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President's Report

Seasons Greetings GarryOwen Veterans and families,

I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy 2026. My prayers for peaceful and pleasant Holidays with your friends, family, and loved ones.

Veterans Day

We had a really enjoyable gathering in DC for Veterans Day. Although the government shutdown caused transportation nightmares, we only had a few folks have to cancel their travel and reservations. We ended up with 45 members and their families for the banquet on November 10th. I was very happy to have Mary McVeigh attend with a family friend. Additionally, we had two members attend their first ever event - Darryl Andrews (B/1967) and Devin Gullo (A/2020-2024). I thought it only appropriate to have them serve as wreath presenters, along with Bob Baldwin, at the VVMF ceremony at the Wall. I want to recognize Ian McAllister and Jack Thomas for pitching in and helping manage this event this year. Could not have done it without them. We missed a lot of you, so hope you can join our event in 2027.



5th Squadron

Two big items to report here. First, the Squadron has a new Commander and Command Sergeant Major. LTC Jon Roland and CSM Shane Goldberg took over as command team while the Squadron was deployed to Europe. They will introduce themselves later in this newsletter. Second big thing, the Squadron has recently returned back to Ft. Stewart. A special thanks to those of you who made contributions to the fund raiser to buy welcome home items for the Soldiers. It was greatly appreciated.



I would like to recognize the incredible leadership of LTC Mike Hefti and CSM Jose Padilla. The relationship between the Squadron and this Association grew stronger than it has been in years, thanks largely to their support. We look forward to them joining us at an Association function soon. I also want to recognize Captain Peter (Pete) Rose. Pete has served as the Squadron's Association liaison officer for the past couple of years. He has been exceptional in keeping me (and us) up to speed of all happenings with Warpaint, as you will note in the Squadron Update below. We wish Pete the best as he leaves the Army for graduate school and the next chapter of his life.

Reunion XVII

Our team has identified a great locale for our reunion in Jacksonville in late May 2026. Registration form and hotel information have been put out via email and the Association website, and is addressed later on in this newsletter, so get yourself registered ASAP! I personally want to challenge the OIF Veterans (or "new 5-7 CAV" as some of you older vets call us). Not only do I expect you to come, but I charge you to bring at least two buddies with you. Now is the time for us to step up and take this Association into the future....we owe it to those who came before us and those who will join us in the future.

[May 2026 Reunion Information](#)

GarryOwen!

Cliff Wheeler

President, 5/7 Cavalry Association

Membership VP Report, Jack Thomas

Tis" the season. I wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season. 55 years ago my Company had the good fortune to spend Christmas on a 3 day stand down in Tay Ninh base camp. I know that all were not that lucky and Christmas like all other holidays were just another day. Because of that I have come to cherish this holiday ever since, along with the friendships I have made along the way. I have been involved with Veterans groups for a long time, but none like this.

2025 has been relatively quite on the membership front. We were able to welcome the Squadron back from their deployment in Europe. While they were there they had a change of command. LTC. Michael Hefti has moved on to his next assignment and we wish him well. The new Commander is LTC. Jonathan Roland. Recently the Squadron also had a change of responsibility ceremony with CSM Jose Padilla retiring after more than 29 years of service. I had the opportunity to meet CSM Padilla on my visit to the squadron a few years back. We wish him much luck in his return to civilian life. His replacement is CSM Shane Goldberg. Sir and Sgt. Major we wish you continued success on your assignments. The Association had a pretty good line of communication with the prior leadership. We have been promised that that line of communication will remain open and strong. With that said, our primary source of information for the last few years has come from 1st Lt. Pete Rose. I am proud to say that Lt. Rose is now Capt. Pete Rose. Congratulations sir!

We recently had our now bi-annual Veterans Day reunion in Washington D.C.. The attendance was down quite a bit compared to past years due in part to our aging population and the Government shut down. Quite a few people had to cancel last minute due to flights or problems with the regional airports. On the plus side we had a present day trooper drive all the way from Ft. Stewart to D.C. and back making it a two day trip just to see what it is all about. His name is Sgt. Devin Gullo. Devin was welcomed by all and participated in everything that was going on that cold, windy Veterans Day. He has promised to go back to the Squadron and do a little recruiting for us with the present day troopers.

