

AIRMOBILE



News of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry

http://www.cav57.org

September 2011; Volume 20 Issue 2

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Maury Edmonds

t has been over 40 years since the colors of our great battalion were cased in a solemn ceremony at Bien Hoi, South Vietnam culminating almost five years of gallant service and sacrifice in that troubled war-torn country. The courage and skill of our troopers and the success in battle by all units of the battalion are recorded for all time.

Seven years ago our colors were unfurled as the 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry was reactivated as part of the combat force participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom. In three separate deployments, troopers and leaders of the Squadron added new chapters of achievement and courage and sacrifice to the history of our storied 5/7 Cav.

Commitment to duty and to their fellow soldiers, courage under fire, and loyalty to the Soldiers Creed describe, in spades, those who have written – and continue to write -- the 5/7 Cav legacy.

It is up to all of us to ensure the 5/7 Cav legacy, written with great sacrifice by troopers and their families, continues to be remembered and honored.

Again, we will lay a wreath at the wall in Washington on Veterans Day. I hope you can be with us. And, we'll gather in San Antonio next July for our biennial reunion. We want to see you all. Please join us. You'll be glad you did.

God bless you all.

2011 VETERANS DAY GATHERING IN WASHINGTON D.C

For our 2011 Veterans Day Gathering in Washington, DC the association has reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn National Airport (www.hinationalairport.com) in Arlington, VA (Crystal City area). The hotel is located one mile from the Reagan 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. The hospitality room opens at 3 PM on Wednesday, November 9 and runs through Friday, November 11.

Our banquet/dinner on Thursday evening, November 10, will be held at the hotel. The cost per head is \$40 including tax. The hotel will provide a cash bar during the dinner.

The block of rooms and room rates are effective from Wednesday, November 9, 2011 through Saturday, November 12, 2011. Hotel bookings should be made with the hotel by October 10, 2011. Reservations made after that date will be accepted on a space available basis.

When making reservations please identify yourself as part of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association The hotel has provided the following web address so you can book directly from the Internet: http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/HI/1/en/rates/WASDC?groupBookingCode=BAT.

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.

Harry Chara!

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. Our entre choices for the dinner are Roasted Pork Loin with RosemaryDemi-Glaze or Chicken Cordon Bleu with a Mornay Sauce. We need to get a count of all who plan to attend plus your choice of entre. 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 over 80 people join in the dinner at the Holiday Inn Express. See you in DC!!!

EXTRA SPECIAL NEWS

After the banquet, Norman Lloyd will screen the first ever showing of "Fallen, But Not Forgotten" the true story of then Lieutenant Mike Sprayberry of Delta Company, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment and his group of volunteers and their harrowing nighttime battle and rescue in Vietnam's A Shau Valley in April of 1968 and their return trips to Vietnam to find their missing comrades. You definitely want to be there to see this amazing film!

BATTALION DIRECTORY

Name Home Phone
President Emeritus 202-541-0132

Ted Swett

President 904-280-8448

Maury Edmonds moedmonds@bellsouth.net

Vice President 603-726-7080

Karl Haartz Cav571vpkk@roadrunner.com

VP Membership 618-863-2635

Don Shipley 57don@24kttravel.com

VP Operations 910-632-6245 Allen Patrick editor@cav57.org

Secretary 615-790-6325

Jerry Houston JBhouston@comcast.net

Treasurer 817-926-1026 Royce Vick ravick@charter.net

Sergeant At Arms 815-786-8152 Hoss Dannewitz hoss.ging@gmail.com

Battalion Chaplain 334-863-4419

Don Quick dquick@communicomm.com

Legal Advisor 516-747-3894 Jim Harmon harfirm@aol.com

Veterans Affairs Committee Advisors

Reinaldo Espada espadar@hawaii.rr.com Papa Doc Maxwell papadocmax@aol.com Gregory Holloway traperg@yahoo.com

