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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A gorgeous waterfront property, a boat trip to a major league ball game, scads of nearby restaurants with a variety of food styles, a trip to the site of incredible bravery and sacrifice; Let's roll! Pittsburgh is no longer primarily a gritty steel town. The downtown area where our hotel is located has been revitalized into a place that is throbbing with vitality and entertainment. In this newsletter you will find all the details about how to make your plans for our next reunion which promises to be a great one based on early hotel reservations, despite our advancing age, or perhaps because of it. Time moves steadily on and our ranks become thinner each year so join your buddies from Vietnam and friends and family for another one-of-a-kind experience.



Take care of yourself by getting an Agent Orange screening from the VA if you haven't already done so. The incidence of new diabetes type II cases is rapidly increasing, for example, and is considered service connected. Use your nearest Veterans Service Organization officers (they are not employees of the VA and serve your interest only) to see what benefits you may be eligible to receive, even if you already have some benefits. Do your spouse and your family a big favor and make sure they have a copy of your DD 214 and your disability benefits notification letter if you have been awarded VA disability benefits already.

Many of us have found that reading about our war has helped us make peace and put our service in perspective. Some of the more useful books that I have enjoyed include the most recent one, *HUE 1968* by Mark Bowden; *Gray Horse Troop* (I Corps in the first half of 1968) by our own Charles Baker; *Battles in the Monsoons* by SLA Marshall (central highlands 1966); *On the Tiger's Back* by our own Bernard Grady (5/7 Cav operations in 1966); *The 1st Cav in Vietnam* by Shelby Stanton; *The Lost Battalion* by Charles Krohn (our sister battalion 2/12 Cav 1967-68); *Triumph Forsaken* by Mark Moyar (argues ours was a war for US vital interests that was lost by inept politicians in DC); *The Centurions* by Jean Larteguy (a classic book about the French defeat in Indochina and soldiering there); *This Time We Win* by James Robbins (new analysis in 2012 of TET 1968); and *Embers of War* by Fredrik Logevall (the best history I have found of how the US became involved in Vietnam over a very long time). All of these are available on [www.amazon.com/books](http://www.amazon.com/books) and many are probably available at your local public library. The more we know about our war experience in a broader sense, as well as the details of the fighting when we there, the easier it becomes to see our service as truly noble and give us peace within.

It is a privilege for all of the Association officers to serve you and we are striving to make the next reunion one of our very best.

**Garryowen!**

**Howard Prince**

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## "Krazy" Karl's Report

**REUNION RESERVATIONS** – Oh Boy! Here we go again with Murphy's Law trying to bite us. When we made the contract with the Sheraton Station Square, Pittsburgh, we reached out to see if there were any conflicting events going on in the city during our reunion week. Other than the ballgame, there was nothing going on. "COOL WE WILL TAKE THAT WEEK." Now Pittsburgh usually has the Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of August, which wasn't a conflict when we signed the contract with the Sheraton. Well in 2016 & 2017 it rained the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of August and the Regatta got wet. Some genius thought if they changed the Regatta date to the 1<sup>st</sup> week end of August they wouldn't get wet. As the Sheraton is one of 2 hotels on the river, you can guess what happened. Yup, they are quickly selling out. Your room that you are paying \$105 for is now on the market for \$300.

Our block of rooms that included a contractual agreement to expand by 10% is now at the full 110%. This is why we told everyone to make their reservations a year ago.

I have again volunteered to handle the cancelations and reassignment of rooms.

### **DO NOT CANCEL YOUR ROOM THOUGH THE HOTEL.**

Call me at 603-726-7080 or 603-530-2399. If I do not answer **LEAVE A MESSAGE** and I will call back. You can also e-mail at [cav57vpkk@roadrunner.com](mailto:cav57vpkk@roadrunner.com).

**MEMORIAL SERVICE BUSES** – Bus transportation to and from the Memorial Service at the Soldiers & Sailors Museum will be done in 2 groups starting at 8 AM Saturday morning. These are school buses not motor coaches and they were donated saving the association \$5,000. You will be given a group color ticket when you arrive at registration. Again, be early, load and go as each bus is full. They will not travel together. There is no color group after the Memorial Service. Get on 1<sup>st</sup> available bus and go. Don't make me use the cattle prod.

