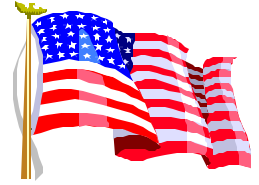




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President's Report By Ted Swett



**War Paint 6 and
War Paint 3,
Vietnam 1966**

Garry Owen, Troopers!

The count down is on for Reunion V. Nashville, here we come! Jerry Houston, our diligent Financial Secretary, lives in Nashville and has single-handedly made the arrangements for a super hotel at a moderate rate, and for an attractive program, especially if you want to see for yourself whether Elvis lives. You will find the details elsewhere in this **AIR MOBILE**, including a Reunion V Registration Form. Please fill it out and make your hotel reservations early, so we can get on with the show. I have no doubt that this will be our greatest reunion yet –and we've already had four terrific ones, so don't miss Reunion V.

As you peruse this newsletter you will no doubt see at least two items of special interest. First, Jasper Catanzaro (B 66) is no longer the Editor of AIRMOBILE. Jasper has been the Editor since he started AIRMOBILE in August 1992. It is hard for any of us to realize the countless man-hours that are spent by the Editor each time the newsletter is published, four times a year.

Allen Patrick (B66), our new temporary (and I hope permanent) Editor has already found out! The transition between Jasper and Allen has been smooth, as both are associated with the Ford Motor Company in Detroit. Jasper's duties as a principal negotiator for the United Auto Workers in resolving sourcing issues with Ford, have become sufficiently demanding that he no longer has the spare time needed to edit the newsletter. To better understand what Jasper has meant to our Association, read my article entitled **JASPER!** on page 4 of the newsletter.

Allen, thanks on behalf of all of us for stepping in with little warning to undertake this responsibility.

The second item that will catch your attention is Tom Bullock's article on nominations for officers of the Association's Board of Directors. I have asked Tom to chair the Nominating Committee, which will present nominees to the membership at Reunion V. This is the first time that we will have established a nominating committee,

and the first time we have initiated the nominating process before a Battalion meeting. I want to tell you why we are doing this.

Several of us have been in office since the Association was organized more than seven years ago. By the time Reunion V rolls around we will have completed eight years of service. I suggest that is enough for any elected official. (After all, an amendment to the United States Constitution passed after FDR's fourth term, limited the President of the USA to eight years. Aren't you glad?) Seriously, with the new membership we have gained, including a significant number of veterans who followed the original 5/7 Cav troopers, it makes sense to "spread the wealth" among those who served in the later years of the Battalion's life. Note that George Hannaford (C 70) is the only officer on the Board who was not an original 5/7 trooper.

I hope that the Nominating Committee will come up with a balanced slate of officers who will build upon the foundation that the present team has developed. I also hope very much that those who have been in office for a relatively short time will agree to be candidates at Reunion V. George, Jerry Houston and Duke Frey have done tremendous jobs as Second Vice President, Financial Secretary and Vice President – Communications, respectively. Having them remain as Board officers will make life much easier for whoever replaces me as President.

One of the proudest moments in my life was at our final business meeting at Reunion IV when Hugo Lopez made the motion, subsequently carried unanimously, that I be elected President-for-Life. I have a lot of life left in me, so why am I not going to be a candidate next year? There are two reasons. One is that eight years is enough, especially when one will be in his 75th year when the next election takes place. The other reason is a matter of health. Although I feel good, I do have a health problem which requires that I carefully conserve my energy. It would not be fair to you troopers, and to our Association, if the Association's President were to

operate at less than full speed.,

Our Association and its members have become an important part of my life. In all humility, I am deeply proud to be part of our very special Band of Brothers, and to have served in combat with many of you. I am especially proud of our peacetime relationship. I will continue to do everything in my power to keep the Association of the 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry alive and well before, during and after Reunion V, but I reluctantly feel that I will not be able to serve actively as President after our Nashville reunion. My intention in letting you know this now is to give you and the Nominating Committee plenty of time to find candidates who would like to head up this tremendous outfit

Garry Owen,
Ted

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5/7 CAV

Mailing Label...

Remember to check the mailing label on the **AIR MOBILE**. It has information about you. If you see that it is incorrect please let George Hannaford know. Also, we would ask for any of you who can afford it to keep your dues paid up.

Company and year you were in Vietnam.

