

The 145th Combat Aviation Battalion (Vietnam) Association is a fraternal Veterans organization filed under IRS Code section 501(c)19. We are established for the purpose of holding reunions, writing unit and battalion history, and to re-establish the comradery of the Battalion, units and Detachments associated with the 145th CAB, (45th Trans BN in the early days). We are trying to locate everyone who served with the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion and 45th Trans Bn. in Vietnam, the units of HHC, 8th, 33rd, 57th, 81st, 93rd, 329th Trans CO's, the UTT, 18th, 25th, 68th, 71st, 74th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 135th, 147th, 184th, 190th, 197th, 213th, 242nd, 334th, 335th AVN Companies, CO A-82nd AVN BN, CO A-501st AVN BN, 57th MED, and all Detachments. Many of these units served with the 145th Battalion for just a short time in Vietnam. To truly re-establish the comradery of the units we welcome everyone assigned to these units to join in with us. To us a unit is a unit no matter what other battalions it may have been assigned to.



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I want to wish everyone a very happy 1990 and welcome all our new readers, which hopefully we will have many of before the next newsletter. If this is the first time you are receiving our newsletter please let me know if you are interested in our Association. In March I will be printing our annual people located directory, so please everyone make sure I have your current address and phone number.

I would like for you to read this page first but let me highlight the rest of the newsletter for you. On page 10 is our financial report, and we had a very good 1989. It looks like 1990 will be very good also. We now have color unit and Association T-shirts which we are selling to raise fund to continue to locate new people, more information on page 11. And on page 12 is the latest information on our 1991 Reunion at Fort Rucker. On page 13 & 14 is a list of everyone we have located since the last newsletter. You will find other smaller articles throughout the newsletter and all are important.

You will notice that starting on page 2, is a section called Readers Response, I look forward to receiving your response from this newsletter and hope to find many more of the details of our history in your responses. So send in whatever info you can and of course we are always interest in any remarks you may have. The Readers Response section of the newsletter is your section, written by you, I will put in almost everything you send in, unless I feel that you didn't want it put in, space permitting, if you mark it for the R R section or not for the R R section it will help. Let me know if you think there is to many Editorial Notes, most are to explain why I do things certain ways or give credit where credit is due. Writing the Readers Response section gives me a chance to catch up on the mail, if you have written in your letter and answer is probably in that section.

I have gotten many positive comments about the articles about the Battalion History, so the article is continues in this newsletter on page 7 & 8. The article deals with the early days of the UTT, and is taken from letters about their history. If you would like to see more details on your time with the 145th please send in any information you can. In the next newsletter will be a report on the 93rd Trans Co and 121st AHC early days. Remember I was there in 69-70 and that's the only time period that I can remember, so please put in as many details as possible. And for those of you who served with a unit before or after it was assigned to the 145th please send me info on your unit so I can cover them better. My historical information file is very thin after Tet of 1968, so please send me any information you can, try to put as close a historical date on it as you can.

If you check the mailing label of this newsletter, you will see your membership status. The mailing label will say Member, or Please renew, or Please join. If it says Please renew or Please join then please send in your \$10 membership dues so we can keep locating new people. Some people have asked for a reminder of when their dues are due and the individual mailing label is the easiest way.

If any of you have any sets of orders that has any information about anyone who served with the units listed on the cover of the newsletter please send me a copy, if you haven't done so already. The information may help locate them. If you have any old address please send them. I need all the information you can send. If you have any current address or can get any current address, I will put them on the newsletter mailing list. I would appreciate it if you could copy the top of the cover page and post it anywhere some of our former members may be, VFWs, Am. Leg., Military Post, Guard Units, etc., etc.

In the last few weeks I lost a couple of phone calls, I don't know if it was my phone or AT&T's problem. One call was from a Billy, and the other my wife didn't get the name before the line went dead. If you called and the line went dead please call back, or drop me a line in the mail. I hate to lose a call, all are important to me.

I hope you enjoy this newsletter, I tried to put in many interesting articles. Please let me know what you think, positive or negative. If you have anything you think would be of interest please send it in, I would appreciate it.

READERS RESPONSE

I have received many cards and letters since the last newsletter. Here are some of the letters, mostly about the Association and our Battalion History. I thank all those who wrote in and invite everyone to write in, I think this is the best part of the newsletter. Please read the letters, I think you will find them interesting.

Dear Jim & Deb; I appreciate your dedication to the Association. I know that you two have put much of your personal life on hold to put this together. Thanks!!!

I just have one question or comment and that is I have not seen any mention of the 98th Field Maintenance Unit. This was the Field Support Unit for the 120th Avn unit I was in. This unit was part of the 145th and needs to be included. Sincerely, John Gaither

(Editorial Note) Thank you John, it's nice to be appreciated. Your comment is well taken, I have heard many times since the Association was started that not enough is said about units and Detachments that supported the units. When I first started listing people by unit I had a rough time grouping people together with all the unit name changes, trying to list them by Detachment seemed impossible, but now I'm getting better with the computer. In the next Directory I will be listing people by unit or detachment, which ever they prefer, and in the same place as if I was still listing only by Avn Co. Anyone wanting to be listed differently then they are now please let me know. We all know that without Maintenance Detachments and other support Detachments none of us could have done our jobs, no one group more important then the other. And let us not forget our Security Det, Medical Det, Signal Det, and P.O.L. Det, etc, that it took to get our helicopters off the ground. When I arrived in Vietnam in July 1969 I was assigned to the Maintenance platoon of the 68th AHC, which at a earlier time was the 391st Maint Det, which I guess at some time the Army figured out that the two unit were really one. I would like to find the history of each of the Detachments, I do plan on putting together a chart showing which detachment were assigned to which units, soon. Thank you.

Jim; Enclosed please find my check for \$50. This should cover the next five years. I was assigned to the 68th Avn Co (Armed Helicopter) in Sept 64. During my tour the unit was redesignated the 197th AVN CO. I am now a LTC, Aviation Branch. During Sep 64-65 I was an enlisted man. I was assigned to the operations section as an Operations Specialist. I can recall working for (then) Cpt Joe D Jobe and Cpt Richard S Jarrett. I could not attend your August 89 Reunion. I plan to attend the 91 Reunion. David N. Clark

(Editorial Note) Thank you David for your confidence in us, I'll see you in 1991 at Fort Rucker. Jim

James, Thanks for sending the T-Shirts so promptly. I think you did an outstanding job on them. They look real good. I will try to get in touch with others in this area & show them. Hope this letter & payment arrive OK, we are making ready for "Hugo"! Don't know what's in store for us. We are some 45 miles from the Coast. Thanks again. Al Compton

(Editorial Note) The T-shirts Al referred to were 4 color unit T-shirts with the original 1962 UTT patch printed on them. We also have them with the 1964 UTT patch, the 197th patch and the Battalion "First in Vietnam" patch for the Association T-shirt. One bad thing about having friends all over the United States is when disasters like Hugo on the east coast, earthquakes on the west coast, tornados in Huntsville, AL, and schools blowing-in in New York state, you know people in each of these area. I would like to help our people in these areas, but don't know how. I would need to know the need and would need to know who would be willing to help. Let me know what your ideas are on this, please. And thank you Al for your T-shirt order, your order helps us to be able to provide items like this to our members, within the next year I want to be able to stock T-shirts with all the unit patches associated with the 145th. I think the next designs will be for the 120th, 118th, and 68th. See ad in back part of newsletter about unit T-shirts.

