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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I continue to be inspired by you all for remembering and honoring those with whom you served on the battlefields of Vietnam, Cambodia, Iraq, and Afghanistan; especially those whom were lost serving us and our nation. Over the recent Veterans Day period approximately 130 of you came to Washington to pay homage to them all. Our 5/7 Cavalry Wreath was carried to the Wall by Allen Patrick and Sidney Katz, both of whom served in the original deployment in 1966. The wreath, by the way, was made by Mary McVeigh and brought by she and Joe; and, was displayed at our dinner on the night before. Many thanks, Mary and Joe.

Two events at the dinner deserve special mention. After long and persistent effort by LTG (r) Mike Davison, Tom Golden and others who served with him in C Co in 1967-68, a Silver Star for exceptional valor in combat was presented to Dean Davison. Congratulations to Dean and our heartfelt thanks to Mike and Tom for pursuing this recognition which was long overdue. Recollections and reflections by Mike Davison touched us all that evening after dinner.

Special thanks to Karl and Carol Haartz and to Cliff Wheeler, the second 5/7 Cav commander to deploy the squadron to Iraq, for arranging and running the hospitality room and the dinner during our stay.

It's time to make your plans for our reunion in Colorado Springs August 7-13 next year. It will be 50 years since our great battalion deployed to Vietnam. You really must be there with us. All best wishes for good health.

Garry Owen! Maury



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# “KRAZY” Karl’s Report

Merry Christmas to All,

Veterans Day was a super time again this year. A special thanks to Col Cliff Wheeler, 5<sup>th</sup> Squadron retired for a job well done being our go to guy in DC. I dumped this in his lap a year ago when I announced that I would be stepping down as your VP. Cliff you did an outstanding job, THANK YOU. We did serve 126 troopers and friends at the dinner on Nov 10<sup>th</sup>.

Prior to dinner a Silver Star was awarded to L. Dean Davison, former PFC, for actions on January 12, 1968. This award was made through the tireless efforts of LTG Michael Davison who was CO of C Company and Tom Golden, who was Dean’s platoon leader on that day. Great job guys –THANK YOU.

“BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF.” Now I am going to beat this old horse again – THE VA AND YOU! Over the years I have told all of you to get your (X\*#s) butt to the VA and file a claim for disabilities. I don’t have to list them but the major one is PTSD.

We were infantry, medics & FOs attached to an infantry unit and we all suffer from PTSD. I suffer from PTSD; I go to a PTSD group therapy twice a week and you want me to continue to be VP and run the association? YUP, you are correct in that” Krazy” runs the asylum. It’s your turn to go get some help because as we retire we have more time to think of the past.

You are no longer a work alcoholic hiding stuff in the back of your mind. When the shrink asks “have you thought of these questions once in the past 45 – 50 years”, the answer is yes: The questions are “Do you have nightmares?; Do you have trouble sleeping soundly?; Are you always on alert?; Did you ever want to harm yourself?”, these are all symptoms. The most important part of PTSD is “BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF.” Don’t forget Agent Orange. Got a question – call me.

REUNION XIII – We will be having our pre reunion meeting with the Hotel Elegante on January 18, 2016. Please pray there are no snow storms that week end. Everyone in the area who wants to attend is welcome. There will be a couple of us who are going to try and be there on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Reservation are trickling in, so if you haven’t made your reservation at the hotel please do so. The next newsletter in February will have the association reservation form for all of our functions. Yes, there are 2 “must do” things to do: **Register with the hotel and Register with the association.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR – SEE YOU ALL IN COLORADO

“Krazy” Karl



# MEMBERSHIP VP

I wish to thank all of you for the great out pouring of concern the last few Weeks. Yes I’m getting stronger by the day.

Karen & I are very sorry we missed your company in DC on Veterans Day.

