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*Ramblings from the President:*

*As the year 2003 draws to an end and 2004 is not far away the 7th United States Cavalry Association continues to grow slowly. Nonprofit status was gained in 2002 and Tax Exempt status in 2003. Now as a 501[c] [19] Veterans Association we continue to promote the Linage and History of the 7th Cavalry. If you are not a member of the Association I encourage you to join and become involved so that the Association can continue to grow. Every small group of veterans should make contact with the Association so that current address information can be recorded in the central data file. For those veterans that are looking for someone and for those that have not been found the central data file can prove helpful. Our present data is far from the total number of those that served in the 7th Cavalry.*

*The information in our files are names taken from many sources, the most important is copies of old documents that many of you have stashed away in those boxes so rarely looked at. Make copies and send them in so that more names can be added to files. On our website <http://www.us7thcavalry.com> under Quartermaster we now have Ties, Belt Buckles, and soon to have Cavalry Hats, show your pride and wear the history of the 7th Cavalry. As all veterans know when you are deployed either in War or as a Peace Keeping Force some of those nice to have items are not available through normal military sources.*

*The War in Iraq has again brought that to the attention of veterans. How nice it was to get the packages from home with Hot Sauce, Kool Aid and other items. The Association was contacted by some concerned individuals that they would like to collect and distribute items to deployed units. This effort was to be for the 3/7th Cavalry but as they have returned to the states it will be directed to deployed units that the Association will adopt. This project is much larger than individual contributions; many makers of products have been contacted and are willing to donate large quantities.*

*Contributions are needed for the Association to cover the costs of storage and shipment of collected items. All contributions are tax deductible. If you want to get involved in helping with this project please contact Jim Brigham, 9519 Central Dr, Charlotte,NC 28227-4100, [President@us7thcavalry.com](mailto:President@us7thcavalry.com)*

*Planning is in the early stages for the next reunion at Ft Hood 2005 to arrive one day before the start of the 1st Cavalry Association reunion to have an afternoon business meeting and evening dinner. By planning in this way there would be no 7th Cavalry Luncheon thus allowing 7th Cavalry members to attend the other appropriate luncheons.*

*As we continue to have inquiry from family members of those who were KIA it important that we help them with their request for assistance. Many have attended a reunion and been able to talk with troopers that served with their loved one. There are several groups Sons and Daughters in Touch and Wives and Families that have a network to talk over situations that family members may be having.*

*I want to encourage every veteran to contact members of Congress in regards to the many issues that effect veterans. Disability pay difference is a big issue today. One that should be supported and opposed is the proposed changes in the retirement system for the military. Those who served know the importance of a strong and trained military. If the incentives to remain in the military are taken away it will have a diffident effect on those currently serving to make a career of the military.*

*Continuous work is being done to get the history of the three 7th Cavalry units that served in Vietnam, together so that we may add it to the website. If you can help in this regards let it be known as we are always looking for help.*

*As November is the time that many gather in Washington, DC for Veterans Day to remember those that served do not forget the 1st Cavalry Division has the second largest gathering next to the Division reunion as the Ia Drang reunion has now become a time for all to attend. I hope to see many of you there.*

*For those that enjoy reading books written by those that served in Vietnam several new books have just come out and we know of others due to be published soon.*

*Jim Brigham President  
The 7th United States Cavalry Association*

*Ramblings from the Scribe:*

*Whew! As I write this, there's someone in Texas tapping their foot on the floor and continuously looking at their watch. I am behind schedule! On the up side, the 3/7 Cavalry has returned to home shores and is hopefully kicking back at Ft. Stewart or wherever else they call home. In the simplest expression possible - "you did good". WELCOME HOME and "GarryOwen" from your fellow 1/7, 2/7, and 4/7 troopers and from all of us armchair warriors.*

*For all of you who can possibly attend, be advised that the former 3/7 Commander, LTC Terry R. FERRELL, will be the guest speaker at the NY-NJ Chapter of the 1st Cav. Div. Assn. on Saturday, October 25, 2003. LTC Ferrell led the 3/7 in what was described as "the tip of the spear's spearhead into Baghdad. The Chapter meeting is at the Elks Lodge located at Spruce and Cedar Streets in Ridgefield Park NJ. Your contact for further information is Bob ARBAsETTI (B 2/7 '68) who is the Chapter President and the Vice President of the 7th Cav. Reg. Assn. Bob can be reached at (201) 883-0343. Other events originating from the Chapter are that Susan RESCORLA (spouse of Rick RESCORLA, B 2/7 '65 who's final mission in life was the evacuation the World Trade Towers on 9/11) has donated 60 copies of her book "Heart of a Soldier" to active duty troopers of the 1/7 and 2/7 at Fort Hood. How the distribution is handled, by the PAO or commanders SALTER and HOBSON, has yet to be determined.*

