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PRESIDENT EMERITUS' REPORT

This letter is to express my pride in all of you and in our remarkable Association of 5/7 veterans and families. It remains my privilege to be associated with you. The historic turnout at our reunion in Colorado Springs last month is clear evidence of the importance to all of us, veterans and families alike, of these get-togethers.

As those of you who attended the reunion know, I have stepped aside as Association President – replaced by BG (ret) Howard Prince, an outstanding soldier and patriot whom most of you know. He is a great choice to lead our Association. As for me, being your president for the last 12 years has been a singular honor, second only to being the 5/7 Cav commander in Vietnam and Cambodia in 1970. From my heart, I want to thank each of you for your kindness and support over these years. You are a remarkable group of which I am very proud.

Take care of each other, your family and yourself.

Garry Owen!

Maury Edmonds

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We all owe our Past President, MG Maury Edmonds, so much for his leadership and dedication to serving our members for the past 12 years. Maury has left such a great legacy that wherever we are we should all salute him one more time: Garryowen, Sir! And special thanks to Jane Edmonds for her service to the members of our Association and our family members. We also thank and will miss the service of Karl Haartz and Royce Vick who have served our Association so well and faithfully for so many years. Welcome to Dick Baker, our new treasurer.

It is a high honor to have been elected as your Association President and it will be a great privilege to serve in that role for the next two years. When Maury Edmonds asked me if I would serve, I told him I did not seek a position as an elected officer but I would serve if asked. I pledge to you that I will do my best to serve the interests of our members and nothing else.

We have a very strong team of Association officers and I expect and intend to lean on them and to learn from them. I thank all of them who were reelected and look forward to serving alongside them. Our Association has been so well led and is so successful that the watchword for a new President at this point is continuity, not change, although I hope we will continue to find ways to serve our members even better in the future. So I would love to hear your ideas about how to make our association more attractive to you in the years to come and I ask for your help, support, and understanding as we go forward together. I hope to see as many of you as can make it for Veterans Day in DC in November. Start by making a hotel reservation now.

Welcome home to the 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry which recently completed a long but highly successful deployment during which it built a high level of readiness and strengthened NATO's capacity for deterrence by training extensively with some of our NATO allies. An update from LTC Mahaffey with details is included in the newsletter and posted on the Association web site.

Garry Owen,
Howard Prince



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“Krazy” Karl’s Report

I have stepped down from being your 1ST VICE PRESIDENT. As I told all in attendance at the Saturday evening BBQ, “I am not going away I am just leaving office.” When I was voted in to office in the year 2000 we had about 300 members and the transition was easy. Now we have over 2000 members of which over 1000 pay their dues every year. The internet made it easy, but not super easy. Everyone was changing e-mail addresses quicker than they change their shorts.

At present we have 700+ good e-mail address that I send updates to. It is the communication that keeps us growing and vibrant as the best damned association for the Vietnam War. You as members have done this.

WE NEED A NEW SPARK PLUG TO BECOME 1ST VICE PRESIDENT or maybe 2 one from the 5th Battalion and one from the 5th SQUADRON.

Step up and speak with the board of directors, yes you!! Remember there are no perks with this

job, you are a volunteer –wish I could put a smile face in here. 😊

We did make a couple of changes to the by-laws; first and most important I think was the creation of the office of VP of Integration between the 5th Bn and 5th Sqd. Cliff Wheeler was than elected to that office. Cliff was Squadron CO for their 2nd deployment to Iraq 2006 & 2007.

Please continue the support you have given me over the years with Cliff and your new VP.

To the 635 persons registered at the reunion you should all pat yourselves on the back as you made it a super huge success. Unbelievable numbers attended the Flying W Wranglers on Tuesday evening. We had 282 in attendance and you could hear a pin drop for the 2 hours the Wranglers were on stage.

No one got the hole-n-one sponsored by Sandal’s resorts. And on Pizza night 1000 slices of pizza were gone in 40 minutes. That has to be some type of record.

