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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

On a sunny but cold and windy weekend nearly 100 of our members and guests recently gathered in Washington, DC to celebrate Veterans Day with dinner at the Holiday Inn of Crystal City on Nov 10. Cliff Wheeler did all the planning and organizing to make our banquet event a great success again this year. All who attended owe him many thanks. Once again Mary and Joe McVeigh created, transported and donated a magnificent wreath that was placed at the Vietnam Memorial Wall the next day by our wreath presenters Ed Canady and Glenn Koonce.



This reunion was a special occasion in many ways, including that it was the 100th anniversary of the armistice to end the fighting in Europe in November 1918. Originally celebrated as Armistice Day, November 11 now is always the date on which we celebrate Veterans Day. War is what brought us together when we were young and turned us into veterans when we came home. War is what still connects us to one another; it is our common bond. We are fortunate to have been given long lives and have much to be grateful for and to celebrate each time we gather. Our wars separated us forever from those brave men who gave what President Lincoln in 1863 called "the last full measure of devotion" to their country.

With the possible exception of the bond between a mother and her child, the brotherhood of those who have fought together in battle may be the deepest bond that human beings ever form. So it is not trite to refer to ourselves as a "band of brothers," for that is indeed what we became in those distant rice paddies, mountains, jungles and coastal plains of Vietnam and Cambodia and more recently in the dry and dusty, scorching hot Middle East where the soldiers of the 5/7 Cav have carried the war against terror to our nation's deadly enemy of the present.

"And Crispin Crispian shall ne'er go by,
From this day to the ending of the world,
But we in it shall be remembered-
We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he today that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother..."

Those of us who can still enjoy the fellowship of our band of brothers are fortunate to have come home with our honor and our integrity intact, though some were neither whole in body or in spirit. As we age, we know more than ever in our hearts and minds that the sacrifice we made to serve our country was the right and proper choice. We did not let our country down.

Each Veterans Day we are right to honor ourselves because we served with courage and dedication and made it home to become part of the millions of veterans who have served over the years. We also remember fallen comrades and reach out to those they left behind who still miss them and always will. We will never forget our fallen brothers and their ultimate sacrifice, nor doubt the pain of those they left behind. In 1944 a great World War II Army general, Vinegar Joe Stillwell, said this about the meaning of fighting in a war: "If a man can say he did not let his country down, and if he can live with himself, there is nothing more he can reasonably ask for."

I am proud to be a combat veteran and to have served my country with brave men like you.

GARRYOWEN! Howard

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Message from "Krazy"Karl

HELLO 5/7 CAV TROOPERS,

We had another great turnout for our Veterans Day gathering in DC this past November. For those who missed it this year, we hope you'll be able to rejoin us for Veterans Day 2019.

For the past 26 years I have been a very proud member of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association. The past 2 as Vice President Emeritus and the 16 years prior as Vice President. Our association has seen a lot of changes over the years. Our database has grown from just a few to over 5,000 names of troopers that served in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Of the 5,000 we have about 2,000 with good mailing addresses. Not all of the 2,000 are dues paying members, but we include them in our newsletter mailing list at least once a year. Other newsletter mailings go to the dues paying members that still wish to receive a hard copy. The 1st Cavalry Association at one time thought we should turn over our mailing list to them, but we have consistently said "no thank you". And the 7th Cavalry Association tried to tell us that we couldn't have our own web site. Well, we prevailed there too.

We are proud of our association and the brotherhood of our members. For all the years we've been gathering in DC or at our reunions, I can think of only one time when one of our troopers was asked to leave and that was because he had a little too much "cheer" at a reunion. Wes Westmoreland was VP at the time and he escorted the trooper to the bus station in Colorado Springs. In 1998 that same trooper rejoined us in DC as a proud and sober member of the association and continued doing so until his passing.

Recently we had a question about the official name of our association: the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association. The official name of the association was registered in 1996 in the state of Tennessee when we applied for our non-profit status. In 2004 the 5/7 Cavalry Battalion was re-activated at Fort Stewart, GA and the CO at the time wanted to keep the Battalion designation but the Army said, "no, you will be a Squadron". To deal with this battalion/squadron dilemma we have chosen to use the designation 5/7 Cavalry Association as an ongoing operating designation. The following photos of two t-shirts is an illustration of how we have handled the association name issue.



New shirt on left and old variation on right.

