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President's Report

By John Long

Greetings Troopers, Families and Friends,

The writing of this article brings out all kinds of emotions in me, both bad and good. It feels like *deja vu*, with our troops fighting in what is developing into a very ugly war, with protests mounting, the war in our living rooms and worse.

However we feel about the war, who more than we appreciate the need to support our troops no matter how tough it gets. I encourage each of you in your own way to do what you can to support them. Many of us know personally men and women that have deployed. Five of my students are currently in combat units in Iraq. The least we can offer is our prayers for the speedy and safe return of all of our soldiers.

I noted with some satisfaction that our unit's legacy carries on in this war with the 7th Cav again in the middle of the fight, continuing its fine tradition.

On a happier note, you will see elsewhere in the newsletter the grand expedition by a number of our troopers and wives to the north woods of Wisconsin to

pay homage to one of our own. Thanks to the initiative of Wes Westmoreland, the town of Pickerel and "Killer" Clark will never be quite the same again. Again, our noble "Band of Brothers" takes care of one of their own.

After the last newsletter, a major run of donations was made resulting in the purchase of all but 8 of the battle streamers. The remaining streamers are all from the Korean War. I have already received the first batch of 17 from the Vietnam War and they look great.

The complete set will be a fine addition to our flag. For those that still want to get on the bandwagon, **send your check of \$55 made payable to the 5th Bn 7th Cav Assoc to John M Long, 7801 Nauitan Court, Hanover, MD 21076.**

If all of the streamers are purchased when I receive your check, I will, of course, return your check to you. You can also contact me via email at the address listed in the battalion directory for a current status.

It is not too soon to put the next reunion on your calendar. The guys of A Company guarantee that this one will be the best ever and the folks of northern Kentucky and southern Ohio are eager to show their hospitality.

Plan now to join us in Washington, DC on Nov 11th. It will be hard to surpass the turnout we had last year when we introduced our flag and Color Guard in the first ever Vietnam Veterans March. Considering the state of world affairs, this year will provide a fine opportunity for us to show our support for our troops.

As we progress into our social security years, more of our troopers are developing significant health problems. As you learn

about these, please keep members of the Executive Board advised. Having the support of your buddies when times are tough can make a big difference.

The long winter has come to an end and I along with you am looking forward to spring.

Take care.

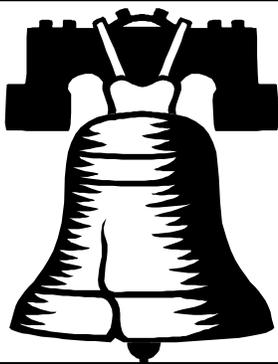
Cav 5/7 Troops Lead Parade in Pickerel, Wisconsin



More on the Pickerel Parade can be found on

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Freedom Rings



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Vice President's Report

by Karl Haartz

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Garry Owen All,

It is looking more like spring here in New England. It makes a person feel better after the sub-zero temperatures of January and February.

The weekend of March 15, 16 seventeen Cav 5/7 troopers marched with our 7th Cav Colors in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Pickerel, WI. Don't look for Pickerel in the atlas index as it is an unincorporated town-ship.

I would like to send a special thanks to "The Country Inn & Restaurant, Petersen's Trailside Inn & Restaurant and Linda's CITGO & Convenience Store. You can tell Linda's by the 5/7 Cav Flag decal in the middle of the front door. There also might be a few more decals on cars and trucks in Pickerel.

The parade route, according to PSgt. Harry Clark Ret., is only ½ mile long. Now I know what a country mile is.

A good time was had by all. Hopefully we will be able to do a few more of these as we cut back on our work schedules. I don't want to say retirement as it sounds old. We are not old, just better.

For those of you that are not on-line, I had a small disagreement with the 7th Cav. Assoc. of which I am a life member and many of you are as well. Their president removed an e-mail message of mine from the 7th Cav association bulletin board.

The message was inviting all 7th Cav members to join us in Pickerel for the parade. As it turned out we did find a couple of other Cav troops there. After many heated e-mails they did re-enter an e-mail about our participation in the Pickerel parade.

