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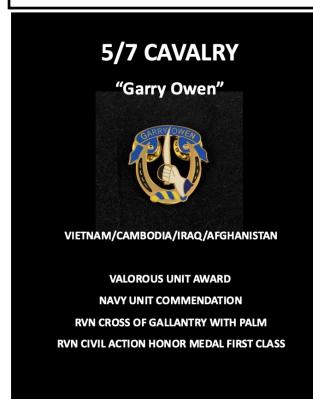
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2021 Veterans Gathering in DC



1st Vice President's Report



Greetings Troopers and families,

For the first time since November 2019, the Association was able to gather for **Veterans Day 2021** in Washington DC. Although attendance was a little lower than in past years (we had about 75 this year), given the dangers of travel and considering the pervasiveness of the virus, I think it was a great event. Thanks to all who were able to join the gathering and we look forward to seeing so many more of you in Nashville this summer.

Check out the Photos on the front page to see many of the troopers and their family members that were able to join us this past November.

And our thanks go out to our wreath presenters (also shown on the front page): Alan Wilenken (C Co '67) and Frank Rendon (B Co '67).

Unit Tribute. The National Museum of the United States Army has a program whereby units can recognize its accomplishments in perpetuity through unit tributes. Unit tribute plaques are 12 x 18 inch marble markers that line the *Path of Remembrance* walkway leading up to the Museum entrance. Read more about this program at this link: Unit Tributes – The Campaign for the National Museum of the United States Army (armyhistory.org)

Howard and I were discussing the possibility of creating such a tribute and we had COL (Ret) John Long help us in designing it. We intended to bring this to membership for a vote this past summer but COVID got in the way. Those who were present at Veterans Day 2021 voted unanimously to go ahead with this project.

Each unit tribute plaque is \$5,000. The Board has decided that we will accept donations to fund the plaque. If you would like to make a donation to the 5/7 CAV Unit Tribute, please make a check payable to the 5/7 Cavalry Association and note that the donation is for the **Unit Tribute** in the memo section, and mail your donations to Dick Baker at one of the two addresses in the Treasurer's Report.

Garry Owen! Cliff Wheeler 1st Vice President

Vice President Emeritus' Report



GARRY OWEN ALL

Hope all are having a bunch of holiday spirit(s). In just 6 short months we will all be gathering in Franklin, TN for our reunion. Yes, time flies by, 56 years ago I was on a LP outside of Camp Radcliff listening to the Bob Hope show on a transistor radio I had borrowed from Andy Hernandez with rain dripping off my helmet into the c-rats I was eating. Life was good! To think back on what has transpired over the years and then to the 5/7 Cav Association all I can say I, "The Lord works in Mysterious Ways." This will mark 30 years since we had our first reunion at Dearborn, MI.

The 5/7 Cav Association evolved into the best Battalion sized association from the Vietnam era. You members are the ones that made it great. Your attendance at the reunions and Veterans Day were well recognized. Yes, I know we can't get these functions 100% correct but we do try to keep them above 95%.

REMEMBER, IF YOU ARE ATTENDING THE BARBEQUE ON SATURDAY EVENING JULY 2, 2022, YOUR CHECK OUT DATE IS JULY 3, 2022. We will check these against our registration forms and the hotel records prior to the hotel cutoff date and contact you with the question. It will be up to you to make the correction.

Please make your reservations with the hotel and the association NOW!

The 10th of November I went to, The Wall." As I have done or 20+ years and just parked my ass on a bench in the sun and chatted with passer byes for all services. No there weren't as many people as usual but under the circumstances it was a good turnout. I saw many old die hards which I hadn't seen in 2 years. It was great. Had 2 hot dogs, bottle of water and bag of chips. I didn't get any change from my \$20 bill. I guess you may call it inflation.

Ms. Cindy was at "The Wall" on Veterans Day handling set of the wreaths. Cindy is a Park Service Volunteer and has been there for years also. She appears in the photo on this page with her service hat on.

We need young recruits. That's you 5th Squadron Troopers and your wives, or girlfriends but not both.

LOVE YA ALL

"Krazy" Karl Haartz

SEE YOU ALL IN TENNESSEE. MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS

Reflections - Vince Laurich

Reflection... the truth according to Redeye

This year DC was different, quiet, somber, less energy. When I got home I realized not only at the banquet, ceremony etc. but everywhere...the town, crowd at The Wall, hotel, restaurants. Like a dark cloud. And we've misplaced our zest.