The week ended with a somber but emotional Memorial Service. After the reading of our KIAs, those who have passed since the last reunion and Willie Mercer singing, “The Mansions of the Lord,” there wasn’t a dry eye anywhere.

IT IS YOUR ASSOCIATION –YES, YOU THE MEMBERS - THE OFFICERS AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE THE GUIDES FOR YOUR IDEAS. PLEASE WORK WITH THEM, NOT AGAINST THEM.

Thank You for 16 great years.

“Krazy” Karl



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Info provided by Dick Baker our new Treasurer

LETTERS

From Nancy Grinder – Wife of Danny Grinder, E/ 69-69 – Danny passed away 07/23/2016

Thank You for the yellow flowers, they were beautiful. Danny was looking forward to the reunion. He really got a lot of healing out of going to them. I remember the first year, when we got home I thought, “Never Again,” but after the first 2 months, a peace came over Danny. He looked forward to the emails “Crazy” Karl put out and the newsletters. God Bless the group and the healing process that takes place. Much Love, Nancy

Karl, I just wanted to say thanks for the great reunion in Colorado Springs. I realize that there is a ton of work organizing and planning to make a group of this size a success. I didn't get a chance to thank you personally after the reunion, so I'm sending you an email instead. I hope you reconsider your position with the Organization. You are an important piece in making the 5/7 a tremendous organization. If you do decide to step aside, thanks again for all of your work in making the reunions a great time. Most of us guys consider these reunions as healing events and owe you and the other Officers our sincere thanks.

Larry Allen, E Co 68-69 – Is home after surgery and still facing more tests and treatment. Keep him in your prayers. Remember guys and gals we are getting older and the body needs help.

Membership VP's Report

For those that made the reunion it was a great one again, and for those that could not make it, I Hope you make the next one. Reunion time is knowledge time. You can learn from each other more than the VA will ever tell you. Even if the VA has been stone walling you.

There are great persons in the VA and there are friendly persons that are really lazy and don't want to do a thing as you walk away. In the military we were told what to do and when to do it. Today the VA staff is instructed to ask you for your permission. Even though a few are retired military, they will ask if you want so and so test or procedure. As we are getting older it is easier for the VA to relax than deny the syndrome they have given the Vietnam Vets for years. At our age, they don't expect us to live long enough to get too much.

Veterans Day in Washington is coming up quickly. Check out the Veterans Day Flyer that is on our web site: cav57.org. It will give you all the details about the hotel and the dinner we are planning for Thursday night, November 10. Make your reservations now. I plan to be there! Getting to attend our 5/7 Cav events is something I count on doing every year. And I plan on still doing it until it as long as this old body keeps letting me. Sure hope to see you there too.

As I told all at the reunion please send copies of orders you locate to Karl or me. My address is: Don Shipley, 202 East Hall St. Calhoun, IL 62419. This helps us fill in the blanks on our roster. Your orders may have been folded in a different place than someone else's orders and contain a readable name we have misspelled or missed for poor quality.

We had several leadership changes at the reunion. Maury Edmonds stepped down as President and now takes on the title of President Emeritus. Howard Prince was nominated and elected to take on the role of President. Karl Haartz resigned from the 1st VP's position and we have yet to refill that role. Royce Vick, our Treasurer, also elected to resign and his replacement Dick Baker, was nominated and elected to fill that role. Allen Patrick, Jerry Houston and I were nominated and elected to continue in our present positions for another two years. We also added a new leadership position, the VP of Battalion and Squadron Integration. Cliff Wheeler, the former CO of the 5th Squadron on their second deployment to Iraq, was nominated and elected to this position.

It is great to have participation from the 5th Squadron in the Association. There were over a dozen 5th squadron troopers who attended the reunion, several with their families. It really adds to the camaraderie when then younger troopers attend. Keep it up guys and bring more of your brothers. This association is as much yours as it is ours, the older VN vets. Heck one of these days the VN guys will be in the minority so we need more and more 5th squadron participation so you can take the reins and keep running with it.

