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## News of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Maury Edmonds

Greetings to you all. I hope you're looking forward to Spring and all the opportunities we will have to get together over the rest of the year. It seems like no time since we met in Colorado Springs for Reunion VIII. Yet, not only can we anticipate Reunion IX in Jacksonville the first week in July, there are other events to look forward to as well.

The 5/7<sup>th</sup> Cav returns from Iraq in early April, with an awards ceremony tentatively planned for late May. We will be welcome at any of those events. The Squadron will let us know details as they are decided. You can catch up on the Squadron's operations in Iraq in LTC Wheeler's article. Needless to say, their performance continues to be outstanding and we can be very proud of them. We hope to see a number of them in Jacksonville in July.

As usual, we will participate in the Wreath Laying Ceremony at The Wall in Washington on Memorial Day and I hope to see those of you who are close by and can attend. We usually gather near the Park Service Gazebo between the Wall and the Lincoln Memorial about 11:30 am.

These ceremonies which honor those we lost in battle are important; and, they are done with great dignity. If any of you have never visited The Wall, I encourage you to do so. You will find it to be a moving experience with great personal meaning. I guarantee you will be glad that you did.

Norman Lloyd continues to bring credit to us all through his efforts to use his documentary "Shakey's Hill" / "Commitment & Sacrifice" as a tool in the recovery and rehabilitation of combat veterans and their families. The film continues to be screened under the auspices of the World Affairs Council, most recently in San Francisco. Thanks, Norman, for all that you do.

Finally, please make your Reunion reservation with the Association and, sepa-

rately, with the hotel if you have not done so already. It's going to be a great experience and you don't want to miss it. Enjoying the company of your old buddies and their families is what it's all about.

Take care of yourselves. See you in Jacksonville.



### PTSD Survey

In our 2006 Colorado Springs reunion we conducted a PTSD conference with two trained specialists plus representatives of the VA. Many of our members and their spouses participated in the conference.

The question has been asked should we conduct a similar conference in our Jacksonville reunion?

We want to hear back from our members. Do you want to have another PTSD conference or not? Your input is important.

You can let us know your preference by sending an e-mail to the following address: [editor@cav57.org](mailto:editor@cav57.org). Please indicate YES or NO in your message.

If you don't have access to e-mail you can send a post card or letter to the following address:

**5th Bn 7th Cav Association  
713 Royal Bonnet Dr.  
Wilmington, NC 28405**

For those who have yet to send in their registration forms there is a PTSD Conference section on the form. Please check the YES or NO box with your preference.

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### Reunion News

Reunion IX is getting closer. In approximately three months we'll all gather for another great reunion.

Already the hotel bookings are up to where we were in Colorado Springs. Don't get left out; make your reservations soon. The phone number to call is 1-800-962-9786. Remember to tell them you are part of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association.

Also please fill out the enclosed registration form and send it with your reunion fees to Royce Vick our Treasurer. Here's Royce's mailing address:

**Royce Vick, 5/7 Cavalry Association  
Treasurer, 3724 Shelby Dr., Ft. Worth, TX  
76109**

When filling out your registration form make sure you check out the enclosed Events Schedule. We have planned some great optional outings for this reunion: a dinner cruise on the St. John's river for Tuesday evening, Golf on Wednesday morning, and a tour of historic St. Augustine on Thursday. Plus there will be free shuttle buses to take you downtown Jacksonville on Thursday evening.

Since our last newsletter we've made some changes to the events schedule. Thanks to our Ground Team leader, Charlie Baker, we now have a nearby church to conduct our Memorial Service on Saturday morning. The church is only one and one half miles from the hotel entrance so getting there and back will be a breeze. We will have shuttle buses for transportation and we're also going to ask those who can to help shuttle people in their private vehicles.

**Raffle Prizes:** If you have some neat raffle prizes bring them to the reunion. The association will be donating some of the grand prizes but your contributions help make the raffle the success that it has been in the past.

