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## News of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry

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### President's Report

By John Long

#### Greetings troopers, families and friends.

Time is rapidly approaching for our get together at "The Wall". I hope as many of you as possible will take the time to join us and share a few very special moments.

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam Women's Memorial. A special ceremony is scheduled for 1100 hours that includes the marching in review of color guards.

Our 5/7 Color Guard will be participating and will be forming at about 1000 hours. We are looking for our usual outstanding turnout for that ceremony and the normally scheduled main event at 1300 hours.

Again Suzy and I are inviting all of you who are in town to come by our home on the afternoon and evening of Monday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> for supper and shared camaraderie.

This will be our last opportunity to host all of you in our home since we will be

moving to Pennsylvania next summer. We hope there will be a large turnout.

You bring yourselves and we will provide everything else.

Coordinate with Karl Haartz, Wes or Don Shipley in the DC hotels if you need transportation.

If you need directions to my house, email me or give me a call (see association officer listing).

We will take this opportunity for a small association meeting that will bring us up to date regarding the reunion plans and other business.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find detailed information on the change of venue for our next reunion. It will still be in the Cincinnati area but at a different place.

I want to thank Joe Williams and his ground crew who literally had to jump through hoops to find a new site, which looks even better than the old one.

Thanks also to Allen Patrick whose corporate expertise and Jim Harmon, our resident Association lawyer, for their outstanding efforts in making this happen.

Commit yourselves now to putting next summer's reunion on your calendar.

I also encourage you to respond to our new historian's request for your own personal stories about the fighting 5/7 that he can incorporate into the battalion history.

Bret Coulson has a tough job but it will be made easier with your support and cooperation.

Take care of yourselves and have a

good fall. I hope to see you in D.C.

### Veterans Day 2003

#### DC AREA EVENTS

This Veterans' Day 2003, the Vietnam Women Veterans Memorial celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Saturday, November 8:** The VVA tent is set up on the mall area. It will remain in place through the afternoon on November 11. One tent dedicated to women veteran information provided by invited resources. (VVA sponsored)

**7:00 PM (Tentative):** The play, *A Piece of My Heart* presented at Women in Military Service for America, Arlington National Cemetery, sponsored by The Women's Memorial Foundation.

**Sunday, November 9:** The play, *A Piece of My Heart* presented at Women in Military Service for America, Arlington National Cemetery, sponsored by The Women's Memorial Foundation. **2:00 PM (Tentative)**

**3:00-4:00 PM:** Service at the National City Christian Church, 5 Thomas Circle, N.W., Washington, D.C. in celebration of the service of women during the Vietnam Era. (VVA sponsored)

**Monday, November 10:** Celebration Luncheon at the Hamilton Crowne Plaza, 14th and K Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Key Note speaker is Ms. Cokie Roberts, noted

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# BATTALION DIRECTORY

# Vice President's Report

by Karl Haartz

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## GarryOwen All,

The 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association is growing not only in membership, but in stature also. We are recognized as a battalion sized association who will help our fellow veterans.

We are getting information requests from everyone: surviving family members, journalists, and other outfits wanting to catch up with how we made this the "Best Damned Battalion" sized association from the Vietnam era.

You guys are the ones that made this happen. As Vice President I want to thank each and every one of you and your family members for making this happen. THANKS GUYS!!!

Again we have dodged another bullet. As you will read elsewhere in the newsletter we had to change the reunion site. This was done in the spirit of having the site guaranteed for Reunion VII.

Our original site fell on hard times and filed for bankruptcy. We felt it best to move to another venue so we could guarantee you and your family a great time at reunion VII. Read on as it is okay to make reservations now.

## Veterans Day weekend, Washington, DC, November 8, 9, 10, & 11

We have a table of 10 attending the IaDrang Dinner at the Hilton Crystal City on November 8<sup>th</sup> in Arlington, VA. There is a group of us that will be staying at the Hilton from Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> through the morning of Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.

I have been contacted by three of the newly located troops to say that they will be attending. This is a great way to come to The Wall for the first time. Being surrounded by friends makes the occasion a lot easier.

One of the best times in DC over the Veterans Day weekend is dinner at John & Suzie Long's home on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>. Check out John Long's article on the front page for all the details.

Last year we had over forty persons

attending. Don't be bashful; come join us for an evening of good eats and fun.

