietnam until I went to our first reunion in Detroit in '92. I saw Connie Pearson ---- what a great attitude he has --- confined to a wheelchair. Connie was shot nine times, and Dave McCabe, my RTO, had jaw cancer and died three years after the reunion. Then I started thinking a lot about my platoon in Vietnam.

In April of '99 a friend asked me to go to a post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) counseling session in Greenwood, SC. I began to see that I needed counseling, so I went a second time. At one point during the session, the counselor asked us to give our experiences in the war. Of the sixty people in this room, only five had been in combat; but just about all of these people were getting PTSD disability!

When they asked what medals we had been awarded, I told about my CIB, Air medals, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Silver Star, etc. They said I should put in a claim right away. In 3 ½ months I was awarded 80% post stress disability.

I got mad as hell when I saw all the non-combat veterans getting disability. The 5/7 Cav ('66-'71) were members of an active combat team! I know some of us could use this counseling, but I know that many of us are reluctant to go for help. I was this way until April '99, but I find that the counseling is helping me.

Before I wrote this letter, I talked with my troops, NCO'S, and officers, including Col. Ted Swett. Col. Swett (always a 5/7 troop) said, "Great idea! Go for it!" He will write a support letter for anyone who needs it. Troops! None of us needs to back up to the pay wagon. We have EARNED counseling and the pay, which goes with a PTSD disability claim.

Papa Doc Maxwell is going to have a class/session on this at the 5/7 Reunion V in Nashville in July 2000. In the meantime, you need to enter your stress disorder claim ASAP because, even though your claim may be incomplete, the VA will back pay you from the date your claim is first entered.

First, go to a counseling session so that they can begin a progress report on you. Then go to your county VA representative and let him fill our your disability claim for you. You will need your DD-214, which verifies you were in Vietnam and lists your awards. You will also need an incident (firefight, ambush, incoming mortars, etc.) and a doctor (psychiatrist) saying how your trauma is affecting your well being now.

Remember, you did a great job in Vietnam and you have EARNED counseling and disability pay.

If you have questions or want more information, call or write me:

Dan Watson
Rt. 1, Box 431
Johnston, SC 29832
Phone: 803-275-4272

Take care,

Dan

Dan Watson



Happy New Year!



5th Battalion 7th Cavalry PX

Description	Price \$
7 th Cav. Baseball Cap, Black with Gold Embroidery and Inscribed with "5 th Battalion & 7th Cavalry Vietnam 1966-71"	10
Garry Owen Crest	5
Garry Owen Minature Crest	3
1 st Cav. Patch Crest	3
1 st Cav. Patch Air Mobile	4
1 st Cav. Patch Air Cavalry	3
1 st Cav. Patch Minature	3
CIB Minature	4
Bong Song Raised Words	3
An Khe Raised Words	3
Garry Owen Cassette Song	5
CMB 1 st Award Pin	5
1 st Cav. Patch Shoulder	5
1 st Cav. Vietnam Sticker	2
Garry Owen Sticker	2
1 st Cav. Tie Bar	6
1 st . Cav. Division Pennant	5
1 st Cav. Division Coin	9
1 st Cav. Division Flag	18
1 st Cav. Division Mouse Pad	7
Polo Shirt with Silk Screened Garry Owen Crest and 5/7 Cavalry	
Small	18
Medium	18
Large	18
Ex. Large	21
Polo Shirt with Embroidered Garry Owen Crest and 5/7 Cavalry	
Small	21
Medium	21
Large	21
Extra Large	23
Extra X Large	23
Shipping and Handling per Order w/o Polo Shirt	\$3.20
Shipping and Handling per Order with Polo Shirt	\$0

Regimental Tie

Troopers, we've been able to arrange for a special order of 7th Cavalry Regimental ties that come in a tartan design unique to the 7th Cavalry. The Regimental Pipe and Drum Band, organized by SSG Robert J. Scroggie in late 1954 at camp Haugen, Japan designed the tartan pattern. The tartan colors are dark blue and yellow to represent the U.S. Cavalry, light blue to signify the present day infantry role in the cavalry, red for action and white for honor. The 7th Cavalry Regiment is the only American Unit that has a registered tartan.

Total cost is \$25.00 per tie. The price includes shipping and handling plus a small profit for the association.

