



The DUSTOFF ASSOCIATION, P.O. Box 8091, Wainwright Station San Antonio, Texas 78208

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Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a more complete description of our 1990 Reunion Hotel, the Holiday Inn Riverwalk. In addition, is a small narrative on how we go about choosing

Wm. A. Patterson

Working for the government is a lot like working at McDonald's. In both jobs, you are outranked by clowns. 





## In Memory

On July 22, 1989, tragedy struck the DUSTOFF family, when CWO Roy Anthony Westbrook was killed when the Blackhawk helicopter he was piloting crashed near Fort Irwin, California. "Tony" was stationed at Fort Hood, assigned to the First Cavalry Division, and was participating in a training exercise in the Mojave Desert when the crash occurred.

Tony was reared on a farm near Poteet, Texas, earned a Bachelor's of education degree at McMurry College in Abilene, and enlisted in the Army in the late 1960s. Throughout his 20 years of active duty, Tony consistently requested assignments that would allow him to fly with medical evacuation units. His dedication to the lifesaving mission of DUSTOFF was a source of inspiration to everyone who worked with him or came in contact with him.

Tony is survived by his wife, Vicki, and daughters Tracy and Stephanie and son Glen, all who reside in San Antonio. Memorial services were held on July 28, 1989, at both the Ft. Sam Houston chapel and at Anchorage Memorial Cemetery near Poteet. Overflow crowds at both services, with attendees from all over the country, attested to the lives that were touched by Tony Westbrook. He will be missed by all who came in contact with him, but never forgotten.

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## 1990 MEMBERSHIP DUES

It's time to begin thinking about renewing your membership. 1990 membership dues are due in our offices no later than December 15, 1989. Please use the membership application form on the last page of this newsletter to effect your renewal. Do it now, while this reminder is still fresh in your mind, and you haven't spent all your money on Christmas shopping!!

## WELCOME!

We want to say "Welcome" to the following new members who have joined the DUSTOFF Association since the printing of the last newsletter. We are glad to have them become members of our family, and look forward to meeting them "up close and personal" at the 1990 Reunion in February.

Edward Ayson, Life Member  
Greg Combs, Life Member  
Andrew Shook, Life Member  
James Bobbitt  
James Brooks  
John Crespi  
Richard W. Girard  
David Henschel  
Daniel T. Hovermale  
David Knight  
Alejandro R. Montanez  
Bill Newcomb  
Alex Ortolano  
Bradley Picor  
John F. Sapanos, Jr.

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## ATTABOY!

The DUSTOFF Association "ATTABOY" for this newsletter goes to CW4 Jack Biggs, a Medevac pilot with the 1022nd Medical Detachment, Wyoming Army Guard. When CWO Biggs landed his UH-1 helicopter at a Wyoming airport earlier this year, it was, in many ways, routine. But the time the veteran aviator logged that trip pushed him over the 10,000 hour mark, and that's anything but routine. The fact that he's never had an accident made the event doubly noteworthy.

So, "ATTABOY," Jack. Keep up the good work. You're a perfect example of one who is carrying on the DUSTOFF traditions.

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How can golf be called a rich man's sport when so many people are so poor at it?



## DELTA AIR LINES, INC.

Delta Air Lines has been chosen as the **Official Airline of the 1990 DUSTOFF Reunion**. In competition with all other domestic air carriers, Delta has offered DUSTOFF Association members the best discount prices for those members wishing to fly to San Antonio to attend the 1990 Reunion.

Arrangements have been made to allow a 40% discount off Delta's domestic round trip coach fares, a 35% discount off Delta Connection carriers, or a 5% discount off excursion fares. For example, as of the date this article was written, the full coach fare between Atlanta and San Antonio was \$682.00, and the lowest excursion fare was \$278.00. 40% off the full coach fare would be \$409.00, and 5% off the excursion fare would be \$264.00.