The association executive officers will be meeting with the Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas on January 28 to sort out our support requirements for the 2020 reunion. If you are in the area and want to sit in on the negotiations, let us know so we can make room for you at the negotiating table. Our goal is to cover the details of the reunion week with the hotel management and get their buy-in to the basic layout of meeting rooms, room rates, banquet details, etc. and come away with a signed contract. We'll have an update for the members after the negotiations are completed.

Great news: 2 of our members were successful in getting their VA disability rating increased to 100%. Their wives were quite happy with the retro. Don't give up guys, you never know when someone will say YES.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR
"Krazy" Karl

2020 REUNION PLANNING MEETING

The executive officers of the association will be in Hot Springs, Arkansas on January 28 to sit down with the Arlington Hotel management team to work out the details of the 2020 reunion. The hotel has proposed the dates of August 2 to August 9, 2020. We will be discussing the proposed meeting dates, room rates, banquet menus, banquet prices, and meeting room arrangements. We also have to confirm our ability to conduct our hospitality room as we have in the past including whether or not we have a pizza night and if we do, will it be supplied in-house or via local vendors.

We will also be conducting a review, with our ground team leader Larry Bailey's, help, of the local tourist and entertainment venues. We want to develop a list of choices to put forth to the membership via a survey when we return from the trip.

As Karl mentioned in his article we are open to other members joining us for the meeting in Hot Springs. If you would like to attend let us know ASAP so we can inform the hotel of those who will be attending.

2018 Veterans Day Photos - More Veterans Day Photos are on the cav57.org web site



5/7 Cav PX

| Item Description | Qty On Hand | \$ Price |
|--|-------------|----------|
| Twill Shirt Khaki Long Sleeve - 2XL | 1 | 25 |
| Twill Shirt Forest Grn Long Sleeve - 2XL | 6 | 25 |
| Men's Forest Green Polo - Small | 1 | 25 |
| Men's Forest Green Polo - Medium | 3 | 25 |
| Men's Royal Blue Polo - Small | 2 | 25 |
| Men's White Polo - Small | 2 | 25 |
| Men's White Polo - Medium | 3 | 25 |
| Ladies' White Polo - Medium | 8 | 25 |
| Ladies' White Polo - Large | 3 | 25 |
| Ladies' Cornflower Blue Polo - Small | 1 | 25 |
| Ladies' Cornflower Blue Polo - Medium | 5 | 25 |
| Ladies' Cornflower Blue Polo - XL | 9 | 25 |
| Ladies' Pink Polo - Medium | 4 | 25 |
| Ladies' Heather Gray Polo - Small | 1 | 25 |
| Ladies' Heather Gray Polo - Medium | 9 | 25 |
| Ladies' Heather Gray Polo - Large | 1 | 25 |
| Ladies' Heather Gray Polo - XL | 3 | 25 |
| Ladies' Cardinal Red Polo - Medium | 2 | 25 |
| Note: Other shirts will only be available at reunions | | |
| Otto Ball Caps Black | 24 | 15 |
| Otto Ball Caps White | 11 | 15 |
| Hat Pins \$2 shipping covers up to 5 pins | | |
| An Khe pins 1/1/4 " | 11 | 3 |
| Combat Medic | 12 | 3 |
| Cambodia | 5 | 3 |
| Hue City | 12 | 3 |
| 1st Cav Vietnam 5/8" | 20 | 3 |
| Miniature Garry Owen | 28 | 3 |
| Regulation Garry Owen | 27 | 3 |
| Silver Star | 9 | 3 |
| Mini CIB | 12 | 3 |
| Bronze Star | 4 | 3 |
| Lest They Be Forgotten (Rifle Helmet&Boots) | 12 | 3 |
| Combat Cavalry | 3 | 3 |
| 5/7 Crossed Sabers | 36 | 4 |
| Flags | | |
| 1st Cavalry 3'X5' Flag | 10 | 15 |
| POW/MIA 3'X5' Flag | 15 | 15 |

PLEASE ALLOW THREE WEEKS ON SHIRT DELIVERY. PLEASE INCLUDE \$5.00 POSTAGE ON HATS & ON SMALL ITEM ORDERS AND \$10.00 ON SINGLE SHIRT ORDERS & \$15 ON MULTIPLE SHIRT ORDERS..