Public Relations 904 246-4985 Charlie Baker cbaker611@aol.com

Company Trustees

A Company 513-662-8948
Joe Williams Jjw007@fuse.net

B Company 248-380-6895 Jasper Catanzaro Jasper@twmi.rr.com

C Company 401-789-0155 Richard Bigelli rbigelli1@verizon.net

E Company 386-216-7062 Bill Moore moore380@comcast.net

HHC 203-934-9688

Joe Dzikas jcdjr250f@sbcglobal.net

OTHER KEY MEMBERS

Video 830-914-2203 Phil Sierer 830-914-2203 oldrebel@satx.rr.com

PX 937-514-8247

John Goodpaster jgoodpaster001@cinci.rr.com

1st Vice President's Report

It has been kind of an exciting summer here on Upper Mad River. Carol & I went out for ice cream one Saturday in May and came home with a new house. Now it is September and everything has been moved and Carol will transform this house into our home. We now have 2 guest rooms and a big family room in the walk out basement. Come on over the door is open.

<u>Veterans Day Activities</u> – We will hold our annual dinner on November 10, 2011 at the Holiday Inn National Airport, Washington, DC. If you are planning to attend PLEASE contact and let me know. There are 2 dinner choices (chicken & roast pork). I need to know which you would like so we can keep the chef happy.

Following the dinner Norman Lloyd will be screening the film "Fallen, But Not Forgotten," for the $1^{\rm st}$ time. It is a documentary of the 5/7 in the A Shau. We would like to start this as close to 8 PM as possible.

<u>Wreath Presenters</u> – If you have never had the privilege of being one of the 5/7 wreath presenters and would like to do so, please let me know. This will be our 20th year of laying a wreath at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. Over these past 20 years we have only one person lay the wreath twice. We want to continue to have our new troopers have the privilege to be our wreath presenters. We will announce the presenters at the dinner.

On Veterans Day we will gather at the Park Service Kiosk between the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 10:45 for a group picture PROMPTLY at 11:00 AM. Don't be late.

Locate new Troopers/TODAY! – We still have a bunch of 5/7 troopers in the bush that want to be found. They don't know they want to be found so it is up to you to locate them. You give Shipley or me the name of the trooper and we will try and find you an address and phone number. It means so much for the person being located to talk with the troopers he shared the fox hole with. Your goal is to find another 100+ by San Antonio.

Troopers located or members added since last newsletter.

Legacki	Alan	? 68	Bergin	Raymond	C 68
Maloney	George	D 68	Bell	Randall	D 70
Swett	Marjorie	S	Lee, Sr	James	B 69
Schneider	Clifford	? 68	Howard	James	D 66
Ferguson	Harold	A 69	Kadlec	James	C 68
Sanchez, Jr.	Celso	D 69	Fields	Danny	B 68
Pasichny	Bohdan	D 68	Bodnar	Bruce	E 70
Merkel	Dennis	C 69	Herrick	Fred	D 70
Hiemenz	Daniel	B 70	Rebich	Tom	E 70
Ratliff, Jr	Gary	A 67	England	Ed	E 70

Important New Address

Karl F Haartz
1st Vice President 5/7 Cav Assoc.
220 Upper Mad River Rd.
Thornton, NH 03285-6436

It's time again for an old fellow like me to write something down to inspire you all! You know like the company commander in the old days, yelling CHARGE!! Like I said I'm getting older so here it is. Grab the phone, call some old Army buddies and tell them to call some other old Army buddies before they forget. Remember they are old and hard of hearing also. So you may have to call them more than once to make sure they get the message. The message is to find more of our brothers who served in the 5/7 Cav plus reminding them of the gathering in DC for Veterans Day and our next reunion in San Antonio next July.

Things to remember in this order!

- Plan your trip for Veterans Day in Washington DC.
- Make plans for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter
- Go to the 5/7 Reunion in San Antonio, TX in July.
- Call old friends about seeing them in DC and at the reunion --- do that today!

Make a list of names for each event then call. Don't get the lists mixed up or we'll all be at your house for Christmas.

You will find the numbers to call for reservations, both DC and San Antonio, TX. In this newsletter.

FACT, it will be cooler in DC than San Antonio. See, you do get smarter when you get old.

