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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Maury Edmonds

Reunion VIII is now behind us. I don't need to tell those of you who were able to attend what a great time we had. You already know that.

For those of you who could not come -- we missed you and you missed one of the best gatherings of old buddies and their families anyone could imagine. Colorado Springs was the perfect spot for the 40th anniversary of the Battalion's deployment to Vietnam.

Many took advantage of the great sightseeing ranging from Pikes Peak to Cripple Creek to the Garden of the Gods to the Royal Gorge train trip. No one ran out of things to do.

As usual at our reunions, most of us just enjoyed being with each other. Every event from the running of the Hospitality Room to the Banquet, the BBQ, and the Memorial Service was well managed thanks to Hugo Lopez, Red Boulden, Bob Colgrove, and Chuck Innis of the Ground Team and all the volunteers.

Special thanks are due John and Wanda Goodpaster for the PX, Don Shipley and Karen who set up the best Memorabilia Room ever, and to Karl and Carol Haartz and Allen Patrick for handling the Registration Room and several

"crises" so well.

Highlights of the week were the showing of the film "Commitment and Sacrifice" produced by Norman Lloyd and the round table sessions on PTSD led by Dr. George Patrick (Allen's brother) and Marjorie Swett (Ted's Daughter).

The film, which depicted the battle for Shaker's Hill in Cambodia in 1970 as well as the actions of the current battalion during its deployment to Iraq was well received. And, the sessions on PTSD were beneficial to us all. Certainly, we all know more about the ailment and options for responding to it than we did before.

All of us owe a special debt to Norman Lloyd for his enormous effort in putting the film together. It is an honest and true portrayal of soldiers doing their duty and caring for each other; and, it represents soldiers wherever and whenever they have been called upon to fight. It is a great film.

We are blessed to have among us many who work hard in our behalf and deserve recognition.

This year Don Quick and Will Mercer were honored at the Banquet with "Man of the Year" awards for 2005 and 2006 respectively. Additionally, we were all proud to honor Ted Swett, our President Emeritus, for his continuing contri-

butions to the welfare of our members and to our association. Ted was presented the 2006 President's Award. His remarks afterward were inspirational.

The Memorial Service held in the beautiful Air Force Academy Chapel touched all of us. Don Quick delivered a marvelous Homily, Willie Mercer stirred our souls with "America the Beautiful" and a Firing Squad from Fort Carson fired the best salute I remember ever hearing. The service ended with the playing of Taps and "Amazing Grace" hauntingly performed by a Piper as we filed from the Chapel.

The entire week was one to remember.

All best wishes to you and your families,

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Karl Haartz

AFTER-ACTION REPORT - REUNION VIII

With Reunion VIII now behind us I just want to say thank you to all that made it possible. This thank you is for all of you that attended. Without your support of the association we would not be able to do these reunions.

We had 240 plus troopers attend and seated 492 troopers, family members & guests at our banquet on Friday night. The whole week of the reunion was flawless and all had a great time.

Registration is getting better. One of our remaining challenges to make registration go more smoothly is the need to print name tags for people who don't register early. One solution is to hold on to your name tag and bring it to the next reunion. But after two years finding it could be a problem. We're also looking into a printing process that will allow you to make your own name tag in the registration office. I'll send more info on this as we get closer to the 2008 gathering.

Another big thank you goes to all of our raffle people and the people that donated items for the raffle. We are getting much better about conducting the raffle but were going to get even better for 2008. We want to

be able to start the DJ earlier so we're looking at all raffles being completed before the evening Bar-B-Q. We may save one or two big items but no more.

We had a dozen or so walk-ins. One of these was very special. Demencio "Scott" Ladesma, E Company 1969, bought a computer around the 29th of July. One of the first things he did was to Google 5/7. Needless to say Scott found us, the reunion info and was on his way.

Scott and his wife Eva live in Arizona, so they drove to Colorado Springs and met some old acquaintances and made a lot of new friends. They were not able to stay for the weekend, due to prior commitments but said they would be at the next reunion. Any of you other E Company guys want to contact Scott I will send you his address.

For those of you that could not attend we did have and still do have a couple of new items in the PX. One is a beautiful bronze belt buckle with the GarryOwen Crest, crossed sabers and the CIB. Once it is photographed we'll put it on our web site.