Numbers were down. Lots of reasons. And I admit I was on a downer all year. Others also had that kind of year. Old guys can't lose a year plus. No way. A difference noticed quickly. One of many. Our Hospitality room was low key, closed early, night owls / late shift folks were missing, less noise, banter, laughs and stories. Another unbelievable sign. I had DEW leftover. (Red?) What? Never happens. Men, I did miss my late night buds and admit I thought often of my missing guys, my gone guys and MUTT. Remember it's a reflection.

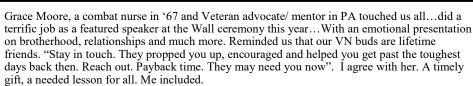
There were ups, always something every year, the good takeaways. Met some diff folks, connected with Bill Moore, Jack Thomas, Bob Burrows, others. A special meal at Ebbetts. Sharing our photos may be the best way to share this years story...reflecting life, emotions, intensity, aging and more. Allen shared my friend Hanks photo tribute in a recent 5/7th update. Take a min. Look back again think, focus on each... a lot of living, experience, up and downs with your buddies. A beautiful thing.

Another magic moment happened at banquet. Bob Burrows A Co '68 in from California was talking to a guy next to him. Small world. John Taylor was his CO during Tet. Fifty three years later. What a surprised, they didn't know one another, reconnected and are still sharing. A table away Charlie Baker was sharing old times with the family of a former commander. These moments make reunion gatherings worth all the effort. Thanks to Cliff and others.

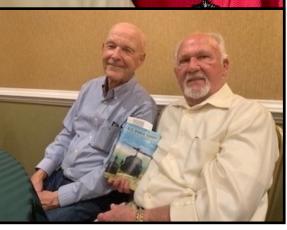
The Skrlin bros and I met this couple (Coghlan, 4th Div) in nearby seats during ceremony. From Philly, I had many common friends from their neighborhood, bars, school, church, teams years ago and now. Amazing. Nonstop connections. They took us to Ebbetts for dinner. Blessed and thankful. All started with a smile and mention of Camden. How often do Old Guys meet new people?

Joe and Jake Skrlin at the Wall with me. Always a positive. A blessing for many. These Niagara's best never miss a gathering since they reunited with Jake's 5/7th Shakey's Hill buddies. Terrific each and all. Bros always thankful for the kindness and support. That is special. Love them both.





So pass it on, call a friend. GarryOwen More later 2Vince Laurich



Vince,

Thank you so much for arranging the sit down with Col Baker. We must have talked for at least an hour. He told me the day I was wounded that LTC Vaught stood up in the open, raised his arm and yelled charge just like a Cavalry officer and across the rice paddy we all went. I was just imagining how it looked. He said they almost called off the plan because it was getting late in the day. I just wish I had learned about the 5/7 reunions earlier. I missed so much of the time I could have spent with all of you but I will make every effort to not miss any more events. Bob Burrows (A Co '68).



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Welcome Home for the Holidays

May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foe flee before him. May you blow them away like smoke and as wax melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God. But May the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; May they be happy and joyful." Psalm 68:1-3

Psalm 68 highlights something known as the victory parade. Like Psalm 24 and others that celebrate victory in and after battle, Psalm 68 expounds upon the fact that each time Israel was victorious in battle the women, children, and elderly would all get together and leave the city in order to greet and welcome home their victorious Soldiers as they approached the city walls. Music could be heard, incense were burned, and colorful tapestries were made for the occasion. What Psalm 68 adds to this ancient practice is how Israel will respond to God's victory over His foes/enemies. Some theologians see it as a picture of the end time when godfearing people have been told God will bring a victorious end to all war, pain, and suffering.

This Psalm for us today and especially during the holiday season can be understood as a form of God welcoming us home just as one day we will welcome him back. Many of us have felt unwelcome, or received no welcome or know of Soldiers who never made it home to be welcomed. This Psalm is a promise that we are welcome home and will be welcomed home from our battles and

God's people are accounted for in every tribe and in every nation on earth. We are called in this Psalm to rejoice before God and strive to be happy and Joyful. What better time to start than during the holidays of Christmas and New Years? Rest assured, God is victorious and though the battle seems perilous He has welcomed you home as we will one day welcome Him.

"Though in war weary be, understanding that freedom is not free, re-enter your city proud and confident of victory; because God is coming and there is no more enemy!