**See you in Jacksonville!!!**

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# Vice President's Report

**STILL WINTER,** Having gone from "Almost Winter" to "winter" and now the "still winter season" it feels as the reunion season is really going to be nice. In just a few short months we will all be in sunny Jacksonville, Florida, telling stories, sitting by the pool, with the best company in the world. Our 5/7 Band of Brothers, families & friends, that make up the best battalion size association ever.

Reunion IX is just around the corner and I will be making a few more corners before I get there. Again this spring or I should say in the month of May I will be touring around the United States on my motorcycle. Tentatively I will be leaving New Hampshire on May 5<sup>th</sup>, making a three day ride to Georgia where I will join with Eddie Ratcliffe to make a run to California. In California we join with approximately 500 other veterans on bikes to ride the **Run For The Wall** for MIA and POW awareness.

This leg on my journey will start on May 14<sup>th</sup> in Rancho Cucamonga, CA and end May 25<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC. There will be many stops along the way where I hope that some of our members will come and join us and say HEY. The evening stops are in the following cities: Williams, AZ; Church Rock, NM; Eagle Nest, NM; Limon, CO; Junction City, KS; Wentzville, MO; Corydon, IN; Hurricane, WV; Lewisburg, WV; and Washington, DC.

If you are anywhere near the Run please come by; we would like to meet as many of the 5/7 members as we can. I don't have a firm number on how many 5/7 riders there will be leaving California, but I do believe there are six or more.

When I decided to do the run a year ago it was going to be a one-time mission. I was told it was a ride of a lifetime. Little did I know that I would have a second lifetime. At the evening stop there is a ceremony everyday and you are all welcome to join us. Around the first of May the complete itinerary will be posted at the **Run For The Wall** web site: [www.rftw.org](http://www.rftw.org).

**NEW TOPIC: DUES** – It was brought to my attention by one of our members that he was a life member, but his mailing label read 92. He said he paid for life-membership in Detroit and wanted to know why his dues read 92. In our by-laws Article 4, section 1 states: "An initiation fee of ten dollars (\$10) is required to become a voting member". This is what we have called life membership. Article 4, Section 2 states: "Yearly dues in the amount of ten dollars (\$10) will be collected from members". Dues are collectable yearly, beginning in January of each year. Although these yearly dues should be paid if possible, non-payment does not constitute the dropping of membership, if the initiation fee has been paid.

The yearly fee needs to be paid by only one member of the family. If a member is deceased, his widow is expected to pay the yearly dues (if possible) to receive the "Airmobile" newsletter and participate in association activities. The treasurer will accept dues in advance and dues that are in arrears. The association also accepts donations to help defray the costs of operations.

**Internet** – We now have 360+, 5/7 members that are on line and receiving my updates every couple of weeks or so. We are 100% volunteer organization, unlike some of the other organizations I belong to, in the 5/7 association everyone pays. Through the Internet I get many communications and information inquiries. Most of these I try to get into the newsletter but sometimes it may take a couple of newsletters for space to be available. At present we have 2 of our members who I think are doing very important projects and need your help. Check out the LETTERS section of the newsletter to see their projects.



GARRY OWEN  
'Krazy' Karl

## SHAKEY'S HILL and COMMITMENT AND SACRIFICE

DVD's of "Commitment and Sacrifice" and "Shakey's Hill" are now available at a special price of \$12.00 per DVD to 5/7 CAV Members, with a minimum order of two DVD's. These orders will also be shipped free of charge to you. This price will make the films more affordable for everyone and can make a great gift for family and friends. Payment is by check only.

Send your order and check for payment to:

Norman Lloyd  
P.O. Box 544  
Ross, CA 94957



NOTE: "Krazy" Karl has a new mailing address and a new e-mail address

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New e-mail : [Cav571vpkk@roadrunner.com](mailto:Cav571vpkk@roadrunner.com).



