

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

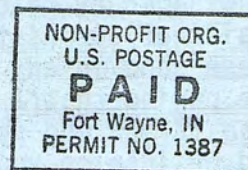
Transportation Companies

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

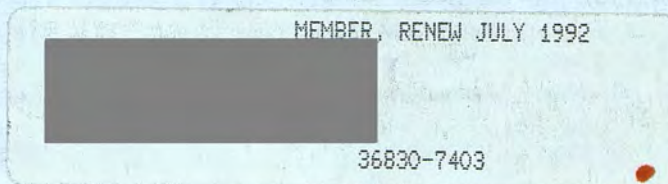
And all Detachments of these units.

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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Its newsletter time again and if it seems like your getting this a little late its because I'm even later this time then I was last time, sorry. I dated this one for August instead of July because it is so late, and it will actually be the middle of Sept before it's in the mail.

Financially we about broke even the second three months of this year. I say thank you to all of you that supported us and I think the next Financial Report will be much much better as more of our members renew their membership. A lot of our members ordered T-shirts and other items and most of the items were sent out right away, a few of the T-shirt orders we ran out of stock on. Our stock is back up again, all orders have been filled, and we're ready to take orders again as soon as you receive this. I sent out a mailing to everyone we have an address for to update them on our Association in July, we picked up about fifty more membership and brought in about \$1400 from these people.

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 four Awards earned by our members, and I think you will enjoy reading them. These 4 are only 4 out of thousands but they contain many details of our history. 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. I'm going to try to send out state list of people we are trying to locate from your state when I send out the 92-93 Membership Directory very soon. I'm still getting current address for the people that were on last years list, so we know that it works. We just need for you to try to look the people up in your phone book when you get the list.

This Veterans day will be the 10th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and a lot of event are planned for the 4th thru the 11th of November 1992 at the "Wall", please see article on page 18.

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



## READERS RESPONSE

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 and Debby, I want you two to know how much I appreciate the fine job you are doing. I have hoped to attend a reunion but it seems like something has always come to change my plans. Ce la vie...! I did get on the phone one day and had several good conversations with old friends. Started with Ken Chien, then Mike Citrano, Larry Mobley, Jack Waters. It was sure good hearing old friends. I was able to get each ones phone number from our directory. Thanks to you Jim and Deb. When I first joined saw Larry Lombard name and called him. Your latest Newsletter had Richard Le Jeune, Ralph Orlando, Franks Sparks, Barry Shields name in it. Sure stirred old memories. Remember talking to Sparks one time and him telling me about parking a J3 Cub in the top of a tree. He had fun getting down to the ground. Even when we don't stay in touch, I consider each a valued friend. One can't put a price on that. God Bless you both and your dedication to the 145th. Ron Madsen, [REDACTED]  
Bus P.S. Tell this guy to join..! Berl Zillman, [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Ron, I sent a newsletter and a directory to Berl Zillman, and your letter just told Berl to join. You will find some letters from your 118th friends in this newsletter.

Dear Sir: I am sorry that I haven't gotten back to you sooner this. There is a mix up of 68th AVN CO. I was with the 68th Avn Co, but it was in the 52nd Avn BN, 1st Avn Bdg. At camp Holloway outside Pleiku. I was with them from May of 71 to Jan 72. Originally we were C, 228th Avn Bn, 1st Air Cav. I was with Co C from Jan 70 until we were reassigned and redesignated in May of 71. I was in country from Jan 70 to Jan of 72. When the Cav went home in May or so of 71 Co C and A 227 (a Huey company) were sent north. While with the Cav we were at Phuoc Vinh, Co C 228th was a Chinook Co. I did enjoy reading your newsletter that you sent and if your Bylaws would permit, I would like to join your association. If not would it be possible to purchase some T-shirts and patches to help out your fund? I currently belong to the 1st Cav Association and Vietnam Veterans Helicopter Crew Members Ass. I am a fire fighter here in Sioux City for the last 14 years and would be proud to be part of your association. Sincerely, Emmett DeHarty

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Emmett, your letter gives me a chance to help clear up a few items. To answer your question, yes we would be honored if you will join our Association. When we put our Association together in September of 1986, we decided we wanted to include every one that served with the units that were assigned to the 145th C.A.B. in Vietnam, and the 45th Trans Bn that the 145th was formed from. We discussed cut off dates and decided against them, for example, if I had been assigned to a unit one day before it left the 145th, then I could join, but what about my good friend that arrived a week later and served with me the other 51 week of our year tour. We decided our most important purpose was to reunite the units, and friends, that served with the units that were assigned to the 145th/45th. In your case, the 68th Avn Co served three times in Vietnam, 68th Avn Co (Armed Helicopter), August 1964 to March 1965, 145th C.A.B., 68th Avn Co (AML/AHC), Nov 1965 to April 1971, 145th C.A.B., 68th Avn Co (ASHC), Sept 1971 to March 1972, 52nd C.A.B.. We had units like the 117th that served with the 145th three different times in Vietnam, and units like the UTT/68th/197th/334th that served 10 years in Vietnam with the 145th under four different unit numbers. I served with the 68th AHC, 2 July 1969 to 20 Dec 1970, when the 68th AHC was closed out and sent home. Wondered what happened to the 68th when I left, you and the people you served in the 68th ASHC can answer them questions. And to everyone out there that served with one of the units listed on the cover page, but at a time that the unit was serving with a different battalion, we still need you to join so that we can reunite the unit and compile the complete unit history.



Jim, My dues and some things. PTSD is STRESS and unrelenting. Maybe sleep? Many of us while in Augusta VAMC were having teeth problems; this was directly associated with the stress and accelerated gum retraction. Clean, brush, floss and scrub, it doesn't matter, the teeth were being pulled anyway. With an already Trauma disorder; any other shocks or traumatic events can aggravate the dental work more. I advise do not ignore it. We with PTSD already have a chemical imbalance and the poison from an infected tooth can be deadly; with a trip to the hospital for blood poisoning. Yes to the answer one leads to the other and like a domino effect; might as well go beyond a point and for a while get partial plates with the plan to get dentures. Gives me the creeps/ like some old gwee; but is reality. Thank you for the note about my fathers death. It was thoughtful and well done. Beware; Bush is trying to get credit for years of work of getting MIA/POWs back; they are in Russia and China. At the same time he has managed to cut VAMC work back to near half it's budget. Political time. I wrote Michael Craig in prison and will share part of what I wrote; for others: forget about your flight records; they are summarized in National Archives. Over two years ago I put in a request to the Department of the ARMY about certain matters. My records showed up just about ten days ago. I got what I need; but my Purple heart is not there; nor about ten other air medals and so on. In other words if you're in a hurry you're dollars short and years too late; there are 40,000 requests in the system. Also about our allies, they include Australians, Chinese, South Koreans, and Royal British Canadians- a detachment of the Philippine Army. Other things, while you published the VAMC's with PTSD programs; all interested should know there is no cure; that upon acceptance for admittance, one then begins a prison term. Considering fatigue as a factor, it is a hell of a way to treat sick people. Learn; they do teach courses in communications, how to write again; be polite disarm an argument/ always agree. But one thing they teach you and hardly a few pay any attention, it is to stay goal orientated. Jim you do the work of what you do for personal reasons; so do I; if it benefits a few hundred or a few thousand and save some lives; we've done our part. Hope springs eternal; there are two experimental units of PTSD units; one in Menlo, Calif, the other is American takes out of Seattle; a unique approach; using Ft. Lewis as those on the lists; the choppers come in and pick up the patients and simulate an assault; complete with blanks firing and such, no reports as to even partial success of that one program. Charlie Wells, Bellingham, WA 98225.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Charlie, I shortened you letter and I hope that all the important and most direct to the point parts are still there. Your next letter is printed just below this one and will shed more light on the subject of PTSD.

An open letter to all PTSD victims; spouses, and their children and parents; if deceased. In 1963, Walter Reed Army Research Institute commissioned a medical team of extraordinary specialist. The U.S. Army sent a team of their own to assist. In Vietnam they did blood and urine samples on combatants; particularly Special Forces; Counter Insurgency, and helicopter crew men. The research went on through 1966 wherein the results were conclusive in 1969 and made part of Congressional records before the U.S. House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. The results were overwhelming. Those of us who were in constant combat and threat of imminent death had severe internal chemical imbalances. They went further in exactly how Trauma occurs and that Phenothiozines were being given to us to keep us in combat. The entire works were published in a book called; Men, Stress, and Vietnam; by Dr Peter G. Bourne; Department of Psychiatry, Stanford University Medical Center, Palo Alto, California. This book was published simultaneously in 1970 by Little, Brown and Company Inc in Boston MA and by J&A Churchill Ltd London; Great Britain. American library of Congress catalog No. 72-101754. The British Standard Book No. 7000 01794. Many Libraries have this; it is in medical bookstores of colleges and Universities. I was chairman of the League of Veterans; for the Northwest, the British Canadians who fought in Asia and the Lumbi Indians at their request. Thus set about getting Public Law 100-687 passed and amended by the Senate. The law is called the Veterans Judicial Review Act and established the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals. This court has wide scope of powers and is not limited to just a review of VA or BVA decision. I went further in an effort to both save my life and others and wrote and called; Dept of the Army; Walter Reed Army Institute of research and Development Command; Walter Reed Medical Center, Wash, D.C. 20307 and the director of