John Smith D 70 Dues 99
123 Main St.
Oak City, MI 48252

Dues paid thru.

Placing something for everyone...

If you have something that you would like in the newsletter, please drop us a line. We will try to get all of your comments, ads, or other remarks that you have to offer in the newsletter.

As for advertising, we will try to put your product in the newsletter also. There are times when space is very limited and so this cannot always be done but we will make every effort to help all members of this Association. We know that a lot of you are in business for yourself and if we can we will try and help.

Veterans Day In Washington D.C.

On Wednesday 10th November through Saturday 13th November the 1st Cav. Div. Assn. Will sponsor a Hospitality Suite and Gift Shop in the Hyatt Arlington hotel for all present and former First Team members and their families. A block of rooms is reserved at the Hyatt Arlington, 1325 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA, 22209, our headquarters for the past nine years. Room rate is \$88.00 plus tax single through quad. Call Hyatt international reservations at (800) 233-1234 and ask for the Hyatt Arlington and 1st Cav. Rate. Reserve your room early – they will fill up fast.

Details of ceremonies will be posted in the Hospitality Suite. Join us in remembering our veterans.

My Army Records? How to Get the Copies You Need!

Do you want or need a copy of your DD214, medical records, 201 file, or a complete copy of all your military records? The National Personnel Record Center located in St. Louis, MO. is the place you need to write to: NPRC MPR, 9700 Page Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63132.

When you were completely discharged from your military service your record was sent there for storage. **They are waiting for you to write and request a copy.** There is a large backlog of requests so it could take some time.

When you request copies of your records also ask for copies of your orders (Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Silver Star, Army Commendation Medal, CIB, Travel orders, anything with other 5/7 Cav names on it. (Almost all orders were written with other names and information on them.) **WE CAN'T FIND YOUR BUDDIES IF WE DON'T KNOW THEIR NAMES.**

To request a copy of your military records fill out a SF180 and mail it to the record center. Your records will be mailed to you direct from the record center. I can't tell you how long it will take, because it depends on what you request and where your records are. Any questions please fill free to call or Email me: 227-9148 or Cav57@aol.com (put **Garry Owen** in the subject because I don't read my junk mail)

**Ed Perry 922
Cleta Dr.
St Louis, MO 63021**



Where do
I go to
Get my Army Records?

First, I want to thank Normal McBride HHC 68 and Danny Smith (A-Co-68) for the copies of orders they mailed to me. Plus I want to thank Greg Schlieve (C-Co-69) for sending a complete company roster. This type of action by our members has made this association second to none. We now have over 4,000 names on our battalion roster. We have 1,279 up-to-date addresses on file. This includes 162 troops located in the past year. Also we have a list of 271 men who were killed in action while a member of the 5-7Cav. This is due to a major effort by Ed Perry.

With our deep regret we have learned that we have 163 men who have passed away since leaving the R.V.N. So as you can see the association is moving forward and doing great.

I told you in the last newsletter that we were going to re-supply the 5/7 Cav. PX. And we did just that. The only problem is the order will not be shipped until after the 1st Cav. Division Reunion which will be the 1st week of August. This is too late for us to list the new items and cost in this edition of our newsletter. But, the items are on order are worth waiting for. Such as shoulder patches, window decals miniature badges, 1st Cav. Coins, tie bars, 3 x 5 1st Cav. Flags, 1st Cav computer pads etc.

The next project has been helped along with a lot of effort from Ed Coon (C-Co-66). We have been working with a customized shirt company to make a white polo shirt with a Garry Owen crest. By the time you are reading this newsletter we will have 100 plus of these shirts on hand, we can re-stock within two weeks.

The shirts are a top manufacture brand (JERZEE'S) high quality 50/50 wool/polyester. There is a 5-7th Cav. Crest on left side with **5-7 Cav** script placed just under the crest.

This is a first class shirt, a popular style that you can be proud to wear. Also a very nice Christmas present that can be worn next July in Nashville.

I had two shirts mailed to Col.

Swett for his approval. His comments were: "Cool, comfortable, good quality with the best 7th Cav. Crest I have seen. Go for it!"

So here we go. **Screen Printed:** (will wash well). Small, medium or large are



The President with New Shirt!

