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President's Report

By John Long

Greetings Troopers, families and friends,

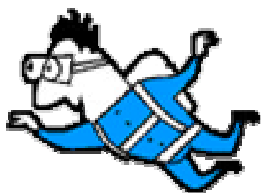
Time is rapidly passing and it won't be long before we will be meeting again in northern Kentucky for our next reunion: Reunion VII in July 2004. Details on the reunion site can be found on our web site at www.cav57.org.

Speaking of reunions, troopers are carrying on the tradition by having their own mini-reunions. Krazy Karl had folks in the New England area stop by in June.

This fall the Cav 5/7 Veterans Day "big" mini-reunion again will take place in November during the Washington, D.C. Veterans Day Commemoration. I encourage as many of you as possible that make the trip to D.C. to join us at our home for an evening of food, drink and camaraderie on Nov 10th.

Last year we had about 40 here and had room for lots more. This year we will have the Cav 5/7 flag with all of its streamers on hand along with the now famous Cav 5/7 Color Guard. Check out the above web site to see photos and get an idea of last year's activities.

Have a Safe Summer



Our members have been very generous in their contributions for the streamers. All 47 streamers have been paid for with donations by troopers or family members. A complete listing of all those who donated a streamer can be found on page 4 of the newsletter. Your response has been fantastic. It took less than six months to fund all the streamers and they are most impressive.

Let me remind you that accommodations in the Washington, D.C. area for Veterans Days Ceremonies this November can become very scarce, very quickly. It's best to book early.

The 1st Cav Association has again blocked rooms at the Hilton Hotel Crystal City/National Airport. The address is 2399 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202. Tel: (703) 418-6800, Ext 5799. 1st Cav rates are \$106 for a single or double room. Be sure to ask for the 1st Cav guaranteed rate. You can also call the Hilton national number at (800) 774-1500. Get your reservations early because persons attending the Ia Drang dinner fill the hotel fast.

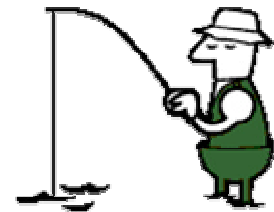
I want to officially welcome Bret Coulson as the newest member of our board of officers in the position of Battalion Historian. Patrick Dockery, our elected historian, has been coping with some physical problems and found it difficult to keep up with the job.

Bret has already made his presence known at the last reunion. As the result of searching for information regarding his uncle, Craig Pinchot, Co D, who was killed at LZ Colt in 67, Bret put together a comprehensive summary of the LZ Colt battle. He and General Wickham chaired an outstanding LZ Colt seminar at the last

reunion. Bret has developed close ties with the association troopers and is anxious to gather together the story of the battalion. I'm sure he will be asking for input from you in the near future.

Before I close I want to pass on to you a great little book to put on your reading list. Most of you are familiar with the "Chicken Soup" series of books of short readings that really come in handy when you want to pass time while on the throne or elsewhere. One of the latest in the series is Chicken Soup for the Veteran's Soul. The author was selling it at the "Wall" on Memorial Day. I highly recommend it. It is a great feel good book with lots of human interest stories to which you will be able to relate. I haven't seen it in the local book stores yet but it should be there soon, check it out.

Have a good summer and I hope to see many of you in the fall.



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Vice President's Report

by Karl Haartz

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Hey!!

The Sun is shining, the kids are swimming, it must be summer. That being true we are only one year away from Reunion VII at Ft Mitchell, KY. Better get out the playbook and make your plans early because July 2004 will sneak up on you.

Troop locating has been one of many priorities that go hand in hand with being your 1st. Vice President. Back in late March I had an e-mail from Beverly Page wife of Harold Page, A Company, 1969. She had located a FO (Forward Observer for those of you who may have forgotten) who wanted to join the association and get in touch with some of the other troops from A Company. I sent him a "Welcome to the Association" packet. This includes a Welcome Home Letter, a copy of the most recent "Airmobile" newsletter, a master roster form and a self addressed return envelope so he can join our association. If you know of others who worked with our battalion but were not officially on the roster tell them that they are welcome in our association.

Not long after the call from Beverly I got a call from Jimmy Johnston from Germantown, Ohio. As we talked, I mention John Goodpaster's name and that he lived in Carlisle, Ohio. Jimmy thought the name sounded familiar and asked if John had retired from GM. As it so happens, John and Jimmy worked in the same GM plant for 25 years and had never spoken to each other about Vietnam. Jimmy and John have now talked. They even found out they are both on the same telephone exchange. It really is a small world!