that research team is Mr. S. Paul Klein. He is now Director of Communications. Very candid, he had records on me; for as an airline pilot when PTSD struck me down in 73: all combat aviators flying for airlines were under a 20 year epidemiological study. There is no cure and the chemical imbalances are irreversible, he said, and added "we've been at it for over twenty years". Also you can contact; Col. Richard B. Parry, Jr./Medical Service Corp; Secretary of the General Staff; Dept. of the Army/ Medical Research and Development Command, Ft. Detrick, Md. 21701-5012. Upon this I begun a federal lawsuit and after two and a half years the court found in my favor. However the court does not pay the money. The case was remanded for payment back into the VA system. That was over six months ago and as most know the VA may take to my death if they ever pay. Meanwhile I am being denied admittance; full payment for medicines and urgent dental work. Nearly half the agreed settlement will go for private research, for while I can live with the mental impairment, but the anxiety; stress; fatigue, depression, all by a chemical imbalances which causes a poisoning of our own systems, I cannot. It is a killer. Because of their dishonor I know make this as public as possible. You should know that once begun you will be visited by every government agency you ever dreamed of; military; treasury; secret service; etc /your phone may be tapped. There is safety in numbers. I urge you to therapy in the form of preparing your own cases; first, get a copy of the law; just call the clerks office of the U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals; they send it free; Get copies of Supreme Court Rules; again from the clerks Office of such. If you have never read it; get a copy of the American Constitution. In it you will find that document provides medical relief and benefits for all of who serve in combat for the rest of their lives. You will find that the suppression of medical evidence that is an imperative health hazard is a federal violation with penalties for those who suppressed the knowledge. There is more but you will have to do the work. Not many lawyers will even take veterans cases and if you find one, they do not understand COVA; the VA system and the BVA at all. Going under the Federal Tort Claims Act is just wasting your time. You must exhaust all remedies of restitution and compensation. Singly as they would like it; there is another way. With over fifty thousand suicides of service connected PTSD victims; the potential is for maybe two hundred cases at a one hundred million dollar entry level on the doorstep of the Supreme Court. This is called an extraordinary Writ of Certioraria. It means our lives are at stake in research and private medical help since the VA Medical centers have no intention of helping us or doing what might save thousands of lives. There is already a class action suit by the British Canadians; and the Australians against the State Dept./ the amount I do not know. I take full responsibility for this divulgence of information and in no way should it reflect upon our Association nor our National Director / Coordinator. It is with gracious courtesy that Mr Bodkin has agreed to publish this. If you want further or specific information you may call me at [REDACTED]. Or write to:

[REDACTED] Please try to remember any difference in time zone and that I have it bad and many meetings with combat veterans. Plus some semblance of a social life. Sincerely, Charles B. Wells III

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Charlie Wells has pretty well devoted his life to this and will welcome any contact with those of you that want more info. Charlie's address and phone number are printed in the letter so you can contact him. Charlie served with the 119th AML in 1964-65. Take care Charlie.

Jim, I work at the Vet Center here in Reno, Nevada. I have informed 2 other vets who served with the 117th AHC of your organization and they assure me they will be joining soon. Keep up the great work! [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Rob, I know as a VA employee that you can't send their addresses but if you don't see them listed in the new people located list before the end of the year, then ask them if you can send in their address. Their friends are looking for them.

Jim, Lest I get behind I'm enclosing 3 years dues. I have found 2 people so far on the "missing" list from Oregon. They are: Richard Collinson, [REDACTED] and Gary Krombein [REDACTED]. I have sent them applications



and I hope they join. I am confident that with some more legwork, I can find at least half if not more of the guys on the list. Wayne Swanson, "Spartan control" [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Wayne, your efforts are appreciated. I'll be getting this years Directory out soon and will be sending out new Help Find List with them. And as you already know, they do work, its not real easy, but they do work. Maybe more of our people will give it a try this time. Read on for a couple of letters from Gary Krombein.

Dear Jim, Well you folks found another lost soul. Wayne Swanson, from Sandy Oregon found me last week and sent this form to me, so I am sending it along with appropriate money, not sure exactly where you cut off the dues, so let me know when I owe more dues. It appears that you have been organized for awhile so any back information that I have misses would be greatly appreciated. If money is needed for directories or other such items I'm sure you bill accordingly. Also have not ever heard anything of the unit since I left "country", so any information you might have on brigade, battalion, and/or 68th AHC would be very enjoyable to hear about. Have enclosed the correct funds for two items mentioned and am sure that after receiving your response I'll have many more questions to ask. Gary A. Krombein, [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Gary. Along with the membership card and item Gary ordered, I sent a couple of back newsletters and some Battalion history. And shortly after I received another letter Gary, printed below.

Dear Jim, Enclosed is the check for the burgundy tie, keep the extra for "the fund", sorry it can't be more right now. I think I should get another shot at "New People Located list" some may not have known who that was; it's Gary Krombein. Please send the list of people you are looking for and if you have some back issue newsletters laying around, I would certainly enjoy catching up on old news. Thanks for all the work you are doing; it certainly is "above and beyond" Sincerely, Gary Krombein

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Gary, I misspelled Gary's last name in the New People Located list in the last newsletter, sorry about Gary, I really hate it when that happens, when my hands don't do what my brain tells them to do. I have made the corrections to the file. I do appreciate it when people let me know I've made a mistake, so I don't keep making them. I sent Gary an updated list of people we are looking for in Oregon, this type of info is available anytime to any of our people willing to try to find these people. Thank you Gary and good hunting.

Mr. Bodkin, My name is Bob Kennedy and I served with the 118th from Oct. 64-65. I would like to know is there any chance that you sell 145th shoulder patches, that was worn on uniforms? If so I'd like information on ordering some of them so I can sew them on military jackets. Enclosed you'll find my order form for 4 t-shirts. I would like to have 3-118th T-shirts, and 1-145th t-shirt. Also enclosed is a membership form. The following is the sizes of the T-shirts that I'm ordering. 1-145th CAB T-shirt- Ex large 1-118th t-shirt Ex large 2-118th t-shirt large. Total T-shirt order is 4 at a cost of \$13.00 ea.= \$62.00. Also send me any information that you may have on activities going on in the state of Indiana involving the 145th C.A.B. or Vietnam Vets Ass. Bob Kennedy, [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Bob. We will have 145th Patches made in the near futher, but as of now we don't have any, I'll let everyone know when they are available. I also sent Bob info on VN Vets reunions around Indiana. The biggest event is the Vietnam Veterans Reunion in Kokomo, Indiana on Sept 18th, 19th, and 20th, 1992. This year is their 10th Annual Reunion and this is usually about the biggest in the country, about 20,000. We formed our Association at the Kokomo Reunion in 1986, and if at all possible this is the one to attend if your looking for a general VN Vet reunion to attend, its a lot of fun.

Hello Jim: Just a few lines to let you know I'm enjoying the newsletter, and remembering thing that Sp5 Russell and Freddy Holder wrote. I was glad Freddy had run into Mr Shields. I flew with this fellow a few times myself. Damm good pilot, damm good man, damm good soldier. Enclosed you'll find flyers for a Vietnam Veterans Reunion. Hope you can run some



off and distribute them in your area. The 145th and their units wound up for the biggest part becoming the 1st Avn Brigade, or chicken on a stick. I was there last year and met a lot of them who were with my old unit, the 118th, but served under the 1st Avn Bde. Hope you can get a lot of your boys and readers to attend. Sincerely, Bob Kennedy, 118th, Bien Hoa, 1964-1965

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Bob. The VN Vet Reunion Bob sent info for, LZ Brush Run, is being held Aug 7, 8, 9, 1992 in southeastern Ohio. By the time this newsletter is delivered this event will be over, but the one next year should be the same weekend. For more information the phone number is 1-614-458-1126. I'll be in Hampton, VA at the Army Otter-Caribou Assoc Reunion that week end so I wouldn't be able to attend LZ Brush Run. Hopefully Bob will get us some new people.

Dear Jim, I'll make this short in hopes that you will print it. I flew 897 hours with the 71st Rattlers in 69-70. I was never put in for an air medal and my DD214 does not show that I am authorized to wear EM flight wings and yet on my return to the States I found that people like mail clerks had received air medals just for riding in one of our Ships. That just doesn't make sense to me. I was just wondering if any of the other crew members had ran into this too. Thanks, Dan Garren, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) I've been finding this to be far to common a problem. I just don't know what can be done about it. If you have copies of your flight records you might be able to request the award through VA or through the Awards and Decorations Branch at St Louis Records Branch, but the time limits might have ran out. Let me know if you get anywhere with this, a lot of our readers will want to know.

Jim, Do you know the story about Annie Fannie? Here is the photo that I took after they covered up her beautiful breasts. Ordered by Gen. Williams. I am sending you more volumes of stuff. Hope you have a place to store it. Col. Hughes sent the ROAD material to Col. Reisacher while I was in Korea. I was the 7th Avn. Bn. XO and thats why I am in possession of these two documents. I am also sending the photo annual of the Cobra NETT team that I was responsible for when they were assigned from the States to the 12th Avn. Gp. Later, Bob Deets P.S. Bob had this note in w/pic of Annie Fannie (big box on the way) but couldn't put a letter in box since I marked it "BOOKS" Were washing away with all the rain! Hope all is well up there- guess your glad for school vacation- Our son, Maj. Deets & family back from 4 years in Alaska and Stationed at FT Rucker, AL- He's w/Medevac Unit -loves the job even though he's gone a lot. Hi Debbie!! Opal

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Bob and Opal. Well the way I heard the story about Annie Fannie was that when the 117th moved to Long Bien that some of the nurse at the hospital complained. I didn't believe the story about the nose of the aircraft being to heavy from to much wax on the nose cover. Thanks Bob for the photo after the "cover up", and the R.O.A.D. (Reorganization Of Aviation Divisions) material dated 1963 written by Col Hughes (Corn Cob 6), and photo annual of the Cobra NETT. The info in the ROAD material is very important to Aviation and were very happy to have and preserve it. May someday another LTC Deets will command the 145th.

