

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 reunion, writing unit and battalion history, and to re-establish the comradery of the Battalion, units and detachment 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 45 Transportation Battalion in Vietnam, the units listed below:

Aviation Companies

HHC, 1st, 18th, 25th, 68th, 71st, 73rd, 74th, 114th, 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 with us. To us a unit is a unit no matter what other Battalion it may have been assigned to before or after serving with the 145th.

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Hello. We're starting off 1995 with a brand new copy machine so this newsletter should look a lot better then the last. The old copy machine was really bad and not worth repairing again. The last newsletter went out to a limited number of people but now with the new copy machine we will be able to send out more copies to potential members. And with the large number of people we just got addresses for we really needed the new machine.

I want to welcome all the people we have just located. We have received a lot of addresses for people who served with A/501st / 71st AHC, 114th Avn Co, and A/82nd / 335th AHC, I want to let those people know that this organization is for them also. Each of these units have a unit association also, and we are not in competition with each other, but are in cooperation with each other, and operate separately. I encourage those people to join both, us and their unit association. I also received a lot of addresses for 73rd Avn Co people and want to welcome all of you.

Thanks to the hard work of the 114th Historian, John Brennan, we now have a copy of the Jan-June 1963 history of the 45th Trans Bn and a copy of the 1963 history of the 114th AML. The Battalion History article in this newsletter is an edited down copy of the 45th Trans Bn Jan - June 1963 history. I will be scanning in the 114th 1963 history soon and will send John a copy on computer disk.

I will be starting the 94-95 Directory real soon. This will be the first time publishing the Directory on the IBM computer, so it might take a little while to figure out the programs to make it look right. As soon as this newsletter is sent out we will start copying the directory, so it shouldn't be long before you receive you copy.

I will be going over the mailing list as soon as this newsletter is sent out to see if there are some people we should take off the mailing list. The people I will be looking for are those that have not paid their dues and have been on our mailing list for over a year. So if your in that group you might not receive the Directory, If you want to make sure you receive a directory please send in some dues money, check your mailing lable for your membership status.

This newsletter has the normal articles in it, Readers Response, Battalion/Unit History, Financial Report, New People Located, 1995 Reunion Update, and Funder Raiser items on the back. And as always, if any of you have any sets of orders that has any information about anyone who served with the unit listed on the cover of this newsletter, please send me a copy, if you haven't done so already.

The last newsletter we crossed out the non-profit stamp and stamped it with the BULK RATE stamp because the post office wouldn't let it go out with the paper in it for VHPA sale items. It wouldn't be nice for me to say exactly how upset I was with them, Deb does a good job of keeping me calmed down, but anyway we re-stamped them and got them sent out. VHPA has some really great items for sale and I really like the calender with all the Vietnam helicopter pictures and the daily KIA list. I found it a good buy at \$10 with P & H, it really stands out at work when compared with the Rigid Tool Calenders. Any one wanting one see the address on page 21.

This newsletter also contains a copy of the 95 Reunion package, please plan to attend, see page 22.

James L Bodkin, Editor

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 Debra, Had a wonderful time at the reunion 1993. Linda and I hope to see you and Deb at the next one. Jim, I lost my membership card in the lake where I was fishing, so now a large mouth bass probably has possession of it. I am enclosing a five dollar check to cover the cost of issuing me a duplicate and anything left over drop it in the fund. Sincerely, **Randle B. Turner**

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you and I sure will, catch that bass and we'll see how well the card held up.