In one of my recent e-mail updates I recommended that you ask the guy working beside you if he was ever in Vietnam and what unit he was with. About six hours after I sent that e-mail, I got an e-mail from Juan Gonzales stating that he works with three troops from the 5th of the 7th Cavalry. Two of them we had previously located and were on the roster. Juan said the third one was going to get in touch with me. So far I haven't heard from him. So everyone, ask the guy standing next to you at work if he was ever in the 5th of the 7th Cavalry. You may be surprised by his answer.

More good news ----- David Bielski, D Co. 67-68 was awarded all his medals from Vietnam on Memorial Day in Kalamazoo, MI. The medals were presented by his congressman in a ceremony at the town hall. This all happened through the efforts of some local friends of David. **GARRY OWEN DAVID!**

In the future if anyone knows of a ceremony like this where one of the 5th of the 7th troops is going to get his medals, please let one

of us know. We will try and find some of the 5th of the 7th troops close by to attend. We have about 150 troops from Michigan on our roster.

Anyone wishing to get all the medals and awards they didn't get while in country, the Army has a record of these. First you have to send to the **National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO. 63132**. Request a **Form 180**. They will send you the form and then you fill it out and send it back to the records center. Also, you can request a copy of all of your records with this form. After you get these back make a copy and send one to the Cav 5/7 Association so we can continue searching for your buddies.

Hope you all have a great summer! It's time for the beach!!



GARRY OWEN
'Krazy' Karl

EARLY NOTICE - THE 1ST CAV HAS BLOCKED ROOMS AT THE HILTON CRYSTAL CITY HOTEL at RONALD REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT FOR VETERANS DAY 2003

Make your reservations early so you'll be sure to have a room. The address is 2399 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington VA 22202. The phone for the hotel is 703-418-6800. Ask for extension 5799 to make your reservation.

The Ia Drang Veterans day Banquet will take place at the hotel on Saturday, November 8, 2003. A cash bar will open at 6:30 pm and dinner will begin at 7:30 pm. For dinner reservations you need to send \$50 per ticket to: Ia Drang Dinner c/o Joe GALLOWAY, 809 Hillwood Ave., Falls Church, VA 22042. To ensure you have tickets, full payment must be received no later than October 20, 2003. Due to early sell outs in the prior two years you are urged to not wait until October. Get your payment in early. When mailing your payment, provide your name, address, unit you served with and name(s) of your guests. Tickets will be available in the 1st Cav Div. Assn. Hospitality Suite or at the door of the banquet room.

Letters

Dear Editor,

My name is Jane Callanan. I am searching for persons who served with or knew my brother during his tour in Vietnam. His name is Michael Glenn Lipsius. He was born in Buffalo, NY, and lived in Santa Clara, Ca when he enlisted in 1967. He was 6'3", brown hair, blue eyes. He was at Ft. Lewis, WA and Ft. Polk, LA between November 1967 and February 1968. He served in Vietnam from 12 March 1968 to 19 April 1968 when he was KIA in the A Shau valley. His unit was D Company, 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Div. I have also included a picture in hopes that someone will recognize him.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely, Janie Callahan
(janecallanan@msn.com)



Dear Editor,

I have just returned from the 1st Cavalry Division Association's Reunion in Killeen, TX - Fort Hood. I had a wonderful time and got lucky in meeting seven, 5/7 CAV men. Two of them were former officers, one of the men, Gerold Knapp, was the CO of C 5/7, my company. He had command of the unit prior to my CO, James "Moose" Mazden. Two of the men were already members of our association and have attended 5/7 reunions in the past.

I have sent Karl, all the information on the men, who were unaware the 5/7 CAV had an association. All of them seemed very interested.

I am glad I took the advice of several men at the St. Louis Reunion, who suggested that you attend a 1st CAV Reunion at least once. I believe one of the reasons, the reunion was so good, was that it was held in Killeen (Fort Hood - home of the 1st CAV). All of the veterans were treated with respect, starting with Maj. Gen. Joseph F.H. Peterson (Commander of the 1st CAV) right down to the newest recruit. Everyone called you sir and I was saluted several times. The experience was very different!

The new 5/7 CAV Association baseball cap caught the eye and/or seemed to attract allot of attention when I would pass-by someone. They would look at the cap and then at my name tag. I had all my 5/7 pins on it also!!!

GarryOwen, Bill Litvjak

Dear Editor,

I attended the eighth gathering of the Vietnam Veterans of the VFW Post in Boonville, NY on June 14, 2003. There were hundreds in attendance (last year the Post reported over 700 participants). The gathering was to honor those living and deceased Vietnam veterans including those wounded and KIA in country.

