A loud and proud “Garry Owen” to all,

I am pleased to report that the health of our Association is strong and getting stronger.

First, more and more of our fellow troopers are being located and encouraged to join with us in the grand fellowship of our Association.

We continue to need your help in finding others and persuading them to re-establish those bonds forged in battle. Let them know how much their presence and participation would mean to us and, we believe, to them.

Over forty of us were in Washington over the Veterans Day period in November to honor those troopers who fell in battle, troopers who, while doing their duty, paid the ultimate sacrifice. We are grateful that we knew them and we will mourn their loss forever.

We gathered at the Wall on the morning of the 11th to lay our specially designed wreath as part of the large ceremony conducted there each year. Hoss Dannewitz, Bill Litvjak and I escorted the wreath to its position next to the Wall in what is always a somber and moving experience. It seemed to me that our group of over forty was larger than any other group there. The night before, we gathered at Guapo’s Restaurant in Bethesda, Md. for good food and fellowship -- all arranged by Ted Swett. Thanks again, Ted. You remain our leader and our inspiration.

Norman Lloyd, who was with the Battalion in Cambodia in 1970 and who is producing the documentary on the Battalion’s service, was with us in Washington to continue his research and filming; and, to be inducted as a new member in the Association. Indications are that the project will be completed around mid to late summer next year. We all look forward to seeing it.

We got great news last month when we learned from former Battalion Adju- tant Jim Carson (HHC ’70) that the original Battalion Colors had been recovered and are available for presentation to the current 5/7th Cav at Ft Stewart. Tentatively, that ceremony is scheduled for the first week in January, just before the Battalion deploys. We’ll get the word out as soon as we know for sure, in case any of you wish to attend.

Lastly, I ask that we all keep the troopers and leaders of the Battalion, and their families, in our prayers as they go in harms way. It will be a dangerous mission, but we can be comforted by knowing that each of them is well trained, that their leaders are good, and that they are all committed to their mission and to each other. God Bless them all.

God Bless America

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Vice President’s Report by Karl Haartz

Happy Holidays
With the Holidays fast approaching I hope all are well and have a prosperous New Year. We had a
great turn out for Veteran’s Day in Washington, DC. There were many old troopers and a few new
ones and all had a good time. As usual many stories were told, some very believable and others,
maybe a little shaky. Thanks to all that attended.

Believe this, the original colors that we carried to Vietnam in 1966 along with the National colors
have been located. At present there will be a quick ceremony the 1st week of January, 2005 at Fort
Stewart to transfer these colors to the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry, 3rd ID to take to Iraq with them. In
the true “Garry Owen” style our colors will again be part of history.

RECORDS, RECORDS, RECORDS, we need copies of your records to help find more troopers!
The National Records Center is putting all records on disk and they are doing away with hard copy
records. These are the original paper records. This is being done to conserve space and they will be
able to store records in different locations in case of another fire. Many records were lost at the records
center some time ago in a fire. Now is the time to request a copy of your records. You will still be
able to get them later but it will probably take longer.

We use the old records to search for your buddies that we have not found yet. I keep reminding
everyone that copies of your records are critical in our effort to find troopers who served in the 5/7
Cav in Vietnam. They really do help us.

Phil Sierer, John Goodpaster, and I have searched for Hector Campos for 12 years. Hector came
from south Texas; we thought it was somewhere along the border with Mexico. We called many
strangers and asked if they were the right Hector or knew Hector; all of this was to no avail. At reunion
VII in Kentucky this summer, Larry Nunez said I remembered Hector writing to his Mother in
Freeport, Texas. Guess what, we went searching the phone directory in Freeport, and, yes, we found
Hector Campos who served with us in ’66 & ’67.

Hector sent me copies of all the orders he had and is going to send for the rest of them. Among
these were his mustering out forms from Oakland and his home address. On these orders was the
name and address of one of our Reunion VII ground team members ---- if I had only had a set of these
orders when we located the ground team member Hector would have been found much earlier.

You can all meet Hector Campos at reunion VIII. He is planning to be there.

