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## News of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry

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### MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATION LEADERSHIP

#### President, Maury Edmonds

Garry Owen! Fellow Troopers and Your Families,

What a great time it was for those of us who were able to attend Reunion VII outside Cincinnati last week.

These reunions just get better and better, and this one was no exception. The Ground Team, headed by Joe Williams and Bill Purdy, put together a first class gathering with lots of activities as well as time to sit, talk, laugh, and reminisce. If they forgot anything, it was not apparent to the rest of us. Of course, their plan wouldn't have worked without the outstanding support of all the volunteers, especially the wives, who seemed always to be on the move handling everything from the food setup in the Hospitality room, Registration, Raffles, the PX, the River Cruise, and all the other functions designed for maximum enjoyment during the week.

The Memorial Service was a moving event for us all. The recitation of the names of those lost in that far-away land as well as those who passed away since our last reunion was a solemn reminder of lasting friendships born on the harsh battlefields of Vietnam and Cambodia. The playing of Taps and then Amazing Grace and Garry Owen on the bagpipes were exclamation points to the Service.

Then, the Bar-B-Que on Saturday run by Karl Haartz put just the right ending touch to the week.

I'm sure those who were there were inspired to plan now to be at the next reunion at Colorado Springs in 2006.

I hope those of you who could not make this one, will make a special effort to be at the next one. I promise you will not regret it. Besides, it would mean a lot to the rest of us for you to come.

John Long did a magnificent job running the Association as our President for the last four years. He and Suzy deserve our deepest appreciation for their devotion and tireless work in our behalf.

I have been elected as John's successor; and, with your help, I will do all I can to serve the interests of all the members of the Association.

*I do need your help. Please help us find those who fought with us in Vietnam or Cambodia and whom we haven't located; then, help us encourage them to join us in the Association and at the reunions.*

As most of you know, another active duty Army unit in the 3d Infantry Division now proudly carries the colors of the 5th Bn 7th Cavalry. The troopers of that Battalion have been added to our roster as members of the Association.

We are in the process of determining how we might assist the unit and its troopers, especially during their expected deployment that will take place within a few months. I ask that you all keep those brave troopers in your prayers.

Finally, I pray good health and good fortune for each of you.

*Garry Owen!  
Maury*



### PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### John Long

Fellow Troopers, families and friends,

Our seventh reunion is now history and what a memorable reunion it was. With over 420 in attendance, it was the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest reunion and special in so many ways.

We officially welcomed our new 5/7 Cav battalion at Ft Stewart, said hello to a bunch of new troopers, pinned a Silver Star on an over due trooper, introduced our new flag and streamers to the Association, elected several new officers and danced well into the morning hours of Sunday. In addition, we heard a great speech from our new Association President, Maury Edmonds, heard the usual fantastic singing of Willie Mercer and Don Diggs and enjoyed the hospitality of perhaps the best hotel that we have been to yet.

I have been trying to figure out what made this the best of all of the reunions and the word that comes to mind is that this reunion had "heart". There was so much love and affection shared among the attendees that it was very difficult to say goodbye Sat evening and Sun morning.

It has been a privilege to be your Association President for the past four years and I have enjoyed the opportunity primarily because it gave me the opportunity to meet so many more of you, to be involved in new initiatives and to work with a truly great bunch of dedicated and hard working board members.

I want to again thank the absolutely great ground team headed by Joe Williams, Bill Purdy and Tom Vollmer for all of their hard work resulting in such a successful reunion.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at our mini-reunions on Veteran's Day in D.C. and invite any of you that will be passing through central PA to visit and stay a night or two with Suzy and me in our new home.

*Garry Owen  
John M Long*

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# Vice President's Report

by Karl Haartz

**SUPER GREAT REUNION VII:** There is just no other way to say this. Reunion VII was **SUPER GREAT**. This happened through the combined efforts of all our members. Whether you're an association officer, ground team member, attendee, or the one that sent us a copy of your orders and we located one of your buddies with them. That makes us all a part of this super effort of Reunion VII. **THANKS Cav 5/7 MEMBERSHIP!!!**

**Reactivation of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry:** We had a nice turn out of Cav 5/7 veterans for the reactivation (reflagging) ceremony of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Regiment at Fort Stewart, Georgia on July 21, 2004. The new Cav 5/7 is under the command of LTC Jody Petery.

