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## News of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry

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### President's Report

By John Long

#### See you in St Louie!

The words to an old song are appropriate as we move closer to the reunion time. As you will read elsewhere in this newsletter, we hope there will be a much better turnout then early reservations indicate. If you are planning to be there, please let the committee know as soon as possible and send the money later, if necessary. For those of you sitting on the fence, the grass is greener on the St Louis side of the fence.

This is shaping up to be a special reunion in several ways. First, celebrating July 4<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with the reunion in the heartland of America has got to be unique. Second, we need to get our heads together and decide where the association will be heading over the next decade and we need you to be a part of that. Some of the things we will be looking at are: How often to have the reunion, what time of year, how big should it be, where should it be, should we combine with the 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Assoc. periodically with their reunions?

Other areas of concern are: How to locate additional veterans,

how to get the Airmobile to those that want it the cheapest, what kind of services should we be providing to our members.

The Airmobile and the web site at

[www.cav57.org](http://www.cav57.org) provides telephone numbers and email addresses for the officers of the battalion. Hopefully, some of you will take the opportunity to contact us and let us know your thoughts. We also need you to contact your personal buddies to ask them to attend the reunion. You can contact Jasper or Allen to obtain a listing of troopers that have registered to date.

Memorial Day activities at the Vietnam Wall will take place at 1300 hours on Monday, May 27, 2002. Not many of our vets show up for Memorial Day, but if you do, please look me up and join me for the presentation of the wreath. I will be at the kiosk across from the Lincoln Memorial and near the Wall at about noon.

Again, **CONTACT A BUDDY AND JOIN US IN ST LOUIS!**



### 2002 Reunion Issue

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## Getting Ready for Reunion VI

by Allen Patrick

What makes us want to come to the reunion? Do you ever ask yourself this question? Back in the early '90s before I even knew we had a 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association I often wondered what happened to my buddies from Vietnam.

As I look back I remember it took me almost twenty years before I even told my family about all that happened in Nam. Who knows why? Maybe it took that long for some of the gruesome memories to fade. Maybe it was the social climate a lot of us came back to --- people not wanting to hear about our service in Vietnam or the stigma of fighting in a fight that had the country ultimately turned over to the enemy we were fighting. I'm sure all these things held me back.

That constant thought of what happened to the friends I made in the Cav 5/7; where are they now; did they all make it back; whose name would I find on the Wall --- these all drove me to eventually make a trip to the Wall in DC in 1993.

I looked up names of the guys I remembered had been KIA and even though I knew they would be there, when I found their names on the Wall I couldn't hold the tears back. They came pouring out like a flood. But that convinced me I had to find out what happened to the guys whose names were not on the wall.

As luck would have it, one night in 1997 I was checking out the Internet at home and I ran across a small ad that said they were looking for members of the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry who had served between 1966 and 1971 in Vietnam. I couldn't believe my eyes. I called the number and Bill Purdy answered. He told me about the association; that it had been formed in 1992; that the first reunion had been in Dearborn, Michigan (within eyesight of my office) and that there had been two more since then. I couldn't believe it.

I also found out that Jasper Catanzaro, a member of my company, B Company, was one of the founders. I called him up and went to visit him right away. I couldn't stop asking questions. Where was Capt. Hitti? What about Bernie Grady? And Ted Swett and Pasquale, and Sgt. Porod, Sgt. Hartje, Duke Frey, Major Bullock and on and on. Jasper probably thought I was nuts.

That's when I made up my mind; I had to make the next reunion. It was in DC. What a great time I had meeting up with guys I hadn't seen in thirty years. My wife was with me and she didn't know what to make of all of guys hugging each other and incessantly talking about this incident; and that fire fight; and that night sleeping in the rice paddy; and on and on. It was great time and a great catharsis, an unbelievable healing process.

I didn't know until I got home after DC how much it helped me open up my mind to the past. And now I'm getting ready for St. Louis. I want to see those guys again. Yeah we'll end up telling a lot of the same stories over and over again but in the process we'll be re-establishing old friendships, making new ones and feeling a lot of joy and sorrow but it will be a good time.

