

[Print](#) · [Close Window](#)**Date:** Sat, 15 May 2004 10:11:31 -0500**From:** [REDACTED]**Subject:** Re: Spiders**To:** "DICK DETRA" [REDACTED]

Dick,

It was an honor to have you and the rest of the BW Association guys at the ceremony. We're going to hang the flag and the letter in our hallway upstairs between the pilot's room and the company orderly room. We (mostly I!) decided that our new callsign would be "Spiders", and we have a patch that's similar to the BW patch - I'll try to send you a picture. We're still chugging along at recovering equipment and personal gear, and next week is our reflag to 3rd ID. Thanks again for coming out to see us, and hopefully we'll meet again in another Black Widow reunion.

Sincerely,
Jason Blevins

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From: DICK DETRA [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, May 14, 2004 6:25 pm
Subject: Spiders

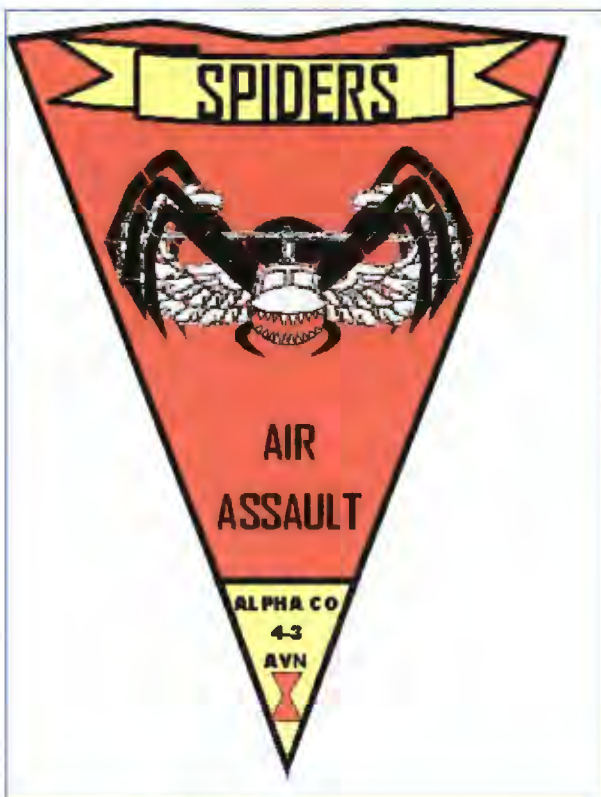
> Hi Captain Blevins,
> Just wanted to touch base and Thank You again for including us
in
> the awards ceremony. It was an emotional time for the 8 of us
who
> attended. I needed about 10 days to re-group and the others
had
> similar reactions. Glad we got it done. Do you know where the
> 188th colors will be displayed? We are wondering if your
company
> has been re-flagged and what your new unit designation and
logo is
> or will be? Three veteran Black Widows are driving up to
Sonoma
> County Airport tomorrow to work on our Black Widow slick
> restoration. Want her looking good for the air show in August.
I
> didn't get a chance to tell you...Congratulations on your
Bronze
> Star award. Hope the transition goes good for you and the rest

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> the company.
> Take care,
> Dick Detra
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