\$18.00 and XXXLG is \$21.00. **Embroidered Crest:** Small, medium or large are \$21.00; XLG \$22.00; and XXLG \$23.00. All the above prices include \$3.28 for priority mail. There will be approx. \$1.00 profit on each shirt for the association. You will not find this style of shirt with the customized crest anywhere else. To order, send a note with the size and quantity you would like and include a check to cover the total amount of your order. Send to:

Financial Secretary
5-7 Cav. Association
P.O. Box 681504
Franklin, TN 37068-1504

The 5-7 Cav. quilted lined black jacket with the customized embroidered crest and 1st Cav. shoulder patch plus your name and other information you may want can be purchased for around \$75.00. Cost will depend on what you want on the jacket. You can make contact with our reliable supplier by telephone (219) 763-1880 or by mail to:

T-Shirts of America
2536 Portage Mall
Portage, Indiana 46368

I have the jacket with the shoulder patch. It is sharp. I always have people stop me when I wear it out around town. I always wear it to the Veterans Day Event in DC each year.

I received a call from Brent Hodges (C-Co-66). He had talked to (C-Co-66) Kenneth Willprecht's sister. She told Brent that Kenneth had a stroke and was very depressed because he had lost some control of his right side. I called and talked with his sister. She told me Kenneth is 71 yrs old now and is in a VA treatment center feeling very low. We all need to send him our thoughts and caring message to help him through this period. She said the cards would mean a lot to Kenneth. At this time he feels no one cares. The address to mail the cards is:

Ken Willpreht
C/O Marian Bohn
Rt 3 Box 101
Sisseton, SD 57262

Our Reunion V is less than a year away at this time. Gerry and I hope to see everyone there. As I told you in Washington DC "This will be eight years that I have had the honor to be your vice president and we need to find a replacement. My reason is "I'm just tired and want someone else to take this position and move forward. I will take my time on the sidelines and watch them go into action.

Take Care and Keep in Touch,

Wes



CHANGING OF THE GUARD

By Tom Bullock

At Reunion V we shall be installing officers to lead our Association into the new millennium and conduct its business until Reunion VI. Three of the current officers have been carrying the ball for eight years. It is time to take stock and consider a changing of the guard to maintain the vitality of the Association.

Colonel Swett asked me to form a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of candidates for Association officers to be presented to the membership at Reunion V. Wes Westmoreland has agreed to serve with me. We are looking for two more volunteers, preferably from years 1968 and beyond.

As of this writing, incumbents in the following positions, having already served more than seven years, plan to step down after the reunion:

President: Ted Swett
1st VP: Wes Westmoreland
Bn Sectry: Jasper Catanzaro

See Ted's **President's Report** on Page 1 for his views on the Association Presidency.

Other officers may be willing to serve another term and some may not. It is not in the

Association's best interest for all of the officers (especially those who had so much to do with starting the Association) to turn over at the same time. I am hopeful some of the incumbents will remain for another term to provide continuity. However, I believe it is prudent to plan for the possibility that all may step down after Reunion V.

Consequently, the Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for all positions, and would like to present a slate of two candidates for each office. This will offer the greatest flexibility to incumbents while avoiding a surprise vacancy in a key position at the reunion. Of course additional nominations may be made from the floor at the Battalion Meeting. The assistance of the Association membership will be absolutely essential to successful completion of this daunting task.

The Nominating Committee shall contact each incumbent to determine whether he desires to serve another term. If such be the case, the incumbent will be listed with one other candidate for the position on the slate of nominations

Please think of members you would like to lead your Association, contact them, seek

approval to place their name in nomination, and let either Wes or myself know via email or snail mail. If you have a person in mind for a particular position, and do not know how to contact that person, send us the name and we shall find out if he is willing to serve. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact me.

In addition to the positions already cited, we will be looking for candidates for:

2nd VP
Financial Secretary
VP for Communication

You can contact Wes or me at the following addresses/e-mail:

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417 Chimney Creek Dr
Lawton, OK, 73505

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Farmdale, OH, 44417-9708

Jasper!

By Ted Swett

Jasper Catanzaro (B 66) is no longer the Editor of AIR MOBILE. Jasper has been the Editor since he started AIR MOBILE in August 1992 but is giving it up because of his increased UAW responsibilities.

It is hard for any of us to realize the countless man-hours that are spent by the Editor each time the newsletter is published. Jasper has been publishing it by himself for *seven* years; designing it, editing often typing much of it, assembling, collating and addressing and mailing some 1200 copies of it.

