

Battalion Phone List

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COMPANY TRUSTEES	
A Company	
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C Company	
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D Company	
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E Company	
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HHQ	
Doc Maxwell	806-364-5158
Battalion Historian	
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Memorabilia	
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Video	
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5/7 CAV

Mailing Label...

Remember to check the mailing label on the **AIR MOBILE**. It has information about you. If you see that it is incorrect please let George Hannaford know. Also, we would ask for any of you who can afford it to keep your dues paid up.

Company and year you were in Vietnam.

John Smith D 70 Dues 99
123 Main St.
Oak City, MI 48252

Dues paid thru.

Something for everyone...

If you have something that you would like in the newsletter, please drop us a line. We will try to get all of your comments, ads, or other remarks that you have to offer in the newsletter.

As for advertising, we will try to put your product in the newsletter also. There are times when space is very limited and so this cannot always be done but we will make every effort to help all members of this Association. We know that a lot of you are in business for yourself and if we can we will try and help.



Army Records? How to Get the Copies You Need!

Do you want or need a copy of your DD214, medical records, 201 file, or a complete copy of all your military records? The National Personnel Record Center located in St. Louis, MO. is the place you need to write to: NPRC MPR, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132.

When you were completely discharged from your military service your record was sent there for storage. **They are waiting for you to write and request a copy.** There is a large backlog of requests so it could take some time.

When you request copies of your records also ask for copies of your orders (Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Silver Star, Army Commendation Medal, CIB, Travel orders, anything with other 5/7 Cav names on it. (Almost all orders were written with other names and information on them.) **WE CAN'T FIND YOUR BUDDIES IF WE DON'T KNOW THEIR NAMES.**

To request a copy of your military records fill out a SF180 and mail it to the record center. Your records will be mailed to you direct from the record center. I can't tell you how long it will take, because it depends on what you request and where your records are. Any questions please feel free to call or Email me: 227-9148 or Cav57@aol.com (put **Garry Owen** in the subject because I don't read my junk mail)

**Ed Perry 922
Cleta Dr.
St Louis, MO 63021**



Where do
I go to
Get my Army Records?

Vice President's Report

By Wes Westmoreland

This is the last newsletter before our Nashville Reunion-V. Both Gerry and I are hoping you all will join us for a week of fun and relaxation. A week filled with the renewal of old friendships and the making new ones. As in past reunions we will pay special attention to friends and loved ones who gave all. There also will be some short business meetings. As with all organizations, we have to have that structure that allows us to reach out and keep growing.

Time is down now to just a matter of weeks and the most often ask question I get is, what is the official dates of the reunion? The days are July 6, 7 & 8, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. I always tell the men to look at it as a three-day pass, just like when we were in the Army. This is your chance to forget about your job and just have fun. The deadline for making hotel reservations is June 5, 2000. After June 5 you can no longer get the special rate that was negotiated by Jerry Houston and his support team. You have to call and make your reservation by that date. The number to call is 1-800-770-0555. Make sure you tell them you are with the 5/7 Cavalry. In the past we have not asked the hotel to set aside enough rooms to take care of the association needs. This time we may have set aside too many rooms so we need your help in filling them. Come bring your best pal (roommate), family, children, and/or grandchildren. So far all our reunions have been a great family get together time. So come on make that call and come join us at Reunion V.

On Mothers Day, I talked to Col. Houston, the ground team commander and he informed me that everything is being put into place to take care of all our needs while we are in Nashville.

The 5-7 Cavalry PX is now full. All we need now is for you to go shopping. The PX catalog is listed in the newsletter and you can find it on the web site too (<http://people.mw.mediaone.net/apatrick/home.htm>).

