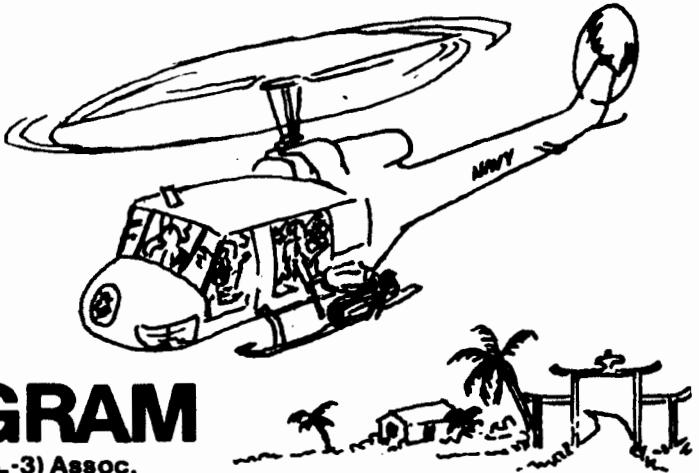




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WOLFGRAM

Seawolf (HAL-3) Assoc.

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If the front of this newsletter has a conspicuous red dot on it ... your 1988 dues are past due. Make your check payable to Seawolf Hal-3 Assoc and mail to Seawolf Hal-3 Assoc.,

After the KC Reunion Det One Boasted that they would have more members at the next reunion than any other Detachment. Will anyone accept Det One's challenge. The gauntlet is down

Don Thompson has come up with a good idea which he put in the form of a challenge. Don challenges each of you to find three more Wolves before the reunion. That would give us 1,200 members!

REUNION -- June 9,10,11 1988 Pensacola Fla. Planning for a reunion is a difficult job due to all the unknowns. For instance: How many people will attend? What do they want to do when they get here. At this point if you think you may attend (no obligation) drop me a line. We need to get an idea of how many rooms to reserve. Tom Thalmann.

Con Jaburg,

- telephone is our on sight reunion coordinator. If you attended the last reunion you can help Con by sending him your comments and suggestions. We will have Hotel information in the January newsletter.

The Seawolf Association will be donating a Huey gunship to the Naval Air Museum. Don Thompson is in charge of acquiring a bird. Don is working with Dennis Russell of Point Mugu Ca. and with a National Guard Unit. We could end up with two birds. Which the Naval Museum thinks would be just fine.

The reunion is a family event. Admittedly most of us did not bring our families to KC. I regret not having done so and so do other Wolves that I have spoken with. The wives who attended saw a side of their husband they may never have seen before. The ladies comments were favorable.

You may be seeing Seawolf Reunion Advertisements in your regional or

local newspapers. I have had sent camera ready advertisements to all the area Reps asking them to place the advertisements where they think it will do the most good, within specified budget constraints of course. This is part of the program to find Wolves. To date we have the names and current addresses of 290 plus Wolves. That's almost 10% of the squadron roster. Seawolf T shirts have assisted in the location of at least five Wolves that I know of, but I've had no such confirmation on the bumper stickers.

I have just purchased a copy of Tom Cutler's book, Brown Water Black Beret, Naval Institute Press. While I don't consider myself qualified to review Brown Water Black Beret, it is a book to add to your personal collection.

John Dwyer, a naval historian, is attempting to locate Norman Stayton, a HAL-3 Navy Cross recipient. Norman earned the Navy Cross in March 1971. If anyone knows the whereabouts of Norman Stayton or was there when the incident happened please contact John Dryer,

Now for a question I hope one of you can answer. Is anyone writing "The Seawolf Story?" If so I'd like to know who you are, we're all interested. Don Thompson is our unit Historian. He may have information that can help. Don also has the questioners that many of you completed, which he says makes some interesting reading.

HAVE YOU MOVED? IS THE ADDRESS ON THE WOLFGRAM ENVELOPE CORRECT? If you have moved or the address is wrong, let me know. Thomas Thalmann, I mention this because after every newsletter I receive several letters back from the Postmaster, "Moved forwarding address expired". And we just lost a brother Wolf.

We made a donation in HAL-3 name to the Navy Memorial Foundation and accordingly will be listed as a Unit contributor.

I plan to mail the next Wolgram around the middle of January, 1989. If you would like to contribute an article, I will need it by Christmas.

I'm enclosing a list of the Seawolf KIA, this has a few corrections and additions from the list I published last year. Additionally, the location of each name on 'Wall' is included.

Seawolf Merchandise:

Patches \$4 and Bumper Stickers \$1 are available, through Seawolf Hal-3 Assoc,

KC Reunion Seawolf T shirts are available \$12 through Newton Earl,

I received this note from Rick Hodge, Phoenix Az.

I thought I would drop you a line to have you print in our next "Wolfgram", that we now have a brother who has taken his own life. I just found out today, via a letter that his widow wrote to me after she found my address. The brother that I'm talking about is Dewey Owsley. He went home following a doctor's appointment at the VA hospital and shot himself in the head. He told his wife that the doctor just wanted to put him on some more pills.

We share a common bond together and as such understand each other. If you're having a hard time, pick up the telephone and make a call. This organization is full of Brothers who are willing to help and listen.

Best wishes to all of you for the upcomming Holiday Season.

See you in Pensacola

Thomas Thalmann