Try that on for size about four times a year and you have an idea of how committed Jasper is to the 5th Bn, 7th Cav.

As most of you know, our Association was Jasper's brainchild. He was the catalyst for getting it going. It was Jasper who, with Bill Purdy's help, organized Reunion I in Detroit. (I'll never forget the moment when, after our Bar-B-Q at the first reunion, Jasper got up at what had been an informal gathering

of about 200 attendees and asked for a show of hands by those who would like to belong to an Association of the 5th Bn, 7th Cav. After nothing but raised hands he then announced a voice vote to draft one Ted Swett as President. I was stunned at the response and, as I recall, quite speechless for one of the few times in my life.)

Jasper, with more help than for our first reunion, organized Reunion II in Colorado Springs. He has since been our key consultant for those who organized the subsequent reunions.

It is difficult to overstate the immensity of the commitment that Jasper has made to each of us Vietnam veterans of the 5th Bn, 7th Cav.

Thanks, Good Buddy, and ...

Garry Owen, Sir!

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor, I have been told that the battalion still has Troopers that are carried as Missing In Action. Who are they and when were they reported missing? Wondering in Pennsylvania

Wondering in Pennsylvania,
We currently carry five Troopers as missing in action. They are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Co</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Wall Pnl</u>
Gillory, Hubia J.	PFC	D	25/4/68	52E 5
Kelly, Daniel M.	SP4	D	25/4/68	52E 6
Krupa, Frederick	MAJ	C	27/4/71	3W 14
Scott, David L.	SP4	D	25/4/68	52E 7
Shimek, Samuel D.	SP4	A	09/12/68	37W 78

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2nd Vice President's Report

By George Hanaford

Here we are summer's almost gone we have less than a year to the next reunion in Nashville. Time to start saving up for the trip, for those of you that haven't made a reunion yet for one reason or another. All of the troopers I talked to that made DC their first reunion in 98 told me they were coming to the next one.

I think that speaks for itself, everyone that works on the reunion works hard to make it a good family event for everyone. So jump up and sign up because nobody is going to draft you this time.

You will not regret going, and meeting many old friends you haven't seen for years and making some new one's. I don't know what else I can say about that, there is the old saying, you can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink.

Don and I are signed up to go to DC on Veteran's Day when the Association will place a wreath at the wall as we have done in the past. I'm looking forward to it.

Wes said he's buying the drinks. I'm going to see if I can send him home broke. I know we are not going to leave him behind like we did last time. I'm still bleeding from that butt chewing. Take care everyone. I'm looking forward to seeing you again at Reunion V in Nashville.

Garry Owen,

George Hanaford

Veteran's Advisor

By Papa Doc Maxwell

Since writing my last article I hope to tone down or at least prevent controversial material. To my great surprise after reading various articles in the Service magazines, Veterans programs are the hottest topic. The individual veteran is now awake and placing heat on the individual Representative and Service Groups.

When Congress re-routed funding for Health Care toward high-way improvement that issue broke the camels back. Coupled with placing Veterans into percentage groups as to need and services, those in the lowest category are being refused treatment or being sent before Review Boards.

Example I'll use is an old WW II veteran named Larry. Larry did not compile or document service connected problems. He was glad he made it home. He had a good job until recently. Somehow "The Benefits (health and medical) never matured and losing his job he went to the VA for treatment. He was charged \$45.00 a visit and \$1,500 for a minor operation. He was glad to pay it, as it was all he had. Now he must find an advocate to help him keep what small VA Benefit he has. Apparently a VA group in Atlanta, GA has sent him a letter informing him, he is no longer eligible for VA treatments.

Locally VA Hospitals are reeling from budget cuts. A urologist I go to must attend to patients at two (2) VA Hospitals, one at Leavenworth, KS and one at Wichita, KS three (3) days at one, two (2) days at the other. Nurse practitioners and physician assis-

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5th Battalion 7th Cavalry PX

PX items are available for purchase by sending a check to:

**Financial Secretary
5-7 Cav. Association
P.O. Box 681504
Franklin, TN 37068-1504**

These items are the 5/7th Cav. hats, and lapel pins we had for sale in Washington D.C. The 5/7th Cav. hats are \$10 and are black with gold embroidery. Which state:

5th Battalion 7th Cavalry

Viet Nam 1966-1971

The dates cover all the years the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry was in Vietnam.