It was great to see the 7th Cav colors flying in the wind under the bright Georgia sun as I sat in the shaded reviewing stand. This was the first formation that I have ever attended where I had a chair with my name on it in the reviewing stand. *(If the Generals only knew the real story about Pvt. "Krazy".)*

**Hail & Farewell Dinner:** The evening of July 21st, the new 5/7 had a "Hail & Farewell" dinner at Kevin Berry's Irish Pub on the river walk in Savannah, GA. Great Buffet! *(This is another thing we didn't do while I served in the Army.)* The new 5/7 had some guys coming in and some leaving so that was the purpose for the Hail & Farewell.

First order of business after the meal was the Hail part. There were 4 framed citations of our Medal of Honor recipients presented to the owner. They will be hung in the pub's Hall of Heroes which is the banquet room where the dinner was held. If you are in Savannah, GA, it is a must to go see them. After the presentation we old Cav 5/7 troopers were introduced.

**CAV 5/7 MEMORABILIA FOR THE REACTIVATED CAV 5/7 UNIT:** At present the newly activated Cav 5/7 has no memorabilia from the Cav 5/7's service in Vietnam. One of the things our brothers in the new Cav 5/7 requested was memorabilia from our time in Vietnam. They have dedicated an 8' by 24' space in their conference room for this purpose. In addition they have already created a wall dedicated to our four Medal of Honor Recipients.

Their goal is to create a time line from 1966 to 1971. Guys, if you would make up some pictures in frames for their memorabilia room it would be most appreciated. These framed pictures should have names, firebases, and dates on them. You can contact me about how best to get the items to the new unit at Fort Stewart.

**NEW ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:** Check the Battalion Directory on page 2 of this newsletter for the names and address of the new association officers. Contact your company trustee and ask how you can help.

One of the many things we discussed at reunion VII is how we can support the newly activated Cav 5/7 troopers. These troopers are going to a combat zone and we need to support them. It may be possible that some of you are from the same hometown as the new Cav 5/7 troopers and can play an active role in support-

GARRY OWEN  
'Krazy' Karl

## VP of Membership Wants Your Help!

**It was a Great Reunion Guys!** I'm sorry some of you could not make it to northern Kentucky.

Remember all those rosters I printed off in Kentucky? Now that we have so many friends suffering from Hurricane Bonnie and Charlie you need to use them to make sure your buddies in the affected areas are OK.

Our thought's and Prayers go out to everyone in nature's recent path of destruction. The weather guys tell us the hurricane season is far from over and the upcoming winter is predicted to be a long wet one. So keep an eye out for your buddies and give them a call to see if they're OK and if there is a way you can help them.

It is time to contact those friends from your roster let them know you care and in many cases who you are.

We are attempting to set each company trustee up with a data base for the battalion. All of the new trustees are on line. Names, numbers and address are listed in this newsletter. We are depending on each of you to keep us updated on address changes and problems of your neighbors that may or not be the same company as you. Don't be surprised to get a call to check on a Cav 5/7 buddy in the same town or close to you.

At the reunion over 700 sheets of rosters were requested and printed out. Look at them and if you see a correction needed, drop a line to Allen, Karl, or myself. As our data base gets bigger and includes more

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# Letters from Reunion VII Participants

## *Kentucky Rainbow*

It was about a year ago that an old Army friend called to say hello. It was a great feeling to hear from him. After calls from a few other friends I was told about a 400 person search for a Pot Of Gold. This is what I found.

Leaving home, I drove the truck and the XO read the map, and after a 1000 clicks we showed up at the Erlanger Holiday Inn as the main CP. I was very nervous from being gone for 35 years, but if I didn't go I would never know. At the end of the first day we found out that it was going to be great!

The whole event got better with each new day: more relief, more friends and the excitement of what was going to happen the next day. After Friday's dinner, the welcome home meeting was an indescribable event. All of the nicest men, women and children I have ever met welcomed all of us new members home. For me it was like the first man on the moon! It was a giant step for mankind, especially for all of the new members.