Valid travel dates are February 20 through February 28, 1990, and tickets must be purchased at least seven days prior to departure, or according to the rules of the excursion fare used. Remember, the farther in advance you can purchase your tickets, the lower the price. To make your reservations and travel arrangements, you may contact your local travel agent, or call Delta direct at:

**1-800-221-1212**

Inform the reservationist that you will be attending the Dustoff Association Reunion, and the booking file number is H11322. That's all there is to it, so make your reservations early and plan on attending.



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Psychologists say there is a definite relationship between pleasure and pain. Maybe that's why "golf" spelled backwards is "flog!"

## CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT PROPOSED

The Executive Council of your DUSTOFF Association, has determined that a change to our constitution would be desirable. The proposed change is a minor one, but one that would allow the Association to save money in postal charges, and possibly other areas. The proposed Constitutional Amendment is to Article I of our Constitution, dated 1 October 1985.

Article I presently reads, "This Association shall be known as the 'DUSTOFF Association.' It is an Organization for all officer and enlisted Army Medical Department personnel, aviation crew members, and others who are or have been engaged in or actively supported in any capacity the Army aeromedical evacuation programs in war or peace."

The proposed change would alter the second sentence to read, "It is a Fraternal Organization for all officer and enlisted....etc."

If you wish to vote AGAINST the proposed change, simply mark the ballot below and return it to the Association offices by 31 October 1989. **Remember, if you do not return the ballot, it will be considered as a vote IN FAVOR of the proposed change.**

### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

I wish to vote **AGAINST** the proposed amendment to Article I of the DUSTOFF Association Constitution, dated 1 October 1985.

I am a current member, with dues fully paid, and in good standing.

NAME

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE

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# Choosing our Reunion

## HOTEL



It is the desire of the Executive Council to choose the finest accommodations in the city of San Antonio for our reunion. But the bottom line is always cost. We realize that if the cost is too high, this will deter some members from attending. On the other hand, we want to stay away from a hotel that does not meet certain minimum standards regarding location, space requirements, and atmosphere. Due to the wishes of our membership, we tend to favor downtown locations, but the final determination is always our wish to provide the best possible facilities for the lowest possible cost to our members.

Almost immediately after our last reunion, notices were sent out to hotels in San Antonio, through the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce, that the 1990 DUSTOFF Reunion would be held in San Antonio, and requested bids from hotels interested in hosting our reunion. They were provided with a list of our requirements regarding banquet space, meeting rooms, etc. A total of 18 hotels responded. This list was quickly reduced to 10, because some of the hotels that responded could not meet our requirements regarding banquet space. After speaking by telephone with the remaining 10, 6 more were eliminated due primarily to their high costs. On site inspections of the remaining 4 hotels were then made. All of the remaining hotels had more than adequate facilities for hosting our reunion. The deciding factor was individual room costs, location, and the atmosphere of the hotels.

Costs for hotels in San Antonio have risen during the past year, primarily due to SEAWORLD and the announcement that an Opryland type theme park will open in the near future. San Antonio is now the #1 tourist city in the State of Texas. In most cities, weekday rates are higher than weekend rates, due to the influx of businessmen during the week. Weekends

are slower, therefore specials are made available and rooms are discounted in order to fill the hotel. Tourist cities, particularly San Antonio, attract more tourists than businessmen, so we have the opposite situation in San Antonio. An example of the rise in room rates in San Antonio can best be illustrated by The Menger, the site of last year's reunion. Last year, we were given a rate of \$50.00 per room. This year, we were quoted by the Menger, a rate of \$60.00 for a single, and \$70.00 for a double.

SO, WE CHOSE THE

**Holiday Inn**  
Riverwalk

Overlooking the banks of the San Antonio River, the Holiday Inn Riverwalk Hotel is within walking distance of the city's popular entertainment district, as well as being convenient to all area attractions - the Alamo, Hemisfair Plaza, Tower of the Americas and Brackenridge Park. The hotel contains 313 guest rooms, most with private balconies overlooking either the Riverwalk or with a view of the downtown skyline. Services include the multi-level "Fandango's Restaurant," offering a scenic river view, and "Ripples Lounge," which features live entertainment for dancing. Meeting and banquet facilities are ideal for the DUSTOFF Reunion. Single room rates for the Reunion will be \$62.00, while a double room will be \$69.00. In addition, a \$4.00 per day parking charge will be added for registered guests who wish to use the parking garage connected to the hotel.