**PIRATES BALL GAME** – If we get enough people going to the game the association will be escorted onto the ball field and introduced as a group. Then the color guard will stay to present the colors during the National Anthem. Water taxi to and from the ball park I think is just cool. Again as soon as you send in your registration form we can roll with all of these great endeavors we have planned.

Here is the part that sucks. Parking at the hotel is \$19.50 per day. We negotiated that down from \$25. There are less expensive lots a few blocks from the hotel. These lots, including the hotel lot, are owned by the city.

The hotel will not let us bring in pizza, so we are working on what to take its place. My suggestion is a magic show and we will have the pizza magically appear on the table. Seriously I just don't know how to order for 300 people. The hotel did me a favor. I can't be anymore truthful than this.

A super big thanks to our on-site ground team Walt & Dolores Zimmerman, and Jim Miller & Anne Meinert.

**Garry Owen,**  
"Krazy" Karl

## 2018 REUNION REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Your reunion registration form is the next page in this newsletter. We have intentionally made it easy for you to extract the center page, fill it out and send it to our Treasurer, Dick Baker, at the following address:

**Dick Baker**  
**PO Box 291**  
**Bristol, NH 03222**

Remember to include a check with your registration fees. Paying in advance will make the registration process flow much faster. Thank you for your understanding.

Monday morning, July 30, the registration room will open at 9 AM. We encourage you to come in early and complete the registration process and pick up your name tags and goody bag. We will have your week's events calendar and information about local attractions and places to visit when you sign in.

There will be a complimentary continental breakfast served in the hospitality room from 6:30 to 9 AM each morning. If you prefer you can have breakfast in the Trackside Café on the first level of the hotel. Our 5/7 group is eligible for a discounted **buffet breakfast** for \$11.95 ++. It's going to be a great reunion. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association Reunion XIV  
Pittsburgh, PA --- July 30 – August 4, 2018**

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	No. of Adults/Children	Total \$
<b>Pirates Ball Game and River Taxi Tuesday Evening, July 31</b>	<b>\$40 /\$30 (Child 11 – 4)</b>		
<b>Flight 93 Memorial Outing Wednesday, August 1</b>	<b>\$30</b>		
<b>Golf Outing: South Park Golf Course Wednesday, August 1</b>	<b>\$40</b>		
<b>Pizza Night Wednesday Evening, August 1</b>	<b>Free</b>		
<b>Ladies Tea: Hosted By Karen Shipley Thursday, August 2, 10:30 AM</b>	<b>Free</b>		
<b>Banquet Dinner Friday Evening, August 3 (child = 11 - 4)</b>	<b>\$45/\$25</b>		
<b>Bar-B-Q Dinner Saturday Evening, August 4 (child = 11 - 4)</b>	<b>\$40/\$20</b>		
<b>5/7 Cavalry Association Dues</b>	<b>\$10/year</b>		
<b>TOTAL</b>			

**Calculate the total registration fees and make checks payable to:  
5/7 Cavalry Association  
Send Completed Registration form with applicable fees to:  
Dick Baker, PO Box 291, Bristol, NH 03222**

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| <b>N<br/>O<br/>T<br/>E<br/>S</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <b>Pirates Game</b> will be across the river in <b>PNC Park</b>. All those attending will be transported by water taxi which departs and returns within walking distance of our hotel. Your \$40 ticket price includes the water taxi fare and a \$10 concession voucher. The water taxi will start two hours before game time. Game time is 7:05 PM and the visiting team is the Chicago Cubs, 2017 World Series Champions.</li> <li><b>Flight 93 Memorial Outing</b> will be by Deluxe Motor Coach and will depart hotel at 9 AM. Lunch served en-route by Somerset VFW.</li> <li>The <b>Golf Outing</b> takes place at the <b>South Park Golf Course</b> a 15-minute drive from our hotel. The \$40 fee includes a golf cart for every 2 players. Tee Off is 12 noon. The hole in one prize is a \$30,000 travel package. Other trophies and prizes will be awarded for closest to the pin, etc. More details when checking in at Reunion registration. Sign up early to reserve your spot.</li> <li>The <b>Association Hospitality Room</b> will be open Monday through Saturday, 6 am to midnight.</li> <li>A <b>complimentary continental breakfast</b> is served each morning in the Hospitality Room: 6:30 to 9:00 AM.</li> <li>Those who prefer breakfast in the trackside café will have access to a Buffet Breakfast for the discounted price of \$11.95 ++</li> </ol> |
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**REUNION HOTEL**  
**Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel at Station Square, 300 West Station Square Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15219**  
**Reservations: 412-261-2000**  
**Room Rates for 5/7 Cavalry Association Members and guests are \$105.00 per night**  
**Identify yourself as a 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Association Member when Making Reservations**

