

BEATS WALKIN' SIGNS

By Dick Detra

To show support for the new C/4/101 Black Widows and the A/4/3 Spiders Bob Moon has made up new signs to continue the Beats Walkin' tradition from our days in Vietnam (1967-72). He has recently mailed out laminated signs to the Commander of the Black Widows, Captain Melissa A. Jones, the Commander of the Spiders, Captain Carl Preciado and to Jonna Preciado, the A/4/3 Family Readiness Group Leader. C/4/101 will be deploying in October 2005 for Iraq and the Spiders, who deployed in February 2005, are now based at Camp Taji, just north of Baghdad. These signs will be displayed inside their Blackhawk helicopters to let the grunts and strap hangers know who they are flying with. To inform the present day aviators about the signs heritage and tradition Bob has also included a brief history. During Operation Iraqi Freedom I during their tour of duty in 2003-04 the Black Widows of A/9/101 proudly displayed these signs in their aircraft. On behalf of the Black Widow Association I want to thank Bob for doing such an outstanding job.