Dear Jim and Deb, I wish there was some excuse for being so late with my dues but at this time I am unable to come up with any. I guess I go into the class with lazy, old, retired, N.C.O.'s. I think most of it is, I'm so disgusting with the way our elected government law makers are acting. I don't want to get started on that as it makes me think about strapping on the old feed bag and head for Wash, DC. Anyway here is my dues. Wish I could send more, but things are just a little tight at the moment. Had your Jan 94 newsletter waiting on me when I got back from Montana this month. Enjoyed the letter from Bert Leach. Remember him from Rucker in 62. Also when I was in the 81st at Pleiku in 62. A lot of us will never forget the old CH 21's, or the feel and sound of one being air conditioned with AK47 rounds. But she was a tough old bird. I can still hear the old 1820 and the whine of the shafting. In fact that's about all I can hear as that shafting whine is why I now wear two hearing aid's. Planning a trip to Mexico about Sep, Oct. Will try to stop in San Antone and say hello to George Young. That's about it for now Jim. Want to say hello to all the old super birdmen in the assoc. Hope to make the 95 reunion at Rucker if my health holds out. Thanks for sending the N.L. even though I was late with my dues. As Ever, **Virgil J. Burns**

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you, hope to see you at Rucker June 16, 17, 18, it will really be great.

Dear Jim, Enclosed is \$24.00 for two years dues (\$20.00) plus \$4.00 for a 119 AHC hat. Total = \$24.00. I will be in Philly for the VHPA reunion in July. See you there. I am also organizing our W.O. class 65-1W reunion for July, 95. This reunion will be in Seattle, WA on 6/30 thru 7/4, 1995. We are missing several class mates from W.O.class 65-1 W who we need to find. Does anyone know where we can find the following: Richard D. Benjamin, Billy R. Carpenter, Robert H.Cowen, Bruce L. Johnson, Thomas C. Moore, Johnnie D Tucker, Larry J. Hicks, Alwin Schoefer, JR. (NG). If you can publish this list in your next newsletter, maybe someone will recognize a name and call me. Thanks. **Edward R Coombs**

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Ed, Philly was great. Deb and I had a great time and got to visit with many good friends. And Rucker will be even better. If anyone knows the location of the people listed above please let Ed know.

Dear Jim and family, please find enclosed a cheque for \$40 to put my membership up to date and for a 145th cap and also the combat assault cassette tape. Would dearly love to attend the 1995 reunion but until I have a lucky break, its only a pipe dream at the moment. Keep up the good work with the association. P.S. \$5 to help with postage. **Stan Jargua** E.M. 135th 1968 door gunner

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Stan. I'd like to trade weather with you its starting to turn cold here so it must be turning into Spring there.

Dear Jim, I appreciate receiving the newsletter and I realize that I am in the arrears as far as my membership. Enclosed you will find my check in the amount that will cover this and next years dues. Again my personal appreciation for you and continuing services. Sincerely, **Harold E. Culley**

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Harold

Hello, I have enjoyed reading the newsletters I have been receiving since I started getting them over a year ago. I have also planned to join and to support the association but I always seem to be short on money. Well I have finally decided it was time to do what I had put off before I couldn't afford it all. I lost my job but received some severance pay for my 20 years of service and I'm doing what I should of done before, joining a unit assn. That helped mold me into what I am today. That is a proud American Veteran of an undeclared war and unpopular war. There is lots I can say and my mind is racing, but I don't have time to say it all. I'll write again later. I've sent money for 2 yr. Membership, and some tapes, patches, and shirts and hat. The extra money is a donation to the association. It's not much but I'm sure it will help. Keep up the good work. Sincerely, William N. Southworth, SP5 118th AHC, 145th CAB 69/70

(EDITORIAL NOTE) Thank you Bill. I hope everything works out OK.

Jim, here's my dues for two years. Keep up the good work. The FT. Rucker memorial list currently has 4239 names. Thanks again for your help. Gary B. Roush

(ED NOTE) Thank You Gary, you are doing a great job for VHPA and for all of us.