We did not become this big an association by any one person, it takes a team. And this association belongs to each and every one of us. And so do all of the items in the memorabilia room. These are your memories. Many of us came home by way of the hospital and got home with most of our skin and not much else. Others have photos and keepsakes in the memorabilia collection that remind us all of how much we depended on each other as each dark night and long day passed slowly far from home.

At present we are starting the work on selecting the 2018 reunion venue. There is nothing concrete to report yet. The three top venues nominated and voted on in our Friday business meeting were Myrtle Beach, SC; Pittsburgh, PA and San Antonio, TX. Hopefully we can get a first indication of which venues can accommodate us by our Veterans Day Gathering.

Our attendance for this reunion was fantastic. Over 635 persons attended and we booked over 1,500 room nights. Finding a hotel that can handle our large turnout plus the necessary meeting rooms is a big challenge.

We had a great golf outing at the reunion. A record number of persons signed up to play. The Delta Airlines computer glitch caused a bit of a concern for some of our players but in the end we had 33 players in the lineup. The winning team was 7 under par. It was a nice day with great weather and a beautiful course right on the grounds of Fort Carson. Great fellowship, and enjoyed by all. Sure hope we can do it again in 2018.

Garry Owen,

REUNION 2016 Bits and Pieces --- This and That

When I made reservations and again as I checked in, I asked for a room close because of mobility issues. Great. I parked my rental (never moved), was 38 steps to room E2234 and 20 mins from the lobby. Duh, no compass. I admit I got misdirected in a hallway a time or two. Find the pool and go from there. Then discovered the outside route was much faster. The view was better and I could smoke.

The Memorabilia room was very popular, bigger and better every year. The collection, information and books awesome. We'll need chairs in the future. Many worked the room no doubt but every time I went in Don Shipley, Larry Hilton, Bookard Dooley were holding court. Don was updating lists, Co rosters and sharing w all who asked. Bookard Dooley were gathering data. Larry gave away hundreds of pre made key chains and started making more. **Remember Bookard asked for your help. He needs photos and medal info of the fallen to complete the stories. (Email: dooleytoons@theriver.com)**

The Hospitality room was largest in memory. TVs and Soft seating; that's big time social stuff, long way from tailgating, breakfast and the view a bonus. Whoever thought of the 50th year decorations, thanks? We had Lady Barmails, cheerful and smiles. Apparently the mountain air and age got to many. Late nights in Hospitality room didn't happen. I did find Norman and Truman on Friday night at 1:15. My faith was restored. And a squad of the younger troopers were standing, barely standing the late post in the wee hours on Saturday night. I heard there was some skullduggery ;) at the golf tournament. GOLF the gentleman's game. Something about breaking up foursomes, separating friends. OK we are reminded that golf is about fellowship, cursing, club throwing, and indecent exposure and nature. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Loved the vista and course and some apparently played great golf. (I wish I could still play.)

Did everyone get to sign **Larry Hilton's copy of Charlie Bakers book?** If not, hopefully he'll be in DC. The book looked to have been thru the car wash, with highlighter, stickers, and tags. Bloody and battered, certainly well-read multiple times. Next, he'll be on a book tour. I heard a week or two after the reunion, Larry was indeed the guy wearing the DUCK Guys Beard all week. A Co guy with spirit and zest for life.

Hope everyone noticed the huge piece of unique granite art at the main entrance. Carved in stone... the Ten Commandments. Not a normal display in our PC world today. The back story I got is the hotel is privately owned and by a major Christian world supporter. I mention it with no agenda; simply noting a beautiful piece of art in an unexpected setting. E Co: I got to meet a few more friends of Bill Moore; even caught up with Mr. GQ the president of Honest Johns fan club. And I met Jack Boyd. More on that connection later. Another memory is reconnecting with Don Hoag and Melanie after a long absence. Some amazing things happened to us along the way. Much in common. All good stuff and another happy outcome was shared by Niagara Joe and Jake Skerlin. Somebody on TV use to say "I love it when a plan comes together"..... and I hope many took advantage of the rosters available in the Memorabilia rooms. Review your copy and REACH OUT AND TOUCH a friend from your past. Share the gift of friendship before it's too late.

