



DRAGONFLIGHT

A NEWS LETTER FOR THE 52D CAB AND ALL
WHO CALLED THAT MUDDY RED PATCH OF
GROUND CALLED CAMP HOLLOWAY
HOME

26 MAR 2000

INFORMATION

Lets cover the reunion information first . If you are thinking of coming, please contact the hotel and make your reservation. The more information we have early on, the better we can plan your reunion. Also once you are sure you are coming please send in your registration and dinner fees and also check which tours etc. you would be interested in so we can arrange transportation, tour guides etc.. Remember if you must cancel you can and it cost you nothing, but we need to know numbers as early as possible.

t-shirts

I've ordered the t-shirts and all those who pre-ordered them should have them as you read this. If you would like one or a dozen see the order form on the back for sizing and price.

ITS TIME TO PLAN AHEAD

This is a good time to start making travel plans, hopefully you can find some airline ticket deals. The Henry VIII hotel is on the west side of the airport so you can fly in and use the hotels courtesy van for free transportation to and from the airport. If you are going to travel by road, the hotel is 1 block north of I-70 on Lindbergh Blvd.. St Louis is a major road hub I-70, 64, 55, and 44 all pass through the city and we even have train travel to Texas and Chicago. So plan early make your reservations early , convince your wife or significant other that there will be plenty for her to do, so she wants to come too.

Battalion Scholarships

I've received very little feedback from you on the Quad"A" effort to help set up unit scholarships. If you are interested please either contact me now or come to the reunion and be prepared to talk about it there.

FILMS

I've been informed of a source of professional films taken in and around Pleiku in the early years to include the first attack on Holloway and some of the early battles. There is some expense involved in this and I would love to give the information to someone who would take and run with it and hopefully the battalion would end up with copies. If you are interested in taking on this project please let me know .

FAX & PHONE

I don't have a fax anymore, lighting did me in so please use either US Mail "preferred" or e-mail, my e-mail address is"

also please note that my phone number has changed to

Early Birds

Between the list from the hotel and those who have sent their early reservations to me, we have 36 members already signed up for the reunion. Leading the list is the 189th, 170th, HHC , & Pathfinders.

It's time for you folks from the 57th, 117th, 119th, 155th, 179th, 219th, 355th, and 361st to start working on increasing attendance and getting the manifest updated. Give me a call and I will send you a copy of your units latest roster. You can start working the list contacting old friends and making new ones.

DRAGONFIRE CHRONICLES

We have started work on the year 2000 edition of DRAGONFIRE and the Manifest, this is the battalion history and contact roster for those who don't know. I have no idea on cost yet, but we will have it ready at reunion time, I need to know if you want one, to control costs. See order form.

LETTERS

In July 69 I was assigned to the 170th AHC in Pleiku as the Maint. NCO. Later in my year we (170th) were moved to Kontum. I became the unit 1SG when 1SG Smith departed. I left the unit July 70 and a SFC Spencer replaced me. I have a Yearbook for 1969 to 1970, with a lot of pictures of guys at that time but its hard to remember where they worked. Hope to make contact with some of the old guys who were with me. Robert Ohmes

Welcome to the group Robert Dragon 11

Hi Vernon

Its been some time since I wrote you. I have been trying to get the Departmet of the Army to look over my records, to see if I should have been awarded the RVN Gallantry Cross unit Citation. The Army tells me they have no record of the unit receiving the Gallantry cross at the time I was with them. I am also trying to obtain a Civil Action Honor Unit Citation for service with the First Infantry Division, in 1969. I finally wrote to my Senator to see if he can help.

I am sending you some photo's of one of my newest paintings. If you can use it in the Dragonfire Chronicles please feel free to do so. I want to get some new black and white drawings for you to use. I hope this letter finds you well and things are going good. Well that's about it for now hope you enjoy the art work.

Bob Hettiger

For those of you who don't know bob he was in the 170th and is quite a artist. He is the man who did the rendition of the Battalion Memorial we use in the DRAGONFIRE Chronicles and several of the other sketches we use in the book. I can't wait to see what else he has done lately. I keep trying to get him to come to a reunion and to bring some of is work with him, for the whole battalion to see. I know he has had a showing on the east coast..

Dear Vern

If possible I wold like you to publish the enclosed note in one of the news letters and or

make it part of the 170th unit history. Thanks for keeping the association alive

George Murry

"I would like to salute all members of the 170th AHC including the medical and maintenance detachments that served with the unit during the period June—Dec. 1966. The positive and "can do" attitude shown by everyone made it possible for the unit to perform its many missions to include those that seemed impossible. The unit had an excellent maintenance program resulting in a high aircraft availability rate. Crew ehiefs and door gunners oft times flew on their last day before rotating. Pilots flying 180 hours in a thirty day period without complaining. Warrant officers helping to man the perimeter at night to give the enlisted men a break. A flight surgeon who wanted to experience what it was like to fly as a crew member so he spent 13 hours one day riding as a door gunner on the commander's aircraft. After a full day of flying the unit received an order to move to another combat zone some 160 miles to the south. Working late that night packing and performing maintenance the unit departed the next morning with most of its aircraft. These and many more achievements were made possible thru the efforts of every member of the unit. I am proud to have had the opportunity to command such a great group of professionals.