Dear Jim, I finally joined. I'll try to help locate some of the unlocated. Please find an original patch enclosed - I was surprised I had a few un-used in my old patch box. I started out as a slick-driver in the 118th, then worked for Doc Bahnsen as a "Bandit" in the 118th gun platoon. Then moved to battalion, asst S-3 for Bob Sauers, Guy Covington, Will Covington and Horst Joost. I have an original copy of the 145th tactical SOP that Marsh Ramey and I pulled together in 66. This became the basis for the 12th group, 1st AVN BDE and Army Airmobile OPS field manual. I'd be glad to let someone copy this (about 1" thick) document, but I'd like to retain the original. Keep up the good work. Sincerely, Dave Funk BG USA (RET)

(ED NOTE) Thank you, Dave. After I get everything caught up I'd like to get a copy of the 145th Tactical SOP scanned onto a computer disk. The 145th "First In Vietnam" patch you sent in will be added to our archives and display. I scanned the

patch into the computer, cleaning up the lines and plan on having the patch reproduced.

Dear Jim, Enclosed is my money order for \$20.00 to renew my membership through July '96. I've enjoyed the newsletter and every now and then see a name that I know. I was Thunderbird 6 from Oct '66 till March '67 and had a great group of officers and men during my short command tour. We were involved in a lot during that period. Probably most memorable was the insertion into LZ Gold, NW of Dau Tieng on the Sunday preceding Easter in 1967. Sometime when I have more time, I'll write a more detailed account of it. I retired in 1975 and have been involved in the Investment Management business for 19 years. I'm currently a Senior Vice President in the Investment Division of the Trust Department of United Missouri Bank, NA, Kansas City, Missouri. Primarily, I manage money in pension and profit sharing plus in addition to being the OIC of the International Portfolio Management Group. Since my life revolves around my appointment book, I've already booked in the convention dates for 1995 at Fort Rucker, AL. I am looking forward to finally getting to one of the reunions. I did a few years back have the opportunity to attend the 118th AHC reunion. Thanks for heading up the association and all the effort you have put forth to get it where it is today. Sincerely, Joe Boggs.

(ED NOTE) Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the '95 Reunion. Anything you can add to the Battalion History would be greatly appreciated.

Dear Jim, renewal of dues as of July 1994 slipped by me so here I am late. Check enclosed for July 94 to 96 and the rest for computers, etc. I sent a congratulations card to LT Gen James T. Scott and received a nice note back saying he'd been traveling quite a bit in his assignment. He asked me if I could locate the address of former Major Harvey Stewart C.O. of the 118th AHC during Mar, Apr, May, Jun, July of '65 at Bien Hoa Seems as though he lost contact with the HARV. Maybe Ralph Orlando would like to write to Terry as he was the CWO pilot that night of June 10th, 1965 at Dong Xoai when they went to search for a drowned Air Force B-57 pilot- a scary mission to say the least. They were flying in a "Bandit" gunship. Hope everything is going well

with the 145th organization. I'm taking a short trip on the 12th of Sept. -Myrtle Beach, SC. (Medal of Honor Museum) Virginia Beach VA, Wash. DC and the Wall - Baltimore, Md. and back to Florida viva Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama and Georgia, Pensacola and home. Haven't heard from Dave Price on Henry Chein- I guess I'd better write to both of them first. Take care of yourself and Debby hope to see you in 95 at Fort Rucker. **Barry Shields** (ED NOTE) Thank you Barry, I'll see you at the '95 Reunion at Rucker.

Dear Jim and Deb, I'm sorry I haven't written in a while, but my family has some serious medical problems and my time has been their time. I'll be looking forward to the 145th hats and I hope you eventually get 334th AHC (Dragons) hats. Good luck and keep up the great work. Sincerely, **John Macedo** Dragon "184"

(ED NOTE) Thank you John, hope everything is going OK with your family.

Dear Jim and Debby, My dues expired a couple of months ago and I didn't notice. I have to get a better reminder system. Enclosed is my check to renew my dues for two years, plus some to keep the association's pot right. I sincerely appreciate the good work you both do to keep the association up and as fine as it is. Don't get sick. Warmest Regards, **Duane R. Brofer**

(ED NOTE) Thank you Duane.