Dear Jim & Debby, Here are my copy of pictures taken at the reunion to add to the Battalion Collection if anyone would request any additional copies there are numbers behind each print. Just let me know. Linda and I really enjoyed being a part of the reunion. And if you asked my kids, what's the best part of our vacation, they would say, "The Scanticon Hotel", Ha Ha. I think what they really liked was the run of the place, pools, whirlpool, tennis courts, etc. Just the

up beat of a class hotel. And even though I only knew but a few from the 118th, I can say, I've met a few more friends. Even Chuck, as rough as he looked I really felt sorry for the guy. But how do you break away from the past? I hope he joins the organization, and you never know, maybe something like this is what he needs. Well, I'm going to have to break away for now so take care and God Bless.

John Rollins

P.S Your doing a great job, please continue.

(Editorial Note) Along with this letter was 53 pictures which gives us a real good photo review of the 1989 Reunion. These pictures, along with others sent in, have been added to our Battalion and Association History display so they can be enjoyed by everyone attending future reunions. I agree that the Scanticon Hotel was really great, lots of activities for the kids, Larry Lombard did a great job getting it for us. Almost everyone who attends the reunions are effected in some way, for most it has a positive effect. For some it points out some problem area, and that we can work on. The first step in solving a problem is pin pointing it. So thank you John and I will continue, and thanks to our members the job keeps getting easier.

Dear Jim, I enjoyed reading your newsletter. Appreciate the effort you are making and would like to help in some way. I have pictures and more names that I will send. Did you know that the 135th had a Plt of Australians attached to them? I might be able to locate a roster with their names. I hope to make the reunion at Rucker. Keep up the good work. J. L. Baratz

(Editorial Note) Thank you, I'm slowly getting better at putting the newsletter together. There are many ways anyone wishing to help can be of great assistance, if you would like to help locate people in your area or from your unit/s, or help fill in the history from your unit/s, or send in info on who served with your unit, or send in pictures or reprints for a pictorial history display, or just offer encouraging words, all are appreciated. In the book "Vietnam Order of Battle" it says "The 135th Aviation Company was the only integrated U.S.-Australian helicopter company in Vietnam. Its callsign "Emu" was derived from "Experimental Military Unit". I also heard that it was name after a large, three-toed Australian like an ostrich, but smaller, but I disclaimed that story because an Emu bird can not fly, and the 135th flew very well. If you can find a list of the Australian members maybe we can locate them. And if any of the Australian 135th member were killed in action we need to added them to our Memorial List, they wouldn't be listed on the "Wall".

Dear James, Enclosed is \$10.00 for my annual membership dues. Thank you so much for the membership directory that I received a while back. You have done a lot of work and are to be commended I recently received a card from Cpt. Webster who resides in Paris, France. He was my XO and operations officer when I was there. On the last page of your KIA update you list Sgt. Richard Baca as having died on 19 Jan 69. He was the crew chief for WO Glenn Haukeness and was killed with the entire crew on 19 Jun 69. The crew of Mustang 15 was AC-Glenn Haukeness, P-Robert Williams, CE-Richard Baca and G-Alan Rouchon. Glen Haukeness and I attended flight school together and, at times were stick buddies. We chose the 68th because, at the time, it had two openings for pilots and we wanted to stay together. He was a good man and much loved by his family with whom I continue to correspond. My first child was a son and I named him William Glenn Hamblin. Thanks again for all your hard work.

Sincerely

Billy Hamblin

(Editorial Note) Thank you Bill for your renewal and your positive comments. I have made the correction to the Memorial List. The family of Glen Haukeness is eligible for Honorary Membership in the 145th CABVA, there are no dues for Honorary Members, as outlined in our By-Laws. If they would like their Honorary Membership (Life Time), I need for you or them to get me their mailing address. If anyone receiving this newsletter is in contact with the family of anyone on our Memorial List please let me know so I can get them on our mailing list also.

Dear Jim, Just a short note to let you know that contrary to popular belief, California did not fall into the ocean so don't buy any Nevada beach front property just yet. The quake registered 7.1 on the pucker power scale, but all is well and getting back to normal. I would like to congratulate you and Debby and all those in charge of the Denver Reunion for an outstanding reunion, looking forward to Mother Rucker. I have lost my Grey Hat with solo wings and hope to replace it there. I have enclosed a copy of an old picture I ran across the other day of the best looking "Round Eye" in the 68th. This is a picture of the painting on the nose of "Tiger Tail" which I believe was taken by Gary Allison--Tiger Tail's Crew Chief. If memory serves me

correctly, this picture was taken before the brass made us "clean up" the picture. Sorry I don't have a copy of the "after" picture, but maybe somebody else does. Also enclosed is my membership dues, I know they must be about due but I haven't received the latest newsletter yet so I can't check the mailing label for expiration dates. Keep up the good work! Sincerely Dan Ferguson Top Tiger 38 Tiger Tail 2

P.S.- If you come across any information as to the whereabouts of Walter (Stoney) Burke, RLO or CPT. Larry Uzzell (Bubbles) please let me know. I believe Burke was from Texas and Uzzell was from Calif.

(Editorial Note) Dan, I'm glad to hear that California didn't fall into the ocean. When I hear news reports like the earthquake the first thing I hope for is that all of our people are OK. Your dues are paid up to 30 June 1991. And I'm passing on your congratulations on a outstanding reunion to Larry and Cindy Lombard. Upon seeing the picture, I can remember walking by and giving that nose cover a pat every now and then. I haven't heard from Gary Allison since he called me the first part of December on his way south for his wedding to Jackie Allen, and congratulation to you on being his Best Man. It takes a real good friend and person to travel from the West Coast to the East Coast to be the Best Man at a friends Wedding. I haven't heard from Larry R Uzzell, [REDACTED] or Walter C Burke, [REDACTED] 69-70 from TX., I determined their home state from their social security number. Hopefully the people in those states will check their phone books for them.

Hi Jim, Always enjoy reading the newspaper! Enclosed is a check renewing my membership. Was pleased to read and discover that Paul Wenzel was a commander of the 145th! PJ and I were members of the original 73rd Aviation Co (Bird Dogs) back in 1963. His last address was: the American Embassy, Kinshasa, APO NY 09662, where he was the military attache. Keep up the good work! Best regards, Bill McGee

P.S.-Do you have this address already? Charles "Dave" Sexton, 320 Union Street, Aberdeen, MD 21001, Dave was an officer flying Otters in the 18th AVN Co 63-64. He was also a member of the original 73RD!

(Editorial Note) Thank you Bill, I have added Charles "Dave" Sexton to the mailing list and Paul Wenzel was added a little while back.

Mr Bodkin, While reading my Army Times I came across your request of those members who served with the 145th CAB. Well sir, I'm writing you now to let you know that I served with the 145th CAB from 14 Jun 70 to 14 Feb 72 with the 25th Corp Avn Company as a UH-1 crewchief. The Commander I served with most was Major Haynes and First Sergeant Brock. My assigned pilot was Hutchison and flew the 3 Corp mission in support of Lt General Tri and LTG Minh and U.S advisor BG Armstrong. I am still in the US Army as an Aviation First Sergeant with S Trp 4/11 ACR at Fulda Germany. What I was wondering is if your Assoc. has contact (s) of some of my old crew chief friends and pilots, and what the Asso function is and purpose. I would appreciate your return answer. Thank you. Sincerely Yours. 186 Jerry L. Masarik, [REDACTED]

(Editorial Note) I sent Jerry a Membership Directory and the last newsletter. At this time we don't have many people located from the 25th but were working on it. If anyone has any set of old orders that has names of people who served with the 25th please send me a copy. I do have an address for a John Hutchison who served with the 25th in 1971: CW4 John Hutchison, [REDACTED] I don't know if the address is still good.

Dear Jim, I have just found out The Association existed- and am most happy to join. I enclose two years dues, plus a donation. Would it be possible for you to send me a copy of your most recent member directory? Thank You, Joe D Jobe.

(Editorial Note) Thank you Joe, by now you should have received your Membership Directory and have found names and address for many people you remember. In the letter from David Clark on page 2 he says he remembers working for you.