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE send today to request a Standard Form 180. When you receive it,
fill it out and send it back by return mail to:

National Personal Records Center
9700 Page Boulevard
St. Louis, MO. 63132

This can also be done on line at the following web site:

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/vetrecs/index.html

Follow the instructions on the web site. You will still have to download and print a sign-
nature verification form to send to the records center.

Later, Krazy

LETTER FROM BILL LITVKJAK

Greetings to all my fellow 5/7 CAV Troopers,
I am writing simply to say thank you to everyone. Many of you are aware of my grandson,
Hunter Stahl, and of his physical disabilities which are being corrected by various procedures. While
attending this year’s Veterans Day ceremony in Washington, DC, Hunter underwent corrective sur-
gery for his jaw. Indications are the surgery went very well. I would like to share with everyone, what
occurred while he was recuperating at the hospital.

LTC. Jody Petery, commander of the 5/7 CAV “War Paint” Battalion, sent a battalion representa-
tive to visit him. The soldier, who visited Hunter was SSgt. Billy Armstrong. SSgt. Armstrong was
kind and considerate to my family and especially Hunter.

As a family, we are honored and humbled by the thoughtfulness shown by LTC Petery and SSgt.
Armstrong. Hunter was presented several items which included a set of spurs. He has already in-
formed my daughter and son-in-law that he would like to start wearing his spurs. He keeps asking
me for his saber, but I don’t know about that one just yet.

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Update from Membership VP

It's time of year again!

After a fantastic evening at Guapos restaurant in Bethesda, thanks to our hosts Ted Swett and Maury Edmonds, we all had a great day in DC for Veterans Day. The weather and gathering of our 5/7 Cav friends was the best.

Again we heard from other Cav units how well our group was organized. It’s been that way for 35 years we told them.

Colorado Springs plans are still in the planning stages and you’ll find more info on this topic in the newsletter. Rest assured it’s going to be a great reunion in 2006.

Membership is climbing again thanks to the addition of the newly activated 5/7 Cav personnel on our rolls. As of November 11 we had over 100 of the new troopers sign up for membership in our association.

We have been informed that the new 5/7 Cav unit will most likely be deploying to Iraq in January. We discussed the need for sponsorship of the newly deployed troopers and their families at our gathering in Bethesda and we’re investigating how we can best fill this need. Check out the article from Charlie Baker and you can learn more about possible ways to support the new unit and their families while their deployed in Iraq. We all remember how it is to be several thousand miles from home.

Veterans Day evening, when it was mentioned that the new unit was deploying, I almost wished I was going over myself. Old and decrypted as I am, I would make a good joke along side these well trained disciplined troops.

For those jumping on the sponsorship list, check out the article on page 4.

Over the Holidays is probably as good a time to call old buddies as you can get so make those calls. It will do both you good.

Every Christmas I get requests for rosters so people can update their Christmas card addresses. You need to hurry and get your request in as time is running out.

Happy Holidays to all!  Don Shipley, Vice President of Membership

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5/7 CAV MEMBERS AND FAMILY THAT PARTICIPATED IN VETERANS DAY 2004 IN BETHESDA & WASHINGTON, DC

| Maury Edmonds | Jerry Martz | Bill Litvjak | Karl & Carol Haartz | Eddie Ratcliff | Charlie & Marty Baker |
| Ted & Cay Swett & family | Bob Hansen | Will Mercer / Sons Ed & Will | Don Shipley & Karen | Richard Hawksby | Dave Hensley |
| Wes Westmoreland | Wayne Gibbs / Son Tim | John Long | Red & Linda Boulden | Eldon & Gail Erlenbach | Steve Shear |
| Allen Patrick | Frank Valdez | Chester Millay | George Hannaford | McGregor & Leanne | Vince Laurich |
| Bill Purdy | Harold Dannewitz | Charles McHenry | Bob Lewis | Coffman | Lorenzo Clark |
| Joe Williams | Patrick Fox | Moe Goulet | Norman Lloyd | Jack & Emily Thomas | Joe McVeigh |
| | | | | Truman Hanricker | Perry Lampkin |

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A Day to Remember

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ing the 5/7 Cav wreath at the wall. I told him it would be an honor and a privilege.