The association is in good shape mainly because of the past support received from everyone. The financials are on solid ground due to the active member's support. I mean YOU. This leads me directly to my next statement. I want to bring to everyone's attention that some of us are not renewing our membership fees. So this is just a gentle reminder for everyone to double check to make sure they are current with their membership dues. Just \$10.00 a year. Make your check out to the 5-7 Cav. Association and make sure you write on your check *for dues* and mail to:

5th Battalion
7th Cavalry Assoc.
P.O. Box 68150
Franklin, TN 37068-1504

My goal before my term ends as your vice president: I want to turn over to the next elected leadership group the best and strongest battalion association to come out of the Vietnam War (Currently over 1300 strong).

My last thought for this final newsletter is what I want to be able say to each one of you in Nashville is: **'I'm so glad you could come! Its great to see you! We are going to have a great time!'**

Take care and keep in touch.

Garry Owen.
Wes

Medal of Honor

A display honoring 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry troopers who were awarded the Congressional **Medal of Honor** for extraordinary acts of bravery while serving in the Republic of Viet Nam from 1966 to 1971 is planned for presentation during Reunion V. Four of our troopers earned the distinction of wearing this prestigious medal. Recipients are *Private First Class Lewis Albanese* from Company B (1/12/66); *Sergeant (then PFC) William D. Port* from Company C (1/12/68); *Captain (then 1st Lt) James M. Sprayberry* from Company D (25/4/68); and *Specialist Fourth Class Hector Santiago-Colon* (28/6/68).

The **Medal of Honor** awarded for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life, above and beyond the call of duty, in action involving actual conflict with an opposing armed force", was born of conflict and steeped in controversy during its early years. It finally emerged, along with Great Britain's Victoria Cross and France's Legion of Honor, as one of the premier awards for bravery in the world.

The medal was created in 1862 during the Civil War as a reward for gallantry in action and other soldier-like qualities. However, the reference to other qualities led to many awards for actions which would seem less than heroic. This included presentation of the medal to 864 members of the 27th Maine Volunteer Infantry for merely reenlisting. This number represented the entire membership of the Infantry unit.

The inconsistencies were apparently resolved in the early 20th Century when 910 names were removed from the lists (including those of the 27th Maine). At the same time, the statutes which govern the award of the medal were revised to reflect the present day criteria of "gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his/her life above and beyond the call of duty".

The Army **Medal of Honor** was redesigned in 1904 and patented by the War Department. The medal, a five-pointed golden star lays over a green

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This article will be short, just as time is short for our Reunion. Kathy and I are extremely happy it is in Nashville. We may not see it all, but we will give it a try. Thanks Jerry for all you have done.

Hopefully the PTSD program will be in place on a date and time convenient for all. I will not promise fulfillment of this mission as I know working with Government Agencies can be stressing due to conflicting schedules.

On a lighter note, and I know some will laugh and agree. I finally met Mister "Arthur", arthritis that is. As a young person especially working in the Medical field I did not understand those "older people" with knurled hands, moody dispositions, and painful looks. Most of us have it in one way or the other. I was told this last month I have rapid degenerative osteo-arthritis of the cervical neck, spine, hips and legs. I am here to tell you, that there are *bad days*. I used to love to take a ride in the country during fall season to see the trees change with their many colors, grateful to be alive and HOME. Now I pop pain pills and shorten the trips. I, like others, have balked at request for donations for support of M.S., Cancer, Arthritis, etc. foundations / research. Now I give when I can.

In conclusion, like Col. Swett, Wes, and others I feel it is time to step down from the office of Veterans Advisor. I am not sure if I have help anyone, just hoped I did. I know we have a couple of men who live near VA Regional Offices and can get access to these offices more readily than I can. One in particular has done an outstanding job in record research. Give it a thought. May God and our prayers be with you on your travel to Nashville.

Doc

Reunion Banquet Address

By Ted Swett

Major General (Retired) Robert S. Frix has accepted the invitation to deliver the traditional banquet address on the evening of July 7 at our Nashville reunion.