Don't miss the opportunity! Come join us in St. Louis! I want to hear your stories and share the good time together.

**Garry Owen,**

**Allen Patrick**

### What About Reunion VII?

I know, we haven't even gone to Reunion VI yet and I'm already asking about Reunion VII. Well, we need to get ready.

We are going to ask you these questions when you get to St. Louis so we thought we would put them in this issue so you have a chance to think about them, send us your thoughts and suggestions and hopefully out of this process we'll be ahead of the game when we discuss this in St. Louis.

Reunion VII Questions:

- What time of year would you prefer? Spring? Summer? Fall? Winter? (We've chosen July 4 week in the recent past as we can get good hotel rates during this period.)
- What locations would you like to see selected: A favorite resort? A Major entertainment venue like Disney World or Branson, Missouri? A major tourist site?
- What interval should we have between each reunion? One Year? Two years? Three Years?
- What suggestions do you have for getting more of our troopers to become dues paying members? We now have 1,400 + good addresses but only 525 dues paying members.
- What suggestions do you have for mementos for Reunion VII?

Don't wait until St. Louis to let us know what you think. Send your e-mails to the

[editor@cav57.org](mailto:editor@cav57.org) or mail your answers to

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# Letters, Letters, Letters, Letters

## Ann Margaret and Her Gentlemen!

Richard, my husband, never really talked a lot about his time in Viet Nam other than he had been shot by a sniper. However, he had a grainy, 8X10 black & white photo he had taken at a USO show of Ann Margaret with Bob Hope in the background that was one of his treasures.

A few years ago, Ann Margaret was doing a book signing at a local bookstore. Richard wanted to see if he could get her to sign the treasured photo so he arrived at the book-store at 12 o'clock for the 7:30 signing. When I got there after work, the line went all the way around the bookstore, circled the parking lot, and disappeared behind a parking garage.

Before her appearance, bookstore employees announced that she would sign only her book, and no memorabilia would be permitted. Richard was disappointed, but wanted to show her the photo and let her know how much those shows meant to lonely GI's so far from home.

Ann Margaret came out looking as beautiful as ever and, as 2nd in line, it was soon Richard's turn. He presented the book for her signature and then took out the photo with many shouts from employees that she would not sign it.

Richard said, "I understand. I just wanted her to see it".

She took one look at the photo, tears welled up in her eyes and she said, "This is one of my gentlemen from Viet Nam and I most certainly will sign his photo. I know what these men did for their country and I always have time for "my gentlemen". With that, she pulled Richard across the table and planted a big kiss on him.

She then made quite a "to do" about the bravery of the young men she met over the years, how much she admired them, and how much she appreciated them.

There weren't too many dry eyes among those close enough to hear.

She then posed for pictures and acted as if he was the only one there.

Later at dinner, Richard was very quiet. When I asked if he'd like to talk about it, my big strong husband broke down in tears.

"That's the first time anyone ever thanked me for my time in the Army", he said.

Richard, like many others, came home to people who spat on him and shouted ugly things at him. That night was a turning point for him. He walked a little straighter and, for the first time in years, was proud to have been a Vet. I'll never forget Ann Margaret for her graciousness and how much that small act of kindness meant to my husband.

I now make it a point to say 'Thank You' to every person I come across who served in our Armed Forces. Freedom does not come cheap and I am grateful for all those who have served their country. If you'd like to pass on this story, feel free to do so. Perhaps it will help others to become aware of how important it is to acknowledge the contribution our service people make.

I hope this makes its way to Jane Fonda! God Bless Our Armed Forces!

(Text forwarded by D&S Grogan and Bob Edwards )

Dear Editor,

I was a Platoon Sergeant in B Co, 5<sup>th</sup> of the 7<sup>th</sup> Cav. in Vietnam in 1968-1969.