And we welcomed Howard Prince as the incoming president. Recall at the dinner he was open and encouraged us to email him. Think about that? A Welcome and Thank you works. It's an opportunity.

Thanks to all on the teams, volunteers for the effort. Thanks isn't enough but it's all I have at the moment. Hope all those who missed will manage to get to the next one. And prayers for the ill and those who passed, all missed and remembered

See ya in DC!

Garry Owen, Vince L

Fiddlers Green



Richard 'HAWK' Hawksby A Co, 5/7 1968 passed suddenly on July 28th as a result of a brain injury suffered in a motorcycle incident in Palm Coast FL.

He grew up in Brooklyn, NY. During his VN tour (Feb-OCT 68) he served in Hue, Khe Sanh, Au Shau as platoon RTO. By the time the battalion moved south he was a squad leader. He was wounded Oct 68. Later he worked for Verizon (Bell), starting in NYC. Retired with thirty five plus years. Concerning the scary neighborhoods he was assigned early on, he always said "a Smile and a kind word will earned respect. Build on that". And his life reflected those sentiments. He always had a smile; think he got it from his wife.

Since 1986 he was one of the A Co guys who gather annually in DC for Veterans Day. Since joining the 5/7th organization early on he never missed a reunion. He and Susan had reservations this year. His focus in life was always centered on family and others. He was one of the good guys, a treasure and will be missed. (Photo Feb 2016)

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Thank you to all the volunteers that made the reunion such a great success. Emilie Thomas and Patty Litvjak for welcome gift bags; Pam Jamison and her raffle ladies for the awesome work on 50/50s and raffle ticket sales; Karen Shipley, Dixie Houston, Judy Vick & Eva Brown for the table decorations; Bob and Joanie Child for running the PX; Larry and Elaine Allen for photos, the Chapel and the Memorial Slide Show; Carol Haartz for keeping the Registration Room Running Smoothly; Eddie Coon for making the office supply runs every day; Bill Brown and Don Shipley for organizing and running the golf tournament and Joe Williams for running the hospitality room and organizing the great crew of bartenders. Many others were there to help and I apologize for not having your names here but please all of you accept the Association thanks for what you do and have done to make Colorado Springs 2016 one of the best reunions ever.

D Company News

"D" Company troopers, thanks to everyone who attended the Colorado Springs Reunion especially those who came for the first time. What a wonderful time for all of us.

As always we have our memorial to our fallen brothers, this time we have been contacted by a V.F.W. in Montesano, Wash. They want to place a memorial in Montesano for David Ira Harner; KIA 15 November, 1967. The chaplain for the VFW is requesting a contribution for David to be placed on Memorial Day 2017. If you choose to support David's memorial please send your contribution to this address:

Ken Estes, Chaplain
VFW Post 2455
409 Wilder Hill Ln.
Montesano, WA 98563

Your contributions are tax deductible.

Also thanks to Mike Sprayberry and his supporters for their continuing efforts to locate our MIAs in the A Shau Valley in April 1968.

See you in D.C. for Veterans Day.