Mijikai "Mij" Mason Warpaint Shepherd Ancient 2004-2008 Garry Owen 808-650-1850

Squadron Update to the Families and Friends of 5-7 CAV

Ladies and Gentlemen,

"Garry Christmas" and Happy Holidays to the Families and Friends of 5-7 CAV! Iwanted to share with you a brief update on the Squadron's activities over the past quarter as there has been quite a bit of activity since we last checked in.

To say that the past few months have been busy for the Squadron would be an understatement! Upon redeployment this summer the Squadron was tasked with leading Port Operations to ensure the Brigade's equipment returned home safely to FortStewart, GA. The fall and winter months have been spent preparing for Gunnery, maintaining our fleet, and supporting Division activities here on Fort

In November the Squadron joined the Division to celebrate Marne Week and thebirthday of the 3rd Infantry Division. During the week the Squadron competed against other Battalions on Post in events ranging from functional fitness and combatives to football, soccer, and 10k races. After the dust settled the Squadron finished 4th in the Division and 1st in the 1st ABCT in total points. The Troopers represented the legacy you have shaped in a way that have would make you proud - juggling the competitionswhile also ensuring the mission of gunnery preparation and maintenance activities continued without delay.

The Squadron continued to build upon the close bonds we had coming out of the Korean deployment as we hosted a Squadron Halloween Party in October and a Squadron Movie Night in December. The Halloween Party saw over 250 Troopers and their families attend the various activities that the Troops has set up. The winner was HHT as their version of a "haunted aide station", complete with "live" zombies, was trulyfrightening! Complete with decorated Abrams Tanks and Bradly Fighting Vehicles, the Squadron Holiday Movie night was equally as successful. Held in the motorpool, the Squadron was able to ensure proper social distancing and COVID mitigation measures while projecting a family friendly movie on the bay door. These, and other smaller events hosted at the Troop level, continue to strengthen the ties between the team.

As we look into the next quarter the Squadron's operational tempo drastically increases with the beginning of gunnery operations in early January. The Squadron willreturn from a much needed block leave and finish GST (Gunnery Skills Testing) and certification prior to deployment to the gunline. Additionally, Troop CPs (Command Post) and the Squadron TOC (Tactical Operations Center) will have a chance to exercise mission command for their respective units.

As I sit here preparing to give the final safety brief before holiday leave period I cannot help but feel excitement in what the upcoming months hold. In typical Squadronfashion we will deploy first to the gunline and look forward to bringing our firepower to bear as we continue to set the standard for the Brigade.

If you ever find yourself in the area, or if you ever have any questions about whatthe Squadron is up to, I am happy to make myself available. Please don't hesitate to join us along the screen line. I can be reached at Andrew.w.marsh.mil@army. All the best for this fall and the coming holiday season!

> Always Riding West! GARRYOWEN! SEVENTH FIRST!

> > ANDREW W. MARSH, LTC, AR Commanding

IN MEMORIAM—MEMBERS THAT HAVE PASSED IN THE LAST 5 YEARS

2016

Danny Grinder E 68-69 Van C Mandakunis E 69 Andrew Hulse D 68 William N Dane D 69 Arlyn E Wood H 69 Danny W Noth B 68 Richard Hawksby A 68 Randy R Simpson C 70 Claude B Jarrett B 67 Johnnie L Smith B 67 Willie G Middleton B 68 Harold Kline B 68 Robert J Rivers B 70 Willie Wilson H 70

2017

Charles Bunton C 66-67
Lawrence T Sarginson B 68
Gary J Creek C 66
Lotis J Horton, Jr C 69
Peter G Olsen H 70
Dale J Rhodes H 70
James L Ledbetter B 69
Cecil S Kiser B 69
Stephen R Allen B 67
David W Greathouse B 69
George Myrick B 69
William D Chapman C 69
William Mintz A 68
Leroy Canty A 70
Wallace Duggins H 70

2018

James S Goemmer B 68 Jerry Adkins A 69 Terry D Dillon C 68 Raymond A Judy B 66 Charles K Reber B 66 Hugo Lopez H 66 Billy E Fisher D 68 David W Condron A 70 Charles L McQuerry H 67 Ron Logterman C 66

2019

Larry D Fennern B 69
David Baker C 66
Marvin R Deckard C 69
William L Parsons D 70
Peter Ballo C 67
Carol D McIntosh C 67
David Crowe C 66
Richard Gonzales C 66
James D Harmon C 66
Thomas D Lent C 67
Vincent B Mesa C 66
George R Clifford D 66
Robert C Henzy D 69
John Zepeda B 66
Larry Vanderveen D 68