On Thanksgiving Day 1968, I was having a good time talking about things back home with one of my platoon members, Noah Smith. Out of no where a mortar round landed just behind Noah killing him and wounding me.

At that time I only knew Noah by his last name even though we had become good friends over the last five months. I also knew he was from North Carolina.

I tried for thirty five years to find someone in his family because I wanted them to know how he died – that we were good friends and that I was there with him when he was killed. I also wanted them to know that it was Noah who, by the grace of God, actually saved my life by being where he was when the mortar landed.

I eventually located Noah's cousin, Don Gibson, and told him what had happened that day. Talking to Don was a great relief to the guilt that I had felt all these years.

I will never forget Noah as long as I have my right mind. He was a true friend.

"We Were Soldiers" and, at heart, I still am. To this day I still wear my dog tags.

All Vietnam Vets went to Nam just as other soldiers went to their wars. I'm not ashamed of anything I did. I'm proud I could do something my country felt needed done. Whether War is right or wrong someone has to be willing to go. Sometimes we don't know if it's right or wrong until it's done.

Signed: Former Platoon Sergeant Troy Hucks B Co 5/7 68/69

## Note!

*The Vietnam Veterans of America, the only Vietnam veterans organization chartered by Congress, publishes a bi-monthly magazine, VETERAN, the official voice of veterans of the Vietnam War. The June-July VETERAN will feature a documentary telling the story of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry. The VVA anticipates having it available at our St Louis reunion.*



*The VVA is also planning a march on November 11, 2002, honoring units that fought in Vietnam in celebration of the 20th Anniversary of the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Marching units will follow a mile-and-a-half-long route in Washington DC enroute to The Wall. Details will be available at our July reunion. (Have you hugged your 5/7Cav Drill Sergeant lately? Don Diggs and Willie Mercer take note!)*

## Things to Do and Places to Visit in St. Louis Check Out These Websites to Learn More

St. Louis Arch	<a href="http://www.stlouisarch.com/main.html">http://www.stlouisarch.com/main.html</a>
Budweiser Tour and Gifts Shop	<a href="http://www.budweisertours.com/">http://www.budweisertours.com/</a>
Bowling Hall of Fame	<a href="http://www.bowlingmuseum.com/">http://www.bowlingmuseum.com/</a>
The Official Web Site For Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site	<a href="http://medinfo.wustl.edu/~mckinney/cahokia/cahokia.html">http://medinfo.wustl.edu/~mckinney/cahokia/cahokia.html</a>
The Campbell House Museum	<a href="http://stlouis.missouri.org/501c/chm/">http://stlouis.missouri.org/501c/chm/</a>
The American Kennel Club Museum of the Dog	<a href="http://www.akc.org/love/museum/index.cfm">http://www.akc.org/love/museum/index.cfm</a>
Grants Farm	<a href="http://www.grantsfarm.com/">http://www.grantsfarm.com/</a>
Missouri Historical Society	<a href="http://www.mohistory.org/">http://www.mohistory.org/</a>
The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows	<a href="http://www.oblatesusa.org/">http://www.oblatesusa.org/</a>
St. Louis County Parks	<a href="http://www.stlouisco.com/parks/">http://www.stlouisco.com/parks/</a>
Laumeier Sculpture Park	<a href="http://www.laumeier.com/">http://www.laumeier.com/</a>
The Museum of Transportation	<a href="http://www.museumoftransport.org/welcome.htm">http://www.museumoftransport.org/welcome.htm</a>
The City Museum	<a href="http://www.citymuseum.org/">http://www.citymuseum.org/</a>
St. Louis Science Center	<a href="http://www.slsc.org/">http://www.slsc.org/</a>
The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum	<a href="http://www.magichouse.org/">http://www.magichouse.org/</a>
Six Flags St. Louis	<a href="http://www.sixflags.com/parks/stlouis/home.asp">http://www.sixflags.com/parks/stlouis/home.asp</a>
The St. Louis Zoo	<a href="http://www.stlzoo.org/">http://www.stlzoo.org/</a>
The Butterfly House	<a href="http://www.butterflyhouse.org/">http://www.butterflyhouse.org/</a>
The Grand Center	<a href="http://www.slfp.com/grandcenter.html">http://www.slfp.com/grandcenter.html</a>
Jazz at the Bistro	<a href="http://www.jazzatthebistro.com/">http://www.jazzatthebistro.com/</a>
Missouri Botanical Garden	<a href="http://www.mobot.org/">http://www.mobot.org/</a>
The St. Louis Arch	<a href="http://www.stlouisarch.com/main.html">http://www.stlouisarch.com/main.html</a>
St. Louis Front Page (newspaper)	<a href="http://www.slfp.com/">http://www.slfp.com/</a>
St. Louis Union Station	<a href="http://www.stlouisunionstation.com/about/">http://www.stlouisunionstation.com/about/</a>
St. Louis Nightlife Guide	<a href="http://www.stlouisunionstation.com/about/">http://www.stlouisunionstation.com/about/</a>
St. Louis Restaurants	<a href="http://www.dinestlouis.com/">http://www.dinestlouis.com/</a>