Garry Owen,

Don Shipley

LETTERS

Attention D Co. Troopers !! Well, not really. Once again our Officers have provided us with great accommodations for Veterans Day in Wash. D.C Last year was a great turn out by our members, especially D Co. With some first timers in attendance along with the rest of us we all had a terrific time from laying the wreath at the Wall in remembrance of our fallen and past members to sharing of our lives today. Make those reservations, we guarantee it will be a time you won't forget.

Garry Owen,

Neil Meyer D Co. Trustee

Congratulations - Dateline: Kingsville, TX Breaking News: Doc McBride and Ruby were married on July 8, 2011! Sources indicate a Marine officiated at the wedding.

I would also like to make you and other members aware of the transformation that will be taking place in Iraq. Because of the expected draw down and closure of Iraq, many of units will be moving to new locations as bases close and get turned over to the Iraqi Government/ Army. Addresses will most likely start changing within a few months and if needed I will gladly keep you posted. I would also like to say thank you to you and your organization for what you have done and will continue to do for this countries Soldiers, Marines, and Airmen (with special emphasis on Soldiers). As Soldiers like me walk around at public places we are often stopped and told thank you by countless veterans such as yourself and my father. Unlike most who reply with a thanks and head-nod. I reply with a, "No...Thank You"! Some often forget what this military was built on. My father, you, and all the members of your organization are perfect examples, and are the true reasons why we continue to live in this country peacefully. Thank you for your service Sir...pre and post retirement.

CW2 Carlos Clark BDE Targeting Officer 4th BDE, 3D



Karl, Thought you would like this picture. We had a mini reunion In Vegas on August 6th. This is Echo Recon out of FSB Snuffy 1970-1971.

Most of us haven't seen each other since the war. Names from left to Right in

the back row are Loyd Trimble, Jim Conti, Al Krause, and Ed England. Front row sitting: Tom Rebich, Tom Jones, and Ralph Endrizzi. It was really a great time seeing each other. Jim Conti

Fiddlers Green

Larry Atkinson: 68 of Birch Run and Clio, MI passed away on August 6, 2011. Larry served in A Co 5/7 Cav and was with the battalion when it deployed in 1966 to Vietnam.

Gale "Butch" Belville: 62 of of Raymond, OH passed away on April 16, 2011. Butch served in the US Army from 4/25/69 to 1/8/71 in Company B 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry (Air Mobile) and later in HHC 2b Bde 1st Cavalry (Air Mobile). Butch's Unit was ordered by then President Nixon, to enter Cambodia and search and destroy NVA weapons caches. The NVA kept supplies across the border, and until they were found and destroyed would kill many American Soldiers. The Documentary Shakeys Hill was done with an imbedded Australian photographer. Butch was contacted and declined an interview for this documentary, still suffering from PTSD, as "Shakey" was his 50mm loader. Because of this find, about 6 other locations were mapped, and destroyed

5/7Cav PX

POW/MIA 3X5 Flags	\$15		
Baseball Cap 5/7 embroidered			
Miniature Garry Owen Crest pin			
1st CAV cloth shoulder patch			
1st CAV window sticker (no Vietnam)			
1st CAV Div. challenge Coin			
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			
M60 Machinegun pin (new)			
Huey Hat pin (black/gold)			
5/7 Crossed Sabers lg. pin (new)			
Claymore Mine Pin (new)			
White Polo shirts button-up with collar Embroi- dered 5/7 Cav. and Garry Owen Crest all short sleeved, order by size			
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			
Irish Green Golf Shirt with Embroidered Garry Owen Crest. Black Cav 5/7 Lettering under Crest. Quality Jerzee Brand. M, L, XL, XXL			
New Adult T-Shirt with large Carry Owen Crest screen print on front. M, L, XL, 2X, 3X; Colors: white & ash (light gray)			
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.			
"Commitment and Sacrifice" DVD. This documentary film follows the experiences of troopers from Bravo Company of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalty regiment during the Vietnam War (1970) and the Iraq War (2005), through the lens of combat cameraman Norman Lloyd.			