On Saturday I was feeling great but sad at the same time knowing this was the last day here. After the BBQ, the DJ played and the crowd mingled all of us knowing our meeting was almost over. For me and many new members, it was one of the best times we have ever had.

By the end of the meeting, I felt the Pot of Gold was the feeling in my heart. It was so great that I would not trade it for anything. Thank you to the members that planned this great Reunion and also thanks to all of you for treating us new members like family members. It would take me all day to say what a great find it was.

Now that the sun has set and the Rainbow is gone, we still have our Pot of Gold. It is full of relief, love and friendships. I can't wait for our next Rainbow!! You are all in my heart forever.

David Bielski  
D Co 5<sup>th</sup> of 7<sup>th</sup>  
GARRY OWEN

P.S. See you in Colorado Springs!

## Janie Callanan Writes -----

My First Time!

I have some input about the reunion, and it is all positive. It was evident that an extraordinary amount of work went into it.

This was my first one, so I don't really know how they've evolved. It is truly a labor of love and it shows. All the people working at it were especially gracious and friendly and I felt most welcomed. There was plenty of time to discuss anything in the world with people, and that is important. I am glad it was not all structured activities. I know Chuck would suggest that there be a sign up sheet for golf every day, but that is his addiction to deal with!!

The only thing I could even think of to suggest is that more information goes out to first timers. Such as the appropriate clothing to bring, and maybe a short synopsis of what to expect, and the all important...bring lots of small denomination bills for the raffles and 50/50 splits!!

I am still a little emotional about getting to spend almost an entire week with D Company, and having the honor to meet the men I have been searching for, for so long. Being at the reunion has inspired me to assemble 2 cd's worth of music that the emotions brought to mind, and also create a web-forum for members of D Co, their friends and family and any other interested people to discuss things. It can be found at <http://forums.delphiforums.com/dcofriends/start> and certainly anyone is welcome to look in and/or join, share information and just discuss whatever is on their minds without sending out tons of e-mails.

My thanks and love,  
Janie Lipsius-Callanan

## *Dan Nase Writes -----*

*Very good reunion...pleasant memories!!* Especially with a guy who goes by the name of "Hippie" and another called "Doc" ...and still another affectently referred to as "Yo quiero Taco Bell". Good to see Capt Lambert, even if he only looks like his is 35 years old!!...while the rest of us look ancient...like those on street corners with a sign that reads...**Will work for food; Vietnam Vet; God Bless.**

Which reminds me! We are selling prime locations here in Tallahassee for those of you who are looking for a lucrative business opportunity. These locations are guaranteed to produce \$50.00 per day. For the franchise and commission fee we provide... transportation to and from the location, bottled water, a mangy dog (if you do not have one), old worn out fatigues and a cardboard sign. We still have some prime locations available, two in the shade, so don't delay! Contact us for further information at 1 (800) VET-BEG4.

God and His son, Jesus, were spoken openly at the reunion and without shame or excuses. **He will honor you and the Association.** By the way, Sgt. Dave Bielski was notified last week that his **Silver Star** had been approved by DOD...Praise the Lord! It will more than likely be presented to him in Kalamazoo, MI by Congressman Upton. It would be nice to get the guys from that area to attend the ceremony...when it is officially announced. What do you think??

Blessings...Dan Nase, D CO '68

## Danny Smith Writes --

Dear Editor

I really had a great time at the reunion this year. It was well organized. Also, I would like to say how much I appreciated receiving the Top Local Award. When I received it I was speechless. I'm over that now. The real reward from making all those phone calls is seeing troopers being able to make connections that have not seen each other for years. Another is finding a trooper who thought he was all but forgotten and hear the excitement in his voice when you say Welcome Home Trooper. Anyone can locate Troopers. It is quite easy just get a roster find a number pick up the phone and make your first call.

GarryOwen,  
Danny Smith  
A CO '68

## More Letters from Reunion VII Participants

### **Kathryn Writes ---**

Hey guys:  
What's up????? .....hi from the Sunshine State.  
Yep, it's that crazy female marine and her faithful companion, 5/7 Trooper.