Dear Jim, My name is Michael Martin. I was a crew chief on ship 420 with the 68 AHC Mustangs Gun Platoon. From Oct 1968 to April 1970. I talked to you on the phone about the 145th association, if it hadn't been for Carl White I wouldn't have known about the association. By the way Carl White had a heart attack about 2 months ago. He's doing better now. Jim, I think it was a great idea to give Scott Alwin's family a cover from one of the mustangs ship. I flew with Scott off and on while I was in the gun platoon. I was looking threw some old pictures after talking to you and found one of Troy Pennock trying to stab a rat, a rat is quicker. Enclosed is my dues and some extra to use as needed. Mike Martin

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Mike. From what I hear Carl White is recovering OK from his May 15 heart attack, Carl was the ISG with HHC and 120th Avn Co in 1964-1965. Maybe we'll hear from Troy Pennock about how the rat tricked him and got away, we know Mustangs don't miss.



Jim, Sorry to have been late with the dues, your newsletter is outstanding. I have been doing one for the DAV here in Palm Bay. I only have 500 members so it's not as costly. I am now the commander so I have found another member to take over as editor. Regarding your dedication page of our friends who died after tour. James Reed, a UTT/197 member was killed in a F/W accident at Ft. Sill if I remember right. He was just along for the ride and I believe it was a Beaver or Bird dog he was in. Also Lou Tappan died of a heart attack in Daleville. He and his wife were friends of my parents also of the great Daleville. Still have not located Jim Vance or Walt Greaves and heard Jim Childers is retired in Hawaii! Best Wishes for the 4th. Frank L. Alverson Jr.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Frank, Jim Vance I think was from New York City area, Walt Greaves was from Maine, and the info that I got is that a Jerry W Childers that served with the UTT/197, 64-65, and 334th in 67-68 was from TN and lived around Killeen/ Ft Hood, TX a few years ago, hopefully the people we have in Hawaii will try to find him.

Dear Sir, Please enroll me in your 145th Asso. I flew with 121th Avn Co. 1969-1970. I'm still involved with Army Aviation as Commander of the 385th ATR Group AZ. Army NG [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Joe Durant

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Joe welcome aboard. In the last newsletter one of our readers asked who was still on active duty. Hope to see you at our 93 Reunion.

Dear Jim, As usual, I enjoy receiving the newsletter, especially the historical section. Do you know when you will be publishing a recap of the 190th AHC? I find it ironic that most of us were involved in the making of history, yet in actuality, we know so little of it. In the last issue, you asked for anyone who is still active or in the Reserves. After 11+ years in the active, I decided to hang up the Nomax and seek fortune and fame in civilian life. Not wanting to waste my active investment (and because I missed my comradery), I decided to look into the Reserves. That was in 1978 and I'm still involved with the 104th Division (Training) here in the Pacific Northwest. You can count me in the statistics of those still involved. Continued success with the 145th and everything. I especially liked the roster of everyone ever involved with the 145th. It was even nice to see the list of soldiers who have gone on to recon the LZ in the sky. It enabled me to remember their names so I can include them in my prayers. God Bless us all. Keep up the good work and thanks. Sincerely, Curtis A. Loop, Spartan 16, 3 and 5

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Curtis. I only have the basic history of the 190th, when it arrived, when it went up North, went it left Vietnam, and just a few other items. What we need is anyone having any info on the 190th to send it in.

Dear Jim, I have relocated (again) to Texas where I am employed by Texas A&M. I'm managing a program for Texas A&M which has to do with improving assistance for soldiers and their families, particularly during times of separation and/or deployment. Of course I'm looking forward to the 1993 reunion and will be glad to lend a hand if I'm still in the area. The last reunion was great. To be able to drink a beer with Joe Jobe, Bill Fraker, Mark King, and all was an experience I'll never forget. Can't wait to do it again. You and Deb are doing a great job. I much admire your dedication to our organization. Dave Price UTT/68/197 1964-1965 P.S. Here's my dues. Early for a change. NEW ADDRESS Dave Price, P.O. [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Dave and I'll see you in Fort Worth at the 93 Reunion.

Dear Jim, I wanted to drop you a line to say thanks for letting people know about our combined VHPA/VHCMA spring get together in May 1992, several people saw my note in the last newsletter and gave me a call. Neil Camas and I were talking the other day and wondered why there was no one to be the 335th "Cowboys" company historian? Both the VHPA and VHCMA New England try to do events together. We have a monthly lunch, every other month Fly-in Dinner and two large get togethers each year. We have just started a newsletter here and I will put one in the mail to you when we publish it this month. Here in New England we feel as though most of us in Vietnam flew together as teams/ crews and why not replicate that strong bond that both pilots and crew members felt in Vietnam. SPRING GET TOGETHER On the 17 of May the New England chapter of VHCMA had it's last spring



get together with the New England chapter of VHPA (we had a few fall joint reunions). There was plenty of fun, conversation and family fun. Approximately 60 people attended from both the VHPA New England and VHCMA New England. The party took place at Mr. Peter Adam's farm in Lincoln MA. Peter Adams was a pilot with B/7/1 67-68 and B/3/17 68-69 RVN. He was kind enough to lend us his lower 10 for the party. A number of people who attended were associating with association members for the first time and were completely unaware that the international organization for crew members existed all were interested in beginning and supporting a New England Chapter of the VHCMA and VHPA. In addition, everyone who attended were completely in favor of having a local newsletter in which would be jointly put together by a pilot and crew members. CREW MEMBERS WHO ATTENDED: Joe Cozza, John Salino Francis Mannone, William Nutter, James Sheridan, James Booth, Jardo Opocensky, John Garcia, Stephen Roccabello, Seth Robertson, Robert McKenna, Robert Gibeault, Harvey "Bud" Kelly, Steven Swan, Ron Winter, and Greg Offringa. PILOTS WHO ATTENDED: Peter Adams, Charles "Tony" Robinson, Kerry "Doc" Taylor, Michael O'Neil, Robert Whitford, and William Wollinger. (p.s. I hope I didn't forget anybody) Jim, if you could also let people know that we are trying to put together a library of helicopter computer graphics/black and white art /drawing. If people have helicopter clip-art files we sure would appreciate their sharing them with us or where they bought the clip-art. We need clip art in IBM formats, such as PCX and TIF. If anyone (pilots or crew members) has questions about art or interest in joining our monthly lunches or every other month fly-in dinners, please feel free to write or call. Greg Offringa, LICSW, VHCMA-NEC Coordinator, [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Greg. The reason we don't have a Unit Historian for the 335th is no one has volunteered yet. I hope everyone we have located in the New England area will try to make the "Spring Get Together", that might be a good time for all our people in the New England area to make their final travel plans for the 145th Reunion and the VHCMA and VHPA Reunion one week later.

Dear Jim, My mailing address has changed. Kindly send all mail to the following address: Ivah Chesterfield, [REDACTED] Ivah Chesterfield, P.S. Jim send me a Reunion hat and keep the change.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Ivah, the address change note really helps with the mailing.

Dear Jim, Please find my check inclosed, I'm most proud to become a new member of the 145th C.A.B.V.A. In addition, I salute all those that are constantly working toward the growth and re-establishment of the old comradery of this famous Battalion. Keep up the good work and it will all pay-off. I say this because someone found me from my World War II unit- now were talking fifty years ago and I hope to go to my first reunion this coming October. In Vietnam I flew for the 57th Med. Det. and had the honor of being associated with the best of men and I certainly want to be associated with them for the rest of my life. Through one of these men (Bill Hughes) I've learned about the 145th C.A.B.V.A. Incidentally Jim, I just finished talking to him via AT&T and he's wondering about the T-shirt design for the 57th Med. Det. that he sent to you (see page 17 of NL 19). Yes Bill Hughes has lots of talent that he's demonstrated both on and off the battle field. If you need assistance please let us know and we'll try to get you what else might be required. I plan to contact John Synowsky (TX Coordinator) to see how I might assist him for the Ft. Worth Reunion, also will contact Jim Thorn (Reunion Chairman). Thank you for all the hard work you have done to keep us all together. I certainly look forward to meeting you. Sincerely, Howard Huntsman

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Howard and we can use all the help we can get with the Reunion. Hopefully I will get the T-shirt design for the 57th Med Det done soon. I need to redraw the design on clear plastic, one for each color, for the photo-sensitive screens. The design is 6 color with very fine lines but should really look good when printed. I'm going to try to do the design before the end of August, I figure the design will take atleast one full week-end to redraw.

Dear James, Hope this find's you and your family doing well. Included is a money order for one year's dues. Also included is a few pages from my collection of 71st AHC history.



Notice the 71st on the Rattler patch. The pictures include the start of a C.A. out of the snake pit. One picture includes the stand-by and armor tents for the firebird's. The name of the Rattler's Recovery ship was "Snake Doctor". Hope these little pieces of information may help with the 71st AHC. Sincerely, James Baragorna

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Jim and I will make sure the history info is added into our historical file and add the pictures into our Battalion archives photo display.