# 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry

## SITUATION REPORT



### Squadron Commander's UPDATE:

Greetings to all fellow Troopers from Iraq! Back in December's issue I was lamenting that we were at the 11-month mark of our deployment and still facing a ways to go. Well, we got an extra special surprise for Christmas. On Christmas Eve I was informed that the Squadron had again been reassigned and we would be moving again. After a very successful stint with the Marines in Fallujah, the 3d Infantry Division, operating south of Baghdad, was looking for a little help and they knew who to call. In early January we packed-up and moved the whole unit to a major base south of Baghdad and were assigned to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Brigade Combat Team of the 3ID, our third operational headquarters of this long ride. As part of a corps-wide offensive to clear insurgent hideouts north and south of Baghdad, we were assigned a mission to clear another swath of territory that had been without significant Coalition presence and was being utilized by Al Qaeda as a staging area for attacks into Baghdad. I am proud to report that the squadron only added to the exemplary reputation we've built over the past year.



Col Richard Simcock, Commander of Marine Regimental Combat Team 6, addresses the boys prior to our move



Soldiers from Apache Troop clear the way into Sayafiyah, Iraq

On January 22 we kicked-off offensive operations to clear our new area of insurgents and relieve an enclave of villages that had been fighting against Al Qaeda. For the first time in many months, all three cavalry troops were collocated and operating together. B Troop led the way by occupying and clearing what would become our new patrol base, a massive 500-man capacity facility built entirely by Army Engineers in a farmer's field. While Bandit provided local security, C Troop led the way in clearing the major route into the village of Sayafiyah. Assisted by A Troop, we reached our objective and accomplished all our assigned tasks within two weeks, a full month ahead of schedule! What our troopers were able to accomplish has been truly amazing, and I could not be more proud of our young men and women. We had a few guys get banged-up a bit, but casualties were very light and the mission much more successful than we could have hoped for.

Now that we have the new area of operations under control, we are turning our attention to preparation for redeployment. The staff is working furiously to put the finishing touches on the plans that will take us home and rejoin us to our parent unit, 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, and our families. We expect to arrive back at Ft. Stewart during the first week of April, and after a couple of weeks of reintegration we will take a well-deserved break...block leave for a month! We plan to host a couple of events once we return; a memorial service for our Fallen Troopers, a family "welcome home" picnic, and an awards ceremony. We'll be sure to inform the Association of these events and I welcome you all to attend them if you can. It will be great to see our friends and sponsors from the Association again.



Colonel John Charlton, Commander of the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Combat Team, awards the Bronze Star with Valor to SGT Daniel Caryk from A Troop

Speaking of seeing some of you, we are looking forward to the Association Reunion in Jacksonville in June-July. I have had my reservations since August and am looking forward to a few days off and a great time. We have quite a number of Troopers who will attend and I anticipate a great bonding experience with our fellow veterans. This event will be extra special for me as it will be my swan song with 5/7 Cavalry. My time as the Squadron Commander will come to an end in June, sadly. The details of the change of command ceremony are still being hammered out, but I know that we'll have solid participation from the Association as we've had for every major event since I took command almost two years ago. We'll be sure to pass on the details as soon as they are available.

There is no way we could have made it through this long slog without the support of all the members of the Association, especially the sponsors. I know I say it in every newsletter, but you folks are great and make me proud to say that I am a 5/7 CAV Trooper and a member of the 5/7 Cavalry Veterans Association. We look forward to our homecoming and renewing our close ties to the greatest Veterans organization out there. GarryOwen!