Dear Jim, I was re-reading the January newsletter and realized I forgot to send in my renewal. Enclosed please find a check for \$20.00 for a TWO YEAR renewal. I am an alumni of the 135 AHC ('68 & '69) and was very interested in the 1970 history of the 135 AHC. If you or John Ohnstad, author of the article, are interested what history I have to offer, please contact me. The last newsletter I have is dated January 1994. If there has been another one issued please send it to me. Thank You Very Much, **Neil Russo**

(ED NOTE) Thank you Neil, we are always interested in any history anyone has.

Dear Jim and Debby and family, Charlie here; glad to find you al' all right and in good spirit. Buried in paperwork; must prepare Appeal to federal circuit

and lodge misconduct complaint with Justice Dept. Any way; if this misses the newsletter; give it out to anyone who asks and was not on the CLASS Action suit, known as agent orange. Or to them to. Doesn't matter. Today Sept. 14, 1994; On the news on TV the EPA CLAIMS they have concluded their tests of DIOXIN; the deadly chemical in the defoliants sprayed; and found it alone is one hundred times more deadly than concluded before; that other chemicals in the toxigens contribute with Dioxin to respiratory problems; weaken the immune system; cause multiple types of cancer; birth defects and other things. As if we didn't know. I told you the complete matter long ago. The proper lawsuit is the U.S. government. If the same top final lawyers who worked in New York the third party lawsuit V. The chemical companies; if they will take it again and with the Government for hundred of millions; at the same time filing misconduct charges and criminal culpability as AID knew, with the Gulf Veterans victims an explosive issue can be settled shortly; I opted out of the class action waiting for this to come; and so it has; with options ; such as some have written me; get an up front lump sum and force the VA to pay a monthly pension forever to each of us. Cutting out the middle lawyers; some six hundred and few top doggies; we all get more in compensation this time around. Also we have talked and written and a friend on line with CompuServe and into the general staff; if about 1200 of us in lawsuit V. U.S. for PTSD lose; then their recommendation is to form something like Trauma Victims Association, International. Along the lines of the start of Agent Orange Victims; International which is forcing the State Dept. And U.S. to pay war reparations to China, Vietnam, and others; I don't know how to do that Jim. The about thirty personal close friends I know affected some are afraid of what I'm doing; as if their pensions may be cut off; audits and reviews; the harassment and so on. About ten and a couple computer types are willing; but together we don't know how to get lawyers to represent us; as the perceptions exist we're crazy; or Rambo's or anything the Hollywood flakes propagandized us about. Any help appreciated? Finally historically; while not a downplay; those of us who in SOG; and MACV patch; constantly in combat never heard of any Dust Off; Bell; of Howard Hughes Tool and Dye

Company developed the first Huey' after same name with full instrumentation; UH-1A.; because of our limited weight; fuel and need for electronics; we stripped them of all but the basics; thus an FM and limited gyroscopic for cases of weather; U TURN and get out of clouds; this gave about an extra thousand pounds of load; and so our med evacs call sign was 'wrecker'; for any either downed ship; or wounded; and others. Fuel bladders were at places only we knew about; some manned by a lonely Spec 4 such as Tuy Hoa. The a had a flaw; the fuel tank was steel reinforced aluminum, and we had an incendiary round hit it; through fuel and into the gaseous fumes above the A simply exploded in the air, the B came with a collapsible bladder, also the Provisional 7th 'Fangs' doesn't exist in records; only five alive; three with PTSD and two who won't say much except forget it. As Kelly fought Stillwell is exactly why we never told the likes what or where we were doing. Straight legs wonder of nothing. Bye. Charlie Wells

(ED NOTE) Thank you Charlie, I don't know what to tell you about starting something like Trauma Victims Asso, Int. I have my hands full just trying to keep up with our Association business as a Fraternal Veterans Asso aimed at reuniting our former units. Maybe some of our members have more info and can help you.