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2018 Veterans Day Photos



Ed Canady and Glenn Koonce



The Missing Man Table, also known as the Fallen Comrade Table, is a place of honor, set up in military dining facilities of the U.S. armed forces and during occasions such as service branch birthday balls, in memory of fallen, missing, or imprisoned military service-members.

Check Your Mail Label

Co B 69, Dues Paid Thru: 2009
Tom T. Trooper
Street Address
City, State Zip

Note: Dues are \$10 per year

The sample mail label on the left represents the label that appears on the front of your newsletter. It indicates the company/troop and year you initially served in the 5/7 Cav. The label also gives you the status of your dues. If "3000" appears in your status it indicates we have your status as "Active Duty". Dues payments should be mailed to our treasurer at the following address:
**Dick Baker
PO Box 291
Bristol, NH 03222-0291**

Financial Report

by Dick Baker

Dues Paid

| First | Last | Dues Paid | Years |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| David | Larson | \$100 | 2017-2026 |
| Robert | Wissman | \$200 | 2005-2024 |
| Jodie | Petery | \$50 | 2016-2020 |
| Gary | Lumbard | \$40 | 2019-2022 |
| James | Byrnes | \$30 | 2018-2020 |
| Jim | Coleman | \$60 | 2022-2027 |
| Bobby | Eastland | \$40 | 2019-2022 |
| Richard | Reed | \$50 | 2018-2022 |
| Eric | Sleeper | \$30 | 2017-2019 |
| Wayne | Gibbs | \$20 | 2020-2021 |
| Stephen | Warner | \$10 | 2019 |
| Junior | Letts | \$100 | 2020-2029 |
| Donald | Berube | \$20 | 2019-2020 |
| Harry | Cook | \$50 | 2019-2023 |
| Richard | Davidson | \$30 | 2019-2021 |
| Gary | Hogan | \$50 | 2019-2023 |
| Danny | Roche | \$20 | 2019-2020 |
| Tommie | Whitemore | \$20 | 2019-2020 |
| | Total | \$920 | |

Donations

| | | |
|------|-------|---------|
| Gary | Hogan | \$50.00 |
|------|-------|---------|

Fund Balances

August. Ending Balance \$76,689

Income

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Dues Received | \$920 |
| Donation | \$50 |
| PX Sales | \$96 |
| Misc. | \$23 |
| Interest Earned | \$103 |

Total \$1,191

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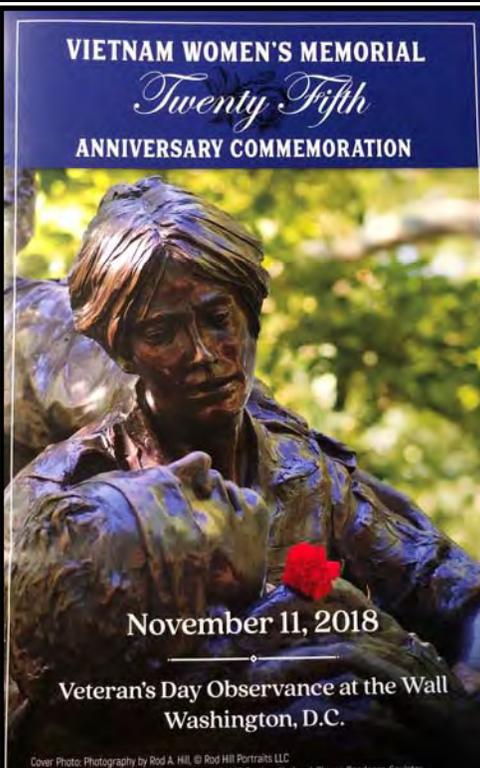
Expenses

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| 2018 Reunion Refunds | (\$185) |
| Veterans Day Expense | (\$478) |
| PX Supplies | (\$563) |
| Bugle | (\$1,011) |
| Flowers - Funerals | (\$536) |
| Misc. | |
| Cav57 Domain Registration | (\$47) |
| Postage | (\$157) |

Total (\$2,977)

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November Ending Balance \$74,903



The above financial report summarizes our income and expense activity from August to just before November month end.

Dues payments should be made out to the 5th 7th Cav Assoc. and mailed to: 5th 7th Cav. Assoc., PO Box 291, Bristol NH 03222

Dues are \$10 per year.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

2018 Veterans Day Program
The 25th Anniversary of the
Vietnam Women's Memorial



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