MG Frix is one of our own. As a Major, commencing in July, 1968 he spent seven months as the S-3 of the 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry and saw some of its toughest fighting. He retired from the Army in 1995 and is now President of Dyncorp Tri-Cities in Richland, Washington. He is presently in charge of the Site Infrastructure which supports the Department of Energy's cleanup of the Hanford Works Nuclear Site (Manhattan Project) near Richland, WA.

We had previously announced that General Barry McCaffrey, the Director of the United States Office of National Drug Control Policy, would be our banquet speaker. As Captain McCaffrey he had commanded a company in the 2d Bn, 7th Cav, in 1968. In inviting him I realized that, given the critical and demanding nature of his current responsibilities, his official duties could possibly interfere with our plan. Such was our understanding with him when General McCaffrey accepted the invitation.

That is exactly what has happened. One of the important not-for-profit anti-drug organizations, D.A.R.E., has claimed General McCaffrey as their banquet speaker that same evening. We both tried to work it out, but neither his schedule nor ours could be adjusted.

We are most fortunate that Bob Frix was able to change his schedule, as originally it had precluded his attending Reunion V. I know you will enjoy being with him and listening to his message.

Thank you, Bob. Garry Owen, Sir!

Ted

5th Battalion 7th Cavalry PX

Financial Secretary's Report

By Jerry Houston

Description	Price \$
7 th Cav. Baseball Cap, Black with Gold Embroidery	10
Garry Owen Crest	5
Garry Owen Miniature Crest	3
1 st Cav. Patch Crest	3
1 st Cav. Patch Air Mobile	4
1 st Cav. Patch Air Cavalry	3
1 st Cav. Patch Miniature	3
CIB Miniature	4
Bong Song Raised Words	3
An Khe Raised Words	3
Garry Owen Cassette Song	5
CMB 1 st Award Pin	5
1 st Cav. Patch Shoulder	5
1 st Cav. Vietnam Sticker	2
Garry Owen Sticker	2
1 st Cav. Tie Bar	6
1 st Cav. Division Pennant	5
1 st Cav. Division Coin	9
1 st Cav. Division Flag	18
1 st Cav. Division Mouse Pad	7
Polo Shirt with Silk Screened Garry Owen Crest and 5/7 Cavalry	
Small	18
Medium	18
Large	18
Ex. Large	21
Polo Shirt with Embroidered Garry Owen Crest and 5/7 Cavalry	
Small	21
Medium	21
Large	21
Extra Large	23
Extra X Large	23
Shipping and Handling per Order w/o Polo Shirt	\$3.20
Shipping and Handling per Order with Polo Shirt	\$0

Regimental Tie

Troopers, we've been able to arrange for a special order of 7th Cavalry Regimental ties that come in a tartan design unique to the 7th Cavalry. The Regimental Pipe and Drum Band, organized by SSG Robert J. Scroggie in late 1954 at camp Haugen, Japan designed the tartan pattern. The tartan colors are dark blue and yellow to represent the U.S. Cavalry, light blue to signify the present day infantry role in the cavalry, red for action and white for honor. The 7th Cavalry Regiment is the only American Unit that has a registered tartan.

Total cost is \$25.00 per tie. The price includes shipping and handling plus a small profit for the association.

To make this offer available to our troopers we need a minimum order of 50 and so far we have 27 on request. To order your tie, send me your name and address, number of ties you want and a check made out to The 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association to the following address:

7th Cavalry Ties

C/O Patrick H. Dockery *
4728 Parkside Drive
Baltimore, MD 21206-6841

Remember we need a minimum of fifty orders to make the initial order. If we don't reach the minimum we will return the orders and your checks. Each tie comes with a label on the back that reads: "The 7th Cavalry Regiment 1866 And the Legend lives On.

Be proud, wear the tartan of the 7th Cavalry Regiment and "the legend lives on"!