**Fifty years** ago many of us were meeting for the first time at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs for basic-training. I remember those days in the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 11<sup>th</sup>. Plus there were a bunch of you guys that were training with the 1<sup>st</sup> of the 61<sup>st</sup>. Then even more troopers showed up when we started phasing into AIT training. At that time we were all wearing the red diamond patch of the 5<sup>th</sup> Mechanized Infantry. And then as AIT training was winding down we were assigned to the new 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry unit that was forming up on the base. Fifty years ago. Wow, hard to believe that much time has flown by.

The Reunion will be exactly 50 years since the original crew shipped out on the USNS Gaffey headed to Southeast Asia. For those that joined us in Nam you were our replacements. We needed you because of the guys we lost to KIA and WIA and the guys who were rotating home. In our eyes you replacements were the “Greatest” and you carried on the 5/7 fighting tradition with great honor.

Now that most of you 1965 – 1971 troopers are in the 65 to 70 plus range the upcoming reunion will be the one you don’t want to miss. And for the 2004 to 2015 troopers this reunion is a great way to carry on your 5<sup>th</sup> Squadron traditions. We want you younger guys to keep up the tradition.

You’re going to like the Hotel Elegante. It’s a resort style hotel with indoor and outdoor pools, several restaurants and an ice cream parlor. Plus it has a lot of history with the military.

Remember Golf is on the agenda for the upcoming reunion too. We have been promised exclusive use of the golf course at Fort Carson assuming we get the right amount of players to turn out. We need to have at least seven foursomes so talk it up with your friends and their significant others. This is open to both the men and women of the association. It promises to be a lot of fun. I’m taking early reservations for the golf outing. If you want to get on the player list please send me an e-mail or give me a call.

I’m looking forward to seeing you in Colorado Springs this coming August.

Garry Owen,  
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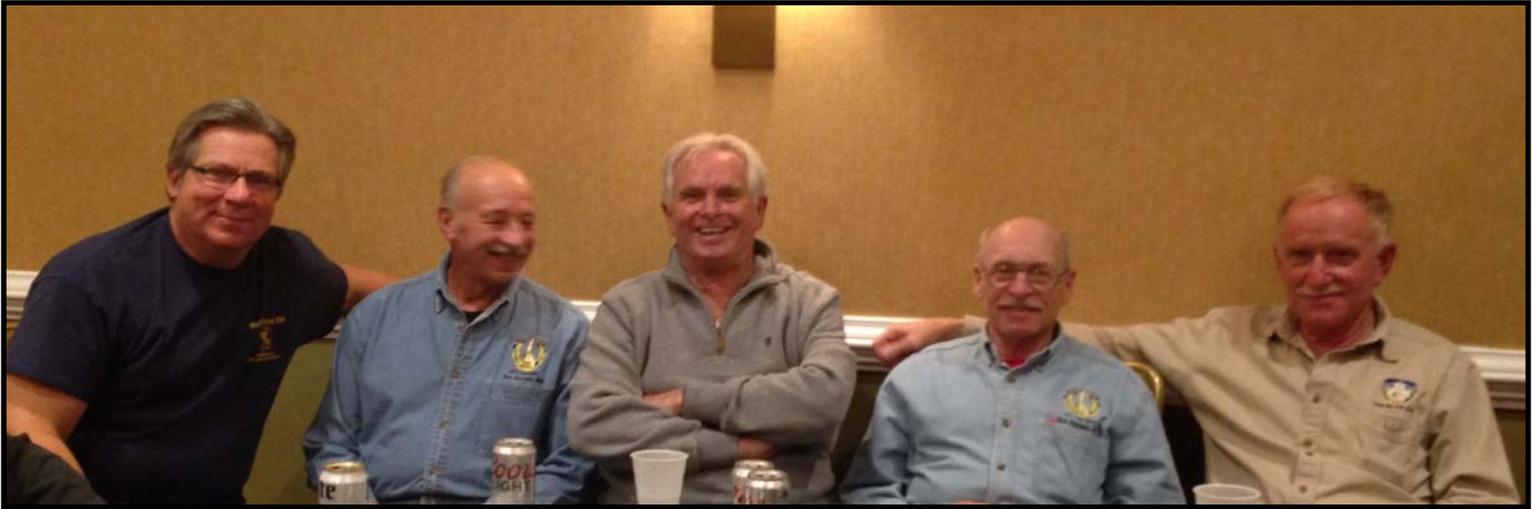
# LETTERS

