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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Maury Edmonds

I've just returned from meeting with our Reunion Planning Team in San Antonio; and, I could not be more excited about the experience we'll enjoy in July. It could be our best ever. The Planning Team has not missed a thing in putting the week together. We have a great hotel – right on the “river” and convenient to several attractions, shops, and restaurants – and, it has a perfect arrangement of meeting rooms and good accommodations at a great price. You may want to arrive early enough to go on the Tuesday evening outing at a nearby ranch. And, there's a lot to do in your free time.

San Antonio is a very “military friendly” town, with several posts close by, including Brooke Army Medical Center with its world class Burn Center as well as the wonderful Center of the Intrepid, the state of the art rehabilitation center for our seriously wounded troops. Thankfully, we have no 5/7 Cav troopers there now.

Best of all, of course, will be the chance once again to be with your combat buddies and their families. Don't miss this opportunity. We want to see you.

All the very best to you. I'll see you in San Antonio.

### “Krazy” Karl's Report

Hello from Sunny California,

Carol & I are enjoying a roundabout trip to get back to frigid New Hampshire after a most productive ground team meeting at the Crown Plaza River walk hotel in San Antonio. The hotel is fabulous, the function room set up is one of the best we have had in the past and the staff was bending over backwards to make sure we are going to have a great reunion XI. There are more adventures to see & do in San Antonio than you can do in a week.

The ground team had a tour of the Rio Cibolo Ranch for our Tuesday July 24th group outing. It was a unanimous decision by the team that we should do this. For more information, <http://www.riociboloranch.com>.

Remember that you have to make 2 reservations. One is with the association and the form is in this newsletter. The other is with the Crown Plaza and that information is here also.

Hotel reservations can be done on line or by calling the hotel direct @ 210-354-2800 ext 7220, Monday – Friday 9-3:30 CST. If this line is busy it will transfer you to the Salt Lake reservations national office. SL doesn't always have an updated list of available rooms. Don't get upset just try again later. Make your reservations today!

Handicapped rooms. The Crown Plaza has 12 handicapped rooms and there is a choice of walk in showers or tubs. So call the reservation phone to reserve for your needs.

Airport shuttle is \$18 per person. Airport cabs are \$30 + or – a couple of bucks. You can get 6 people in a cab, so let us know when you are arriving and we will see if anyone else is arriving at the same time.

While in San Antonio, Andy Hernandez, Myself and our wives went to Lake Jackson, Texas to locate Hector Campos, C company 1966. It was a tearful, joyful reunion as we had not seen each since April 1967 the day that both Hector and I were wounded. Hector and his wife Gloria will be attending reunion XI. Yup, real troopers cry real tears.

160 Days and counting –See You In San Antonio!

GARRY OWEN, “KRAZY”

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## Don Shipley's Report

Reunion time is 170 days from now. It's time to have your reservations in for the hotel and the association. I have been to the hotel and it's a grand hotel for a reunion big meeting rooms and a lot of open space for overflow in center of hotel.

The 5/7 reunion will be centered on third floor in large meeting rooms. The Banquet and Bar-B-Q will be held in the second floor Ball Room. Yes, we will probably take the whole hotel. Our members are already starting to book their rooms and we have over 400 room nights booked to date. So get on it guys and gals get your reservations in today. This hotel does a lot of military so we need to book up rooms quickly, like now.

Several members are now actively pursuing lost friends and buddies making my job easier. Call your friends and make sure they are already registered with the hotel and the association. Old friend's getting together is what makes this reunion the best in the land.

Looking for someone, check [www.whitepages.com](http://www.whitepages.com) then follow to the "people smart" link. If you go too far they will charge you, however free is normally as good as you get by paying. Many times it will ask for first, middle and last name as well as age. The age will narrow it down; now pencil down the wife's and children's names. If you run into difficulty on the man, look for the wife's name as the phone may be in her name. Also I have followed kids and received directions to their parents. Good Luck.

Don Shipley  
"Vise" President of Membership.

## Royce Vick's Report

The stars at night are big and bright, deep in the heart of Texas. San Antonio is deep in the heart of Texas. It is the home of the Alamo, where the Mexican army defeated the Texan defenders, but just a few days later in a nearby battle the Texans defeated the Mexican army and Texas won its' freedom and became a nation of its' own.

San Antonio is now a premier vacation destination city. The river walk and river barge rides are all located downtown, and the river runs right beside our hotel. There are several other entertainment venues. You need to request a San Antonio vacation package.