Now that all that is out of the way, lets talk a little about the up coming reunion to be held in Jacksonville, FL. Official dates are from the 27th to 30th of May 2026. Arraignments have been made, as in past reunions, to allow us to stay at the hotel at the same reunion rate, before and after the reunion. Information about room registration at the hotel and 5/7 reunion registration is available on line atcav57.org.... There you will get the hotel booking information and be able to download the Battalion/Squadron registration form. Don't wait until the last minute.

Our return to Jacksonville should mean that we will also be having some guests to our Banquet that are not normally able to attend. I remember in 2008 our reunion in Jacksonville included a young Squadron Commander by the name of Cliff Wheeler. We also had many of the his active duty troops attend. It was a wonderful time. I expect it to be the same this reunion barring any last minute deployments. We need to welcome these young troops into the fold and show them what a great organization we are. I will do my best to encourage their membership and will be actively trying to recruit as many as I can. I hope I can count on you doing the same. The present 5/7 (Third Infantry Division) stationed at Ft. Stewart has been in existence almost four times as long as the group who served in Vietnam. We need to get this younger generation involved. That is the future of our Association.

I will close wishing you all a Joyous holiday from Emilie and I. Hoping to see you all in Jacksonville.

Garry Owen,

Jack Thomas, VP Membership

B Company Mini Reunion

Another wonderful time was had by some Troopers from Bravo Company (69-70) who met at Sgt. Billy Woodrum's ranch in Grand Saline, TX. the first weekend of October 2025. A total of 17 Troopers and our ever protective and watchful support staff (wives) gathered for 3 days of camaraderie. We were joined at times by a smattering of Black Angus steers who passed thru now and then. As usual a good time was had by all. Billy Woodrum and Bill Little have been hosting this event on the odd year since the early 2000's.

A highlight of this event this time was the presentation to many attendees of a "Quilt of Valor" arranged by Bob and Julie Kihara's sister in law, Nadine Nakano. She had never met any of us before, but took the time to arrange long distance, that we be recognized with this honor.....some for the very first time in their life,for their service to our country. What a wonderful thing to do. Thank you Nadine.

Jack Thomas



5/7 Cavalry Association Reunion XVII
Marriott Jacksonville Downtown, FL May 27 – 30, 2026

Name: _____ Company/Troop _____ Year: _____

Total Attending: _____ Arrival Date: ____/____/____ Departure Date: ____/____/____

Telephone numbers: Home: (____) _____ - _____ Cell: (____) _____ - _____

Marriott Hotel Reservation # _____ If Not Staying in Marriott, Check Here _____

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: I am willing to volunteer for:

Registration ____ Hospitality Room ____ Logistics ____ Banquets ____ PX ____ Other _____

Events	Adult/Child	No. of Adults/Children	Total \$
Reunion Registration Wednesday - May 27- Friday- May 29, 0900 – 1200 and 1300 - 1630			
Free Day to Explore Jacksonville Thursday, May 28			
Ladies Social Hour Friday, May 29, 1330 – 1430	\$25		
Banquet Dinner *** Friday Evening, May 29, 1800 (child = 11 - 4)	\$50/20		
Bar-B-Q Dinner Saturday Evening, May 30, 1800 (child = 11 - 4)	\$45/20		
5/7 Cavalry Association Dues	\$10/year		
TOTAL \$			

*** The banquet dinner protein is chicken. If you prefer a vegetarian menu indicate number of vegetarian meals here -

- Calculate the total registration fees and make checks payable to 5/7 Cavalry Association
- Send Completed Registration form with applicable fees to - - -
- Dick Baker, 13543 W Sky Hawk Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375

NOTES

- Based on Association vote in 2024 Reunion, the 2026 reunion will be held from Wednesday, May 27 through Saturday, May 30.
- Hotel is honoring room rate three days before and three days after official dates.
- The Association Hospitality Room will be open Wednesday afternoon, balance of week through Saturday, 0630 to 2400.
- A complimentary full breakfast is included in the room rate.
- No refunds on Banquets and Ladies Tea fees after May 3, 2026
- Hotel reservations must be received on or before May 3, 2026
- Members are encouraged to visit the [Jacksonville Visitors App](#) to plan your events

Book Reservations by phone: 800-535-4028; Identify yourself as part of the 5/7 Cav Association

Direct Link to Online Reservations: [5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association](#)

- Should you need to cancel your room, contact Jerry Houston by cell or email: 615-473-4128 or jerrybhouston@gmail.com . With advance notice, we may be able to assist others needing a room.
- If you are late making a reservation, call or email Jerry Houston to see if we have any cancellations that may be available.

