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***Garryowen and Welcome...***

This is the first edition of reconstituted "Boots and Saddles." Our mission is to find members of the 7th Cavalry and fix them as friends, colleagues, and comrades-in-arms. We have a great nucleus of troopers to share the memories of our collective past and reach of the goals of our common future. We still need, though, the energy of every member to reach out to other alumni of the 7th Cav. and bring them into the fold. This newsletter will be our primary means of accomplishing that objective. We have added some high tech methods that might assist in our mission but the real work will be performed, as it always has been, by the men in the field, beating the bushes and making personal contact to bring new members into the Association. We are going to work hard for you but we will be only as successful as the team itself is successful in making this a larger, stronger, and a better Association.

***The Official Website for the 7th US Cavalry Association*** <http://www.us7thCavalry.com>

After several years in the making the 7th Cavalry Association now has an official site. This will allow 7th Cavalry troopers, and visitors, to have instant and constant access to the many aspects of the U.S. 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry's storied past, its current events, and our future plans. More access will mean more members and a healthier Association.

***What will be on the site?***

1. A history of the units of the 7th Cavalry, which will be updated, as additional information becomes available, and as the Legend grows with the achievements of today's active duty troopers.
2. A secure database of the names of the members of the Association, which can be accessed by our members -only by password. For information concerning a trooper name not found on the site, contact must be made with the Search Team Leader for that unit.

*[Any request to contact a listed member will be conveyed via the Website. The Website, or a unit representative, will receive and relay your request to the trooper and inform him that you want to make contact with him and will then give the trooper your address. It is then expected, but not required, that he will respond directly to you.]*

3. The database of the Association's Membership Roster will include:

- The trooper's name.
- A nickname or call sign.
- The Unit that the trooper served with.
- The dates of the trooper's service in the 7th Cavalry.

- Fiddlers Green - a roster of those troopers who have passed on since their service in the 7th Cav.
- The Constitution and By-laws of the Association.
- The Minutes of the last meeting of the Board of Officers.
- The Mission Statement of the Association.
- The names of elected officers and contact information.

9. Acknowledgment of the Sustaining Members.
10. An Association Membership Application form.
11. A description of items that you will receive with your membership.
12. The names of our Search Team Leaders and established Point men.
13. Contact information for the Internet Liaison Officer.
14. A historical unit photo section - Historical photos of major unit events.
15. A historical photo section - a linked site will display personal photos.

### ***Search Teams Will Be Vital***

Every member is encouraged to form a Search Team for their unit with other members serving as "point men" who will search for other members of their unit. The Search Teams will continue to build a master database for their unit and monitor the search for troopers whose names have been provided without a current address. Any trooper who wants to form a Search Team or be a point man can contact the Internet Liaison Officer for assistance.

### ***Importance of Sustaining Members***

MANY HAVE ASKED FOR A NEWSLETTER AND EVERYTHING IS IN PLACE TO PROVIDE IT EXCEPT FUNDS.

The 7th U.S. Cavalry Association is in need of funds to get a newsletter going and set up for mailing. To that end we encourage members to become a "Sustaining Member" with a minimum donation of \$15.00 per year.

A "Sustaining Member" will:

By his generosity, help the 7<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry Association develop a newsletter for mailing to its entire membership;

By his support, encourage others to fund the newsletter and recognized efforts of the Search Teams;

By his loyalty, demonstrate an open willingness to keep his Association both strong and healthy.

By posting of his name to the Website, be given Honorable recognition of his support to the Association.

- Sustaining Members can receive a copy of our newsletter either by mail or by e-mail (your choice). Your name and address will be kept current at all times and in case others wish to contact you.
- For \$10 or more we will send you the lyrics to THE NEW GARRY OWEN (Vietnam Era). Contact: J.S. (Jim) Brigham Jr.
- For \$25 or more we will send you a color Xerox copy of the M16A1 "comic book" (Vietnam Era). Contact: J.S. (Jim) Brigham Jr.

### ***Events***

7th Cav. Made Great Showing in North Carolina

A big "Garryowen" to Bob Cox (A, 1/7) and all the troopers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Association's "Tarheel Chapter" who made this year's reunion such a great success.

The 7th Cav. was represented at Fort Bragg by: 128 Troopers

## **Annual Ia Drang Brotherhood Gathering - Veterans Day in DC**

The annual meeting of the Ia Drang Brotherhood will take place again in the Nation's Capitol over the Veterans Day weekend. Troopers of all 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry units are invited. "Headquarters" will be at the Sheraton National Hotel, 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204. (See Website for details or contact the Internet Liaison Officer). This is a gathering for all 1st Cavalry Division veterans, with the Ia Drang Alumni Banquet and meetings of other units.

If you have been to The Wall for Veterans Day, you know what a great event this Brotherhood gathering is. If you haven't, you should take this opportunity to attend and experience it for yourself.

*1st Cavalry Division Association reunion Killeen, TX (Ft. Hood) Jun 2001*

*A reunion and visit to the Little Big Horn Battlefield in Garryowen, MT Jun 2001*

### ***Keep Your Address and E-Mail Current***

Our lifeline to you, and yours to the Association, is your mailing and/or e-mail address. Make sure it is always current. With this access to the web site, your information can be updated with a minimum of effort.

### ***Information needed to include in the Newsletter***

You are our primary source for information of interest to other troopers. Give it to us and we will work it into the newsletter, whenever possible. Remember, without input there can be no output. This is your newsletter. Use it!

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***Your foxhole buddy is just a phone call away. Why not try to find him now?***

If you have copies of orders for awards, company rosters, or copies of morning reports ...any item with a list of trooper names, you are urged to make copies and send them to Jim Brigham for an addition to the Association's reference file. The reference file is used to verify those men seeking Association membership and also to form search lists.