I was invited to the Washington DC reunion by my brother John "Frog" Frohm. I was a bit apprehensive as I had never met any of his buddy's and only knew them from what my brother had told me. I knew it was going to be a nice experience from the moment I arrived at the airport where I was fortunate enough to meet Bob Baldwin and his family. They helped me get to the hotel. Since I was several hours ahead of John's arrival I decided to walk to the hospitality suite. I ran into Neil Meyer in the hotel lobby. Neil was kind enough to take me to the hospitality suite and introduce me to friends of Frog. I was treated as if all of them had known me for decades.

For the next two days I spent time with my brother and his friends. I can't begin to tell you how much I enjoyed being with all of them. I especially want to thank John's close friends Neil, Jim, Tim and Duane. They made me feel part of the family. One special thank you goes to Mike Sprayberry. Throughout the reunion he checked to make sure that I was enjoying myself. The morning I was leaving I ran into Mike. He told me I was welcome to come to any of the reunions. I was part of the 5/7th family.

I want to thank all of you again for making me feel welcome. I hope to make this a regular event.

Richard Frohm



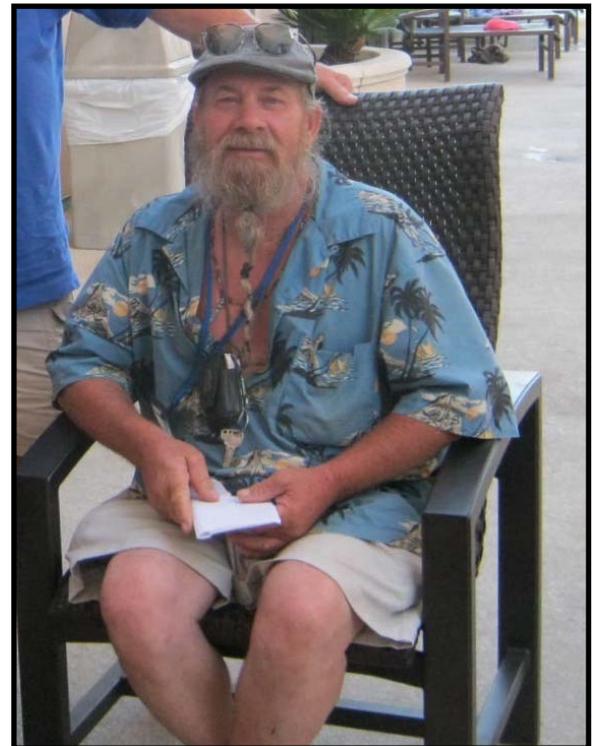
From Left to right: Richard Frohm, Tim Curry, John "Frog" Frohm, Neil Meyer & Jimmy Boulden

# FIDDLER'S GREEN

**Larry Hodges A Co 5/7 68** living in YUMA, AZ passed suddenly in August. Heart attack at 67. I got a call from his friend and mentor Charles S...also his landlord. He knew about 5/7th, County Line guys, found my number in Larry's stuff. Seven yrs ago he provided Larry a smile, a welcome hand. Took a chance and gave him a room in a hangar at a small private airport. Changed a life. Larry spent the last few years learning, working on small planes; he also taught the local children Guitar and jazz harmonica. Apparently Larry was very generous to those in need. Payback maybe.

You might recall in the last few years Larry attended a few Veterans Day outings in DC, the Texas reunion and entertained us w music and some of his own compositions. Holding court at the piano he took requests. Those of us that had contact w him over the years saw a miraculous transformation, many changes since he moved to Arizona. Originally from WV, Larry did a year in the field in 1968 w A Co 1<sup>st</sup> plt-2<sup>nd</sup> sqd, made E -5 quickly, sqd ldr and all the hot trips Hue, Khe Shan, A Shau, and down south. A top performer. He was troubled after his tour, multiple issues. Diagnosed early w depression, later w PTSD. He hit the road often especially in the winter and frequently was homeless. A rocky road.