I couldn’t have been any prouder marching up to the wall with all the other troopers who had served with the 5/7 Cav and laying a wreath to honor the men who fought in one of the best battalions of the Vietnam War.

It was a day I will never forget realizing how lucky we were to be sitting in the audience rather than having people pay tribute to us.

On the way back to our homes we talked about the week we had together, and hoped that someday all the other men that served with us would have the opportunity to come to Washington some Veterans Day to experience the feelings and thoughts that we were able to have. We decided that at least one advantage had come out of that war, and that was after 39 years we still know each other, we still have a purpose to get together, and to still think as much of each other as we did 39 years ago when we trained together.

GarryOwen, Harold "Hoss" Dannewitz
Sergeant At Arms
C 5/7 1966-1967

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The trip to Washington was very special for me. I would like to thank Gen. Edmonds and the Association for allowing me to place the Battalion wreath at the Wall along with Hoss Dannewitz. It will never be forgotten.

The camaraderie with all of you is a very good thing for any trooper if they are willing to be a part of the 5/7 CAV Association.

To the ladies of the Association, a special thank you for your kindness and thoughtfulness!

Lastly, Allen thank you for hosting the meal at the Sports Pub on the 11th, you did a superb job. I’ve kept in contact with waitresses and they have assured me your bread is still coming to the table, eventually. GarryOwen, Bill Litvjak
On 21 July the colors of the 5th Battalion, 7th U.S. Cavalry were unfurled for the first time since 1978 at Ft. Stewart, Georgia. Association President, Col. (Ret) John Long, had the honor of passing the colors from the Brigade Commander to the Battalion Commander, LTC Jody Petery. Along with remarks by the Brigade Commander and LTC Petery, General Jim Vaughn, who commanded the battalion at Hue, Khe Sanh and the A Shaun Valley in 1968, gave another of his legendary talks to the troops on parade.

The 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry is an integral part of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. As part of the army’s reorganizing around the brigades being total force units, our guys are the scout battalion for the brigade. They are an armored cavalry unit by MOS. The 1st Brigade consists of an armored battalion, a mechanized infantry battalion, a scout battalion and an artillery battalion. The Brigade Commander now has his own recon, armor, infantry and artillery. An idea that is long over due. Reminds me of Operation Wallowa in the Que Sons Valley in the Fall of 1968, when 3rd Brigade operated as a separate brigade with B Troop, 1/9th Cav and the 1/21st Arty Bn attached.

The 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry now has four line troops. A, B & C Troops each have four platoons. Three of the platoons are built around Bradley Fighting Vehicles, organized in sections of two vehicles each. Each Bradley has a driver, two men in the cupola, and a scout in the back. Two men in each vehicle are designated as “dismounts” that can move out on foot to secure the vehicle or to scout ahead. The fourth platoon has up-armored Humvees. These three troops are led by:

- A Troop: Captain Joel Jackson
  1SG Bobby Neil
- B Troop: Captain Ralph Elder
  1SG Perry McNeil
- C Troop: Captain Phillip Poteet
  1SG Steven Jones
- Delta Troop consists of three platoons mounted in up- armored Humvees. Delta is led by Captain Eric Prost and 1SG Terry James.

HH Troop has a como platoon, medic platoon, mortar platoon, maintenance platoon, and a platoon for the fuelers, NBC people and clerks, and a platoon for the Staff Sections and drivers. HH Troop is led by Captain Chris Fairley and 1SG Gregory Boone.

The battalion has completed its training at the national Training Center in Camp Irwin, CA, and is now engaged in intensive training at Ft. Stewart. I had the pleasure of riding with Capt. Phil Poteet in his Bradley fighting vehicle during a night live fire exercise on Red Cloud Range at Ft. Stewart. Two of his platoons went through the course, using their thermal night scopes to see and destroy targets. The range and training facility is very high tech; nothing like we experienced in our day. The troopers of 5/7 Cav are gaining the Garry Owen spirit every day at Ft. Stewart. Flying outside the Headquarters Building is the biggest red and white guidon in the history of guidons.