Also we have a new t-shirt that has 5th Battalion above the Garry Owen crest and 7th Cavalry below. It

is really sharp. We just had them in white at the reunion but a new order just went in and we've added ash, which is a light gray color. Contact John "Goody" Goodpaster as he still has a large variety of PX items, which are listed here in the newsletter.

Photo Time Line --- Last newsletter I mentioned trying to do a photo time line. My address never got published, but I did receive a few photos via e-mail. What I need are names, faces, & dates, LZ names along with the pictures. Don Shipley has started on this also. You can send your info and photos to the following address:

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5/7 CAV BANQUET, AUGUST 4, 2006

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I WOULD LIKE YOU TO THINK BACK WITH ME TO THE DAYS IN 1966 TO 1972, WHEN WE WERE SOLDIERS ONCE, AND YOUNG. I REMEMBER THOSE DAYS SO VERY WELL, ESPECIALLY WHEN WE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER AS WE ARE NOW. AND ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, I REMEMBER THEM EVERY DAY OF MY LIFE, AND I EXPECT YOU DO, TOO.

CAN YOU IMAGINE WHAT WOULD HAVE GONE THROUGH YOUR MIND IN THOSE UNFORGETTABLE DAYS IF ONE OF YOUR BUDDIES HAD TOLD YOU THAT 35 OR 40 YEARS LATER YOU WOULD BE IN COLORADO SPRINGS CELEBRATING THE EIGHTH REUNION OF THOSE WHO FOUGHT TOGETHER IN VIETNAM AS MEMBERS OF THE FIFTH BATTALION OF THE SEVENTH CAVALRY?

YES, WE WERE SOLDIERS ONCE ... AND YOUNG. EVEN I WAS YOUNG THEN, AND LOOK AT ME NOW! YOU WERE YOUNG THEN, AND NOW MANY OF YOU ARE IN YOUR SIXTIES AND APPROACHING YOUR SEVENTIES. DOES THAT SCARE YOU JUST A LITTLE BIT --- OR MAYBE A LOT? LET ME TELL YOU HOW BOB HOPE DEALT WITH THIS. HE SAID, "ON TURNING 70, YOU CAN STILL CHASE WOMEN BUT ONLY DOWN HILL. ON TURNING 80, THAT'S THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE WHEN EVEN YOUR BIRTHDAY SUIT NEEDS PRESSING. ON TURNING 90, YOU KNOW YOU ARE GETTING OLD WHEN THE CANDLES COST MORE THAN THE CAKE."

WELL, GOD WILLING, WE ALL HAVE A WAY TO GO. LET ME OFFER A SUGGESTION OR TWO.

AS THE YEARS CLIMB ONTO US WE FIND OURSELVES SLOWING DOWN, DON'T WE! THINGS START TO HURT A BIT. VISITS TO DOCTORS ARE MORE FREQUENT. WE DISCOVER PHYSICAL THERAPY. WE SUDDENLY REALIZE THAT PILL MANAGEMENT IS A CHALLENGE. THE PAINS STILL SEEM TO BE WITH US. THEY MAY EVEN INCREASE. WE MAY EVEN GET DISCOURAGED, AND SOME OF THIS MAY BE DIRECTLY RELATED TO OUR VIETNAM EXPERIENCE. SO WHAT DO WE DO?

YESTERDAY, AND THIS AFTERNOON, MANY OF US DISCUSSED THIS SITUATION DURING OUR PTSD SYMPOSIUM DISCUSSIONS. AND I KNOW IT WAS AN EYE-OPENER FOR US. I HAVE ANOTHER THOUGHT. EVEN THOUGH YOU MAY FEEL LOUSY, SET GOALS FOR YOURSELF! THIS HAS WORKED FOR ME. A YEAR OR SO AGO, I WASN'T FEELING VERY WELL. I DIDN'T WANT TO GO ANYWHERE BUT I BEGAN TO THINK ABOUT MY 5/7 CAV BUDDIES AND SET A GOAL FOR MYSELF. I WAS GOING TO BE WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON ON VETERANS DAY. THAT WORKED OUT JUST FINE. MY NEXT GOAL WAS TO LET NOTHING INTERFERE WITH MY JOINING YOU AT REUNION VIII. SO HERE I AM AND, AS ALWAYS, YOU TROOPERS MAKE ME FEEL GREAT. I EVEN HAVE THE PILLS UNDER CONTROL!

