

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 the 45th Transportation Battalion in Vietnam, the units listed below:

Aviation Companies

HHC, 1st, 18th, 25th, 68th, 71st, 73rd, 74th, 117th, 118th,
119th, 120th, 121st, 135th, 147th, 184th, 190th,
UTT-68th-197th-334th, 213th, 242nd, 335th, CoA/82nd, CoA/501st,
57th Med Det

Transportaion Companies

8th, 33rd, 57th, 81st, 93rd, 339th

And all Detachments of these units.

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, and hope for, 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 before or after serving with the 145th.

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I want to Welcome everyone we have just located. The end of 1992 brought many people to our New People Located List, and the first part of 1993 looks like it will also bring many more. I have been getting a very good response to the Help Find List I sent out with the 1992-93 Directory. I want to thank everyone that have been trying to find the people on the list, and encourage those of you that haven't to please take a few minutes and check your phone book for the people on the list.

I don't know if this newsletter is late or early, I got about 3 months behind on our quarterly newsletter, so skipping that one, this one would be early, and would have me back on time and a little a head of schedule. I apologize for getting that far behind schedule, the second half of 1992 I was working a lot of overtime and really got behind.

Financially I think we are still doing real good. We dropped about a hundred dollars in checking but when I complete an inventory of our fund raising items I think we will come out real good. See details in the Financial Report in this newsletters.

The Readers Response section of the newsletter is still the biggest and most interesting part of the newsletter, starting on page 2. 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. The Battalion History section this time is from 11 November 1967 to 8 December 1967. One of the letters in the R R section asked for info on this time period but I think everyone will find it interesting. If you would like to see more details on your time with the 145th please send in any information you can. 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 still 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 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. And we need for you to look the people up in your phone book that are on the list that was sent with the 1992-93 Directory. If you are one of the people we just located and didn't get a list with your Directory and want one please let me know.

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.

Please make your plans to attend our 1993 Reunion in Ft Worth, Texas. See details in back part of newsletter.

Thank You

James L Bodkin

READERS RESPONSE

Here are some of the letters I have received since the last newsletter. I thank all who wrote in and I 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 very interesting. And this is about the only way that I get caught up on answering most of the mail. So please read on for the answers to the letters.

Dear Jim, Enclosed is a check for renewal and a contribution. Although I didn't have the privilege to serve with the 145th in RVN, I had the honor of unfurling the 145th colors at Fort Rucker in 1987 and serving as its first commander in its new role in turning out the Aviation branch's new officer and warrant officer rotary wing aviators. (My RVN service was as an infantry platoon leader with 2-8 Cav, 1st Cav Div, '68-'69, and as a FW aviator with the 1st Avn Bde's Command Airplane Company, '70-'71.) I truly admire the work you do, the services you perform and the forum you provide. Keep up the great work. Mike Byington, [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Mike. Congratulations on your promotion to Colonel. Hopefully we'll be able to meet at our Reunions and maybe some of our members may have also served in the same units in RVN as you did.

Dear Jim, Enclosed is a check for two 118 AML patches and one 118 AML t-shirt. Also a newspaper article on a Huey, we recently received from the Army. Our trailer to transport it should be ready this week. Our Vo-tech school here in Citrus County, under the direction of Don Fehrenbach, has volunteered to paint it for us. We will also get authentic striping and lettering. We would like to dedicate this ship to the crew of Blue Tail One, 2nd Flight Platoon, 118th Aviation Company, who were shot down on 10 June 1965 in the battle of Dong Xoai. The crew status that I have from 1973 is that all were killed and the bodies not recovered. The crew consisted of: Pilot- Lt. Walter L. Hall, Co-pilot- W.O. Donald Saegaert, Crew Chief- S. Sgt. Joseph J. Compa, Jr, Gunner- Sgt. Craig L. Hagen. What we need is any pictures of information that anyone may have on the Crew Members or the incident. I have a picture of Sgt Compa. Also, Mr. Pat McLarney has a picture of Mr. Saegaert, who we thank. Any and all pictures and information that we can get, will be greatly appreciated. We also need any information on the ship that we have; when it served, what unit, what area it served and it's status when it returned to the States, etc. The ship's numbers are 63-8739. Originally it was a "D" model then later converted to a "H" model. We hope to have this display ready to show by April '93 at the annual Vietnam Vets of Brevard County, Melbourne, Florida, Reunion. Thanks for your help. Sincerely, Freddy Holder, [REDACTED] P.S. Thanks for the last cassette tape you sent me. We are going to run that tape through a flight helmet to simulate the excitement of a combat assault. Thanks again, Freddy

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Freddy and hopefully some of our members will sent the information and pictures to make display complete. I'm also going to send you a copy of two tapes sent in by Joe Michalkiewicz, one is of the 118th in Jan 68, and the other is of a 145th operation in Jan 1968. The display will really be of great interest to our members and potential new members who see it, I'll have to send you some Asso business cards to pass out. The next letter will tell you more about the tapes I'm sending you.

Dear Jim, I was one of those nineteen year old Warrant Officer slick and twenty year old gun ship drivers in the 118th Assault Helicopter Company in Vietnam in 1967-68. I'm now a forty-five year old, non-smoking, significantly lighter drinking, retired Warrant working as GS-11 Safety Specialist for a U.S Army Engineer Brigade in Germany. In addition to wanting to renew my membership, check enclosed, I've also had it in mind for a couple of years to send you these tapes. I had a great conversation about the 118th and 145th with Bob (H.R) Nelson a few years ago. That conversation got me thinking, and I dug through some old tapes and found some of the mission stuff I had taped while a Peter Pilot in the 118th Gun Platoon, the Bandits. I couldn't remember if I'd ever given them to anyone, and I knew that you collected battalion history, so eventually I got a round "tuit" and made three copies. Besides the set for the Association, I'm sending one to Cpt Thorne and Maj Guidroz my old platoon and company commanders respectively. I'm doing this, not because

the tapes are particularly exciting or of significant historical value, but because the sounds, names, call signs, and voices evoke memories of a time in my life which will always be very much a part of who I am. I thought some of these memories might also be of interest to other Thunderbirds and Old Warriors. Of course, one must excuse some of the more colorful language. The first tape is of a 118th combat assault mission in the Duc Hoa/Bao Tri area. According to the sparse diary that I sporadically kept, I think the date was 14 Jan 68. I believe I was flying in a HOG with WO Bell the tape only runs for one and a half sides. There is some rocket and machine gun fire on both sides of the tape and some mention of taking fire and snipers on side 2. I don't have a written record, but here's my best shot at piecing together the voices and call signs on the tape: CALL SIGN- Nick Name- Name,: Thunderbird 6- Maj Guidroz, TB 14?, TB 23?, TB 24?, Bandit 36- Diawi- Cpt James Thorne, Bandit 31- WO Bell?, Bandit 31's co-pilot- WO Joe Michalkiewicz, Bandit 32- Pappy- WO Warren Spencer, Bandit 33- WO Fred Viles?, Bandit 34- Frank ?, Bandit ?- Baby- ?, Gunner/Crewchief- Bama- ?, Crew Chief- Craze- John Acosta. The second tape is of a 145th CAB Operation in the Phouc Binh / Song Be area I believe in mid Jan 1968. I was flying copilot in a mini-gun ship, I think with Kenny Dolan. It's not particularly exciting, but in addition to the 118th voices captured there are quite a few other units represented. The recording fills both sides of the tape and has some mini gun and rocket sounds. Call signs and names mentioned are: Old Warriors 3 & 14, Thunderbirds 6, 10, 20, 25, 28, Swickard & Birdwatcher, Playboys 11, 12, 13 & 17, Bandit 36, 33, 38 Dolan?, Allen CE/G, Bill?, Baby?, Robinhood 6, Blackjack 3, Cricket 6, Smokey 3, Crossbows, & 2d of the 502d. Well, I hope these tapes help keep alive a few kind thoughts for people we used to count on. I'm glad I have them, and you have my permission to use them for the benefit of the Association. A word to members of the 118th from the 1967-68 era. I've been toying with the idea of taking excerpts of these tapes and recording of music and radio of the times and putting them together on a vidio tape with photos of the 118th. The only problem is I don't have good quality picture of very many folks. If you have some good shots, prints or slides, of our folks and ships in action, on or off duty, I might want to borrow them. It would be helpful if they were marked to identify person, place and date, as well as the owner's name and return address. Time is at a premium right now, but the drawdown in Europe might free up some of my working hours in the not too distant future. Drop me a line if you are interested in the project. Jim, Keep up the good work; we need you. Thanks, Joseph G Michalkiewicz, Thunderbird 17, Bandit 34, HHC, 130th Engr Bde, Unit 20136, APO AE 09165 Tel Country Code 49 6204-1842

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Joe. The tapes are great. I'll see if I can make the tapes available for our members to order to help raise funds for our Association, soon. One thing I might suggest on putting together a vidio tape would be to not limit it to just the 1967-68 time period. There is a lot of 118th home movies out there on VHS tape that would also be very helpful too. I urge our 118th members to contact Joe and let him know what you have that would be helpful to this project, so when he has the time, he can plan the project. I think the vidio sounds like a great idea, and what a great way to tell that part of the story about what we were doing in Vietnam. I'm also going to send a copy of the tapes to Fred Eckelmann working with the restored "Bandit 3, Miss Mini" project, the next couple letters tell a little more about the restored "Bandit 3".

Tell Fred Eckelmann that I was there when Bandit 3 crashed, and remember- but I can not remember at the present time what we replaced it with. I took care of all the paper work of the helicopters from 1969 to 1970. I will try to remember what we replaced Bandit 3 with. Jerry Webb, [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Jerry, let us know if you recall any more info on it.

Jim, I finally got my dues paid and address changed after spending an hour drooling over the restored "Bandit 3" and talking with the crew at this years Wilkes-Barre (Penna) air show. It got the juices flowing again. In reading your latest newsletter. The letter relative to a .50 cal being mounted in a Huey jostled the memory. If I remember correctly, some enterprising crew chiefs and gunners came up with a .50 cal. and mounted it in the doorway of the 335th AHC "Falcon" gunships. It only lasted a short while before the "B" model developed structural cracks. Maybe we didn't have it mounted properly. The other

problem I recall, is that when it was fired 90 degrees to the flight path, the helicopter moved sideways thru the air from the recoil. That was a problem on Rocket Runs. I don't remember shooting out the barrel due to heat or any vibration problems. The main reason for my writing this letter, after realizing a large part of the associations membership is the crew chiefs and gunners of the flight crews, is to give them a 25 year late apology and thank you. The apology is for not helping them more at the end of the flight portion of their day when their real work began. They had to clean up and fix up what we pilots got dirty and broke. They worked into the night, got little sleep, little hot food or a cold beer, then pulled guard duty. You had to sit in the back seat and be terrorized by pilots with no control over your destiny. My hat is off to you gentlemen. You were and still are the backbone of aviation. This apology and thank you is especially for the Cowboy and the Falcon enlisted flight crews but should be given to all enlisted flight crews. Pilots trust and appreciate you, we just didn't say it. So now, 25 years late, I say "Thank you." Bill Weidner, Falcon 83, 335th Cowboys

(EDITORIAL NOTE) I am a former Crew Chief and Doorgunner and on behalf of the former Crew Chief/Doorgunners I say thank you to you and the pilots, together we made a great team. And may that continue today.