*Susan, I offer a heartfelt "GarryOwen thank you" for your effort and consideration.*

*The Chapter had its annual West Point boat ride. Despite the heavy rain, approximately 30 people took part in the camaraderie of the ride. A note of sincere "thanks" goes out to Pat BROSINAN who helps make that event possible each year and who should also be recognized for his influence in the creation of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial.*

*Earlier this year, Bob ARBasetti and Bob JEANETTE (C 2/7 '65) addressed the junior class of Randolph NJ High School, who were studying the Vietnam War, on a question and answer forum complete with photos. And last but not least was the monthly visit to the old soldier's home for some cheery talk and bingo with "the guys". Bob explained that when he was wounded, many people did nice things for him at the time but he wouldn't know how to find those people today. So he honors the kindness of those people by visiting "the guys" each month knowing from his own experience that it's a blessing in disguise. By the way, the best way to become a member of the NY-NJ Chapter is - ya better write this down - WALK THROUGH THE DOOR ON A MEETING DATE! Tough, huh? Hope to see many of you local guys there on October 25th.*

*Last month I did an exceptional job telling you about the 7th Cav. Assn. now being non-profit and an active association since 1932. This month I reapportioned my head and my butt and I thought it would be a good idea to now tell you how to join and what to expect. I'll assume you still got that pencil and paper handy... so, address an envelope to the Assn. Secretary/Treasurer Bob ANDERSON (A 1/7 and C 1/7 '70) at 2243 Ancient Drive, Wyoming MI 49505. The envelope should contain a piece of paper with your full Rank, Unit and Tour Dates, Name, Mailing Address, Telephone and Email information. A check payable to 7th Cavalry Association in the amount of \$15.00 AND Proof of Service. Proof of Service would be a set of 7th Cavalry Orders that have your name listed. DD 214's do not count - I can buy one that makes me a six-star General, MOH recipient, and a Ranger/Seal, with medals and citations that would hang down from my chest to my "no-no". You MUST have a set of Orders with your name listed or a copy of your 201 file which you can obtain from St. Louis with the help of a National Service Officer (NSO). You can find an NSO by contacting the county office any of the veterans groups - VVA, VFW, DAV, Legion, etc. (blue pages of your phone directory) and ask how to reach an NSO. NSO's are usually disabled vets and are not bureaucrats. An NSO can also assist you in filing a claim for benefits, earned medals, and how to get help in general. They are vets who are trained to assist other vets. If you do not have a Proof of Service, there are Associate Memberships available. Once your request is received and processed you will receive A Welcome Letter, A Membership Certificate, A Membership Card, and a current Membership Roster with an update of those who have joined since the last Roster printing. An Associate Membership will get you the same items but the card and certificate will read "Associate Member". There is also a category for Sustaining Members - additional donations of \$25.00 and up. They will receive a Sustaining Member Certificate and their name will be posted to the 7th Cav. website and a special recognition listing in the next Roster printing.*

*Annual Rosters are passed out during the 7th Cav. luncheons at the annual reunions. Updated Rosters may be available by mail for a postage and handling fee - I'll find out what that is and it'll be in the next SABER. Before I forget, will the trooper who volunteered to write Boots & Saddles for the 7th Cav's website please get in touch with me so we can discuss your preferred methods of contact, etc. In the last issue I stated I'd go a little deeper into the D 2/7 reunion that took place in Killeen.*

*Rather than do an interpretation I thought it best to just quote Rolando A. SALAZAR so, here goes.*