George Murry

Bikini 6

I'm sure those who served in the 170th during that time will take these words to heart. I am placing George's letter in the 170th note book and part of it will end up in Dragonfire.

Dragon 11

I received a e-mail from James Wood informing me that Cleve Clark has passed away. He has been extremely ill for a while now and he passed away last weekend. Many of you who attended the last reunion I'm sure will remember him. James has been keeping me updated on his progress and we have expected this for awhile now. He has been much in my thoughts lately.

We hope he was at peace and did not suffer at the end. Rest in peace, old warrior, Rest In Peace

I've been wondering if maybe we ought to establish a real time notification bulletin board on our web site. Right now if I find out some one is ill and could use some cards and a little cheering up by the time I get the news in a news letter the event is over. If we had something on the web site, we could call it "the morning report entry" or something, and give name and address or how to contact. You would find out much more quickly about old friends in need and we could get cards, flowers, notes and even call to friends in need in a more timely manner. I sure would like to know your feelings on this?
Dragon 11

WHAT'S THE MEANING OF

Question was asked what does "NGUY HIEM" mean? It appears on all Orders issued by 1st AVN Bde. As a point of interest they are the ones asking at least the ones who now run it.

Paul

Paul if I remember right it was on the tails of all the ships also and it ment DANGER in Vietnamese the brigade adopted it as their ownsome time in 67 I think. At least thats how I remember it. How about it my fellow historians who can give Paul the real story. Dragon 11

Thank you for you web site. I have been looking for info and pictures from my tour of viet nam. I would appreciate and info, and web sites that contain maps and photos of bikini 21's tail # 222,tail # 100,and pictures of crews and crew chiefs between Feb 69 to Feb 70. Access to names of crew members would also be appreciated. Pilots too please.

Thank you very much,

SSG. GERORG H. LOGAN

170th AHC CAMP HOLLOWAY

TOUR-69-70

Lets see what the membership can do for gerorg, can some of you folks help him.

Dragon 11

Hey there this is Me again. Got a note from Mel (POP) Hocking he is well and has signed up to come to this years reunion. We all were worried, glad to have you back in the fold (POP's)
Dragon 11

At last Someone from Security

Sorry I never got back to you Vern. I guess I was lost in other things and forgot to get back to you. I was a former 52d Security man for the 52d even though you might not have me listed as so. I was a E-6 at the time in December 1970, in charge of the Security police at the front gate, just long enough to get my patches sewn on. and I was then sent to D troop 7/17 Cav. for the rest of my tour, where I was in charge of the mortar platoon. had many good memories of that time. still think of them often. Still in contact with some of them after all these many years. Have quit a few pictures of my second tour at Camp Holloway...

Bill & Gloria Ryerson

I always new there were more ex- Security folks out there its just taken me longer to find you than the rest of the battalion. Dragon 11

Vern

I am considering joining the 52d CAB Assoc.. I served as a crewchief/forward observer with the 219th headhunters during the 1970. I have two questions regarding the application. What is the cost of the 52d CAB hatpin, and at the bottom of the page you mention 9 hatpins honoring all of the battalions units. Are these pins available and what is the cost?

Martin Tremethick

The Battalion pins are \$5.50 and that includes the shipping. The 9 pin is a idea for a fund raiser for the organization, but it has not been settled yet. The initial cost is very high and we did no get the interest we did on the t-shirts, to help defray the cost. Dragon 11

REGISTRATION AND ORDER FORM

NAME _____ WIVES NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ - _____
 HOME PHONE _____ - _____ - _____ WORK PHONE _____ - _____ - _____
 E-MAIL _____ FAX _____
 UNIT _____ DATES _____
 UNIT _____ DATES _____
 CALL SIGNS _____

MEMBERSHIPS LIFE \$160.00 (CAN BE PAID IN 4, \$40.00 PAYMENTS) \$ _____

 GENERAL \$15.00 (PER YEAR) \$ _____

52D CAB HAT PINS \$5.50 (THIS INCLUDES POSTAGE) \$ _____

REUNION REGISTRATION \$30.00 (MEMBERS ONLY) \$ _____

REUNION BANQUET (\$30.00 EACH PERSON, THIS INCLUDE COST OF BAND) \$ _____

T-SHIRTS S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____

COST PER SHIRT \$12.00 FOR MOST SIZES \$14.00 FOR XXL AND XXXL \$ _____

SHIPPING FOR T-SHIRTS \$4.00 FOR 1 SHIRT ADD \$1.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL SHIRT. \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

If you want to pre-order the 2000 DRAGONFIRE CHRONICLES with the MANIFEST enclosed please use this form to tell us how many you need and whether you will pick it up at the Reunion or want it shipped. They will be ready for shipment the first week in October. NUMBER WANTED _____ SHIP OR PICK-UP

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO "52d CAB REUNION"

SEND TO:
Vern Gano Jr



or phone _____

HOTEL RESERVATIONS _____