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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

by Maury Edmonds

Garry Owen to all --- Jane joins me in sending our best to you and yours. We hope you are enjoying life and good health.

Many thanks to each of you who have been involved in the activities of our 5/7th association this year.

A lot is going on. We're gearing up to support our 5/7 troopers as they deploy to Iraq again in December. Planning for our next reunion in Nashville is going full speed. Work is underway to plan for our annual gathering in Washington to celebrate Veterans Day culminating in the wreath laying ceremony. New members continue to be found. And, Norman Lloyd, who recently completed a film on combat stress for the Marine Corps, is now preparing to produce an army version with the approval of the army's senior leadership.

As I've done before, I ask for your help. We need you to volunteer to act as sponsors for one or more 5/7 troopers who will be deploying to Iraq in December. We want each trooper, who asks for one, to have a sponsor. You have responded in the past. I ask you to do it again. Our goal is to match sponsors with troopers well in advance of deployment in December. The squadron leadership will do their part in ensuring 2-way communications between you and your trooper. You can volunteer by either contacting your company trustee or don quick (dquick@communicom.com).

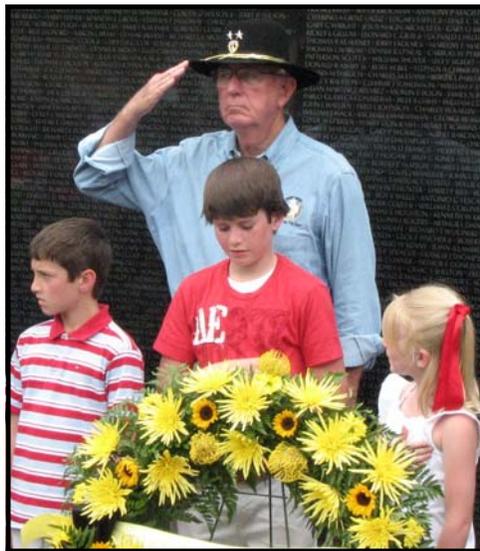
Sadly, only a few have volunteered since we put the call out a few weeks ago. For your info, this will be the first deployment for most of the youngest & and most junior troopers.

I hope you are planning to attend our Veterans Day gathering in Washington. We have arranged for a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn National Airport in Arlington, VA (Crystal City area). It's very near the Metro line and the airport plus parking is

free. Detailed info is provided on page 5 of the newsletter.

It's not too early to plan to be with us for reunion X in Nashville next year. Jerry Houston is putting together a great program for us. See Jerry's article in the newsletter.

Many thanks to you who found &



brought new members into our fold.

It was my honor, with the help of 3 of my grandchildren, to represent you in laying the wreath at the wall on Memorial Day.

If you haven't been to the wall, I recommend you do so.

Attending the wreath laying ceremony on either Memorial Day or Veterans Day adds to the experience.

That's it for now.

*Garry Owen!
Maury*

2010 Reunion Update

Reunion X plans are in full gear. The Nashville Marriott Airport Hotel and I are meeting on a regular basis and the arrangements for another great reunion in Nashville are coming together.

The hotel will have our on-line reservation system set up in August. We'll be sending a notice to all members as soon as the hotel is ready to start taking reservations.

The next newsletter which will be published in late September/early October will have a complete run down of the events that we're planning to include in the registration form.

There are an amazing number of attractions and events in the Nashville area. Check them out online at the Nashville Convention Bureau's web site:

<http://www.visitmusiccity.com>

You'll find the Grand Ole Opry schedule; tours of the stars homes; the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum; tours of the Hermitage (Andrew Jackson's Home); and information on the General Jackson River Dinner Cruise.

We are considering all of these events as we pull together the final selection for the registration form that will be out this fall.

Of course all these attractions are available to you if you have free time during the reunion. I say "if" because many of you enjoy meeting up with old friends and comrades in the Hospitality room and free time somehow disappears.

