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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our Reunion in Springfield, MO in July is right around the corner; so, if you haven't made plans to be with us – please do so right away. We're expecting a big crowd, with good representation from each of the years our 5/7 CAV Colors were in Vietnam. A number of Veterans of the 5/7 Squadron who served in Iraq and Afghanistan are planning to be with us also.

We hope LTC Charles Jack, current Squadron Commander, and some of his troopers will also be able to come however that depends on whether it can be worked into their training schedule, which remains very heavy. I guarantee that you will have a wonderful time; you'll see many old friends, and – importantly, your old friends will be able to see you. It's an opportunity you don't want to miss.

As many of you know, hotel rooms are at a premium but we're confident we'll find a room for everyone who comes.

In any event, it's very important for you to fill out the registration form in this newsletter *immediately* and call for a room if you haven't done so already.

Jane & I hope to see you in Springfield. All best wishes. Garry Owen! Maury

"KRAZY" Karl's Report



Recent Gathering of 5/7 Vets at Ian McCalister's home in California: Back Row - Andy Hernandez, Frank Vargas, Larry Nunez, Bob Weiss, Ian McCalister, Joe Skrlin, Phil Pratt Front - George Fernandez, Bill Rowley, Caesar Perez, "Krazy" Karl

Still Winter – As I sit here looking out the window at 3 feet of snow and listen to the forecast for another foot or more tonight, it is hard to think of summer and reunion XII. But here it is the middle of March and July 13 is only four months away.

Thanks to all of you who booked early with the hotel. You've done a great job in helping us to fill up our room block. In fact you've done such a good job that our block is essentially sold out and we're now having people book at nearby hotels. There are still plenty of rooms in the Springfield area within 5 miles of the University Plaza Hotel.

You are going to find your registration form in this newsletter. Please fill it in and send it to Royce ASAP. His address is shown on the registration form. The quicker we find out the actual count of when and where everyone is going to be in attendance we can make better plans.

The Tuesday outing to Dolly Parton's Dixie Stampede in Branson is going to be a great fun time for everyone. There is

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“Krazy” Karl’s Report (cont’d)

only one catch though --- You have to go by bus with our group from the University Plaza Hotel. We will give you a ticket for the bus ride and when we arrive in Branson they will give us tickets for the show. If you don't go with the group on the bus and also get off the bus you will not be able to get a show ticket. So remember we will assemble at the University Plaza Hotel, regardless of which hotel you may be staying in, to board the busses for the Dixie Stampede in Branson.

VERY IMPORTANT: If you need to cancel a room at the University Plaza, PLEASE do it though me. Call me on my home number : 603-726-7080.

While in California last month I met with Pablo Alvarez & Eugene Ruiz, both are original 1/11/ - 5/7 troopers from D company. I had not seen or talked with either of them since 1967. They came to one of the mini reunions we had while Carol & I were in California. These mini reunions are a great way to stay in touch while waiting for the big reunion. Here is their picture:



COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION FORM AND GET IT IN THE MAIL – TODAY - NOT TOMORROW

Locating troopers is not an easy task. Don Shipley has done the lion's share of the 331 troopers we have located since the San Antonio Reunion. Again as we are all getting close to retiring so we need to find these other troopers. Give Don your buddy's name and let him work his magic and find him for you.

After he finds them, you have to make the WELCOME HOME CALL.

100 DAYS AND COUNTING.

“Krazy” Karl

PS: **We still need 2 wreath presenters for Memorial Day.**



LETTERS

To the Editor:

During the past year the Iron Workers International Union (of which I am a member and retired International Representative) ask me to represent and participate in the "wreath laying ceremony" at the Tomb of The Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery on its behalf.

When I accepted their invitation I requested that John Kruetzkamp (A Brother-Member of the 5/7th Cav.) accompany me. I informed them that John and I had drafted, trained and served together in "Nam". I'm sending you some pictures of the ceremony, one of which was featured on the cover of "The Ironworker" magazine.

Garry Owen, Bill Purdy



**5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association Reunion XII
SPRINGFIELD, MO --- July 14 – July 19, 2014**

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.

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 \$
DIXIE STAMPEDE, BRANSON, MO Tuesday Evening, July 15	\$45/\$25		
Golf Outing Wednesday, July 16	Course name & fee upon Registration		NA
Pizza Night Wednesday Evening, July 16	Free		
Thursday, July 17: Free Time --- Great time to check out Springfield and the Surrounding Events and Sights	NA	NA	NA
Banquet Dinner Friday Evening, July 18 (child = 11 - 4)	\$38/\$20		
Bar-B-Q Dinner Saturday Evening, July 19 (child = 11 - 4)	\$32/\$18		
TOTAL			

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

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S | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Dixie Stampede Outing includes a pre-show with an opportunity to tour the open air stables, view the magnificent horses, enjoy a pre show act, a free boot mug with the beverage of your choice and then enter the grand arena for the main show attraction and western style four course dinner, Child is 4 – 12 years; 3 & under free but must sit in lap of an adult. Transportation to and from Branson is covered by the Association. The Association Hospitality Room will be open Monday through Saturday, 6 am to midnight. The hotel provides a complimentary breakfast each morning in the Terrace Grille. All University Plaza registered members, family and guests are welcome. |
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REUNION HOTEL
University Plaza Hotel, 333 John Q. Hammonds Parkway, Springfield, MO 65806
Reservations: 1-417-864-7333
Room Rates for 5/7 Cavalry Association Members and guests are \$92.00 per night
If you book in an alternative hotel please provide the name of your hotel here:

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EACH OF YOU IN SPRINGFIELD!!!



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SPRINGFIELD, MO, REUNION XII,
REGISTRATION FORM.
CUT OFF THIS LAST PAGE FILL IT OUT
AND MAIL IT IN A SEPARATE ENVELOPE
TO ROYCE VICK WITH YOUR REGISTRA-
TIONS FEES**

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