To make this offer available to our troopers we need a minimum order of 50 and so far we have 27 on request. To order your tie, send me your name and address, number of ties you want and a check made out to The 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association to the following address:

7th Cavalry Ties
C/O Patrick H. Dockery *
4728 Parkside Drive
Baltimore, MD 21206-6841

Remember we need a minimum of fifty orders to make the initial order. If we don't reach the minimum we will return the orders and your checks. Each tie comes with a label on the back that reads: "The 7th Cavalry Regiment 1866 And the Legend lives On.

Be proud, wear the tartan of the 7th Cavalry Regiment and "the legend lives on"!

To order items shown in the PX columns on the left send a list of the items you want with a check to:

The Financial Secretary
5-7 Association
PO Box 681504
Franklin, TN 37068-1504



VP Communications

By Duke Frey

Aloha from the islands :) !!!

In thinking of possible information for Air Mobile -- in addition to my responsibility for supervision of our 5-7 Cavalry Association website, http://www.naples.net/presents/7thcav/a_5-7cav.htm, use of Electronic Mail (E-mail) certainly tops the list. E-mail not only has given the association an additional communication means, it also provides Troopers the opportunity to establish personal communication bonds with each other. So far, I have compiled an **E-mail Address List** for each Company, which I try to keep current and update whenever or wherever possible.

For those who would like to be added to each respective company e-mail list, please e-mail me at

HawaiiDuke@aol.com.

Send your email address along with your first and last name.

I am also looking for updates or corrected e-mail addresses for the following:

Company B

William Crowle blucruw@aol.com
Jim King jking@seque.com
Martin Thomas hunterusa@spynet.com

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Dean Lowell Idd@fastlane.net
Michael Rasmussen cr426@navix.net
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Company E

Linton Walters walt.61573@aol.com
John Cockrum Cockrum@cyberramp.net

HHC

Bob Jennings Bobjean@futureone.com

Should anyone like a listing for his or other companies send me a request and I will respond ASAP.

Mahalo,

Duke

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I'm looking for Michael Shirleley or Shirley who was in D Co during Tet. He was known as Hippy. He was from Torrance, Ca and he was assigned to D Co prior to June 68. As far as I know he came over as a direct rotation from the States rather than an inter unit transfer.

Any info would be greatly appreciated. Please send to e-mail address shown below. Many thanks for any help.

Garry Owen,

S.R. Arnold, sra2647@aol.com

Dear Editor:

I am looking for anyone that knew Billy Wayne Bridgeman, B Co 67-68. He was reported KIA in Thua-Thien on May 3, 1968

I would love to find anyone that knew Billy Wayne and served with him. I would just love to talk to them. I know he was so lonely over there. Billy and I were engaged and I still wear Billy's engagement ring. I will never stop loving him. I know it has been along time but that doesn't change my love for him. If any one reads this and knew Billy, dear God, please write me. I would appreciate it with all my heart. No one can understand how Billy and I loved each other unless they have been there. I would give anything to have him with me. When the war was over in Vietnam, I kept praying they had made a mistake and Billy would come home to me. To all of all the guys that are helping me I thank you from the bottom of my heart and I will never forget your help. Billy would truly appreciate your helping me. It would mean so much to him.

I pray all of you stay well, Mae Bentley (mbentley@se-tel.com)

Wes,

Sorry I haven't contacted any one from the 5th Bn lately. I'm in much better shape than the last time you saw me. I have been fighting this Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma for over five years now and it took a lot out of me. My Insurance had paid tens of thousands of dollars for medical treatment on me and nothing worked. My wife brought home these capsules that she bought in a health food store for \$30 and wanted me to start taking them. I started on the 9th of December of 98 and to date I am cancer free. I wouldn't have believed it if it hadn't happened to me. I feel great.

The capsule's are called CELL FORTE IP-6 and you can buy them in most health food stores. They worked on me and hopefully they will work on other people. In any case they won't hurt you. I had to tell someone about my good fortune and you are in contact with many people in the Bn so I thought you were the best person to tell.

Thanks for asking how I am doing, Jim Bonner (A Co 66)

Dear Editor:

I have seen "**Garry Owen**" written as one word "**Garryowen**". Why is there a difference in the two forms and which is correct? Wondering in Seattle

Dear Wondering in Seattle:

The short explanation for **Garry Owen** as two words is probably due to the display on our Regimental Crest as the two separate words displayed as "**Garry**" and "**Owen**"; however after some investigation, it appears in its origin, it was one compounded word "**Garryowen**". A brief explanation for compounded word follows: "The geographical area that provided the inspiration and the name of one of the most popular, rollicking folk songs of Ireland is situated on the upward slope of a hill in Limerick County, near the City of Limerick. Local traditions and folklore have preserved the historical significance of the area and the origin of its name "**Garryowen**", a compounded word composed of two Irish words, which means "**Garden of Owen**".

