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"Troopers of the 7th Cavalry "

Greetings, and best wishes to all members of the 7th Cavalry. And thanks to all of you who have sent me the great stories and pictures! I am including them as I can, but I would remind you to include stories with pictures, and pictures with stories. I have some great pictures of the 7th Cav in Korea and am chasing down the appropriate context to print with them. Buck Jones, President of the California Central Coast Chapter of the 1st Cavalry Division Association, sent an update on a reunion recently held in Sheridan, Wyoming.



1LT Greg Molesworth, SP4 Steve Harris, SGT Buck Jones, SGT Barry Plesser, SGT John Tex Marshall, SP5 Nick Argyris and SGT Dick Legocki

SGT Dick "Wyoming" Legocki, Charlie Co 2d Bn 7th Cav, hosted a 50 year- from TET 1968- reunion at his home in Sheridan Wyoming for members of the 1st Platoon that served together 1967-68. I had not seen one of our Troopers Steve Harris, Dubuque, Iowa - affectionately known as "Harry the ARVN", since he DEROS'd in 1968, 50 years ago. Was a very emotional reunion for us all. SGT Legocki arranged for the local chapter of the Quilt of Valor Foundation to present six of us with handmade quilts, sewn by the ladies of the local chapter. The members of the platoon wish to extend heartfelt thanks to Ms. Judy Sackett, Ms. July Way, and Ms. Jackie Jolovich for their hard work and dedication in creating the 'works of art quilts' that we were presented. And a special thanks to Ms. Kristi Smith for organizing the presentation, which was reported in the Sheridan Press on August 22nd and 25th. It was extremely emotional for all of us, and as I told the ladies from the foundation this was the first meaningful and sincere Welcome Home I've ever received. Special thanks to Mrs. Jeanne Legocki for having us in her home and putting up with a bunch of old Skytroopers.

And a short 'war story' that we retold a few times last week, that was verified by platoon members including myself. Hard to believe even today. C/2/7, CPT Conway as CO, was assigned to work up into Khe Sanh on or about 3 April 1968 on Highway 9, between Camp Evans, Camp Radclife and Khe Sanh. This effort was to clear Highway 9 of 'Charlie' and the NVA, to bring supplies into Khe Sanh and relieve the Marines, who needed a break after the Winter of 1967-1968 shelling. 1st Platoon, LT Greg Molesworth was given the left side of the road and 2LT John Brady (KIA later that morning) had the right side all in dense jungle canopy. As we moved forward through the jungle, either SGT Bernard or SGT Plesser (less than 30 days to DEROS) found two round holes in the ground about 24 inches in diameter, about 20 feet apart. At first, we suspected spider holes, but they both had no cover, dead vegetation, nor any loose dirt around them. We should have figured it out then. Well per protocol, I (1-6 RTO) called 6 and related we would frag one of them. Don't recall who but we fred in the hole, to our dismay the grenade did not detonate. We waited a few minutes, then dropped another grenade in the hole. It did not detonate either! Never had any of us experienced any dud grenades, much less two of them. So, it was decided not to frag it again and wait 10 minutes send one of our tunnel rats down the hole, we can't agree at this time who went down, tied a rope around his leg and sent him down the hole. He went in about 10 feet and came back out quicker than we could pull him out, shouting bomb, bomb! I called back to the CP and warned not to frag any other smooth round holes. Turns out they were unexploded bombs from the previous days arc light missions. Had either of those grenades exploded there could have been another six or so names on the Wall. Maybe more. I believe a few of us at that time started to believe strongly in divine intervention. Yea, from there we cleared the highway, with much effort, up to Khe Sanh's south sally port on Highway 9.

Karl Haartz sent me a recap of the 5th of the 7th reunion in Pittsburgh: Karl is the 1st Vice President Emeritus, 5th Bn 7th Cav Association. On July 30, 2018 to August 5, 2018 the 5th Bn 7th Cav Assoc met for its 14th reunion since 1992 with 506 Troopers and guests in attendance. It was a great time of meeting and greeting old buddies and their families. YUP, we are getting older. Tuesday, 284 of 5/7 members went to the Pittsburgh Pirates vs the Chicago Cubs ballgame. The 5/7 Color Guard presented the colors during the National Anthem. Our Medal of Honor recipient James "Mike" Sprayberry was to throw out the first pitch but his flight was rerouted due to a medical emergency. A good night was had by all.

Wednesday AM we had 3 motor coaches leave the hotel for a luncheon at the Somerset, PA VFW and then on to the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, PA. We could only have 3 buses due the Park Service requirements as not to overcrowd the Memorial. Wednesday evening, we had our Get Acquainted Free Pizza gathering in the hospitably room. Again, the Troops and guests devoured 100, yes 100 pizzas in 45 minutes. Thursday AM there was a lady's tea for our wives & girlfriends.