To order items shown in the PX columns on the left send a list of the items you want with a check to:

**The Financial Secretary
5-7 Association
PO Box 681504
Franklin, TN 37068-1504**

Time is running out to make your reservations. If you do not call the Hotel by June 5, you will be unable to get our group rate. If you have been on the fence about coming to Reunion V, now is the time to go ahead, decide to come and call the hotel. Remember to call the group sales office at the Airport Marriott in Nashville 800-770-0555. Make sure you mention that you are with the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Reunion July 2-9.

Please remember to let me know how you would like your funds disbursed. This is especially important if your check should be split between Registration, member fees, Reunion V and donations. If you do not indicate how to disburse the funds, my rule of thumb is apply funds to current years member fee first. I then go back to previous unpaid member fees. If I do not get any other instructions, I apply the remainder as a donation. Please go over the financial report. Just let me know if you find something that seems to be in error. I have found as the years go by I may make a mistake or two.

My mailing address is:

5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Asso.
PO Box 681504
Franklin, TN 37068-1504

Garry Owen,

Jerry Houston

General Fund Balance (05/16/00)

Disbursements	15,780.92
Newsletters	-2,334.28
Total disbursements	-2,334.28

Income

Member Fees

Harry W. Coit	01	10.00
Howard F. Forman	93-00	80.00
William Purdy	00-01	20.00
Larry Reel	98-02	50.00
Otis Brooklyn	98-00	30.00
Donald L. Fredenburg	01	10.00
Robert R. Balicki	01	10.00

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Reunion V: Your Guide to Events in Nashville

By Jerry Houston

Reunion V is only one month away. There are over 150 members and 100 guests registered. Reunion V will be Sunday July 2, through Saturday July 8, 2000. It is being held at the Airport Marriott in Nashville, TN.

It is important that you make your reservations at the hotel early. The association rate will only be good until June 2, 2000. If you register after that date you will have to pay the full room price. The phone number to register is:

1-800-770-0555

There is free shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. It runs every 20 minutes: 10 minutes to the hour, ten minutes after and 30 minutes after.

The Reunion V major events will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday July 6, 7 and 8. If you can only make a small part of the reunion these are the dates that you should try to attend.

The main event is the Friday night banquet. The other event attended by nearly everyone is the Saturday morning Memorial service. Our plans are to have the service at one of the Tennessee State Capital memorials downtown.

Thursday night we are planning a bus trip to downtown Nashville to take in some of the nightlife.

Thursday and Friday mornings are when we have our business meetings and election of officers.

The last event of the reunion will be our Saturday evening country style bar-b-que outside in a picnic area behind the hotel. This is a time to really relax and say good-bye until the next reunion.

The first part of the week is a time to get together, see the sights and relax. We will open registration on Sunday afternoon the 2nd of July.

Monday will be the first day that things will start to happen. Each day we will open a hospitality suite from around 0800 until it closes sometime around 2400.

We will have coffee, donuts and orange juice for breakfast; sandwiches and chips for lunch; and a full range of bev-

erages. It will be an open bar with donations accepted to help defray the cost.

The registration office and information center will be open each day from around 08:00 until around 2000 in the evening. The memorabilia room will be open about the same hours.

There will also be a PX open early in the week. We are looking to have a few new items in the PX to include a nice polo shirt with the Garry Owen crest.

Sunday through Wednesday you will be on your own.

On Monday night we will offer an opportunity to take a ride on the Cumberland River on a paddle wheeler showboat named the General Jackson. It takes a one-hour trip down the Cumberland River to downtown Nashville, turns around and comes back up the river. During the ride you will enjoy dinner and a floorshow. Each ticket will run \$49.50 and includes transportation to the General Jackson from the Hotel.

Tuesday is the 4th of July. We are recommending a trip downtown for concerts on the river, shopping and fireworks.

On Wednesday night we will have an icebreaker in the hospitality room where we will have free pizza. We plan to have it early because a number of members have asked for one night as a ladies night out and this will be on Wednesday night. On this evening the ladies will pick the place to go. It will be their night with no talk of the battalion, Vietnam, etc.