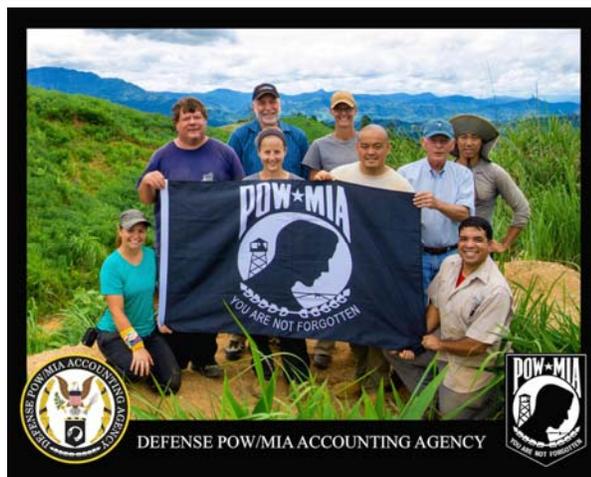
Garry Owen, Neil Meyer

Report from the 1st Cav's SABER on Mike Sprayberry's Recent Return Trip to Vietnam

Julie Kink sent in an update message to the Wings mailbox. You may recall the article in the May/June, 2015 *SABER* concerning her husband, Mike Sprayberry and Norman Lloyd's documentary, "The MIAs on Tiger Mountain". Her husband, Mike Sprayberry of D Company, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, on April 25, 1968, led a small group of volunteers on a harrowing nighttime rescue in the A Shau Valley of Vietnam. Their mission: to save a platoon of infantrymen encircled, ambushed, and pinned down by superior North Vietnamese forces on the flank of Tiger Mountain. The rescue was successful--all of the survivors of the ambush were extracted--but the bodies of three fallen soldiers could not be recovered. A few days later, an observation helicopter from B Troop 1/9th Cavalry attempted to locate the three KIAs. It too was lost to heavy enemy fire. The bodies of the three helicopter crewmen likewise could not be recovered. To this day, the bodies of all six men remain in the A Shau Valley, the basis for the documentary. The update I received tells of their third trip back to Vietnam in search of the missing men.

"Letting you know that Mike and I are home from Vietnam. Here is his report: "There's been lots of back and forth c o r r e s p o n d e n c e with the Defense P O W / M I A Accounting Agency (DPAA) team for more information. Unfortunately, no signs of personnel have been found yet. The good news is that the site is not being closed and the work will be continued at a future date. The appointment of a new DPAA director to replace Mr. Linnington will have a bearing on what happens next. "Regardless, we made some progress on both our losses and the Chinook loss. I do not wish to get anyone's hopes up. Just want you to know that we are doing what we can. We just don't know exactly where our guys are buried. But our three witnesses who survived the ambush and returned on this trip did an amazing job of nailing down where they fell.

"Concerning the 1/9 LOH site, 300 meters south, we have our concerns that the site shows signs of sliding down the hill. It has dropped about two feet since our last visit. I will be expressing our sense of urgency to DPAA, in detail. "Special thanks to John Powell, C 1/9 CAV, for making the trip arrangements and to Julie for being a good pointman (woman) for our witnesses' first trip back. The mission continues."



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Miniature CIB pin	3
Ankh Hat pin	3
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5th Squadron Report

5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry arrived at Camp Ujmajor on the outskirts of Veszprém, Hungary on 23 June 2016 and spent the next week receiving equipment and posturing for the training to come. Training began with a focus on individual, crew, and section skills. Each of the line troops planned their own training for a week to address their own specific training objectives. All three troops included land navigation, high frequency radio assembly and use, and call for fire training which improves the speed and accuracy of our Troopers' use of indirect fires. They also trained various dismounted reconnaissance and surveillance techniques.



During a week of small arms training, the troops not only qualified on their M4 rifles and M9 pistols in day, night, and NBC (with gas mask) conditions, but also had the time and ammunition to further refine their skills. Short range marksmanship trained Troopers to turn and walk while quickly acquiring, discerning among, and engaging targets. Each troop also conducted a stress shoot which interspersed physical tasks with target engagements to mimic the physical conditions of combat. Although much of the Hungarian Defense Force (HDF) is occupied with border security, small elements of the 2-25th HDF Battalion taught US Troopers how to assemble and fire their AK-47s and RPGs. Finally, the Troopers spent hours each day learning or reviewing room clearing techniques, and the training culminated in teams of three to four Troopers clearing a two-room building with live ammunition.