2020

Melvin M Augustyniak A 69
John M Lary B 67
Everett E Easterday C 68
Michael "Hippie" Shurley D 67
Maurice "Moe" Goulet C 66
Raymond Barraza C 66
Benjamin B Weedman C70
Edward R Canady A 66
Thomas Blue A 69
Harold Baker B 68
Walter "Frenchy" Bossuot B 67
Kenneth Kuykendall A 68
Vardell Nesmith C 67
Harold Powell B 68

2021

Howard Prince B 68 Edward Salisbury A 69 Caesar Perez C 66 Gene Gargile D 68 Bill Hussong A 67 Steve "Mutt" Shear A 68

2022 REUNION NEWS BY Jerry Houston

We are almost completely setup and ready to go with Reunion XV in Franklin, Tennessee. For this reunion we have moved from the downtown Nashville area to my hometown of Franklin just South of Nashville. We will be staying at the Embassy Suites Hotel Cool Springs which is near a lot of interesting places. It is only a short distance to the historic downtown Franklin area with its numerous attractions including Civil War battlefields, live entertainment, unique shops and eating establishments. It is less than 20 minutes from downtown Nashville if you want to explore fun venues there too.

We are still working on our Tuesday Night mystery music entertainment but as you can imagine in the Nashville area, we have a lot to choose from and we are seeking the very best.

We have secured a location for the "Golf Tournament on Wednesday morning at a course that is only 15 minutes from the hotel.

Our Memorial Service will be at local church that has a new one-million-dollar pipe organ. We are working with the organist to include Garry Owen as one of his arrangements.

All we need now is now is for you to show up and enjoy a reunion with family and friends of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry.

GarryOwen, Jerry

PS: Print out the reunion registration form on page 6, fill it out and send it with your registration check to Dick Baker our Treasurer. Dick's address is shown on the form. (Prior registrations and fees received have been recorded by Dick and you will receive full credit when checking in.)

Visit Franklin is excited to hear about the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association coming to Franklin, Tennessee in 2022. The Visit Franklin organization has created a personalized microsite for 5/7 Cav members. Click on this <u>LINK</u> to learn more. It is full of things to do, places to dine, and local discounts. The site also contains a link that allows you to book directly with the Embassy Suites Hotel. The Visit Franklin organization will also provide local brochures for your group closer to your meeting date as well!

REUNION VENUES - 30 Years in 2022

- 15. 2022 Nashville, TN
- 14. 2018 Pittsburgh, PA
- 13. 2016 Colorado Springs, CO
- 12. 2014 Springfield, MO
- 11. 2012 San Antonio, TX
- 10. 2010 Nashville, TN
- 9. 2008 Jacksonville, FL
- 8. 2006 Colorado Springs, CO

- 7. 2004 Cincinnati, OH
- 6. 2002 St Louis, MO
- 5. 2000 Nashville, TN
- 4. 1998 Washington DC
- 3. 1996 St Louis, MO
- 2. 1994 Colorado Springs, CO
- 1. 1992 Dearborn, MI

5/7 Cavalry Association Reunion XV Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville South Cool Springs --- June 26 – July 2, 2022

Name:	Con	npany/TroopYear	::
Total Attending: Arrival Date:/		<u>/</u>	
Telephone numbers: Home: ()	Cell: ()	_
NAMETAGS: Please provide names for you, your family & gu	ests the way you would	l 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	PXOther	
Events	Adult/Child	No. of Adults/Children	Total \$
Nashville Mystery Music Group	\$30/20		
Tuesday Evening, June 28	(Child 11 – 4)		
Golf Outing: TBD Golf Course Wednesday, June 29	\$40		
Pizza Night	Free		
Wednesday Evening, June 29			
Ladies Social Hour Thursday, June 30 10:30 AM	\$15		
Banquet Dinner and Guest Speaker: Ken Futch Friday Evening, July 1 (child = 11 - 4)	\$45/25		
Bar-B-Q Dinner Saturday Evening, July 2 (child = 11 - 4)	\$40/20		
5/7 Cavalry Association Dues	\$10/year		
TOTAL			

Calculate the total registration fees and make checks payable to: 5/7 Cavalry Association
Send Completed Registration form with applicable fees to:
Dick Baker, 13543 West Skyhawk, SCW, AZ 85375