*"Hello Ron, I met you at the reunion last week and thought I would fill you in on our activities there. I was in the Mortar platoon of Co. D, 2/7th Cav in 1967. When I arrived about 12-15 other guys were assigned with me. We replaced the same number of people who were rotating and about an equal number of "old" or "short" timers remained. Six months later the same thing happened and my group became the "old" or "short" timers. I kept a note book at the time and wrote all their names down and where they were from. My list consisted of about 55 men, including officers and NCOs. Over the years, I lost contact with almost everyone. A few years ago one of the guys, Lloyd BUTLER, tracked me down and suggested we go to the reunion at Colorado Springs. We did, but before going, I was able to connect with several others; however, only one other guy was able to make it to the reunion that year. We decided to try to find as many of the guys as we could and get them to go to the next reunion. I started working on the project as soon as I got back from Colorado and Jim BRIGHAM offered to help. He provided leads and information. The Internet was my best source and networking helped too. I was able to account for 28 of the original 55 on my list and got addresses, phone numbers and e-mails for them. Additionally, I added to my list guys who had been in other platoons and with the Company at other times during the Vietnam War. My e-mail distribution list has 41 alumni and there is another bunch that stays in touch via U.S. mail. It is still growing. At this year's reunion, 14 of us were able to get together and we had a "Mini-Reunion" of our own at Killeen.*

*You may have noticed the D-2/7 signs posted around the hotel, telling everyone what time to meet in the Reunion Room. Most of us had not seen each other in more than 35 years. Some of us had never met. I think we all had a great time and want to do it again. You and others have offered to help in tracking down people. I will take you up on that offer later on. Thanks in advance for the support. I don't know if this story can be used for your column in the SABER, but feel free to use it or any part of it, if you like. GarryOwen!" Rolando, every word of it was worthy of being in this column. For each of you reading this column, the success of the gatherings that have been described here and in the last SABER, all started with just one person taking just one first step. Sit on your porch and wonder all that you will but until you un-ass the chair and reach for a phone, the revitalization of your combat-youth is not going to happen. When we share the memories of our late teens and early twenties we cannot help but to relive the vitality of those younger years. There is a fountain of youth. It flows from within. Also, I hope that the activities of the NY-NJ Chapter will inspire other Chapters to look toward group outings, meetings with guest speakers, and veteran (school sponsored or not) presentations to students who may possibly grow up believing that the Vietnam War lasted only 122 minutes in surround sound; WWII and Korea were fought in countries of black and white and covered in different hues of gray; and that Iraq I and Iraq II were fought on an hourly basis - as featured by CNN and their local network stations. Now for some notices and inquiries from the 7th Cav website - From Joe GALLOWAY "Ron: Tell our troops that we have already sold 321 tickets for the Nov. 8 dinner; only 204 left and I predict we will sell out completely by late September. Tell the boys not to tarry; mail their ticket orders, \$50 per person, check made to: Ia Drang Dinner. Mail to me at: 809 Hillwood Ave, Falls Church VA 22042. And you know the hotel reservation block has sold out 2-3 times already; we keep bumping it up but before long whole hotel will be sold out. This is NOT the year to dawdle or lollygag around." -*

*From John R. NOBLE C 1/7 '66 DNoble072@Comcast.Net "looking for guys from Charlie Company especially Medic Fred Thayer and FO parties. Signed Wild Bronco 3-5 Mike" - From Earl T. FRAWLEY Jr., 54 Fenwood Avenue, Smithfield, RI 02917-3937, (401) 231-8844, E.FrawleyJr@Worldnet.att.net "Hi Shortround! First let me introduce myself; I was in the 4th Squad of the 3rd Platoon of Co." E " 2/7th.Cav. Regt., 1st Cav. Div. in Japan before the Korean War and went to Korea with the unit but was*

wounded on August 14, 1950. I never returned to the company as I was assigned to GHQ until I returned to the states. In the past I have given this info to others but never received a comeback. I have a Program that was given to all the guys on Christmas Day 1949 with the menu for the day and also a complete Roster of all the men at the time. (I've never attended a reunion but maybe next time.)" - Hey, isn't there a 7th Cav Korean vets group that would love to get a copy of that? -

From Klaus CALDWELL thecaldwells2@sbcglobal.net "I am in search of someone who may have served with my father. I have met him only 2 times in my life between the ages of 6 and 9 years old. I finally was able to get his records. I have also come to find out that I have other brothers through his 3rd marriage. He retired in Germany. Records indicated he died March of 1982, I cannot find his remains in the U.S., and he must have been buried in Germany. His name is: Sgt John A. CALDWELL, Date Retired from Service was Feb. 26, 1968 Service Number: Ra16332967, Unit: D Troop, 3/7 Cavalry, Schweinfurt Germany. I would like some closure, any information would help." -