The hat or lapel pins available are listed below with cost.

#	Description	Type	Cost
1	Garry Owen	Crest	\$5.00
2	Garry Owen	Miniature Crest	\$3.00
3	1st Cav Patch	Crest (Small)	\$3.00
4	1st Cav Patch	Air Mobile on Top	\$4.00
5	1st Cav Patch	Air Assault on Top	\$4.00
6	1st Cav Patch	Small Crest	\$4.00
7	1st Cav Patch	Miniature	\$3.00
8	CIB	Miniature	\$4.00
9	Claymore	Raised Silhouette	\$3.00
10	M16 Rifle	Raised Silhouette	\$3.00
11	Chinook	Raised Silhouette	\$3.00
12	81 MM Mortar	Raised Silhouette	\$3.00
13	BONG SONG	Raised Words	\$3.00
14	AN KHE	Raised Words	\$3.00
15	MEDIC	Raised Words	\$3.00

Reunion V will be Sunday July 2, through Saturday July 8, 2000. It is being held at the Airport Marriott in Nashville, TN. It is hard to believe that it is less than a year away, but we in Nashville, are ready for you to get here.

The Reunion V major events will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday the 6-8 July. If you can only make a small part of the reunion these are the dates that you should try to attend. The main event is the Friday night banquet and will have the largest attendance of any event. The other event attended by nearly everyone is the Saturday morning Memorial service. Our plans are to have the service at one of the Tennessee State Capital memorials downtown. Thursday night we are planning a bus trip to downtown Nashville to take in some of the nightlife. Thursday and Friday mornings are when we have our business meetings and election of officers. The reunion completes with a country style bar-b-q outside in a picnic area behind the hotel. This is a time to really relax and say good-bye until the next reunion.

The first part of the week is a time to get together, see the sights and relax. We will open registration on Sunday afternoon the 2nd of July. Monday will be the first day that things will start to happen. Starting Monday we will have a hospitality suite open each day from around 0800 until it closes sometime around 2400. We will have coffee, donuts and orange juice for breakfast; sandwiches and chips for lunch; and a full range of beverages. The registration office and information center will be open each day from around 08:00 until around 2000 in the evening. The memorabilia room will be open about the same hours. There will also be a PX open early in the week. We are looking to have a few new items in the PX to include a nice polo shirt with the Garry Owen crest.

Sunday through Wednesday you will be on your own. We will be offering events that you may choose to join in with but they are not official parts of the reunion. On Monday night we will offer an opportunity to take a ride on the Cumberland River on a paddle

wheeler showboat named the General Jackson. It takes a one-hour trip down the Cumberland River to downtown Nashville, turns around and comes back up the river. During the ride you will have about an hour on deck to enjoy the river and the evening and an hour for dinner and a floor-show. Each ticket will run around \$40 and includes transportation to the General Jackson from the Hotel. Tuesday is the 4th of July. We are recommending a trip downtown for concerts on the river, shopping and fireworks. The details for this are being worked on. On Wednesday night we will have an icebreaker in the hospitality room where we will have free pizza. We plan to have it early because a number of members have asked for one night as a ladies night out and this will be on Wednesday night. On this evening the ladies will pick the place to go. It will be their night with no talk of the battalion, Vietnam, etc. We will also have a golf tournament on Wednesday. These plans are all still in the development stages but look pretty promising.

Nashville is a super location for a reunion and we know you are going to have a wonderful time. The hotel is very nice with accommodations truly de-



Nashville at Night

signed for the 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry. Hospitality, memorabilia and registration are all next to each other and away from the main hotel traffic. We can sort of do our own thing.

The hotel has a health spa, indoor-outdoor swimming pool, lighted tennis courts, nice restaurant and an out of the way casual bar. It is close to the airport and has free parking. It is only

fifteen minutes from downtown Nashville. On the down side, Nashville does not have a good mass transit system. For those of you that want to get out during the day and see some of the sights a car will be an advantage. As in the past there are many folks who bring cars and love to share the ride from place to place with others.

Weather should not be a problem but as this summer has shown most of us, you never can tell. Normally, the first part of July is warm but not hot. By this time of the year we are out of the rainy season but once again you never know.