Charles and I can't tell you how much fun we had meeting each and every one of you at the VII Reunion in Erlanger, KY...and what an impact you have made on our lives now and forever. We will always have an open door for you and yours if you ever come to Florida.

I really made my heart good to see Charles so happy to see you troopers after all these years. That was a special time in his life 36 or so years ago, as well as each of you. You are all special people.

From me, may I say...."THANK YOU".....for your sacrifices and courage during the Vietnam War and thanks to all the Medics who brought my hero home.

I am proud to say I have met some of the finest men, who are all heroes, and that are now my friends, of the 5/7 Cav.

And thanks for treating this ole Marine gal with much love and respect during your reunion. No more words can express how I feel. We both look forward to seeing all of you in 2 years in Colorado Springs.....that is, good lord willing and the creek don't rise.

Until then, please keep in touch, either by emails, phone calls, or visit us here in Florida. Take Care and May God Bless you and yours --  
GarryOwen, Semper Fi,  
Charles Skipper, Kathryn, SSgt (R)  
D CO '67-'68 USMC/USMCR

### **Doc McBride Writes ----**

Reunion VII was a great success---lots of new as well as old members. I particularly liked the dance Saturday night with the "oldies" D.J. I would like it better if we could find a live band to play the oldies. We had one once at another Vietnam Veteran's gathering in Colorado called the "All Grunt Jungle Band" and they were fantastic.

One other suggestion is something that was done at the St. Louis reunion: we had a sort of workshop on LZ Colt where a number of guys who were there formed a panel to discuss what happened and answer questions from the audience.

I would like to see this format repeated for a number of battles that were significant such as October 23, 1967 near Tam Ky; the battle of TT Woods near Hue in February, 1968; and of course, the A Shau Valley incursion in April, 1968.

It would be great to have the battalion commander present to give his perspective on the event and talk about the bigger picture. I think if you would solicit the membership of our Association you would find a number of topics that would lend themselves to a workshop type session.

Thanks for your consideration.  
Doc McBride  
Delta Company, 1967-68



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## 3rd Infantry Division Press Release Announcing the Reactivation of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry

**Release No.: PR04-201**  
**Date: July 20, 2004**

### **1/3 ADA Inactivation - 5/7 Cavalry Activation Ceremony**

Soldiers of the 3rd Infantry Division's, 1st Brigade, formally inactivate the 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Wednesday, 9 a.m. in a ceremony at Cottrell Field. An activation ceremony of the 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry Regiment follows immediately.

The 5th Squadron\*, 7th Cavalry Regiment was organized in 1866 at Fort Riley, Kan., and was inactivated at Fort Hood, Texas, in 1978. With its activation into the 3rd Infantry Division, the regiment resumes a long tradition of service to the nation. The Regiment fought in the Indian Wars (1866-1890); the Spanish-American War (1899-1902); the Philippine Insurgency (1904-1907 and 1911-1915); Occupation Forces, Japan (1945-1949); the Korean War (1950-1955); and Vietnam (1966-1971).

These ceremonies complete the reorganization of the division's 1st Brigade in concurrence

with the Army Chief of Staff's vision to create a more brigade unit of action focused organization.

The 3rd Infantry Division is the Army's first unit to convert to this modular design. Modularity provides rapid identification of units of action and packaging for short notice missions to meet the combatant commander's needs.

In addition, modularity provides greater readiness within the units of action, as the infantry, armor, cavalry, field artillery and support units train together at all times.

\* Subsequent to the press release it was decided the unit designation will be "Battalion" and not "Squadron".



**3rd Infantry Division Insignia**

## BATTALION DOCUMENTARY

Norman Lloyd is well on his way in preparing the Documentary on the Battalion.

Norman, a retired CBS cameraman who was with B Co during the fight for Shakey's Hill in May 1970, has planned this documentary for over 20 years.

He has already talked to and interviewed several troopers who were there; and, he's looking for others.

If you are willing, you can contact Norman at [NML234@aol.com](mailto:NML234@aol.com) or by phone at 415-457-9882.

While the Documentary will focus on Shakey's Hill, Norman intends to cover the Battalion, as he can work it in, from birth in 1966 to deactivation in 1971 to reactivation this year.