SPEAKING OF GOALS, I SUGGEST THAT ONE OF YOUR GOALS SHOULD BE TO CONTACT A VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER AND GET HELP BY HAVING AN EXPERT, (NOT YOU!!) WORK WITH YOU TO DEAL WITH REGISTERING FOR THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION BENEFITS THAT YOU EARNED SO MANY YEARS AGO.

THERE IS NO DENYING THAT, FROM OUR EARLY DAYS TOGETHER, WE MEMBERS OF THE SUCCESSIVE ECHELONS OF PROBABLY THE MOST DECORATED INFANTRY BATTALION IN THE VIETNAM WAR HAVE INDEED BECOME A BAND OF BROTHERS. (I WILL NEVER FORGET THE DAY THAT OUR DIVISION COMMANDER, MAJOR GENERAL JACK NORTON, VISITED US AFTER OUR THIRD TOUGH COMBAT ACTION, AND SAID TO ME, "COL SWETT, IN THE HISTORY OF THE U.S. ARMY, NO BATTALION HAS EVER MADE A FINER ENTRY INTO BATTLE THAN THE 5TH BATTALION OF THE SEVENTH CAVALRY.") AND THANKS TO THE INITIATIVES OF JASPER CATENZARO AND THE LATE BERNIE GRADY OUR UNIQUE AND AMAZINGLY VIBRANT ASSOCIATION WAS FORMED AT OUR FIRST REUNION 14 YEARS AGO.

THROUGH OUT THE FIVE YEARS OF COMBAT IN VIETNAM, THE MAJORITY OF OUR TROOPERS WERE DRAFTEES; TRULY PATRIOTIC CITIZEN SOLDIERS. COMMENCING IN 1966 AND 1967, EACH SUCCESSIVE ECHELON OF THE BATTALION SOMEHOW MANAGED TO PASS ON TO THOSE WHO FOLLOWED, THE SAME ESPRIT AND THE SAME CARING ABOUT EACH OTHER. DURING ITS FIVE YEARS IN ACTION OUR BATTALION FOUGHT GALLANTLY IN THE CENTRAL HIGHLANDS, HUE, KHESAN, THE ASHAU VALLEY AND CAMBODIA. HOW COULD WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED ALL OF THIS? ONLY WITH PATRIOTIC CITIZEN SOLDIERS LED BY TRULY PROFESSIONAL AND CARING NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS AND OFFICERS IN EACH ECHELON DURING THE BATTALION'S FIVE YEARS IN VIETNAM. AND NOT

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Update from Membership VP

RESTING AFTER REUNION VIII

Well it was another great one as always. It will be hard to follow or better; however we will manage as we always do. Thanks to everyone from everyone that attended to those that labored months before and during the reunion and put up and cleaned up after. Without each of you, no matter how much or how little you think you did, if you were there, you are the one that makes it all worth while.

I also want to thank all those that helped us put the memorabilia room in place. With all the pictures that were contributed we had one of the better setups for this reunion. I hope to be able to continue this practice in future reunions.

The pictures also helped us identify some of those we have not found yet. So if you have old pictures from your Nam days don't hesitate to send them in or bring them to the next reunion.

We were pretty successful this time in actually enlarging some of the photos. This helped us identify people. It also created some smiles when you realized what we used to look like back in those days.

Our Association was founded as a reunion association and to date we are the largest Vietnam Battalion Association in existence. This Battalion, as it always has been, is a very special group of people. At reunion VIII we were delighted to welcome a few of the new 5/7 Iraqi Veterans into our mist. I am sure they will be telling tales to those 5/7 Iraqi Veterans that could not attend for a long time to come. Next reunion we hope even more can attend, wherever it may be held at.

Ladies please accept our sincere apology that we were not able to take the company photos with you included. As I'm sure you observed we didn't have the required space to make everyone fit in. This association has, since its' beginning, held the ladies of the group in the highest standard. We greatly appreciate all each of you do for each of us and the association.