This is just one example that proves we are the Best Damned Battalion sized association to come from the Vietnam War. It is your membership that made this happen --- "GARRY OWEN".

On another 7th Cav note their columnist for the 1st Cav Association Saber Newspaper used up a half page telling about the Chinese Year of the Dog. It was copied from the placemat in a Chinese Restaurant.

They don't want us to have space but it is okay to use a restaurant placemat for filler --- go figure?.

Our success in locating new members has dropped off somewhat. However Walt Putback and Danny Smith have recorded some new finds.

Thank you guys. If everyone reading this would put one hour into looking for a buddy, we can grow our association. Don't put it off; find an old friend today!

Now is a great time for any of you that would like to have reunion VIII in your area in

2006.

Get a ground team together and check with Allen, Jasper or myself on what we need. When you come to Cincinnati have your facts ready. We can talk things out so the Board has a direction to pursue.

This is how the Cincinnati group did it.

I hear rumors that we have not been conducting enough of our reunions in the western part of the States --- probably true. A couple of the California guys said the Colorado Springs was west enough for them.

Give me some input to work with. I haven't seen the Pacific Ocean in 15 years.

The Board of Directors needs your input and we're open to all ideas.

Garry Owen, Karl

P.S. Troop Locating --- Everyone find one today!!!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

As I write this we find another generation of young Americans in harms way. I personally find much of the news reports disturbing. It is impossible to observe what they are doing without memories from our shared experience coming back in strong waves. The history of our nation tells us that in almost every generation freedom must be preserved with the sacrifice of young soldiers.

We have suffered much loss as a nation beginning with September 11th. I fear that losses of this nature may not be over. With this possibility in mind, where do we look for help and strength? Our military power has been nothing but awesome. Today's young soldier seems to be well trained, well equipped, and highly motivated. It would seem that nothing could stand up to us or stop us. But, let us be wary of depending on our might. Let us be reminded of the words of the Psalmist David: PSALM 121 --- ¹**will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.** ²**My help cometh from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.**

Let us be reminded that our source of help remains **THE LORD**. Let us pray that God will preserve the lives of our young men and women and that God will bless and provide our help.

Gary Owen, Eddie

Letters

January 5, 2003

Dear Editor,

This gift of \$100 to the welfare of the 5/7 members is in memory of Nick Kokalis "Greek" KIA 10/28/67 A Company 1 platoon 3 squad — team leader. I would like his past wife and child to know he's still in the hearts and minds of 5/7, especially 31C squad. He was killed by a land mine. That day will always be with others and me as he represented the meaning of "patriot" in every aspect. I also feel that I wouldn't be here today if not for his dedicated leadership in the squad.

I feel very proud, also honored, to have served in the 7 Cavalry. The unit was invincible due to the leadership with its courageous and dedicated patriots in the idea of freedom. We made a difference during our time.

I attended Reunion IV in 1998 with my oldest son and realized devoted comradeship never dies but lives on in the spirit and minds of the 5/7 Cavalry.

Garry Owen, A Company 67-68

John Long, I don't know how I could start to express my appreciation to you and the 5/7 for the heartwarming response I have received from my request for information. I had lost all photos, letters and everything of Tom's in a fire in 1972. I never thought it could happen but after 30 years memories do start to fade. Also, I never really knew the circumstances of Tom's death (if I don't know about it, it never happened) I started my search because I now feel a need to know but most of all so I'll never forget. I am so comforted knowing that because of the men of the Cav 5/7, Tom is not just a name on the wall, that he has not been forgotten.

I have received many emails and I must admit that this is proving to be more difficult than I ever imagined, there is much to digest. I want everyone to know how much I appreciate their sharing of memories.

Gen. John Wickham: Sir, thank you for your account of what happen the night of October 10, 1967. I do remember receiving your letter after Tom's death, even though I don't remember the contents. I know I read it with the same pride that I feel now knowing that Tom served under and with such great men.