The hotel has a great indoor/outdoor swimming pool and fitness center so make sure you bring the family so they can enjoy all the facilities.

Garry Owen,
Jerry Houston



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Vice President's Report

by Karl Haartz

GARRY OWEN TROOPERS — Nashville is coming up faster than you think. As I write this we are only 13 months away from July 2010. Didn't we just pass by the millennium? Jerry Houston has worked up a great itinerary for the reunion. All those wishing to help with the ground team send your name to Jerry. The hotel is working closely with us and you will be able to make hotel reservations on line. Reservations for the 5/7 association functions will still have to be made through the association. The registration form will be available in the next newsletter due out in late September/early October.

Before we get to the reunion in Nashville the active duty 5/7 will be deploying back to Iraq. Again we will be doing a sponsor program with these troopers. Our sponsor coordinator is Don Quick. Please contact Don by phone at (334) 863-4419 or via e-mail at dquick@communicom.com

Since our last reunion we have only added 27 new members and have 2900 blank addresses on the roster. Give Don Shipley or me a call and we can give you a state to work with. I would like to see everyone add a new member.

As you know I did "Run for the Wall," again this year. The mission of RFTW is POW-MIA awareness and joins with, "Rolling Thunder" in Washington, DC on the Sunday before Memorial Day. It is still a very emotional experience. I made it 3 days this year before the tears started to run and left their tracks down my cheeks. Riding with me was Eddie Ratcliffe, Pathfinder 66-68, and Mac & Leanne Coffman joined us for 3 days in the heartland. Along the way I was able to meet and talk with Allen & Pat Patrick, Juan Gonzales, Albert Tapia, Duke Frey, John Wickham, Abe & Mary Ayala, Andy & Cecilia Hernandez, Art Peraza, Darrell & Debbie Antill, Terry & Vicki Sanford, Mike Lewis, Charlie Bunton & Grand Daughter, George Hannaford, John Lary and Donnie Blackwell.



Blackhat & Krazy Karl cruising in W. Texas



Blackhat, Terry Sanford, & John Leary, Rainelle, WV



Debbie & Darrell Antill at Rainelle, WV.



Blackhat – He has had enough fun for 14 days on his bike.

SHAKEY'S HILL and COMMITMENT AND SACRIFICE

DVD's of "Commitment and Sacrifice" and "Shakey's Hill" are now available at a special price of \$12.00 per DVD to 5/7 CAV Members, with a minimum order of two DVD's. These orders will also be shipped free of charge to you. This price will make the Films more affordable for everyone and can make a great gift for family and friends. Payment is by check only.

Send your order and check for payment to:

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Napa, CA 94558



Membership VP's Report

Time is flying again or is it the drugs the VA is giving me? Could be old age but I'd rather blame the VA. Memory is bad both long term and short term could be PTSD or old age. Gastronomical problems fit into PTSD group problems I'm told. Nightmares and up at night could be PTSD or old age. Not me, I'm getting younger or have I forgotten. The VA says I need two hearing aids. The doctor wanted to know if I was around big loud noises in service. Anyone remember a silent grenade, artillery round, or bomb?

They dug a chunk of medal out of my right knee looked like a piece of a Grenade to me, but the doctor told me it had probably been in the muscle 30 or 40 years by the looks of it. But he said it was not service connected, at least by my medical records they still can't find.

A few years ago, at Ted Swett's urging I went to VA and had a Melanoma cancer removed from my ear --- and you thought I never listened to officers. Moe Goulet went with me; I thought I was going to have to peel Moe off the ceiling when the doctor said it had nothing to do with Agent Orange exposure.

I did finally get an optometrist that looked at my eyes and ask where all those scares came from on my eye ball. When I told her 106 general hospital in Japan and my records were missing, she leaned back in her chair and exclaimed she almost guessed that before asking. All in all, there are a few of us that are maybe not in the same pile of cells we were years ago when we entered service.