He filmed the Reactivation Ceremony at Ft. Stewart and parts of the Reunion VII in northern Kentucky, including the Memorial Service.

We expect the finished product will be a credit to everyone who served in our great Battalion.

*Have you changed your mailing address recently? Remember to send your change of address to:  
VP Opns, 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association, 1149 Southwood Ct., Ann Arbor, MI 48103*

## 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry PX

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 Cavalry buttons (no 5)	3
7th Cavalry buttons (with 5)	3
Sales at Reunion VII were so good that the PX is temporarily closed for re-stocking. Check back in the next issue of the newsletter. Sorry for the inconvenience.	
Goody	
7th Cavalry 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

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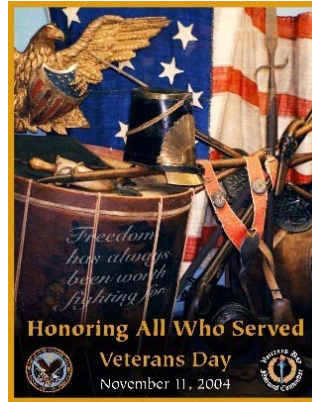
# Veterans Day , November 11, 2004

Members of the Cav 5/7 Association are planning to gather in Washington, D.C. to participate in the Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony on Thursday, November 11. Our normal meeting place is the Ranger Kiosk right across from the Lincoln Memorial.

The 1st Cav Association has blocked rooms at the Crystal City Hilton/Ronald Regan National Airport (phone 703-418-6000) but rumor has it the special room rates may no longer be available. Check it out and let them know you're a Cav vet.

Joe Galloway is also taking reservations for the IaDrang Banquet to be held at the Hilton on Saturday evening, November 13. You need to send Joe a check for \$25.00/per

person at the following address: 1011 Arlington Blvd. #1007-S, Arlington VA 22209.



**TAKE NOTE:** Ted Swett and Maury Edmonds have kindly volunteered to host a gathering for all Cav 5/7 members and guests on Wednesday evening, November 10 at **Guapo's Restaurant** in Bethesda, MD. The address is 8130 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda, MD and the restaurant's phone is 301-656-0880. **Their web address is <http://www.guaposrestaurant.com/main.html>.**

Plan on being there by 7 pm. You can drive from DC in about 35 minutes or take the Metro and you'll arrive in 45 minutes. The Metro Medical Center Station will be your destination.

The restaurant is two blocks from the Metro station. We'll post directions on the Cav 5/7 web site in late October and Karl will be sending out final details by e-mail.

If you plan to Join us at Guapo's send a note to the [editor@cav57.org](mailto:editor@cav57.org) letting us know how many will be in your party.

Many thanks for Ted and Maury for making this possible.

*Note: John and Suzie Long have moved to Pennsylvania and that's why we are not gathering at their home this year. John and Suzie plan to join us for the gathering at Guapos so the tradition does live on.*

## Cav 5/7 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 Cav 5/7 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 GarryOwen 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 Cav 5/7 Association PX Man)**

## VP of Membership Wants Your Help!

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people it is a real chore to keep up with those persons that move and do not tell us they have a new address. The same is true of the e-mail addresses; some people are changing Internet services almost daily. Telephone area codes are also frequently changing. The phone company tells us 50% percent of the population will have an area code change within the next five years. To keep our database up to date and provide the information needed to keep this group running at the level we are at today will take everyone's help.

I'm hoping to see you in DC on Veterans day. If you can't make DC call a Cav 5/7 friend and chat; it will make you feel better and him too.

**GarryOwen,  
Don Shipley**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

There are not enough words of thanks to acknowledge all the good deeds that Jasper Catanzaro has done for our association. And now that he has turned the Treasurer's job over to me, even though it's on an interim basis, I'm beginning to understand the amount of time and labor he has devoted to this organization and it makes me appreciate even more what Jasper has done for us all.

Jasper also has been a great mentor. He got me started on publishing the newsletter and he trained me on the financial management leading up to Reunion VII.