Dear Jim, Enclosed are my initial dues for this membership year plus a little bit to help with expenses. I was assigned to the 45th TC Bn (Acft) Vietnam on 25 March 1963 with TDY enroute at Fort Benning and Fort Rucker. I arrived in Vietnam on 25 October 1963. Two days later, on 27 October 1963, I was assigned to the US Army Support Group Vietnam. If this qualifies me for membership I would certainly like to support your organization. Looking through the roster I recognize a number of people I knew and worked with in Vietnam, all outstanding individuals. On

10 February 1964 General Joe Stilwell rewarded me with Command of the 114th AVN CO (Air Mobile Light). I remained with the 114th until I rotated on 2 December 1964. If any of the membership was ever assigned to the 114th (in Vietnam), or knows anyone who was (this includes persons assigned to the units supporting the 114th); I would very much like to hear from them. Besides possibly renewing some very valued friendships, I am trying to determine the interest there might be in a 114th reunion. If there is anything I can do for you here in the Fort Rucker area, just let me know. Sincerely yours, George J Young (Knight 6)

(Editorial Note) Thank you George for your dues and the extra \$10. I know that some of our members also served with the 114th and hopefully they will contact you at: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Assoc. and the Vietnam Helicopter Crew Member Assoc. might be a great help to you in finding former members of the 114th. And if you would like to help out in the Fort Rucker area contact Maj Gen (Ret) Richard Kenyon, Rt 4, Box 199B, Ozark, AL 36360 1-205-774-0178 about helping with the 1991 Reunion.

Dear Jim, Thought you might like to have these photos taken at the reunion. I enjoyed meeting you and thanks for the hard work you have put into the organization. Hope to see you at Rucker in 91. Tommy Thornton

(Editorial Note) Thank you, I have added the pictures to the Association Reunion Photo album so they may shared with others at all the future Reunions. See you in "91" at Fort Rucker.

Jim, Sorry for being late with this, it drifted down in the to do box and I just got back down there. Emmett F. Knight

(Editorial Note) Thank you, I know that feeling, it seems like I never get caught up with my mail. This section of the newsletter is about the only time I can get most of the mail caught, and many times answers questions for many members.

Jim, Enclosed please find dues for Jerry Purcell and Gene Stephens. Number 7 is Gene Stephens, Number 9 Gerald Purcell, Number 10 Terry Little, Number 6 Yourself, left to right. We would like to purchase photos from the reunion. Please reply. Jim, outstanding reunion, We are looking forward to "1991" For information Troy Pennock not pictured (getting a drink). Jim a job well done, keep up the good work. Thanks Gene L. Stephens

(Editorial Note) Thank you Gene (The numbers Gene refers to correspond with the people in the large group picture taken at the 1989 Reunion), copies of these can be ordered from: Faingold [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I think the cost is \$15 for one or \$25 for both the picture of the men and the one of everyone attending. On page 2 and 3 is a letter from John Rollins, he sent me copies of 53 pictures he took at the reunion, they pretty well cover the entire reunion, you might contact him to see how much it would cost to get copies: John Rollins, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. I'm still hoping for more people in the picture to send in their number, I still need names for #11, 18, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 39, 49, 51, and 54. I could try to put names for the rest of the numbers but I want to be sure to be correct.

Dear Jim, I am receiving your newsletter and am glad that I renewed my membership. I don't know if we can attend the next reunion or not as our little girl keeps us very busy. I am sending you an article that I cut out of our local newspaper that I thought you might enjoy reading. Our little girl Michelle is walking now and really getting big. She is very smart, I told my wife that she must take after her because, I'm not that smart. In regards to the article, it seems that some people now want to be Vietnam Veterans who never went to war, I have an Idea, why don't we set up a branch of our organization just for people who want to be associated with us? It will only be an "honorary organization", and will state so on their membership cards. It might be worth looking into, as some of these people go out into the woods on weekends and shoot at each other with paint guns. Also, I am wondering if we can have a local reunion of our members who can not travel to the official reunion? Well, that's all for now, all our best to your and yours. Ted and Mitchie Hanrahan.

(Editorial Note) Thank you Ted for your letter, I really liked the article. I tried to copy the article to put in this newsletter and couldn't get good copies. Sometimes it makes you want say "Will the real Vietnam Vets please stand up and you others sit down and stop claiming to be Vietnam Vets, your making us look bad." And about a local 145th Reunion, I'm all for it. June 21-23 this year the Vietnam Helicopter Crew Member Association is holding their Reunion at the

willing to donate just to find people they served with, that's why it is so important to keep all the Vet locating services going. I wish there was more that I could do but my hands are tied. Inclosed is a copy of a card one of our members sent in. (The card said, "Do not release the below listed address to any other organization or mailing list. I welcome mailings from your company only.", the word only was highlighted, I have received many request like his. Take care, (Here is the letter I received back from Jim Ralph)

Jim- I think an announcement about the Viet Vet registry and encouraging 145th CABVA members to submit information would be a great help to the Registry. Thanks for your interest. You might even print a coupon as part of the newsletter that could be used to list information the registry wants and or whatever. Jim Ralph

(Editorial Note) I will print a copy of their registration form and insert it in the newsletter. Any of you that wish to be listed with the Vietnam Veterans Registry can send them in. If you receive any address back that the 145th CABVA could use please send them in to me.

I received two very helpful cards from our members, one said: "Dear Jim, please update your mailing list to show my new mailing address: Samuel E. Denton, 415 Fieldcrest Apts, Dothan, AL 36301". Another said: Dear Jim, Please change address: Geoffrey R Webster, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I am moving back to USA from France. Thanks for 68th AHC patches and great work for the Assn. Regards, Capt G.R. Webster, Mustang 6, Top Tiger 3,5 68AHC 1969-70.

The reason I say these are very helpful is I can change their address label before I send out the newsletter and it doesn't cost 30 cent to get the news address and it doesn't cost 45 cent to send them a new newsletter. And we don't lose contact with them. I want to thank them and all the others who sent in address changes, and remind everyone else who might be moving to please let me know your new address. We don't want to lose anyone.

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**145th C.A.B.V.A. MUSEUM DISPLAY**

Many of our members have sent in pictures and other items which show everyday life and operations of the units of our Association. These pictures and items I receive are put in photo albums or other packaging to be displayed at our reunions. I have noticed at our three reunions that this might not be the best way to display the items.

I talked to some people who set up museum displays and got some ideas on how better to display the pictures and items. I idea for the pictures is to build a stand 6 feet tall with four wings coming out from the center post, each wing would consist of 2 pieces of glass or plexiglass which the pictures would be sandwiched between, with a wooden frame. Each wing would be 6 foot tall and 1 to 2 foot wide. When mounted on the stand it would be free standing on the floor and by walking around it all the pictures could be seen but protected. These stands could be easily assembled and disassembled for transport and display.

The Veterans National Memorial Shrine here in Fort Wayne, IN (of which I am their Vice-President) ask if I could set up our display in their museum, if we decided to put the display together. I told them that I would ask our membership and if you agreed that the display would be on temporary loan and under our control only.

Now I want to know from you if we should spend the money to put the display together? And if it is OK to display it in their museum temporarily? Let me know your thoughts on these questions.

If any of you have any pictures or copies of pictures that you think would be helpful to the display, or any items for the display, they would be greatly appreciated. I would like for the display to show the everyday life and operations of our units so when we attend our reunions we will have a good pictorial history, something we could show our wives and families, and others who were not there, so they can see some of things we seen and done. Some day I would like to have a pictorial Memorial display of pictures of our Killed in Action, the real cost of the Vietnam War. If you have anything you would like to donate to the Association display it will be appreciated. Thank you.







## MEMBERSHIP PLEASE

When you receive this yellow paper it is to remind you that it is time to renew your membership, or for those people just located in the last 6 months it is an invitation to join the 145th C.A.B.V.A.