From Jim BRIGHAM, Jbrigh6566@juno.com 9519 Central Dr, Charlotte, NC 28227 "Request for help from those that served in 2/7 Cav '65-66. All efforts to locate Tommy COLE, medic with Co C continue without any results. We are requesting anyone with information regarding his actions in Vietnam to contact me. Many stories of his deeds continue to come in and it has been determined that he was never recognized for his service above and beyond. It is for this reason that we are undertaking the task to assemble information that may result in a request for a delayed Medal of Honor." -

From "Doc" Marc LEVY LandMarc@Mindspring.com "Hi Ron, Two possible Saber items: This evening made contact with D 1/7 Cav '70 platoon mate Mike DERRIG, who humped the M-79, was wounded in Cambodia. He presently lives and works in Maine, has four kids, is happily married. We plan to visit. Forget if I mentioned making contact with Kirk ANDERSON, a grunt with D 1/7 Cav '70. I helped Kirk connect with the mother of Sgt. Mark HAMBLETON, who was KIA by friendly fire in '70. While I have you, I responded to the niece of Sgt Raymond KURTIK, D 1/7 Cav KIA 7 July 69. She is looking for anyone who knew her uncle. We have both located Joe BRYANT, who now lives in Ohio. Other than Joe, who I talked to a few years back (we were in the same company, same squad, I missed him by four months) we are unable to locate anyone else who knew Ray. If anyone does, please ask them to contact me" -

From Pete Balascio Peter.Balascio@mci.com "My uncle (Dominic MONTAZZOLI) was a sergeant in the 2nd Squadron, 7th Cavalry (81 mm mortar platoon) during WW II and was wounded on Hauwei Island in the Admiralties in March '44. I am trying to find any information about his friend who helped saved his life. My uncle only remembers his last name; ADAMS; his nickname was "Red" and he also was a sergeant. I would appreciate any help or suggestions how I can find out the fate of this person and or contact information about him. -

And from LTC Bill HILL an August '03 Status Report on the 4/7 Cav. "The squadron has never been more combat ready after completing an intense gunnery and maneuver cycle. Recent execution of WARFIGHTER in May demonstrated (in simulation) the awesome power of integrated air ground systems can be decisive. The squadron then transitioned to our annual Squadron External Evaluation during the division's Transition to War Exercise.

During this challenging training exercise, we validated our TTP of dismounted reconnaissance and massing indirect fires to kill the enemy, while preserving combat power during the direct fire fight for the decisive moment. Troops also gained valuable lessons learned in integrating the combat multipliers in

*the Squadron on the battlefield. From 1-9 August, the squadron conducted Troop level External Evaluations focused on Screen and Zone Reconnaissance Tasks and redeployed as a trained and ready force, despite the significant leader turnover this summer. One significant event this summer was our Air Cavalry Troops' execution of the first live fire HELLFIRE shoot in Korea in seven years.*

*The Kiowa Warriors deployed to Kunsan Air Base and conducted the live fire over-water hellfire engagements at a Chik-do island. The shoot validated our excellent maintenance status and the 94% hit ratio validated the KW's ability to kill the enemy at up to 8 KMs. Other recent successes include the squadron winning the division's Connelly Cup Contest for Dining Facility (Runner up in Eighth Army) and the nomination of F Troop for the Army Maintenance Excellence Award. F Troop maintains some of the oldest aircraft in the Army's inventory at significantly higher levels than DA standard, despite the high flying hour program and the challenges associated with split-based maintenance.*

*The continued deployments to Iraq and tensions on the Korean peninsula continue to create hardships for our troops and their families. Most troopers have been asked to extend their tours for three months on top of an already difficult 12 month separation from their families. Again, I am awed by the commitment of our troopers to the mission - thank you for your service.*

*On a final note, we welcome this week LTC Brian PRELER as the inbound Squadron Commander. Brian comes to the squadron as a seasoned cavalryman and veteran. The squadron will be in good hands and if called upon, will defeat the North Korean invaders. THE SEVENTH, FIRST!!!"*

*Quote of the day sent in by George FLOYD (C 1/7'66-67) "Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather the judgment that something else is more important than fear. -- Ambrose Redmoon" Well, that's it until your next kick-back with the SABER. Be well; stay well and more important than anything else, walk tall and proud. YOU ARE CAV!*

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