Veterans Day is coming fast, and as always we expect to have a large group in Washington DC to lay the wreath at the wall. The First Cavalry division has the Crystal City Hilton reserved, and many are staying there. However rooms are scarce on Saturday night at this writing. Phone 703-418-6800 and ask for 1st Cav rates \$113.00 per night plus tax.

Remember many DC buildings will observe Veterans Day on Friday as well as Saturday and Sunday. If you want to tour DC, arrive early in week.

Garry Owen
Don Shipley



Memorabilia Room, The Academy Hotel, Reunion VIII

Banquet Address

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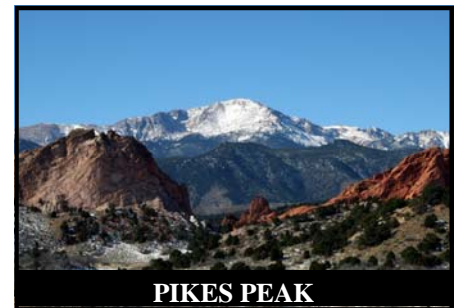
ONLY THAT, BUT ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT WAS THE LOVING SUPPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC FAMILIES, ESPECIALLY WIVES AND SWEETHEARTS LEFT BEHIND WHILE THEIR LOVED ONES FOUGHT THE WAR.

TROOPERS, WE SHARE DEEP PRIDE IN ALL THAT THE BATTALION HAS ACCOMPLISHED OVER THE YEARS; ESPECIALLY OUR FOUR MEDAL OF HONOR WINNERS. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE WITH US TODAY OUR OWN MIKE SPRAYBERRY, THE ONLY SURVIVOR AMONG THE FOUR. HE EPITOMISES THE HEROISM AND ESPIRIT OF THE TROOPERS OF THE 5TH BATTALION, 7TH CAVALRY. THANK YOU, MIKE.

I ALSO WANT TO THANK THREE VERY SPECIAL PEOPLE. NORMAN LLOYD HAS BECOME A TRUE MEMBER OF THIS BAND OF BROTHERS. HIS SUPERB DOCUMENTARY NOT ONLY DESCRIBES PERHAPS THE GREATEST SUCCESS OF ANY BATTALION IN THE VIETNAM WAR, BUT TIES THE OLD AND THE NEW 5/7 CAV TOGETHER AND FOCUSES ON THE TREMENDOUS LEADERSHIP IN THE CAMBODIAN CAMPAIGN BY OUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT, MAURY EDMONDS. THANKS, NORMAN AND MAURY.

WE ALL OWE A VOTE OF THANKS TO A GENTLEMAN WHO BECAME THE NUMBER ONE SOLDIER IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY, FORMER ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL JOHN WICKHAM. GENERAL, WE ALL ADMIRE YOU FOR YOUR DISTINGUISHED ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ESPECIALLY INCLUDING YOUR HEROIC BRAVERY AT LZ COLT. WE ARE PROUD THAT YOU ARE ONE OF US, JOHN.

IN CLOSING, TROOPERS, I WANT ALL OF YOU, INCLUDING YOUR WIVES AND KIDS, TO KNOW HOW PROUD I AM TO BE HERE WITH YOU. GOD WILLING, MAY WE ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN IN 2008!



PIKES PEAK

Have you changed your mailing address recently? Remember to send your change of address to: VP Operations, 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association, 713 Royal Bonnet Dr., Wilmington, NC 28405

TREASURER'S REPORT by Royce Vick

And a good time was had by all. I have not attended all of the reunions but based on your positive comments and your active participation, Reunion VIII set a standard for future reunions.

Our reunion revenues did not cover all our expenses but with the great preparation and work by Goody and Wanda the proceeds from PX sales reduced our reunion deficit substantially. Each of us owes them our personal thanks for a job well done.

Contributing to our reunion expenses were the cost of buses for the Memorial service, the audio visual equipment used for the banquet and Bar-B-Q and the cost the extra bus that was not utilized for the Cripple Creek trip. This occurred because many more persons signed up for the trip than actually participated.

Don Shipley printed membership cards and all who paid dues at the reunion received a card. As future dues are paid, each member will be sent the membership card.

All of the employees of the Academy Hotel were most accommodating. During my business career I don't recall working with a group that was so willing to do whatever needed to be done.