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EACH OF YOU IN PITTSBURGH!!!**

Mail your completed registration  
form to the following address:

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# Pittsburgh's top attractions: Visitor's guide



There is plenty to see and do in Pittsburgh. Art, culture, history, natural beauty and sports are among Pittsburgh's top attractions. Pittsburgh is also a great foodie town, has a burgeoning art scene and great places to shop.

**Harper's Bazaar** once declared Pittsburgh America's most underrated city and more recently ranked it fourth among the 17 best places to visit in the world. **Visit Pittsburgh** offers a comprehensive guide for visitors.

It's a beautiful place, with rivers, hills, bridges, interesting architecture and history. Spring, summer and fall are great times to visit. Winter, not so much. Here's an overview of Pittsburgh's top attractions.

## Great sports town

Pittsburgh calls itself the city of champions - and it's hard to argue with five Stanley Cups, six Super Bowl championships and five World Series titles.

If you're in town, depending on the season, make it your business to take in a game at Heinz Field, home of the Steelers and the Pitt Panthers. The Pirates play at the award-winning PNC Park, an intimate old-school ballyard that opened in 2001. PPG Paints Arena is a great place to watch the Penguins or to take in concerts and family shows.

## Museums and the arts

**The Andy Warhol Museum** has the largest collection of the legendary artist's work. Warhol was a Pittsburgh native son who revolutionized the world art scene. In addition to his transformative work, the museum is full of immersive experiences. Try your hand at silk-screening or making a short film.

**The Carnegie Museums of art, natural history and science** are world-class, offering a wide range of exhibits and attractions to entertain and educate the entire family.

No list of Pittsburgh top attractions would be complete without a nod to **Randyland**. Randy Gilson, a formerly homeless artist, has put up Pittsburgh's most colorful attraction in his backyard, featuring found objects splashed with vibrant colors and a joy of life that's infectious.

The Duquesne Incline is a rolling museum. Trolley cars carry riders 400 feet up a steep incline for a stupendous view of the Pittsburgh skyline.

The Frick Art and Historical Center is located in an old mansion that was the home of industrialist Henry Clay Frick and his wife, Adelaide Howard Childs. Their descendants left the house, named "Clayton," to the people of Pittsburgh, with instructions that it be made into a museum. Visitors will learn about the Frick family and life in the 1800s, along with viewing traveling exhibitions of the world's great artists.

## Shopping, eating

The list of restaurants is far too extensive to list. But here are a few to think about, and you'll want to do your own research and ask the locals.

Altius, Monterey Fish and Grotto and Eleven are elegant, fine-dining restaurants that will cost a lot for a memorable culinary experience. Meat and Potatoes and The Butcher and the Rye are good American food places and so is Pamela's Diner, a less-expensive option that doesn't skimp on quality. Umami is a first-rate Japanese pub; Tako is a new, well-reviewed Mexican place and DiAnola's is an Italian place beloved by the people of Yelp.

The Shadyside neighborhood is the place to go to walk and visit the interesting shops and boutiques like Eureka!, Henne Jewelers and Shadyside Variety Store. Also check out downtown, which features national brands like Brooks Brothers and Burlington Coat Factory alongside local shops. The Strip District, Butler Street in Lawrenceville, and South Side are also loaded with shopping and entertainment options.



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The Saturday Memorial Service will Take Place in this Building**

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