All of the Association Officers as well as several Association members were present for a presentation by the hotel staff. We all visited the Rio Cibolo Ranch, which will be the Tuesday night entertainment. The ranch has been in business since 1987, providing western theme entertainment along with a catered bar-b-cue with all the trimmings. Transportation is included in this cost.

I have made my reservation. Now is the time to make your hotel reservation, as several hundred rooms have already been reserved.

Check over the reunion reservation form, complete it, and along with your check payable to the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association, send it to me at:

3724 Shelby Drive  
Fort Worth, TX 76109-2733

Remember the hotel reservation and the reunion reservations are two separate things. You do not have a reunion reservation unless your payment is received with the completed reservation form which is included with this newsletter.

ROYCE VICK, Treasurer

## LETTERS

### **"Reunion XI – Should I attend."**

#### Damned Straight Trooper You Should Attend – Read This.

I arrived in Viet Nam in early September 1969, a 19 year old 2LT, shortly thereafter I met the new First Sergeant (Top) Ben Weedman, he also newly arrived, on his second tour in Viet Nam, also a Korean War Veteran, at that point 23 years in the service, more years that I had spent on earth.

From the first meeting he always treating with the respect my rank required and I always treated him with the respect his experience earned him.

As I moved through the ranks from Platoon Leader to XO and a short time as CO, TOP was always there, giving me advice (behind the scenes).

I left Viet Nam and he and I parted ways, friends, comrades, never expecting to see each other again.

At the 5/7 Reunion in Nashville, TN we reunited. We had not seen each other in nearly 40 years. We sat and talked, reminisced, told lies, and had a great time together. His wife and my wife are now best friends and look forward to seeing each other at reunions and visiting garden centers, while Top and I tell stories.

At another reunion I was reunited with a soldier that only spent about six weeks in the platoon before being medevac'd in January 1970, Bill Litvjak, we now speak regularly, his wife Patty and my wife do also.

This year on the way to our vacation cruise we spent the weekend with Top and Vi, better meals than on the cruise ship.

Next Reunion was attended by a soldier I met who was also newly arrived when I took over the Platoon, Dave Barnes, he and I spent the entire year together, humping the boonies, filling sand bags, pulling guard duty. Again, parted ways in August 70, did not meet again until Jacksonville reunion, we met embraced and it seemed like yesterday. His wife Wanda and my wife Mary now speak regularly, until the reunion they never met!

This is why I urge my fellow 5/7 Veterans to attend these reunions, I guarantee you will not regret it!

#### **"Now Make Your Reservations."**

Garry Owen, Joe McVeigh

Karl's Note: I stopped to meet Phil Hoffmann in Tucson, AZ. Phil has just published a book about his experiences with the 5/7 and after. Phil was an RTO with A&H companies in 1968, & 69.

Phil's new book is "Humping Heavy". Copies of can be obtained at

[1cavvrto@gmail.com](mailto:1cavvrto@gmail.com)

**5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association Reunion XI**  
**San Antonio, Texas --- July 22 – July 29, 2012**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone numbers: Day: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Night: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**NAMETAGS:** Please provide names for you, your family & guests the way you would like them to appear on the nametag.  
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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** I am willing to volunteer for:  
 Registration \_\_\_\_ Hospitality Room \_\_\_\_ Logistics \_\_\_\_ Banquets \_\_\_\_ Memorabilia Room \_\_\_\_ PX \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Events	Adult/Child	Number of Adults/Children Attending	Total \$
Rio Cibolo Ranch Outing Tuesday Evening, July 24	\$75/\$70		
Golf Outing (Green Fee will be required) Wednesday Morning, July 25	TBD		
Pizza Night Wednesday Evening, July 25	FREE		NA
Thursday, July 26: Free Time --- Great time to check out San Antonio sites and the famous River Walk	NA	NA	NA
Banquet Dinner Friday Evening, July 27 (child = 10 & under)	\$38/\$17.50		
Bar-B-Q Dinner Saturday Evening, July 28 (child = 10 & under)	\$32/\$16.00		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**Calculate the total registration fees and make checks payable to:**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association**  
**Send Completed Registration form with applicable fees to:**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry association, 3724 Shelby Dr., Ft. Worth, Texas 76109-2733**