Eddie Ratcliffe: Eddie, thank you for all your kind words, they also reminded me of one of the many things that made Tom so special and that was his ability to treat all people equally with respect and dignity.

Bret Coulson: Bret, what can I say, you made it possible for me to see my husband's face for the first time in 30 years, thank you so very much. I am also sorry for the loss of your uncle, I feel blessed knowing that Tom's last journey was taken with men of your uncle's caliber. Yes, thank you, I would love to have a copy of your narrative.

Bill Koutrouba: Bill, yours has been the most difficult email of all, but indeed the most comforting. I have no words to express how deeply grateful I am to you, for now I know that Tom died in your caring arms and not alone and thank you for the tender care you gave him to send him home.

With that, it seems I have temporarily run out of words.

Sincerely, Sandy Aubert

(Editor's Note: Ms. Aubert's husband was Captain Thomas C. Aubert, Headquarters Company 1967. He was killed in action at LZ Colt on October 10, 1967.)

Dear Editor,

We'd like to contribute \$55 for an Indian Wars Battle Streamer in memory of General Nelson A. Miles, his son-in-law Captain Samuel Reber and his grandson Major General Miles Reber – "Lest we forget".

Garry Owen, Chuck Reber

Message from Papa Doc Maxwell

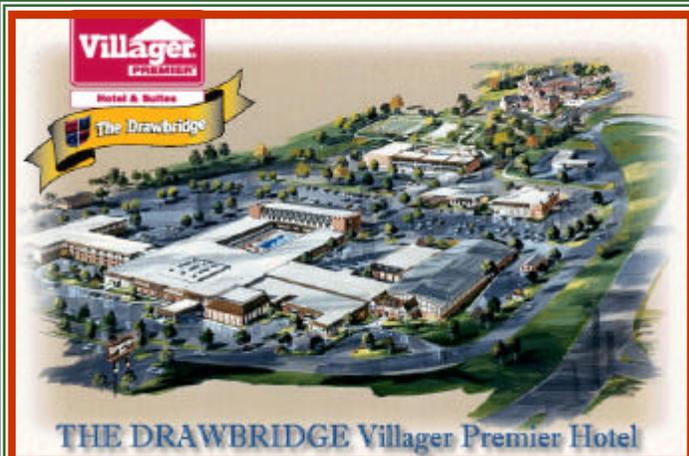
As we watch the war with Iraq, I find so many parallels to our own war: the pride of our youth, their dedication, their valor, and the humanity our young men and women show in face of death. Our own 3 Squadron of the 7th Cavalry drove into the war as we did.

As to a lot of our misguided countrymen who like to express their opinions against the war, I say this to them: you have that right of dissent because someone died for it. But I also must ask have you ever given up anything in your life for someone else? Many of us did --- many continue to do so.

To those who are fighting now I pray that they come back to serve a better cause. I also pray, that all who use prayer in their lives that they kneel in front of their God to pray for the well being of our young men and women in uniform.

Members of our family (Kathy's) are on their way to the war in Iraq. When they asked "What is expected of me?", this was my reply: duty to your commander; never, never leave your comrade behind; never betray your god and your fellow soldier! This is my simple wish!