There were several participants that had served with the 1st Air cavalry but to my knowledge I was the only one from the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry. It was ironic that the first person to notice my Cav 5/7 hat and shirt with the Garry Owen crest was a Post member who served as a medic and was attached to a 1st Cav unit. His name was Garry C. Rourke. Gary was very interested in learning more about the history of the 7th Cavalry including the Garry Owen song which I gladly provided.

I had many inquiries about where our unit served in Vietnam as well as praise for the unit's legacy in battle.

The gathering reminded me of past reunions particularly with the comradeship and the sense of closure that many were able to find there.

I passed on information of our Cav5/7.org web site to veterans that were seeking more information about our unit.

Garry Owen, Wayne R. Gibbs, A-Company, '67- '68

Ms. Rosemary Buerger
HHB 4/3 ADA, CMR 488
Box 122, APO AE 09225

June 17, 2003

Dear Ms. Buerger,

The members of the Association of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry are proud to send you this modest contribution in support of your magnificent initiative to assist those wounded and injured veterans of the war in Iraq who find themselves hospitalized in Germany, far from home and lacking the necessities for a comfortable healing and recuperation period.

Knowing the risks and horrors of war from our service in combat in Vietnam, we salute those for whom you are caring in Landstuhl, and want them to know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

We salute you as well for your thoughtful caring of these great Americans. What you have accomplished truly restores confidence not only among the heroes you are helping, but also among those of us who are on the sidelines this time.

We also salute Colonel Jack Cox who, like you, is a true patriot. Without his effort, and yours, we would not be feeling good about helping to *Restore the Faith* of those who now find themselves under your care.

In the tradition of the 7th Cavalry and its battlefield motto, we grip hands with you, your patients and Colonel Cox by offering a hearty GARRYOWEN to you all.

Sincerely,
Trevor W. Swett, Jr.
Colonel (Ret), Infantry
United States Army

Note: Our 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association board authorized a contribution of \$500.

← Operation Restore Faith

The facing letter from Ted Swett is in response to a request for help from an informal group at the military base in Landstuhl, Germany. They have called their effort "**Operation Restore Faith**" and it is an effort on the part of some young soldiers and their wives stationed there to assist military personnel evacuated to the hospital at Landstuhl as a result of wounds and injuries sustained in the actions in the Middle East. The funds go for items to assist the needs and morale of the wounded.

Your association board thought this was a great way to utilize funds that you have contributed to our association via your dues and donations.

5th Battalion 7th Cavalry PX

HEALTH TIP FOR YOUR HEART

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.

SEND ORDERS TO:

JOHN GOODPASTER
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CARLISLE, OHIO 45005-3268

PHONE #937-855-7475

EMAIL: goody@infinet.com

AND THE BEAT GOES ON

First Aid in the case of Heart Attack

Let's say it's 6:15 p.m. and you're driving home (alone of course), after an unusually hard day. You're really tired, upset and frustrated. Suddenly, you start experiencing severe pain in your chest that starts to radiate out into your arm and up into your jaw. You are only about five miles from the hospital nearest your home; unfortunately you don't know if you'll be able to make it that far.

What can you do? You've been trained in CPR but the guy that taught the course neglected to tell you how to perform it on yourself.

Since many people are alone when they suffer a heart attack, this article seemed to be in order. Without help, the person whose heart stops beating properly and who begins to feel faint, has only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness.

However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough. The cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from inside the chest. And a cough must be repeated about every 2 seconds without let up until help arrives, or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart victims can get to a hospital.

Tell as many other people as possible about this, it could save their lives!

Source: Health Cares, Rochester General Hospital (Michigan)

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 and 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

Treasurer's Report

Balance 3/31/03	\$23,373.22
INCOME	
Donations/ Interest	
Edmonds, Maurice	\$200.00
Lee, Franklin	\$10.00
Barber, Henry	\$15.00
Benedetti, Nick for Dennis	\$25.00
Goodpaster, John	\$15.51
Bank Interest	\$26.14
TOTAL Donations/Int	\$291.65