## Jacksonville Reunion Event Schedule \*\*

DAY/DATE	EVENT **	Comments
<b>SUNDAY, June 29</b>		
06:00 to 10:00	Hotel serves breakfast in Bistro 202 restaurant	
Set-up day	Early arrivals can choose from numerous sites and events to visit in Jacksonville area; reunion ground team will begin setup	
<b>MONDAY, June 30</b>		
05:30 to 01:00	Hospitality Room Open	Mayport Room
06:30 to 09:30	Continental Breakfast served in Hospitality Room	Coffee, tea, fresh fruit and rolls
08:00 to 11:30 hrs and 13:00 to 17:00	Registration Room Open	Julington Room
08:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 17:00	PX Open	San Marco Room
08:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 17:00 hrs and 18:00 to 21:00	Memorabilia Room Open	Mandarin Room
11:30 to 12:30	Deli lunch served in Hospitality Room	Mayport Room
No event scheduled this day	Early arrivals can choose from numerous sites and events to visit in Jacksonville area	Check out Convention Bureau Guide for interesting things to do and see in the Jacksonville area
24:00	Last Call in Hospitality Room	Mayport Room
<b>TUESDAY, July 1</b>		
05:30 to 01:00	Hospitality Room Open	Mayport Room
06:30 to 09:30	Continental Breakfast served in Hospitality Room	Coffee, tea, fresh fruit and rolls
08:00 to 11:30 and 13:00 to 17:00	Registration Open	Julington Room
08:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 17:00	PX Open	San Marco Room
08:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 17:00 and 18:00 to 21:00	Memorabilia Room Open	Mandarin Room
11:30 to 12:30	Deli lunch served in Hospitality Room	Mayport Room
17:45	Meet in Lobby for Optional St. Johns River Dinner Cruise Outing.	Tickets for Dinner Cruise will be sold in Registration Office (\$53/person) .
18:00	Depart Hotel by POV	
18:30	Cruise Departs	Dinner Cruise on the Lady St. John's Paddleboat; three course dinner and DJ on board
21:00	Cruise Returns to Dockside	Return to hotel by POV
24.00	Last Call in Hospitality Room	Mayport Room
<b>WEDNESDAY, July 2</b>		
05:30 to 01:00	Hospitality Room Open	Mayport Room
06:30 to 09:30	Continental Breakfast served in Hospitality Room	Coffee, tea, fresh fruit and rolls
07:30 to 14:30	Golf Outing at TBD Golf Course	All those who plan to play need to assemble in the lobby at 07:00 hrs. (Members, family & guests welcome)
08:00 to 11:30 and 13:00 to 17:00	Registration Open	Julington Room
08:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 17:00	PX Open	San Marco Room
08:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 17:00 and 18:00 to 21:00	Memorabilia Room Open	Mandarin Room
11:30 to 12:30	Deli lunch served in Hospitality Room	Mayport Room
Open Time	Afternoon schedule is open	Check out Convention Bureau Guide for Interesting Things To Do and See in the Jacksonville Area
18:00	Free Pizza Night in the Hospitality Room	Mayport Room --- Raffles will begin
24:00	Last Call in Hospitality Room	Mayport Room
<b>THURSDAY, July 3</b>		
05:30 to 01:00	Hospitality Room Open	Mayport Room
06:30 to 09:30	Continental Breakfast served in Hospitality Room	Coffee, tea, fresh fruit and rolls
09:45 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 17:00	Registration Open	Julington Room
09:45 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:00	PX Open	San Marco Room
09:45 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:00 and 18:00 to 21:00	Memorabilia Room Open	Mandarin Room
07:30 to 8:30	Association Board Meeting (all elected positions)	Riverside Boardroom
08:00 to 9:30	Battalion Meeting	Florida Room
09:45	Meet in Lobby for Optional St. Augustine Historic Tour Outing (09:45 - 16:00)	Tickets for St. Augustine Historic Tour will be sold in Registration Office (\$47/person) .