Yep next summer there will be a bunch of guys same problems and then some, getting together in Nashville at the reunion. Complaints will be few, as always everyone will be feeling the best they have in two years. Want that **GREAT FEELING?** Pay attention and get set up for Nashville reunion 2010.

Garry Owen,
Don Shipley

Vice President's Report (cont'd)



California group. Abe & Mary Ayala, Andy & Cecilia Hernandez, "Krazy" Karl, Tom Lockett, Blackhat, Art Perez.



"Krazy" Karl leaving Ontario, California



The "Duke," on Krazy's bike in California.



The 2 bikes on right are Tom Lockett & Krazy heading for Lincoln Memorial during Rolling Thunder demonstration.
Picture taken from Blackhat's Bike

Jackets – Summer Jackets – I have found a supplier that has a nice light weight summer jacket on which we can put the Garry Owen Crest, Name, & Crossed Sabers (optional) on the back. They are \$80.00 with shipping less without out sabers. If you already have a jacket and would like a 5/7 cross sabers patch for the back I can have them made on black cloth also. They are \$30. Including shipping. Anyone interested call me or send me a request for an order form.

- King Louie Jacket's \$100.00 --- Standard quilt lining/ Garry Owen Crest right side; 3 lines name & unit on left side; includes shipping. Crossed Sabers on back add \$30.00
- Light Weight Jacket \$55.00 Cloth lining/ Garry Owen Crest right side; 3 lines name & unit on left side; includes shipping.
- Crossed Sabers on back add \$30.00
- Crossed Sabers Patch on black cloth 10 X 12 same as on back of jackets. \$30 including postage.
- Check with Karl and he will send order form.
- Karl F Haartz, 646 Upper Mad River Road, Thornton, NH 03285. Phone: 603-726-7080

Hector Santiago-Colon Painting donated to 5th Squadron 7th Cavalry at Fort Stewart --- Robert "Bob" Shaw was with B, E & Hqs companies while in Vietnam 68 -69. Bob had a painting done of Hector Santiago-Colon while he was working in Nigeria. Upon returning from Nigeria he presented the painting to Col. Dorr and a group of young troopers at Fort Stewart. Hopefully we will have the painting on display in Nashville at our next reunion. Thanks BOB.

Letter from Mac & Leanne Coffman, B Company, Shakey's Hill --- Karl, Glad you made it home safely. I thought I had emailed you but didn't see one in the sent file. Leanne and I want to thank you for all your insight and tips on the Run For The Wall. It was intense, like you said it would be and it was emotional, like you said it would be. It certainly was good to see you and Eddie and to have Mike and George come to Wentzville. It was good to see that there is still a little patriotism left in our Country. I needed to see that as I had kind of lost faith in the American people. They're trying to get rid of everything that has made this Country great. Anyway it was certainly good to see that. It was great riding with all the new folks that we met. We were certainly glad that we got to go part way. We will give it a shot again next year God willing. Again Karl we thank you for your help and will be looking forward to the next time we can all get together. Mac and Leanne

GARRY OWEN
"Krazy" Karl

If you would like to be on Krazy Karl's e-mail updates list, please send him your e-mail address. Karl sends out news flashes and frequent updates and HE DOES NOT FORWARD ANYTHING. Karl's e-mail is: Cav571vpkk@roadrunner.com

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
"Commitment and Sacrifice" DVD. This documentary film follows the experiences of troopers from Bravo Company of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry regiment during the Vietnam War (1970) and the Iraq War (2005), through the lens of combat cameraman Norman Lloyd.	12

PLEASE ALLOW THREE WEEKS ON SHIRT DELIVERY.

PLEASE INCLUDE \$3.00 POSTAGE ON HATS & ON SMALL ITEM ORDERS AND \$5.00 ON ALL SHIRT ORDERS.