Dear Jim, What a great job you're doing. Congratulations. I'm proud to tell everyone I know you! I don't know if this is of any use but thought I would set to writing some of the background of the U.T.T. from my view and experiences in 1962-63. The Air Tactical Test (Howze) Board had done extensive field trials of Army Aviation and its support of a ground Army. We flew all over the East Coast trying this and that and showing a lot of narrow minded people that the Army could operate in a dimension and speed that its leaders had not been used to. The Armed Helicopter was an area that we were working with - we being the Aviation Company (P) of the 101st Airborne Division who had the Army's first significant contingent of the UH-1A helicopter. I was learning my trade as a Maintenance Officer at Ft Campbell from CWO Frankie M. Donahue. While calling me "DASL" (Dumbass Second Lieutenant) I had the privilege, nonetheless of learning from a master. In late summer '62, I was put on orders to a project "Hot Shot", then classified SECRET, to go to Ft Rucker and learn the XM6E3 Emerson gum subsystem then mounted on a UH-1A. A large wad of lead on the stinger made the weight and balance correct as the gun system was bolted to the wall between pilot door and cabin door - but it was really weird. What "it" was was 4 M-60 machine guns on a hydraulic mount. The Cuban Missile crisis cleaned Ft Rucker of most pilots and crews but we were left there to "train" on the guns. "What do you think" was the lesson plan as no one really had a lot of ideas about four M-60's that moved with a sight. We were impressed as our Howze Board experiences were the low level fight of simulated rockets on the A-model skids. Ok, thence to Fort Worth, Bell Helicopter, to pick up new UH-1B's with the XM6E-3 mounted near the mast and centerline - no more lead on the stinger. We flew to Ft Sill to test fire the systems, then back to Carswell AFB to load on to a C-124 "Globemaster" for travel to Vietnam. Two aircraft and 11 souls, in my memory, riding this non-air conditioned beauty from Texas to Saigon. Complete with a 3-day layover in sunny downtown Wake Island for engine replacement to the "Crashmaster". Of greatest humor to me was my questioning the Air Force flight crew which boarded with a double crew for extended flight. In Fort Worth I asked them where we were going and the route. The commander carried SECRET orders to be opened from Travis AFB to Hawaii. My comment to him was that I was on orders to Vietnam on this plane. Of course it turned out his classified instructions led him to RVN via Hawaii, Wake, Guam, Clark, Saigon. His best flying was the Kamikaze approach to Tan Son Nhut, off loaded us out of every available orifice from the 124 in what seemed like 15 seconds and his departure from the war zone. You could see the outline of the airplane after he blasted off with our stuff all around on the ground. A UTT jeep showed up shortly and, with 3/4 ton transport for us all, we arrived for duty. I have a great collection of photos you need there for historical. There is a good 8x10 official US photo, annotated, of the "original" UTT company with Major Ivan Slavich as boss. Also an original cloth patch from the unit and whatnot. Gotta find an appropriate box. Hope at least some of this was illuminative. Dues enclosed. Yeah, I know...Harry "Joe" Candler, Jr, COL, USA, Ret., Dragon Platoon

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Joe. I'll add the information in with the history of the U.T.T., and any photo sent in will be added to the Battalion Historical photo display, with recognition given to sender.

Dear Sir, Would you be kind enough to please publish the following notice of our 8th annual reunion in your publication at your earliest convenience? "THE ARMY OTTER AND CARIBOU ASSOCIATION, INC., will be holding their 8th annual reunion 19-22 Aug 93, in COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. Former Army Otter or Caribou aviation personnel who are not already affiliated with this Association please contact Bill Hooks, at [REDACTED] for information." Please be advised that our Association will be glad to reciprocate with your organization when you have a notice of your annual gatherings etc. you desire to have published. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. Sincerely, Jimmy N. Moore, Public Information Officer, Army Otter-Caribou Assoc.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) I sure will Jim and I also encourage all of our member who live in the Colo Springs area, even if they didn't serve with Otter or Caribou units, to attend your Reunion. I attended the Army Otter - Caribou Assoc Reunion last year in Hampton, Va and had a great time. I know that our members that did serve with Otter or Caribou units will have a really great time. I want everybody to know that everyone attending is made to feel really welcome. For more info on the Army Otter-Caribou Assoc and Reunion please contact Bill Hooks.

Jim, Sorry It took so long to send this in. I've been a member of VFW Post 903 for years now and am presently service officer, three years trustee, and chairman of the voice of democracy committee. We do have a problem getting Vietnam Vets involved. I know it took me along time to get involved and was just wondering what might be done to get more Vietnam people in. I am going to try to make it to Texas this next summer if at all possible. Say hi to Bill Sheets and thanks for always sending me a newsletter. Willie McKinney.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Willie, and you ask really involved and good question. Maybe some of our readers will let us know why or why not on joining the major Veterans Organizations. I can tell you why I didn't join them in the 70's and why I did join them in the 80's. My first experience at joining a American Legion Post was in January 1970. I was home on emergency from Vietnam, and a friend of mine on leave after AIT inroute to VN went in uniform with his dad to the American Legion post his dad belonged to. Well, the first five minutes we were really made to feel welcome, a few free beers (even being under drinking age) and a few hand shakes. The AL Post offered us a one year free membership if we filled out the form, at which time I asked if we could take them up on the offer a year later, after explaining that both of us would be in Vietnam for the complete year of free membership and wouldn't be able visit a AL post. The offer was withdrawn and the post commander let us know that he thought we were just ungrateful kids. Well after about another hour of, let me tell you about "The Big One" and "The Real War, WWII", and the Big Band and Old C&W on the juke box, we had about all of that place we could take. By the mid 80's most of the post of the major organizations finally figured out that their WWII membership was dying off and that they needed us ungrateful kids to keep their post alive. By the mid 80's VN Vets were truly welcome at the clubs and they would even let us help pick the music and listen to us at the meetings. At the present time VN Vet are in the leadership of just about all the clubs and at their National Headquarters. All the major organizations are now addressing all the veterans issues important to the WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam and later conflict veterans, now that's the way it should be. Check out the organizations in your area and if you find one to your liking then join and support it. And when dealing with the younger Vets don't take up all their time telling them about "The Long One".

Dear Jim, I've received the latest newsletter and read Ralph Orlando's letter please re-mail this letter for me, is his address was not in your newsletter. Thanks, Ted Hanrahan.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) I sure will Ted and by now everyone should have received their directory incase there is not an address in a letter that someone might want to respond to.

I am writing this letter to you to give you our new address. We are at [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. We moved from our old place because it was a bad neighborhood. The post office said they would not forward Bulk mail. Sincerely, Ted Hanrahan
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Ted, the address correction saves a lot of time and money.

Jim, Good talking to you again. I don't know where you get the time to do all this- or does Deb do it? Here's some dues money- any left just keep it. See ya in Texas. Lee Kerfeld.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Lee and yes Deb does do most of the work, sometimes under protest. I do first copy and she does all the copying and mailing. Most of the time she lets me be the CO and she's the SP4 but sometimes I get demoted to Pvt E1 and she takes over as 1st SG.

Jim, I received your latest newsletter yesterday and as always I thoroughly enjoyed reading it. In the letter I had sent to you with my dues, I asked for you to put three persons names on the help find list, I have since located two of the men, WO Beryl Scott and SSGT Lawrence Lackey. You also received a letter from Mike Thomas who said he was in the very 1st C.O. of the 71st A.H.C. I called Mike Thomas to learn what time period he was talking about and he related to me that it was 1965 and he went to Vietnam as this units C.O. and rotated back to the states in June of 1966. I may be wrong, but as I remember it, the "Rattlers" were known as Co A/501st until September of 1966 and at that time became the 71st AHC if my info is correct, Mike Thomas must have the Rattlers confused with another unit. Please let me know if I am wrong. My time with the Rattlers was 1 Oct. '66 to Oct 67. Thank you, Ron Seabolt.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Your right Ron, Mike Thomas called and said he done more checking and it was the 161st Avn Co he took to VN in June of 1965. Mike has been a very good supporter and has found some good friends from his three tours in Vietnam. Hopefully Mike will continue his membership, weather it be associate or regular, for many more years. If you send me a address for Beryl Scott and Lawrence Lackey I'll put them on the Mailing List and hopefully we will get more info on WO Wallace W Dunning Jr soon.

Dear Jim, Enclosed is my check for dues and for the 190th Bien Hoa audio cassette. Please use the rest for postage etc. I am looking very much forward to the reunion. My new address is: Cletus Farmer, [REDACTED]. Thanks!
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Cletus, see you in Fort Worth.

Dear Jim, Yesterday I received the newsletter. I like the edition of members who were awarded citations/medals-above and beyond. It speaks well of the 145th. From late Dec 1965 to 20 Oct 1966 I was a cook in A Co 82nd Avn (later 1966 Sept became 335th AVN Co (AML) I don't remember the Cowboy patch. We were part of the 173rd ABN Bde (Separate) Order of Battle. You may want to include my Co's vital importance to the 173rd. They were at the terrible Battle of Dak To in Nov, 1967. And were part of Operation Attleboro, Sept.- Nov '66 the largest operation to date, at that time of the war. Although I was a 94B20 cook, we all were considered riflemen too, and took our field kitchens out to the field during Brigade Ops. I want to thank the members who called me, asking how my Agent Orange Cancers (STS and NHL) treatment was coming. Listening to those guys really picked me up. I was fortunate that the VA recognize those two rare type of cancers as compensable service connected disabilities. I won my case, and my family can now live a life with shelter, food, and medical care. My cancers are in remission (there really is a God.) What Charlie Wells said about many combat veterans having chemical imbalances that are chronic is true. I read the Bowme Study in its published book form. I suggest members check it out at a college or university library. Many symptoms of PTSD are linked to our altered chemical structure. Counseling can help us live with it, but finding the right medication was the key for me. I'm concerned about the complaints of symptoms Desert Storm veterans have expressed to physicians. You and Debby are doing a terrific job. Enclosed is my dues for 92-93. Sincerely, Steve Bass, [REDACTED] 03253 Cowboys 65-66.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Steve, I'll have to see if I can reprint the historical report for Nov 67 some time soon.

Dear Jim and Debby: Lorraine and I really enjoyed our time with you two at the Otter Caribou Convention in Hampton. As you surely must have discovered frozen rotor personnel are not much different the rotor wing people. I have the best of two worlds, belonging to associations on both sides of Army Aviation. Great people aren't they? Jim, I've got one for you. Lorraine and I recently spent three weeks touring Great Britain and while at the car rental counter at Gatwick Airport in London, I noticed that the young man behind the counter was obviously an American because of his accent. I asked him where he was from in the States. When he replied that he was from Panama City, FL another man on my right said he knew Panama City well. When he was stationed in the Army and living in Dothan, AL he would drive down on weekends. Further conversations revealed he was a helicopter pilot and had served in the 68th AHC from Jan 68 to Jan 69. I immediately got his name and address for the Association records. His name is Jim Bohon, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. He is quite interested in receiving information on the 145th Association. Since he is a former Top Tiger probably in your time there you may know him. He now flies for Continental Airlines. This only proves that everyone should always be on the lookout for former members. You never know where you might find them. Do get in touch with him, he will be waiting to hear from you. Looking forward to seeing you and Deb in June and hope to make it as great a time as we had in Virginia. Best Wishes, George Owens.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you George and that really was a great time we had at the Army Otter-Caribou Assoc Reunion and I'm sure the Otter people will win the bowling tournament next year. Jim Bohon left the 68th a short time before I arrived but I talked to some other Top Tigers on the phone that wanted to talk with him right away, I sent him info right away and add him to the mailing list. I think you said it pretty well, always be on the lookout for other "Old Warriors" they can be found about anywhere.