Dues and Fees	
Aragon, Luis	03-06 \$40.00
Barber, Henry	03 \$10.00
Barnes, Lloyd	03 \$10.00
Barrow, Royce	03-05 \$30.00
Berube, Don	03 \$10.00
Bland, David	03-04 \$20.00
Bowers, Terry	02-03 \$20.00
Bozzelli, John	03-04 \$20.00
Bright, Neil	03-12 \$100.00
Carfora, Joseph	03-04 \$20.00
Coit, Harry	03-04 \$20.00
Cook, Harry	03-04 \$20.00
Cooper, Moses	03-04 \$20.00
Dasch, Morris	03 \$10.00
Donaldson, Ronald	03-04 \$20.00
Dorobek, Jeffrey	03 \$10.00
Espada, Reinaldo	03-06 \$40.00
Fitzgerald, T. J.	03-05 \$30.00
Giles, Larry	03 \$10.00
Goethals, Ron	03 \$10.00
Gould, Charles	03 \$10.00
Greene, Eugene	03-04 \$20.00
Hare, Pearl	02-04 \$30.00
Jennings, Robert	03-04 \$20.00
Kahler, Jeffery	03-04 \$20.00
Kubont, Michael	03 \$10.00
Kupferer, Gary	03-04 \$20.00
Lee, Franklin	03 \$10.00
Lumbard, Gary	03-05 \$30.00
Madison, Arlene	03-04 \$20.00
Marcano, Orlando	03-04 \$20.00
McCallum, John	03 \$10.00
Mullikin, Charles	03-07 \$50.00
Murphy, Edward	03-05 \$30.00
Prince, Howard	03 \$10.00
Richmond, Ronald	03-07 \$50.00
Roberts, David	03-04 \$20.00

Sanchez, Joe	03-04 \$20.00
Shear, Steven	03 \$10.00
Skipper, Charles	03-04 \$20.00
Spare, Edmond	03-04 \$20.00
Steenrod, Philip	04-05 \$20.00
Swinford, Wayne	03-05 \$30.00
Szlachciuk, Walter	03-04 \$20.00
Thomason, Denvil	03-05 \$30.00
Total Dues and Fees	\$1,020.00

Flag Donation	
Coit, Harry	\$55.00
Gonzales, Richard	\$110.00
Gray, Jack	\$55.00
Hare, Pearl	\$30.00
Hilton, Larry	\$55.00
Magie, Bill	\$55.00
Moore, Bill	\$55.00
Total Flag Donation	\$415.00

PX Sales	
Leishner, Stanley	\$15.00
Mitchell, James	\$35.00
Neuse, Ray	\$8.00
Ratcliff, Eddie	\$80.00
Strong, Larry	\$32.00
Lumbard, Gary	\$44.00
Rundles, Don	\$26.00
Janke, Wendell	\$47.00
Litvjak, William	\$40.00
Jennings, Robert	\$21.00
Cap Sales Pickerel Parade	<u>\$80.00</u>
Total PX Sales	\$428.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$2,154.65</u>

EXPENSES	
Postage	-\$95.51
EEK Embroidery	-\$715.00
Heckley Printing	-\$841.13
Service Charge	-\$10.00
Perry, Hank	-\$50.00
Conklyn's Flowers	-\$84.50
Patrick, Allen (Mailing)	-\$305.20
Total Expenses	-\$2,101.34

6/30/03 Status	
Checking	\$7,257.30
Savings	\$16,169.23
Total Accounts	\$23,426.53

Well, it's finally summer here. With the cool weather and rain, we didn't think it would ever get here. For those of you who have sent in donations or dues, I use the latest bank statement as a balance for the newsletter. So, if you sent in money or check deposited after that date it won't appear until the next newsletter. Take the time to read the financial statement; you will see that we are very strong financially. Thanks for all your support. I would also like to thank Bill Heckley for the fine job he is doing printing, sorting, and mailing the Air-mobile. Bill is a member of the Association and has saved us some money and time by doing the printing.

Let me bring you up to speed on our database. We have about 4,100 names now of people who at one time or another were a part of the 5th of the 7th. We have found about 50% and still don't know the whereabouts of 50%. It breaks down this way: 1,374 names of people who have good addresses, 239 who we found but now have bad addresses, 300 KIA's, 185 deceased since we have returned, and 1,969 troopers we haven't located. I don't think there is another outfit of similar size that served in Vietnam that can boast about finding almost half of those assigned to it during its time in country.

Now of those whom we have good addresses only about half have joined. We have 693 who have joined and at one time or another sent in dues. We also have 681 who have not joined. Over the past 15 months (actually 18 months but there was little activity the first 3 months) I have made over 800 address changes. These can be minor, a phone, email change or a complete address change. I'm sure if we did a little work we could find the 239 who moved or we have bad info on them. If anyone wishes to locate these people let me know. Many of them even have a phone number along with the last known address. I can send you what information we have and some tips on locating them. I personally don't have the time to do this but it can be fun and rewarding. As you know we always recognize those individuals who go out of their way to find troops. At each reunion we give awards to those who have done this. If you are interested let me know.

We would hope that those 681 would join. It's not that we need the money but it's nice to say you are part of this Association. You earned it! So, be part of it!