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LETTERS

HI to all my Gary Owen Brothers...welcome home! Sorry that I stayed out in the field much longer than most of you. It sure feels great to be in contact with B5/7 and to know that I can still be part of the Unit and be in touch with all you brave warriors that fought the fight.

I want to thank my close buddy Richard Yazzie (New Mexico) for letting me know about the Association and the Newsletter. After some prompting he gave me Don Shipley's contact information and that set the wheels rolling.

When I received my first roster (Oct. Vol 17 Is 3) I was so excited that I looked over each name very carefully and really was almost numb. I admire all of you Gary Owen Brothers who have pulled together, shared together, and stayed together for the Brotherhood of B5/7.

I recall back in mid 1990's I was doing some work for an elderly friend of the family and his neighbor came over and began talking. So happens that he sells and deals with Military memorabilia. It so happens that when I mentioned B5/7 he happened to have and gave me a G.O. hat pin. I have held on to it and kept it in a tool box drawer in the garage until I received information about B5/7 and the Roster.

A renewed flame of interest and of belonging was sparked. I have attempted to contact a few of the Brothers during the past years. Only Richard Yazzie (New Mexico) and Steve Stotter (Mr. Golf of Peoria, IL) have responded. I did e-mail Bill Rowley (Camarillo) and received an email back. What a thrill it was to hear from another Warrior.

During this year I want to contact as many of the Brothers in California and when I travel to the San Antonio Texas area I will attempt to contact those in Texas.

Over the past two decades I have volunteered and in some cases asked to speak in small groups and class rooms about the country of Vietnam, the conflict and seeing things through the eyes of a Vietnam Veteran.

A few years ago I received via e-mail titled "What is a Vietnam Veteran?". Maybe some of you have read it or seen it before and you will understand the meaning. For you who have not I hope that you will enjoy it, come to understand and know the feeling of the unknown author. Who knows maybe he will see it again.

On the behalf of Americans, the Veteran families and all of you who so bravely served, Thank you to all and again Welcome Home Brothers.

Jerry Mitchell B5/7 '68-69'

Brothers in arms reunite --- Frank Rendon of Dallas, formerly of Taylor, Albert Tapia of Austin, Raul Villarreal of New Braunfels and Juan C. Gonzales of Pflugerville were last together in 1968 during the brutal Tet Offensive in the Republic of South Vietnam. Although many of them made contact via telephone or mail, none had seen each other until March 14, 41 years later, when they were reunited in New Braunfels. The four were all with the 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry "Gary Owen" of the 1st Cavalry Division during Vietnam.



A COMPANY REUNION



From June 11 to June 14, 2009, veterans of the original 'A' Co. carried on a tradition of small reunions that began in 1969. That summer, at the Michigan farm of Ed Raciborski's mother, about 16 troops from 'A' and 'B' companies, many with their wives, met for a couple of days of reminiscing and dealing with those memories.

The idea stuck. A second get together was held a few years later at Coney Island in Ohio. In subsequent years, timed to fall between the battalion reunions, gatherings were held in Florida (A.J. and Jackie Wise); Ohio twice (Bill and Joyce Purdy); New Jersey (Bob and Vidya Hansen); and Seattle, WA (Vern and Linda Garrett).

For the latest edition, Chester and Donna Millay opened their home in Independence, KY to 15 travelers and 8 locals, including one 1969 A Co alumnus.

Days were spent enjoying the Cincinnati locale especially the Riverfront; the area's gambling venues; shopping; and just hanging out at the motel to visit. Evenings everyone gathered at Millay Manor. Thursday night included a catered chili/spaghetti dinner followed by a lot of lies and laughter. Friday the hosts got a small break as we all enjoyed a delicious buffet at Nick's Grove a favorite local eatery then back to the house for more L&L.