## REUNION VI: June 30 to July 6, 2002 RENAISSANCE St. LOUIS AIRPORT HOTEL



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# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

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Full Size Garry Owen Crest	4
Min. Garry Owen Crest	3
1st Cav Div Patch Crest	3
1st Cav Patch Air Mobile	4
1st Cav Patch Air Cavalry	3
CIB Full Size and Miniature	4/3
Miniature Purple Heart	3
Bong Song Hat Pin	3
AnKhe Hat Pin	3
1st Cav Shoulder Patch	5
1st Cav Vietnam Sticker	2
Garry Owen Sticker	2
7th Cav Crossed Sabers Porcelain Pin or Tie tack	5
1st Cav Div Pennant	5
1st Cav Div Coin	10
1st Cav Div Flag	18
7th Cav Glass Mug	10
<b>Polo Shirt w/Garry Owen Crest &amp; Cav 5/7 (silk screened)</b>	
Small, Med, & Large	18
XL & XXL	21
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Small, Med, & Large	21
X, XL, XXL & XXXL	23
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Men's Sizes M to XXXL	\$25
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Since I last sat down to write an article for this publication, Nancy and I have gone through some sad events in our lives. We buried Nancy's precious Mother in March and both my parents have been hospitalized with serious health problems.

In my thirty years of pastoral ministry I have ministered to many suffering people. Some suffer with health problems others with the death of someone that they love. I would like to be able to say to you that heartache and pain will never come your way, but it would not be true.

Saint Peter gives some practical advice about how to get through the tough times. Don't think it strange that you suffer, he says but we often think so. Here's how it goes: How could this happen to us? We're the good guys. Or maybe we aren't; maybe God is angry with us. If the good guys can suffer maybe being good doesn't count for much.

Remember three things: Don't think you are alone. Remember that there is a family of brothers and sisters experiencing some of the same grief.

Don't think it's eternal. When we are in pain or our hearts are broken we think it will last forever. Peter reminds us that it is but for a little while. Don't think God doesn't care. Don't fall prey to the hungry lion that tells you God has forgotten or that he is far away. The same God that stilled the storm on the Sea of Galilee can surely come to you in your problems.

I am looking forward to seeing all of you in St. Louis.

Gary Owen and God bless,

**Eddie**

### 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.

*Finding fellow troopers* 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).

### West Point Society Recognizes Colonel Trevor W. Swett Jr. USA (Ret) USMA Class of 1949

On March 16, in Washington D.C our own Col. Ted Swett was presented with the Distinguished Member Award by The West Point Society of District of Columbia. Col. Swett was recognized for his outstanding leadership as President and Class Trustee of the Association of Graduates. The proclamation accompanying the award also highlighted Col. Swett's distinguished service in Vietnam, his leadership of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association, and his service to his community and church.

