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*"Troopers of the 7th Cavalry "*

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A report on the recent festivities of the 57th annual 1st Cavalry Division Association reunion. As usual the Division Association staff: Dennis WEBSTER; Lorinda DAVISON and Martha FISHER did a marvelous job in ensuring that the 300+ troopers and families had a great time.

The Kettle Moraine Chapter (Milwaukee reunion hosts) were everywhere, especially LT. K. helping to ensure a smooth reunion and set-up for luncheons and we thank them as well. It seemed as though there were more troopers from the '69 - '70, 1-7 than at any other reunion that I have attended.

From A Company: Mike BRENNAN; Ron PHILLIPS; Dave ROFFERS; Benny PEVELER; Bill ORTH; Ed BROSKY. From B Company, and I didn't get all of their names: Bob KON; Dana DILLON; Joe O'CONNOR, Jr.; Tom CONSIDINE. I represented C Company as well as A Company and Joe O'CONNOR also represented E Company.

The B 1-7 group had a hospitality room replete with photos, and red clay smeared maps, old Cav wallets, S-3 reports, C rations. Maps had the Cambodian Firebases: Bronco, Corral and Ranch. They also had Westcott, Fort Compton, Dillon, Jerri and Ramada. A great addition to the reunion experience.

In total there were close to 30 guys that used to walk the same ground at the same time. As I was registering on Wednesday I ran into from WWII, Bill and Eva RICHARDSON, and then Norm and Peg OSTERBY. Both Bill and Norm have served our 7th Cav for many years. Norm wrote this column for 12

years and has been President of both the 7th Cav and 1st Cav Associations. Bill too, wrote the column for many years and likewise has been a past President of both Associations.

It was great to see all four of them again. The week started with a trip to "The Bunker" for food and fellowship. We were greeted with a very sharp Color Guard and were very appreciative of that gesture.

This American Legion club has several static displays: An M-60 tank; a newer Cobra gunship; a Navy Jet and a POW guard tower. The food was cooked in the back of a Jeep, a first for all of us. Thursday was the welcoming Mixer and both the food and seating arrangements were very good, with plenty of both for all that attended. Friday were the War Era luncheons and a briefing on Veterans benefits, which according to Doug KAMPHUIS C 1-7 '71-'72 was very good.

Saturday was the General Membership meeting, 7th Cav luncheon and Banquet. At the General Membership meeting, we were introduced to 4 WIA's from Iraq and the members gave them a well-deserved standing ovation. We still can't believe how young they look. Bob ARBASSETTI and Jim BRIGHAM were elected to the Board of Governor's for the Division Association and Chan DURYEA was elected to 3rd Vice-President. Shortround continues his service on the Board of Governor's as well.

The 7th Cav luncheon, with over 100 attendees, saw a nice presentation by Roger KNOPF, who was an Air Force fighter pilot assigned to the 2-7 as liaison between the infantry and FAC's at LZ Albany. When that duty was over he returned to flying the F4 Phantom.

At the luncheon Jim BRIGHAM was reelected to serve another term as our President, Bob ARBASSETTI was re-elected to serve another term as Vice-President and Bob ANDERSON was reelected to another term as Secretary/Treasurer. Several troopers contributed at the luncheon to the financial resources of the Association: John SIGLER; Ron PHILLIPS; and Buddy BELL and we thank them.

Eva RICHARDSON pointed out that we never seem to recognize the ladies who stand beside their men as they go about the business of "running" the Association. She singled out Judy BRIGHAM. Jim then asked all of the ladies to stand to a much deserved round of applause. Thanks Eva.

We asked those troopers who had ridden horses in the First Cav, before going to Australia in '43 to stand and there were 7: Bill RICHARDSON; Norm OSTERBY; Bob ANDERSEN; Sherman HAIGHT; John "Grumpy" SIGLER, Bob MELANDER and Louis "Ernie" ERNEST. "Ernie" had just celebrated his 95th birthday. These men are our cavalry heritage. Sherman HAIGHT stood and gave an emotional tribute to the hard work that went into getting tax exempt status for the 7th Cav Association as he had done it for the Division Association and it is no easy task. Bob and I thanked him for that but it was Jim BRIGHAM who single handily fought that battle to completion.

Our 7th Cav Association now stands at over 2000 members and Jim encouraged those at the luncheon to search out comrades as well as old orders so we can continue our growth. If you are not a member, please join up today. We still want to publish a Boots & Saddles but need a writer to help with the project. We also do not want Boots & Saddles to detract from this column but a writer is a must.

The Bob's then presented Jim with a plaque for his great leadership and service to the 7th Cav over these last 39 years. It was well received as it caught him flatfooted and left him speechless, no easy task. We

did have several members come up after and tell us of phone and address changes but we are still are looking for over 250 names.

The Banquet saw a video presentation from the Commanding General and Command Sergeant Major who sent their regrets from Iraq. My Banquet table had Joe GALLOWAY, Dana DILLON, Ron SUTTON (HHC 1-7, '63 - '64) and his wife Marge. Alan TOMS from the West MI Chapter sat between Joe and Dana and listened to a discussion of who's who in Special Operations.

Sunday saw the traditional close to the reunion with the Memorial Service. Sherman HAIGHT HHT, 7th Cav, '43-'45 read The Long Roll Muster for the WWII troopers and Chan DURYEA, C 2-7, '66 - '67 did the same for our Vietnam brothers. If you've attended reunions in the past but have missed the Memorial service, please change your travel plans for Ft Hood to allow you to hear this stirring memorial to our troopers.

This year's service was especially touching with the Bagpipes playing and then receding into the background. That was Milwaukee, great time and great fellowship. If you've never been to a reunion, plan on Ft Hood in '05. With God's blessing the Division will be back. Garryowen.

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