I want to explain some of the advantages of being a dues paying member of the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion (Vietnam) Association. When you send in the \$10 a year dues you help support our effort to try to locate everyone who served with all the units associated with the 145th C.A.B. So far we have located over 1600 former members of these units. Maybe we haven't located the one or two special people that you remember from your tour, but if we haven't maybe we will next month, wouldn't it be nice to know. In each quarterly newsletter we list chronologically by unit everyone we have located between newsletters. One member just wrote in with his renewal, he said he had just about forgotten to renew his membership until he got a call from a very good friend he hadn't talked to for twenty years, he said he realized the only way the call was possible was through the efforts of the 145th C.A.B.V.A.. And the call was worth much more than our dues, and he wants our efforts to continue.

If you have missed a few newsletters, well we have that covered, the first week of June we print a people located Directory that we send to each dues paying member. The Directory list everyone we have located, chronologically by unit, complete with unit, dates, rank classification, mailing address and in most cases phone number. The reason we list everything chronologically by unit is most of us don't remember all the names, but when we find our spot on the list and read the names above and below ours, the names bring back the faces. And as a memorial to those who didn't make it back, we list the names and information about those Killed in Action from the units in the back of the directory. The list is still not complete, we only have the names of just over 200 people, we need you to tell us the names of the rest. Please help us make the list complete, don't let those Killed in Action be forgotten.

Besides the newsletters and directory we have other things to offer. We are currently putting together the unit and the Battalion history. We are working on having the unit patches reproduced. We have many of the unit insignias silk-screened on T-shirts. And many other items. When you join you will receive your membership card and the knowledge of knowing you are helping us locate more former members of the units of the 145th.

Dues are \$10 a year, please join our Association today. With your membership dues you will continue receiving our quarterly newsletters, People Located Directory, Membership card, and information on all the other things we have to offer. Were not complete without you. Thank you.

## PLEASE JOIN TODAY, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

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145th Combat Aviation Battalion (Vietnam) Association Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ check one EM \_\_\_\_\_ WO \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_

I served with the 145th CAB with (Unit) \_\_\_\_\_ from (Date) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$10 for each membership year. Total\$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 1 July 1990 to 30 June 19\_\_\_\_\_  
(Family)

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## Viet Nam Veterans Registry, Inc.

P.O. Box 430  
Bridgton, Me. 04009

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
(last) (first) (initial) (nickname)

3. Home address \_\_\_\_\_ Sex ☐ M ☐ F  
(number) (street)

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_  
(city) (state) (zip) (Apt.)

8. Registering for: self ( ) Next of kin ( ) Other ( ) please explain

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This information is for the sole use of the registry and is not intended for release.

9. Branch of service:

EXAMPLE: 9th Inf. Div., 9th Combat BTN., C Co.

a. Army

b. Navy

c. Marines

d. Air Force

e. Coast Guard

10. Service no. \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Rank \_\_\_\_\_

12. MOS \_\_\_\_\_ 13. Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Military Occupation

14. Status: Active ( ) Retired ( ) Discharged ( ) N/A ( )

15. When were you in Viet Nam?

(If you served more than one tour of duty, use a second piece of paper and label it 15 A and B )

Date(s)

Location(s)



16. What operations or battles did you participate in?

a. Operation

Date

c. Operation

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e. Operation

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f. Operation

Date

17. Were you wounded or injured? Give date and location. Was it the result of an offensive operation?  
Were you treated? Give stateside location if applicable.

18. Were you a prisoner of war? Give dates, location

19. Do you wish an inquiry form when available? Yes ( ) No ( )

20. Please sign release form. Registration will not be processed unless signed.

A note from the founder:

Please forgive the legal jargon of this release statement. In order to protect your rights, the rights of other registered veterans and the integrity of the registry, the statement is an unavoidable necessity where computerized information is concerned.

I hereby authorize the Vietnam Veterans Registry, Inc. to place my name and other related information in its directory. In consideration of the entry of my name on the foregoing directory and the benefits accruing to me as a result thereof I hereby release, on behalf of myself, my heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns, the Vietnam Veterans Registry, Inc., its successors and assigns, officers, directors and employees and their respective heirs, legal representatives, successors and assigns of and from any and all claims, causes of action, suits, damages and liabilities whatsoever which against the foregoing parties I now or may have as a result of any accidental or unintentional release of the foregoing information

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



# 145th Combat Aviation Battalion (Vietnam) Association Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ check one EM \_\_\_\_\_ WO \_\_\_\_\_ OF \_\_\_\_\_

I served with the 145th CAB with (UNIT) \_\_\_\_\_ from (DATE) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$10 for each membership year. Total \_\_\_\_\_ for 1 July 19\_\_\_\_ to 30 June 19\_\_\_\_

Regular \_\_\_\_\_ Associate (family) member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: 145th C.A.B.V.A., 3719 Forest Hill Ave, Ft. Wayne, IN. 46805

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## CASSETTE TAPE

Send me the cassette tape/s. By ordering these tapes I agree not to copy them and to protect the copyrights for futher distribution. Signature required on bottem of form.

\_\_\_\_\_ "Battle of Bien Hoa and Gunship Action" Audio Cassette @ \$15 each.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Complete amount inclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Send order to: 145th CABVA, 3719 FOREST HILL AVE, FT WAYNE, IN 46805

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## THUNDERBIRD PATCHES

Send me \_\_\_\_\_ Thunderbird Patches at \$4 each

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Send order to: David Evans, \_\_\_\_\_

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## TOP TIGER PATCHES

Send me \_\_\_\_\_ Top Tiger patches at \$4 each

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Send order to: 145th C.A.B.V.A. 3719 Forest Hill Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

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## COLOR T-SHIRTS

Send me \_\_\_\_\_ Unit T-Shirts at \$13 each including postage. (Mark Unit and Size)

\_\_\_\_\_ #01-01 145th BN (FIRST IN VIETNAM) Asso. \_\_\_\_\_ Large

\_\_\_\_\_ #17-01 UTT (1962-1963) \_\_\_\_\_ Ex-large

\_\_\_\_\_ #17-02 UTT (1964) \_\_\_\_\_ XX-large

\_\_\_\_\_ #17-04 197AHC \_\_\_\_\_ XXX-large

Send order to: 145th C.A.B.V.A., 3719 Forest Hill Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

1-219-483-5149

Allow 4 to 6 weeks for delivery, if not in stock. See page 11 for T-shirt description.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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# 145th Combat Aviation Battalion (Vietnam) Association Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 I served with the 145th CAB with (UNIT) \_\_\_\_\_ from (DATE) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 I have enclosed \$10 for each membership year. Total \_\_\_\_\_ for 1 July 19\_\_\_\_ to 30 June 19\_\_\_\_  
 Regular \_\_\_\_\_ Associate (family) member \_\_\_\_\_  
 Send to: 145th C.A.B.V.A., 3719 Forest Hill Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46805

**CASSETTE TAPE**  
 Send me the cassette tape/s. By ordering these tapes I agree not to copy them and to protect the copyright for further distribution. Signature required on bottom of tape.  
 "Battle of Dien Bien and Guevarra Action" and "Cassette 8-9-15" each, \$10

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Complete amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Send order to: 145th CABV, 3719 Forest Hill Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46805  
**THUNDERBIRD PATCHES**  
 Send me \_\_\_\_\_ Thunderbird patches at \$4 each

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Send order to: David Evans, 2809 Rock Street, Berwyn, CT 06801  
**TIGER PATCHES**  
 Send me \_\_\_\_\_ Tiger patches at \$4 each

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Send order to: 145th C.A.B.V.A., 3719 Forest Hill Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46805  
**POLO T-SHIRTS**  
 Send me \_\_\_\_\_ Polo T-shirts including postage (dark blue and size) \_\_\_\_\_

1-219-483-5149  
 1-219-483-5149  
 1-219-483-5149

Send order to: 145th C.A.B.V.A., 3719 Forest Hill Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46805  
 1-219-483-5149  
 Allow 4 weeks for delivery. It will be shipped separately for T-shirt distribution.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 M.I. \_\_\_\_\_



## BATTALION HISTORY UTT UNIT HISTORY

When I sent out a letter about the unit T-shirts for the UTT, I asked for the history about the unit patches, here are a few of the responses I received back, they tell a lot of the history of the UTT, the first Armed Helicopter Company in Vietnam and the Army. In the next newsletter will be a historical report on the first year of the 93 Trans/121st AHC in Vietnam.