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: JOHN (GOODY) GOODPASTER 303 CORA DRIVE CARLISLE, OHIO 45005-3268 PHONE # 937-514-8247

EMAIL: jgoodpaster001@cinci.rr.com

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

Reunion XI: July 22-29, 2012



Ten months to go and we'll be in San Antonio.

The reunion planning team is meeting in San Antonio on January 23 to go over the details for the reunion. The hotel staff will be present in our meetings and we'll make sure we are all on the same page

As we said in the last newsletter you may want to start checking into all the attractions in the area in case you need to buy tickets in advance. For those coming to the reunion early in the week we are planning an outing for

all members on Tuesday evening. But remember you have Wednesday and Thursday evenings free to book what ever events or attraction you want to attend. There's the historic downtown missions that date back to the 1730s; the Alamo; the Botanical Gardens; the San Antonio Zoo; the Children's museum; Six Flags Fiesta Texas; and Sea World just to mention a few.

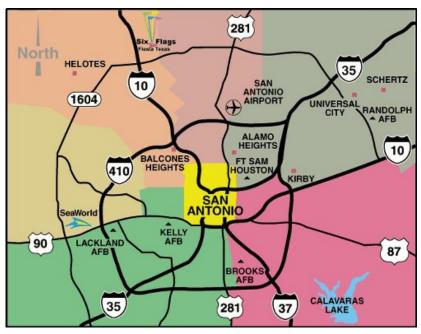
Remember to Check out the San Antonio Visitors Center web site to learn more about our 2012 Reunion City. The web address is **www.visitsanantonio.com**.

Many new members have been located since our last reunion. Several have indicated that they will be in San Antonio for their first reunion.

I'm betting that our attendance will break the 500 mark once again. Stay tuned for more updates. Garry Owen, Allen

Crowne Plaza Hotel Reservation Link is shown below

https://resweb.passkey.com/go/FifthBatt7CA





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

"FALLEN, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN" Norman Lloyd's Latest Film Paying Tribute to Troopers of the 5/7 Cavalry

5/7 Troopers & members ---

Norman Lloyd has been busting his butt trying to get this film, "Fallen, But Not Forgotten," off the cutting room floor. Well it is there but Norman could use a little more support. Read below and dig deep. We are planning to show it for the first time at our Veterans day Dinner. You can also check out the trailer for the film at this URL on the Internet: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0knnSsQNVXA

Film Synopsis ---

In April, 1968, then-Lieutenant Mike Sprayberry of Delta Company, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, United States Army led a small group of volunteers on a harrowing nighttime rescue in Vietnam's A Shau Valley. Their mission: to save a platoon of infantrymen encircled, ambushed, and pinned down by superior North Vietnamese forces on the flank of Tiger Mountain. The rescue was successful--all of the survivors of the ambush were extracted--but the bodies of three fallen soldiers could not be recovered. A few days later, when an observation helicopter attempted to locate the three KIAs, it too was lost to heavy enemy fire, and the bodies of the three helicopter crewmen likewise could not be recovered. To this day, the bodies of all six men remain in the A Shau Valley.

In October 1969, Mike Sprayberry received the nation's highest military award, the Congressional Medal of Honor, for his heroic efforts that dark night in the A Shau. But over the four subsequent decades since the rescue, he has remained determined to find the six lost men and bring them home, returning twice to Vietnam in search of evidence compelling enough to convince the U.S. Army's Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command to initiate a formal recovery effort. The family members of the six men killed in action and their comrades in the 5th Battalion 7th and the 1st of the 9th Cavalry Regiment together share the loss and immense frustration, but also the undying hope, that one day these fallen soldiers may finally come home.

The Commitment & Sacrifice Foundation is nearing completion of a documentary film about this inspiring story. This film would not be possible without the generosity of our donors. We are at a critical point in production and are seeking donations to fund the completion and distribution of this project.

We are currently accepting donations of any amount, all donations will go towards the completion and distribution of this project. All donations are fully Tax deductible. Our foundation is classified by the IRS as a 501 (c) (3) Public Charities EIN 68-0664358. Receipts for donations will be sent to donors.