Jim, Just finished reading the Newsletter. Was going to write last time and just didn't do it, so I'll sit down now before I put it off again. I really enjoyed reading Jim Jewels articles last newsletter. "Capt" Jewel, Wo Herring, Don Schweitzer and I spent a harrowing day back in '67 stamping around in some V.C. bunkers and canals along the Cambodian Border. Don and I still keep in touch and often talk about how nice it would be to see "Capt" Jewel again. We both went to the 91 reunion in Ft. Rucker along with another "Raider" Tom Coffield. Hope to see you more at the 93 reunion in Ft. Worth. Which brings me to the reason for writing, I now live in Ft. Worth and am anxious to help in anyway I can. Let me know! Rick McCurry, [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Rick and we can use all the help we can get with the 93 Reunion and hopefully there will be a lot of former UTT/68th/197th/334th people there.

Dear Jim, Please continue my membership for another year also include John Silk and George Mattingly for another year, The rest of the money put to good use. Thanks, Rick Stewart  
190th Gun Plt

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Rick and I know John Silk and George Mattingly appreciate your deed, I sent them their new card with a note.

Dear Jim and Debby, I am enclosing my dues as a new members and apologize for the delay. I was assigned to the 57th in Oct. 1962 as a CWO and in Nov. was "rified" from the WO corps, and promoted to 1 LT. I was then transplanted to the 93d. I then returned to VN. in Jan. 1967 and served my second tour starting with the 120th at Vinh Long and then was transferred to Saigon, and finished my tour at Qui Nhon. After 30 years searching though countless LIFE magazines searching for the one with center spread of Cpt. Don Toth running from a burning H-21, I finally located one here in So.FL. He perished on an H-21 shortly after publication, along with other close friends Lou Stone, Charlie Fitts, and Ray Wilde (mechanical failure). I retired from U.S.A. in 1973 and for the past 18 years was a corporate pilot with IBM flying Lear's and helicopters. In between my 20 year military career I spent 13 years with the Executive Flight Det in Wash D.C., Homestead, IL and San Antonio, TX. Sincerely William H. Shaw

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Bill. Your four friends and CWO Lawrence C Hammond, killed 11 January 1963, are listed in our Memorial List in the back of our Directory you will be receiving soon.

1st tour arrived Vung Tau 1 May '65, flew UH-1D off Iwo Jima to Ban Me Thout to check out pilots. Up to Da Nang 6th AVN Plt I Corp AVN Co, flew slicks short time then guns "Fang 7". Oct 65 145th Bien Hoa with 6th AVN Plt, we flew for everybody for rest of tour. Instructed at Ft. Rucker 66-67, 28 Dec 67, 2nd tour. 2 Jan 68, 1st PLT. "Playboy 13" 334 AHC till 18 Dec 68. Ft Lee, VA. flew everything and was SIP till retirement in Oct. 74. I thoroughly enjoyed both tours in Vietnam as I was able to compare it with being a squad Ldr, Plt Sgt, and Plt Ldr in Korea 1950-51 2nd Inf Div. I'll take flying guns any day anywhere. Disappointed I was too old for Desert Storm. Enjoying retirement back home in FLA, 65 and playing sets of tennis daily. Getting old "sucks". Vic Holmes, P.S. Was 334 AHC the first "cobra" out fit? If not I've been lying a lot.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Vic. Your right about the 334th being the first unit in Vietnam to get the Cobra. The COBRA NETT, NETT standing for New Equipement Training Team, arrived 30 August 1967 and started training the 334th pilots in the Cobra. Many members of Cobra NETT had served with the 334th when it was known as the UTT, 68th, 197th, so they took the Cobra to their old unit first.

Dear Jim, Enclosed please find my dues for this coming year. Sorry I'm late. Please find



\$8.00 as an additional contribution to be used as you see fit for our association. Peggy and I both appreciate what you and Debby are doing. See you in '93. Richard W. Hinton P.S. Add another 10.00 for an associate member- my wife Peggy  
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Dick and Peggy, see you at the 93 Reunion.

Debby and Jim, Thanks for all you do for the association. Look forward to seeing you in Cowtown in '93. Keep up the good work on the newsletter. The very best to you both. Paul Faidley

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Paul, I'll be there and I'm hoping most of our members will be there.

Dear Jim and Deb, Hope you are all in good health. All is fine on this end. NL 21 arrived recently and as usual it was informative & very interesting. The reprinted article titled "Riding shotgun in Vietnam" filled in some blanks for me on the doorgunners that flew with us from the 25th Inf. Div. I can't say enough good about the ones we had in the Bandits. Didn't know they had a 90 day rotation. I guess many extended 2 or more times since it seemed like most were around longer than 90 days. It was also great reading articles from old class mates and 118th mates Pat McLarney and new member Richard LeJeune. Glad to see Richard is finally on board. Jim, and speaking of the 118th, my tour during late 1964 and most of 65 was with the 118th Air Mobile Light. Totally different unit patch than 118th AHC. Maybe if enough of you old air mobile light people out there let Jim know that you will buy Unit T-shirt with our era patch on it, he will get them made for us. How about it Jim? If it doesn't happen I might have to get an airbrush artist to make one up for me. Enclosed is \$20.00 for dues and the extra as you see fit. Keep up the good work. Regards Ralph Orlando 118th Bandits P.S. I just read CW2 in paperback. It's labeled fiction but it's good reading, written by Layne Heath, a former army helicopter pilot.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Ralph, and yes the 118th AML patch is a lot different than the 118th AHC patch. To make the t-shirt design I need a clear design to follow. I talked with Ralph on the phone and Ralph sent in an original 118th AML patch to use to make the T-shirt design. And now that I found a place that can reproduce patches without sending them somewhere in the mail I told Ralph I would see about having a 100 of them made. So hopefully by the next newsletter we will have 118th AML T-shirts and patches available. Check the T-shirt ad and order form in the newsletter.

Dear Jim, Sure am glad to find the 121st AHC was in the 145th. I have been retired since Jan 72, and have never seen anything on the 121st. I did talk to Dr Bartecchi and had a nice conversation with him. He is sending me a copy of the book he wrote on Soc Trang. I am enclosing my membership dues, and thank you ever so much for sending the Directory. Hope to hear from anybody from the 121st. Sincerely, Ray Hilliard, [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Ray, hopefully many former Soc Trang Tigers will contact. Many have said they will be at the 93 Reunion.

Jim: Please: Renew my membership (\$10.00), send one 145th cap (\$5.00), send three #06-02 71st AHC tee-shirt, one medium (\$13.00), one X large (\$13.00), one XXX large (\$13.00), I get mail as if I had been a member of the 118th and/or 135th. Please correct my organization assignment. I activated and was the 1st CO of the 71st AHC. Thanks, Mike Thomas, RD 9 Sunset Gardens, Mountain Top, PA 18707 (717) 474-6811  
(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Mike and will do.

Dear Jim, I am writing you to let you know that I won the primary election for the U.S. House of Representatives by 66% to 34%, a rather convincing victory. I was out spent by more than 10 to 1; furthermore, I did not seek or accept contributions in the primary- it was all my funds. I will not be able to do this in the general election because it will be too expensive. The difference was that I went directly to the people of the district with face to face contact. I have been working full time on the campaign and will continue up until 3 Nov 1992 which is election day. It is high time that we put more veterans in the U.S. Congress. Their values are in-tune with the American way of life and have already



proven that they are willing to fight and die for their country. I need help in this endeavor. It is beyond my financial ability to defeat this incumbent without the help of the soldiers who have served their country. Please print this letter to let everyone know how I feel and how they can get in contact with me. Sincerely, Robert C Anderson, [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Bob. It will really be great to have a true Playboy, that's Playboy 13, 334th AHC 1969-70, in Congress to help us keep what VA benefits we have left. Bob has been a member of our Association since 1987 and is currently our Regional Director/Coordinator for North Carolina. Our Association is non-political and we can't endorse anyone or party but any of you as individual that might want to help Bob, he included his address and phone number at the end of his letter. Good luck Bob.

Dear Jim, In ref. to Dick Hoovers remarks (NL21 page 8) about the UH-1 with .50 Cal mounted on it. This system was sent to the 68th Avn Co / UTT in early 1965 for test and evaluation. CWO Ralph "Doc" Holloway and myself flew this UH-1B and tested the .50 Cal system. I remember the vibration was present when firing but was not a great factor. The biggest problem was keeping the barrels cool. A single firing pass with a sustained rate of fire would burn the rifling out of the barrels and bullets would go everywhere but where you wanted them to. Also, once the .50 cal heated up to the point, they would keep cooking rounds off, this made it dangerous. I can not remember this ship ever being used in combat. We rejected the system for combat use. Sincerely, Mark King, UTT/68th/197th June 1964 - Feb 1965

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Mark. Could you let us know a little more about the system they sent to the 68th / UTT in 1965? I seen some .50 Cal guns mounted on D and H model. The 118th had a .50 Cal mounted inside their smoke ship and manned by a third enlisted crew member, maybe David "Killer" Evans will tell us more about it.

Hi Jim & Debby, this sort of slipped my mind. Sorry about that. Please renew. Thanks, John Rollins PS Do you have any info on the Kokomo reunion? I have a friend who served in Nam and he would like to go. See you there. Thanks

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you John. I sent John his new membership card and the info on the Kokomo Reunion. The basic info on the Kokomo, IN. Vietnam Vet Reunion is the dates are 18-20 September 1992 in Kokomo on HWY 31, about 40 miles north of Indianapolis, right behind the Kokomo Howard Johnson Motel. The Kokomo Reunion is one of the largest in the country, about 20,000 Vets. This is the 10th Annual Reunion and is always the 3rd weekend of September.