We will also have a golf tournament on Wednesday. These plans are all still in the development stages but look pretty promising.

The hotel has a health spa, indoor & outdoor swimming pools, lighted tennis courts, nice restaurant and an out of the way casual bar. It is close to the airport and has free parking. It is only fifteen minutes from downtown Nashville.

On the down side, Nashville does not have a good mass transit system. For those of you that want to get out during the day and see some of the sights a car will be an advantage. As in the past

there are many folks who bring cars and love to share the ride from place to place with others.

We would like to try a new approach for Reunion V and are asking for volunteers to help for short periods of time during the reunion. That way we can share the load and not kill a few people.

The five general areas for volunteer help are: Registration and Information; Hospitality; Transportation and Logistics; Banquets and Meetings; and PX. There will be a manager for each group and then volunteers to help in each group on a shift basis. Each shift will be around four hours.

There is a place on the registration slip to indicate whether or not you would be willing to help and in what area. Please indicate on the form if you would like to help out.

The last thing is registration. We have had to raise the registration fee to \$60 for this reunion. Your fee will pay administrative and overhead cost, the Friday night banquet, and Saturday night Bar-B-Que. If you or any of your guests will be unable to attend the dinners, the administrative Registration fee is \$10 per person.

Please call and make your reservations at the hotel as soon as you can. Also send in your registration form as soon as you can. Be sure and complete as much information on the form as you can. The more information we have the better we can plan and prepare for the reunion.

I do not need your registration money right away if you would prefer to pay later. What we need now is your intention to attend and the information you can provide for planning.

We certainly look forward to having you join us in Nashville for Reunion V. See you next month!

GARRY OWEN,

Jerry

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Vernon Lasher	99-01	30.00
Orlando Marcano	01	10.00
Walter W. Zimmerman	01	10.00
Richard C. Baker Jr.	01-02	20.00
Harry F. Clark	01	10.00
James D. Harmon	00-01	20.00
Brent L. Hodges	01	10.00
Edward Jamison	01-02	20.00
Melvin R. Powell	00-04	50.00
Myron D. Silvernagel	00-01	20.00
H. B. Westmoreland	02-06	50.00
Robert F. Wright	99-00	20.00
Dorothy Wright	99-00	20.00
Jerry Garrett	00-01	20.00
John W. Fitch	98-02	50.00
Bealer Caudill	01	10.00
Claude A. Julian	01	10.00
John F. Plourde, Sr.	00-01	20.00
Eugene T. Szweda	99-01	30.00
William S. Sattler	98-01	40.00
Thomas S. Gomolka	00-01	20.00
John A. Wickham	01	10.00
James B. Vaught	01	10.00
Duke Frey	00-01	30.00
Gary L. Kilber	96-98	30.00
Hugo Lopez	99-01	30.00
George F. Klein	01-02	20.00
Danny L. Smith	01-04	40.00
Gordon R. Birmingham	97-02	60.00
Gilbert L. Horchler	00-01	20.00
Larry N Mullins	00-01	20.00
Douglas Ruegg	00-01	20.00
Gerald P. Fortuna	00-01	20.00
Steve Tjaden	00-01	20.00
Harold D. Sheumaker	01	10.00
Billy Moore	00-01	20.00
Robert F. Morrison	00-02	30.00
Vardell E. Nesmith Jr.	00-01	20.00
Susie Swain Edleman	01-03	30.00
Laurel Zimmerman	01	10.00
Jerome R. Cullitan	99-00	20.00
Larry G Hilton	01	10.00
Jack E Hurley	00-02	30.00
Harry W. Coit	01	10.00
Total Member Fee		1,220.00

Donations

William Purdy	10.00
Laurel Zimmerman	20.00
Robert R. Balicki	5.00
Eugene T. Szweda	20.00
John A. Wickham	40.00
Robert F. Wright	20.00
Dorothy Wright	20.00
Larry Reel	50.00
Harold D. Sheumaker	10.00
Gordon R. Birmingham	5.00
James B. Vaught	40.00
Total Donations	240.00