As to its association with the 7th Cavalry Regiment, "**Garryowen**" is known to have been used by Irish regiments as a drinking song. As the story goes, one of the Irish "melting pot" troopers of the 7th Cavalry, under the influence of "spirits", was singing the song. By chance Custer heard the melody, liked the cadence, and soon began to hum the tune himself. The tune has a lively beat, that accentuates the cadence of marching horses, and for that reason was adopted as the regimental song soon after Custer arrived at Fort Riley, Kansas to take over command of the 7th Cavalry Regiment. It was the last song played for Custer's men as they left General Terry's column at the Powder River and rode into history.

Regarding correctness and written or verbal use, either form is correct: "**Garry Owen**" or "**Garryowen**". The importance being in spirit--- the intent as greeting and use as a common bond of respect among each trooper, regardless of rank. Editor

Financial Secretary's Report By Jerry Houston

Registration is starting to come in at the hotel, which is great. Remember to call the group sales office at the Airport Marriott in Nashville 800-770-0555. Make sure you mention that you are with the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Reunion July 2-9.

Please remember to let me know how you would like your funds disbursed. This is especially important if your check should be split between Registration, member fees, Reunion V and donations. If you do not indicate how to disburse the funds, my rule of thumb is apply funds to current years member fee first. I then go back to previous unpaid member fees. If I do not get any other instructions, I apply the remainder as a donation. Please go over the financial report. Just let me know if you find something that seems to be in error. I have found as the years go by I may make a mistake or two.

My mailing address is:

5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Assoc.
PO Box 681504
Franklin, TN 37068-1504

Garry Owen,
Jerry Houston

Balance

As of 7/31/1999 **\$14,954.56**

Disbursements

PX Shipping & Handling -100.00

Total Disbursements -100.00

Income

Interest from Bank 108.8

Donations

Willaim M. Litvjak 50.00

Darrell D. Martin 10.00

Lois M. Olson 40.00

Total Donations **100.00**

Member Fees

Terry Barger 99-01 30.00

William Litvjak 99-03 40.00

Mark Hauck 00-01 20.00

Darrell D. Martin 99-00 20.00

Bobby Cole 99-00 20.00

Alvin L. Krus 00-01 20.00

Gary Cramer 00-01 20.00

Lois M. Olson 99 10.00

Carlton D. Lee 00-01 20.00

Jerry L. Pembleton 01 10.00

Pat Dockery 00 20.00

Bernard Grady 99-00 20.00

Donald Diggs 98-99 20.00

Joe McVeigh 99-00 20.00

Gregory A. Schlieve 00-03 40.00

Bob West 99-01 30.00

Total Member Fees **360.00**

Other Income

On the Tiger's Back Book
Sales 20.00

PX Sales 338.28

Total Other Income **358.28**

Total Income **926.36**

Total in General Fund **15,780.92**

Veterans Day, 1999

Washington, D.C., Nov 11.

Eighteen veterans from the 5th Bn, 7th Cav gathered at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial today to honor their buddies who, much less fortunate than they, now have their names on The Wall. They laid a wreath near The Wall's Panel Nr 12E, where the name of Pfc Lewis Albanese, our first Medal of Honor winner, is inscribed. Hoping to be able to reproduce the names of these true American heroes exactly as they appear on The Wall for this issue of AIR MOBILE, our troopers then "rubbed" with pencil and paper the names of Albanese, Sgt William Port and Pvt Hector Santiago-Colon. This was a symbolic act reflecting the pride and sadness all of us feel for those we left behind. Following are the names of those who represented you at The Wall on this Veterans Day:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>
Richard Cable	A-68
Lorenze Clark	A-68
Frank Defino	A-68
Patrick Dockery	C-69
Mark Folden	A-68
Maurice Goulet	C-66
Karl Haartz	C-66
George Hannaford	C-70
Richard Hawksby	A-68
Vincent Laurich	A-68
Joe Levatino	D-66
Thomas Lent	C-67
John Long	C-66
Steve Shear	A-68
Don Shipley	C-66
Danny Smith	A-68
Ted Swett	HQ-66
Wes Westmoreland	C-66/ D-68