Finally, it's strange but true. I was in Ann Arbor, Michigan a few weeks ago and drove past a auto repair shop with the name Illi Brothers on it. I immediately thought of Danny Illi who was a good friend and was killed on 11-1-66. I wondered if it was the

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VETERANS ADVISOR

GARRYOWEN,

So much has gone on with the Veterans Affairs! Especially with those have retired after 20 yrs, and have disability. I won't go into specific details as that area belongs to VSO's in the service organizations and the VA VSO. S/Maj Westmoreland should be given a large THANK YOU for assisting so many others for this endeavor.

I have stated time and time again certain steps to the disability award. One, I had to dig for myself was, the board action for the Purple Heart. I have kept the award itself, and my 1st board action pertaining to it. When I called the VA regional office they couldn't find it at all!! Then the DAV regional office came up with same answer. Needless to say I was frustrated. As I was prepared I sent my paper work in anyway, and I FAXED copies to the VA/DAV. The faxed documents showed them that they had retired files that shouldn't have been. Remember to KEEP ALL documentation pertaining to your service SAFE GUARDED, not only for your use, but also for your survivors so they will receive the proper benefits.

Also, I have received complaints about the VA hospital debiting the private insurance companies. Yes, they can IF the treatment (not just medication) is not service connected and VA board action certified it. You must apply for service connection.

Another sore spot has been the priority 1-8 system. Those in categories 1-3 are becoming upset that they have to wait in long lines because of the other cat's flooding the system. First of all it is NOT the fault of those working in the VA hospitals. And the anger I have seen is uncalled for. They are doing the job that they have been told to do. Any complaints should be in written form to the VA REGIONAL office and your representatives. They make the regulations.

Soon, we'll have another reunion. This time I hope to stay the whole time, God willing.

Papadoc, Advisor



SPELLING CHECKERS

I have a spelling checker
I disk covered four my PC.
It plane lee marks four my revue
Miss steaks aye can knot see.

Eye ran this poem threw it.
Your sure real glad two no.
Its very polished in its weigh,
My checker tolled me sew.

A checker is a blessing.
It freeze yew lodes of thyme.
It helps me right awl stiles two reed,
And aides me when aye rime.

Each frays comes posed up on my
screen

Eye trusted too bee a joule.
The checker pours o'er every word
To cheque sum spelling rule.

Bee fore wee rote with checkers
Hour spelling was inn deck line,
Butt now when wee dew have a laps,
Wee are not maid too wine.

And now bee cause my spelling
Is checked with such grate flare,
There are know faults in awl this peace,
Of nun eye am a wear.

To rite with care is quite a feet
Of witch won should be proud,
And wee mused dew the best wee can,
Sew flaws are knot aloud.

That's why eye brake in two averse
Cuz Eye dew want too please.
Sow glad eye yam that aye did bye
This soft wear four pea seas.

Author Unknown

Treasurer's Report

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same family since I thought Danny had come from the Ann Arbor area. I did nothing about it. However, about two weeks later I received an email from his ex-wife. Danny and Shirley had been married just a short time, less than a year, and she saw my name on the internet but wasn't sure it was the same Jasper (yeah, like there are that many Jaspers out there). Anyway, we had a good talk. The business had been in the Illi family but they sold it many years ago. The people who bought it also bought the name. Shirley says she has been very fortunate in that she remarried and found someone very supportive of her. For anyone wishing to contact Shirley. You can by contacting Shirley Lowery at slowery@umi.com. I'm sure she would like to hear from those who remember her, Danny and everyone who stayed off base at the Tracy Lynn Motel.

Garry Owen, Jasper

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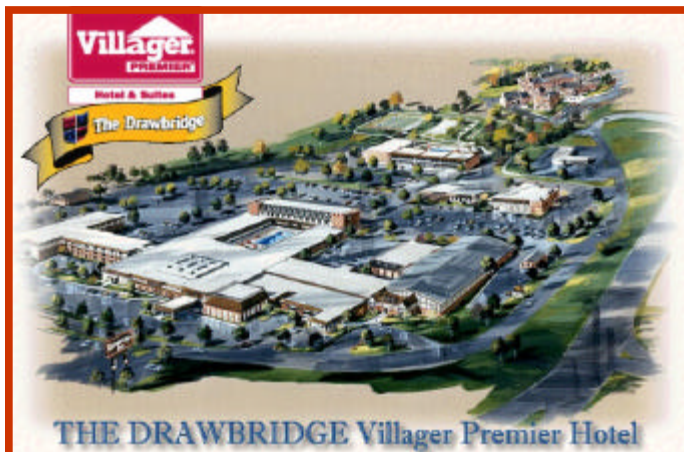
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