He told me many times he didn't find peace in his life till he started writing about 'his time in war'. Soon after, he left WV behind. He found his Mecca and new life in a small community at that private airport near Yuma, AZ. He made new friends, learned to fly, regained his confidence. He always said I have all I need now: my VN buds, my music and my Arizona friends. He was content. He told us frequently. Seven yrs of the last 46 he was happy; that's a damn shame. He deserved better, he earned it. But we should all be thankful he found a place in our lives and peace and happiness in his life at the end. He was a good man and he will be missed. A memorial service w honors will be scheduled later this month when the snowbirds return to Yuma.



# 2015 Veterans Day Photos



## 5/7Cav PX

POW/MIA 3X5 Flags	\$15
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	25
Irish Green Golf Shirt with Embroidered Garry Owen Crest. Black Cav 5/7 Lettering under Crest. Quality Jerzee Brand. M, L, XL, XXL	23
New Adult T-Shirt with large Carry Owen Crest screen print on front. M, L, XL, 2X, 3X; Colors: white & ash (light gray)	13.50
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.	10
NEW 2013 Forest Green Twill Shirts / Embroidered - Garry Owen crest - 5/7 Cavalry —All sizes just in.	\$29

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## 5th Squadron News



August 6, 2015 the 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry Change of Command Ceremony took place at Ft. Stewart GA. LTC Jack passed the colors to the 1st Brigade Commander who then passed the colors on to the new CO LTC Mahaffey. Photo and text courtesy of Robert Baldwin, D Co 68'.

Message from LTC Mahaffey: We are still getting settled here in Europe as we wait for trains to leave Germany. Currently the Squadron is spread across Hungary, Romania, and Bulgaria and in the upcoming month and a half we will conduct

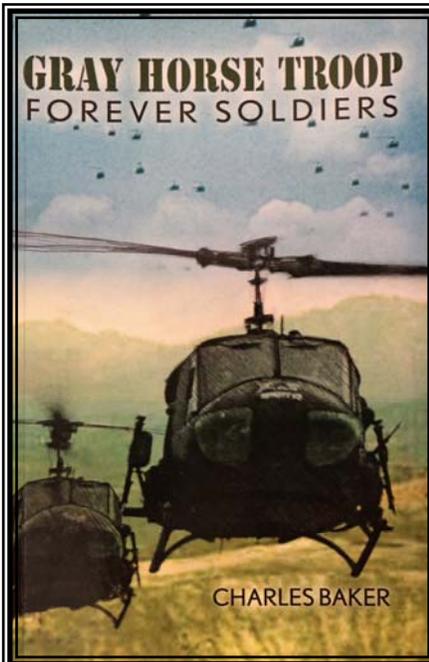
multinational exercises in each country.

In fact, today was the opening ceremony for Justice Sword our multinational exercise with the Romanians. We are paired with the 284th Romanian Tank Battalion and will be part of their BCTs attack to free an encircled force on Wednesday. We are working on getting some pictures on our Facebook page and there should be some good photos of the Squadron Battle Flag and troopers coming soon.

Next summer we will deploy to Germany, Poland, and Hungary over a 6 month period and it may be a little more taxing on the families. In between we plan to have a Ball (likely FEB) and would love if anyone from the Association could join us. We will keep you posted on the dates.

In closing, the Squadron is doing the association proud as the troopers support operations with our NATO allies. As part of Atlantic Resolve South and Central, the Warpaint Squadron is tasked with strategic partnerships to deter, assure, and promote interoperability. Put bluntly, we are here to train as much as we can with the Hungarians, Romanians, and Bulgarians to ensure we can fight together if the time comes.