GARRYOWEN, PAPA DOC MAXWELL



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BATTAILON STREAMERS

New Troops Found

Streamer	Name	Dedicated to:	Name	Company	Year
Vietnam:					
Valorous Unit Award Quang Tin Province	Tim/Sue Manigan		Adams, Charles	H	70
Republic of VN Cross OF Gallantry w/Palm 1966-69	Moe Goulet		Affolter, Richard	C	70
Republic of VN Cross OF Gallantry w/Palm 1969-70	Tom/Wanda Parker		Andresen, Ralph	B	70
Republic of VN Cross of Gallantry w/Palm 1970-71	Vivian McCrary	MacAuthur (McCrary) Henderson	Bazal, George	D	70
Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal	Will/Pegi Mercer		Best, Joseph	C	68
Counteroffensive, Phase II	Ted Swett	Walter Swain. Co D	Bilyeu, Michael	B	69
Counteroffensive, Phase III	Wes Westmoreland	Doug McCrary, Co C	Bright, Neil	C	66
Tet Counteroffensive	Charlie Baker		Brott, Charles	C	70
Counteroffensive, Phase IV	Karl Haartz	Co C	Carson, James	H	70
Counteroffensive, Phase V	Don Shipley	3/3/C 66-67 KIA	Christensen, Don	H	70
Counteroffensive, Phase VI	Richard C. Baker	Paul Riley, Co C	Clarkson, Donald	C	69
Tet 69/Counteroffensive	John/Suzy Long		Coffman, McGregor	B	70
Summer-Fall 1969	Allen Patrick	Capt. John Hitti	Cooley, Barry	C	69
Winter-Spring 1970	Chris Henson	COL H.T. "Jack" Long	Cuney, Bruce	B	67
Sanctuary Counteroffensive	Bobby Cole		Dasch, Morris	H	68
Counteroffensive, Phase VII	Duke Frey		Davie, Larry	D	69
Korean War					
PUC, Yonchon, Korea	Gary Kilber	SSG Victor O. Fowler	Day, Vivian	S	66
PUC, Taegu, Korea	Larry Hilton	Charles Hilton (Dad)	Dockery, John	B	69
PUC, Pusan, Korea	Maurice Edmonds		Dorobek, Jeffrey	B	70
Republic of Korea PUC, Waegwan-Taegu	Maurice Edmonds		Eason, Allen	H	67
Republic of Korea PUC, Korea	Maurice Edmonds		Elliott, Frank	D	68
Chryssoun Aristion Andrias Korea	Maurice Edmonds		Fletcher, Carroll	C	69
UN Defensive			Goethals, Ron	D	66
UN Offensive			Gonzales, Juan	S	66
CCF Intervention			Greene, Eugene	C	68
First UN Counteroffensive			Hadfield, Colin	D	69
CCF Spring Offensive			Hickox, Arnold	C	67
UN Summer-Fall Offensive			Hines, Freddy	C	67
Second Korean Winter			Hoffer, Gary	H	69
Third Korean Winter			Houston, Craig	B	68
World War II					
PUC, Antipolo, Luzon	Wayne Gibbs	Father, Frank Gibbs, WW II Vet	Johnson, O. Craig	C	68
Philippine PUC 17 Oct 1944 to 4 July 1945	Donald Phares	Father, COL John T. Phares	Kaiser, Peter	H	69
New Guinea	Bill Moore	Co E	Kelly, Dennis	A	67
Bismarck Archipelago	Bill Litvjak		Kingsley, Glenn	C	70
Leyte	Reinaldo Espada	Vietnam Brothers	Leishner, Stanley	H	67
Luzon	Tim Bowyer	Virgil Garrison (friend)	Malinka, Patrick	A	69
Mexican Expedition					
Mexico 1916-1917	Dan Watson	Trolley Bell, Dave McCabe, Conner Pearson	Mattuccilli, Paul	H	70
			Milder, Robert	D	70
			Myhre, Norman	B	66
			Pang, John	D	68
			Scheimreif, Fred	B	66
Indian Wars					
Comanches	Bob/Donna Trimble		Skinnon, Neil	A	69
Little Big Horn	Tim "Whitey" Bowyer	Irish Troopers	Smith, James	C	67
Nez Perces	Bill Heckley		Spillers, Robert	D	67
Pine Ridge	Harold Gottesman	KIAs Lee Tully/Billy Ford	Szlachciuk, Walter	D	67
Montana 1873	Charles K. Reber	GEN Nelson Miles, CPT Samuel	Willman, Suzanne	E	69
		Reber, MG Miles Reber	Wills, Richard	B	67
Dakota 1874	SGM Robert Meyer		Winkle, James	C	67
			Wood, Parker	B	69

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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 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
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Note from the Secretary

It is hard not to reflect on our time in Vietnam as our nation is once again in war. Our sister battalion the 3rd of the 7th Cavalry is leading the way for the 3rd Infantry Division. Some day in the future members of that unit will reflect back on their time in Iraq as we reflect back on our service in Vietnam. Perhaps they will be fortunate enough to have an organization like ours. They now tread the road that we have trod and our prayers are with them.