I was told long ago to not start listing names or someone would be overlooked so to everyone that was a worker or attendee I thank you for your work, patience and just being present.

In closing I thank each of you for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer for the current term.

**Garry Owen,
Royce**

Association Financials

BALANCE MARCH 31, 2006	\$ 32,542
INCOME	
Interest Income	\$ 13
Donations	950
NET PX SALES/OTHER INC	20,372
Dues Paid at Reunion	3,050
Dues Paid since 3/31/06	1,580
REUNION FEES	17,520
TOTAL INCOME 3/31 - 8/31	\$ 43,485
EXPENSES	
Reunion Expenses	\$ (46,320)
PX Expenses	(8,926)
Refund 3 Reservations	(360)
Conklyn's Florist Memorial Wreath	(211)
Heckley Printing - March Air Mobile	(451)
Postage Stamps	(39)
TOTAL EXPENSES 3/31 -8/31/06	\$ (56,307)
BALANCE 8/31/06	\$ 19,720

REUNION VIII FINANCIALS

REUNION REVENUE	
Reunion Registration Fees	\$26,430
Donations	950
Raffle Proceeds	3,686
Cripple Creek Bus Refund	660
Commitment and Sacrifice Rebate	1,010
Hospitality	1,595
TOTAL REUNION INCOME	\$ 34,331

REVENUE OVER/(UNDER) EXPENSES *	\$ (11,989)
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* Excludes PX Sales; Including Net PX Sales Reunion deficit is reduced to	\$ (543)
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REUNION EXPENSES	
Pre-Paid Deposit	\$2,500
Registration Gifts	\$ (7,198)
Pizza Night	(902)
Banquet and Audio/Visual Equip	(14,985)
Western Style Buffet	(9,378)
Hospitality Food	(5,052)
Hospitality Bar Supplies	(1,503)
Banners/Supplies Registration	(1,851)
Memorial Service Buses	(3,780)
Golf Carts Memorial Service	(100)
Cripple Creek Buses	(990)
Reunion VIII Awards	(353)
Disc Jockey	(695)
Bag Piper	(150)
Memorabilia Room Supplies	(829)
Gift cards and hotel staff tips	(625)
Raffle Prizes and raffle tickets	(427)
TOTAL REUNION EXPENSES	\$ (46,320)



Norman Lloyd's "Commitment and Sacrifice" DVD is now available in the 5/7 Cav PX. The price is \$20. Please send your orders to John "Goody" Goodpaster. See page 5 for Goody's address.

5/7Cav 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
Garry Owen Canvas Tote Bag -- Great Xmas Gift	7.50
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
Irish Green Golf Shirt with Embroidered Garry Owen Crest. Black Cav 5/7 Lettering under Crest. Quality Jerzee Brand. M, L, XL, XXL	25
New Adult T-Shirt with large Carry Owen Crest screen print on front. M, L, XL	10
New Child's T-Shirt w/silk screen 1st Cav patch on left chest & "Cav Kid" lettering under patch. Sizes: 2-4, 4-6, 6-8, 10-12, 14-16.	9
"Commitment and Sacrifice" DVD. This documentary film follows the experiences of troopers from Bravo Company of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry regiment during the Vietnam War (1970) and the Iraq War (2005), through the lens of combat cameraman Norman Lloyd.	20

PLEASE ALLOW THREE WEEKS ON SHIRT DELIVERY.

PLEASE INCLUDE \$2.00 POSTAGE ON HATS & SMALL ITEM ORDERS AND \$3.00 ON ALL SHIRT AND BEAR ORDERS.