Garry Owen,  
 CHRISTOPHER S. MAHAFFEY  
 LTC, AR  
 Commander, 5-7 CAV, 1/3 ID



From his perspective as the Battalion Operations Officer, Charlie Baker gives a first-hand account of 5/7th Cav as it fought its way into Hue during Tet of 1968, cleared the NVA away from the perimeter at Khe Sahn, and pursued the enemy into the infamous A Shau Valley. He provides the big picture that 5/7<sup>th</sup> Cav veterans did not get while they were fighting for survival down at squad level. Being embedded with 5/7th Cav in Iraq in 2005 provides the framework for his recalling the various Vietnam battles. He is blunt about the human costs of war. Baker writes in simple language, directed beyond the military reader to all who are interested in the Cold War Era.

*Gray Horse Troop* is available on Amazon, and in Kindle. For an autographed copy, contact Charlie directly by email at [cbaker611@aol.com](mailto:cbaker611@aol.com); or at (904) 923-5115.

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# REUNION XIII COLORADO SPRINGS, AUGUST 7 –13, 2016

Room reservations for Reunion XIII at the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs, CO are already over the 100 mark. Make sure you get your reservation in early. It doesn't cost anything to reserve your room now. The following link allows you to go online and book directly with the hotel:

[http://www.reseze.net/cassets/mkt/mcmelegante/landing\\_pages/MCM\\_Colorado\\_5th\\_Battalion\\_7th\\_Cavalry\\_Association2.html](http://www.reseze.net/cassets/mkt/mcmelegante/landing_pages/MCM_Colorado_5th_Battalion_7th_Cavalry_Association2.html)

For those of you that prefer to call the hotel directly you can use either of the two following phone numbers:  
800-981-4012 or 719-576-5900.

When calling make sure you identify your self as a member of the 5/7 Cavalry Association. Our group ID # is 1110189. The hotel Elegante has 500 rooms, two swimming pools, one inside and one outside, a fitness center, very spacious meeting space, two restaurants, an ice cream parlor and a spectacular hospitality room with a view of Pikes Peak and the majestic Colorado Rocky Mountains.

**GOLFERS ATTENTION!** We are also planning a golf outing on Wednesday, August 10. We have reserved the entire course at Ft. Carson in anticipation of having at least 30 golfers sign up. In addition to reserving the whole course Don Shipley and his company 24 Karat Travel is putting put up a hole-in-one prize valued at \$10,000. It's a Seven Day All Inclusive Sandals Resort Package for two at a Greg Norman Golfers Paradise Resort.

The prize will be awarded for the first **Hole-in-one** on the 160 yard, par 3, downhill hole #14 (must tee off from the white tees). To be eligible players must be participating in the 5/7 Cav Golf Tournament to be held at the Fort Carson, Cheyenne Shadows Golf Course on Wednesday, August 10, 2016. The course is open from 7 AM until dusk.

For early signups and tee times send your reservation request to **Don Shipley 202 East Hall St. Calhoun, Ill 62419** or via e-mail to: [57don@24kttravel.com](mailto:57don@24kttravel.com). All reservations will be time and date stamped so formation of foursomes can be composed on a first come basis. If requesting reservations for a foursome, complete names of all foursome members must be provided. Individual reservations will be added to open foursome groups. I will confirm your reservation request once a complete foursome is formed.

## A Company 66' Mini Reunion



"A" Co. 5/7, '66 gathered for a reunion in Ludington, MI, August 3-9, 2015, hosted by Jim & Anita Hardenburgh. During the week, the group was entertained with various functions: some of the guys went on a fishing trip in Lake Michigan for salmon; others visited the local area, nearby attractions, including Jim's cabin in the woods. Each night the group met at Jim and Anita's home for food, fun and fellowship. We had a large group attending - 20 guys, plus some of the wives, children and the McHenry family. One long time attendee, Barb Boyce, was unable to attend due to illness and subsequently lost her battle with cancer. A wonderful time was had by all who attended and those who could not attend were missed. Jim and Anita were gracious and wonderful hosts.