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| <b>N<br/>O<br/>T<br/>E<br/>S</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Rio Cibolo Ranch Outing includes western style buffet dinner, river barge rides, hay rides, longhorn feeding, live western music entertainment, campfire sing along/story telling, and marshmallow roast. Child is 4 – 12 years; 3 &amp; under free.</li> <li>The Association Hospitality Room will be open Monday through Saturday. A continental breakfast will be available each morning in the hospitality room. All members, family and guests are welcome. Breakfast and lunch meals served in the hotel dining area are eligible for a 10% discount with display of your name badge.</li> </ol> |
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**REUNION HOTEL**  
**Crowne Plaza Riverwalk, 111 East Pecan Street, San Antonio, Texas 78205**  
**Reservations: 1-877-270-1393**  
**Room Rates for 5/7 Cavalry Association Members and guests are \$99.00 per night**  
**The private 5/7Cav booking link to the hotel is**  
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/FifthBatt7CA>

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EACH OF YOU IN SAN ANTONIO!!!!**

**PLEASE MAIL YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO OUR  
TREASURER AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:**

**Royce Vick**

**3724 Shelby Dr**

**Ft. Worth, TX 76109**

**San Antonio 2012 Reunion Events Schedule \*\***

DAY/DATE	EVENT **	Comments
<b>SUNDAY, July 22</b>		
06:00 to 10:00	Hotel serves breakfast in 111 Bar & Grille	10% discount by showing 5/7 Name Badge
Set-up day	Early arrivals can choose from numerous sites and events to visit in San Antonio; reunion ground team will begin setup	Check out the San Antonio River Walk!!
<b>MONDAY, July 23</b>		
06:30 to 01:00	Hospitality Room Open	San Antonio Ball Room
07:00 to 09:00	Continental breakfast served in hospitality room	Coffee, tea, and pastries
09:00 to 11:30 hrs and 13:00 to 17:00	Registration Room Open	Executive Salon 3
09:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 17:00	PX Open	Executive Salon 5
09:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 17:00 hrs and 18:00 to 21:00	Memorabilia Room Open	Executive Salon 4
11:30 to 12:30 (hrs?)	Lunch served in 111 Bar & Grille	10% discount by showing 5/7 Name Badge
No special event scheduled this day	Early arrivals can choose from numerous sites and events to visit in San Antonio including famous River Walk	Check out "Destinations San Antonio" magazine for interesting things to do and see in the San Antonio area
24:00	Last Call in Hospitality Room	San Antonio Ball Room
<b>TUESDAY, July 24</b>		
06:30 to 01:00	Hospitality Room Open	San Antonio Ball Room
07:00 to 09:00	Continental breakfast served in hospitality room	Coffee, tea, and pastries
09:00 to 11:30 and 13:00 to 17:00	Registration Open	Executive Salon 3
09:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 17:00	PX Open	Executive Salon 5
09:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 17:00 and 18:00 to 21:00	Memorabilia Room Open	Executive Salon 4
11:30 to 12:30 (hrs?)	Lunch served in 111 Bar & Grille	10% discount by showing 5/7 Name Badge
17:45	Meet in Lobby for Rio Cibolo Ranch Outing	Tickets for Rio Cibolo Ranch will be sold in Registration Office (\$75 Adult/\$70/Children 4 - 12 yrs)
18:00	Depart Hotel by Busses	
18:30	Arrive Rio Cibolo Ranch	Rio Cibolo Ranch Special Program for 5/7 Cav members
21:30	Busses return to Hotel	Return to hotel by Busses
24:00	Last Call in Hospitality Room	San Antonio Ball Room
<b>WEDNESDAY, July 25</b>		
06:30 to 01:00	Hospitality Room Open	San Antonio Ball Room
07:00 to 09:00	Continental breakfast served in hospitality room	Coffee, tea, and pastries
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 & quests welcome)
09:00 to 11:30 and 13:00 to 17:00	Registration Open	Executive Salon 3
09:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 17:00	PX Open	Executive Salon 5
09:00 to 11:30 and 12:30 to 17:00 and 18:00 to 21:00	Memorabilia Room Open	Executive Salon 4
11:30 to 12:30 (Hrs?)	Lunch served in 111 Bar & Grille	10% discount by showing 5/7 Name Badge