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Dues Paid Since Last Report

Last	First	Dues	Last	First	Dues
Albright Jr	Otto L	\$50.00	Hoatland	Robert A	\$50.00
Allen	Paul D	\$30.00	Holloway	Gregory	\$40.00
Angulo	Esteban	\$20.00	Jamison	Edward	\$20.00
Ballo	Peter	\$20.00	Jenkins	Rinzo	\$30.00
Barrow	Royce P	\$50.00	Jennings	Robert	\$30.00
Belt	Richard	\$50.00	Judy	Raymond	\$100.00
Bielski	Dave	\$20.00	Judy	Raymond A	\$30.00
Bland	Dave	\$20.00	Klein	George F	\$40.00
Brueggemann	Charles	\$20.00	Koehler	George R	\$40.00
Bunton	Charles	\$30.00	Kruetzkamp	John	\$40.00
Carfora	Stephen J	\$40.00	Ladesma	Demencio	\$20.00
Cargile	Eugene D	\$20.00	LaDuke	John	\$60.00
Catanzaro	Jasper	\$30.00	Larson	David R	\$120.00
Caudil	Bealer V	\$40.00	Lary	John M	\$20.00
Chaffin	David W	\$10.00	Lasher	Vernon	\$30.00
Colgrove	Robert	\$10.00	Lewis	Bob	\$50.00
Cordi	Chris	\$20.00	Lewis	Michael	\$50.00
Cramer	Gary E	\$20.00	Logterman	Ronald	\$20.00
Cronin	Robert D	\$20.00	Long	John M	\$20.00
Cuney	Bruce	\$30.00	Lopez	Hugo	\$20.00
Curry	George W	\$50.00	Lumbard	Gary	\$50.00
Dannewitz	Harold	\$50.00	Mack	Bob	\$50.00
Daves	Herman S	\$20.00	Marcano	Orlando	\$20.00
Dickess	Dennis E	\$100.00	Matulac	Roberto	\$100.00
Dilts	Daniel C	\$50.00	Mayer	David W	\$50.00
Dockery	Patrick	\$20.00	McBride	Norman L	\$40.00
Dollard	Mike	\$50.00	McClellan	James M	\$50.00
Downard	Charles	\$40.00	Mercer	Will	\$40.00
Duttera Jr.	John F	\$30.00	Meskimen	Clarence A	\$30.00
Dzikas Jr	Joseph	\$20.00	Meyer	Neil	\$20.00
Erlenbach	Eldon	\$60.00	Middlesworth	Steve	\$50.00
Erxleben	Gary	\$30.00	Miller	Larry	\$100.00
Espanda	Reinaldo	\$60.00	Mitchell	Michael	\$70.00
Failing	Russell K	\$40.00	Olson	Arthur J	\$40.00
Farrington	Robert	\$30.00	Olson	Roger G	\$20.00
Fortuna	Gerald P	\$30.00	Perry	Ed	\$30.00
Fox	Patrick	\$40.00	Pope	John W	\$20.00
Garrett	Jerry	\$20.00	Porod	George F	\$50.00
Garrett	Vernon	\$20.00	Powell	Harold P	\$10.00
Garza	Ricardo	\$20.00	Powell	Melvin	\$80.00
Gonzales	Richard	\$40.00	Prince II	Howard T	\$30.00
Gordon	Mike	\$10.00	Prokop	Kenneth	\$20.00
Gore	Willie L	\$50.00	Purdy	William	\$20.00
Goulet	Moe	\$20.00	Putback	Walter	\$20.00
Haddock	Charles	\$20.00	Quick	Donald	\$20.00
Handley	Mike	\$40.00	Rendon	Frank	\$20.00
Heckley	Bill	\$40.00	Renoux	Edward	\$20.00
Henning	Rodney	\$40.00	Richmond	Ronald	\$50.00
Hernandez	Andrew	\$40.00	Rolfs	W Bradley	\$20.00

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LETTERS

Dear Garry Owen Family,

The reunion at Colorado Springs was wonderful. We enjoyed reuniting with old friends as well as making new friends.

Thanks to everyone who shopped at the PX. Your patronage was invaluable in supporting our association with approximately \$12,500 in sales. The PX was a great place to shop, hold conversations, gather information, and share smiles.

Thanks to all those who volunteered in the PX. We could not have maintained or endured without each of you. A special thanks to Reinaldo Espada. Ray was not only generous with his time but, more importantly, generous with his spirit of helpfulness.

Thanks to special friends Carol, Mary, Lynette, Cecilia and Sigi. When we received bad news from home, they were present with encouragement and prayers. That is what family does.

Thanks for making us part of this family.