Dear James, I am the Larry Novicki who was with the 68th Assault Helicopter Co in Vietnam from Oct. 1965 until I went to battalion Hqs later in the tour. (145th AVN BN) After Vietnam, I went to Germany and then got out of service in August 67. I've been at the Omaha World Herold newspaper ever since (editorial pages). In nearly 30 years since being in Vietnam, I have seen just one former unit member-Dan Telfair, who finishes getting his degree in Ohaha. I'll be glad to join the association. Please send me material or call-

Larry Novicki

(ED NOTE) Thank you Larry. Since you work at a newspaper, could you do us a favor, have a Reunion notice placed in your paper, and/or any papers you can, the needed information is in the Reunion Update and the cover of the newsletter. Anybody else out

there who can have a free Reunion Notice placed in a publication it would be greatly appreciated

Dear James, This is a short note to say I'm back in Australia and my old address at 3 [REDACTED] Papua New Guinea is R/S and government changes its mind daily on policy. We are presently looking for employment in S.E. Asia namely Australia but at 48, things are not to rosy, anyway - Plod ON. Read your latest January 1994 newsletter would to love to hear from SP5 Paul Kornolly 135th Prop and Rotor 70-71 and Mike Guard Tiapans he was from Miami Fla. 69-70. Fort Rucker 1995. I'll make this one I'm sure, at least I'll try hard. Ask your General Kenyon who he knows in U.S.A.F. We may be able to muster a few people if we could hop on a free bird Ex Sydney say LA. Dallas or where ever. Thanks once again, David Benge 135th Phone Australia inter 61-49-634053 No need to publish this one!!

(ED NOTE) Thank you Dave. Publishing this one could be a help in finding the people you would like to hear from. Maybe some of the other EMUs will drop you a line. If General Kenyon know anyone that can help with a military hop he will need your address to contact you anyway. Maybe some of our other members might be able to help out with a hop.

Dear Jim and Debbie, Thank you so much for your efforts for the association. Enclosed is a check for 3 more years dues plus some other purchases, etc. Please make a small correction in my zip code #, it is 78734 not 76734 - Thanks! Also I would like to appeal to our Aussie friends who are members of our association - I would like the mailing address of commander Ralph (former XO of the EMUs -1968). I heard thru the grapevine that he retired as a Vice Admiral RAN. Keep up the good work, we are all grateful! Sincerely, Charles A. Edwards. Saber 6 Sep. '68-Mar '69

(ED NOTE) Thank you Charles, hopefully one of our Australian readers will help out.

Dear Jim, I just wanted to send in a change of address and my dues. If there is any thing left after my dues are paid, just use it to help cover your expenses. Enjoyed talking to you in Philadelphia, and hope to see you next year at the 145th's reunion.

Keep up the good work and thank you. Sincerely,

Jim Ellis

(ED NOTE) Thank you Jim, see you at Rucker.

Dear Jim, We finally made it back from the Philippines, what a trip! We were packed like sardines in Philippine Airlines 747, a long cramped flight. When we arrived in Manila, we flew directly to my wife's home town at Cogagan De Oro city. I was concerned when the crew of the Philippine Airline 737 that we were flying on took 45 minutes to get to the door closed on their plane. I think we should have received hazardous duty pay for flying their airplane. When we arrived at our final destination, two hueys were running up on the flight line. I told the wife, I thought I was back in Vietnam. The Philippine Army is making daily flights in search of the NPA, new people army, the Viet Cong of the Philippines. We had a nice stay at my in-laws house and did some sight seeing. We had to be in before dark because the badboys were kidnapping foreigners for ransom. We rode on the ferry boat up to the island of CEBU, where my wife used to work to visit some friends. The trip up was just fine, but the trip back was very rough. There was a storm and we got tossed around quite a lot. I got seasick, puked like crazy, glad I didn't join the navy. After two typhoons, one flood, many mosquitoes and an insane amount of fireworks on New Years Eve, I was ready to come back home. We did have a good time, drank that water of the Gods, San Mignel Beer and just had a wonderful visit. Sincerely Ted Hanrahan

(ED NOTE) Thank you Ted, great story. I'd like to see the Philippines sometime (longer then a refueling stop), after things are a little more peaceful.