CONGRATULATIONS COL. SWETT!!

### 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

### BY COMPUTER:

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).

## JUNE 2002 FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>Balance</u>		<u>PX Sales</u>	<u>Amount</u>		<u>Amount</u>
January 31, 2002	\$17,389.71	Abt, Charles	\$54.00	Hunt, Laddie	\$120.00
		Aldrich, Collin	\$10.00	Jamison, Ed	\$150.00
		Berube, Don	\$54.00	Klein, George	\$120.00
		Bland, David	\$28.00	Lian, Nicholas	\$60.00
		Cecere, John	\$30.00	Long, John	\$120.00
		Cecere, John	\$38.00	Marcano, Orlando	\$60.00
		Crowe, David	\$23.00	Martin, Darrell	\$120.00
		Cullitan, Jerome	\$42.50	Martz, Jerry	\$120.00
		Dagenhart, Ralph	\$28.00	Maxwell Donald	\$120.00
		Feldkamp, Gene	\$28.00	McCarthy, Tim	\$60.00
		Frazier, Rudolph	\$19.00	McQuerry, Charles	\$120.00
		Gibbs, Wayne	\$9.00	McVeigh, Joe	\$120.00
		Gottesman, Harold	\$26.00	Meadowcroft, Bob	\$180.00
		Hinkle, Barry	\$63.00	Mercer, Willoughby	\$120.00
		Hodges, Brent	\$31.00	Milligan, Michael	\$60.00
		Hodges, Brent	\$28.00	Mitchell, James	\$120.00
		Jennings, Robert	\$28.00	Moore, Bill	\$120.00
		Katz, Sidney	\$90.00	Nase, Dan	\$120.00
		Lawson, James	\$11.00	Olson, Roger	\$120.00
		Lehr, Greg	\$42.00	Patrick, Allen	\$120.00
		Litvjak, William	\$28.00	Phares, Donald	\$120.00
		Litvjak, William	\$54.00	Schneider, Fred	\$120.00
		McClung, William	\$50.00	Shear, Steven	\$60.00
		Mercer, Willoughby	\$28.00	Shiple, Don	\$180.00
		Phares, Donald	\$48.00	Sierer, Philip	\$120.00
		Reel, Arthur	\$50.00	Smith, Danny	\$120.00
		Reel, Arthur	\$13.44	Smith, Steven	\$60.00
		Spalding, Thomas	\$73.00	Spalding, Thomas	\$60.00
		Stillwell, Ken	\$12.00	Thomas, James	\$60.00
		Vick, Royce	\$28.00	Tisdale, Mike	\$120.00
		Total PX Sales	\$1,066.94	Trujillo, Greg	\$120.00
				Tyson, Lloyd	\$240.00
				Vick, Royce	\$120.00
				Weedman, Benjamin	\$180.00
				Wickham, John	\$35.00
				Williams, Joe	\$120.00
				Wise, A.J.	\$120.00
				Zimmerman, Laurel	\$35.00
				Zimmerman, Walter	\$270.00
				Total Reunion #6	\$7,450.00
				<u>Interest Income</u>	
				CD	\$199.24
				Savings Account	\$32.81
				Total	\$232.05
				Total Income	\$10,408.99
				<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
				Dec/Jan Airmobile	\$1,858.33
				March Airmobile	\$1,831.91
				Service Charge	\$12.00
				PX Postage Charges	\$120.00
				PX Shirts	\$981.00
				Total Expenses	\$4,803.24
				Balance April 30, 2002	
				Savings Account	\$15,967.33
				Checking Account	\$6,858.13
				Total Accounts	\$22,825.46
				Memo:	
				Reunion Deposits	\$9,400.00
				Accounts Minus Reunion Deposits	
				Total Assets	\$13,425.46



## TREASURER'S REPORT

By Jasper Catanzaro

This is the last newsletter before the reunion so this is your last reminder. Everyone in the Association really hopes you can come to St. Louis. As we have done at each of our reunions, we build them around the troopers but have festivities for the whole family. So, come on out, and relax for a few days. The weather should be great. The hotel is fabulous with great rates. We will have about one third or one half of the hotel rented by 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry troopers and their families. So, most of the people at the hotel will be your fellow troopers, and their families. Our hospitality room will again have free food, coffee, juice, snacks, etc. and very inexpensive beverages. What more could you ask for? Just be there.