Dear Jim: I don't know who designed the UTT patch. The Company was wearing it when I arrived in June 1964. However, I designed the 197th patch. We had a contest in the company and I won. I have an article from Stars & Stripes with a photo of me receiving the prize (a Savings Bond) from our C.O. Maj Jim Jagers. I think my design was selected largely because we were sick of name changes and ripping off one pocket patch and sewing on another. As you know we were UTT, then 68th Armed Hel Co, then 197th, same people, just bureaucratic Army B.S. on what we should be called. We knew we were UTT! I could probably find the article if your interested. Send me one XX-large shirt with the UTT patch. If it fits, I'll order a 197th later or change the size. Keep up the good work Jim. I admire what you're doing. Dave Price

Dear Mr. Bodkin, Just to keep the record straight, the UTT Helicopter Company was organized at Hamby Army Airfield in Sukiran, Okinawa in early 1961. The first commander, and the man who commanded the unit during its brief stint in Thailand and subsequent move to Tan Son Nhut, VN, was Major Robert Runkle. Ivan Slavich who commanded the unit after Runkle, was Runkles exec. throughout that time. Someone who was with the unit can verify its arrival date in Vietnam but I believe it was about September 1962. I know they were already in place in December 1962 when I arrived in VN from Okinawa.

I arrived as part of the 18th Aviation Operating Detachment, assigned to the 93rd Trans (later the 121st) Helicopter Company at Soc Trang. I was exec of the 18th ADD and took the unit to VN from Okinawa. At that time the 93rd was assigned to the 45th Trans Bn which became, I guess, the 145th. Sincerely, Joseph J. O'Neill, LTC, Ret.

Dear James, With the data I have collected I am sending you some more information on the old UTT.

I arrived on Okinawa SO 209, 28 July, 1961. The Company was located on a high hill overlooking the China Sea. The area was known as Sukiran. The airfield was located right next to the sea and known as Hamby Army Airfield. I was originally assigned to the 25th Trans Det, the support maintenance unit, but was assigned to the UTT on SO 208 11 Oct, 1961. I was assigned to the 3rd platoon and SFC Francis "Smitty" Smith was my Platoon Sgt. I believe we had 5 UH-1A models in our platoon. They were all like new 1959 models. We had an old Papa-san who did nothing but walk the line and wax them. They were beautiful. The finish was like glass. I was made crew chief around Dec, 1961 and my ship no. was 59-1659. I named her the "Virginia Creeper". The CO was Maj Robert L. Runkle. Capt. Ivan Slavich was the Exec Off. Duty on Okinawa was good. We flew missions to outlying islands and sometimes just tooled around the main island. As crew chief I always flew co-pilot position. It was not unusual for the chiefs to get in as much "stick time" as the pilots. Sometime near the end of 1962 an uneasy feeling came over me as our basic missions began to change. I had heard little of Vietnam. We began altering and modifying the ships. Suddenly looks didn't mean as much as they did before. Electricians were all over us making up wiring harnesses and such. Then they brought on 30 cal machine guns. The old air cooled type I had used in the 50's in Korea. These were mounted one on each skid. Then came the tubes for the 2.75 rockets. One on each side of the fuselage. By this time rumors were flying. Then came a briefing and the rumors were confirmed. We were going to Nam as the first attack helicopter formed in the Army. We trained a trained. We lived on the firing range trying to get the bugs out. It was a real home made set up. 30 cal ammo for the guns was laid out in rows on the floor of the ship and hand fed through a chute through the floor to the guns. It took 2 people, one on each side to accomplish this. Hence the door gunner was born. He would assist the crew chief in his duties. This ammo on the floor thing was terrible. Later on we



devised a box to hold it. It had a divider in the center so each half fed one gun. The ammo would still overfeed so we installed a weighted bar to ride on top of it and help control the feed. Then problems with the guns jamming. Once we lifted off, the weight was so that the skids rode too low for us to reach the guns to clear. So we installed a long arm to the bolt mech. Now we could reach out and unjam them. Trouble was, the static electricity when we grabbed the handle was eating us up. So we taped foam rubber to them and it worked. The rockets worked pretty well once we got all the electrical bugs out. Only thing was, the pilot had to put a grease pencil mark on the windshield in front of him for a cross hair. Whenever a different pilot flew the ship he would have to re-locate the mark. In Sept we loaded up, bag and baggage, onto Airforce C-123's and C130's at Kadena airfield, and said goodbye to our families not knowing when or if we would see them again. A platoon had previously been sent to Thailand and would join us at Tan Son Nhut. We set up in a tent city and squatted over slit trenches. Our main mission was to support troop-carrying H-21's. My platoon was soon sent to Soc Trang. In the mean-time the company had set up in new Quarters with roofs and screened in walls. Tho we still had to sleep with our mosquito nets to keep from being carried away. Right after we first arrived our beautiful ships were flown over to a do it yourself paint shop and everything was painted over except the tail number, with drab rough texture OD paint. Capt Slavich made Maj and took over the company on Nov 25, 1962. He was a former Marine and a combat vet of Korea. He acquired the nick-name "Drivin Ivan". He was hell when he was well and he was never sick. Our first casualty was Johnie Lee. I don't remember his rank. Spec 4 or 5 I believe SSGT. He was killed by a round that penetrated the bottom of the ship. He was in operations but always wanted to fly. On this particular day in the first part of November, Spec 5 Donald Bunner, a crew chief, let Johnie take his flight. Don always felt bad about this afterwards. The old A models were good but we were flying them into the ground. The hours were adding up on them faster than we could count. We encountered severe cracking and just plain not enough power. On the same mission with Johnie Lee was a young Capt named Joel R. Steine. He was flying pilot and took a round through the windshield, instrument panel and hitting him in the chest just over his heart. His co-pilot a MAAG Lt Col took the controls while Capt Steine removed a 30 cal round from the pocket of his flak jacket. He was only bruised. In late Nov. 1962 we started receiving the newer more powerful B models. They were fitted with factory made rocket pods and quad 7.62 machine guns. I traded in my old A model and received no 878. We took our second casualty around Jan 2, 1963. Sgt William "Bill" Deal. His ship was shot down in a battle at Ap Bac near Tam Hiep in the Delta area. Bill had been my door gunner until the B models came in and he was given a ship of his own. He was a good friend. A buddy. I'm sorry I never got to meet his family. He was from Mays Landing, N.J.

The location on the wall for Johnie Lee is 1 E 14. For Bill Deal it's 1 E 15. Tom Derosier went back to the States and to flight school. I next saw him at the 7th Army Aviation Safety and Standardization Det. in Germany. He was a 1st Lt but was promoted to Capt while there. I later found he had returned as a pilot to Nam and was killed. E 23 27. He was a real decent person. Very quiet and shy. The last I heard of Col. Slavich he was living in Charlotte, N.C. I believe he was in real estate a middle-management executive with McGuire Properties. He was a hell of a guy!