I also attended the Family Readiness Group (FRG) which is geared to providing support to the families, particularly when the battalion is deployed to the combat zone. Clarissa Petery has taken firm hold on the overall FRG, to the great fortune of 5/7 Cav. Each company has a FRG Leader, and they are an outstanding group. The company FRG leaders are those spouses in each company with the most leadership ability, regardless of their husband’s rank. Becoming a resource for the FRG is where association members can make a difference to this unit.

Do not hesitate to establish contact with your old company by mail. To send mail to any of the companies of 5/7th Cav, the Address is:

_____ Troop
Battalion, 7th Cavalry
1810 William H. Wilson Ave., Suite 100
Ft. Stewart, GA 31314

The battalion is scheduled for block leave for a two week period beginning November 22nd. Indications are that the 3rd ID may be returning to Iraq some time after that, and our prayers and support need to be with them at this time.

GarryOwen,
Charlie Baker
Liaison Officer

Have you changed your mailing address recently? Remember to send your change of address to:

VP Operations, 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association, 1149 Southwood Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48103
### 5/7 Cav PX

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**PLEASE ALLOW THREE WEEKS ON SHIRT DELIVERY.**

**PLEASE INCLUDE $2.00 POSTAGE ON HATS & SMALL ITEM ORDERS AND $3.00 ON ALL SHIRT AND BEAR ORDERS.**

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### CHAPLAIN’S CORNER

As I write this message to you I am on the verge of celebrating Thanksgiving with my family. I know you are as well. We have so many things for which we should and must be thankful. God has so blessed Nancy and me that to recount them for you would require this entire publication and more.

By the time you read this we will be well into the Advent Season. During this time of year we look forward with anticipation as we celebrate the Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. His is the coming that changed the world forever. It is also with anticipation that we look for His Second Advent. It is that yearned for event that will bring peace on earth forever.

Today we again have young men and women in harms way in the horror that is war. We certainly await the day when war and death and pain and suffering will be swallowed up in the triumphant final victory of the Prince of Peace.

I pray God’s richest blessing on all of you and your families this holiday season.

Gary Owen, 

Eddie

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### In Memoriam

- Sharon Hodges, wife of Brent Hodges, C Company 66, passed away on October 8, 2004.

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### DAVID BIELSKI AWARDED SILVER STAR

David Bielski, a member of Delta company, 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry, 1967, was honored on Veterans Day, 2004 in Kalamazoo, Michigan with the awarding of the Silver Star. Capt. James Sprayberry, Bielski’s CO at the time presented him with the medal. Sprayberry received the Medal of Honor for the same incident.

“I wanted to return something I feel I owe to an old friend,” said Sprayberry. Sprayberry traveled from Arkansas for the ceremony.

Bielski recounted that he was Sprayberry’s radio operator when a portion of their platoon became trapped by enemy fire. Bielski and Sprayberry made their way to the trapped soldiers encountering heavy fire from the enemy along the way. In route to the trapped soldiers Bielski voluntarily gave his rifle to Sprayberry when the captain’s rifle became inoperable. Bielski continued to face the enemy with only his pistol and a bayonet.

Through Bielski’s and Sprayberry’s efforts the platoon was rescued with the exception of four troopers who were killed and three missing in action.

Bielski said “the true heroes were the ones that gave their lives.” The delay in awarding the medal was due to paperwork complications.

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### 5/7 CAV Jackets

Many of you that attended Reunion VII in northern Kentucky requested information on how to order a Cav 5/7 jacket like the ones worn by our Honor Guard at the memorial service on Saturday morning.

The Jackets are made up on a special order basis by our supplier in Portage, Indiana. The contact information is shown below:

- **T-Shirts America**
  - 2536 Portage Mall
  - Portage, Indiana 46368
  - Telephone #219-763-1880

Bill or Jane are the owners

Checks, Money Orders or Credit Card are accepted methods of payment.

When ordering make sure you tell them you want the 5/7 Cav traditional lined jacket. You also need to provide them with the years you served in Vietnam, your name and rank, if you choose. They will also want to know if you want the Garry Owen crest and/or the 1st Cav patch on the jacket and if you want any other insignias or patches included.