Let me tell you about the financial report. First, I cashed in our CD and put the \$8,000 plus interest in the savings account. The CD rates are terrible and we can actually get better rates in our savings account as long as we have over \$15,000. I transferred about \$4,000 from the checking account along with the \$8,000 CD to get us to that level. Because we are a non-profit organization we have to be in a business-type account. These accounts generally pay a lower interest rate. We were only getting .25% on our savings accounts and 1.75% on the CD. Now, we are getting around 2% because we have over \$15,000 in savings.

You will see that we spent a lot of money this period. The last newsletter and this one were paid this quarter so those costs are high. We also purchased gifts for those attending the reunion and other items for the PX. However, those costs are not yet reflected in the Financial Report because the check hasn't cleared. But those costs were over \$1,600. Because of this we have less money in the Association Treasury. Presently, I have all the reunion deposits in our savings and checking accounts. In the past, we have had a separate account for the reunion deposits. I didn't do that so that we could get a better rate on the savings account. However, it makes the Treasury look much larger than it really is. The bottom line will show you how much we really have. So, if you are behind in dues or just want to send in a donation, do it. Don't let just a few support this association? Do your part.

Recently, another trooper died. Rich Pasquale passed away after he was diagnosed with liver problems. Rich was a friend of all in the Association. If you attended a reunion, you probably talked to Rich. He was always there, telling stories and making people laugh. Rich will be missed by his family who came to the reunions and by members of B Company who knew him best. We had a good turnout from the Association. At least 9 troopers came to the funeral. The eulogy was written by Colonel Ted Swett and read by me. It was very hard to see a good friend go. He will be missed by many because he touched so many.

Garry Owen, Jasper

### *A Tribute to Rich Pasquale*

*(1946—2002)*

*Rich Pasquale was a Great American. He answered the call of his country in 1965, when he was drafted into the United States Army. Never for a minute did he consider the route that many chose in those days, that of escaping to Canada to avoid fighting in Vietnam. Instead, he was the epitome of the Citizen Soldier during his service as an Infantryman. His choice as a young man was a forerunner of the way he lived his life, a life characterized by adherence to the traditional values of faith in God, patriotism, love of family, loyalty to friends, courage under stress and conscientious acceptance of responsibility. Indeed, Rich was a Great American.*

*What an appropriate name he carried! He was RICH; rich in the love he shared deeply with his Diane and their three sons, rich in his faith, in his patriotism, in his relationship with his friends and his buddies from the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry, and rich in his zest for living. I think these thoughts reflect his priorities ... and something tells me that I should add the Steelers to the list.*

*As the commander of his battalion during his training, and in Vietnam, I am especially familiar with Rich's richness in the love that he shared with his Band of Brothers in B Company of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry. This was so very apparent in the battalion's reunions. To date we have had five reunions and Rich and his family have attended them all. One reason that our reunions meant so much to Rich was that he never forgot his buddies who did not make it home. He joined us all, each time we gathered and heard the bagpiper play, in realizing that soldiers know how to cry. When Rich and I last talked on the phone a couple of months ago, we looked forward to his making our sixth reunion this summer. Instead he is attending a very special reunion Up Above, where he has joined his Garry Owen trooper-buddies who fell in battle. There God caught them even before they hit the ground, and now God has wrapped his arms around Rich, too.*

*Rich Pasquale was a Great American. May he rest in peace, and may light perpetual shine upon him. I salute you, Rich ... Garry Owen, Sir!*

/s/ Trevor W. (Ted) Swett, Jr., Colonel, Infantry, US Army (Retired)

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