Our Cav 5/7 Association now has a historian. His name is Bret Coulson, nephew of LT. Craig D Pinchot who was KIA at LZ Colt on 10/10/67.

In his historian role, Bret is searching for as much information about our unit and its operations in Vietnam as possible.

Bret will collect all our stories and endeavor to put together a full history of our unit and its exploits in Vietnam. We need from each of you a one or two page article on events that you remember from your service in Vietnam with the Cav 5/7.

I'm sure each of you has your own unique experiences from your time in Nam so don't hold back. We want to make the history of the best damn unit in Vietnam as complete as possible.

Your reports don't have to be all blood & guts so include the unusual and humorous things that you experienced as well.

Again, this is our chance to give as factual account of the Cav 5/7's operations in Vietnam as possible and you were there and you lived it, so give it your best shot.

Send your material to Bret using one of the following addresses:

**Bret Coulson**  
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(703) 897-4914  
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bretster9000@aol.com  
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bret.coulson@mail.house.gov

Hope to see many of you on Veteran's Day in DC!!!

*GARRY OWEN  
'Krazy' Karl*

## Letters

Dear Editor,

Tell your 5/7 guys that there is a 1st Cav Hospitality Suite, free beer, opening Thursday Nov 6 thru 12 at the Hilton Crystal City/National Airport. We will all be hanging out there and your guys are, as always, welcome.

GarryOwen! Joe Galloway

Dear Col. Swett,

I would like to thank you and your 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association on behalf of all the young men and women whom you have helped with your contribution to Operation Restore Faith. This cause began with an idea in a church located here in Kitzingen and spread across the ocean through a letter detailing a visit with the wounded soldiers. It is with great personal pleasure that I am able to provide a little bit of comfort to those who have so generously served their country. I am the proud wife of a career Army soldier and know the sacrifices these men and women are making daily along with their families. It is with contributions such as yours that we are able to continue our great work here in Germany. Again, thank you for your contribution and for supporting the men and women in uniform.

Sincerely, Rosemary Buerger

Dear Association of the 5th Bn, 7th Cav Members:

Thank you for supporting America's Sons and Daughters who are making the hard sacrifices for our precious freedom. Your donations and gifts provide both comfort and encouragement for soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and their families that come to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and Ramstein Air Force Base.

Your generosity made it possible for us to assist the wounded warriors, the sick and injured, and their families. Landstuhl Regional Medical Center is a beacon of healthcare for America's sons and daughters abroad. Spiritual support through Pastoral Services and your gifts enhance the holistic healthcare for those who proudly perform their sacred duty.

Thank you for your courageous and compassionate service.  
Blessings and Peace,

DAVID E. MCLEAN, Chaplain (Colonel) USA

Dear Editor, Please let our troops know that CSM (Ret) Meyer, HHC 66 is gravely ill and is under hospice care in Colorado Springs. His brave wife Reba is holding down the home front. Send cards and letters to Mrs. Reba Meyers, 653 Squire St, Colorado Springs, CO 80911-2642. Home phone is 719-392-9027

## In Memoriam

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A note to say that a former Cav 5/7 member has passed away. Charlie Magby C5/7..69-70 died of a heart attack June 1st 2003. My best friend in Nam. He lived in Hookstown ,Pa. He leaves his wife Faye and two sons. May God rest his soul and bless his remaining family. Garry Owen, Barry Hinkle C5/7 69-70

Dear Editor,

Earl R Huber A Company 66, passed away July 21, 2003. He is survived by his wife Anita. Anyone wishing to send a card the address is, Anita Huber, 7 Whitetail Drive, Schuylkill, PA., 17972-8514.

Dear Editor,

Glena Martz, wife of Jerry Martz, A Company 66 passed away July 26, 2003. Jerry Martz, P O Box 135, Glenville, WV 26351

Members of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association,

CSM Troy G. Tippins Jr., a 28 year veteran of the United States Army, died at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs on Sunday, August 17, 2003, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Troy was born September 21, 1931, in Daisy, GA, to Troy O. Tippins, Sr., and Agnes (Johnson) Tippins. Troy enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1949 and served two tours in Vietnam and one tour in Korea. After retiring in Berlin, Germany, Troy moved his family to Colorado Springs in 1977.