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

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Mini Reunion in California



5/7 California Troopers

Left to Right: Pablo Alvarez D 66, Art Perez C 66, Andy Hernandez C66, Marino C 66

5/7 CAV REUNION 17, May 24 thru May 30, 2026



The 2026 Reunion contract has been signed with the Marriott Jacksonville Downtown. The hotel is accepting reservations now. Click on the following web link to open the hotel booking site

[Hotel Registration Link](#)

The room rate is \$150 per night and includes a full, complimentary breakfast each day of the reunion. The rate is applicable three days before and three days after the reunion week.

Parking is discounted at \$26 overnight valet parking, with unlimited in/out privileges. The hotel agreed to our hospitality room for the full week without restrictions on ice supply and our ability to serve beverages to our members.

The registration form for the reunion is included in this newsletter..

Visit Jacksonville, FL the Official Visitor Website
visitjacksonville.com

Financial Report by Dick Baker

Financial Report for the period ending November 2025

Our cash balance is \$81,894 compared to \$82,075 at the beginning of the year and \$81,143 at the previous Bugle. Reunion registrations have started arriving, which is great. Step one is to register with the Marriot Downtown Jacksonville hotel. This can always be cancelled prior to the reunion but it helps us plan and understand if we will meet our room commitment. The earlier you can submit your reunion registration form the better. Thanks.

I am in Arizona thru approximately April 20, 2026, so please mail registration forms and dues check to AZ, (see below thru Apr 8th). I have seen, via the US Post office advanced mail system, that mail has been going to my NH address. I do not have high confidence that all mail will be forwarded. Be on the lookout for returned mail or checks that remain outstanding on your bank account. You may have to resend. My phone # is 603-455-1047 or email dickbaker4646@gmail.com if you have questions

Please use the following addresses for mail

Thru April 8, 2026 send mail to:

Richard Baker
13543 W Sky Hawk Dr.
Sun City West, AZ 85375

After April 8, 2026 mail directly to NH

Richard Baker
PO Box 291
Bristol, NH .3222

Being a Snowbird and trying to coordinate mail is somewhat difficult.

Garry Owen, Dick Baker

Dues Paid

Paul	Dieffenbacher	\$50.00	2025-2029
Maurice	Edmonds	\$10.00	2037
Neil	Edmonds	\$10.00	2028
Mark	Edmonds	\$10.00	2025
Duane	Engel	\$50.00	2026-2030
Martin	Frey	\$50.00	2034-2038
John	Frohm	\$50.00	2027-2031
Paul	Galyean	\$40.00	2025-2028
Howard	Garrison	\$30.00	2025-2027
Wayne	Gibbs	\$20.00	2026-2027
Joe	Gonzales	\$50.00	2026-2030
Rafael	Hernando	\$50.00	2022-2026
Clinton	Hoy	\$50.00	2024-2028
Stephen	Ibey	\$50.00	2022-2026
Robert	Kunkel	\$40.00	2024-2027
Bill	Little	\$20.00	2030-2031
Charles	Lynn	\$10.00	2024
Gary	McArthur	\$100.00	2018-2026
Ian	McCalister	\$30.00	2030-2031
John	McInnes	\$50.00	2030-2034
Davy	Miller	\$50.00	2025-2029
James	Miller	\$50.00	2024-2028
Tommy	Nelson	\$80.00	2021-2028
Arthur	Olson	\$30.00	2026-2028
Richard	Rebholz	\$40.00	2023-2026
Gerald	Robinson	\$100.00	2025-2034
Jose	Sanchez	\$30.00	2025-2027
Gregory	Schlieve	\$20.00	2027-2028
Fred	Straub	\$60.00	2023-2028
Warren	Stubbs	\$20.00	2025-2026
Chris	Tardiff	\$20.00	2026-2027
Stanley	Vols	\$50.00	2021-2025
Craig	Werling	\$20.00	2025-2026
Alan	Wilken	\$10.00	2026
		\$1,820	

Financial Summary

Cash Balance	
March 2025 Balance	\$81,143
Income:	
Reunion Registrations	\$1,335
Dues Received	\$1,820
Donations	\$260
PX Sales	\$0
Interest Earned	\$648
	\$4,063
Expenses	
Reunion Expenses	\$300
Bugle	\$1,035
PX Purchases	\$0
Funerals	\$104
Veterans Day	\$1,544
Mail Chimp	\$329
	\$3,312
November 2025 Balance	\$81,894
Donations	
Duane Engle	\$50.00
Greg Schlieve	\$80.00
Chris Tardiff	\$80.00
Mitz Dearborn by Karl Haartz	\$50.00
	\$260