They do not have an e-mail address or web site so ordering by phone is the best method.

(This info is provided by John “Goody” Goodpaster --- the official 5/7 Cav Association PX Man)
LETTERS

Eddie Ratcliff’s Ride Home from Veterans Day ----- 
I was at MM 55 on the Blue Ridge Parkway, just starting to lean into the curve when a LARGE buck jumped out to the center line. I straightened up to try not to hit him but it was too late. I smacked him with the left side of the bike, and now that I was straightened up, I couldn't make the curve. I laid the bike down on the left and drifted off of it as it slid up the side of the mountain. I slid off the side of the road and was doing just great till I slid off into a ditch full of rocks the size of coconuts. That part was a bumpy ride at best.

I called the park rangers on the cell and started picking up bike parts that were littering the road and trying to walk as best I could. The meat wagon arrived 15 min later and they hauled me to Lynchburg, VA hospital.

My wife came up that night from home and we took back the bike in the back of the truck.

I’m just bruised up with few brakes here and there, really no big deal. This is just part of life to me. I never was much of a couch potato and you pay the price, some time, for sticking your neck out too far. This one was NOT my fault. The deer that jumped me will get his as it was the first day of hunting season in that neck of the woods.

I’m ordering my new Goldwing as we speak. I hope I will be well enough to ride it when it arrives. The soreness will be with me for a while as I'm not 18 anymore.

Garry Owen,
Eddie Ratcliff

Editor’s Note: Thanks Eddie for letting us know you made it home safe. We look forward to being with you next year. Maybe you should consider driving your truck next year.

Note from Joe McVeigh ----- 
What a fine time it was to have dinner with my Garry Owen brothers and then go to The Wall for Veterans Day ceremony! See you all next year and at the Colorado Springs Reunion!
Garry Owen
Joe McVeigh, C Co. 69-70

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INTERIM TREASURER’S REPORT

I’m glad to report our 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association balances are in good shape. Reunion VII with all its great memories is behind us and we are working hard on plans for Reunion VIII in Colorado Springs in the summer of 2006.

Just before our gathering in DC for Veterans Day I was able to make a trip to Colorado Springs to meet with the core elements of our ground team there. Hugo Lopez (team leader), Bob Colgrove, Mac McQuerry, Claude Julian, and Red and Linda Boulden joined me as we reviewed four hotel properties as possible reunion venues. The hotels we visited were The Double Tree (formerly The Red Lion), The Sheraton, The Wyndham and the Antlers Hilton. All the hotels are great properties and each has submitted a proposal with financial terms for our consideration. We are in the process of negotiating terms and hope to have a decision on the preferred site by no later than the first quarter 2005. There will be an update on Reunion VIII in the first newsletter in 2005 and if we have results earlier we’ll make sure it is posted on our web site.

Royce Vick, our new Treasurer, has set up the necessary accounts at a bank near his home town in Ft. Worth Texas so make sure your dues and are sent to his address: 3724 Shelby Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76109.

I wish you all a joyous Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Garry Owen,
Allen

Note from Gen Edmonds to LTC Petery regarding return of Unit Colors

Jody: The original 5th Bn 7th Cav colors, and the National Colors which went with them, dated from 1966, have been located. Jim Carson, the last Bn S1 of the Battalion in Vietnam, called me with the information that he has the colors and wishes to present them to you and your troopers.

Jim brought the colors back from Vietnam when the Battalion, and its colors, were retired and inactivated. He kept them stored away hoping for an opportunity to return them. He learned of the reactivation, hence his call to me.

To me and to Ted Swett, and I'm sure to all the others of our Association, there could be no better and permanent link between the Battalion of our generation and the Battalion of today and tomorrow than the transfer of these colors. We hope you'll accept them.

Garry Owen!
Maury
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Top Photo: View of The Garden of the Gods and Pikes Peak

Bottom Photo: Colorado Ground Team Meeting (left to right) Frt. Row: Bob Colgrove, Hugo Lopez, Linda Boulden; Bk. Row: Mac McQuerry, Allen Patrick and Red Boulden