We have renewed our corporate certification with the State of Tennessee for the year so we are still considered a non profit veterans organization.

Garry Owen, Jerry Houston

A DAUGHTER'S POEM FOR HER DAD

The glimmer of metal
The badges of courage
they all represent a different event
One where he risked his life
He still cries every once in a while
Forgets to breathe
Looses himself in thought
In the craziness of war.
Terrified faces flash before his eyes
the good-byes haunt him
When he visits the wall with
His friends carved eternally in stone

Sometimes I think he wishes he was frozen
in the cold wall also
but then he catches a reflection
of himself with his family by his side
weeping with him
behind him always
And he remembers why is he happy to be
alive
He has what his friends died too young to
have
Happy Veterans Day Dad.

By Alexandra Milder for her Dad, Bob

Finding Fellow Troopers

Locating persons 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.

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

Balance 10/31/02	\$20,988.45					
INCOME						
Donations/ Interest						
Davie, Larry	\$5.00	Griffin, Richard	03-05	\$30.00	Smiljanich, George	03-04 \$20.00
Gray, Jack	\$250.00	Hadfield, Colin	03	\$10.00	Smith, James	03 \$10.00
Healy, Thomas	\$5.00	Hasson, Alain	03-04	\$20.00	Spillers, Robert	03-04 \$20.00
Splichal, Ed	\$15.00	Hauck, Mark	02-04	\$30.00	Splichal, Ed	03 \$10.00
Wedmore, Terry	\$20.00	Hayes, John	03	\$10.00	Steuer, Judith	02-03 \$20.00
Bank Interest	\$63.74	Healy, Thomas	03-04	\$20.00	Stillwell, Ken	03 \$10.00
TOTAL Donation	\$358.74	Hensley, David	02-04	\$30.00	Vasil, William	04 \$10.00
		Hernandez, Andrew	03-04	\$20.00	Vick, Royce	03 \$10.00
Dues and Fees		Hickox, Arnold	03-04	\$20.00	Walsh, John	03-04 \$20.00
Abt, Charles	04 \$10.00	Hines, Freddy	03	\$10.00	Walters, Linton	01-05 \$50.00
Adams, Charles	03 \$10.00	Hoffer, Gary	03	\$10.00	Wedmore, Terry	02-04 \$30.00
Affolter, Richard	03 \$10.00	Horan, Robert	03-04	\$20.00	Willman, Suzanne	03 \$10.00
Anderson, Roderick	03 \$10.00	Houston, Craig	03	\$10.00	Wills, Richard	03 \$10.00
Andresen, Ralph	03-04 \$20.00	Howard, Peter	02-05	\$40.00	Winkle, James	03-04 \$20.00
Antill, Darrell	98-03 \$60.00	Hurley, Jack	03-05	\$30.00	Wolicki, Robert	03-04 \$20.00
Baker, Richard C.	03-06 \$40.00	Ingram, George	03-04	\$20.00	Wood, Parker	03-04 \$20.00
Bazal, George	03 \$10.00	Janke, Wendell	02-04	\$30.00	Woods, Larry	03-04 \$20.00
Bernier, Charles	03 \$10.00	Johnson, O. Craig	03	\$10.00	Total Dues and Fees	\$2,140.00
Best, Joseph	03 \$10.00	Kaiser, Peter	03-04	\$20.00	Flag Donation	
Bilyeu, Michael	03 \$10.00	Kelly, Dennis	03-04	\$20.00	Baker, Charles	\$55.00
Bortell, Ted	03-04 \$20.00	Kingsley, Glenn	03-04	\$20.00	Baker, Charles	\$55.00
Brennan, James	03-04 \$20.00	Lambert, Frank	02-03	\$20.00	Bowyer, Tim	\$55.00
Brott, Charles	03-04 \$20.00	Lawrence, Herbert	02-03	\$20.00	Bowyer, Tim	\$55.00