Troy is survived by his wife of 45 years, Martha (Steindl) Tippins, son Gearhardt Tippins, daughters Linda Haehn and Patricia Sojack, sister Ann Wilensky of Savanna, GA, brother CSM (ret) Bill Tippins of Columbia, SC, and grandchildren Christine, Katharina, Stephanie, Pat, Amanda, Troy and Michelle.

Although Troy enjoyed fishing and working on small projects in his garage, his greatest passion was spending time with his grandchildren. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather who was committed to his family.

Dear Editor,

Terry L. Wedmore, 55, of 104W. Elm St. Rockwell, died Sunday (Aug. 3, 2003) at the Mercy Medical Center-North Iowa in Mason City. He served in the U.S. Army, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn 7<sup>th</sup> Cav, C Co from 1966 to 1968. He earned two Purple Hearts and two Bronze Stars during the Vietnam Conflict. Terry was born Aug. 15, 1947, in Mason City. Terry graduated from Mason City High School, Class of 1965. He graduated from North Iowa Area Community College and attended Iowa State University. Those thankful for having shared in Terry's life include his wife, Marsha; children, Amber Wedmore of Des Moines, Abbey (Ben) Pitzenberger of North Liberty, Adam Wedmore at home and LeeAnn Leitner of Mason City; three grandchildren Jessica, Deryck and Cameron, of Mason City; parents, Charlene and Donald Wedmore, of Mason City; sisters, JoDee (Gene) Ward of Garner and Donna Theis, Chandler, Ariz.; brothers Randy (Cheryl) Wedmore, of Gilbert, Ariz. and Jim (Deb) Wedmore, of Tuscon, Ariz.

# The Origins of Veterans Day

In 1921, an unknown World War I American soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. This site, on a hillside overlooking the Potomac River and the city of Washington, became the focal point of reverence for America's veterans.

Similar ceremonies occurred earlier in England and France, where an unknown soldier was buried in each nation's highest place of honor (in England, Westminster Abbey; in France, the Arc de Triomphe). These memorial gestures all took place on November 11, giving universal recognition to the celebrated ending of World War I fighting at 11 a.m., November 11, 1918 (the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month). The day became known as "Armistice Day."

Armistice Day officially received its name in America in 1926 through a Congressional resolution. It became a national holiday 12 years later by similar Congressional action. If the idealistic hope had been realized that World War I was "the War to end all wars," November 11 might still be called Armistice Day. But only a few years after the holiday was proclaimed, war broke out in Europe. Sixteen and one-half million Americans took part. Four hundred seven thousand of them died in service, more than 292,000 in battle.

## Armistice Day Changed To Honor All Veterans

An answer to the question of how to pay tribute to those who had served in this latest, great war came in a proposal made by Representative Edwin K. Rees of Kansas: Change Armistice Day to Veterans Day, and make it an occasion to honor those who have served America in all wars. In 1954 President Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans Day.

On Memorial Day 1958, two more unidentified American war dead were brought from overseas and interred in the plaza beside the unknown soldier of World War I. One was killed in World War II, the other in the Korean War. In 1973, a law passed providing interment of an unknown American from the Vietnam War, but none was found for several years. In 1984, an unknown serviceman from that conflict was placed alongside the others. To honor these men, symbolic of all Americans who gave their lives in all wars, an Army honor guard, The 3d U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard), keeps day and night vigil.

A law passed in 1968 changed the national commemoration of Veterans Day to the fourth Monday in October. It soon became apparent, however, that November 11 was a date of historic significance to many Americans. Therefore, in 1978 Congress returned the observance to its traditional date.

## National Ceremonies Held at Arlington

The focal point for official, national ceremonies for Veterans Day continues to be the memorial amphitheater built around the Tomb of the Unknowns. At 11 a.m. on November 11, a combined color guard representing all military services executes "Present Arms" at the tomb. The nation's tribute to its war dead is symbolized by the laying of a presidential wreath. The bugler plays "taps." The rest of the ceremony takes place in the amphitheater.

Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington and elsewhere are coordinated by the President's Veterans Day National Committee. Chaired by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the committee represents national veterans organizations.

Governors of states and U.S. territories appoint Veterans Day chairpersons who, in cooperation with the National Committee and the Department of Defense, arrange and promote local ceremonies.