James, I certainly enjoyed your latest newsletter. Because of the Association I am locating more and more "Rattlers" I served with. A person who was on your New People Located List, Thomas Brown of Rockwall, Texas is an acquaintance of mine. He was a firebird crew chief in the 71st AHC. I talked him out of a copy of his silver star award and have his permission to send it to you, if your interested. I also have a KIA to add to the list. He was a WO1 named Robert T McDaniel who died July 5, 1967 and is on panel 23E, Line 010. He was with the 71st AHC. I have three names I would like to put on your try to Find List. They are: WO1 Beryl F Scott, WO1 Wallace W Dunning Jr, and SSGT Lawrence M Lackey. Any help would be greatly appreciated. All were "Rattlers". I am proudly enclosing my dues fee. Ron Seabolt, [REDACTED] PS I'm the one who left the Dallas, TX phone book outside your room at Ft Rucker last summer.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Ron, I think I'm going to print Tom Brown's award, and a few other awards, in the history section of this newsletter, and add them to the complete history report. I added WO Robert T McDaniel to our Memorial List and have added Beryl Scott, Wallace Dunning, and Lawrence Lackey to the Help Find List. If anyone has any more info on these people please let me know. And thank you for the phone book, this is a good time for me to ask everyone coming to the 93' Reunion to bring a phone book with them for the Association, they are very useful in locating more people.

Dear Jim and Deb, Sorry about not getting you a change of address off when we moved down here. It might make you feel better to know you wasn't the only one I forgot. Seems



like since I passed the medi-care age my C.R.S. get worse. Anyway it was good to get the newsletter. As you and all the other VN-Vets know, it didn't help my health any to slog around Nam for 5 years. But I am still walking (not far). Jim, I just got a notice from V.A. about the overdose of radiation some of us got during the test's in Nevada in 1957. If there is anyone from the old 8th Trans. Co (H21) that got these letters I would like to hear from them. Also I think it was the 334th Trans. Co. (H34) that also took part in those tests. I have tried to get copies of orders for that time from St Louis, but that is pulling a rhino's teeth with a pair of vice grips. There was a Sp-6 Charlie Burns (no relations) in the 8th Trans. in 62-63 at Qui Nhon I would like to get in touch with. We plan to move back to Lake Texoma, OK. about April 93. That is only about 120 miles from Ft. Worth so I should be able to help a little as soon as I can get settled in. Will be in touch with you later on that. I would also like to have a t-shirt from the old 81st. Don't remember what it became (more of the C.R.S.) Enjoyed talking to you on phone enclosed renewal for membership and a 145th T-shirt. Hope to see all in Ft. Worth in 93. Very truly yours, Virgil J. Burns

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Virgil and the 8th Trans Co became the 117th AML Hel Co in June 1963, and we do have unit T-shirt for them. If anyone has any info about Charlie Burns please send it in and maybe we can find him. Anyone want to contact Virgil about the overdose of radiation his address is: Virgil Burns, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Dear Jim, A few days ago Marcellus Karrigan sent me a copy of his 145th Assoc. file. He continues to be my right hand man as he was when we were "wrecker one", 80th Trans, and part of the 121st AHC. It seems that without knowledge of the fact, during two tours in Nam, I served as CO in two unit for which the 145th became the parent--- 80th Trans, Oct 64 Oct 65 and 242 ASH May 68- Sep 68. I guess that makes me a bastard child, But it also makes me feel real good to find out that I do have a family. Although I'll never forget the faces, twenty seven years had caused a few of the names to blur. Thanks to your news letter, readers response and membership directory, I've found a break in the overcast. Your doing a great job, keep it up. Inclosed is a check for my annual dues, if there's anything left I'm sure you'll find a use for it. Didn't get to meet you in Nam, and that was my loss, but looking forward to correcting that in June of 93 in Texas. Yours Truly, "Red" Keville "Wrecker one" and "Mule Skinner 6" P.S. Now that I know someone is looking for lost members, I'd like to join the search. I'll be in touch.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Red. For the 93' Reunion we are going to try to use the chain of command to try to locate as many people as possible. We started with the 145th Battalion Commanders and as many of the Company Commanders as possible, asking them to locate as many of the directly under them as possible. And we will be asking everyone to contact the people above and below them in the chain of command in an effort to locate everyone. I have about 4500 names on our Help Find List, about half with their home state, anyone needing any info please let me know. We have been and will continue to try to find people by state list. In the 92-93 Directory which you will receive soon will be a list of people we are looking for in your state. Thanks for the extra \$25 donation. See you in 93'.

Jim and Debbie, Thank you for the effort you have put into this organization. Each newsletter contains at least one, if not more, items of particular interest. Enclosed is a check for membership dues for three years and two T-shirts. Sincerly, Stu Ostrander "Radier 24" 197th /334th Nov. 65-66

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Stu.

Hi Jim and Deb, Little Jeffrey is getting bigger, and getting into everything. He's becoming a real little terrorist around the apartment. Nothing is safe from him anymore! Anyway it appears that the address for different items to be sent to are not clear enough for everyone. Jim Hunter has sent his membership to me! You might want to consider reformatting the page and identify which address goes with which part a little better, or maybe not. Las Vegas was great fun, and I was elected as vice- president of Crewmember's



Association! I have not had time to write to the HQs yet, I need to do this as soon as I can. Best of luck, gotta go! Killer (David Evans) PS. No, Jeffrey is not Killer, Jr. He will have to earn his own nickname.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Good hearing from you Killer. Isn't it great having a little one. I'm a father of five and having missed all that with my oldest, I wouldn't have missed any of it with the other 4. They really do grow up so very fast. Hopefully I have corrected the formatting on the order form for the 118th AHC patch.

Hi Jim and Deb, Been a while since I thought about Nam. What the hell is the deal on our POW's. We may never know. Anyway, good to hear from you. I or (we) Joan my wife of eight years just had a baby boy in May 21 of 1991. So he's about 15 months now. If you hear from any of the guys tell them I said "I go now" and pass along my phone #. I guess it's about time I joined huh? Steve Brackett P.S. If the box won't fit on a mail box mail, then send to: Steve Brackett, [REDACTED]

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Steve, good hearing from you, I think the last time I saw you was at Kokomo in 1987. There must be something in the water there in Southeast Michigan, Killer Evans doesn't live too far away from you (see letter print above). Steve Brackett served with the 68th AHC in 1970-71 so to all you Top Tigers Steve phone number is: [REDACTED]

Jim, I've put this off for a long time. Thank you for your persistence. There is rarely a day that goes by that I don't have thoughts about the war. I never once realized how much danger we were all in. Now I thank God for my ignorance then and appreciate life more each day. My wife and I are having twins around Feb or March '93. Keep up the good work. Thanks again. Michael Lee

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Mike. There really must be something in the water there in Findlay, OH, Gary Coppes who also lives there in Findlay and served with the 68th AHC had a set of twins about 7 years ago. Mike Lee served with the 334th AHC Dec 68 to Dec 69.

Dear Jim: I appreciate your keeping me on your mailing list. My situation is very unique. I turned my Co. 184th Avn Co over in Jan 68. The XO took the guidon flag and gave it to 11th Bn CO who gave it to 145th Bn CO. Therefore, I never really served in 145th. In some of your newsletters I have located friends in other units in 145th plus some 184th people. I am enclosing a check for a 1 year membership keep up the good work. Bob Stafford Non-Stop 6 P.S. If I can help you any let me know.

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Bob and welcome aboard. And yes Bob it would be a great help if you could try to locate your Chain of Command in the 184th and send any info about the 184th and its personnel. Hopefully we can get a lot of the 184th people located and at the 93' Reunion. We just located Ben Collins, another former CO of the 184th, 1966-67, he's listed in the New People Located List in the back of the newsletter.

Dear Jim, Enclosed please find a money order for \$50.00. This is for 2 T-shirts which I have indicated on the order form as well as membership dues for the new year. The extra \$14.00 is a donation to be used the way you see best for it's use. I have worked for the Veterans administration at Lakeside VA hospital in Chicago in the department of Radiology since October, 1986. Unfortunately I was fired on February 7th of this year as a result of filing an EEO complaint. The director of the agency fired me personally for which he claims is misconduct. I have been rated highly successful to outstanding during the year's without any conduct problem. They violated the union contract as well as having violated EEO law's. The state of Illinois awarded me benefit's over this because it is classified as "prohibited personnel practice's" Naturally this is being pursued through legal channel's I might sound calm over this but I'm not. The Government break's the law's, then they claim they didn't to cover up their shit. It's terrible enough the way they jerk us around for medical care, but when they take your job because of one doing something legally, then turn around and do illegally to screw you. it's down right shitty. I hope you can write this in your newsletter Jim. As this is being processed in court I hope to keep you informed of our progress. Thanks again for all the work you and Debby continue to do for the 145 Combat Aviation Battalion, and God Bless all of the members. Sincerely, Carl E. Morris



(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Carl and good luck with your case.