Open Time	Afternoon schedule is open	Check out "Destinations San Antonio" magazine for interesting things to do and see in the San Antonio area
18:00	Free Pizza Night in the Hospitality Room	San Antonio Ball Room
24:00	Last Call in Hospitality Room	San Antonio Ball Room
<b>THURSDAY, July 26</b>		
06:30 to 01:00	Hospitality Room Open	San Antonio Ball Room
07:00 to 09:00	Continental breakfast served in hospitality room	Coffee, tea, and pastries
10:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:00	Registration Open	Executive Salon 3
10:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:00	PX Open	Executive Salon 5
09:45 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:00 and 18:00 to 21:00	Memorabilia Room Open	Executive Salon 4
08:30 to 9:30	Association Board Meeting (all elected officers, company trustees and appointed positions)	Board Room
09:30 to 10:30	Battalion Meeting: Nominations for Officers; 2014 Venue Recommendations; Review Events Schedule	Texas Ball Room B
12:00 to 13:00 (hrs?)	Lunch served in 111 Bar & Grille	10% discount by showing 5/7 Name Badge
Afternoon	Free Time	Enjoy San Antonio's famous River Walk
17:00 - 22:30	Members encouraged to take advantage of River Walk transport to popular San Antonio Venues	Visit San Antonio's popular restaurants and shopping venues; last boat pickup is TBD hrs.
24:00	Last Call in Hospitality Room	San Antonio Ball Room
<b>FRIDAY, July 27</b>		
06:30 to 01:00	Hospitality Room Open	San Antonio Ball Room
07:00 to 09:00	Continental breakfast served in hospitality room	Coffee, tea, and pastries
10:30 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 17:00	Registration Open	Executive Salon 3
10:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:00	PX Open	Executive Salon 5
10:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 17:00 and 18:00 to 21:00	Memorabilia Room Open	Executive Salon 4
08:30 to 09:00	Association Officers Meeting	Board Room
09:30 to 10:30	Battalion Meeting: Finalize elections, Vote on 2014 Reunion Site; other new business	Texas Ball Room B
12:30 to 13:30 (hrs?)	Lunch served in 111 Bar & Grille	10% discount by showing 5/7 Name Badge
13:30 TO 17:00	Free Time	Enjoy San Antonio's famous River Walk
16:30 to 18:00	Company Photographs in TBD Location	Each company to designate its camera person
17:00 to 20:30	Cash Bars Open	Texas Ball Room Lobby and Ball Rooms A, B, & C
18:00	Doors Open for Battalion Banquet	Texas Ball Room A, B & C
18:00 to 18:20	Pre Banquet Program	
18:20	Banquet Serving Commences	
19:45 to 20:30	Special Awards and Guest Speaker	
20:30 to 24:00	Hospitality Room Reopens	San Antonio Ball Room
24:00	Last Call in Hospitality Room	San Antonio Ball Room
<b>SATURDAY, July 28</b>		
06:30 to 01:00	Hospitality Room Open	San Antonio Ball Room
07:00 to 09:00	Continental breakfast served in hospitality room	Coffee, tea, and pastries
11:30 to 12:30 and 14:00 to 17:00	Registration Open	Executive Salon 3
11:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 15:00	PX Open (Last Day Closes at 3 PM)	Executive Salon 5
11:30 to 12:30 and 13:30 to 15:00	Memorabilia Room Open (Last Day Closes at 3 PM)	Executive Salon 4
09:00 to 11:30	Battalion Memorial Service	Texas Ball Room B
11:30 to 12:00	Free time	
12:30 to 13:30 (hrs?)	Lunch served in 111 Bar & Grille	10% discount by showing 5/7 Name Badge
13:30 to 17:00	Free Time	
17:00 to 20:30	Cash Bars Open	Texas Ball Room Lobby and Ball Rooms A, B, & C
18:00	Doors Open for Bar-B-Q	Texas Ball Room A, B & C
18:00 to 18:10	Pre Bar-B-Q Program	
18:00 to 19:45	Bar-B-Q Serving Commences	
19:45 to 20:30	Awards Program	
20:30 hrs to 24:00	Dancing and Entertainment with local DJ	Texas Ball Room A, B & C
24:00	Last Call in Hospitality Room	San Antonio Ball Room

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



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- **THE REUNION REGISTRATION FORM IS EN-CLOSED.**
- **FILL IT OUT AND SEND IT TO ROYCE VICK IN FORT WORTH, TEXAS.**
- **THE WEEKS EVENTS SCHEDULE IS ALSO INCLUDED FOR YOUR REFERENCE**
- **DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER WITH THE HOTEL**

Click on following link to make reservations:

<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/FifthBatt7CA>

**Reunion XI**

**July 22 - 29, 2012**

**Crowne Plaza Hotel**

**San Antonio, TX**