Saturday's feature event was dinner at Millay's prepared and served by their family and friends. These folks did a grand job each night to make everyone feel welcome, comfortable and well fed. As the meal ended in wandered a stranger with a tricky smile and a deck of cards --- the magician. He totally captivated the 60+ attendees, both adults and children, with his humor and deception. It was a great performance.

A moving gesture was afforded by Chester and Donna's son Jason, an Afghanistan vet, performing a guitar and vocal rendition of Johnny Cash's "Drive On". He did it well. Thanks Jason, for the song and for your service.

Sunday morning was time for "goodbyes". Several of us left fairly early. For those who could linger a final breakfast or maybe brunch awaited at the Chester's. I understand that peace and quiet returned to the Millay neighborhood around 3pm.

Garry Owen, Mike Walker A(66)

Check Your Mail Label

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. Dues payments should be mailed to our treasurer at the following address:

Royce Vick
3724 Shelby Dr.
Ft. Worth, TX 76109-2733

Co B 69, Dues Paid Thru: 09
 Tom T. Trooper
 Street Address



Letters (cont'd)

INFO INQUIRY - I Was Named After My Uncle, PFC Clifford Lloyd Sell. He Was 1st Cavalry Division, 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry. I'm trying to find anyone that served with him. He was killed in action 19-Apr-68. I was born after he died, so I never got to know him. I would like to hear from anyone that did.

Thank You.

Clifford Lloyd Anthony. Cliffhanger22879@yahoo.Com

NEW MEMBER INQUIRY ---**Robert "Rob" Wolaver** 11th Pathfinder Co. (ABN). Rob was attached to the 5/7 from Sept. 67 to April 69. He would really like to talk with anyone of you B Company guys that were in T T Woods. Rob's contact info follows: **6138 Gallegos Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47906; phone:765-567-6138; e-mail: rwolaver@gmail.com.**

THE USS GAFFEY --- Ever wonder what happened to the USS Gaffey? For those who don't remember or just weren't there, the USS Gaffey was the ship that took the original group of the 5th of the 7th to Vietnam. Well here is a very brief history of the Gaffey.

The Gaffey started off as the USS Admiral W. L. Capps (AP-121). The keel was laid in December 1942 and it was finally commissioned in September 1944, in time to shuttle troops throughout the Pacific, including Okinawa.

After the war, she was used to bring Italian POW's back to Naples, and return home bringing American troops from Europe. By May 1946, the ship was decommissioned. In March 1950, she was brought back to service and renamed the USNS General J. Gaffey (T-AP-121).

The Gaffey was used to transport troops during the Korean War and later the Vietnam War. On August 2, 1966 the 5th of the 7th along with the 40th Signal Battalion and the 26th Detachment of Marines were transported to Vietnam. After a day stop in Okinawa, we arrived in Quin Nhon on August 20th.

The Gaffey continued service until 1969 as a troop ship. Again she was put away only to be reused as a barracks ship from 1978 to 1989 in Bremerton, Washington. She was struck from the Naval Register in 1993. On June 20, 2000 she along with 3 other ships were used as missile targets. While 2 of the ships went down in about 90 minutes the Gaffey took over 7 hours to finally sink, even after many direct hits. Final Disposition, sunk during RIMPAC 2000 EXERCISE as a missile target, location: 023° 35' 01.0" North, 159° 50' 00.2" West, depth: 2,730 fathoms

THANK YOU

- Dear 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association — Thanks so much for the gift in Buddy's Name (Buddy "Doc" Eaton) to the Florida Baptist Children's Home. It is so appreciated. The Eaton Family
- Please convey the (Swett's) family gratitude to the 5/7 Association for their contribution to Christ Church in honor of our mother (Mrs. Cay Swett). There is no more loyal community than the 5th of the 7th. The camaraderie is outstanding and really gives heart to all of us Swetts — Best regards, Marjorie Swett, Garry Owen!