Dear Jim- Here are my dues for 92/93. I'm not sure if I remember the 145th CAB or not. I was assigned to the 119 AHC (Alligators and Crocodiles) From 5/67 to 5/68. Back then we were a part of the 52nd CAB based at Holloway AAF in Pleikli. Mostly, we supported the Fourth Infantry Division and 5th Special Forces. Can you give me some idea of the history of when the 119th was a part of the 145th? Looking forward to renewing old 119th friendships. Thanks for making me aware of your organization. Jim McCannell Alligators 25 / Croc 10

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Jim. The 119th AHC arrived in Vietnam in 1962 as the 81st Trans Company and was assigned to the 45th Trans Bn, the only Trans Bn in-country at the time. In June 1963 the 81st Trans Co was redesignated as the 119th Avn Co and shortly thereafter transferred to the 52nd Avn Bn. The 45th Trans Bn was redesignated the 145th Combat Avn Bn in Sept 1963.

Dear Jim, Hi, How is everything? We are getting ready to move again. I am sending you \$10.00 to renew my membership in our organization. I would like you to see if you can locate some of my buddies I was in the 118th unit. See if anyone knows the whereabouts of Terry Stutzman from Indiana, David Miner from Illinois or Mike Alared from California. Thanks Ted Hanrahan

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Ted and hopefully our members in those states will check their phone books and find these people for us.

Dear Jim, Enclosed is my Renewal fee (\$10) and another \$13 for a 68th AHC T-shirt. Enjoy the Gunship & 145th T-shirt already purchased. I enjoyed seeing you, your display, and former Top Tigers and Mustangs at Scott Alwin's dedication ceremony last December. It was good to see his wife and children and meet some of his family. I was down to the Twin Cities a couple of months ago and spent an evening on the phone with the Help Find List for Minnesota. I think I located two "missing" members. I spoke with a family member and left a message for the people to call back but didn't hear from them. While talking to the family, I'm sure these are right, the first person I was able to make some contact with was a sister to John V Bjornie, a 1st LT with the 121st AHC, home address is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 1. The second person is Raymond J Cegla, an e-5 from the 335th AHC, address is [REDACTED] and phone # [REDACTED]. I'll keep trying to locate the others on the list as I get around the state. I made a lot of calls that were dead ends. Next I would like you to change my address. Our Post Office has modernized and changed the route #s to regular address. My new address is [REDACTED]. I guess I'd better sign off and get this in the mail as I am getting up early in the AM to head out west, Yellowstone and Glacier Nat Parks. I also plan to stop at Tendoy, ID and see R J Smith again. Nothing definite planned, just vacationing for two weeks. Planning on being in Dallas next June. See you there. Marvin Durkee

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Marvin. I added the two to the mailing list. See in Fort Worth next June and I'll have the complete display with me.

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**ARMY OTTER-CARIBOU ASSOCIATION  
REUNION**

Debby and I were invited to attend the Army Otter-Caribou Association Reunion as their special guest in Hampton, VA August 5th thru Aug 9th, 1992 by Bill Hooks their Executive Vice President. When I talked to Bill before we left he said to just come and relax enjoy ourselves and give them a critique afterward and I agreed. The purpose of the critique was to help them improve their Reunions. I hate to disappoint Bill but I don't think I can think of anything to improve their Reunions, basically it boils down to, don't mess with perfection. Before we left for the reunion I knew there would be one other couple there that we knew, George and Lorraine Owens, and I hoped the others there would except a non-fixed wing person into their group. Well let me get started with the story.

We left home about 6am Tuesday Aug 4, and headed to Washington, DC for the night. In Washington we visited the Wall and a few other places before turning in. We left



Washington about 10am Wednesday and arrived in Hampton about 1pm, we took most of our luggage to the room right away and I figured we could get the rest of the things when things were kind of slow. We put the luggage in the room and I check to see how many of the people were there. We met George and Lorraine, and many new friends. The rest of the day really flew by. I think I was in the hospitality room talking to about 2am. We got up early Thursday morning and had a good breakfast and got ready to take a tour of Fort Eustis. I never knew the Army had more boats and ships then the Navy. We toured the ship yard, airfield, museum, and ate in the Mess Hall, I think the food was better before they started civilian KPs and cooks. The official tour of Fort Eustis was really great and a lot more informative then just touring the post on your own. Thursday evening we spent talking to people around the hospitality room, meeting new friends, learning more about Otter and Caribou aircraft, and talking about our Association. I finally went to bed about 2pm. Friday I over slept and just barely made it to their Business Meeting on time. I've really got to hand it to them on the way they pick their future reunion locations, next years Army Otter-Caribou Reunion site was already set as being in Colorado Springs, CO 18-22 Sept 1993, and they had three people make real nice presentations for the 1994 Reunion, their people voted, and Orlando, FL beat out Panama City, FL by one vote. The member from Panama City had tried twice before to get the Reunion in Panama City and got beat by just one or two vote. When comparing that with our Business Meeting when the room goes completely silent when we ask who would be willing to be the Reunion Committee Chairman for the next Reunion, we need to work on that. Friday evening we attended the banquet, good food and drinks, and a very good Key note speaker, a Col from Ft Eustis who was entertaining as well as informative. They had some awards and presentation to give out. Bill Hooks call George Owens up to tell their group about me and our Association and of course George did a great job, he said a lot nicer things about me then I would have said. Saturday morning we attended the Memorial Service at Ft Monroe and then visited some of the tourist sites and Saturday night I was at the hospitality room and talked with (by that time) many of my good friends. Went to bed late and got up early Sunday morning said our good-byes and headed for home about noon.

Over all Deb and I had a really great time and now have many more good friends. We met more people who served the units of the 145th. We were made to feel completely welcome. One thing I hadn't realized before went we attended their reunion, but learned upon arrival, was that their Reunion is as much for the wives is it is for the men, the wives all knew each other in the 50s and 60s when their husbands were stationed together in the states and in Europe, and all helped each other get by on very low military pay. Boy have they got some stories to tell, and they make sure that each lady that attends knows that they are welcome in their group. I do recommend their Reunion to all our people. Its the second best Reunion I've attended, of course I recommend ours first, but if you get a chance to attend more then just our Reunion, then consider attending the Army Otter-Caribou Assoc Reunion, you wouldn't be disappointed. For more info contact: Bill Hooks, [REDACTED], and they do have associate memberships. And by the way, George and Lorraine Owens, assured me that next year the Otter Bowling Team will beat the Caribou Bowling Team.

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### SCOTT ALWIN MEMORIAL

Memorials for Cpt Scott Alwin are being accepted by Concordia University Wisconsin. Scott Alwin served with the 68th Aslt Hel Co, 1967-71, first as a WO in the lift platoon, then in the Mustang gunship platoon, made 1st Lt, and when the 68th AHC left Vietnam, he went to the 334th Aerial Weapons Company. Scott earned the most Air Medals for any Army Aviator, many for Valor. Scott's parents, Wally and Jo Ann have established the Alwin Family Scholarship Endowment Fund to aid needy students in attending Concordia, where Scott and Wally both attended. Concordia University Wisconsin is a 4 year liberal arts school which instills sound, ethical, christian morals and values in young men and women. Gifts in memory of Scotty would be appreciated by the Alwin family. Your contribution should be sent to: Concordia University Wisconsin Alumni Office, Alwin Scholarship Fund, [REDACTED]. Make check payable to: Concordia University Wisconsin.



## BATTALION HISTORY DSC, SILVER STARS, DFC

The following report is just a few of the hundreds of individual Awards received by members of our Association's units. When the history of the units of the 145th is completed it would be nice to have a section for individual Awards for Valor. If you have a copy of any of these Awards could you have a copy made and send it in for our file, and someday hopefully a book of our units complete history.

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS FRANKER, WILLIAM W, CAPTAIN, Awarded: Distinguished Service Cross, Date action: 10 June 1965, Reason: For extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. After an attack which took place at approximately 0100 hundred hours, 10 June 1965, the Vietnamese hamlet of Dong Xoai was overrun by a Viet Cong force of approximately regimental size and a nearby military compound was being subjected to a heavy barrage of insurgent fire. At about 1000 hours, Captain Franker and two other American pilots were assigned the mission of flying their armed UH-1B helicopters to the battle area; conducting a low level reconnaissance to determine the Viet Cong strength, fire capability and effectiveness; and selecting and marking troop landing zones. Two different helicopters troop lifts of Vietnamese army personnel, whose forces totalled approximately battalion size strength, were dispatched to the selected landing sites which were previously flare marked by Captain Franker and the other two Americans. After being at the battlesite for only a few minutes, the friendly Vietnamese troops were completely annihilated due to the manpower superiority of the insurgent force. Word was received that several Americans and Vietnamese were still holding the besieged compound. Plans were then initiated to evacuate the besieged force. Captain Franker volunteered to fly his aircraft to escort three rescue helicopter. Upon reaching the embattled compound all aircraft became subjected to a heavy volume of hostile fire and each received hits from the insurgent barrage. After landing, only two of the three rescue craft were able to evacuate the personnel from the compound. The third was badly damaged and grounded during the operation. One American and three Vietnamese soldiers remained in the compound to cover the airlift of the heavily overloaded and damaged evacuation helicopters. Realizing the fate of the gallant defenders and the fact that this was the only aircraft immediately available for any further evacuation attempt, Captain Franker, with complete disregard for his own personal safety, maneuvered his helicopter through the thick hail of hostile fire to a landing between two earth mounds within the compound. Once on the ground, the UH-1B became the subject of all insurgent fire and a group of Viet Cong made a suicidal charge to the airship. Captain Franker then rallied his crewmen in a desperate attempt to ward off the onrushing horde while he expertly piloted the dangerously overloaded helicopter precariously and slowly once again through the heavy concentration of hostile small arms and automatic weapons fire. Despite the superior Viet Cong firepower, Captain Franker successfully piloted his helicopter through the murderous barrage and effected the safe and final evacuation of all personnel from the besieged compound. Captain Franker's extraordinary heroism and gallantry in action were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service. Authority: By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 25 July 1963 Department of the Army Message 323747, 12 December 1962, as amended, and Department of the Army Message 702316 dated 3 February 1965.