Although the Squadron had conducted a full gunnery progression during April in Grafenwoehr, Germany, personnel changes forced the troops to form new crews. Before any collective Bradley live fire exercises, the Squadron conducted Bradley crew qualifications as well as machine gun qualifications on 7.62mm and .50 caliber weapons. Each of the troops then conducted section, platoon, and troop live fire exercises which gave leaders at all levels not only experience firing but also experience planning, maneuvering, and reporting. The squadron's gunners also got the rare opportunity to fire live TOW missiles during the troop live fire exercises and again during the squadron live fire exercise. Meanwhile, the squadron's mortar sections conducted their own certification and fired in support of each troop's live fire. The Bradley maneuvers culminated with a squadron live fire in which two troops maneuvered simultaneously with live mortar support. Highlighting our interoperability, a platoon of Hungarian infantry mounted the Squadron's Bradleys and participated at dismounts in the Squadron's maneuvers. A delegation from the US Embassy in Budapest and a group of Hungarian battalion commanders visited to observe the exercise.

Training in Hungary culminated with a troop-on-troop fight which pitted the line troops against each other in a series of four hour missions to determine the best troop. Each troop executed either a zone reconnaissance or a screen with the screen force protecting their command vehicle with special markings. If the reconnoitering troop could find and report that designation within the time allotted, they would win. Apache scored two wins each against Bandit and Crazyhorse troops, earning the title of best troop in the Squadron, and Crazyhorse pulled out a close victory over Bandit to complete the exercise in second place.



Tow Missile Firing During Live Fire Exercise

Between training, the Squadron took the opportunity to go on several rewarding trips. The lieutenants planned a staff ride to the Battle of Wagram, which was Napoleon's last major victory defeating the Austrian Archduke Charles in 1809. After an overview of the battle, the officers visited two key points along the battle front, and lieutenants assumed the roles of Corps commanders talking through maneuvers at each point. Despite two centuries separation, the officers related to and benefited from the principles of leadership and operational art displayed at Wagram. While the officers were on the staff ride, the rest of the Troopers visited Vienna, Austria. The squadron also went on trips to Budapest, and Lake Balaton, a popular Hungarian tourist destination just south of Veszprém.



Bradleys In Field Maneuvers

The community around Camp Ujmajor welcomed the presence of US Soldiers as a dramatic departure from the communist regime that the older generations still remember. Hajmáskér, a nearby town, invited 5-7 CAV to their village festival where the Troopers displayed their Bradleys, small arms, and equipment and interacted with the local populace. Over the course of July and August, a summer camp operated by HDF for high school kids interested in the military, similar to JROTC, visited three times to learn about US vehicles and even participate in first aid training. Before returning home, Task Force Warpaint held a field dining-in with all Troopers and representatives from our Hungarian partners. As this event corresponded with the Hungarian holiday of St. Stephen's day, the Hungarians broke a traditional loaf of bread with the Squadron, and 5-7 CAV displayed all of our cavalry traditions to include preparing a non-alcoholic grog.

After two months of demanding but rewarding training, the squadron is preparing to return to Fort Stewart. The Bradleys have returned to Germany for turn-in and the Warpaint Squadron will board planes and return home in mid-September. While we have improved by building training readiness during our time in Europe, 5-7 CAV has more training to complete before a rotation at the National Training Center in April 2017.



CSM Bolyard adds to the grog



5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry in our last formation together before redeployment to Fort Stewart, GA

Financial Report

by Royce Vick

This will be my farewell report so I wish to write a few lines to thank some outstanding members. First off, many thanks to the Association Officers that I have worked with these past twelve years. I will not list any by name, as there are so many deserving, but I must thank Joe Williams for his continued efforts in Hospitality at our reunions, then there is Pam Jamison and others with their raffle tickets sales. It seems that each year some individual steps up with a special effort - this year it was Emily Thomas with the donated pizzas.