# Veterans Day 2003 (cont'd)

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journalist and author of *We Are Our Mothers Daughters*. Secretary Principi will be joining. Reservations are limited. Tickets: \$30.00, payable cash, check, or major credit card. Contact: Deborah Johnson, (800) 882-1316 ext.164 (VVA sponsored) **11:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**4:00 PM:** Ceremony at *The Wall* sponsored by Circle of Sisters.

**6:00 PM:** Candlelight Ceremony held at the Vietnam Women's Memorial, sponsored by the Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation (formerly The Vietnam Women's Memorial Project).

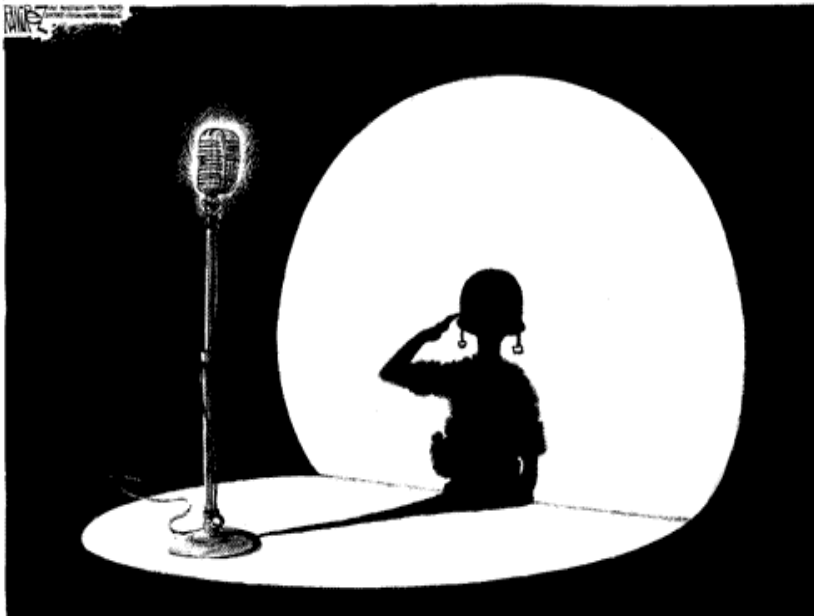
**8:00 PM - Midnight** "A Rock & Roll Reunion" at the DMZ to Delta Dance held at the Holiday Inn - Rosslyn at Key Bridge, VA. (VVA Chapter 227 sponsored)

**Tuesday, November 11:** Story-telling at the Vietnam Women's Memorial sponsored by the Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation. **8:00 AM - 12:00 PM & 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM**

**11:00 AM:** The Color Guard Review. Formation is at 10:00AM. One hour will be set aside for a Color Guard Pass in Review of the Vietnam Women's Memorial. (VVA sponsored)

**1:00-2:00 PM:** Ceremony at *The Wall* with wreath laying at *The Wall* and the Vietnam Women's Memorial to follow.

**4:00-5:00 PM:** Ceremony at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery, sponsored by the Women's Memorial Foundation.



BOB HOPE  
1903-2003

## Finding Fellow Troopers

Locating persons from the 5th battalion 7th Cavalry — Do you have a name, address, service number but you still can't locate your old buddy? Let us know and we'll try to help with your search. Send a note to the Editor using the return address on this newsletter or e-mail the editor using the following e-mail address: [editor@cav57.org](mailto:editor@cav57.org).

*Have you changed your mailing address recently? Remember to send your change of address to:  
Treasurer, 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association, 43468 McLean Ct., Novi, MI 48375*

## 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry PX

## VETERANS HISTORY PROJECT

<http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/about.html>

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
Garry Owen/American flag pin (new)	4
7th CAV Crossed Sabers (no 5)	3
Reg. Garry Owen Crest Pin	3
Miniature CIB pin	3
AnKhe Hat pin	3
5/7 porcelain tie bar pin	5
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
Corgi HUEY Medivac or Gunship Reg. \$59. All Metal Const.	35
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

PLEASE ALLOW THREE WEEKS ON SHIRT DELIVERY.

PLEASE INCLUDE \$2.00 POSTAGE ON ALL SMALL ITEM ORDERS AND \$3.00 ON ALL SHIRT AND HELICOPTER ORDERS.