AWARD OF THE SILVER STAR MEDAL FRANKER, WILLIAM W, MAJOR, Awarded: Silver Star Medal, Date action: 27 August 1965, Theater: Republic of Vietnam, Reason: For gallantry in action in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force: Captain Franker distinguished himself while serving as an armed helicopter platoon leader supporting operation Dan Chi 157 near the village of Vi Thanh, Republic of Vietnam. Two battalions of Vietnamese soldiers were pinned down in an area of open rice paddies by a superior Viet Cong force. The situation was critical when he arrived with his armed helicopter platoon. He immediately pinpointed the location of all friendly units, and then exposed himself, voluntarily and courageously, to the intense enemy fire in order to locate all of their automatic weapons. His helicopters was struck many times by this



deadly fire, causing serious damage to his aircraft. He persisted in his action and was successful on locating and silencing many of the Viet Cong weapons. An armed helicopter had been shot down adjacent to the battle scene, and he realized that the Viet Cong would attempt to destroy this aircraft unless it was protected. Five times the Viet Cong tried to reach the downed aircraft and five times he drove them away and saved the helicopters from destruction. He then used his knowledge of the enemy positions and selected a safe landing zone for a reinforcing helicopter lift. The Viet Cong set a trap for the incoming lift and attempt to decoy them into it. He thwarted this attempt by flying his helicopter between the Viet Cong and the unsuspecting helicopters loaded with Vietnamese troops. Again, his helicopter was struck and further damaged by the deadly Viet Cong fire. He then turned the lift away from the trap and led them into the safe landing zone he had previously selected. An American advisor was seriously wounded and had to be evacuated. He attempted desperately to land and pick him up, but was prevented from doing this by the concentrated fires from three Viet Cong machine guns firing from less than fifty meters away. His helicopters were again struck by this deadly fire. He broke off from his attempt and led his armed helicopters in a devastating strike on the three machine guns and silenced them, killing or wounding their crews thus allowing the ground forces to penetrate the main defense line of the Viet Cong and enabled the wounded Americans to be evacuated. His unimpeachable valor against a vicious enemy force is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

AUTHORITY: By direction of the President under the provisions of the Act of Congress, approved 9 July 1918.

By direction of the President, under the provisions of the Act of Congress, dated 9 July 1918, the Silver Star is awarded to SPECIALIST FOUR THOMAS O. BROWN, UNITED STATES ARMY for gallantry in action against an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam: SPECIALIST FOUR BROWN distinguished himself by intrepid actions on 22 September 1969 while serving as a Crew Chief with the 71st Aviation Company. On that date, Specialist Brown was flying aboard a UH-1H helicopter during a combat assault in support of friendly ground forces conducting operations southwest of Landing Zone Center. Upon approach to the designated landing zone, Specialist Brown's aircraft came under intense enemy automatic weapons fire. Specialist Brown immediately began engaging the insurgents, but despite his accurate fire, six of the personnel on board were mortally wounded before the ship landed. In addition, Specialist Brown and several other soldiers were seriously wounded. Once on the ground, Specialist Brown ignored his painful injuries and braved the heavy volumes of hostile fire as he assisted the wounded pilot to a waiting rescue helicopter. When the recovery ship was damaged by the hostile fire and forced to autorotate in a nearby rice paddy, Specialist Brown again carried the wounded pilot to another rescue aircraft that was summoned to the site. His courageous and timely actions were instrumental in saving the life of his fellow soldier and in the overall success of the mission. Specialist Four Brown's personal heroism, professional competence, and devotion to duty are keeping with the highest traditions of the military service, and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army.

AWARD OF THE DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS, FRAKER, WILLIAM W, CAPTIAN, Date action: 17 July 1965, Theater: Republic of Vietnam, Reason: For heroism while participating in aerial flight: Captain Fraker distinguished himself on 17 July 1965 while serving as platoon commander of an armed helicopter platoon on a night search and destroy mission against a Viet Cong stronghold near Duc Hoa, Republic of Vietnam. In the face of withering antiaircraft fire, Captain Fraker led his flight in three successive actions that accounted for the sinking of six Viet Cong supply boats, destroying an unknown amount of supplies, weapons and ammunition, killing or wounding an estimated 35 insurgents and destruction of a .50 caliber antiaircraft weapon. His actions were a source of tremendous inspiration to his fellow aviators and ground advisors in the area. Due to Captain Fraker's courage and overwhelming desire to destroy the enemy, a decisive victory was scored against the Viet Cong, who were supposedly invincible during the hours of darkness.



His actions during three hours of continuous and deadly combat with a well armed Viet Cong force and his display of professional abilities were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Authority: By direction of the president under the promise of the Act of Congress, approved 2 July 1926.

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## ARMY AVIATION HISTORY

1947-1961

At the Army Otter-Caribou Assn Reunion I talked with William N McGlaun, son of Harold N McGlaun -Flight school class 54J, he is writing a book about Army Aviation from the time the Air Force started until the time that Vietnam started up. He discovered when trying to find info about Army Aviation during the time his father served that there is almost no info before the units were involved in Vietnam. He decided that the only way that anything would be written about that time period of Army Aviation is if the people that served with those unit would write the history. Bill is writing the book but he can only write what information is given to him. To make the book as complete as possible, those of you who served in Army Aviation at the time, please contact Bill. Here is a few of the things Bill want to know and has questions about.

Which units you served with?

If you have a copy of the units history?

If you have a copy of class or unit roster?

If you have names or address of any "Square Dance Team" members?

Do you know the meaning / significance of the design of any of the Transportation Company (Helicopter or Fixed Wing) pocket patches?

Do you know what rationale was used to number the Trans Co.s, i.e., why was the 8th HTC designated, etc?

Do you know anyone who designed the pocket patches?

Can you provide any information on the renumbering / redesignation of any Trans Co.?

Can you suggest any source where any of this information can be found?

Do you know who (when & where) flew the first helicopters for the US Army?

Do you know the numerical designation of any of the Flight Maintenance Detachments and which Trans Co they served?

Do you have any home movie film that can be transferred to VHS video?

Do you have any factory Promotional or Military "Official" 8"x 10" photos of helicopters or airplanes?

If you can help Bill in any way with the book, it will be greatly appreciated. When Bill is done with the book I plan on getting a copy, it might help quite a bit with the history of the units of the 45th Trans Bn. Bill can be contacted at:

William N McGlaun, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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## THE "WALL", 10 YEARS AFTER

This Veterans Day will be the 10th Anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund in cooperation with EDS is putting together "RE\*UNION '92", in current talks with them, they are planning on having tents set up all over the Mall, a tent for each major unit. EDS is setting up a locator service by name, unit assigned, dates, with current address, phone, hotel for RE\*UNION '92, etc. The "Wall" will be the place to be this Veterans Day, and this will be the year to be there. The events will run from the 4th of November to the 11th of November. As Veterans Day get closer I'll have more info on what is planned each day, so for the most current info please contact me by phone or mail. Bill Sheets, my room mate in Vietnam, said I could share a room with him at the Quality Inn at 1200 N Court House Rd in Arlington VA, I think the dates are 6-11 November. I talked with VHPA and VHCMA and although they have nothing official setup, Mike Law (VHPA) will be there and VHCMA will have someone there. I will try to find more of our people there to. See you there if you can make it.



## FULL COLOR UNIT T-SHIRT

We have unit T-shirts, in color, for many of the units. Normally in this part of the newsletter we have black and white pictures of the designs, but to save space in the newsletter the pictures will be printed in the Directory that each of you will receive soon. In the further newsletters only pictures of designs not shown in the Directory will be printed. The T-shirts sell for \$13 each. They are the original unit patch design and color as close as I can match. They are printed on ringer type T-shirts with blue around the neck and sleeves. These T-shirts are printed with Association money and all money from the T-shirts goes to the Association to help with expenses. So if you can, please order one, they are also great advertising for locating new members for our Association. The lettering outside the Association and unit designs are printed in black ink. The pictures printed in the Directory are black and white because the copy machine doesn't print color, but please try to imagine them in color. I have assigned stock numbers to the design for easier ordering and filling of orders. Please try to use the stock number and size. We stock them in Med, Large, XL, XXL, and XXXL. The Association T-shirt design is the unofficial 145th C.A.B. "First-In Vietnam" design. I would like to see everyone have an Association and a unit T-shirt. We now have T-shirts in the following designs: 145th Bn Asso, 57th Med Det, 68th AHC, 71st AHC, 117th AML, 117th AHC, 118th AML, 118th AHC, 119th AML, 119th AHC, 120th AHC, 121st AHC, 135th AHC, 190th AHC, UTT (1963), UTT (1964), 197th AHC, 334th AHC (1966-68). The 57th Med Det, 118th AML, and 119th AHC, are new designs for this newsletter but we should have plenty in stock by the time you receive this newsletter and the Directory. See order form inserted in the newsletter. This is the only place that you will find these T-shirts available, they are provided as a service as well as to raise funds. And as a service, if you have a problem with the T-shirt just let me know, and it will be replaced. When ordering T-shirts or patches please remember that the AML is for the Air Mobile Light companies, many of the helicopter companies, changed over to Assault Helicopter Companies (AHC) around June 1966, with the addition of 7 more helicopters, and many changed the unit patch design at that time. We now have patches made for the 68th AHC, 118th AML, 118th AHC, 119th AHC, UTT (Pegasus), and 335th AHC (1970).