A small group of members has run the past four reunions. By the end of the reunion most of them are ready to go t o bed for a



Tennessee Tourism Development

week. We would like to try a new approach for Reunion V and asked for volunteers to help for short periods of time during the reunion. That way we can share the load and not kill a few people. There will be five general areas for volunteer help Registration and Information; Hospitality; Transportation and Logistics; Banquets and Meetings; and PX. There will be a manager for each group and then volunteers to help in each group on a shift basis. Each shift will be around four hours. If we can get enough folks to take one shift during the reunion we should be able to keep a very few from having to do it all. There is a place on the registration slip to indicate whether or not you would be willing to help and in what area.

The last thing is registration. We have had to raise the registration fee to \$60 for this reunion. Your fee will pay administrative and overhead cost, the Friday night banquet, and Saturday night Bar-B-Q. If you or any of your guests

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Battalion Secretary's Report

By Jasper Catanzaro

Reunion V (cont'd)

As many of you know, I have been doing the **AIR MOBILE** since it started. I felt that a newsletter, especially one that carried interesting articles, information, and news of upcoming events was the only way that this Association would grow and prosper. I have seen us start from the small beginnings we had in Detroit to the over 1200 troopers we have currently on file. So, the newsletter has accomplished those goals.

For those who don't know, putting out the newsletter could be a real labor of love. The time involved was a real problem sometimes. Making the deadlines was another big problem. Currently, I don't have all the time I need to devote to the newsletter so I have decided to let someone else handle this duty. With the blessing of the other Association Officers, I have decided to turn the duties of Editor over to Al Patrick. Al works for Ford Motor Company. He was a member of B Company from 1966 and later was wounded with Col. Canham in February 1967. I see Al every so often since, I work for the Union and we have dealings with Ford Motor Company at World Headquarters. That's where Al works. Al will do a fine job. I don't

know if this will be permanent or just temporary on my part. Right now, I think the newsletter could use some "fresh blood" and I think Al is the right person for the job.

We will decide in Nashville when we vote for our Association Officers who will be the permanent Editor as well as the other Officers. You should seriously consider running for an Association office. It truly can be rewarding. Through the years, many of you have taken the time to personally say how much they appreciated the fact that I started the Reunions, which led to the formation of the Association. I thank each one of you for taking the time to do that. However, as I have stated many times, it wasn't just me, it was many of us. It was you - because without you, there wouldn't have been one reunion.

I will work with all the members of this Association. I hope to see all of you in Nashville.

Garry Owen,

Jasper

will be unable to attend the dinners, the administrative Registration fee is \$10 per person. Please call and make your reservations at the hotel as soon as you can. We were required to sign a contract with the hotel for a certain number of room nights. I will not rest easy until I know we have filled those room nights. Also send in your registration form as soon as you can. Be sure to complete as much information on the form as you can. The more information we have the better we can plan and prepare for the reunion. I do not need your registration money right away if you would prefer to pay later. What we need now is your intention to attend and the information you can provide for planning.

We will have three more Airmobile Newsletters before the reunion, so I will not try to put everything in this newsletter. Look forward to seeing you in Nashville.

Garry Owen,

Jerry

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS' REPORT

By Willoughby (Will) Mercer

Well, here I am again a day late and a dollar short. First of all, Peg and I would like to say that we hope all of the Mary Owens and Garry Owens are doing well and having a great summer. Next, let me tell you about the Band of Brothers we share.

Peg and I were on our way to look at some new possibilities in South Carolina early in June when we developed car trouble in Columbia, Mo. Naturally I panicked. We were in a strange small town. It was a hot Saturday night and we had no idea who might be able to help us on our way again. We called AAA and found no garages open. Peg suggested that maybe the guys who had coordinated the St. Louis reunion might know of someone in Columbia or nearby. At the time my mind was a total blank. So we called Jerry Houston in Nashville and got George Hannaford's number. I told George of our problem and not only did we discuss the possibilities but he drove down late that night, 120 miles round trip, to give us comfort and

offered to fix it. Well, come to find out it was the rear U-joint. No big deal and we were able to continue on our trip. George would only take a beer in payment. Talk about a "Band of Brothers", that's what it's all about. Our special thanks to Jerry and George.