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There are 19 million war veterans living in the United States today, but every day we lose 1,500 of them. Motivated by a desire to honor our nation's war veterans for their service and to collect their stories and experiences while they are still among us, the United States Congress created the Veterans History Project.

The Veterans History Project covers World War I, World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam, and Persian Gulf wars. It includes all participants in those wars--men and women, civilian and military. It documents the contributions of civilian volunteers, support staff, and war industry workers as well as the experiences of military personnel from all ranks and all branches of service--the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, and Navy, as well as the U.S. Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.

Knowing that this and future generations of Americans have much to learn from those who served, we at the Library of Congress and the American Folklife Center have embraced this national effort. We encourage you to read the information and instructions on the above Web site and to join us in making the Veterans History Project a success.

We invite veterans, active military personnel, and civilians to join our Volunteer Corps. Volunteers are the individuals who interview war veterans and identify documents to donate. If you are a veteran, you possess a valuable resource in your war memories and military knowledge, and we especially encourage you to participate as both an interviewer and an interviewee. Our Project Kit contains all the information and forms you need to participate as a volunteer interviewer. Please check out our Web site for more detail: <http://www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/about.html>

### Combat Related Special Compensation

DoD has implemented Combat Related Special Compensation for Certain Military Retirees. Visit the following web sites to learn more: [www.va.gov/oca/testimony/03mr27DC\\_usa.htm](http://www.va.gov/oca/testimony/03mr27DC_usa.htm) and [www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/](http://www.vba.va.gov/bln/21/).

The CRSC program will benefit disabled retirees who have 20 or more years of active duty service in the military and who fall into one of two categories:

1. Retirees wounded in combat and who received the Purple Heart for an injury that is rated 10% or higher
2. Retirees severely disabled in combat-related incidents that receive a 60% or higher disability rating for illnesses, injuries incurred in combat, combat-related training, or hazardous duty pay.
  - Special Compensation will be non-taxable.
  - VA Disability codes will be used in the evaluation process and VA's presumptive illnesses will apply.

### WHERE TO FIND VETERANS INFORMATION BY PHONE

VA Benefits	1-800-827-1000
VA Health Benefits	1-877-222-8387
VA Education benefits	1-888-442-4551
VA Life Insurance	1-800-669-8477
VA Debt Management	1-800-827-0648
Mammography Hotline	1-888-492-7844
Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD)	1-800-829-4833
CHAMPVA	1-800-733-8387
Headstones and Markers	1-800-697-6947
Gulf War & Agent Orange Help line	1-800-749-8387
Health Eligibility Center 1644 Tullie Circle, Atlanta, GA 30329-2303	1-404-235-1257 or 1-800-929-8387

The VA Federal Benefits booklet and other VA information is available on VA's World Wide Web Home Page at: <http://www.va.gov/>. VA also has a toll-free bulletin board, called VA ON LINE, which can be reached at 1-800-US1-VETS (8387).

### HEALTH CARE RESOURCES ON THE INTERNET

Check out the 5th battalion 7th Cavalry web site (<http://www.cav57.org>) to get up to date links to important health care web sites for veterans and their families.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

**Balance 6/30/03** **\$23,426.53**

**Expenses**

Heckley Printing-Airmobile	-\$844.15
Conklyn's Flowers	-\$4.45
EEK Monster Embroidery	-\$825.00
Catanzaro, Jasper-PX	-\$90.00
Miami Valley Sprots-PX	-\$275.00
C.J. Fox Veteran Donation	-\$500.00
Philip Sierer-Video	-\$259.02
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>-\$2,797.62</b>

**Income**

**Donations/Interest**

Bruneau, Bob	\$25.00
Wickham, John	\$200.00
Bank Interest	\$25.66
<b>Total Donations/Interest</b>	<b>\$250.66</b>