Other Income

PX Sales

Flags	18.00
Audio Taps	20.00
Hats	46.20
Pins	5.00
Shirts	108.00
Ties	225.00
Other PX	7.20
Total Other Income	429.40

Total Income 1,889.40

Total In General Fund 15,336.04

**Reunion V
Previous Balance 4,660.00**

Reservations this period

William Purdy	120.00
Gerald P. Fortuna	120.00
Robert H. Jennings	120.00
Don Maxwell	120.00
Melvin R. Powell	120.00
John F. Plourde, Sr.	120.00
Laurel Zimmerman	60.00
William F. Boyce	120.00
Vivian M. Day	120.00
Buddy Eaton	120.00
Roger G. Olson	120.00
Edward Jamison	180.00
Vincent M Laurich	60.00
Geoge Porod	60.00
Harold E. Dannewitz	120.00
Robert J. Meadowcroft	120.00
Larry G Hilton	60.00
Billy Moore	120.00
Loyd Tyson Jr	180.00
Frank DeFino	150.00
Ruth A. Lukkari	120.00
Paul D. Allen	120.00
Joe Cybluski	120.00
Robert F. Fielman	120.00
David Seabolt	60.00

Vernon Lasher	120.00
Michael J. Handley	60.00
Clarence Lyons	60.00
Rod Henning	120.00
Walter W. Zimmerman	210.00
Maurice Edmonds	60.00
Robert F. Wright	120.00
James D. Harmon	120.00
George F. Klein	120.00
James D. Watson	60.00
Sam Sullivan	120.00
Herman S. Daves	120.00
Larry Reel	120.00
John L. Goodpaster	120.00
Jack E Hurley	120.00
Orlando Marcano	60.00
Charles R. Baker	60.00
Daniel E. French	120.00
Harold D. Sheumaker	120.00
Willoughby Mercer Jr.	120.00
Duke Frey	60.00
Susie Swain Edleman	60.00
James R. Ragland	60.00
John F. Montalbano	120.00
Bob D. Lotto	60.00
Danny L. Smith	120.00
Harry F. Clark	60.00
Hugo Lopez	120.00
David A. Blaud	60.00
Tom Martin	120.00
Gary Nordstrom	120.00
Darrell D. Martin	120.00
Clifton E. Miller	150.00
Kenny Baldwin	120.00
Richard C. Baker Jr.	180.00
Irving E. Little	120.00
Pastor Willis T. Stone	60.00

Ron Stocker	120.00
Richard E. Rebholz	120.00
Norman McBride	120.00
Donald L. Fredenburg	120.00
Jose M. Sanchez	120.00
Howard F. Forman	120.00
James B. Vaught	120.00
Don Shipley	120.00
Richard Hawksby	60.00
Total New Reservations	7,950.00

Reunion Donations

Laurel Zimmerman	40.00
Maurice Edmonds	40.00
Total Donations	80.00

Total Reunion V 12,690.00

Total in Bank 28,026.04

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enamel laurel wreath. The center of the star depicts Minerva, goddess of righteous war and wisdom. Her portrait is encircled by the words, "United States of America". The back of the medal is inscribed, "The Congress to", with a place for the recipient's name. The medal hangs from a bar inscribed "Valor", which is held by an American Eagle with laurel leaves (peace) in its right claw and arrows (war) in its left. The eagle is fastened by a hook to a light blue silk pad embroidered with 13 stars. The medal is traditionally presented by the President of the United States in the name of Congress.

The display recognizing our **Medal of Honor** winners will be located in the 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry Memorabilia Room in the Marriott Hotel throughout the Reunion. The display will have photos of the four recipients who earned the medal and copies of the individual citations describing their acts of valor.

We look forward to seeing you at the Reunion so you can share this special tribute to our four troopers with us.

Bill Brown