VETERAN HONORED



At a special luncheon for Fort Hood volunteers **Danny Bentz (B Co '66)** receives an award for helping the USO and with treats for the soldiers. Presenting the award is the Commanding General of Fort Hood, Major General Rick Lynch and the senior USO official, Robin Crouse.

I enjoy helping our young men and women since we never had an official welcome when we came home. Since I moved to Texas I saw my chance to help them. July 1st there are soldiers leaving for Iraq and I will be there helping out with their departure. Since the 1st cav. is stationed at Fort Hood I feel obligated to help out when I can.

Garry Owen,
Danny

Danny - Congratulations on your award and many thanks for your continuing support of our young soldiers.
Garry Owen, 5/7 Association

TAPS

- **George Maltbie, D Company 1966 – 67** passed away April 26, 2009 from Agent Orange related illnesses. He was laid to rest April 30 in Haverstraw, NY
- **Buddy "Doc" Eaton, D Company, 1968 - 69** passed away on April 28, 2009. A memorial service was held on May 1 in Chipley, Fl.

2009 Veterans Day Arrangements

For our 2009 Veterans Day Gathering in Washington, DC we have reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn National Airport in Arlington, VA (Crystal City area). The hotel is located one mile from the Regan National Airport and three blocks from the nearest Metro station. The room rate is \$99 per night. Covered self parking is free and there is a free shuttle to and from the airport.

Our banquet on Tuesday evening November 10 will be held at the hotel. The cost per head is \$35 including tax. A cash bar will be available during the dinner. We also have a hospitality room for the nights of Nov 9 and 10 where we can bring our own wine and beer.

The block of rooms and room rates are effective from Monday, November 9, 2009 through Thursday, November 12, 2009. Hotel bookings should be made with the hotel by October 10, 2009. Reservations made after that date will be accepted on a space available basis.

All persons making reservations need to identify themselves as part of the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association. The web address for the hotel is www.hinationalairport.com. The phone numbers for booking direct with the hotel are **888-294-5059 or 703-684-7200**.

You also need to let Karl know if you will attend the banquet on Nov 10. Call Karl Haartz (603-726-7080) or e-mail him at (cav571vpkk@roadrunner.com).



5th Squadron 7th Cavalry REPORT

BY LTC KIRK DORR



GARRYOWEN and God bless each of you for your service to our great Nation! The "Warpaint" Squadron is underway on a steady incline in training and preparation for our impending deployment to support Operation Iraqi Freedom. We are slated to arrive in the theater of operations in December 2009, and will most likely be assigned in the Baghdad region.

We are moving forward in conjunction with the Association leadership to reinvigorate and improve the Trooper sponsorship program that effectively sustained and raised the morale of so many young Soldiers during the last combat deployment. Each Trooper who wishes to participate will fill out a background sheet that will be provided to a willing sponsor several months prior to deployment.



This concept, as well as many other topics was discussed with MG (R) Edmonds during his recent visit to our headquarters here at Fort Stewart, GA in May. General Edmonds spent most of the day with the Squadron, and culminated his visit with a trip to the training area to talk to Soldiers and review and participate in rifle marksmanship training. Crazyhorse Troop was conducting. Before he departed, the Squadron handed over 200 new member applications for the Association.



The Squadron hosted another distinguished visitor in June. Robert F. Shaw, a veteran and former platoon leader in 5/7 CAV who served in Vietnam with B Company, donated two paintings of Medal of Honor winner, Hector Santiago-Colon to the Squadron to become an honored part of our storied history.

Mr. Shaw knew that there were very few surviving photos of Specialist Four Santiago-Colon and went to great lengths to obtain copies of them. Using his own time and money, he then commissioned two portraits to be completed in order to honor his fallen comrade and preserve his memory. Upon completion of the portraits, Mr. Shaw decided to donate them to the Squadron and personally transported them from his place of business in Nigeria to the Squadron Headquarters at Fort Stewart Georgia.