Brown, Bill	03-04 \$20.00	Leishner, Stanley	03-04	\$20.00	Cole, Bobby	\$30.00
Carson, James	03 \$10.00	Lewis, D. Lee	03	\$10.00	Espada, Reinaldo	\$55.00
Casteel, Ronnie	03-06 \$40.00	Litvjak, William	08-15	\$80.00	Frey, Duke	\$55.00
Child, Robert	03-04 \$20.00	Malinka, Patrick	03	\$10.00	Gibbs, Wayne	\$55.00
Christensen, Don	03-13 \$110.00	Martin, Darrell	03-04	\$20.00	Gottesman, Harold	\$55.00
Clarkson, Donald	03-04 \$20.00	Mattuccilli, Paul	03	\$10.00	Haartz, Karl	\$55.00
Coffman, McGregor	03 \$10.00	Milder, Robert	03	\$10.00	Heckley, Bill	\$55.00
Cooley, Barry	03 \$10.00	Mullen, Butch	02-03	\$20.00	Henson, Chris	\$55.00
Creech, William	03-05 \$30.00	Myhre, Norman	03-04	\$20.00	Kilber, Gary	\$55.00
Cuney, Bruce	03 \$10.00	Nelson, Bruce	99-03	\$50.00	Litvjak, William	\$55.00
Davie, Larry	03-04 \$20.00	Pang, John	03-04	\$20.00	Long, John	\$385.00
Day, Vivian	03 \$10.00	Phillips, Bob	03-05	\$30.00	Meyer, Robert	\$55.00
Dilts, Daniel	03 \$10.00	Putback, Walter	03	\$10.00	Moore, Bill	\$55.00
Dockery, John	03 \$10.00	Ragland, James	03-09	\$70.00	Phares, Donald	\$55.00
Eason, Allen	03-04 \$20.00	Reber, Charles	03-04	\$20.00	Reber, Charles	\$55.00
Elliott, Frank	03 \$10.00	Reed, Richard	03-05	\$30.00	Shiple, Don	\$55.00
Fletcher, Carroll	03 \$10.00	Ropp, Jerry	03-04	\$20.00	Trimble, James	\$55.00
Fredenburg, Donald	12 \$10.00	Ruegg, Doug	04-05	\$20.00	Watson, James	\$55.00
Garrison, Howard	03-04 \$20.00	Rundles, Don	03	\$10.00	Westmoreland, Wes	\$55.00
Garvin, James	03-04 \$20.00	Sateren, Ryan	03-04	\$20.00	Total Flag Donation	\$1,570.00
Gibbs, Wayne	03 \$10.00	Scheimreif, Fred	03	\$10.00	PX Sales	
Goldsberry, Donald	03-04 \$20.00	Schober, Frank	03-04	\$20.00	Ballo, Peter	\$35.00
Gomach, Thomas	03 \$10.00	Scull, Martin	02-04	\$30.00	Blahe, Tracy	\$6.00
Gomolka, Thomas	03-04 \$20.00	Shurley, Michael	03-06	\$40.00	Colby, Edwin	\$32.00
Gonzales, Juan	03 \$10.00	Skinnon, Neil	03	\$10.00	Cole, Bobby	\$21.00
					Edmonds, Maurice	\$30.00
					Espada, Reinaldo	\$54.00

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Treasurer's Report

I hope that this finds all of you had a Happy Easter and enjoying a wonderful spring. Recently we sent out 760 letters to those people of which we have addresses on file but have not yet joined the Association. We received back about 100 letters. Of that about, 50 more people who have joined and about 40 letters were returned with bad addresses. I wish to say "WELCOME HOME" to all those who recently joined.

As a reminder, I use the last statement from the bank to balance our books. This time it's March 31, 2003. Take the time to review it. However, if you sent in any money after March 31st, it won't show up on this report but will be there next time. I can tell you right now that we are in very good shape financially. We are purchasing the flag streamers as donations come in. John Long is handling that. I only write the checks.