Hi Jim, Here is some data for the KIA section of the 145th directory covering members of the 73rd Aviation Co. John Sabine and Mike Field were killed in action on their second tours in units other than the 73rd. KIA Richard E Jaeck 1/LT 3/14/64. Jimmy Cartwright, 1/LT 6/23/64. Marlin E. Mc Cahen (?) 6/24/64. Daniel Dawson, 1/LT MIA 11/11/64. John S Sabine, IV (CAPT) 3/30/66 (1st/9th CAV). Michael F. Field, MAJ 10/16/67 (unit unknown).

Bill McGee

(ED NOTE) Thank you Bill, the information will be included in the Directory.

Mr. Bodkin : Enclosed is my personal check in the amount of \$30.00 (dues until July 95 and \$10 for the "Kitty"). I apologize for allowing my membership dues to be in such arrears. Best luck to you, your staff and the association. Sincerely, Marvin A. Farmer

(ED NOTE) Thank you Marvin.

Dear Jim and Deb, Enclosed is a check for \$23 to cover the cost of a T-shirt and one years membership for, Ken Tompkins [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]. This is as I discussed with Jim by phone today. Hopefully, Ken will enjoy his membership as much as I have mine and will renew it next year. Ken and I were roommates, teammates, and have remained best friends since Nam. As our gunship team leader, Ken had no peer. We flew as Raider 23 and 24 in the 197th (and later 334th) for over seven months. Ken and I have stayed in touch over the years although we haven't seen each other since 1968. The efforts of you two, Jim and Deb, have made it possible for me to locate other friends from flight school and Vietnam. Friends that I have lost track of and had been unable to reach. You two people are doing a very special service and are very much appreciated by the rest of us in the organization. Thank you again from all of us. Sincerely Stu Ostrander

(ED NOTE) Thank you Stu

Dear Jim and Debby, Just a quick note to explain this. The check is for \$25.00. Please take 10 of it for my dues and put the other \$15.00 wherever you need it. I promise to write in more length at a later date. You and Debby are our backbones, we owe you so much. Thanks. Don Willis

(ED NOTE) Thank you Don.

Dear Jim and Deb, I am about to undergo my fifth major operation on my back. They will put steel rods the whole length of my back on 11/6. I will be laid up for about a year. I forgot to order one more Firebird T-shirt size XXL. I have enclosed a check for \$13.00 to cover the cost. All the best to you and Deb. Always. Ned Flecke 7 Stephen St. Hazlet, NJ 07730

(ED NOTE) Thank you Ned. I hope everything works out with the back and the pain is finally gone.

Dear Jim, I read with interest Jon Carrico's comments in the recent newsletter about the 190th AHC vintage 1969. I am writing to share with him and other former Spartans my limited recollection of that period. Unfortunately it is from a poor memory. I no longer have any documents from that era. I was CO of the 190th from early July 69 thru early Jan 70. I took over from Maj. Murray and was followed by Maj. Pierce. During my tenure the unit was designed as the primary support company for two VIP missions - one for President Nixon and one for VP Agnew. I remember the missions as being a month or so apart - with the president coming first, but this may not be accurate. The XO was Capt Allen, OPS John Taylor, OPS Assts Larry Mullendore and Dave Riley, maint Kirk Padree. Bud Holzman & Dana Toothacker were there - I wish I could remember more. Maybe someone out there has a company roster from this period. I am writing you instead of Jon & Von in hope that these recollections will help others who were there at that time remember and submit into that will help them accurately reconstruct this memorable period. Best Wishes, Joe Jobe

(ED NOTE) Thank you Joe, maybe some will be inspired to write in with more details.