To Donate online, visit: www.candsfoundation.org

To Donate by Check, please mail to:

Commitment and Sacrifice Foundation

PO Box 6167

Napa, CA 94581

Thank you for all your support and help.

Sincerely,

Norman Lloyd

MORE INFORMATION and MESSAGES

Purple Heart Forever Stamp Available as of May 2nd, 2011

Calling all Patriots! Stop buying new stamps every time the postage rate goes up. The new Purple Heart Forever Stamp became available to purchase May 2nd. The re-designed stamp features a photograph taken by Ira Wexler or the Purple Heart medal awarded to 1st Lieutenant Arthur J. Rubin during World War II.

Message from "Doc" McBride: Today I ran a mile again for the 42nd year in a row, this year it took me 14 minutes so I guess I am slowing down a little. Just 43 years ago today I was wounded pretty severely there in the A Shau Valley on the far northwest end of Co A Nong, or Tiger Mountain, as it is known, alongside Captain Lambert and so many others. Mike Sprayberry and his squad of volunteers got us out alive and sometime thereafter I vowed to God that if I ever walked again, which at the time was doubtful; I would run a mile every year for as long as I could. So this morning I got up at 5:30 and pulled on my running shoes once again. It felt good to run, to sweat, and remember---all the guys, our MIAs--Kelley, Scott, and Guillory, as well as Lt. Barber and so many others wounded on that same night. It was a night I will never forget, nor will anyone else who was there and it is only by the grace of God that we are alive and have enjoyed this past 43 years of life. Thank you to all who participated that night and helped rescue our shattered platoon and CP group. It is good to be alive despite the stuff going on all around us. To me much of it is purely trivial compared to what we have been through in our day. Take care and have a good night "Doc" Norman McBride (rr6m@att.net)

Leif Aamot, A Co '69 has sent along a website address on Picasa that has lots of photos of 5/7 Cav troopers in Vietnam. Check out this web address the next time you're surfing the web and you may be surprised to see some of your former comrades in arms there. Here is the web site: http://picasaweb.google.com/117175959523252995727. If you recognize any of the guys there that don't have a name next to the photo let Karl know so we can try to track them down.

Warpaint Squadron - "Dispatch from Fort Stewart"

Greetings to our fellow Cavalrymen and we hope this note finds you well. Since our return to Fort Stewart, we can report that your 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry continues to make great strides in training the formation, fielding our new equipment, and fostering community outreach while ensuring constant Trooper care. Every aspect of our reintegration and reset operations has exceeded expectation and we are now transitioning from a force that recently returned from deployment to one that will prepare for possible deployment. You can be very proud of what our young men and women are accomplishing every day...carrying the colors forward, steeped in the traditions set forth by its original Troopers.

Since March, the Squadron has focused its resources along three lines of effort: Individual Training, maintaining our equipment, and caring for our Troopers and their families.



We spent the majority of the summer months on the gunnery ranges and in the field with the achieved result of producing Troopers that are confident in their marksmanship and have the fundamental skill set required of a Cavalry Scout. Our training on these individual tasks and the execution of numerous small arms and crew served gunnery densities have laid the ground work for the onset of collective training which the Squadron will undertake beginning this fall. Recently, the Troops executed a week long training exercise throughout Fort



Stewart, focusing on day and night iterations of dismounted and mounted section and platoon maneuver that support our return to a traditional reconnaissance role. The calendar is busy but the future training planned now through the spring will further hone our skills as the "Eyes and Ears" of the Raider Brigade.

The Squadron will soon receive their compliment of M3A3 Cavalry Fighting Vehicles as part of the Division's OPNET (Operator New Equipment Training) beginning in November. As you can imagine, the Troopers are more than excited to finally receive our full complement of equipment. With the training we will receive on maintenance and the mechanics of the new systems, we will be more than ready to begin our Bradley gunnery after the holidays. While on the topic of maintaining, we have been making several improvements to the Squadron HQ's and surrounding footprint. What better way to show pride in the unit than by ensuring our "Garryowen" and crossed sabers are displayed proudly and the history of the Squadron embellishing the halls.