There were two speakers from the West Virginia Vet Center which explained Dependent Income Compensation and other details from the VA at the time of Veterans leaving for Fiddler's Green. Thursday there was a dinner cruise on the Ohio River.

They went down river though the 1st lock south of Pittsburgh and then got stuck in North bound barge traf. The cruise didn't return until almost midnight. The hospitality room didn't do much that night. Friday night was our banquet and awards ceremony. Saturday AM brought the focal point of the reunion, which is the Memorial service. This was held at the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial and Museum, located in the middle of the University of Pittsburgh Campus. We listened to the reading of our 368 names of those KIA in the Republic of South Vietnam, 17

Sacrifice Demonstrates Love As we remember and mourn the many deaths that occurred on Sept. 11, we are also reminded of great love. The bravery and heroism displayed on that historic day by firefighters, police officers, airline passengers and many more, demonstrated love. So many sacrificed their lives so that others could live. They did not do it for recognition. They acted out of love.

Cyril Richard (Rick) Rescorla epitomized this. A retired colonel in the U.S. Army, Rescorla served with the 1st Cavalry Division in Vietnam and was known for his bravery in battle. On 9/11, he gave the full measure of devotion and saved almost 2,700 people from the twin towers. As the vice president of security for a financial services company in the World Trade Center, Rescorla led others down the stairwell to safety. He calmly instructed them where to go and helped assuage their fears by singing as they fled. Rescorla was last seen heading back up the stairs to rescue more people when the South Tower collapsed and killed him.

In John 15:3, Jesus said, "Greater love has no one than this that someone lay down his life for his friends." Sacrifice demonstrates love.

I received a request for information about Leonard Leroy Bevels from a childhood friend, OH Hubbard, Jr. "I am writing you to see if you may have information on Leonard Leroy Bevels. He served in the 1st Cav 7th Cav Company C. His date of casualty was 11/23/1967. I was a schoolmate of Leonard's. I am trying to locate anyone who might have known him. Any information you could provide would be great. Feel free to call me 903-815-3890. Thank you."



CPT Glen Allen, Jr. (LTC) who served with A 2/7, has written a book "Storm in the Jungle" about describing the life of an infantryman in 1965-66 in Vietnam. Glen traveled to Vietnam on a Troop ship in August of 1965, was wounded and evacuated in May of 1966. You can find his book at the 7th Cavalry Quartermaster website, www.us7thcavalry.com/quartermaster/Books.htm

Names from Iraq & Afghanistan and 23 members since our last reunion in 2016. Yes, we are getting older. Saturday evening was the goodbye Barbeque. Overall, it was a great reunion and now on to D.C. on Veterans Day. We do have a dinner on November 11th each year.

When you receive this issue, September 11th will have passed for another year. However, I wanted to add this editorial written by LTC Dan Rice (III Corps Deputy Command Chaplain) and published in the Fort Hood Sentinel titled A Loving Sacrifice.

And finally, from our 7th Cavalry Association President, John Guillory: Hello 7th U.S. Cavalry Association, this is your President, John Guillory, here with a request for assistance from all association members. We have vacancies in the following honorary positions of Association officers: President Emeritus, Honorary Colonel, and Honorary Sergeant Major. These positions have become vacant due to the passing of the previous holder of each of these positions: Bill Richardson, MAJ (ret) – President Emeritus; Harold G. Moore, LTG (ret) - Honorary Colonel; Basil L. Plumley, CSM (ret) - Honorary Sergeant Major. See the 7th United States Cavalry Association website <us7thcavalry.com>. Keeping in mind that these positions are vacant, I am asking all 7th Cavalry members for your nominations of candidates to fill the positions.

The Association's President Emeritus position is filled by an honored past president, no longer serving as president. This basically means that the person is remembered as successful in the duties and responsibilities of that position.

The word emeritus is Latin, originally meaning "Veteran Soldier." The honorary positions refer to some distinction, status or award given for that person's past-demonstrated merit. The nominated candidate for President Emeritus should reflect past leadership and dedication to the association primarily, and support of Veterans in general. It is not a requirement for the Honorary Colonel to have been an actual colonel, but he or she must have been an officer. Similarly, the Honorary Sergeant Major need not have served in that rank, but he or she must have been an enlisted Soldier. All the stated honorary positions are just that, they are honorary and have no duties or responsibilities. These positions are to recognize and honor those serving in them for their past dedication and service to the 7th Cavalry Association. All nominees must have served in, or have been attached to, a unit within the 7th Cavalry Regiment, and a member in good standing of the 7th United States Cavalry Association. Finally, your nominee(s) must be aware and agree to their nomination.

Please email your nominations, at your earliest possible convenience, to John Guillory at manhunter6869@yahoo.com and thank you for your consideration and assistance with this task.

And so, good friends, it's almost my turn for guard duty. I must put away my pen and pick up my rifle. Please continue to send your thoughts, articles, and pictures to me so that all can share in the memories. Now, until we meet again, may your days be sunny, and your nights be quiet and restful. Garryowen!