John and Wanda Goodpaster

Thank You PX volunteers:

Ray Espada

Don and Lainie Phares

Tom and Dora Whittemore

Jeanie Bieliski

Elaine Allen

Phil and Lynette Sierer

Daniel Caudill and Mike

Delores Zimmerman

Mary Valadez

Carol Haartz

Ginger Dannewitz

Dear Jasper,

It is with a much lighter heart that I send this reply to you. From the moment I walked into the reunion I knew that this was truly going to be a wonderful experience. I had hopes of finding out about my dad and locating Chuck as well. I had no idea what truly was in store for me. No, I did not locate Chuck as of yet. My journey towards this endeavor will continue. But what I did receive is so much greater than what I ever expected.

The men and families of the 5/7 are truly some of the most wonderful people I have ever met. I was welcomed with open arms even though they didn't know me from Adam. All, whether they knew Dad or not, were more than glad to try to be of assistance with any information that I requested. Some even hunted me down and ran me around to anyone they thought may have information. To all of these wonderful people I will be eternally grateful. I met men who trained Dad, men who trained with Dad, and men whom my Dad helped train. But of greater importance, I met men whose eyes brimmed with tears when they spoke of the man they knew, and men who allowed the tears to spill from their eyes, not for the man they knew but for the "little girl lost." I truly felt as though I was coming home as well. I hope to be able to make it to additional reunions, but if that is not to be, I will remember the names and faces of those that I met and will hold all of the 5/7 within my heart.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to spend time with these wonderful men and their families. I will never forget how they put forth all of their effort to assist this "little girl lost" and help bring peace into my journey. I brought home a roster for B Company and will be sending e-mails out to some of these families as I wish to let them know how much I appreciated their time and efforts. I would like to keep in touch now that I have found them. May God bless and hold all of you - just as I was held within the arms of these families. And as the 5/7 say - Garry Owen!

Rebecca Mendenhall-Krings

Thanks to the association for a great job. Pam and I had a fantastic time. Met up with several folks I served with including a guy on Shakey's Hill (Alpha Company side) who was right next to me that day.

Jack Monahan A-70

It was **WONDERFUL!**

Take care - et

I had a great time at reunion, met a lot of new people and got a few more dots connected. Hope everyone else did to. I never realized I had a platoon sgt. totally forgot and it was good to meet him, one of the dots I got connected. It was thanks to Dan Click for that dot connection, he was a good friend with Bob Cronin, hopefully he will get in touch with Frank "Bump" Elliott since they are only about 35 miles apart.

Take care,

Laddie "Truck" Hunt

I enjoyed the reunion last week, and meeting some old contacts/friends and renewing those friendships. It left a very indelible impression on me. Also meeting you in person. What a task you have given yourself, as you didn't have much personal contact time, other than sign-in, by my perspective.

Does anybody know of a "Ed Watson" from HHC, 68 era???????

Chuck Ekberg

Karl --- Great job with the reunion. We had a terrific time.

Would you be kind enough to add my email to your list?

Thanks, Pat Jillard

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Last	First	Dues
Roper	Columbus	\$50.00
Rosdahl	Roger	\$30.00
Sanchez	Joe	\$60.00
Sauter	Edwin C	\$20.00
Shear	Steve	\$10.00
Sierer	Philip	\$50.00
Silvernagel	Myron D	\$20.00
Sinn	Charles D	\$40.00
Skipper	Charles	\$30.00
Smith	Donald	\$20.00
Smith	Donald B	\$20.00
Smith	Larry	\$20.00
Solenberger	Tom	\$30.00
Soll	Keith	\$40.00
Sprayberry	James M	\$20.00
Starr	Richard T	\$20.00
Stephens	Craig	\$20.00
Stephens	Craig	\$20.00
Thomas	Henry	\$20.00
TidBall	Dennis	\$60.00
Tisdale	Charles M	\$60.00
Valadez	Frank	\$20.00
VanCamp	Robert M	\$60.00
Vaught	James	\$40.00
Vculek	Albert	\$20.00
Vick	Royce A	\$20.00
Walker	Michael	\$20.00
Westmorlan	H B	\$30.00
Whittemore	Tommie R	\$20.00
Wickham Jr	John A	\$50.00
Williams	Larry (Joe)	\$10.00
Woodrum	Billy W	\$40.00
Zepada	John	\$10.00
Zimmerman	Walt	\$30.00

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