You will see in the following Financial Report the status of our Association accounts including a record of your dues paid. Our balances are all positive and we have sufficient funds to keep the newsletters going, (including providing newsletters to the reactivated Cav 5/7 which is part of the 3rd ID at Ft. Stewart, Georgia) restocking the PX and funding our next reunion in 2006.

Our new Treasurer, Royce Vick (HHC '66), will be taking over from me in the near future. Royce's career after the military focused on banking so I'm sure he'll have no problem picking up the Association's financial reins.

Before I sign off I'd like to thank Carol and Karl "Krazy" Haartz for tireless work in the registration office of Reunion VII. Their work in the registration room made for one of the most efficient sign-in processes that I have experienced at any reunion.

And to all the Reunion VII attendees thank you for your patience in the registration process. Many of you sent in your reunion fees ahead of time and that made our work much easier. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2006. *GarryOwen, Allen Patrick*

## FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE		3/31/2004			\$26,679
Expenses	4/1/04 to 9/5/04		Income	4/1/04 to 9/5/04	
Heckley Printing	Newsletter	\$1,056	Reunion VII	Raffles	\$6,756
Bank Exp.	Svc. Chg.	\$6	Reunion VII	Hospitality	\$4,627
Flowers	Mem Day 04	\$209	Reunion VII	Donations	\$116
Henning, Flowers	Charles Love	\$85	Reunion VII	Registraion	\$17,252
Purdy, Flowers	Memorials	\$110	PX Sales		\$5,594
1st cav Foundation	Bob Little	\$100	Dues		\$4,010
PX	Restocking	\$3,789	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4/1/04 to 9/5/04</b>	<b>\$38,354</b>
Reunion VII	Conf Call	\$151			
Reunion VII	Reunion Awards	\$698	<b>Balances</b>	<b>9/5/04</b>	
Reunion VII	Registraion Gifts	\$2,457	Checking		\$12,806
Reunion VII	Raffle Prizes	\$915	Savings		\$16,268
Reunion VII	Office Supplies	\$468	Total		<b>\$29,073</b>
Reunion VII	Hospitality supplies	\$4,332			
Reunion VII	Signs	\$40			
Reunion VII	Bus Rental	\$974			
Reunion VII	Disk Jockey	\$450			
Reunion VII	VFW & VVA	\$200			
Reunion VII	Bag Piper	\$100			
Reunion VII	Banquet & BBQ	\$19,821			
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>4/1/04 to 9/5/04</b>	<b>\$35,959</b>			

### DUES (Cont'd)

Failing, Russell	04	\$ 10.00
Filipiak, Nick	99-04	\$ 60.00
Flanigan, James	06	\$ 100.00
Folden, Marc	05-06	\$ 20.00
Foreman, Howard	05-06	\$ 30.00
Fortuna, Gerald	04-05	\$ 20.00
Friel, James	04	\$ 10.00
Frost, Ken	04-05	\$ 20.00
Garrett, Jerry	06	\$ 10.00
Garvin, James	05-07	\$ 30.00
Gogets, John	04-05	\$ 20.00
Gonzales, Joe	05-06	\$ 30.00
Hannaford, George	05-06	\$ 30.00
Hardenburgh, Jim	08-12	\$ 50.00
Harmon, James	07-08	\$ 20.00
Harned, Hewitt (Mac)	04-05	\$ 20.00
Hawksby, Richard	03-05	\$ 30.00
Henning, Rod	06-07	\$ 20.00
Henson, Chris	03-07	\$ 50.00
Hirschuber, James	05-07	\$ 30.00
Haog, Donald	04	\$ 10.00
Houston, Jerry	04-05	\$ 20.00
Hunt, Laddie	08-10	\$ 30.00
Jamison, Ed	03-05	\$ 30.00
Jenkins, Rinzo	05	\$ 10.00
Jillard, William	04-07	\$ 40.00
Johnson, Gary	04-08	\$ 50.00
Kizar, Ron	04-06	\$ 30.00
Knapp, Gerold	5 yrs	\$ 50.00
Koutrouba, Bill	06-07	\$ 20.00
Kozuh, David	06	\$ 10.00
Lambert, Frank	04-05	\$ 20.00
Larson, David	03-05	\$ 30.00
Lasher, Vernon	01-05	\$ 50.00
Laurich, Vincent	05-08	\$ 40.00
Lian, Nicholas	05-06	\$ 20.00
Lindler, John	04	\$ 10.00
Loan, John	05-06	\$ 20.00
Logterman, Ron	10 yrs	\$ 100.00
Lopez, Hugo	05-06	\$ 20.00
Lubarski, Richard	04	\$ 10.00
Lusk, Lawrence	04	\$ 10.00
Lusk, Lawrence	05-09	\$ 50.00
Madison, Arlene	05	\$ 10.00
Matera, Larry	98-04	\$ 70.00

