

November 20, 2005

Spider 06,

Thanks for the e-mail update on the f's, flag presentation and upcoming Spiders "Welcome Home" gathering 2/3/06. Unfortunately I won't be able to come and since our next newsletter doesn't go out till March '06, our guys won't know about it until after it has happened. The Vietnam era Black Widows and Spiders will be there in spirit. Wish I had the cash flow to make the trip but we are trying to pay off our mustang and van before I retire in '07 @ 60 years old.

I am enclosing the American flag that I want signed by A/4/3 and C/4/101.

Please have your people sign one side and C/4/101 on the other side. If you can't get the flag to C/101 send it back to me and I'll mail it to Cpt. Jones. If possible please send a couple of your pocket patches along with the flag (combat OD/color). I'll ask the same from Black Widow 06. I know you are a busy man, so whatever works for you.

I would like to have the following info from both units written on the flag. I'll use the Spiders as an example:

Alpha Company, 4th Battalion, 3rd AVN REGT, 3rd ID
"SPIDERS"

LZ SALLY II

Camp Taji, Iraq

Dates of deployment

Operation Iraqi Freedom III

Commander Captain Carl Preciado

Rank and signature of everyone in the company

If there is anything you can think of to add please go for it. This flag will be proudly displayed by me on all holidays and will be displayed front and center at our reunions.

If possible please send some photos of the spider aircraft and art work painted on the cowlings of your Blackhawk's. I'd like to get photos of C/4/101 aircraft and art work on the cowlings and tail. A photo of a Spiders and Black Widow aircraft together would be awesome....in the combat theater @ the same time. That is definitely AWESOME!

Stay safe and give my regards to the Spiders...it will always be where my heart is.
GUNS UP,

Dick