



# WOLFGRAM

Seawolf (HAL-3) Assoc.



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The next National Reunion will take place in 1989 at the Naval Air Museum in Pensacola where WE will be presenting the museum with a Seawolf gunship. (As of right now it appears that we can have a Huey donated to us; however, if for some reason we can't locate a bird to donate, the reunion site will change). C. J. Jaburg has volunteered to be the Pensacola contact person. Thank you C. J. If you live in the Pensacola area, and I know quite a few Wolves do, please call C. J. Jaburg and together form a reunion site committee. Don Thompson handled the site coordination at the Kansas City Reunion and can outline what we did in KC. C. J. Jaburg,

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Danial Huckabay has been successful finding lost Wolves. I think his method is a good one, one that can be used elsewhere by "YOU". Accordingly I asked Dan to tell us how he did it.

"There is no magic involved in contacting the media. A strong desire is all it takes and maybe a phone book. Call, write, or go directly to the place (media) and talk with someone in the local, people, or editorial departments. Explain to them what HAL-3 was and why we are trying to find those few proud men who served as Seawolves. If you have a picture or a patch of a Seawolf, it helps get their attention. If you can, give them your phone number.

"My telephone number and a two paragraph interview found its way to three more Seawolves who had no idea there were other Seawolves looking for them. Two live near my home and the other is in Deadwood South Dakota. Only one person actually read the newspaper article, the others heard it from friends or family. To me, it was worth the effort to find one more Seawolf and a bonus to find three."

Dan Huckabay would also like to arrange a informal west coast

Seawolf get together this summer in the Bay area. If you are interested contact Dan at:  
or call Dan at .

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#### Annual Dues

I must apologize to everyone. It seems that I forgot an all important fact in the last newsletter. The annual dues are \$20.00 payable to Seawolf HAL-3 Assoc. I have included a pre stamped addressed envelope for all wolves whose dues are due. A sign-up form is included.

To date we have collected 263 names and current addresses. We have 83 paid Wolves who have paid their dues, that's 32% better but still a way to go. Every newsletter brings with it return mail of an unpleasant kind. Large red letters on the envelope Moved no forwarding address, we just lost a Wolf. If you have moved, please let me know.

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There are times when I typing a newsletter or stuffing envelopes when I must ask myself why I'm doing this. Today I received a letter that makes it all worthwhile. I want to share it with you. The letter was from Dorothy Schafernocker whose son Mike (SEAWOLF) AO2 was KIA in April 1969. Dorothy heard about a TET party that was being held in Arlington Texas. As Dorothy explains it she was hesitant to go or perhaps just plain scared, but she went anyway. I'll let Dorothy explain the rest.

"During the course of the evening, I watched and listened to the different ones (vet speakers). Most were wearing fatigues and my not being familiar with insignias, I wasn't sure of who was Army..Navy.. or Marines. I did hear a couple fellows behind me mention the Navy, so when it came time for me to leave I decided I'd at least stop and ask which part of the Navy they were in.

"Out of all the guys in that room...why was I drawn to those two? Why??? Because the Good Lord works in mysterious ways! Those two turned out to be Sean Lusher and Ben Lyons. I nearly fainted when Sean said he was a Navy "Seawolf" ..... an answer to my prayers.

"I can't begin to describe my feelings of Joy & Sorrow...but mostly of Happiness and Relied and a wonderful sense of closeness... I believe you call it 'camaraderie'. It was beautiful!

"Sean just happened to have a copy of the Video tape of your First Reunion and with 8mm & 35mm film from Nam put to music. He wanted to find a VCR to show it to me, but none was to be found so bless his heart, he gave the

tape to me in memory of Mike. I felt so honored.  
Needless to say I shed some tears, but they were of  
happiness and gratitude. He really made my day! I  
don't know how to explain his generosity and his  
thoughtfulness, other than I think he's the greatest and  
I do appreciate it very much."

I hope you agree that was some letter. Sean...from all of us  
Outstanding! I think I can explain Sean generosity, Dorothy.  
You see, you could be any one of our Mothers. The only thing  
that separates us from Mike is just dumb luck.

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Don Thompson has been collecting questionnaires. If you  
haven't sent yours in please do so. I won't have room to  
include questionnaire in this newsletters, but I will in the  
future. Don Thompson,

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In the January newsletter I asked for someone who lived in  
the DC area to take tracings of the Seawolf KIA on the Wall.  
I have had several replies. Lcdr Bruce Watt was in the DC  
area and said he do it. I received a letter from Bruce. In  
the letter Bruce informs me that the Park Service would make  
the tracings for us. Bruce set a letter to a Mr Hannan of  
the park service asking for their help. Thanks Bruce.

Newton Earl still has Seawolf T shirts available for \$12.  
The shirts look sharp. Newton tells me that we have sold  
only 17 shirts since the last newsletter, he still has 60 in  
stock. The sizes range form medium, large, and XL sorry the  
XXL are already gone. Call Newton at or write  
him at

Seawolf patches are available at \$4 each as are "Locate a  
Wolf" bumper stickers \$2. Tom Thalmann,  
Hal-3 Assoc. . Please make all checks payable to Seawolf

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Dennis Russell has painted a large Find a Wolf sign on a  
semi. If any Wolves would like to have this done to their  
rig, Dennis will paint it ... no charge either. You can  
contact Dennis at

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Treasurer's report      Howard Jacobs

November 1 balance      \$ 1,288.45

Receipts		
Dues	\$ 440.00	
Donations	185.00	
Earned interest	14.22	
Sales	<u>251.78</u>	
Total Receipts		891.00
Expenses		
Telephone	31.55	
Postage and Printing	<u>187.50</u>	
Total Expense		219.05

Balance as of March 1, 1988      \$1,960.40

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Trivia

Time April or May 1971, Seawolf Swimming pool (Very large cattle tank) was stolen. By Who? How???

Under what 'extreme' circumstances was the ass end of a UH1 fresh out of check shot off at Binh Thuy? Who did the shooting?

Sandy the cripple dog, what was peculiar about him?

A mystery that still remains unknown, During midwatch at Binh Thuy, Who shit in the Chief's desk drawer? 1970-71

Did Hal-3 ever borrow a Huey from the Army and forget to return it? If so when and under what circumstances?

What was the Seapuppy?

Who was the last Seawolf to leave Vietnam?

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The next newsletter will be in July. Keep the Seawolf spirit alive...find a lost brother.

Tom Thalmann

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If your newsletter contains a stamped envelope please fill the envelope with a check and the renewal for ... below.

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1987 dues \$20.00

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date in Country \_\_\_\_\_  
Detachment \_\_\_\_\_ Rate/Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Hal-3 Assoc.      thank you.