Dear Jim, Guess I didn't get my new address to you as I just got the July newsletter. I guess it's a good thing. I know the postmaster or I may never have received it I've enclosed 2 year dues plus a little extra for the copy machine. I did the DAV newsletter for 2 years so I know what it's like. I only had 500 copies to make and mail. I do enjoy yours and am going to try to make it to Rucker 95. Best Wishes For The Holiday, Frank Alverson Jr.
(ED NOTE) Thank you Frank.

Dear Jim, I talked to M/SGT John Troy this past Sunday and he wants to join. Please send him application packet. M/SGT John Troy USA RET. PO Box 34 McAlister, Olka, 74502. No Tel. #. SGT. 2nd PLT 120th AVN Co May 64 - May 65 Maint chief 120th AVN Co 1966. SFC George C Mattison Jr. USA Ret. Tel. 407-671-3501. 3203 S.M.U. Blvd, Orlando Fl 32817-2525 Crew chief May/64/Aug 65 (Hog. 48 Rocker) U.T.T. P/T Sgt. Aug. 64, Jun 65 3rd Pit 120th Avn Co.
(ED NOTE) Thank you George.

Dear Mr. Bodkin: I have taken over duties of Executive Vice President from Bill Hooks with whom I know you have dealt with in the past. I am suppose to do the job for the next three years and I hope I can hold up as well as Bill did. I know that he had established an exchange of information about our respective reunions and this is to let you know when and where our next reunion will occur. Placing this information in your newsletter is, as always, most appreciated. The Army Otter/Caribou Association will host it's Tenth Annual Reunion August 16-20, 1995 in Boston, Mass. For information about the reunion or the association, please contact Bruce D.

Tel. [REDACTED] Many Thanks Bruce D. Slivey
Executive Vice President

(ED NOTE) I sure will Bruce. Your Reunion Chairman, George Owens, is also our Executive Vice-President. Knowing George and Lorraine your 1995 Tenth Annual Reunion will really be great. Any of our members in the Boston area might want to stop by and welcome the Army Otter/Caribou Asso to the area. They're really a great group of people.

Dear Ladies and Gentleman: I am preparing to write a book about my experiences in Vietnam 1963-64 particularly the days of April 10, 1964 through April 17 1964. If available, the name of the book will be Rice and Cotton: South Vietnam and South Alabama. I want to follow the format used by General Moore in his excellent book We Were Soldiers Once... and Young. As many of you know I was wounded on April 12, 1964 in the afternoon while piloting an H-21 helicopter near Kien Long which is near Camau deep in the Mekong Delta. I was hit in the right leg while at altitude. My beloved co-pilot then Lieutenant Robert A. "BO" Thompson also received wounds but was able to land the H-21 a magnificent feat. (Bo was killed in Vietnam in August, 1967, while flying a Huey with the 1/9th Cav.) Some of you were on this mission. We were far from our base, the base, the 120th Aviation Company (Air Mobil Light), at Tan Son Nhut, Saigon. I have no idea what hit me. Neil Sheehan in his work A Bright Shining Lie states that in the spring of 1964 the Viet Cong moved 12.7 millimeter anti-aircraft weapons deep into the delta. Was this what hit me? When I returned home my mother had an Associated Press