On our way again we stopped by to say hello to Jerry and Dixie Houston, in Nashville. Only saw Jerry. Dixie had a tragedy in her family. So Jerry, Peg and I had a wonderful night out with dinner and a tour of the city. And let me tell you guys something. Jerry took us to see the Hotel where the reunion is to be held and what a place! If you think that St. Louis was great, wait until you see **The Marriott in Nashville**. So to all of the Mary and Garry Owens, this is another **Big and Great Reunion** in the making.

Again, we were on our way to Greenville S.C. to look at property and to visit with Vivian McCrary-Dey, widow of Lt. Douglas McCrary of Company "C" 2d Plt. 5/7 Cav. 66. We talked of

those days and brought back memories of Lt. Mac; their times in Colorado Springs; and times she and Allison had with Lt. Long and Susie. We got kind of choked up but it was still a great moment, not only for Vivian and my self but also for Lt. Mac's daughter, Allison.

I think Peg and I have talked Vivian and Allison into coming to the Nashville reunion. So if any of the Brothers of C Company have pictures or memorabilia of Lt Mac, please save them and bring to the reunion to share with Allison.

It's getting near my time to quit here so after September 1999, I will no longer have e-mail.

And it's Greenville S.C not N.C. Hey Wes, I got another job lined up in Greenville, thanks to Vivian and Allison. Got to go! May the Lord bless and keep you all until we meet again.

Garry Owen,

Will

Veterans Advisor (cont'd)

tants must take up the pressured slack.

Clinics are over booked, appointments are becoming harder to obtain. I myself was told in March I would be seeing an orthopedic surgeon. My appointment is at the end of October.

Those who have private Health Insurance are fortunate, but what about those who do not? Here in St. Joseph physicians are backing away for HMO and Medicare.

Solutions are hard and not easy to make. As an individual you can do something. Gather all information available, voice your opinion either verbally when Senators or Congressmen come to your district, or write.

If you are a member of a Service Group such as the American Legion, VFW, DAV write a commentary to their magazine. Special interest groups both the Representatives and the Voice of the People scare the hell out of them!

Garry Owen,

Letters to the Editor (cont'd)

Dear Sir, If you served with, know, knew or have information about Guillory, Hubia J. PFC Company D 5-7 Cav M.I.A. 4-25-68 VN, please contact: Eileen Prescia, Frisco Dr, Laplace, LA 70068

Dear Editor, My name is Nevin Port, son of William Port. I'm searching for anyone who may have served with my Dad during Vietnam. Please, can you help me find closure to this chapter in my life? Send info to 361 East Main St. #2, Littitz, PA 17543; Phone: (717)627-7752. Thank you.

Obituary

John Joseph Dowd B Co 68
Died September 1, 1996 At Calvary Hospital (terminal cancer care) in the Bronx, NY, borough of his birth. Surviving are his sons John Jr. a policeman in White Plains and Brendan who is seeking an appointment to West Point.

Financial Secretary's Report

By Jerry Houston

Plans for Reunion V in Nashville are in full swing. We are also now prepared to receive your registration fees for the Reunion. This year the cost will be \$60 per person. Don't forget to also fill out your registration slip and send it in with your payment. Right now the registration form is more important to us that your fees.

Please remember to let me know how you would like your funds disbursed. This is especially important if your check should be split between Registration and regular member fees and donations. My rule of thumb is to apply funds to current years member fee first. I then go back to previous unpaid member fees. If I do not get any other instructions, I apply the remainder as a donation.

Please go over the financial report. Just let me know if you find something that seems to be in error.

My mailing address is:

Financial Secretary
5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association
PO Box 681504
Franklin, TN 37068-1504

Garry Owen,

Jerry Houston

Balance	
As of May 1, 1999	\$13,646.45
Disbursements	
Memorial Day Wreath	-165.95
U.S. Postal Service	-60.00
Total Disbursements	-\$225.95

Income	
Interest from Bank	\$95.06

Donations	
Maurice R. Goulet	80.00
Patrick L. Fox	40.00
Bruce D. Madison	40.00
Thomas G. Martin	60.00
Edmund W. Raciborski	20.00
Robert C. Meyer	10.00
Terry L. Wedmore	20.00
Ervin E. Lambert	10.00
Joseph Czerwinski	10.00
Total Donations	\$290.00