**Dues and Fees**

Biddle, Michael	03-04	\$20.00
Bielski, David	03-04	\$20.00
Bobak, David	03-04	\$20.00
Bruneau, Bob	04-08	\$50.00
Budge, Larry	02-04	\$30.00
Cooper, Harvey	03-04	\$20.00
Curry, Tim	03-04	\$20.00
Daligidig, Ted	03	\$10.00
De Jonge, Richard	00-04	\$50.00
Duttera, John F. Jr.	04-06	\$30.00
Eastland, Bobby	05-06	\$20.00
Erdley, Richard	03-04	\$20.00
Erleben, Gary	03-07	\$50.00
Faure, James	03	\$10.00
Folden, Marc	03-04	\$20.00
Frey, Duke	04-08	\$50.00
Friedt, James	03	\$10.00
Hoy, Clinton	03	\$10.00
Hunt, Laddie	03-07	\$50.00
Johnson, Jimmy	03-08	\$60.00
Kasprowicz, Tim	03-07	\$50.00
Koehler, George	03-06	\$40.00
Krus, Alvin	04-06	\$30.00
Latty, Bradford	03-04	\$20.00
Lilly, David	03	\$10.00
Lord, John	03	\$10.00
Maltbie, George	04-06	\$30.00
McClung, William	04-08	\$50.00
McDonald, Philip	03-04	\$20.00
McHenry, Charles	03-07	\$50.00

**Dues and Fees (Cont'd)**

Mezich, Ernie	03-04	\$20.00
Nesmith, Vardell	03-04	\$20.00
Pope, John	99-03	\$40.00
Reel, Arthur	03-07	\$50.00
Sirovy, Farrell	03	\$10.00
Soza, Henry	03-04	\$20.00
Spencer, Joe	03	\$10.00
Strong, Larry	03	\$10.00
Swain, Susie	04-08	\$50.00
Sweeney, Charles	03-04	\$20.00
Toler, Duffy	03	\$10.00
Van Bibber, Amos	03-04	\$20.00
Vincent, Dale	03-06	\$40.00
Wissman, Robert	03-04	\$20.00
<b>Total Dues and Fees</b>		<b>\$1,220.00</b>

**Flag Donation**

Dickess, Dennis	\$55.00
Hansen, Bob	\$55.00
<b>Total Flag Donations</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>

**PX Sales**

Best, Joseph	\$47.00
Erleben, Gary	\$18.00
Houston, Craig	\$12.00
Kasprowicz, Tim	\$38.00
Kubont, Michael	\$12.00
Pope, John	\$34.00
Postell, George	\$68.00
Sabo, Thomas	\$41.00
Sanchez, Joe	\$22.00
Shurley, Michael	\$23.00
Spillers, Robert	\$12.00
<b>Total PX Sales</b>	<b>\$327.00</b>

**Total Income** **\$1,907.66**

**Checking** **\$6,341.68**

**Savings** **\$16,194.89**

**Total Accounts** **\$22,536.57**



## REUNION VII

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This report will conclude with the following comments:

- From now until the Reunion, just remember the three "7's": the 7<sup>th</sup> Reunion of the 5<sup>th</sup> Bn 7<sup>th</sup> Cav; in the 7<sup>th</sup> month of 2004.
- Next, for those who are thinking of proposing the next reunion in their area now is the time to gather the information necessary to support your proposal.
- A source of information and services that have been very helpful to Reunion VII is the local convention and visitors bureau's Military Reunion office.

As noted throughout this report, there will be more information regarding Reunion VII in the next newsletter.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Northern Kentucky in 2004.

### Garry Owen,

From the Ground Team: Joe Williams, Chester Millay, Frank Foreman, John Kruetzkamp, Dave Hensley, Thom Vollmar, John Goodpaster, Gene Cross and Bill Purdy

### *Membership Notes:*

- Check out the address label on the front of this newsletter. Printed after your name is your Cav 5/7 Company, the year you first served in Vietnam with the Cav 5/7 and the year through which your dues are paid. If the year is '02 or earlier your dues are not up to date.
- Dues are \$10 per year. You can stay up to date by sending your dues to Financial Secretary, 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association, 43468 McLean Court, Novi, MI 48375.
- In the future if you would like to view your newsletter on the Internet please indicate so on your dues check. We can save about \$1.25 for every newsletter we don't have to mail.
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# REUNION VII: INITIAL GROUND TEAM REPORT

By Bill Purdy

First of all, the Ground Team would have you know that Reunion VII is alive and doing well!

As most of you are aware from the previous Newsletter (**AIRMOBILE**, dated April 2003), the next reunion was scheduled to take place at the Drawbridge Inn in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky during the week of July 25<sup>th</sup> through July 31, 2004.