Thanks for sending the T shirts. I think they came out real good. Any chance they could be made up on a patch? Enclosed is a picture of me (the one with the flight helmet on!) taken by Richard Tregaskis. From his book "Vietnam Diary". The main thing about the picture is that the whole time these were taken, and the time we spent in the ship bringing him in, he had a frag grenade taped to the back of his leg! It wasn't found until after we had turned him over for interrogation! They gave it to me but Tregaskis asked me if he could have it so I gave it to him. I don't know if he ever had it de-fused! Hope you'll be able to use this information I'm sending. It has taken several days to get it all together. I seem to have forgotten a lot of things that happened back then. I do remember our movie house was named in honor of Johnie Lee. I remember a bronze plaque being installed with his name on it. I wonder what ever happened to it? So long for now. Al Compton



## FINANCIAL REPORT

This financial report covers 29 September 1989 to 31 December 1989. This report is intended to give you an over all look at what your dues and donation money is used for. If you have any questions or suggestions please let me know. I want you to know that your money is being used for the intended purpose.

Balance 29 September 1989.....\$905.81  
Total deposits 09/29/89 to 12/31/89(Dues, Donations, Fund Raisers)..\$1412.00

Total.....\$2317.81

### Expenditures

Postage.....\$190.95  
Long Distance Phone.....\$160.99  
Miscellaneous (see note).....\$276.71  
Bank Fees.....\$17.95  
Fund Raiser Supplies.....\$616.72  
Copy Machine Repair.....\$125.00

Total expenditures.....\$1388.32 . . . . .-\$1388.32

Balance 31 December 1989.....\$929.49

Miscellaneous includes computer supplies (paper, mailing labels, printer ribbons, etc.), newsletter supplies (paper, staples, etc.), envelopes, notes books, ink pens, etc. The Fund Raiser supplies are listed separately in this report because the amount was so large with getting the supplies to make the silk screens, buying ink, and T-shirts.

To give you a look at how we done this last year here is a break down of what we brought in and what we spent:

1989 Total intake.....\$4881.49

### 1989 Expenditures:

Postage.....\$1084.24  
Phone.....\$452.74  
Mis Supplies.....\$916.23  
Copy paper.....\$509.26  
Fund Raiser Supplies..\$658.97  
Bank Fees.....\$65.66  
Copy Machine repair...\$333.67

1989 Total Expenditures.....\$4020.77 That's \$860.72 to the good and hopefully we can do better then that in 1990. And hopefully that will add to better success in locating more of the people we served with in Vietnam.

WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS FOR EVERYONE WE HAVE LOCATED WHO HAVE NOT JOINED THE ASSOCIATION TO JOIN. WE NEED THE MONEY TO KEEP GROWING. So please check your membership card, if the card is expired or if you don't have one please join our association, we need your support.

We have cut our expenences down by only sending newsletters to those who have joined the association or just been located. NOTICE if you have not joined please do so, if not you probably will not recieve any more newsletters. When I receive membership dues I code the individual's file with the membership year/s they joined, example 89-90, 90-91, 91-92, if the code is not on your file the printer will not print a mailing lable for you. Membership years are from 1 July to 30 June, now is the time to join or renew your membership. Our Association will continue for all those who join. Check the mailing lable on this newsletter for your membership status.

Any dues received after this newsletter is sent out will be credited to the 90-91 membership year dues as a special offer. And multiple year membership are always appreciated.

PLEASE JOIN TODAY, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

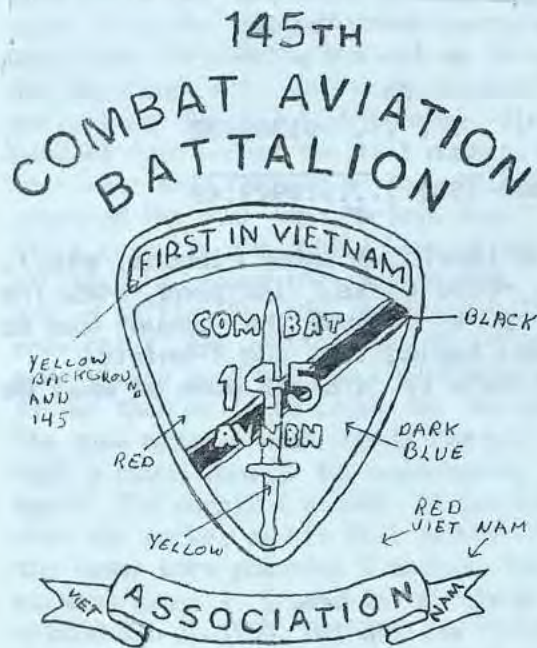


## COLOR T-SHIRTS

As many of you know, Jim Maxwell can no longer make our unit T-shirts because of family problems. To make up for this I am now making unit and Association T-shirts. The T-shirts I am making are all new designs and they are in color. They are printed on ringer type T-shirts, that's white T-shirts with dark blue around the neck and sleeves. These T-shirts are printed with Association money and all money from the T-shirts go to the Association to help to help with expenses. So if you can, please order one, they are also great advertising for locating new members for our Association.

The lettering outside the Association and Unit designs are printed in black ink, and the Association and Unit designs are printed in as close a color as I can to the original color. The pictures at the bottom of this page are black and white because this copy machine doesn't print color but please try to imagine them in color.

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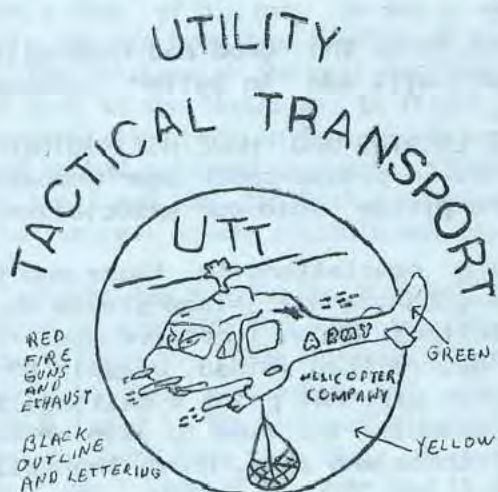
I have assigned stock numbers to the designs for easier ordering and filling of orders. Please try to use the stock numbers, a lot of units had many different designs. I still need more of the unit designs, if you haven't seen your unit design in our earlier newsletters, please send me what information you have and indicate colors and year used.

The T-shirts sell for \$13 each. I will try to stock them in Large, X large, XX large, XXX large. The T-shirts are made by Screen Star, First Score, and Hanes, they are 50% cotton and 50% polyester, very little shrinkage.

The Association T-shirt design is the unofficial 145th C.A.B. "First In Vietnam" design. It is intended for use by everyone eligible to be a member or associate member of our Association. I would like to see everyone have an Association T-shirt and a unit T-shirt for their unit.

To order see order form inserted in newsletter or send your order in a letter. The next designs I will be working on are 118th, 120th, 121st, and 68th Assault Helicopter Companies. Let me know if your interested in ordering one of these designs.

Thank you, and please send your order today.



HELICOPTER  
COMPANY

# 17-01

UTILITY  
TACTICAL  
TRANSPORT



HELICOPTER  
COMPANY

# 17-02

197<sup>TH</sup>  
ARMED



HELICOPTER  
COMPANY

# 17-04



## "REUNION 91" UPDATE

The 1991 Reunion will be held at Fort Rucker, Alabama, and because of the hot weather in the summer, the reunion will be held in the spring or fall. I have been staying in contact with Major General Richard D. Kenyon (Ret) who volunteered to be the reunion chairman. We are now in the process of setting up the reunion committee and are looking at a mid June 1991 date. So far we have four volunteers for the reunion committee, they are:

Samuel E Denton, 190th Aslt Hel Co, 1967-68, WO, Tommy Roger Dillow, 68th Aslt Hel Co, 1967-68, OF, David E Hagler, 190th AHC & HHC, 1967-68, MAJ, William L Ruf, 93rd Trans Co, 1962-63, WO, and a few others, see letters in Readers Response section of this newsletter.