## Jacksonville Reunion Event Schedule \*\*

DAY/DATE	EVENT **	Comments
10:00	Depart Hotel on Buses for St. Agustine Historic Tour	
10:45 - 12:45	Guided Tour of St. Augustine Historic Area	Expert regional guides & admission to all attractions being toured
12:45 Lunch Break	Lunch Break in St Augustine	Lunch paid by individuals on tour
15:15 - 16:00	Depart St. Augustine for Hotel	
12:30 to 13:30	Deli lunch served in Hospitality Room	Mayport Room
Afternoon	Free Time for those not taking St Augustine tour	
18:00 - 20:00	Free Shuttle Buses to Jacksonville Landing	Visit Jacksonville's popular restuarants on the river front; buses stop running at 20:00 hrs
24:00	Last Call in Hospitality Room	Mayport Room
<b>FRIDAY, July 4</b>		
05:30 to 01:00	Hospitality Room Open	Mayport Room
06:30 to 09:30	Continental Breakfast served in Hospitality Room	Coffee, tea, fresh fruit and rolls
10:30 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 17:00	Registration Open	Julington Room
10:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:00	PX Open	San Marco Room
10:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:00 and 18:00 to 21:00	Memorabilia Room Open	Mandarin Room
08:30 to 09:00	Association Officers Meeting	Riverside Boardroom
09:30 to 10:30	Battalion Meeting	Florida Room
12:30 to 13:30	Deli lunch served in Hospitality Room	Mayport Room
13:30 TO 17:00	Free Time	.
17:00 to 19:00	Company Photographs in Florida Room	Each company to designate its camera person
17:00 to 22:00	Cash Bars Open	Ball Room Lobby and Ballroom
17:00 to 22:00	Battalion Banquet	Main Ballroom
24:00	Last Call in Hospitality Room	Mayport Room
<b>SATURDAY, July 5</b>		
05:30 to 01:00	Hospitality Room Open	Mayport Room
06:30 to 09:30	Continental Breakfast served in Hospitality Room	Coffee, tea, fresh fruit and rolls
11:30 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 17:00	Registration Open	Julington Room
11:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:00	PX Open (Last Day Closes at 5 PM)	San Marco Room
11:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:00	Memorabilia Room Open (Last Day Closes at 5 PM)	Mandarin Room
08:30 to 09:00	Board Shuttle Buses and POVs to Memorial Service Church Site. Two buses will make multiple runs.	Church is only 1.5 miles from hotel. Use of POVs is encouraged. There is plenty of parking.
09:00 to 11:30	Battalion Memorial Service	Southpoint Community Church
11:30 to 12:00	Return to hotel via shuttle buses and POVs	
12:30 to 13:30	Deli lunch served in Hospitality Room	Located in Mayport Room
13:30 to 17:00	Free Time	
17:00 to 22:00	Cash Bars Open	Ball Room Lobby and Ballroom
17:00 to 22:00	Battalion Bar-B-Q	Main Ballroom
22:00 hrs to 24:00	Dancing and Entertainment with local DJ	Main Ballroom
24:00	Last Call in Hospitality Room	Located in Mayport Room

\*\* Up-to-date Event schedules will be published daily and posted on the bulletin boards in the Lobby, Hospitality Room and Registration Office

# 5/7Cav PX

## MEMBERSHIP VP's REPORT by Don Shipley

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
Reg. Garry Owen Crest Pin	3
Miniature CIB pin	3
AnKhe Hat pin	3
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
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	27
Irish Green Golf Shirt with Embroidered Garry Owen Crest. Black Cav 5/7 Lettering under Crest. Quality Jerzee Brand, M, L, XL, XXL	20
New Adult T-Shirt with large Carry Owen Crest screen print on front. M, L, XL, 2X, 3X; Colors: white & ash (light gray)	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.	12

**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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Reunion IX is only a bit away and for those that have never been and are wondering what to expect. Look in the mirror; forty years ago, give or take a couple, the guys you shared C Rations with will be in Florida this summer. The same guys you crowded into a hole the night the shells got really close. The guy that unwrapped a candy bar to use the tin foil to stop the air sucking in your chest, then ate the candy while he held the wrapper in place waiting for the medic. Like you, they have aged a bit, but just like you they are looking for the guys they lived with and shared with all those years ago.

Our 5/7 reunion is where you will meet those guys you were with in the jungles and rice paddies of Southeast Asia and those that came before or after you. Ever wanted to thank that guy that relieved you so you could come home? He will be at the reunion, just like the guy you replaced.