Hello Jim, Was glad to run into you at the Kokomo Vet reunion last night and get my dues paid for another 3 years. I am sending a check for \$10.00, please send me two of the baseball caps 145th like you were wearing. Hope to make the reunion next year at Ft Worth, TX but if I can't will no doubt see you back at Kokomo. Sincerely, Bill Tankersley

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Bill, sorry it took so long to get the hats in the mail to you. Fort Worth and Reunion 93' will definitely be the place to be, but I will also be at the 11th annual Vietnam Vets Reunion in Kokomo, IN September 17, 18, and 19, 1993. The Kokomo Reunion has grown to be the largest Vietnam Veterans Annual Reunion in the country. I've got at least one volunteer to help man a booth at Kokomo next year and could use more.

Dear Jim, I don't know how many pay days have gone by without me filling out a membership form, but it's been plenty. I enjoy the newsletter and used it to get in touch with an old friend from the 334th and Ft Bragg. So finally, a membership check and an order for a T-shirt. I was Playboy 19 and Raider 27 in the 334th from Feb 68 to Feb 69. I've recognized many names from the companies based there at Honor Smith Compound and then at Bien Hoa. I think 145th BN HQ, 334th and NETT Team were the aviation units at Honor Smith. Finally, during the 5th of May offensive we were moved to the airfield. I enjoyed the 334th and the NETT club, but I didn't like being on the ground driving back and fourth. One night driving back from a mission with my M-16 locked and loaded, and Bien Hoa deserted, was enough to convince me that the airforce base was a better place to live. Vic Holmes had a letter in the latest newsletter and I hadn't mentioned him in a few years. Hank Stream, Ronnie Griggs, Maj Gray (no way I'd ever call him Ron) Joe Stroud, Mike Dodson, and Bruce Fullerton were the Playboys from that time. Most of the Raiders aren't listed in my year book, Dan Parker, Tom Southerland, and John Zabel were my first light fire team. Coy MacDonald, of coarse, who led me a stray at Bragg. I'm still flying in the Kansas Army National Guard. I'm AGR and (only) a W-3. Slow learner I guess. One page should be enough. Thanks for caring enough to make this organization work. Mike Crow

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Mike, hopefully we'll be able to reunite you and all your friends at the 93' Reunion, Ft Worth is just down the street from Kansas.

Dear Jim and Debbie, I'm sorry I'm so late with my dues, didn't forget about, just didn't have time to write a letter and send the check. I work for Pepsi Cola of New York and its

been a busy summer. I enjoy getting and reading your newsletter so much, hoping that some day I'll see a letter or a name in the location that of a buddy I served with. A couple of months ago I was talking to a young guy at work, and he was surprised that I was a Viet Nam Vet it seems he was taught that all VN Vets were crazy's, he said with all the crap on television and movies, and some of the stories in the papers and all. What he said hurt me, but it took me three days to talk and show him past newsletters, and I also showed him the monthly newspaper from Viet Nam Veterans of America. I convinced him that we're not all crazy's just because we served in the Nam. It was just a title some producer made money on. Well I must go, I'm hoping to go to the "93" reunion. We may take the kids. Keep up the good work always ready to read the newsletter. Forever proud, Paul D. Fish 121st Assault Helicopter Co. Soc Trang Tigers

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Paul. Maybe someday everyone will realize who we VN Vets really are, we're doctors, lawyers, factory works, police, firemen, Airline pilots, corporate executives, church members, ministers, etc, etc. When people start thinking of us as their neighbor or co-worker who cared enough to take the time from our lives to serve our country when asked, then they will have a better idea of who we are.

Jim, Enclosed is a check for \$28.00 to renew my membership and also for a T-shirt. Keep the extra five for whatever. Sorry this is a little late. Keep up the good work I really enjoy the newsletter. Rod Mueller

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Rod.

Jim, Thanks for finding me. I feel proud to join the 145th CAB Association. I was with the Razorbachs in 68-69 120th AHC. The first thought I had was bleeding RPM and prayers going out of Hotel 3 in those old B model L9A engined Huey gunships. One favor I may ask is that out of all your members maybe I could get some help locating my old crew chief - Tom Cooper - last known address was parent, living in Lansing Illinois. We got separated at 3rd field hospital Jan. 31 69. My call sign was Razorbach 41 Victor call sign "Phyco". Looking forward to the next newsletter and upcoming reunions. Gene H. Capen, [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Gene. I called Gene and give him Tom Coopers address and phone number, since I'd talk with Tom many times the last few years and knew that Tom would love to hear from Gene right away. When I talked with Tom a few days later he told about the great reunion he had with Gene over the phone. I really enjoyed hearing about and helping set it up.

Jim, It was great seeing you over the weekend - sorry we didn't get to see Debby, she was missed - tell her we said hi! Enclosed is a \$25 check - please apply to Gary's dues, due - we're not sure when he last paid his dues. Put the balance to good work as usual. We had a great time in Kokomo - looking forward to Texas 1993. Jackie and Gary Allison

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Jackie and Gary, see you in Texas. I was looking forward to seeing you two in Washington for the Veterans Day Week activities, but it wasn't to be. I hope everything is working out just fine with Gary's new teeth, its painful but its the only way to go. I'm convinced that Agent Orange and stress has a lot to do with it.

Dear Jim and Debbie, Between 26 July and 29 August I have had only one day off, until this past weekend! The reserve unit I am with took me with them to Ft. McCoy, Wisconsin for the first half of August. I could have done without that! Shortly after we left for McCoy, little Jeffrey started walking. Of course, I had to be gone so I would miss that! The little guy is running now! Anyway, the patch sales have gone well, I have only 18 more to sell in order to fulfill my pledge to the association of \$400.00. I'm not sure if I should have another 200 made or not, any suggestions? At the crewmember's association reunion in Las Vegas (we made it) they elected me as the vice-president for this year. That means next year I will automatically move up into the president's spot! I hope I will be able to do well for the group. That's all got to go! David "KILLER" Evans

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you "Killer". They really grow up quick don't they. I still have 41 118th AHC patches left to sell, between us we should have enough to last till after the 93' Reunion. And you will do fine as the president of VHCMA.

Dear Jim, Attached in my renewal and an order for a tie and a shirt. Gary Crossland said I had to buy a tie. Mrs. Howard Wilson sent me a thank you note. Had a good time in Atlanta for the 9th reunion of the V.H.P.A. for all those 119th pilots who missed it, we had a good meeting of the 119th. There was someone there from the beginning to the end the unit serving in Vietnam. Jim, keep up the good work, you are the only way we keep in touch. Thanks, "Judd" George McHugh 119th AHC

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Judd. There should be a lot of 119th people at the 93' Reunion in Ft Worth and the VHPA and VHCMA Reunion the next week-end, a lot of people are planning on traveling together from Ft Worth to Phoenix.

Jim, I had mentioned in a previous letter that there was an Air Force Squadron attached to the 117th Avn Co but I couldn't identify it. While looking for someone else, I came across a picture of the weather station. Photo copy enclosed. It was Detachment 6, 30th Weather Squadron. I do know that they lived in the MAAG compound in downtown Quinhon, but that is the only thing I know about them. Hope this is of some help. Best to you, Carl Vogel, 117th Avn Co 64-65

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Carl, maybe someone has more info on them.

Hello 145th C.A.B. (Vietnam) Jim and Debby, Thank you for sending me the copy of the check I sent you, I guess I'll never find out where that stub went. I'll bet you have been real busy on the directory this summer too. I've been fishing somewhat on the area river and streams- lakes to. Every once in a while I hear and see the old UH-1's the Natl. Guard flies here in the Mtns. One day I was in the middle of a cast when 5 Black Hawks just zoomed right by me, sure made me look and also made my day. Must have been going cross country to some base. Thanks, Larry Simon.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Its really been a busy summer and fall, working 6 days a week most weeks, and really getting behind. I know what you mean when a flight goes over, takes you back a few years.

Dear Jim, I didn't receive the latest directory and I would appreciate a copy. Am looking for people like Mark King, and Richard Le Jeune. Many different turns have taken place since I first joined the 145th C.A.B.V.A. Eastern Air Lines was liquidated as you know, and many 145th Veterans were faced with career changes. As for myself, I became a full time investor. Placing private funds in the bond and stock markets. It certainly isn't as much fun as flying, but is rewarding in other ways. Hopefully my wife and I will make the next reunion and I will be able to thank you in person for the wonderful work you have done keeping everyone informed. Thanks Don Parrish

(EDITORIAL NOTE) OK, Don, by now you should have received the 92-93 directory and Mark King, Richard Le Jeune, and many other people you may remember should be in there. Hopefully your new career will be rewarding although nothing can ever replace flying.

Dear Jim, Thanks for the good work. I look forward to the newsletter. I still can't remember the crew of the ship that slid down the mountain, as you recall we had quite a few engine failures with what I recall as the "H" model L-13 engine blowing the 4th stage Compressor. A problem which they knew about, but tried to blame on the maintenance and FOD. Sincerely, Jim Buchheister.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Jim, me and Dennis Down was the enlisted crew members but I draw a complete blank on who the pilots were, if I could only remember the date or aircraft tail number then maybe I could get a copy of the accident report. It was sometime around the end of March 1970. I can recall every second from when we started to have low power till we finally hit in the bottom of the ravine, and every detail of spending the day on the mountain with an infantry company waiting for the aircraft to be recovered.

Dear Jim and Deb, Hi hope this finds everything fine with you all. Sorry were late sending Bill's dues. I forgot again. Better late then never is true I guess! The remainder you can put to postage or whatever you feel is necessary. I've already put in my vacation for '93 so we'll be at the '93 reunion. Matter of fact, I'm also making our reservation- hopefully in the next couple of weeks. Sure hope we have a good turn out. You guys take care and let

us know if we can help in anyway. See you soon! Bill, Joy and Bill Shockley
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Joy and Bill. See you in June and we'll have a great turn out.

Jim, I thought I had better send in my renewal before I forgot it. I have enclosed dues for July '92 to 30 June 1994. Having a great deal of fun receiving the newsletter and reading it. Sure have meant a lot to keep up with the 145th Combat Association! Will be sending in an order for supplies shortly. Take Care and keep'em flying, Al Arbogast
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Al.

Hi James, Please find enclosed, my ck for \$15.00 for dues and some stamps. If you need some more money for the cause just drop a line. Thanks, Alfred "A.J." Brown, CW4 USAR R.V.N. Sept. 64 to Sept 65 120th Sept 64 to Nov. 64 (Saigon) A/501st Nov. 64 to Sept 65 (Bien Hoa) Rattlers
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you A.J.