While active, I worked in S1 so I had little individual contact with individuals, except with the Headquarters staff, company commanders and first sergeants. The treasurer's position has enabled me to meet most of the association members. What a treat.

Financially we have had our ups and downs but this has been a record year. Since we are a not for profit now may be the right time to establish an endowment or trust to administer the placement of memorial wreaths on the Wall Memorial.

I welcome Dick Baker as my replacement. Wish him well.

Garry Owen,
Royce Vick

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My portion of this months report is short, as we transition duties from Royce Vick to myself. I would like to thank Royce for helping me during the transition and his many years service to the Association.

Please mail future dues, donations etc. to:

5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association
P.O. Box 291
Bristol, NH 03222

Garry Owen,
Dick Baker

Statement of Funds Post Transfer to Dick Baker

Initial Transfer & Deposit	\$ 79,217
PX Sales	\$ 60
Dues Received	\$ 100
Postage Expense	\$ (31)
Current Balance Sept 2016	\$ 79,346



2016 Reunion Operating Report

REVENUE	
Registration	\$63,420
Hospitality Contributions	\$2,660
PX Sales	\$9,462
Raffles/50/50/Silent Auction	\$7,445
Donation - Allison Henderson	\$240
TOTAL FUNDS RECEIVED	\$83,227
EXPENSES	
Flying W Wranglers	-\$2,500
Hotel Elegante (Banquets, etc.)	-\$49,899
Hospitality - Supplies	-\$1,791
Pizza Night	-\$425
Bag Piper	-\$150
Cheyenne Shadows Golf	-\$990
Centerpieces	-\$128
Memorabilia Room	-\$926
Awards and Event Tickets	-\$989
Awards	-\$569
Raffle Prizes	-\$1,304
Office Supplies	-\$652
Welcome Gift Bags	-\$236
Refunds	-\$1,659
TOTAL EXPENSES	-\$62,217
NET FUNDS BALANCE	\$21,010

Statement of Funds

Funds 2/29/16	\$45,671
Income	
Registration	\$63,420
Dues	\$9,240
Hospitality	\$2,660
PX Sales	\$12,415
Lottery	\$7,445
Donations	\$1,010
Interest	\$41
Total	\$96,231
Expenses	
Reunion	-\$62,217
Paid by cash	\$2,366
Newsletters	-\$1,299
Postage	-\$167
PX	-\$600
Memorials	-\$768
Total	-\$62,685
Funds 9/30/16	\$79,217

Donations

Last	First	Amt.
Arnold	Rodney	\$40
Coleman	James C	\$100
Dover	Jerry	\$100
Harmon	Sandra	\$30
Henderson	Allison	\$240
Katz	Sidney	\$35
McClung Jr	William	\$40
Moore	James	\$100
Wickham	John A	\$200
Williams	Joe	\$100
Wise	A.J.	\$25
Total		\$1,010

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We will once again be hosting our Veterans Day Gathering in Washington, DC at the Holiday Inn National Airport (www.hinationalairport.com) in Arlington, VA (Crystal City area). The hotel is located one mile from the Reagan National Airport and three blocks from the nearest Metro station.

The **room rate is \$114 per night**; parking is free; also there is a free shuttle to and from the airport.

The block of rooms (55 currently) and room rates are effective from Wednesday, November 9, 2016 through Monday, November 14, 2016. Check-in time is 4pm and check-out at 12pm.

*Hotel bookings should be made with the hotel by **Tuesday, October 11, 2016.***

Any block rooms not reserved by that date will be released for general sale and reservations made after that date will only be accepted on a space available basis.

The toll free phone number for booking with the hotel is 888-294-5059 or you can call direct to the hotel at 703-684-7200.

When making reservations please identify yourself as part of the 5/7 Cavalry Association.