### DUES

Allen, Paul	06-07	\$ 20.00
Barley, Theodore	04-05	\$ 20.00
Baskins, Gene	04-06	\$ 30.00
Belt, Richard	04-06	\$ 30.00
Bennett, Michael	03-07	\$ 50.00
Berry, Joseph	03-06	\$ 40.00
Bielski, David	05-06	\$ 20.00
Bland, David	05-06	\$ 20.00
Bobah, Patrick	04-06	\$ 30.00
Bowyer, Tim	04-06	\$ 20.00
Boyce, William	06-07	\$ 20.00
Brostrom, Gerhard	04	\$ 10.00
Bunton, Charles	04-05	\$ 20.00
Bunton, Charles	04-05	\$ 20.00
Callanan, Jane	04-05	\$ 20.00
Canady, Ed	05-06	\$ 20.00
Cardenas, Al	03-05	\$ 30.00
Cargille, Eugene	03-06	\$ 40.00
Caudill, Bealer	04-06	\$ 30.00
Cherep, John	05-06	\$ 20.00

### DUES (Cont'd)

Click, Dan	04-10	\$ 60.00
Coffman, McGregor	04-13	\$ 100.00
Cramer, Gary	06-07	\$ 20.00
Creech, William	06-10	\$ 50.00
Cronin, Robert	03-05	\$ 30.00
Cuney, Bruce	04-05	\$ 20.00
Cybulski, Joe	04-06	\$ 30.00
Dagenhart, Ralph	03-04	\$ 20.00
Daves, Herman	05-08	\$ 40.00
Davis, Peter	04-08	\$ 50.00
DeFino, Frank	06-07	\$ 20.00
Dillon, Terry	04-05	\$ 20.00
Dockery, Pat	05-06	\$ 20.00
Dollar, John	04-08	\$ 50.00
Dolock, Richard	04-05	\$ 20.00
Downard, Charles	04	\$ 10.00
Dzikas, Joe	05-06	\$ 20.00
Erdley, Richard	05-06	\$ 20.00
Erlenbach, Eldon	99-06	\$ 80.00
Failing, Russell	04	\$ 10.00