There will be guys that were the first 5/7 to set foot in Nam to the last one out. At this reunion there will be some young men that have been to Iraq and back. They drove into the fire fights not jumped from a chopper into fifteen foot tall elephant grass firing on full auto and changing mags on the way down.

Ever wondered where that 5/7 flag is today, It's being protected in Iraq by the men of the new 5/7 some of which will be at the reunion.

It is last minute as normal for many and the Hotel is filling to capacity. Bill Litvjak says he will have the BEER COLD when you get there. Get those reservations in quickly. See you in the memorabilia room in Jacksonville!!

### GarryOwen, Don

#### LETTERS/PROJECTS

My name is Larry Allen. I am making a Memorial DVD about our fallen comrades for the Reunion and need help. I just heard that it may be used at the Memorial Service. I need a copy of any picture you may have of a 5/7 Trooper who didn't come home and if you can record or write down a remembrance, that will be in the presentation also. Karl has posted this in the online newsletter twice and each time I received some pictures. Thanks to all who sent them but there are not very many.

I'd like to pass along a couple of suggestions to make the pictures easier to work with. If you have the picture copied at Wal-Mart or a drug store please send me the paper copy. That saves me the time and expense of printing it before I scan it. Those places don't give enough resolution to blow the picture up. If you take it to a camera store ask them to scan it at the highest resolution possible. If you scan it please scan them at 600dpi or higher. At that resolution the emailed file works well. Remembrances should be short, 30 seconds or so. If you want to send longer I'll give them to whatever archives we have. There were 378 KIAs from Viet Nam and I believe seven from Iraq so having long comments will make it last too long.

Thank you all who have sent pictures and in advance to those who will.

**Garry Owen**

**Larry Allen, 1941 Holiday Drive, Sandwich, IL 60548 [larcanoe@comcast.net](mailto:larcanoe@comcast.net)**

Mr. Haartz,

Herman Woods (A Co, 1970) was my uncle from my mother's second marriage. He recently passed away and I was trying to find out about his military career in Vietnam. Specifically when they medivac'd him out of country and by which unit.

Thanks for any info you can provide.

**Chris Riggs, Nephew of Herman Woods A-70 [criggs@us.army.mil](mailto:criggs@us.army.mil)**

Wayne Purinton (C Co '67), is in the process of putting together a book of Letters Home From Vietnam, along with some accompanying photo's from the war.

He has over 120 letters that his parents saved. The letters have a lot of details as to what we were doing on any given day.

Wayne's tour was from April 67 to April 68 with C Company 3rd Platoon . Wayne does have some related PTSD and his memory of events is not very good. He would like to have you guys in C company contact him and help out.

His contact info follows: Wayne Purinton, 16025 Hwy 283, Wakeeney, KS 67672-9701; Home Phone - 785 743-5856 - Cell phone 785 769-3034 and e-mail address: [brhc262@yahoo.com](mailto:brhc262@yahoo.com)

### Check Your Mail Label

Co B 69, Dues Paid Thru: 09  
 Tom T. Trooper  
 Street Address  
 City, State Zip



The sample mail label on the left represents the label that appears on the front of your newsletter . It indicates the company and year you initially served in Vietnam and the label also gives you the status of your dues. Please refer to your label to confirm we have the right mailing information in our database and that your dues status is correct. We make every attempt to keep the database up to date but we are human and sometimes we can miss recording up to date information. If you're not sure of your dues status send a note to editor@cav57.org to verify what we have on record.

# Financial Report

by Royce Vick

## Dues and Donations

### New Active Duty

Cowart	Sam V
Dalton	Jacob P
Lowe	Melvin E
Nelms Jr	Dennis K

### New Members

Carter	William T	\$20	08-09
Gaylean	Paul	\$20	08-09
Gillis	Edward F	\$10	00-08
Hergert	Johathan K	\$20	08-09
Hernando	Rafael	\$10	00-08
Lewis	James F	\$20	08-09
McCalister	Ian R	\$10	00-08
McDonough	James	\$10	00-08
McGuire	Dennis	\$20	08-09
Orndorff	Roger L	\$10	00-08
Perez	Hector M	\$10	00-08
Robinson	Gary E	\$10	00-08
Weeks	Robert A	\$10	00-08
Wilenken	Alan	\$20	08-09