**1st row:** Bob Matulac, Chester Millay, Larry Ronning, Bob Hansen, Marty Scull;

**2nd row:** John Kruetzkamp, Bill Purdy, A.J. Wise, Jim Harmon, Joe Cybulski, Jim Hardenburgh, Dan Bentz;

**3rd row:** Joe Williams, John Gogets, Frank Foreman, Roy Garrett, Larry Reel, Mike Walker, Jim Hirschuber;

**Not pictured:** Bill Boyce

# Financial Report

by Royce Vick

## Dues Paid

Last	First	\$	Year
Benedetti	Russell	\$20	0000-2016
Barnes	David	\$100	2010-2020
Campbell	William A	\$200	2015-2035
Cole Sr	Robert	\$20	2023-2025
Erxleben	Gary	\$50	2014-2019
Fox	William	\$50	2013-2018
Garrison	Howard W	\$20	2014-2016
Green	Durwood A	\$100	2014-2024
Hernandez	Mario	\$50	2014-2019
Hoppe	Roger M	\$50	2014-2019
Ingle	John	\$20	0000-2016
Leshner	Charles T	\$50	2014-2019
Marcus	J C	\$50	2016-2021
McDonough	Patrick A	\$20	0000-2016
Messinger	Harold A	\$50	2015-2020
Meyer	Neil T	\$20	2018-2020
Monnier	Thomas	\$50	0000-2019
Moore	Anthony	\$20	2015-2017
Murphy	Edward	\$30	2014-2017
Nance	Allen	\$40	2016-2020
Newborn	William	\$60	2011-2017
Oblad	Robert E	\$50	2015-2020
Peraza	Arthur	\$50	2014-2019
Reber	Charles	\$60	2014-2020
Romer	Clifford	\$60	2018-2024
Ropp	Jerry	\$60	2014-2020
Rowsey	Walter H	\$50	2014-2019
Salvi	Rod	\$50	2015-2020
Silvernagel	Myron D	\$50	2016-2021
Smiljanich	George M	\$50	2014-2019
Sorrells	David	\$50	2012-2017
Terpenning	Steven D	\$50	2016-2021
Vick	Royce A	\$30	2015-2018
Winkle	James	\$50	2014-2019
Wolaver	Robert G	\$20	2017-2019
Total Dues		\$1,750	

A very special Season's Greetings to each Association Member and family. This has been a wonderful 50 years in my life.

The Association Officers will be making a second visit to Colorado Springs, Colorado in January to finalize the Reunion XIII activities, Comments or suggestions are welcome from each member.

Do everyone a favor. Get your dues paid current and your registration completed prior to arriving at the Hotel Elegante'. The staff in the Registration Office would appreciate the opportunity to have some free time after having worked twelve previous conventions. It would not take many hours to hand out name tags and make any change for you.

I receive many calls, emails, and letters each month. The most I have ever received had to with our donation to Norman Lloyd. Each of the contacts were favorable and spoke highly of the Associations decision to make the donation. Myron Silvernagel's note is a good example: "Thanks for the work of each Association officer and for the money you guys gave Norman Lloyd. That was really good."

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Garry Owen  
Royce

**\*\* Donations to the 5/7 Cavalry Association are tax deductible as are donations in remembrance of deceased comrades. Please let Royce know if you would like a contribution form.**

## Funds Balance

5/15 Balance/ All Accts*	\$50,757
<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues	\$1,750
Donations	\$148
PX Supplies	\$622
Interest	\$113
Total Income	\$2,633
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
PX Supplies	-\$228
Newsletter	-\$1,682
Postage	-\$17
Total Expenses	-\$1,927
10/15 Balance/ All Accts*	\$51,463

\*Checking/Savings plus \$35,013 CD



## Donations\*\*

Bowman	Stephen	\$18.00
Katz	Sidney	\$30.00
Mezich	Ernie	\$100.00
TOTAL		\$148.00



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Allen Patrick & Sid Katz (B Co 66)**