Veterans Day 1999

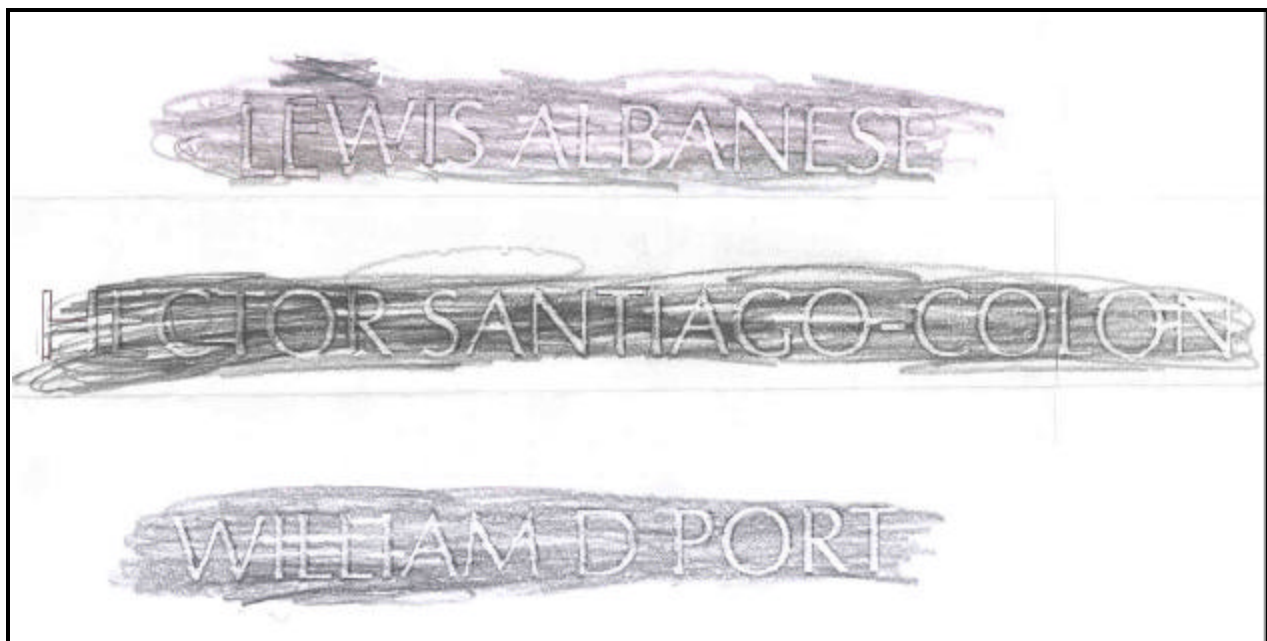


Vietnam Veterans Memorial



5/7 Cav Men at The Wall

Three of Our Fellow Troopers Who Gave All!



5th Battalion 7th Cavalry
Allen Patrick
1149 Southwood Ct.
Ann Arbor MI 48103



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5/7 CAVALRY REUNION V
NASHVILLE, TENN. JULY 3 - 8, 2000

Name: _____	Company: _____	Year: _____
Number planning to attend including me: _____	Date I/We plan to arrive at Reunion site: _____	Departure Date: _____

Note: 5/7 Cavalry Hospitality Room will be open in hotel Monday through Saturday with coffee and donuts in the morning and sandwiches mid-day. Transportation will be provided for all major events.

Registration Fees: Adults and Children over 12: \$ 60.00 per person. Children 6 to 12: \$30 per person. Under 6 free.
Makes checks payable to 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association.

Reunion Hotel: Nashville Airport Marriott, 600 Marriott Dr., Nashville, Tenn. (3.5 miles from the airport and located near exit No. 215 on Interstate I-40; Web Site: [<http://marriotthotels.com/BNATN/>]).

For Reservations Call: 1-800-770-0555. Indicate you will be attending the 5/7 Cavalry Reunion in Nashville and want to book a room/s at the hotel shown above. Room rates are \$79 per night for reunion participants and their guests.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT TURNOUT. SEE YOU IN NASHVILLE!! GARRY OWEN!!!!

*To Register: Please complete above form, put in envelope and mail along with your registration fees to:
5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Financial Secretary, P.O. Box 681504, Franklin, TN 37068-1504*