### Dues Update

Adams	John C	\$50	03-08
Affolter	Richard	\$50	08-13
Anstett	Raymond L	\$30	05-08
Aufdemkam	David L	\$20	07-09
Bernier	Charles W	\$10	07-08
Brown	James	\$100	98-08
Caudill	Bealer V	\$30	07-10
Eason	Johnny	\$40	05-09
Fillion	Michael	\$40	07-11
Frolek	Kenneth	\$30	03-06
Gogets	John R	\$50	05-10
Gonzales	Juan C	\$40	07-11
Green	Keith	\$40	07-11
Greene	Eugene	\$40	04-08
Harper	William J	\$20	06-08
Hasson	Alain	\$20	06-08
Ingram	George	\$60	04-10
Leep	John	\$20	07-09
Lewis Jr	Lee	\$30	07-10
McCalister	Ian R	\$10	07-08
Monahan	John P	\$20	06-08
Nance	Allen	\$30	07-10
Nechanicky	Paul	\$20	07-09
Nesmith Jr	V E	\$20	07-09
Newborn	Wiliam D	\$60	02-08
Nordstrom	Gary	\$20	10-12
Oblad	Robert E	\$30	07-10
Patrick	Lee O	\$50	07-12

"Way Down Upon the Swannee River" may be Florida's state song, but we will be enjoying the Saint Johns River that runs through Jacksonville. Several of our members have already made reservations and most are opting to enjoy the outside events in or near Jacksonville that are made possible as you send in your reservations. Please note there is a revised reservation form as the previous one failed to indicate that fees for the outside events need to be paid with your reservation. Those who did not pay for these events have been contacted, and most have now sent in the extra fee amount. If you still owe for the events, please send a check to your treasurer. Thank you. This makes the accounting process much simpler, as the association has to pay for these activities in advance.

Several letters and notes have been sent with your registrations. Juan Gonzales of Pflugerville, TX sent a note that he, Frank Rendon and Albert Tapia will be carpooling together from Texas. I also received a nice letter from BG (Ret) Raymond E Gandy, Jr. He now lives in Kailua, Hawaii and has never attended a reunion. He will also be bringing his son and daughter in law who are both army officers. He wrote that Mike Sprayberry has been bugging him to attend. Raymond served in Delta Company in 1968. Two brothers, Bob Trimble (Co. B, '67) and Dennis Trimble (HHC, '67), will be joining us at the reunion.

Each of your Association Officers have been busy in their own field of endeavor in preparing for another great reunion but don't forget that your timely payment of dues and donations are the backbone of the association and that is what covers all of our expenses. The reunion is a self supporting function.

Make your plans now to be at Reunion IX. Early submission of your reservations would be appreciated. Judy and I have been to Florida several times but have never driven so we will be leaving early the last week of June for a driving experience. What I am stating is I need to deposit all reservation checks before I leave from Fort Worth so please mail early!

**Garry Owen, Royce**

### Dues and Donations Cont'd

### Funds Balances

			<b>Balance 10/31/07</b>	\$19,129
			<b>INCOME</b>	
			Interest Income	\$125
			PX Sales	\$906
			Dues	\$1,560
			Donations	\$125
			Reunion Deposits	<u>\$11,807</u>
			<b>Total Income</b>	\$14,523
			<b>EXPENSES</b>	
			PX Mailing	(\$137)
			PX Supplies	(\$246)
			Postage	(\$41)
			Wreath Memorial Day	(\$211)
			Guapo's Celebration	(\$998)
			Newsletter Printing	(\$1,868)
			Mem Flowers -Tyson	(\$80)
			Dep. Reunion Transp.	<u>(\$1,200)</u>
			<b>Total Expenses</b>	(\$4,781)
			<b>Balance 2/29/08</b>	\$28,871



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