Dear Jim and Debby- Enclosed is my 92-93 dues payment. I've enjoyed the newsletters and appreciate the hard work you both are doing to make it better each issue. Here's to another great year. Warmest regards, Diane R. Brofer
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Diane. Have you gotten any more info or contacts about Operation Seawolf.

Dear Jim, Inclosed is a check for \$52.00, \$10.00 dues, \$22.00 for a tie, and \$20.00 for you and Deb a drink. Thanks for doing a great job running the assoc. Sincerely, Carroll Simpson, RT. 3 box 54, Gretna, VA 24557
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Carroll. Maybe I'll take Deb out for a drink and see if I can take advantage of her. (I last comment is just to see if she is actually reading the newsletter or just copying it. If she reads it I'll definitely hear about.)

Dear Jim, Please accept my application for the "Old Warriors" Association. As a Master Warrant Officer, still on active duty after 24 years, I'm beginning to feel like an old warrior. Few of us probably believed while serving with the 145th that we would never get to be old, and quit a few of our dear comrades never did. Thank you for your tireless efforts at being the one man point of contact for the Battalion! Since you bounce data off several sources to help out others who might have questions regarding friends or relatives, I will give you my personal data that it might aid you in any search you might have. I served as an AH-1G pilot with the 334th AHC, as a WO 1 and CW 2, at Bien Hoa (Woodson Compound) and later at Phu Loi, from September 1969 until September of 1970. In September of '69 the Battalion was commanded by LTC Top and the 334th by Major (later Col) Oliver. The company provided daily 5 minute standby teams of two Cobra's, also provided attack helo for various lift companies in 12th Group, and general close air support for any unit in III Corps. Additionally, we would race any "Bandit" low level to get to POL first. Major Oliver was succeeded over by Major Charles Densford, and in May '70 by Major (later Col) McQuestion assumed command. In April of 1970 the 334th moved to Phu Loi and moved in the area previously occupied by the 1/4 CAV of the 1st (if your gonna be one, be a Big Red one) ID. After extensive refurbishing, and installing the air-conditioners "commandeered" from the flush toilet facilities of Woodson Compound, the unit remained there, I understand, until it rotated stateside. During my tour as Dragon 33, and later as Raider 20, the unit supported actions from Cambodia (during the invasion of April/May 1970, to North, supporting 5th Special Forces Group as far as O Rang, South to Vinh Long, and East to the coast to Ham Tan. Later the 334th showed up in Europe Hanau (Fliegerhorst Caserne) in 1976. "First with Guns" still had the Playboys, Raiders, and Dragon Platoons. Well Jim I've gotten diarrhea of the word processor, so I'll stop. I have enclosed some memorabilia pertinent to the 145th. Hope it will help the archive. If you need any help from an active duty person. I will do what I can. I may be reached at the address below: Graham T. Stevens, [REDACTED] or Commander U.S. Army Aviation Logistics School ATSQ-LTD-HR ATTN: MW4 Stevens Ft. Eustis, Va 23604 (804) 878-4404/4390 Keep up the good work!!! Sincerely, Graham Stevens
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Graham. I'll add this and the other information you sent to our historical file.

Dear Jim, I received NL22 yesterday and decided its high time I got my renewal in. I really enjoy the Newsletters. Through them I have learned more about our battalion then we knew when I was there. I was in the 68th from Sept '68 to Sept '69 and was TT 26- TT3 and Mustang 6 for awhile. Somewhere in a goody box I have a 8-by-10 photo of the complete Mustang platoon taken about July or August '69. I will send it to you if you would like it for preservation. My wife and I are living in West Africa now. I am still flying the bush for evergreen helicopters. We are here on contract to the world health organization coverings all of West Africa for the control of "River "Blindness." I am just completing my second year over here. Probably will stay a couple more years. If it's possible for me to get back I plan to attend the Reunion in Dallas. Living in Africa goes beyond 3rd world. However we have managed to carve out a reasonable life style here. Conditions are worse than Nam in 68-69 in the village. We do have a German Brewery here though, and a mug of good beer cost about \$.25 (priorities, right). Anyway if I miss the reunion and Doug Gooch is there, ask him about this: (true story) in mid '69 about midnight we had a couple rockets hit in the vicinity of the 68th. So out of the hooch into the bunker we go. Doug Gooch, who was opns officer then, scrambled in with a bottle of chevis he had just uncorked. Both of us had a shot from it and decided we needed somethings to chase it with. Well, the only thing available was those giant cockroaches that inhabited the bunker. So the bet was on- who was going to munch the first one. I'll never admit who won but Doug ate the biggest, ugliest cockroach I ever saw in my life. Better go for now, I owe a letter to Dan Ferguson, so I'll try to do that now also. I appreciated your obvious hard work and long hours you contribute to the organization. Thanks pal. Warmest Regards, Sid King P.S. shipping address for the goodies I've ordered: Sid king-Africa c/o Evergreen Helicopters, [REDACTED]. They will forward it on to me- shipping to here is \$\$\$\$. Please put a packing list both outside and inside the box- African custom people will help themselves otherwise. Thanks Jim.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thanks Sid. I talked to Dan Ferguson on the phone not to long ago and he said he's wanting to see your story in print because when he told it no one would believe him. He said he remembers that night very well. I showed the letter to the kids while they were eating supper, my boys thought it was neat, my girls thought it was gross. Let me know if your package gets there OK. Hopefully we'll see you at the Reunion.

Dear Sir, I recently saw a copy of your membership directory and would like to be listed as an honorary member of the 145th CABVA. I was commander of the second platoon of the 135th AHC from 1970-1971. (You will be aware that at the time the 135th was an experimental military unit that merged United States Army and Royal Australian Navy personnel into one unit). I was a Lieutenant (Navy) which was equivalent to an army Captain. While I was in command one of my pilots, WO Terry Menzera was killed on Jan. 16, 1971. I recall that at the time he was attempting to resupply ground troops who were under heavy attack and running desperately short of munitions. If you would like further information I will attempt to get it through the co-pilot, Stuart Rawlinson, an Australian who survived this action. I believe that he is currently flying in Western Australia. I hope to make my first visit to the U.S.A. in 1993 and will, at that time, attempt to meet some of my fellow servicemen. Yours Sincerely, James C. Buchanan.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Jim and welcome aboard, hope to meet you at our 93' Reunion in Ft Worth, Texas. If you can find Stuart Rawlinson and send me his address I'll put him on our mailing list.

I'm finally getting around to renewing after being rather disorganized from moving. As you can see from the new address, I moved my psychology practice from Colorado to Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. I have a general counseling practice, and I continue to specialize in therapy for psychological trauma, including working with Vietnam veterans who are still recovering from PTSD. I've enclosed a \$58 check to cover dues for three years, a cassette tape of "Battle of Bien Hoa/ Gunship Action," and a 145th BN t-shirt, #01-01, large. I have also enclosed a copy of a brief battalion history I ran across during my move. It's dated 24 Sep. '69, so I assume that's when it was written. I'm sending it in case it's one you don't have. Robert W. Stewart, ED.D. Old Warrior Three Zulu.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Bob. Are the winters any better there in Hawaii, I'll think about ya every time we have a cold front here in Indiana.

Dear Jim: Just a note from an old 334th file of the 1967-1968 era... I wanted to let you know that I think you have done a terrific job with the 145th Assoc and we all owe you a great debt of gratitude. As far as my background is concerned, I served as Service Platoon Ldr in the 334th. As you know, we had predominantly UH-1C's with the 540 rotor system and were the first unit in VN to get the AH-1G Cobras. All in all, the 334th was an outstanding unit with state-of-the-art equipment. I am trying to get to "The Wall" to honor its 10th anniversary, and I look forward to meeting you there. I also would like to say, if you need any assistance with any aspect of your operation in Florida please let me know. I have enclosed a contribution of \$100.00 to help in offsetting some of your operating expenses. I really don't need anything at the moment, but being a bit of a pin "nut", I would like to have any kind of a lapel pin you might have that would represent the 334th, 145th etc... Keep up the good work. Best regards, Bob Tallgren.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you very much Bob. Sorry I didn't see you in DC, it was really great this year. All the pins I have for the 145th are pins that have been donated for the Battalion Display. At a later date I'd like to get 145th "First in Vietnam" pins made, I'll let you know.

Dear James, Have not heard from you in some time. Maybe because I failed to notify you of my address change. Therefore please change my address as follows: Charlie Berryhill [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]. Thank you very much in that I miss "Old Warriors". I again commend you for your work. Charlie Berryhill.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Charlie, let me know if your missing any newsletters, the newsletter number is in the lower lefthand corner of the cover, this one is NL23.

Dear Jim, Enclosed is a photo from: James L. Hughes, [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]. Hughes was a three tour veteran of Vietnam, one tour as a senior NCO and 2 tours as a Captain. The photo was 1965 while he was SGM of the 2nd Bde of the Big Red ONE. He previously served with Army Advisory Group assigned to the 7th ARVN Division at My Tho. This photo I believe, is of a Huey out of the 120th "Playboys", and I thought you might be interested in having it. In case I am delinquent with my dues find enclosed a check for \$20.00. Use what is left for whatever. I have made reservations at the Green Oaks for the '93 reunion. The 114th is having it's reunion at the same place (Green Oaks) on 20-22 August 1993. We did a lot of shopping in the DFW area and the Green Oaks (followed closely by the Holiday Inn and Conference Center at the south entrance of DFW airport) seems to be the best there is for the money. I think everyone can look forward to having a great time. I talked to Jim Thorne this morning and offered my help for whatever I can do from here in San Antonio. Hi to Deb. Sincerely, George J. Young. National Director, 114th Avn Co Asso.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you George. I think the A/C in the picture has a Playboy Bunny on the nose cover, looks like a B-model, and has a big number 5 on the tail fin. The A/C is shut down in the middle of a clearing with tall grass where the Big Red ONE is setting up their camp. It looks like the crew might be wearing white helmet or the sun is reflecting on them. The nose cover emblem is hard to make out because of the tall grass. The picture is black and white, but the nose emblem looks white. Maybe our members can tell us what unit and whose A/C it is. It will also be on display at the Reunion.

Hi, As you can see your order form has been around awhile. I'm sure sorry I'm so late. Joe has been in Methodist Hosp in Indianapolis with leukemia and I told him I'd send this in and as you can see, I've had it awhile and it's been threw the mill. Hope it's not too late, Thanks for understanding, Karen Shafer- Joe's wife.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Karen and tell Joe we are thinking about him and hoping for a full recovery. Joe served with the 81st Trans Co in 1963. Anyone wanting to send Joe a card or note his address is: Joe Shafer, [redacted]

Dear Veteran, The Fifth Annual Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Reunion will be held May 14-16, 1993 in Frankfort, Kentucky, home of the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Several worthwhile and memorable activities are being planned. Details of these events will be mailed to you in March, 1993. Since LZ Bluegrass is a nonprofit, all volunteer veterans

organizations dedicated to planning and carrying out these annual reunions, we are requesting funds from those who want to see these reunions continue. It takes money to put on these reunions and to make them worthwhile for those attending. Those who contribute \$25 or more will receive a special limited edition 1993 reunion pin. Mail your contribution early. This information is being sent to 2,600 households. Only 100 of these pins are available. In addition, all those who contribute will be noted in the programs given out at the reunion. All donations are tax-deductible and should be received by March 15, 1993. Please help if you can. It's your Reunion! Sincerely, Joe Humphrey Chairperson
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Anyone within driving distance of LZ Bluegrass please keep these dates in mind. These people put together a really good program and if you are going please wear one of our T-shirts and help find more of our people. Anyone wanting some of our business cards to pass out please let me know. I won't be able to attend this year because I'll be getting things ready for our 93' Reunion in Ft Worth.