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## FUTURE REUNIONS

To keep you informed on how people felt about when and where to hold our 145th Reunion after the 1993 Reunion here is the suggested years, dates, and places. In looking through the Future Reunion forms which were returned, about 75% to 80% want to keep the Reunions on a two year schedule. On the forms nobody volunteered to be the Reunion Chairman, but in a phone conversation Gen Richard Kenyon volunteered with the Ft Rucker, AL Reunion Committee if we decide to hold another Reunion there. We have at least one volunteer to work on a committee in the following cities, Niagara Falls NY, Tulsa OK, Washington DC, Atlanta GA, Birmingham AL, and Killeen TX. We also had suggestion for these cities which are outside the people's home area, Washington DCx2, Ft Rucker ALx3, Atlanta GAx3, New Orleans LA, Los Vegas NV, Dallas TX, Chicago IL, Denver CO, co-reunion with VHCMA/VHPAx2, the x2/x3 indicates the number of request. The months most suggested are June and July and I would suggest that we stay away from the first part of June because of High School and College graduation dates. About every 4 months I get info from Overland Park, Kansas City wanting to be the site for one of our future Reunions, and also Orlando and Tampa FL, but we have no suggestion or volunteers from those areas as of yet. And I would have thought that I would have gotten volunteers from the Chicago and St Louis areas.

Now I want to hear from you about where to have future reunions. If you have anymore suggestion, if you want to volunteer to help the reunion committee in a city, if you want to vote for a Reunion city, etc. I want to have the list narrowed down to two or three cities before the 1993 reunion. When I was at the Army Otter-Caribou Asso Reunion they had two people with promo tapes to try to entice people to want to have the reunion in their city. Maybe by the time of our '93 Reunion we'll have a few people excited enough about having the next Reunion in their town that they'll get a tape from their Chamber of Commerce and entice us to vote for their city.



## 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.

I will be writing to everyone we have located in Texas to see how many more volunteers we can find in the area to help with the Reunion. 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] [REDACTED] (Home) or [REDACTED] (Office), or me Jim Bodkin here at the Assoc address and phone.

### CHAIN OF COMMAND

Jim Thorne, 1993 Reunion Committee Chairman, came up with the idea of using the Chain of Command to locate and get more of our people at the Reunions. The idea being for the former Battalion Commanders to locate their staff and the Company Commanders, Company Commander to contact Platoon Leaders and 1st Sgt, etc, etc. That way everyone will have just a few people to located, and will not over load anyone, and everyone will be located. But just to make sure I am asking everyone to try to locate the person above them and those below them in the Chain of Command. That should help eliminate any brakes in the chain, and will make it easier for everyone. Anyone wanting additional information on anyone they are try to locate please cotact me, our help find file might help. And for nostalgia sake, Jim Thorne and Robert M Deets, Bn Commander, 67-68, have put together some operation orders to be sent down the Chain of Command. Hopefully everyone will find them amusing and decide to come to the Reunion.

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Jesus DeLaRosa, Jr KIA 19 July 1966

Recently I talked with Jesse DeLaRosa, son of Jesus DeLaRosa who was Killed in Action 19 July 1966 while serving with the 119th AHC as a pilot. He would like to hear from all the people that served with and knew his father. If you are one of those people please contact Jesse at: Jesse DeLaRosa, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]



## FINANCIAL REPORT

This financial report covers 1 April 1992 to 30 June 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 31 March 1992.....\$1751.46  
 Total deposits 4/01/92 to 6/30/92 (Dues, Donations, Fund Raisers)..\$1762.70

Total.....\$3514.16

### Expenditures

Postage.....\$481.05  
 Long Distance Phone.....\$221.62  
 Miscellaneous (see note).....\$225.98  
 Fund Raiser Supplies.....\$404.62  
 Copy Machine Repair & Supplies.....\$269.05  
 Bank Fees.....\$ 7.65

Total expenditures.....\$1609.97 . . . . . -\$1609.97

Balance 30 June 1992.....\$1904.19

Miscellaneous includes computer supplies (paper, mailing labels, printer ribbons, etc.), newsletter supplies (paper, staples, etc.), envelopes, notes books, ink pens, etc. Copy Machine Repair & Supplies is the cost of repairs and cost of supplies like toner and dispersant.

I want to thank all of you who have sent in membership dues, ordered fund raiser items, or made donations, thanks to you we have this good financial report. Your support is what keeps our Association going.

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

We have cut our expenences down by only sending newsletters to those who have joined the association or just been located. NOTICE if you have not joined please do so, if not you probably will not recieve any more newsletters. A while back I sent out about 300 letter to people that were being taken off the mailing list if I didn't hear from them. Some sent their dues in, the others I took off the mailing list. I really hate to send those letters and they cost money to send. When I receive membership dues I code the individal's file with the membership year/s they joined, example 91-92, 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 membership status and please renew or join, which ever is asked. And for your convenience I have printed the month and year that your membership expires, for our members that have paid years in advance . I will be sending out more letters soon.

Now is a good time to renew your membership, we will started a new membership year the 1st of July, so check your card and please renew if it expired this last July 1st. And multiple year membership are always appreciated.

The membership form can be found on the top on the order form page, that's on the back of the Help page.

**PLEASE JOIN TODAY, WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT**



# NEW PEOPLE LOCATED LIST

6 SEPTEMBER 1992

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	STALLINGS	EDWARD		CRYSTAL SPRINGS	MS 39059		1966	1966	EM
HHC	RYAN	EARNEST W		TULSA	OK 74114		1972	1972	LTC*
3CORP	MURRAY	HURSHALL B		ORLEAN	VA 22126		1968	1969	OF
1AVN CO	JOYCE	DONALD R.		POINCIANA	FL 34758		1962	1963	WO*
1AVN CO	SMITH	JAMES D		COLUMBUS	GA 31904		1962	1963	EM
18 AVN	MILLER	RICHARD E		MIAMI	FL 33157		1962	1963	OF
18 AVN	DAVIS	JONAH B		MARIETTA	GA 30068		1963	1963	OF
57 MED	SLADE	RICHARD L		DURANT	OK 74701		1970	1971	WO
68 AHC	Mc PHERSON	JOE		CASPER	WY 82601		1967	1968	WO
68 AHC	SAVAGE	DICK		SCHENECTADY	NY 12309		1967	1967	OF
68 AHC	KROMBEIN	GRAY		PORTLAND	OR 97212		1967	1968	EM*
68 AHC	JIMINEZ	FLOYD W		CROWLEY	TX 76036		1969	1970	WO*
68 AHC	DURFEE	LAWSON W		WAKEFIELD	RI 02879		1970	1971	OF*
73 AVN	DUBEY	LeROY		STERLING	MI 48659		1967	1968	EM
71 AHC	SEWELL	LEE		DALLAS	TX 75231		1968	1969	WO
8 TRANS	JOYCE	DONALD R.		POINCIANA	FL 34758		1962	1963	WO*
117AHC	CLARK	RON		CRANDAL	TX 75114		1968	1969	EM
118AML	RYAN	EARNEST W		TULSA	OK 74114		1963	1964	OF*
118AML	JENSEN	PETE		KALLISPELL	MT 59901		1964	1965	EM
118AML	OGLE	GARY		PORTLAND	OR 97229		1964	1965	EM
118AML	ZILLMAN	BERL		OCEANSIDE	CA 92057		1965	1966	WO*
118AHC	CONWAY	JAMES		EAST LIVERPOOL	OH 43920		1970	1971	EM
57/93 TRAN, 120AHC	SHAW	WILLIAM		STUART	FL 34996		62-63	67-68	WO OF*
121AML	LIST	JACK		TUCSON	AZ 85741		1964	1965	EM
80TRANS & 242ASHS	KEVILLE	C.H. "RED"		COTATI	CA 94931		64-65	1968	CO*
121AML	HILLIARD	RAY		EAST LIVERPOOL	OH 43920		1966	1966	EM*
121AHC	BJORNIE	JOHN V		EAGAN	MN 55121		1968	1969	OF
121AHC	DURANT	JOE I		ESTANCIA	NM 87016		1969	1970	OF*
135AVN	KNEPPER	GUY G		FRIENDENS	PA 15541		1965	1966	
135AHC	TUCKER	WILLARD T		COLUMBIANA	OH 44408		1971	1972	EM*
147AVN	COOK	GEORGE		SIMPSONVILLE	KY 40067		1965	1966	EM
184AVN	COLLINS	BEN		SAN JOSE	CA 95118		1966	1967	CO
334AHC, 118AHC, 190AHC	MURRAY	HURSHALL B		ORLEAN	VA 22126		1968-1969		OF
334AHC	NAEVE	HOWARD		WINTERSSET	IA 50273		1968	1970	EM
335AHC	MADRISHIN	DALE		PALM HARBOR	FL 34683		1970	1971	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 237, Crowley, TX 76036 1-817-297-4493  
 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, Penn Grove, 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 you will receive soon for more details. Use 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 the Association address.