# FINANCIAL REPORT (CONT'D)

## DUES (Cont'd)

Mayer, David	05	\$ 10.00
McBride, Norman	03-04	\$ 20.00
McCardell, Harold	02-04	\$ 30.00
McVeigh, Joe	01-04	\$ 40.00
Meyer, Neil	03-06	\$ 40.00
Miller, Davy	04-05	\$ 20.00
Milligan, Michael	04-06	\$ 30.00
Mitchell, Jimmy	05-06	\$ 20.00
Moore, Anthony	05-06	\$ 20.00
Mullen, Butch	04-05	\$ 20.00
Nunez, Larry	01-08	\$ 80.00
Oldson, Myles	04	\$ 10.00
Olin, Ray	04-06	\$ 30.00
Ollis, Bob	04-05	\$ 20.00
Olson, Roger	08-10	\$ 30.00
Page, Harold	04-06	\$ 30.00
Pembleton, Jerry	05-06	\$ 20.00
Perry, Lewis	04-05	\$ 20.00
Phares, Donald	05-06	\$ 20.00
Post, Michael	04	\$ 10.00
Powell, Howard	05-06	\$ 20.00
Probst, Francis	01-06	\$ 60.00
Quick, Don	04-05	\$ 20.00
Quick, Don	06	\$ 10.00
Ratcliff, Eddie	04-05	\$ 20.00
Rebholz Richard	05-06	\$ 20.00
Rice, James	04	\$ 10.00
Rupp, Gary	05-06	\$ 20.00
Sateren, Ryan	05-09	\$ 50.00
Sateren, Ryan	05-09	\$ 50.00
Saucedo, Ray	04-08	\$ 50.00
Schneider, Fred	06-07	\$ 20.00
Shear, Steven	04	\$ 10.00
Sherry, Dennis	03-05	\$ 30.00
Smith, Carl	04	\$ 10.00
Smith, Danny	05-06	\$ 20.00
Spencer, Joe	04-06	\$ 30.00
Sprayberry, James	04-06	\$ 30.00
Steuer, Judith	04-05	\$ 20.00
Stillwell, Ken	04	\$ 10.00
Strong, Larry	04-05	\$ 20.00
Thomas, Henry	05-06	\$ 20.00
Tyson, Lloyd	03-06	\$ 40.00
Valades, Frank	04-06	\$ 30.00
Vollmar, Thomas	04-05	\$ 20.00
Walker, Mike	04-06	\$ 30.00
Ward, David	05-07	\$ 30.00
Weedman, Benjamin	06	\$ 10.00
Whittemore, Tommie	05-06	\$ 20.00
Wickham, John	05-06	\$ 20.00
Wiker, Charles	06-07	\$ 20.00
Williams, Joe	05-09	\$ 50.00
Zepeda, John	,03-07	\$ 50.00
Zuber, Alvin	04-09	\$ 60.00
<b>TOTAL Dues</b>		<b>\$ 4,020.00</b>

# REUNION VII Special Moments



# IN MEMORIAM

Peter Howard, D5/7 '66-67, passed away on Sunday, September 5. He lost a long battle with cancer that had lasted the better part of 15 years. Then 2dLt Howard was the Battalion's first Recon Platoon Leader. He was a superb soldier and officer. Ted Swett represented the Association at Peter's funeral on September 10 in Middleberg, Virginia.

The following is a message to Pete from LTC Jody Petery the CO of the newly activated 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry.

Dear Trooper Howard (Pete),

I just wanted to introduce myself and report in on the progress that 5-7 Cavalry has made in re-establishing itself on the Army's rolls. You commanded a Recon PLT in the 5-7 Cav, and the Army has since seen the tremendous value of recon units, so now the entire Battalion is a recon element. 5-7 Cavalry today, has 4 ground recon troops (80 men strong) and a Headquarters Troop (250 men strong) which hosts the Staff, Medics, Mortars, Maintenance, Signal, Support (Cooks and Transporters), and Fire Supporters. The ground recon troops are our A-C Troops who each have 2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle Platoons, and a third platoon equipped with up-armored HMMWVs. Each of these platoons has between 15 and 20 soldiers, who's sole function is gathering intel. Our D Troop consists of 3 HMMWV platoons. This organization has some powerful sights, essentially the same power as those inside the Apache Helicopter, which allow us to see long distances both day and night.

Our Battalion has completed a National Training Center rotation at Fort Irwin CA where we first fought in a high-intensity environment, then fought in an environment which replicates Iraq today. This second portion was to prepare us for our December deployment to Iraq as part of OIF III. Our battalion will be controlling a sector around the city of Balad, northwest of Baghdad in the heart of the Sunni Triangle. It'll be a tough mission, and a tough fight with the insurgents who threaten the peace of Iraq, but our troopers will meet the challenge.

Just as our troops will meet the challenges in Iraq, we wanted to pass on our prayers and encouragement in your fight with melanoma. We want you to know that we're behind you, and will keep you in our prayers. If there's anything we can do or if we can provide any assistance, please allow us the honor. We have many officers in our unit from both West Point and the VA area, I'm the senior WP officer, from the Class of 86, but we have LTs from the Class of 2002 already serving here. We also have several folks from VA schools to include VA Tech and William and Mary. This unit has a fighting spirit, and is honored to carry on the traditions of 5-7 Cavalry.

**Jody L Petery**  
LTC, Cavalry  
Commander, 5-7 Cavalry  
"Warpaint 6"

# MORE REUNION VII IMAGES