# 1990

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So, mark your calendar now, and make plans to attend the 1990 Reunion at the Holiday Inn Riverwalk in San Antonio, February 23-25.

# after action report



by

don conkright

As recently appointed Historian for the DUSTOFF Association, I have been asked by the Association's President to prepare a short article of historical value to be included in each DUSTOFF Association newsletter. The title of this column will be "After Action Report." If you have a story of your own which you would like to have published, please send it to me and I will do my best to see that the most interesting are published. Remember, space is limited; please keep your story concise.

**IT SEEMS ONLY FITTING** that our first "After Action Report" be about our beginning. How did this Association ever get started??

Almost 11 years ago, a young military policeman stationed at Ft. McClellan, Alabama, conceived the idea of forming an organization which would routinely bring together men and women who shared the same experience of providing aeromedical evacuation to the seriously sick and wounded. This young Staff Sergeant had served in the "Original DUSTOFF," 57th Medical Detachment (Hel Amb) at Lei Khe in the mid-sixties, and dreamed of such an opportunity.

With the tenacity of a bull rider, this Staff Sergeant hung on to his dream, developed his plan and started the ball rolling in the summer of 1979. Armed only with the premise that General (Ret) William C. Westmorland might be the guest speaker (any number of events could preempt his attendance), he picked up the phone and started to call anyone and everyone associated with DUSTOFF. "Come to our first DUSTOFF convention at the

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Marriott Hotel in Atlanta, and you'll get to listen to General Westmoreland, our guest speaker," he announced tirelessly. Ears perked up. Who is this audacious young Sergeant in Georgia who thinks he can organize the entire DUSTOFF community by himself and bring someone like General Westmoreland in as a guest speaker???

...Well...his name was **Thomas L. Johnson**, known to his friends as "**EGOR**." Egor was one of a kind. A little rough around the edges, but oh, what perseverance, what courage!!

Egor pulled it off. Over 200 folks attended that first DUSTOFF convention in February of 1980 in Atlanta - a seemingly impossible feat. Yes, General Westmoreland was the guest speaker, and he had very nice things to say about the accomplishments and contributions of DUSTOFF in the Republic of Viet Nam. He also had some very deserved praise for our founder, Egor Johnson.



**DID YOU KNOW** that the 587th Medical Detachment (HA), during its six years at Camp Zama, Japan (20 Jan 66 to 31 Jan 72), flew over 200,000 patients?



**HARD TO IMAGINE -- but it's true...**then Major Patrick H. Brady sustained over 400 bullet holes in the three Hueys he flew on 6 January 1968, while evacuating 51 severely wounded patients under direct fire in Viet Nam. For this heroic feat, Major Brady was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. Today, Major General Brady is the Army Chief of Public Affairs.

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Do you ever get the feeling the golf pro is telling you to keep your head down because he doesn't want you to see him laughing???

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION OR CHANGE OF ADDRESS

APPLICATION: ☐

ADDRESS CHANGE: ☐

NAME

SPOUSE'S NAME

STREET ADDRESS

HOME PHONE and AREA CODE

CITY, STATE, and ZIP CODE

MILITARY ADDRESS (If Applicable)

RANK and AUTOVON NUMBER

I wish to join the DUSTOFF ASSOCIATION as indicated:

Initial membership plus first year's dues - \$20.00

Yearly renewal (sustaining) - \$10.00

Lifetime membership - \$100.00

NOTE: Members electing to renew membership annually will have their membership automatically converted to lifetime after 15 CONSECUTIVE years.  
Membership renewals are based on the Calendar Year and are due NLT one January each year. Please make all checks payable to: DUSTOFF ASSOCIATION and mail to:

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