However, since the last newsletter Reunion VII was ambushed! The Drawbridge Inn was placed in bankruptcy. It is a very sad affair due to the fact that the Drawbridge Inn and Convention Center had hosted numerous military reunions and events for the past two decades.

With the future of the hotel unknown, the Ground Team reacted to the circumstances it was facing. Joe Williams (A Co. 66-68) our Ground Team leader and his support team plus the Association's Officers reacted quickly and secured an alternative site immediately. By acting quickly the Ground Team was able to negotiate and obtain the same time frame, accommodations and room rates that had been previously established with the Drawbridge Inn.

The new location of **Reunion VII** will be the **Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport, 1717 Airport Exchange Blvd., Erlanger, Kentucky**. (I know what you're thinking. How did the Cincinnati Airport get in Kentucky??? That's another story for another time.) For everyone's information, the new location is approximately three (3) miles from the previous site.

Therefore, if you have made your reservations with the Drawbridge Inn you should cancel them and make a new one at the **Holiday Inn (Phone numbers 1-800-HOLIDAY or call the hotel directly at (859) 371-5002 or visit their website: <http://www.walkupright.com/whi/hicincinnatiairport>**

The Ground Team apologizes for any inconvenience this may have created for anyone.

Now for some information about the reunion and the hotel: for anyone who attended the first reunion this one will be a little nostalgic. The hotel is basically a replica of the Holiday Inn in Detroit, Michigan where the **5<sup>th</sup> BATTALION 7<sup>th</sup> CAVALRY ASSOCIATION** was born.

Both hotels are owned and operated by the same property management group. The differences between the two facilities are their age. The Holiday Inn in Erlanger, Kentucky is approximately 10 to 12 years newer. The hotel is multi-floored. Therefore anyone desiring ground or low-level floors should make their reservations and floor preference early.

As with past reunions, certain traditions have been established with respect to the order of events. Reunion VII will continue the past traditions with a few new twists (those to be discussed in a future newsletter). All major events will take place on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of July, 2004. Check out the following tentative schedule for the week:

## July 26<sup>th</sup> (Monday):

- Registration will open at approximately 0800.
- The Hospitality Room will be open from approximately 0800 until approximately 2300. Coffee, tea, juice and pastries will be available for breakfast and sandwiches, fruits and veggies with cold beverages for lunch.
- The Hospitality Room schedule will remain the same throughout the week.
- The Memorabilia, PX and Raffle Rooms will open as soon as possible. (More information in following newsletters)
- The remainder and/or any portion of the day is yours to get together with friends (old and new), go sightseeing or just relax.

## July 27<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday):

- Basically a repeat of Monday. There is plenty to do in the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati area (more information in following newsletter).

## July 28<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday):

- The activities of the day are your choice. Wednesday evening will be the traditional icebreaker (free) pizza party in the Hospitality Room.

## July 29<sup>th</sup> (Thursday):

- The same scheduled Battalion activities as the previous three days. In addition, Battalion and Company meetings will be held during the day (more information in the next newsletter).
- For anyone (male and female) wishing to play, a golf outing will be arranged, provided enough interest is shown. At this time several activities are being reviewed for the evening.

## July 30<sup>th</sup> (Friday): (THE BIGGEST DAY OF THE REUNION)

- Battalion morning activities as previously scheduled.
- Battalion/Company meetings
- Battalion evening activities
- Battalion group pictures
- Battalion cocktail party
- Battalion banquet dinner with guest speaker.

## July 31<sup>st</sup> (Saturday):

- Saturday morning Memorial Service. Registration will conclude. Saturday afternoon activities optional (more information in next newsletter). Saturday evening activities: cocktails, traditional Bar-B-Q followed by a dance and lots of socializing and camaraderie.

## August 1<sup>st</sup> (Sunday):

- As always, time to say our good-byes, and as we have all learned, in some cases it is truly a last good-bye. With that said, let us embrace and enjoy those around us every opportunity we get.

We can't let the report end on that kind of note. So here are some additional things to consider in preparation for attending Reunion VII: the registration fee including the Friday night Banquet and Saturday night Bar-B-Q meal should be very close to the previous reunion cost. A determination will be made in the near future as the expenses are finalized.

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to learn more about the hotel and location.**

**Start planning your vacation for 2004!**



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