Dues are \$10 per year.
Please email dues to Richard Baker, Treasurer
5/7 Cav Association
P.O. Box 291
Bristol, NH 03222
Checks should be made out to
5/7 Cavalry Association

IN MEMORIAM—MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS

2016

Danny Grinder E 68/69
Van C Mandakunis E 69
Andrew Hulse D 68
William N Dane D 69
Arlyn E Wood H 69
Danny W Noth B 68
Richard Hawksby A 68
Randy R Simpson C 70
Claude B Jarrett B 67
Johnnie L Smith B 67
Willie G Middleton B 68
Harold Kline B 68
Robert J Rivers B 70
Willie Wilson H 70

2017

Charles Bunton C 66/67
Lawrence T Sarginson B 68
Gary J Creek C 66
Lotis J Horton, Jr C 69
Peter G Olsen H 70
Dale J Rhodes H 70
James L Ledbetter B 69
Cecil S Kiser B 69
Stephen R Allen B 67
David W Greathouse B 69
George Myrick B 69
William D Chapman C 69
William Mintz A 68
Leroy Cauty A 70
Wallace Duggins H 70
Larry Reel A 66

2018

James S Goemmer B 68
Jerry Adkins A 69
Terry D Dillon C 68
Raymond A Judy B 66
Charles K Reber B 66
Hugo Lopez H 66
Billy E Fisher D 68
David W Condron A 70
Charles L McQuerry H 67
Ron Logterman C 66
Alvin Zuber B 66
Dennis Baker H 70

2019

Larry D Fennern B 69
David Baker C 66
Marvin R Deckard C 69
William L Parsons D 70
Peter Ballo C 67
Carol D McIntosh C 67
David Crowe C 66
Richard Gonzales C 66
James D Harmon C 66
Thomas D Lent C 67
Vincent B Mesa C 66
George R Clifford D 66
Robert C Henzy D 69
John Zepeda B 66
Larry Vanderveen D 68

2020

Melvin M Augustyniak A 69
John M Lary B 67
Everett E Easterday C 68
Michael "Hippie" Shurley D 67
Maurice "Moe" Goulet C 66
Raymond Barraza C 66
Benjamin B Weedman C70
Edward R Canady A 66
Thomas Blue A 69
Harold Baker B 68
Walter "Frenchy" Bossuot B 67
Kenneth Kuykendall A 68
Vardell Nesmith C 67
Harold Powell B 68
Pat Malinka A 69
George Bazal D 70
John Cecere H 66
Rnady Boyd C 66

2021

Howard Prince B 68
Edward Salisbury D 70
Caesar Perez C 66
Gene Gargile D 68
Bill Hussong A 67
Steve "Mutt" Shear A 68
Edd Lewis A Co 70
Royce Vick H 66
Henry McDonald C 66
Thurman Woods D 68
Jerry Dover E 68
Andy Westin C 67

2022

Daniel Dilloway C 68
Rod Henning D 67
Albert Tapia C 67
Bob Greenwood C 67
William Lerch D 04
Larry Nunez C 66
Hank Thomas D 67
Rudy Kozuh A 70
Nicholas Filipak A 66
Ric Wetherbee D 67
Thurman Woods D 68
Burley D Middleton D 69
Charlie Talbot A 68

2023

Larry Allen C 68
Bill Litvjak C 69
Truman Hamrick B 66
Patrick Dockery C 70
Mike Walker A 66
Harold Dannewitz C 66
Joe Levatino D 66
Danny White B 69-70
Darrel Lockhart A 69-70
Tim Armstrong B 68
Charlie Talbot A 68
Cornelius Floyd D 67
Myron "Mick" Davis D 68
Robert Meadowcroft C 66

2024

Joe McVeigh C 69
Rick Howard D 66
Gen John Wickham H 68
George Brown A 70
Sam Cathcart A 66
William Hynes C 66
William Swanner C 68

2025

Gary Hogan B 70
Rich Bigelli C 66
Pat Smith D 69/70
Norman McBride D/H 67/68
Dennis McGuire B 67
Daniel Clark D 68
Blaise DuBree B 66
Terry Bowers C 69



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