I recently talked with Gen. Kenyon about approximate related reunion cost, and the hotel rooms should be less then \$40 per night and meals way less then \$10 per meal, reunion fee has not been discussed yet. The committee will be looking the Holiday Inn in Ozark as the Reunion hotel soon. And as always I will be get the hotel reservation forms and send them to everyone and let each person make their own reservations.

When I talked with Gen. Kenyon right after the 89 Reunion he had many exciting ideas about activities for the reunion, tours of the new museum, flight simulator center, and airfields. Those plans are still going forward. He thought the best place for the reception would be at the Officer's Club at the lake and having the NCO Club cater the meals. Everyone I have talked to about the reunion have been very excited about the location, and the people who served with Gen. Kenyon are very excited about him being the Chairman, they say that everything he does turns out great.

Richard Kenyon served with the 68th Armed Hel. Co. and the 197th Armed Hel. Co. in 1965 as a Captain and served as the Battalion Commander of the 145th C.A.B. from 1 Dec 70 to 19 July 71. Since his retirement from active duty on 30 June 1987, he is now the Honorary Colonel of the 145th Avn. Regiment and head of a major corporation in the Fort Rucker area.

Watch for "Reunion 91" updates in future newsletters as the plans come together.

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OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

I would like for you to join our Association first, but I also want to let you know about some other organization that have helped us in our efforts to locate people. If you should decide to join any of these organizations tell them that you heard about them in our newsletter.

Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association

The VHPA is an association just for helicopter pilots who flew in S.E. Asia during the Vietnam Era (1961-1975). For more information contact:

Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association
P.O. Box 9592
Wichita, KS. 67277
1-316-946-4047

Vietnam Helicopter Crew Members Association

The VHCA is an organization for enlisted helicopter crew members who served in S.E. Asia during the Vietnam Era (1961-1975). For more information contact:

Vietnam Helicopter Crew Members Association
PO Box 237
Crowley, Texas 76036 1-817-297-4993

Army Otter and Caribou Association

The Army Otter and Caribou Association is for anyone who served with a Otter or Caribou Unit. They will be holding their 5th Annual Reunion in Dallas, TX 16-19 August 1990. For more information contact:

Army Otter/Caribou Association
P.O. Box 6091
Columbus, GA 31907-0073
1-404-324-1596

NEW PEOPLE LOCATED LIST

29 January 1990

The list is arranged chronologically by unit. I arranged the list as accurately as possible with the information I have, some people I only have the year they entered Vietnam, others I have the complete date. I would like to have at least the month and year in and out of the unit, if possible. I tried to list people's rank in one of three categories, OF=Officer, WO=Warrant Officer, or EM=Enlisted Men. Please check the list for accuracy, please notify me of any mistakes or blank spaces. The * beside the rank denotes those who have sent in their annual dues already. Note the date on the top of the page. Some of the people listed have a new address so use this as an update to the Directory. Thank You

UNIT	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STREET	CITY	STA ZIP	PHONE	DATE	DATE	RANK
111C	LaMONTE	ROBERT S		COPPERAS COVE	TX. 76522		1963	1963	OF*
111C	REILLY	MIKE		GCS, N.Y.	NY. 10163		1965	1967	EM
111C	HAHN	LTC JAMES S		ORLANDO	FL. 32825		1967	1967	OF
111C	RICHER	RAYMOND A		LEWISTON	ME. 04240		1969	1972	EM
111C	MONTAVON	J.D. "JIM"		ORLANDO	FL. 32808		1970	1970	OF
111C	WENZEL	COL PAUL J		APO NEW YORK	09662		1975	1977	LTC
18 AVN	JOHNSTON	JAMES W		GALLITZIN	PA. 16641		1962	1963	
18 AVN	O'NEILL	JOSEPH J		NEWTOWN	PA. 18940		1962	1963	OF*
18 AVN	SEXTON	CHARLES "DAVE"		ABERDEEN	MD. 21001		1963	1964	OF
18 AVN	DREXLER	CLARENCE E		LAWTON	OK. 73505		1966	1967	
25 AVN	MASARIK	1SG JERRY L		APO NY.	09146		1970	1972	EM
68 AHC	RICHER	RAYMOND A		LEWISTON	ME. 04240		1968	1969	EM
68 AHC	DURKEY	MARVIN		WRANGHALL	MIN. 55797		1970	1970	WO
68 AHC	GARZA	CARLOS		SAN ANTONIO	TX. 78228		1970	1970	EM
68 AHC	MAHNING	RONALD		DALEVILLE	AL. 36322		1970	1970	WO
68 AHC	PETERSON	DENNIS		BELOIT	WI. 53511		1970	1970	WO
68 AHC	SMITH	R.J.		TENDRY	ID. 83468		1970	1970	WO
68 AHC	LEAMY	DAVID		WALNUT CREEK	CA. 94595		1970	1971	OF*
71 AHC	FLECKE	NED N		HAZLET	NJ. 07730		1966	1967	EM
71 AHC	SUNDT	GORDON		BOTHELL	WA. 98012		1967	1968	EM
74 AVN	SMITH	HARVEY		NEWPORT BEACH	CA. 92663		1967	1968	OF*
118AHC	CUTLIP	STANLEY		SUTTON	WV. 26601		1964	1965	EM
118AHC	HOLDER	FREDDY L	ST	INVERNESS	FL. 32650		1964	1965	EM
118AHC	QUATSE	WILLIAM		RIVERDALE	IL. 60627		1964	1965	EM
118AHC	HANEY	CHARLES		PORTSMOUTH	OH. 45662		1966	1967	OF*
118AHC	GREEN	LOLANE		GRANTON	VA. 23692		1966	1967	WO
118AHC	HAHN	LTC JAMES S		ORLANDO	FL. 32825		1966	1967	OF
118AHC	JACKSON	CHARLES		EMPIRE	CO. 80438		1967		WO
118AHC	RICHER	RAYMOND A		LEWISTON	ME. 04240		1967	1968	EM
118AHC	KRUGH	DENNIS D		ROCKFORD	OH. 45882		1968	1969	EM*
118AHC	RICHER	RAYMOND A		LEWISTON	ME. 04240		1969	1969	EM
118AHC	PETERSON	H. BRUCE		OZARK	AL. 36360		1970	1971	OF
119AHC	PADUAN	DAVID J		FORT MONMOUTH	NJ. 07703		1970	1970	WO*
98MAINT	RAMSEY	ROBERT N		TACOMA	WA. 98444		1961	1962	
98MAINT	SHERVINGTON	RICHARD P		MODESTO	CA. 95350		1961	1962	EM
120AVN	IGLESIAS	PETE		MESA	AZ. 85205		1966	1969	EM*
120AVN	RICHER	RAYMOND A		LEWISTON	ME. 04240		1972	1973	EM
93 TRAN	RUF	WILLIAM L		ENTERPRIZE	AL. 36330		1962	1963	WO*
121AHC	GALANTE	GEORGE		PORT ORANGE	FL. 32127		1965	1966	EM
121AHC	LaMONTE	ROBERT S		COPPERAS COVE	TX. 76522		1966	1966	OF*
121AHC	BEAVER	VICTOR		NIXA	MD. 65714		1969	1970	
121AHC	BERTECCHI	DR CARL		PUEBLO	CO. 81005		1969	1970	
121AHC	BURN	BILL		BELLEVILLE	IL. 62223		1969	1970	
121AHC	FISH	PAUL		OCEANSIDE	NY. 11572		1969	1970	
121AHC	HARVEY	BILL		HOUSTON	TX. 77057		1969	1970	WO
121AHC	HIDEMAN	CLIFF		SOUTHTON	OH. 44470		1969	1970	