On the day of presentation, members of the Squadron listened with rapt attention as Robert shared Hector's tale from his own personal experiences. Mr. Shaw told Hector's story to the gathered Troopers of the Squadron: "I was with B Co in the Quang Tri Province on the night of the action. I had been in Country only 18 days. Located in a bomb crater at the edge of the ridgeline, the mortar platoon had received a resupply of mortar ammunition at last light so it hadn't been properly stored. A grenade could easily have set off all the ammunition.

The NVA attacked with a battalion right up the end of the ridge to the base perimeter. Hector's actions allowed the mortar platoon to put up enough resistance to get gunships on station and work the sides of the ridge. Otherwise the NVA would have gotten into the Company perimeter and I might not be here to share this." Sadly, SP4 Santiago-Colon did not survive the attack, instead sacrificing his life that his comrades may live by falling on a grenade that fell near the mortar ammunition.

The Squadron gladly accepted the generous donation and currently have the portraits prominently displayed along with the Squadron's other honored, historical artifacts.

The visits by General Edmonds and Bob Shaw were truly special and made an indelible impact on the Soldiers. I extend an open invitation for all Veterans who wish to make the trip, to stop by the Squadron at any time for a visit. We will always make time for Family.

I appreciate the opportunity to reach out to each of you via this newsletter. I'm available to you at any time, and can be reached on email at kirk.dorr@us.army.mil.

May God Bless all of you and our great nation, and may we all pray for the continued safety of our fellow Troopers who remain in the saddle, on point, serving in harm's way, today.

Very Respectfully,
Kirk C. Dorr
LTC, Armor
Commanding

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<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/standard-form-180.html>
 Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA
<http://www.purpleheart.org/Membership/default.aspx>
 Disabled American Veterans
<http://www.dav.org/>

Vietnam Veterans of America
<http://www.vva.org/>

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)
<http://www.vfw.org/>



Financial Report

by Royce Vick

DUES & DONATIONS

NEW MEM

Davies	Evan R	\$0	AD
Eatmon	Jelani O	\$0	AD
Sullivan	Michael D	\$0	AD
Byrnes	James P	\$10	00-09
Golden	Thomas H	\$50	09-13
Loving	Steve P	\$20	09-10
Martin	Roy A	\$20	09-10
Mitchell	Jerry L	\$50	09-13
Monk	David W	\$50	09-13
Powell	Bill	\$20	09-10
Wolaver	Robert G	\$20	09-10

UPDATES

Abt	Charles	\$10	04-05
Ayala	Abraham	\$100	07-17
Baker	Richard C	\$100	08-18
Banks	George	\$100	07-17
Beaupre	Michael	\$20	08-10
Boyce	Ronald	\$50	08-13
Boyd	Donald	\$30	09-12
Bridges	Larry	\$20	08-10
Brueggeman	Charles	\$50	07-12
Cherep	John	\$50	06-11
Colby	Edwin	\$20	03-05
Cole	Robert W	\$100	10-20
Colgrove	Robert M	\$40	08-12
Collins	Larry R	\$10	08-09
Day	Vivian M	\$50	04-09
Dooley	Bookard E	\$60	04-10
Fernandez	George R	\$40	08-12
Frazier	Robert	\$20	08-10
Garbark	John R	\$30	07-10
Garrett	Jerry L	\$10	10-11
Garrison	Howard	\$20	08-10
Gillis	Carey L	\$20	10-12
Gillis	Edward	\$10	08-09
Gramer	Tom	\$60	04-10
Green	Lawrence M	\$50	09-14
Henderson	William	\$100	08-18
Hodges	Brent	\$20	08-10
Hoy	Clinton T	\$20	08-10
Hynes	William	\$100	09-19
Jacewitz	Richard	\$20	07-09
Johnson	Gary A	\$50	08-13
Johnson	Leland C	\$10	08-09
Lasley	Hubert L	\$10	08-09
Laurich Jr	Vincent	\$50	08-13
Lee	Franklin	\$20	11-13
Lehr	Gregory N	\$50	05-10
Lopez	Hugo	\$20	08-10
Lotto	Robert	\$80	02-10