NOTES

- 1. The Mystery Music Group performance will take place in the hotel. A cash bar will be available.
- 3. The Golf Outing takes place at the TBD Golf Course a 15-minute drive from our hotel. The \$40 fee includes a golf cart for every 2 players. Tee Off is TBD. Trophies and prizes will be awarded for closet to the pin, etc. More details when checking in at Reunion registration. Sign up early to reserve your spot.
- 4. The Association Hospitality Room will be open Monday through Saturday, 6 am to midnight.
- 5. A complimentary full breakfast is served weekdays in the hotel atrium: 6-9 AM; Weekends 7-10 AM
- 6. No refunds on registration fees after May 26, 2022
- 7. Hotel reservations must be made by May 26, 2022

Reunion Hotel

Embassy Suites by Hilton Nashville South Cool Springs
Reservations by phone: 615-515-5151, Request Group Code: 5TH
Online Booking Link: 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association Reunion
Room Rates for 5/7 Cavalry Association Members and Guests are \$125 per night

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EACH OF YOU IN Nashville South Cool Springs!!!

Dues Paid August through November 2021

			
First	<u>Last</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Dues Paid To</u>
Rodney	Arnold	\$60	2023
George	Banks	\$50	2022
James	Boulden	\$50	2025
Chuck	Bremer	\$30	2023
Donald	Brennan	\$50	2036
Larry	Budge	\$60	2033
Franklin	Cagle	\$30	2022
Thomas	Caldwell	\$20	2024
Gary	Cramer	\$40	2022
Keith	Dotson	\$50	2025
Martin	Frey	\$50	2030
Carey	Gillis	\$20	2023
Joe	Gonzales	\$50	2025
Thomas	Gordon	\$10	2021
Jack	Gray	\$10	2021
Chris	Henson	\$50	2025
Leland	Johnson	\$30	2024
Jimmy	Johnson	\$100	2023
Bruce	Jones	\$30	2023
Robert	Kihara	\$100	2028
Bob	Kinder	\$50	2032
Junior	Letts	\$100	2039
Charles	Lynn	\$10	2022
John	McInnes	\$20	2022
Raymond	Neuse	\$50	2030
Roger	Olson	\$10	2024
Gary	Perry	\$20	2023
Wayne	Purinton	\$100	2022
Michael	Rasmussen	\$50	2025
Eddie	Ratcliff	\$100	2034
Joe	Scheuneman	\$50	2025
Richard	Shanahan	\$30	2023
Dennis	Sherry	\$30	2021
Steve	Stottler	\$50	2026
James	Thomas	\$50	2025
Lloyd	Trimble	\$50	2024
Glen	Woltman	\$50	2025
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Financial Report by Dick Baker

June 2021 Balance	\$87,999	
Income		
Dues Received	\$2,270	
Donations	\$2,272	
PX Sales	\$169	
Reunion Registration Deposits	\$695	
Other	\$0	
Interest Earned	\$17	
Income total	\$5,423	
Expenses		
PX Purchases	\$0	
Funerals	(\$345)	
Bugle	(\$920)	
Web Registration	(\$47)	
Veterans Day	(\$324)	
Reunion	(\$3,100)	
Expense total	(\$4,736)	
December 15, 2021 Balance	\$88,686	

Our cash balance is \$88,686 compared to \$76,689 at the end of our last reunion and \$69,312 at the beginning of the year. The Increase is from dues payments, reunion registrations and donations. Our cash balance now includes \$11,280 of deposits for the 2022 reunion. Looking forward to the reunion in June. Please send in your registrations sooner than later and make your hotel reservations. Both can be cancelled prior to the reunion.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

GarryOwen, Dick Baker Annual dues checks (\$10 per year) should be made out to the 5/7 Cavalry Assoc. and mailed to one of my following addresses de-pending on the time of year.

Thru April 10, 2022 April 11 -- October, 2022

Richard Baker
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Bristol, NH 03222

DONATIONS

Mitzi	Dearborn	\$25	In honor of Karl Haartz
Robert	Fielman	\$70	
Martin	Frey	\$220	Donated 2021 Registration
Jack	Gray	\$50	-
John	Halstead	\$100	In memory of Howard Prince
Bill	Heckley	\$537	Bugle costs
Bruce	Jones	\$70	
Kristi	Zimmerman	\$1,200	Walt and Dolore's daughter
	Total	\$2,272	



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