Bill Heckley is doing our printing. Bill is a 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry member from C Company 1967. Believe me, he has saved us some printing costs and we are very glad to have him do it. He is doing a great job for us. Yet, no matter how good we are, things happen. In the last newsletter, we had a problem in the computer program that prints your name on the newsletter. So everyone's name was messed up. I personally heard from about 30 of you. Hopefully, it won't happen again but if it does, so be it. However, let us know if there are mistakes in your name, address, and the first year in Vietnam, Company affiliation, etc. We will correct it.

In the past both Allen Patrick and I tried to print the newsletter, and then add stamps, and labels to each and every copy. Then sort, and go to the Post Office to mail them. That system took many hours over a couple of days. When I was doing the mailing by hand, I could catch mistakes and make correc-

tions as needed. I'm sure Allen has had similar experiences. However, we haven't done that for years now. We couldn't do it today with the hundreds and in some cases over 1,400 newsletters we send out. Today, it's all done by computer and mailed without us ever seeing the finished newsletter or label. We want the newsletter to be something each and everyone is proud of. So, let us know about any mistakes but remember us humans are working with computers and we can't help it if those lousy computers make mistakes.

Talking about mistakes and making corrections; the battalion database was put together so that we can all benefit from it. It's our phone book to find members and it helps us stay in contact with each other.

We know there are troopers who haven't attended a reunion or had much contact after they got home. For many of us, it has taken years to want to find others or to even want to talk about our experiences. Yet when someone wishes to contact another trooper, the database has helped.

Believe me this has been a labor of love. In the past two years, I have made hundreds of changes to the addresses we have on file. In fact, of the 1,400 or so active addresses, over 50% of you have had changes made to your file. I would hope that if you change your address, phone or internet address you will let me know. It's easier than us trying to find you again.

You know, I had wondered over the years about Sgt. Ted Morehouse. He was wounded back in November 1966 along with six others, including me. I will never forget that night. We were sent on to Qhin Nhon to the hospital. I was in one ward and he was in another. One day I visited him in his ward. He had shrapnel in both eyes and both were bandaged. A few days later, I was

sent to Japan and I lost track of him.

I often wondered what happened to Sgt Morehouse. The other day, I decided to do a phone search using the internet. Within a few minutes, I found him.

Sgt. Morehouse is blind in one eye but has limited vision in the other. Like many of us, most of his memories about Vietnam are blurred. If there are those of you out there who would like to talk to him, give him a call. His phone number is 573-646-3496. He lives in Bland, Missouri.

Garry Owen, Jasper

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Geary, Mike	\$29.00
Gibbs, Wayne	\$11.00
Grant, Larry	\$13.00
Heckley, Bill	\$55.00
Loeffler, Albert	\$16.00
McAlister, Bert	\$24.00
McCarthy, Tim	\$24.00
Mullen, Butch	\$30.00
Nancarvis, Terry	\$5.00
Ruegg, Doug	\$15.00
Total PX Sales	\$400.00

TOTAL INCOME **\$4,468.74**

EXPENSES

PX Postage	\$106.70
Veteran's Day Wreath	\$206.95
Airmobile Printing	\$790.31
Flag Streamers	\$925.00
Returned Check	\$55.00
Total Expenses	\$2,083.96

Balances as of 3/31/03

Checking	\$7,230.13
Savings	\$16,143.10
Total Accounts	\$23,373.23

Membership Notes:

- Check out the address label on the front of this newsletter. Printed after your name is your Cav 5/7 Company, the year you first served in Vietnam with the Cav 5/7 and the year through which your dues are paid. If the year is '01 or earlier your dues are not up to date.
- Dues are \$10 per year. You can stay up to date by sending your dues to Financial Secretary, 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association, 23346 Mystic Forest, Novi, MI 48375.
- In the future if you would like to view your newsletter on the Internet please indicate so on your dues check. We can save about \$1.25 for every newsletter we don't have to mail.

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