

DRAGONFLIGHT



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IT'S BEEN A WHILE

Well boys and girls it has been a while since the last news letter. For this I am heartily sorry. A lot of things have happened and I am going to have to play catch up for all of them.

So let us begin. First the reason I have been so quiet, I am sorry to have to pass on to you that my wife passed away. This occurred on the same weekend that we dedicated the battalion memorial. Then just two weeks later, I lost my mother too. To say I have been feeling down in the dumps since then is putting it mildly.

I really want to thank all of you who sent the cards and made the donations to the women shelters in Dorothy's name and I know she would she would really have liked that, it was her favorite charity. We are going to scatter her ashes at her favorite fishing spot in late April.

We are going to do the Battalion semi-annual fishing trip and fish fry in September to which all are once again invited (more in the next newsletter) but be prepared to catch your own fish this time as Dorothy will not be there to make up for the rest of us non-fishing people.

UP COMING EVENTS

It looks like there will be a lot of company reunions this year and that they are are sticking with the agreement that the companies will have their reunions in the odd number years and we will hold the battalion reunions during the even numbered years. I hope this holds, because it cuts down on attendance to both events when we hold two reunions with-in the same year

The 57th AHC is meeting in Colorado Springs 24 to 26 Sept 2009, contact Fred or Wendy Lamp [REDACTED]

The 179th ASHC is holding its reunion at Dothan, AL, for more information please contact Harold Lanham at [REDACTED]

The 189th is also planning one, contact Gerry Sandlin for information [REDACTED]

I have not heard from the 170th, 155th, 119th or 361st yet but there is still time.

WE NEED YOUR STORIES,
ANNOUNCEMENTS ETC FOR THE
NEXT NEWSLETTER.

2008 Reunion Report

Last August we had the largest gathering of members of the battalion since the war. Over 100 members were in attendance for all or some portion of attendance. We all had the chance to see a well crafted movie BIKINI BEACH - THE 170TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY and we had over 150 people attend the dinner. Everyone I have talked to has said they really enjoyed themselves.

Battalion Memorial

The Battalion Memorial has been rededicated and now can be visited by one and all. From the reports I have received, there were around 1500 people in attendance to include several members of the Holloway family.

Now there is still a lot of work to be done and we would like to be able to do upgrades and some other finishing touches, so go to the web site 52dcab.org and follow the instructions to make tax free donations to the fund Gerry has set up to continue on with this project so near and dear to all of us.

Death of a Computer

Many of you have contacted me either during the reunion or soon there after wanting one kind of information or another concerning the reunion or information about one member or another, and I could not supply it. I will over the next month or so attempt to play catch up. I had an extremely serious computer crash, it actually happened while I was attending the reunion, even the computer guru's could not tell me for sure what happened, but the hard drive and mother board were both destroyed. It cost us a lot of money and took almost 90 days just

receive and reinstall the data, rebuild the computer and find and install compatible software for the database. It is done and I am now digging through the pile of paperwork stacked up around here. This newsletter is my first attempt to reach out to the organization.

BATTALION REUNION 2010

Yes despite my really being kind of down at the last reunion do to our losing so many members I will continue on with this, with Dorothy gone I need to do this.

I am thinking either September or October 2010, and I have already talked to the hotel As soon as we get the best dates available I will get them out to you so you can start planning.

People Search

I was asked to help a amerasian man find his father. A man by the name of Trung S Lee is looking for his father for some kind of family health issues. What is known is he was a Warrant Officer. possibly named Robert Johnson in either 119th and or HHC possibly late 64 til early 66 time frame and may have lived in a hooch (81), some names mentions who may have know him are a Thomas Glass, Tony Stout and a Larry Storm. We have none of these names in the data base. The woman who was a hooch maid name was Tran Thi Xuan Thu and was called (TO) by those she worked for. The man was born in 1966. If you know anything or can help Contact Brian Hjort

