



WOLFGRAM

Seawolf (HAL-3) Assoc.

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FLASH -- I have just received a telephone call from Dennis Russell. According to Dennis, HCS-5 formerly HAL-5 in early April will release aircraft BU 157188 to the Naval Air Museum in Pensacola. That's our bird.

SAYING GOODBYE TO THE HUEY, from Soundings 12/22/88. They called it Last Shot '88. The exercise was the last time HAL-4 will fire the rockets and Gatling guns that are two-thirds of the HH-1K Huey's firepower. But what's more, the exercise signifies the end of an era for HAL-4 and the Navy. No more gunships. By December 1989 HAL-4 will have become Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Four and have exchanged the Hueys for the larger, faster, more versatile, twin-engine Sikorsky.

George Leduc noticed that four Seawolves whose names are on our KIA list, also appear on the National League of Families POW/MIA list.

- 1) August David Johnson, SN, 2/3/67
- 2) Edward Louis Ott III, ADJ-1, 9/1/67
- 3) Robert Dennison, Johnson, LCDR, 9/1/67
- 7) Richard J. Reardon, LTJG, 4/28/69

Naturally this seems to be a paradox and George would like our help resolving the issue. If you know what actually happened, contact George Leduc,

Through ardent research our historian, Don Thomson, has uncovered three more Seawolf KIA whose name did not appear on the last KIA list I published in the November Newsletter. I have, therefore, included an updated copy of the Seawolf KIA list. The East Coast Gamewardens have been advised.

In April a copy of our bylaws and mailing list will be sent to all Wolves who have paid their 1988 Dues. A check mark on the front page of this newsletter signifies that your 1988 \$20 membership fee is past due. Please remit to Seawolf HAL-3 Assoc c/o Howard Jacobs,

THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE IN JULY, 1989.

WHERE ARE THE HAL-3 BATTLE FLAGS? Capt. Borgstrom gave the battle flags to Cdr. Don Nichols who took the flags to Ellision Field Pensacola. That was in 1972. It sure would be nice if we could have the flags at the dedication. This is important, if you know the whereabouts of the battle flags, let us know.

I have been asked, what events does the reunion committee have planned for Wives and Children. The only events planned are those outlined in the January newsletter. However, Pensacola is a beach resort area which abounds in activities.

I would like to take the time to thank the many people who are working hard behind the scenes to make the Pensacola Reunion possible.

The on site reunion coordinator is Con Jaburg. Backing Con up is a whole crew of Seawolves who live in the Pensacola area.

Dan Smiley, who wrote and placed Seawolf reunion notices in every magazine we could think of, and a few more besides.

Howard Jacobs, who is a friend and Seawolf Chief Financial Officer.

Tom Olby, Seawolf Vice President and Chief morrier.

Dennis Russell, has worked hard at Helicopter procurement .

Don Thomson, Seawolf Historian, Helicopter Procurement Officer. Giver of advice and good council.

And the many Wolves who have helped in the search for our misplaced brothers.

This organization was started over four years ago with the premise based on my feeling that if I wanted to find other Wolves they probably wanted to find me. Well after a few years procrastination I invested a stamp and sent a letter to the Vietnam Veterans Veteran Locator column. A small inexpensive start. But a start none-the-less that has grown to over 350 Seawolf name and addresses. I mention this because as founder and President its been fun. But I feel it is also time for someone else to take the Helm and set a new course for the Seawolf HAL-3 Association. I feel that the Association will benefit from new ideas, that's healthy.

TOPICS FOR PENSACOLA BUSINESS MEETING

The newsletter. Its becoming to big for one person to handle. It's not hard to write the newsletter, rather the difficult time consuming jobs are the folding, collating, stamping, stuffing and sealing envelopes, and attaching labels. The last newsletter, a big one, took me four evenings to process. That was 335 envelopes My suggestion is this. We need one person in this organization who will be responsible for writing the newsletter. Than:

- 1 A group of Wolves who live in near each other can assemble the newsletter.
- 2 We could pay for a printer or independent contractor to assemble the newsletter.

Delinquent Membership Fees How should we handle this problem?

Membership Fee Should we restructure the Membership Fee?
Could we charge less? How about a lifetime fee?

Reunion Committee Will select the next reunion site and time.

Election of Officers and Area Reps.

Things to bring to the reunion:

Your Beret Seawolf movies and videos Scrapbooks
Pictures Seawolf memorabilia