Jim, Thought I would drop you a note and let you know my latest whereabouts. I presently am in Aviano, Italy working with Dyncorp on project OLR/STIR. Sorry I haven't been able to make any of the 145th get togethers but I stay gone more than I am around. If you have a current roster Joe Wynnberry & I would appreciate it. Any cost let us know and we will forward. Anyone in the area phone: work 011-39-434-667161, 7507, or 7506, residence: 011-39-434-660817 Thanks J R Thomas, Playboy 13, 66-67, 197-334

Hi Jim, Just a note to say Hello from Italy. I was the Plt Sgt for Bandits Plt 69-70. Come over to see us. Take care. Joe Wynnberry, PSC 54 Box 2417, APO AE 09601, E Co. 502nd Avn
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you JR and Joe, you should have received the Directory by now, and as always the only cost is the \$10 a year dues to help keep us going and growing.

I looked thru your list of "VA Help Find" list- since I am near Ft Lee, VA I checked my Petersburg phone book & found: Gary M Jefferson, [REDACTED]. [REDACTED], no answer by phone- must be the one you're looking for tho! Thanks for your mailings. I am the daughter of Walter Lee Eagle (deceased 1983- liver cyrosis). I miss my dad very much.. I know he would have enjoyed your efforts... I remember him talking about "THE RAZORBACKS". Connie Eagle Romaine
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Connie. I called Gary and left a message on his machine and he called back and said he was the one we were looking. Your father is remembered well by the Razorbacks from his tour.

Dear James, My name is Larry J Moody. I served as a crew chief on a O-1 Bird Dog with the 184th Recon Avn Co from Jan 67 to Jan 29, 1968, mostly in Phu loi. I believe I got one of the last aircraft out of Long Binh before the shit hit the fan in "TET 68". I don't know how you got my address but I'm glad you did. I belong to the local VVA chapter here in Atlanta. I noticed you had a very limited number of people listed from the 184th in your directory. Please add my name to that list. Inclosed is a check for \$15 to cover my membership and a 145th Hat. Also sending copy of my DD 214. I though I still had some old copies of orders but can't find them right now. Thanks, Larry J Moody
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Larry, I got your address from the VVA Membership Directory. Our Help Find List has about 5000 names on it, but only 7 are from the 184th, if you find some orders that has more names of 184th people please send them in. The more 184th people on the list of people we are looking for the more we should find.

Jim & Debbie, Have yourselves a Merry Christmas & the best year ever since DEROS. Thanks, or let me add my thanks to the many you deserve for your outstanding efforts. Enclosed is a clip from Army Times you might be interested in. I think this guy was my Flt Plt leader, altho not real sure, since we so seldom saw them and they were always changing. I sent one of these cards to "Red" Keville who was one of my 3 CO's in the 242nd. Again Marry Christmas Sincere Comrade, Roger Montgomery
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Roger. The article Roger sent was about John N Dailey receiving his first Star. BG John Dailey served with the 118th AML in 1964-65 and the 242nd ASHC in 1968. Anyone wanting to congratulate John on his promotion his address is: BG John Dailey, 5 9th [REDACTED]. Roger's Christmas card had a picture of the 242nd ASHC and 269th CAB Crest.

Dear Jim & Deb, Located the following person: Dausuel, William L, [REDACTED], [REDACTED], 120th AHC 1966-67. He said he knows where two other persons he served with live but didn't have their address handy. Also he was in Vietnam for two tours with different units. From your last newsletter I learned why I never saw that .50 cal gunship again. May God bless you on the coming celebration of His Son, Jesus birth. Love, Dick Hoover.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Dick. Hopefully William Dausuel will send in the addresses for the two people he is in contact with. And were still learning about more and different .50 cal set ups, it always interesting to hear about how we changed and modified things to work on our helicopters.

Dear Jim, Enclosed is \$27 for a years membership, 68th Co patch and 68th Co T-shirt. Eventually I hope to order a T-shirt of each company and patch available. Hope you had a nice Thanksgiving. I was at the firehouse and wouldn't you know it would be quiet until dinner. We no sooner had the turkey carved and called the rest of the guys and a fire alarm came in. We were gone about an hour. Thank God for micro waves. At our fire house we've got a engine company, snorkle and Asst Chief. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Emmett Deharty

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Emmett. When the 68th was reformed as Assault Support did they change patch or call sign? If so, to what?

Dear Jim, Here is my check for \$20 fo dues for these two guys (who are too cheap to pay their own) who were members of UTT/68th/197th/334th: Listed in directory!! UTT Marvin H Dorr, [REDACTED], and 197th Jerry W Childers, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Both intend to attend the reunion in Ft. Worth. Now they can come as members!! Not too seriously, Bill Fraker, Playboy 16, Saber 3, Raider 26

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Bill and I know that Marvin and Jerry will appreciate it, especially the comment. Bill's comment wasn't designed to embarrass, but to point out a way to bring in additional income if anyone has a friend that they know is interested in our Association but just hasn't gotten around to joining. Bill is sure his friends will renew and keep their membership current in the future. Maybe one of them will write in and tell us about some Officers Club furniture, a jeep, or any of the hundreds of interesting stories that Bill was involved in.

NEW ADDRESS FOR VHCMA

Charles Rains has taken over as the new Ex-Director for the Vietnam Helicopter Crew Member Association so they now have a new address and phone number, so please make a note of it: Vietnam Helicopter Crew Members Assoc, PO Box 752592, Memphis, TN 38175-2592, phone 901-795-2850. I wish Charlie well with his new duties. I want to thank Spence Gardner for the great job he has done as the Ex-director for VHCMA, taking over for George "Pop" Ecker when Pop died. Charles Rains served with the 229th AHC and has put together a great organization for all those serving in the 229th in Vietnam. Charlie said he will work toward closer relations and cooperation with organizations like VHPA, our 145th CABVA, 114th Asso, and all the other VN Aviation associations.

RAISE FUNDS, SAVE MONEY

I recently received a letter from Larry Dotson, Top Tiger 6, 1967, with information about AmeriVox. AmeriVox is offering a Long Distance Calling Card which they say is cheaper in comparison to AT&T, MCI, and Sprint. For our Association the best part is a percentage of the cost of each call is given to our Association each month, below \$2,000 =2%, \$2,000 to \$14,500 =4%, above \$14,500 =6%. Many of us almost never use a long distance calling card, but many of our members do, people who travel a lot, like pilots, truck drivers, construction workers, etc.. What I want to know is if there is enough interest by our members to make it worthwhile to sign up our Association. If enough of our members use Long Distance Calling Card and would be interested in using AmeriVox card we could bring in a lot of extra needed revenue. If your interested please let me know, and if possible, average monthly or yearly amount. For more information on the AmeriVox Calling Card please contact: Larry Dotson, [REDACTED]

BATTALION HISTORY

11 Nov 1967 thru 8 Dec 1967

The 335th Assault Helicopter Company, prior to being transferred out of the 145th CAB, was assigned the mission of supporting the 173rd Airborne Brigade, they conducted airmobile assaults with the 2/503d on 11 November 1967 in the area south-west of Dak To. The landing zone was to be hewn out of the dense jungle and bamboo by B-52 strikes and numerous other airstrikes. Close examination of the intended landing zone by the command and control party revealed an area sufficient for only one aircraft at a time. The first troops on the ground immediately initiated clearing operations to enlarge the landing zone, while additional troops were being inserted. This landing zone soon became Fire Support Base 16. At approximately 1200 hours, 11 November 1967, the 1/503d made strong contact with an estimated battalion sized force.

The 335th AHC was called upon to reinforce the beleaguered unit with C 4/503d. The nearest landing zone to the area would accommodate only one aircraft at a time. During this operation enemy fire was received going into and coming out of the landing zone. The armed helicopters immediately placed suppressive fires on the enemy, however, this did not deter the enemy from firing at all of the helicopters. Fortunately no aircraft were hit on this part of the operation. The armed helicopters demonstrated remarkable skill according to the commander of the ground forces. They placed rocket and machine gun fire scant meters from the friendly lines, and escorting the troop carrying helicopters into the landing zone.

During the time this action was in progress, a single ship was resupplying C 1/503d with badly needed ammunition. In order to complete the mission the pilot had to fly dangerously near the enemy position. On each trip into the area he experienced heavy enemy rifle and automatic weapons fire. Realizing he had received numerous hits, the pilot landed to inspect the aircraft and found it no longer airworthy. He immediately procured another aircraft and continued the mission. Again he received numerous hits and was barely able to return to a secure area before being forced to land. The timely arrival of reinforcements and ammunition turned the tide of battle and most assuredly saved C 1/503d from being overrun and annihilated.

The 335th AHC provided general support to the 173rd Airborne Brigade with resupply missions and insertion of Long Range Reconnaissance Patrols (LRRP).

Many times the only mean for landing a LRRP was by using a rope dropped from the hovering helicopter allowing the team members to rappel to the ground. The pilots demonstrated outstanding airmanship, and courage while hovering in one spot, above 100 foot trees, under enemy fire, to place the team in the correct location.

Numerous times the team would make contact with a superior enemy force, necessitating immediate extraction. Without hesitation the pilots of the 335th AHC came to their rescue, again hovering above the trees, offering a perfect target for the enemy.

On 19 November 1967 the 2/503d started to move up the northern slope of Hill 875. As they neared the crest of the hill they met with extremely heavy resistance, resulting in heavy casualties. The 335th AHC was again called upon to deliver critical supplies. The landing zone was not large enough to accommodate even one helicopter, so it was necessary to employ the kick-out method. The enemy controlled the crest of the hill, which provided unlimited fields of fire at aircraft approaching to points below the crest. Also, pin point accuracy in dropping the supplies was an absolute must, for to miss the target area by even a few meters on the side of the hill increased the difficulty in retrieving them by one hundred fold. To obtain this accuracy an extremely low airspeed was required, making the helicopters a virtual "sitting duck" for enemy gunners.

On each sortie into this area, the helicopters met extremely heavy fire. Realizing the urgency of their mission, the crews never faltered in providing the ground unit with the life sustaining supplies. Although numerous aircraft were hit and aircrew members wounded, the men of the 335th AHC could not be deterred and continued their mission, even though their very lives were at stake. One aircraft attempted a sling load delivery of a landing zone clearing kit. He encountered murderous fire and was forced to jettison the load, returning to a secure area where inspection of the aircraft revealed sufficient damage to preclude further flight. Without immediate assistance the 2/503d could not hope to hold their position. Three companies of the 4/503d were dispatched to reinforce. The 4/503d also

met with sharp resistance, sustaining heavy casualties. When the 4/503d join up with the 2/503d there remained approximately one hundred effective fighting men. These two units were able to fight their way to a position approximately one hundred meters down the slope where a landing zone clearing kit was successfully dropped. After a landing zone was cut out of the jungle, the 335th AHC aircraft again braved the intense enemy fire in order to evacuate two hundred twenty-two wounded to distant medical facilities. Without this timely evacuation, many of these wounded would have surely died.