UNIT	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STREET	CITY	STA	ZIP	PHONE	DATE	DATE	BACK
121AHC	HOFMANN	ROBERT		HONOLULU	HI.	96813		1969	1970	
121AHC	KETTLES	CHARLES		YPSILANTI	MI.	48197		1969	1970	OF
121AHC	ROBINSON	CHARLES		WEST NEWBURG	MA.	09195		1969	1970	OF
121AHC	ROGINA	FRANK		SEBASTOPOL	CA.	95473		1969	1970	
121AHC	SCHMIDT	CHUCK		CYPRUSS	CA.	90623		1969	1970	
121AHC	SKELLY	HARRY		OZARK	AL.	36361		1969	1970	
121AHC	SKUZA	ED		NORTH RIDGEFIELD	OH.	44039		1969	1970	
121AHC	SOUTH	NOATH		ANN ARBOR	MI.	48103		1969	1970	
121AHC	WILDER	GEORGE		LOMBARD	IL.	60148		1969	1970	
121AHC	WILLIAMS	DICK		ELIOT	ME.	03903		1969	1970	
121AHC	CARPENTER	JOHN		MESA	AZ.	85205		1970	1970	EM
135AHC	DREXLER	CLARENCE E		LAWTON	OK.	73505		1966	1966	
135AHC	MURPHEY	CWO WILLIAM C		APO NY		09142		1968	1969	WD
190AHC	WAGGONER	ROBERT E		FAYETTEVILLE	NC.	28309		1967	1968	EM
190AHC	WATERMAN	CARL A		CRAIG	AK.	99921		1967	1968	WD
190AHC	MULLENDORE	LAUREN G		APO NEY YORK		09063		1968	1969	OF
190AHC	STEWART	ACIE		MANHATTAN	KS.	66502		1969	1970	EM
190AHC	WILLETT	ALBERT "JIM"		FOSTER	VA.	23056		1969	1970	WD*
190AHC	JOBE	JOE D		ROCK SPRINGS	GA.	30739		1969	1970	OF*
190AHC	RICHER	RAYMOND A		LEWISTON	ME.	04240		1969	1969	EM
UTT	BUNNER	DONALD R		NEWPORT NEWS	VA.	23602		1962	1963	EM
UTT	HURST	REX D		EL DORADO	AR.	71730		1962	1963	EM
UTT	SMITH	FRANCIS A		NEWPORT NEWS	VA.	23602		1962	1963	EM
UTT	THOMAS	BEN		NEWPORT NEWS	VA.	23602		1962	1963	WD
UTT	DORR	MARVIN H		MINERAL WELLS	TX.	76067		1963	1964	OF
UTT	WINDHAM	RONALD L		LAS VEGAS	NV.	89117		1963	1964	OF*
UTT	JOBE	JOE D		ROCK SPRINGS	GA.	30739		1964	1965	OF*
UTT-197	RAWLS	MARION H		DALEVILLE	AL.	36322		1965	1966	WD
197AHC	PRITCHARD	TOM		PRAIRIEVILLE	LA.	70769		1965	1966	EM
571DET	MacDONALD	RICHARD D		COLUMBIA	SC.	29223		1966	1967	WD*
334AHC	Mc CURRY	RICK		FORT WORTH	TX.	76123		1967	1968	EM*
334AHC	BAILEY	GENE		MAGNA	UT.	84044		1967	1968	OF*
335AHC	LaMONTE	ROBERT S		COPPERAS COVE	TX.	76522		1966	1966	OF*
339TRAN	WAPLE	FRANK		APACHE JCT.	AZ.	85219		1962	1962	EM*
339TRAN	SMITH	CHARLES C		STATEN ISLAND	NY.	10314		1965	1966	EM*

HELP REMEMBERING

I enjoy your newsletter very much. I am having trouble remembering anything that happened to our unit during the time I was over there, (190th, mid 1968-1969). If there is anyone who could fill me in it would help.

name withheld, (Please answer in Readers Response

section)

Dear Jim,..... My memory has been destroyed by ingesting too much JP4 while topping off tanks as a crewman..... I also handled defoliants during my first tour in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne. I want to ask other members a question. Who in the 68th, 118th, 334th, and other companies I gunned for remember me? I suffered a 6 month bout of amnesia (I blacked out in the 173rd and came to myself while in the 68th Aslt. Co., my nickname was "Airborne dog". I remember a few names like SFC Broome, "The Grim Sweeper" ship number I DJT'd on - Top Tiger 23A and that we either crashed or were shot down somewhere. Also remember Duc Hoa Rescue mission. Whoever remembers me please write.....Melvin C Fisher, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (His complete letter will be printed in the next newsletter, Readers Response section, this one was already printed when this arrived.)

If you can help these people please take the time to write, it will be appreciated.

FUND RAISERS

We have a few on going fund raisers, the purpose of these is to raise operating funds for the association and to provide you with items you might like. We need the money and hate to beg for it. Membership forms for those who need to join or renew their membership is on the top of the order form inserted in the newsletter. Please help us grow.

GOLDEN HAWK PINS SOLD OUT FOR NOW

Frank Dancsecs, Regional Director/Coordinator for the state of Florida has donated Golden Hawk pins to sale for the Association. The cost of the pins are \$3 each or 2 for \$5 or 3 for \$7. The pin come facing left or right, if ordering 2 for \$5 they come as a set. When ordering 3, one for the hat and two for the jacket, they come 2 left and one right to a card. To order write to: 145th C.A.B.V.A., 3719 Forest Hill Ave., Fort Wayne, IN, 46805 1-219-483-5149. Inclose the proper amount of money for the pins. You can make checks payable to 145th C.A.B.V.A.. We sold out of the first 90 and Frank sent some more and I only have a few left. The pins are really great, gold plated and made in USA. WE JUST SOLD OUT, I'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN AVAILABLE.

TOP TIGER PATCHES

Gary Allison had 200 Top Tiger patches made up, they sell for \$4 each. He donated the last 70 to the association. He funded this project with his own money. After this project is completed we hope to be able to have patches made for the other units. Hopefully the association will be able to fund these projects, the demand and the availability of a patch will determine which patch we have done next. See order form inserted in newsletter.

THUNDERBIRD PATCHES

David Evans had 200 Thunderbird, "It Shall Be Done" patches made up, they sell for \$4 each. Any profits he is donating to the Association. The patches look great. You can order them by writing to: David Evans, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. Or send order form inserted in newsletter. Include your name and mailing address with the \$4 each.

CASSETTE TAPE

The tapes "Bien Hoa Attack, Tet Jan. 31, 1968" and "Combat Assault 190th Avn. Co. (Gunship)" I put on one tape. Bien Hoa Attack on one side and 190th Gunships on the other, and calling it "Battle of Bien Hoa and Gunship Action". At the 87 Reunion we were selling these for \$10 each, they have been put on one tape that we are selling for \$15 as a fund raiser. This combined tape has been very popular with all who have heard it and I recommend it to everyone who served at Bien Hoa or anyone who served with a helicopter unit. Order one, I think you will like it. See order form inserted in newsletter.

Color T-Shirts

I now have the color T-shirt made of the original UTT design, the one with the helicopter on it and the UTT T-shirt with Pegasus (the flying horse) on it and the 197th design (Pegasus with the 68 and 197 added), these designs are ready to be mailed out when I receive your order. These designs are printed on the front of a white T-shirt about 12" high including the lettering and are in color as close as can be matched to the original color. The cost is \$13 each and all profits go to the Association. See page 11 of this newsletter for more details and pictures. Send order to: 145th CABVA, 3719 Forest Hill Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

The Association T-shirts are ready to be mailed as soon as I receive your order, I think they will go real fast. When the current stock runs out I'll print more, so delivery time should be short. They will have the 145th "First in Vietnam" patch design with Association written below, and in color.