The Troopers and their families, however, remain the heart of the Squadron. We continue to grow as a Squadron with the weekly influx of new Troopers and our social media outlets such as facebook have made easier the process of welcoming new families to the Fort Stewart area as well as reestablishing old ties. Our leadership also continues to turnover. Several Troops have changed commanders and first sergeants but the Troopers nonetheless rally around their new leadership in true Cavalry fashion. Recently we held an Organizational Day where we celebrated our Troopers and families with a full day of sports, competitions, music, backyard barbecue and fun. It was an excep-

tional event and one which we plan on holding annually, with an open invitation to our Alumni. The Squadron is also gearing up for its first Spur Ride since 2008. Throughout the Squadron, you can feel the anticipation in the air as over sixty "shave tails" prepare for what will be a memorable event as they earn their coveted Silver Spurs. As the quarter draws to an end, the Squadron remains focused on task of leading the way and protecting the honor of the Squadron Colors. GARRYOWEN! SEVENTH FIRST!

Respectfully, LTC Christopher Jones Squadron Commanding Officer

Financial Report

by Royce Vick

Dues

Active Duty			
Grimes	Austin R		AD
Renard	Maximillian		AD
New Members			
Bell	Randall J	\$20	00-12
Bodnar	Bruce	\$20	00-12
Boyle	Paul D	\$20	00-12
Briant	Richard	\$20	00-12
Cangro	Peter V	\$20	00-12
Ferguson	Harold E	\$20	00-12
Fields	Danny L	\$40	00-14
Krause	Alan E	\$20	00-12
Lee	James	\$20	00-12
Maloney	George	\$20	00-12
Merkel	Dennis	\$20	00-12
Pasichny	Bohdan	\$20	00-12
Schneider	Clifford	\$20	00-12
Smith	Patrick A	\$20	00-12
Swett	Marjorie B	\$50	00-15
Vasquez-Contes	Luis A	\$20	00-12
Member Update			
Adams	John C	\$100	08-18
Aldrich	Collin	\$50	09-14
Aufdemkampe	David	\$50	09-14
Bernier	Charles	\$10	10-11
Bivins	Gregory R	\$100	11-21
Blackwell	Edward S	\$100	06-16
Brennan	Donald E	\$100	04-14
Byrnes	James P	\$40	09-13
Carson	James	\$150	03-18
Cecere	John	\$40	07-11
Cherep	John	\$50	11-16
Clarkson	Donald	\$100	04-14
Downard	Charles O	\$50	08-13
Dusz	Thomas A	\$30	11-14
Feldkamp	Eugene E	\$30	10-13
Gandy	Ray	\$40	12-16
Garr	Edward	\$20	10-12
Gunkel	Larry	\$20	10-12
Hansen	Robert	\$50	11-16
Jacewitz	Richard	\$20	09-11
Kahler	Jeffrey	\$20	10-12
Kruetzkamp	John A	\$30	14-17
Kunkel	Robert	\$100	10-20
Kupferer	Gary V	\$100	09-19
Lary	John M	\$20	12-14
Lilly	David M	\$30	10-13
Marcus	JС	\$50	08-13
McDonald	PΕ	\$20	10-12
McQuerry	Charles L	\$30	09-12
Milliner	William K	\$110	01-12
Mullins	Larry	\$30	11-14
Nowlan	Phillip A	\$30	10-13
Oliveira	David	\$100	08-18
Olson	Lois	\$30	11-14
C15011	2015	ΨЭΟ	11-14

We just set new records for the hottest summer ever in Texas. Maybe it will cool off and we will have great weather next July in San Antonio. Since we will be staying in the finest hotel right down town we may not need to exit until we head back home.

It is never too soon to start making plans for our reunion. If you need to catch up on dues now is a good time. If the reunion expense isn't in your budget now would be a good time to start setting funds aside for this visit. San Antonio is a great place to visit. If at all possible you should plan to visit the area before or after the reunion.