On 22 November 1967, the 335th AHC assisted by elements of the 52nd Combat Aviation Battalion conducted an airmobile operation with the 1/12th Infantry, 4th US Inf. Div. southeast of Hill 875.

On 23 November 1967 the remnants of the 2d and 4th Battalions, 503d Inf., mounted an attack on the crest of Hill 875. The attack commenced at 1100 hours and the hill was secured at 1120 hours. The enemy had retreated, leaving their dead, numerous large bunkers with up to twenty feet of overhead cover, and numerous items of equipment. During the battle the 335th AHC participated in all phases, experiencing the most hazardous of combat conditions.

The 335th AHC had ten wounded in action, while the 173d Abn Bde had 118 killed in action, 271 wounded in action and three missing in action. The NVA losses were 298 by body count. Nine of the 335th AHC helicopters received extensive combat damage. Three were evacuated by CH-47, four were repaired for a one time flight to home station, and two continued to fly. The support provided to the 173d Abn Bde by the 335th AHC during this operation was truly outstanding and on repeated occasions necessitated the air crews performing above and beyond the call of duty. Without their efforts, the tide of battle would have most probably been turned in favor of the enemy.

Part of the 334th A.H.C. was transferred to Thailand the 24th of November 1967 on temporary duty to fly escort duty over the Ho Chi Minh Trail. They were to fly gunship cover for troops placing and picking up listening devices all along the Ho Chi Minh Trail. Their refuel point was to be Khe Sanh which went under seize shortly there after, the mission was called off the 3rd of March 1968.

LTC Robert M Deets assumed command of the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion on 1 December 1967. LTC Deets started his military career as a Navy Seabee in 1943. He was a member of an underwater demolition team and earned the Bronze Star for Valor. He began his career as an Army officer through a direct commission in November of 1951. Prior to being assigned to the 145th he was assigned to S-3 at 12th Group. Thanks to LTC Deets we have this very fine detailed report on the Battalion's History.

On 7 December 1967 the 190th Assault Helicopter Company conducted airmobile operations with the 4th Bn, 7th Regt, 5th Inf Div (ARVN). The unit was to receive an ATT in conjunction with a search and destroy operation. The landing zone was prepared for the assault by artillery and airstrikes under the command of an aircraft from the 74th Reconnaissance Airplane Company. The first assault went as planned with negative fire received. The second assault into LZ#2 met with heavy automatic weapons fire from the right front. Chalk 10 was shot down in the landing zone and chalk 9 made an emergency landing eight hundred meters north of the LZ. This aircraft had received sixteen hits. The troops in LZ #2 were pinned down under voluminous enemy fire and without the planned, subsequent lift, were in danger of annihilation. On the next lift into the LZ the lead aircraft was engulfed by intense enemy fire that wounded or killed all of the ARVN troops on board. Several other aircraft in flight were hit causing two to make forced landings in the pickup zone and another at Cu Chi.

The FAC from the 74th Recon Airplane Company continued to direct artillery and airstrikes on the entrenched enemy. To provide cover for the remaining lifts, the smoke aircraft was employed. Braving the murderous enemy fire, he repeatedly provided smoke cover for the remaining lifts. A heavy fire team from the 334th Armed Helicopter Company was scrambled to assist in the operation. They attacked the enemy fortifications with determination and tenacity, disregarding their personal safety in order to place their fires to the best advantage. The remaining aircraft were utilized to airlift a reserve company into the area. The aircrews did not hesitate in continuing their mission even in the face of devastating enemy fire. The smoke ship was hit and forced to return to Bien Hoa for repairs. Numerous medical evacuation flights were attempted; however, each time the

aircraft met with murderous enemy fire. A second smoke ship was called out to assist in the operation. After two passes through the area, providing a smoke screen for medical evacuation flights, he too was hit and forced to land in the landing zone. realizing the precarious position the crew of the smoke ship was in, an armed helicopter from the 190th AHC braved the intense, enemy, automatic weapons fire to land and extract them.

As nightfall approached, the ground troops ran low on ammunition. Again a crew from the 190th AHC volunteered to deliver the desperately required ammunition and at the same time extract the remaining wounded. Although the enemy was literally filling the sky with bullets, the mission received light to heavy combat damage. Three medical evacuation helicopters were damaged, one making a forced landing five miles east of Cu Chi, another making a forced landing just inside the perimeter at Cu Chi and the third taking numerous hits and wounding the gunner.

Two smoke aircraft were hit, one making a forced landing in the landing zone and the other being grounded after returning to the station. Of the aircraft that received the combat damage six required evacuation by CH-47, four were repaired and released for a one time flight to home station, two were repaired and returned to the flight, and seven were hit but continued to fly.

On 8 December 1967 the 68th Assault Helicopter Company supported the 30th and 38th Ranger Battalions in combat assaults for search and destroy operations southeast of Phu Cong. The initial phases of the operation progressed as planned with negative resistance. Prior to the combat assault into LZ #3 the armed helicopters discovered occupied enemy bunkers on the north side. Although the area was hit by artillery, a decision was made to disregard LZ #3 and insert the troops into LZ 12.

The element moving west encountered steady resistance after moving about four hundred meters west along the small north-south stream line. Additional forces were inserted into LZ #4. The flight reported enemy fire on takeoff. The ground unit moved south and immediately made contact. Two medical evacuation missions were requested for eleven wounded in action and one killed in action. The two aircraft attempted to land at the position by flying low level but the enemy fire was so heavy that they had to abort the mission. Both aircraft were hit and one crew chief owes his life to his chest protector. While providing cover for medical evacuation, the armed helicopter fire team were taken under heavy fire. One armed helicopter was hit, necessitating his return to home station for repairs.

An aerial observer from the 74th Reconnaissance Airplane Company directed numerous artillery and airstrikes upon the enemy positions. While the artillery concentration distracted the enemy, a medical evacuation was successfully completed. However, on his second trip in for wounded he came under heavy enemy fire and received numerous hits. Another call for medical evacuation was received. Since no other aircraft were immediately available, the 68th AHC command and control aircraft accepted the mission. Although enemy fire laced the area, three wounded in action and one killed in action were successfully evacuated. Again the requirement for a medical evacuation came forth and again the mission was completed in spite of the extremely heavy automatic weapons fire.

Artillery, tactical air and armed helicopters continued to strike the area. An AH-1G Cobra light fire team from the 334th Armed Helicopter Company arrived and joined in the attempt to neutralize the enemy automatic weapons positions. On one rocket pass the sky seemed to be filled with enemy fire, hitting one armed helicopter and seriously wounding the pilot. Although an extraction had been planned, the tactical situation and approaching darkness necessitated implementation of the alternate plan which called for withdrawal by boat. The 68th AHC sustained two wounded in action, while the ground units had three killed in action and twenty-two wounded in action. Enemy losses were not known. Six helicopters were hit, one requiring evacuation by CH-47, two repaired for a one time flight to home station and three continued to fly.

FINANCIAL REPORT

This financial report covers 1 July 1992 to 31 December 1992. 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 1 July 1992..... \$1904.19
Total deposits 10/1/91 to 12/31/91 (Dues, Donations, Fund Raisers)..\$6744.82

Total.....\$8649.01

Expenditures

Postage.....\$1254.34
Long Distance Phone.....\$461.73
Miscellaneous (see note).....\$2020.37
Bank Fees.....\$60.90
Fund Raiser Supplies.....\$2465.10
Copy Machine Repairs.....\$624.66

Total expenditures.....\$6887.10.-\$6887.10

Balance 31 December 1992.....\$1761.91

Miscellaneous includes computer supplies (paper, mailing labels, printer ribbons, etc.), newsletter supplies (paper, staples, copy machine supplies, 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. Our stock is slowly building up and sells are going rather well.

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

1992 Total intake.....\$10191.52

1992 Expenditures

Postage.....\$2097.53
Long Distance Phone.....\$1000.08
Miscellaneous (see note).....\$2862.69
Bank Fees.....\$100.51
Fund Raiser Supplies.....\$3046.04
Copy Machine Repairs.....\$1200.81

1992 Total expenditures.....\$10307.66 or negative income of \$116.14

We started out 1992 with 372 T-shirts printed ready to go and supplies to print another 248 T-shirts, thats a cash value of \$8060. This year we start out with 526 T-shirts printed and ready to be sent out and supplies to print another 121 T-shirts, thats a cash value of \$8411. Plus we have 428 patches, 5 VN Vet Ties, 131 hats, and 6 tapes, for a cash value of \$2567. If we were to figure all that as 1992 profit, it would be \$2801.86, a fairly good year, but these items must be sold first.

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. I want to thank all those who have joined and all who have made donations above the dues, to your credit we have done this well.

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. Right after this newsletter I will be cutting down the mailing list again. When I receive membership dues I code the individal's file with the membership year/s they joined, example 92-93, 93-94, 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 member status.

PLEASE JOIN TODAY, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

REUNION 93 UPDATE 25, 26, 27, JUNE 1993

Our next Reunion will be held in the Dallas / Ft Worth, TX area in the summer of 1993. The date is June 25th, 26th, and 27th, 1993 and the place will be the Greenoaks Inn and Conference Center in Fort Worth, Texas. The '93 Reunion will be a three day event. We are planning a tour of the Bell Helicopter plant and maybe a tour of Ft Walters.

So far the plan is for the Friday to be a Unit Reunion Day with hospitality rooms set up for each unit. And we will need volunteers to organize each unit reunion, activities, and work on maximum attendance from the unit.

The Saturday of the Reunion will be a complete Battalion Reunion, including the tours of Bell Helicopter and Ft Walters. Saturday evening will be when we will have the Assoc Business Meeting / Dinner.

Sunday morning we will have a Memorial Service, and time for everyone to say farewell before the Reunion is officially over at noon.

The tentative price per room is \$52.00 per night and the hotel is state of the art. The hotel has everything you would want in a hotel and more, restaurant, bar, pool, work out room, tennis court, and golf course. For those that were at the 1989 Reunion in Denver this hotel is just about the same set up. To make your reservations call 1-800-433-2174 (outside of Texas) and if your calling inside of Texas call 1-800-772-2341. Please let them know that you are reserving your room for the 145th C.A.B.V.A. Reunion, to get the lower rate.

Mark your calendars and make your plans to attend. This one will really be good and big also. Our Reunion committee will be working on setting up some discount air fares and one of our members Don Morris, from Don's RV Service will be checking the campgrounds for us for anybody wanting to camp.

We need all the volunteers we can get to help make the Reunion as big and successful as possible. If you can volunteer to help please let me and Jim Thorne know. We will especially need volunteers help with the unit reunions.

To volunteer please contact Jim Thorne (Reunion Committee Chairman), [REDACTED] (Home) or [REDACTED] (Office), or me Jim Bodkin here at the Assoc address and phone.

In a few weeks I will be getting information on the Reunion Fee and Business Meeting / Dinner cost, then I'll be sending out a Reunion Package that will contain a form to be filled out and sent to the Reunion committee. Please watch for it.