Member Fees

James R Patrick	98-99	20.00
Gary A. Johnson	98-00	30.00
Patrick L. Fox	99	10.00
Roy L. Breckenridge	99-01	30.00
Wilford F. Mathews	98-02	50.00
Bruce D. Madison	00-05	60.00
William G. Koutrouba	99-00	20.00
Thomas G. Marti	99-00	20.00
David L. Aufdemkampe	99	10.00
Ronald W. Stocker	00-01	20.00
James S. Keller	94-01	80.00
Jim Branan	99-00	20.00
Larry Miller	97-99	70.00
William D. Henderson	99-02	40.00
Edmund W. Raciborski	93-00	80.00
Mike Tisdale	98-99	20.00
Bobby Eastland	00-01	30.00
David R. Larson	99-00	30.00
Vincent M. Laurichj	99-01	30.00
George J. Maltbie	98-00	30.00
John M. Long	99-02	40.00
Ronnie Casteel	98-00	30.00
Robert C. Meyer	99-00	20.00
Edward F. Peltier	99-01	30.00
Terry L. Wedmore	99-01	30.00
Howard W. Garrison	99-00	20.00
Sanders S. Cortner	98-00	30.00
Ervin E. Lambert	99	10.00
Gary L. Nordstrom	99-00	20.00
Nick Benedetti	99-00	20.00
A.J. Wise	99-00	20.00
Joseph Czerwinski	99-01	30.00
Howard Mullen	99-00	20.00
Stephen J. Carfora	99	10.00
David R Seabolt	99-00	20.00
Total Member Fees		\$1,050.00

Other Income

PX Sales	99.00
Total Other Income	\$99.00

Total Income **\$1,534.06**

Bal. As of July 31, 1999 **\$14,954.56**



July 2 - 8, 2000

5/7 CAVALRY REUNION V

NASHVILLE, TENN. JULY 3 - 8, 2000

Name: _____	Company: _____	Year: _____
Number planning to attend including me: _____	Date I/We plan to arrive at Reunion site: _____	Departure Date: _____

NAMETAGS: Please provide names for you and your family/guests the way you would like them to appear on your nametag. Please indicate the relationship of your guests (e.g. spouse, son, daughter, friend, etc.) This is just for the records. It will not appear on the nametags.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. Include your name here if you would like to assist with registration/information, hospitality, transportation/logistics, banquets/meetings, and/or PX.

If you cannot make the reunion, please let us know what's holding you back:

Events: (Check appropriate box: _____)	YES (Indicate number in your party)	NO
<i>General Jackson Paddle Wheel Cruise</i> Monday, July 3	Guests Account	
<i>Fourth of July Celebration, Nashville</i> Tuesday, July 4	Guests Account	
<i>Golf Outing</i> Wednesday, July 5	Guests Account	
<i>Get Acquainted Pizza Night @ Hotel</i> Wednesday, July 5	Cav 5/7 sponsored Event	
<i>Nashville Night Out</i> Thursday, July 6	Guests Account	
<i>Battalion Banquet @ Hotel</i> Friday, July 6	Cav 5/7 Sponsored Event	
<i>Memorial Service</i> Saturday Morning, July 8	Cav 5/7 Sponsored Event	
<i>Battalion Bar-B-Q @ Hotel</i> Saturday Evening, July 8	Cav 5/7 Sponsored Event	

Note: 5/7 Cavalry Hospitality Room will be open in hotel Monday through Saturday with coffee and donuts in the morning and sandwiches mid-day. Transportation will be provided for all major events.

Registration Fees: Adults and Children over 12: **\$ 60.00** per person. Children 6 to 12: **\$30** per person. Under 6 **free**.
Makes checks payable to 5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Association.

Reunion Hotel: Nashville Airport Marriott, 600 Marriott Dr., Nashville, Tenn. (3.5 miles from the airport and located near exit No. 215 on Interstate I-40; Web Site: [<http://marriotthotels.com/BNATN/>]).

For Reservations Call: 1-800-770-0555. Indicate you will be attending the 5/7 Cavalry Reunion in Nashville and want to book a room/s at the hotel shown above. Room rates are \$79 per night for reunion participants and their guests.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT TURNOUT. SEE YOU IN NASHVILLE!! GARRY OWEN!!!!

To Register: Please complete above form, put in envelope and mail along with your registration fees to:
5th Battalion 7th Cavalry Financial Secretary, P.O. Box 681504, Franklin, TN 37068-1504