Nineteen new members since the last newsletter. Most of these are from the efforts of "Krazy" Karl. I still am not sure how he does it. We are in an excellent financial condition but could always use your donations. We still do not have a reunion charge to cover all of our expenses. I suggest each year that we need a fee to cover our expenses but so far we have managed without it. Have you ever been to another reunion without having to pay just for the meal? Think not.

I receive a lot of notes and letters but the one I received from Lois Olson I need to share with each of you. Her husband, CPT. Robert Olson, was KIA in 1969. She wrote that she, Cay and Col. Swett stayed in contact over the years. Col. Swett had begged her to come to a reunion, thinking that would help her with a closure. Bob had worked for Col. Swett while each was stationed at Fort Carson.

Lois and her daughter have an open invite to come to our next reunion. She would be welcomed with open arms.

Send your dues and donations to:

Treasurer 5/7 Cav Association 3724 Shelby Drive Fort Worth, TX 76109-2733

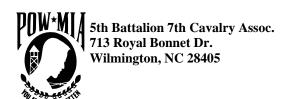
Garry Owen, Royce

Funds Balance

Dues (Cont'd)				Balance 3/31/11 INCOME	\$33,627
Roberts	Joseph	\$100	12-22	Dues	\$2,770
Rundles	Donald	\$40	11-15	PX Sales Donations	\$348 \$520
Sanford	Terry	\$30	10-13	Interest Earned	\$320 \$33
Schultz	Joseph	\$10	11-12	Total	\$3,671
Shanahan	Richard M	\$40	09-13	EXPENSES	, -, -
Sinn	Charles D	\$50	08-13	Challenge Coins	(\$730)
Stephens	Craig	\$50	12-17	April Newsletter	(\$960)
Tjaden	Steven	\$30	11-14	Web Hosting Fee (3 Months)	(\$90)
Vculek	Albert	\$40	08-12	Memorial Wreath for Wall Dick Rohn Memorial Wreath	(\$213) (\$140)
Vols	Stanley J	\$20	10-12	Postage	(\$88)
Wagner	Harold	\$50	10-15	Donation to 5/7 SQ Unit	(400)
Weeks II	Robert A	\$20	10-12	Fund	(\$500)
Wolaver	Robert G	\$10	10-12	Hoover Mfg Co - PX	(\$516)
Zimmerman	Laurel	\$60	10-16	Total	(\$3,237)
Total Dues	Laurer		10-10	Balance 8/31/11	\$34,062
Total Dues		\$2,770			

Donations

Carson	James	\$50	In honor of his Bn CO Maury Edmonds
Kahler	Jeffrey	\$80	In gratitude of all who served in the 5/7 Cav
Lloyd	Norman	\$250	Donation from sale of DVD's
McQuerry	Charles	\$70	To honor my friend Col. Swett, should have been a General
Olson	Lois	\$20	In memory of Col. and Cay Swett
Vick	Royce A	\$50	Col. Swett, the one whose leadership I cherish forever
Carfora	Stephen	\$100	In honor of his father First Sgt. Joeseph F Carfora
Haartz	Karl	\$100	
Miller	Clifton E	\$5	_
Total		\$725	Includes \$205 in last report's balance



FIRST CLASS MAIL U.S. POSTAGE PAID PERMIT NO. 1039



5th Battalion 7th Cavalry

In This Issue:

PAGE 1:

- President's Report
- Veterans Day 2011

PAGE 2:

- Battalion Directory
- 1st VP's Report

PAGE 3:

- Membership VP's
- Report
- Letters

PAGE 4:

- PX
- Reunion XI Report

PAGE 5

- Fallen & Not Forgotten
- More Information

PAGE 6

• 5th Squadron Report

PAGE 7

• Financial Report

Page 8

- Contents
- Reunion XI Hotel

THE RIVERWALK, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS



Click on following link to make reservations:

https://resweb.passkey.com/go/FifthBatt7CA

Reunion XI July 22 - 29, 2012 Crowne Plaza Hotel San Antonio, TX