A lot of our members that will be attending our Reunion have said they will be going to the VHPA and VHCMA Reunions in Phoenix the next week-end, so John Synowski said he would make up a travel itinerary leaving Ft Worth around noon Monday and arriving in Phoenix Wednesday afternoon. A caravan could be fun.

~~~~~ SHARE THE RIDE

A few people have called in and asked if anyone had asked about car pooling to the reunion. They need a ride and are willing to share the cost. If you will be driving to the reunion and are willing to have a rider or need a ride to the Reunion please contact me, I'll keep a list and see what I can match up. Sharing a ride will make it possible for many more of our members to attend the Reunion. And its a lot more enjoyable to drive a thousand miles with someone to talk with then to travel alone. Let me know as soon as possible.

FUND RAISERS AND T-SHIRTS

We have many Fund Raising items for sell as you can see from the list of items on the back of the newsletter. We have about \$11,000 worth of items to sell as you can see on our Financial Report. The money from these items, the dues money, and donations is what keeps us going and growing, if there is an item you would like, please order it, we need the money, and we will need to buy a new computer soon.

I have been having trouble getting XX and XXX size ringer T-shirts, about the only choice I have is to use plain white T-shirts instead of the ringer in those sizes. Pictures of the T-shirt designs are in the back part of your Directory.

NEW PEOPLE LOCATED LIST

13 JANUARY 1993

THREE PAGES THIS TIME

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 | ST ZIP | PHONE | DATE | DATE | RANK |
|---------|--------------|------------|--------|---------------|----------|-------|------|------|------|
| HHC | CRANE | KENNETH L | | WARREN | MI 48092 | | 1963 | 1964 | EM |
| 125ATC | CALHOUN | DENNIS C | | TUCSON | AZ 85715 | | 1966 | 1967 | EM |
| HHC | SPARRA | KAROL | | BALTIMORE | MD 21230 | | 1966 | 1967 | EM |
| HHC | SPARRA | KAROL | | BALTIMORE | MD 21230 | | 1967 | 1968 | EM |
| HHD | AKER | J. F. | | GAITHERSBURG | MD 20879 | | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| SCY PLT | BUJNOWSKI | FRANCIS J | | AUBURN | MA 01501 | | 1968 | 1968 | EM |
| HHC | ORDON | ROBERT L | | MEDFORD | NY 11763 | | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| HHC | Mc KELVEY | ANTHONY J | | ENGLEWOOD | NJ 07631 | | 1970 | 1971 | EM |
| 18 AVN | CLEMENTS | JOSEPH J | | ST LOUIS | MO 63118 | | 1963 | 1964 | EM |
| 18 AVN | SANCHEZ | JOHN M | | CLEVELAND | TN 37311 | | 1964 | 1965 | EM |
| 18 AVN | VAUGHTER | DAVID L | | CRAIGSVILLE | VA 24430 | | 1966 | 1967 | EM |
| 18 AVN | FYOCK | JAMES L | | LAKEVIEW | AR 72642 | | 1966 | 1967 | WO |
| 18 AVN | DeNIO | RICHARD E | | MUSKEGON | MI 49442 | | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| 18 AVN | NIELSEN | ORVIS | | SUBLIMITY | OR 97385 | | 1970 | 1971 | EM |
| 18 AVN | GREGOR | DONALD R | | HARRIETTA | OH 45750 | | 1973 | 1974 | EM |
| 25 AVN | OLSZEWSKI | MICHAEL J | | HURST | TX 76054 | | 1969 | 1970 | OF |
| 25 AVN | SNOW | KEVIN | | MAGNOLIA | TX 77355 | | 1970 | 1971 | EM |
| 57 MED | DIRK | DAVID L | | OSWEGO | NY 13126 | | 1962 | 1963 | EM |
| 57 MED | McMAHON | RAYMOND A | | RAIFORD | FL 32083 | | 1965 | 1966 | EM |
| 57 MED | STANTON | WILLIAM E | | STANFORDVILLE | NY 12581 | | 1966 | 1967 | EM* |
| 57 MED | DAVIS | DENNIS | | UPLAND | CA 91786 | | 1969 | 1970 | |
| 57 MED | MOXNESS | DOUGLAS G | | ARROYO GRANDE | CA 93420 | | 1970 | 1970 | EM* |
| 57 MED | GRASS | JACK M | | STRONGSVILLE | OH 44136 | | 1971 | 1972 | |
| 57 MED | MONHEZUN | C.J. | | DUSON | LA 70529 | | 1971 | 1972 | |
| 57 MED | STRICKLIN | MIKE | | SPRING | TX 77373 | | 1971 | 1972 | |
| 68 AHC | FRASSO | JOHN E | | NESCOPECK | PA 18635 | | 1966 | 1967 | EM* |
| 68 AHC | RICHARDSON | GEORGE J | | ABSECON | NJ 08201 | | 1966 | 1967 | EM |
| 68 AHC | BOHON | JIM | | NICEVILLE | FL 32578 | | 1968 | 1969 | WO |
| 282 SIG | BECKWITH | WILLIAM K | | WELLSBURG | NY 14894 | | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| 68 AHC | KING | E.SID | | KARA, TOGO, | | | 1968 | 1969 | OF* |
| 68 AHC | SAATHOFF | DON L | | ORLANDO | FL 32819 | | 1968 | 1969 | CO |
| 68 AHC | SEBRING | ROBERT C | | PENN YAN | NY 14527 | | 1969 | 1970 | EM |
| A/501 | STOLTENBURG | DOUGLAS B | | WATERTOWN | WI 53094 | | 1965 | 1966 | EM |
| A/501 | HARRINGTON | VINCENT | | S SANDWICH | MA 02563 | | 1965 | 1966 | EM* |
| A/501 | BEELER | LeROY | | INDPLS | IN 46208 | | 1966 | 1968 | EM |
| A/501 | MARYLIW | EDWARD S | | WARREN | MI 48092 | | 1966 | 1967 | EM* |
| A/501 | SPARRA | KAROL | | BALTIMORE | MD 21230 | | 1967 | 1967 | EM |
| A/501 | BRUCE | JOE L | | CLAREMORE | OK 74017 | | 1966 | 1969 | EM |
| A/501 | WILHELM | JAY S | | SEALY | TX 77474 | | 1966 | 1967 | WO |
| 71 AHC | BOLTINGHOUSE | PATRICK | | SACRAMENTO | CA 95824 | | 1966 | 1967 | WO |
| 71 AHC | ELLINGSWORTH | DAVID | | DAHLGREN | IL 62828 | | 1966 | 1967 | WO |
| 71 AHC | JACKSON | GEORGE | | DALEVILLE | AL 36322 | | 1966 | 1967 | OF |
| 71 AHC | KELLER | WILLIAM | | PANAMA CITY | FL 32405 | | 1966 | 1967 | OF |
| 71 AHC | SANDERS | CHARLES | | WILLINGBORO | NJ 08046 | | 1966 | 1967 | EM |
| 71 AHC | CARLOCK | CHESTER | | FT. WORTH | TX 76140 | | 1967 | 1968 | WO* |
| 71 AHC | REDEMANN | PAUL E | | OSHKOSH | WI 54901 | | 1970 | 1971 | WO |

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| 71 AHC | DALFERRO | PAUL R | | CASTALIA | OH 44824 | 1970 | 1971 | EM |
| 71 AHC | JEPPERSON | GARY M | | DISPUTANTA | VA 23842 | 1971 | 1972 | EM |
| 73 AVN | TOWNSEND | CHARLES R | | NELSONVILLE | OH 45764 | 1965 | 1966 | EM |
| 73 AVN | GRAY | JAMES A | | E SETAUKET | NY 11733 | 1969 | 1970 | EM |
| 73 AVN | LOWRY | ROGER K | | PLEASANT HILL | MO 64080 | 1970 | 1972 | EM* |
| 73 AVN | SEBRELL | BILL | | WALDORF | MD 20602 | 1971 | 1972 | EM |
| 73 AVN | PASS | MICHAEL R | | WASHOUGAL | WA 98671 | 1971 | 1972 | EM* |
| 73 AVN | STILLMAN | TOM | | VANCOUVER | WA 98685 | 1971 | 1972 | EM |
| 74 AVN | SELMAN | STEVEN E | | WESTFORD | MA 01886 | 1964 | 1964 | OF |
| 74 AVN | NOWAK | THOMAS A | | BAY CITY | MI 48706 | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| 74 AVN | DAVIS | WARREN J | | HAYES | VA 23072 | 1971 | 1972 | EM |
| 8 TRANS | KELLY | JAMES J | | MCLEAN | VA 22101 | 1963 | 1964 | OF |
| 117AML | SHOLLY | JOHN D | | NEWMANSTOWN | PA 17073 | 1963 | 1966 | EM |
| 117AML | EARLES | ALVIN C | | RADFORD | VV 24141 | 1964 | 1965 | WO |
| 117AML | NOONAN | GARY R | | POULSBO | WA 98370 | 1964 | 1965 | EM |
| 117AHC | PRESEAU | RAYMOND A | | CHEBOYGAN | MI 49721 | 1967 | 1968 | EM |
| 117AHC | KELLY | JOHN H | | CHERRY HILL | NJ 08003 | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| 117AHC | BURESH | ROGER W | | MOUNTAIN HONE | AR 72653 | 1969 | 1971 | EM |
| 33 TRAN | NORMAND | CARL L | | FT WAYNE | IN 46806 | 1962 | 1962 | EM |
| 118AML | MORIGRAU | JACQUE A | | ROMAN | MT 59864 | 1964 | 1965 | EM |
| 118AML | LANE | PEARCE | | LAWRENCEVILLE | GA 30245 | 1964 | 1965 | OF |
| 118AML | CHARBONNEAU | LLEWELLYN | | MARY ESTHER | FL 32569 | 1964 | 1964 | EM |
| 118AHC | LAHR | RICHARD P | | NEPTUNE | NJ 07753 | 1966 | 1967 | EM |
| 118AHC | JACKSON | JAMES T | | DO'THAN | AL 36303 | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| 118AHC | RUSO | NEIL N | | STERLING HTS | MI 48313 | 1968 | 1969 | OF |
| 118AHC | PIERCE | JOHN B | | TRINITY | NC 27370 | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| 118AHC | COLLINS | ERNIE | | BLUEFIELD | VA 24605 | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| 118AHC | SOUTHWORTH | WILLIAM N | | LENEXA | KS 66219 | 1969 | 1970 | EM |
| 118AHC | DEWEY | JOSEPH A | | GANSEVOORT | NY 12831 | 1970 | 1970 | EM |
| 81 TRAN | LIVENGOD | RONALD W | | PLATTE WOODS | MO 64151 | 1962 | 1963 | EM |
| 119AML | LAWLIS | STEPHEN J | | WAVERLY HALL | GA 31831 | 1965 | 1966 | EM |
| 119AHC | HAMMOND | PAUL | | PHILADELPHIA | PA 19140 | 1966 | 1967 | EM |
| 119AHC | PADGETT | WILLIAM P | | ROANOKE | VA 24019 | 1967 | 1968 | EM |
| 119AHC | TIBBRINE | HARRY H 2712 G | | MAYS LANDING | NJ 08330 | 1968 | 1968 | EM |
| 94 MED | TETREAULT | EUGENE E | | E WINDSOR | CT 06088 | 1968 | 1968 | EM |
| 119AHC | CARROLL | EUGENE L | | SEATTLE | WA 98133 | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| 120AML | VOLK | WILLIAM E | | WEBB CITY | MO 64870 | 1964 | 1965 | OF |