DUES/DONATIONS & PX

Mack	Bob	\$10	09-10
McCarthy	Timothy R	\$30	08-11
McKenzie	Robert	\$40	08-12
McKibbon	Steven D	\$50	05-10
Mead	Joseph A	\$50	10-15
Montalbano	John F	\$30	08-11
Nase III	Daniel R	\$20	08-10
Nichols	Richard	\$30	08-11
Olson	Arthur J	\$20	08-10
Orndorff	Roger L	\$30	08-11
Osler	Boyd D	\$30	08-11
Page	Harold	\$40	06-10
Patrick	James R	\$10	08-09
Poundstone	Robert B	\$20	08-10
Pretlow	Edward B	\$100	06-16
Pruett	Ronald D	\$30	08-11
Pschirrer	Richard J	\$20	08-10
Quick	Donald	\$50	08-13
Ravese	Brian	\$60	02-08
Schutts	Duane L	\$20	08-10
Shurley	Michael E	\$50	08-13
Sorrells Jr	David C	\$100	02-12
Straub	Fred	\$30	08-11
Strong	Lawrence	\$20	08-10
Sweeney	Charles P	\$50	09-14
Thomas	James R	\$50	08-13
Tillman	Bobby J	\$40	08-12
Vincent	Dale	\$20	06-08
Weeks	Robert A	\$10	08-09
Wiker	Charles M	\$60	07-13
Zepada	John M	\$50	08-13

TOTAL DUES \$3,030

DONATIONS

Anonymous		\$600
Baker	Richard C	\$100
Bridges	Larry L	\$30
Fernandez	George R	\$10
Johnson	Leland	\$5
McKenzie	Robert	\$60
Orndorff	Roger L	\$100
Golden	Thomas H	\$150
Holloway	Greg	\$200

TOTAL DONATIONS \$1,255

PX SALES \$468

* In honor of fallen comrades:

- Jim Castaldi, C '67
- Benjamin McClary, C '67
- Bill Port, C '67

** In memory of Lorenzo Clark, A '68

FUNDS BALANCES

1/31/09 BAL	\$8,310
INCOME	
Dues	\$3,030
Donations	\$1,255
PX Sales	\$468
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,753
EXPENSES	
February Air Mobile	(\$1,014)
Christ Church - Cay Swett	(200.00)
Flowers for Cay Swett	(80.89)
Internet Service Fee	(179.90)
PX Supplies	(653.84)
Postage Stamps	(42.00)
Post Card Mailing	(70.00)
Florida Baptist Children in memory Buddy Eaton	(75.00)
Memorial Day Wreath	(212.95)
TOTAL EXPENSES	(\$2,528.14)
6/30/09 BAL	\$10,535.00

The person that penned the lines "In the Good old summertime" did not live in North Texas in the summer. We just had 14 days of triple digit heat with lows of 75 or higher at night. I still have July and August to look forward too. At least for me, August means my annual pilgrimage to Colorado!

In reviewing the new report I am not sure what impressed me the most. The number of new members, current members that caught up on their dues or the amount of donations made during this period.

Two members made donations in memory of fallen comrades. Each of us could make donations to honor a fellow trooper. It is a great way to support the organization.

The upcoming Veteran's Day Memorial Service is covered in other articles.

It is just a year away for our reunion in Nashville. Start saving and planning for the event. Some of you may not be but I am getting older and wonder how many more of these I can attend but I plan to be there.

Your dues payments should be sent to me at 3724 Shelby Drive in Fort Worth, TX 76109-2733. Allen and Karl continue to receive payments and they have to be forward to me. It is only 43 cents for a letter but when added up several times each month this is an unneeded expense and time waster.

**Garry Owen,
Royce**





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