| 120AHC | COVERT | STEVEN W | | INDIANAPOLIS | IN 46222 | 1966 | 1967 | EM |
| 120AHC | DAUSUEL | WILLIAM L | | PITTSBURGH | PA 15221 | 1966 | 1967 | |
| 120AHC | MULLEN | RICHARD P | | GRANITE CITY | IL 62040 | 1967 | 1968 | EM |
| 120AHC | WALLACE | CHARLES E | | JACKSON | MS 39211 | 1967 | 1968 | EM |
| 120AHC | LACY | MARC A | | RUSHVILLE | IN 46173 | 1967 | 1968 | EM |
| 120AHC | METZ | BRUCE W | | ALPINE | OR 97456 | 1970 | 1971 | EM |
| 93 TRAN | SERVENTI | RIGOBERTO | | SAN BENITO | TX 78586 | 1961 | 1962 | EM |
| 93 TRAN | WILLIS | DONALD R | | TOLEDO | OH 43612 | 1962 | 1962 | EM* |
| 93 TRAN | FRENCH | HENRY | | ARDMORE | OK 73401 | 1963 | 1964 | |
| 93 TRAN | PRINCE | THOMAS | | NEWPORT NEWS | VA 23602 | 1963 | 1964 | EM |
| 121AML | CLEMENTS | JOSEPH J | | ST LOUIS | MO 63118 | 1963 | 1964 | EM |
| 121AML | SMITH | RICHARD K | | WESTERVILLE | OH 43081 | 1964 | 1965 | EM* |
| 121AML | DARBY | JAMES W | | NEWARK | OH 43055 | 1965 | 1966 | EM |
| 121AML | Mc FADDEN | LOUIS P | | OCEAN CITY | NJ 08226 | 1965 | 1966 | OF |
| 121AHC | LEPORE | RANDALL F | | FLORENCE | MA 01060 | 1966 | 1967 | EM |
| 121AHC | VOLK | WILLIAM E | | WEBB CITY | MO 64870 | 1967 | 1968 | OF |
| 121AHC | DRONE | CHARLES W | | SAN JOSE | CA 95125 | 1967 | 1968 | EM |
| 121AHC | CHRISTENSEN | RAYMOND A | | WESTMINSTER | CO 80030 | 1967 | 1969 | EM |
| 121AHC | BYRNE | WILLIAM G | | MORRISTOWN | NJ 07960 | 1967 | 1969 | OF |

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| 121AHC | CILLUFFO | ANTHONY | RIALTO | CA | 92376 | 1968 | 1970 | EM |
| 121AHC | JACO | FLOYD | INDPLS | IN | 46222 | 1969 | 1970 | EM |
| 121AHC | SINKE | MICHAEL J | GRAND RAPIDS | MI | 49503 | 1970 | 1971 | WO |
| 135AHC | DOWNNEY | ROBERT E | WASHINGTON | DC | 20008 | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| 135AHC | RUSO | NEIL N | STERLING HTS | MI | 48313 | 1968 | 1969 | OF |
| 135AHC | GAGNE | BUSS | PENACOOK | NH | 03303 | 1968 | 1970 | EM* |
| 135AHC | BUCHANAN | JAMES C | PARKES A.C.T. | | 2600 | 1970 | 1971 | OF |
| 135AHC | McGEHEE | ARTHUR | PLANTATION | FL | 33313 | 1971 | 1972 | EM |
| 135AHC | MOSLEY | FRED T | EDGEMOOR | SC | 29712 | 1971 | 1972 | EM |
| 135AHC | INMAN | GERALD L | JACKSON | MI | 49204 | 1971 | 1972 | EM |
| 147AVN | ELLISTON | L THOMAS | CARL JCT | MO | 64834 | 1965 | 1966 | OF |
| 147AVN | RIGGINS | DAVID A | BIRMINGHAM | AL | 35205 | 1966 | 1968 | EM |
| 147AVN | ROWAN | RONALD L | ALBUQUERQUE | NM | 87120 | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| 147AVN | DEEL | LARRY M | BIRCHLEAF | VA | 24220 | 1970 | 1970 | EM |
| 147AVN | ALLEE | BILL | SHEBOYGAN | WI | 53081 | 1972 | 1973 | EM |
| 184AVN | ROY | GEORGE W | LEESPORT | PA | 19533 | 1966 | 1967 | EM |
| 184AVN | MOODY | LARRY J | EAST POINT | GA | 30344 | 1967 | 1968 | EM* |
| 190AHC | METCALF | ALLAN L | ANTIOCH | CA | 94509 | 1969 | 1970 | EM |
| 190AHC | DEWEY | JOSEPH A | GANSEVOORT | NY | 12831 | 1970 | 1970 | EM |
| UTT | THOMAS | BEN G | YORKTOWN | VA | 23692 | 1962 | 1963 | WO |
| UTT | CABLE | CHARLES | SHELBY GAP | KY | 41563 | 1962 | 1963 | EM |
| UTT | GREEN | HORACE | SAN ANGELO | TX | 76903 | 1962 | 1963 | EM |
| 571TRAN | HARRIGAN | FRANK | MYERSVILLE | MD | 21773 | 1964 | 1965 | EM |
| 197AHC | GLYNN | MARTIN | STATEN ISLAND | NY | 10306 | 1965 | 1966 | E5 |
| 197AHC | JONES | ROBERT L | MIDDLEBURG HTS | OH | 44130 | 1966 | 1967 | EM |
| 197AHC | ADESSA | ANTHONY J | N CALDWELL | NJ | 07006 | 1966 | 1967 | OF |
| 334AHC | BLUMER | LEE | MINNEAPOLIS | MN | 55417 | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| 334AHC | HALL | TIM | SENCEAVILLE | OH | 43780 | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| 334AHC | KATSANIS | PETER C | FLUSHING | NY | 11367 | 1969 | 1970 | EM |
| 334AHC | LATTIMER | RICHARD L | CALDWELL | ID | 83605 | 1969 | 1970 | EM |
| 334AHC | SEBRELL | BILL | WALDORF | MD | 20602 | 1971 | 1972 | EM |
| 213AHC | MacDOUGALL | WILLIAM D | LONG BEACH | CA | 90808 | 1967 | 1968 | EM |
| 213AHC | ADRIAN | KENNETH L | STANDISH | MI | 48658 | 1967 | 1968 | EM |
| 213AHC | BLAKE | RICHARD A | REDDING | CA | 96002 | 1968 | 1969 | EM |
| 213AHC | PETTERS | RODGER D | HOLDREGE | NE | 68949 | 1969 | 1971 | EM* |
| 213AHC | HALSEY | PATRICK | ROCHESTER | MN | 55901 | 1970 | 1971 | EM |
| 213AHC | CROUSE | THOMAS W | SEWAREN | NJ | 07077 | 1971 | 1972 | EM |
| 242ASHC | LARSON | LARRY | W HURLEY | NY | 12491 | 1967 | 1968 | EM |
| 242ASHC | INMAN | GERALD L | JACKSON | MI | 49204 | 1971 | 1972 | EM |
| 335AHC | LAHR | RICHARD P | NEPTUNE | NJ | 07753 | 1966 | 1967 | EM |
| 335AHC | RANNEY | DAVID R | COLO SPRG | CO | 80909 | 1969 | 1970 | EM |
| 335AHC | FIELDS | GERARD J | CITRUS HTS | CA | 95621 | 1969 | 1970 | EM |
| 335AHC | ANDRIES | ROBERT C | PORTLAND | MT | 48875 | 1969 | 1970 | EM |
| 339TRAN | WEAVER | ROBERT A | MARIETTA | GA | 30067 | 1965 | 1966 | EM |
| 339TRAN | ANWAY | CHARLES E | BELLINGHAM | WA | 98227 | 1965 | 1966 | EM |
| 339TRAN | GORSUCH | LESLIE A | AURORA | CO | 80011 | 1966 | 1967 | EM |

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

We would like for you to join our Association first,- here are some other organizations you might be interested in.

Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Assn, 7 W 7th St, Suite 1990, Cincinnati, OH 45202 1-513-721-VHPA

Vietnam Helicopter Crew Members Assn, PO Box 752592, Memphis, TN 38175-2592 1-901-795-2850

Army Otter-Caribou Assn, PO Box 6091, Columbus, GA 31907 1-800-626-8194

International Bird Dog Assn, 3939 C-8 San Pedro NE, Albuquerque, NM 87110 1-505-884-4822

Dustoff Assn, PO Box 8091, Wainwright Station, San Antonio, TX 78208

Vietnam Air Traffic Controller Assoc, PO Box 692, Penngrove, CA 94951

International Liaison Pilot & Aircraft Assn, (ILPA), 16518 Ledgestone, TX 78232 512-490-ILPA

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.

68th AHC, 118th AML, 119th AHC, UTT, & 335th AHC Unit PATCHES

We have reproductions of the 68th Top Tiger, 118th Air Mobile Light, 119th AHC, UTT 1963-64 (Pegasus), and 335th AHC, 1971 COWBOY patches to sell to raise funds. The Cowboy patch is the 3 & 1/2" round one of the Cowboy riding a huey and lassoing a VC. The patches sell for \$4 each. See order form inserted in newsletter.

VIETNAM VETERANS TIES

Frank Kemp who served with the UTT in 1963-64 sent in 10 ties, 5 navy blue and 5 burgundy, with Vietnam Campaign Ribbons woven in. Frank has been selling these ties for \$22 each to help raise funds for a Vietnam Vets Outreach program. Frank donated these ties to raise funds to have the UTT pocket patch reproduced, which we now have. Frank is sending six more to raise funds to have the "First in Vietnam" 145th patch reproduced. See order form inserted in newsletter.

CASSETTE TAPES

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". The next tape is called Combat Assault, on this tape Robert Moody takes you along with the EMUs and Tiapans, 135th AHC, on a Combat Assault mission when they catch the NVA. The next tape is Songs of the UTT, this tape tells of the life and missions of Vietnam Helicopter crews, recorded in Vietnam in 1965, with a country flavor. These tapes 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

We now have color T-shirts made with the original unit patch design for many of the units, 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" to 13" 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 pictures in Directory for more details. See order form inserted in newsletter. Send order to: 145th CABVA, 3719 Forest Hill Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

145th C.A.B. REUNION HATS

The 1991 Reunion Committee had hats made for the Reunion and we sold out, but more are on order. The hat is a red baseball cap style with a white front. Printed on the front in blue letters is; 145th COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION around large lettering VIETNAM. We are selling the hats for \$5 each, and that will add to the \$1000 the 91 Reunion Committee has already raised for us. Order one today, they should go fast at that price.

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]. Or send order form inserted in newsletter. Include your name and mailing address with the \$4 each. Please notice that when ordering the patches from David to only send the very bottem of the form to him. Everything else is ordered at the Association address.