clipping dated April 17, 1964, she cut out of the Montgomery Advertiser stated that there was a massacre at Kien Long on Sunday, which would have been April 12, 1964. I know nothing of the details, but I want to find out. I want to uncover every fact known concerning circumstances of my being wounded and the Kien Long battle. Neil Sheehan makes Ap Bac January 2, 1963 the focus of his book. Ironically when I arrived in Viet Nam and became a member of the 120th Aviation Company I immediately was told about Ap Bac over many beers in the Shawnee Teepee. Bob Elliott, Mel Pollock and others recited poems about the horror - the screw - up - at Ap Bac. Well, Kien Long was my Ap Bac or was it? I have read that the Viet Cong operated at regimental strength for the first time at Kien Long on Sunday April 12, 1964. Neil Sheehan states this in his book. I would like to determine who commanded the operation on behalf of the VC and interview him just as General Moore interviewed his counterpart. I want your help. If you have knowledge of the events leading up to, during or after Kien Long on April 12, 1964 PLEASE WRITE THEM DOWN IN DETAIL AND SEND THEM TO ME. If you have any contacts, wherever they are, whatever file they are in, whatever history book they are written in, please get them and send them to me. It occurs to me in retrospect that something very significant happened on or about April 12, 1964 at or near Kien Long. During all these years very little has been written about that operation. Who commanded it for the U.S., the ARVN? Bobby Hovis in her excellent work "Station Hospital Saigon" said that two dead on arrival and thirteen casualties were treated at Station Hospital Saigon on 10-12 April, 1964. (See pages 130 and 131 of her book.) She got the feeling that there was a major battle in the delta. Why hasn't something been written about this battle, or if it has have I missed it? Brothers and Sisters I solicit your help and assistance. Until I write this book I cannot sleep....very well. Sincerely, John B. Givhan, First Lieutenant Army of the United States (Retired)
(ED NOTE) Thank you for the letter John and I hope some of our readers can help you with information.

Dear Jim, Hope you had a great time at the VHPA in Philadelphia - For me it was a terrific event. I will be at the next 145th CAB at Ft. Rucker. Is it still June 16-18? My flight class 64-2W had it's 30 year

mini-reunion at the VHPA and we will have our 31 year mini with you in Rucker. Nearly all of our class went early to Vietnam and as a result were 145th pilots for part of their tour. I will be one of the principle organizers of our event so want to stay in touch with you. We will rent a room for the whole weekend and use it for a meeting place. You do not need to provide any other services to our group just add us to the list of mini's if you have others being listed. Let me know when dates and the motel are settled. Thanks Jim, Pat McLarney
(ED NOTE) Thank you Pat. Just before this goes to the copy machine I'll call for an update on all the details of the Reunion.

Dear Mr. Bodkin, As the commander of the First Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment I am writing to thank you for including me as an honorary member of your organization. Your newsletters are a valuable source of historical information for my unit. I have made note of your reunion planned for June 1995. The First Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment and Fort Rucker welcome the opportunity to have the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion Vietnam Association as our guests. If there is anything that I can do to be of any assistance to you in making preparations for the reunion, please feel free to contact me. I am looking forward to meeting you here in June. Sincerely, Dennis W. Wilkinson
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army

(ED NOTE) Thank you Colonel. The 145th Combat Aviation Battalion (Vietnam) Asso is looking forward to meeting you at our 1995 Reunion, and learning what is new with Army Aviation and the 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment. The members of our Association are very proud of the histories of their units, and very proud that their history is being passed on along with the lessons learned to each new member of Army Aviation. Each person that graduates from an Army Aviation school takes with them the knowledge that was gained through the sacrifices of members of our units.

Jim, Please change my address to Marvin Myers

Work phone is [REDACTED] Home phone is [REDACTED]
Thanks Marvin Myers Dragon 36 197th 64-65. P.S. Keep up the fine work. Will try to send a few bucks for the copier shortage

(ED NOTE) Thank you Marv, see you at Ft Rucker.

Dear Jim, Sitting here doing all the things necessary to complete before one moves to a new location (tough this time because we have lived in New Orleans 17 years) and want to get my new address off to you before you complete the updated directory. We are moving to a small town in NE Iowa and plan to open a Bed and Breakfast in the Victorian house we purchased there last summer. I plan to do the restoration myself and hopefully and hopefully be able to open for business about June next year. No, I am not going to do the cooking, will leave that to Carolyn, -safer that way. Hope that the timing will not interfere with the reunion at Ft. Rucker but will have to see what happens, don't want to miss that!!!! I always enjoy the newsletter and know how hard you work to keep the whole organization together. Keep up the good work and looking forward to seeing you at the reunion, or, if you are not out and about on your travels, stop at McGregor to see us. We should be there after December 1 and my new address and phone number is as the follows: CDR. David Scott [REDACTED].

David Scott

(ED NOTE) Thank you Dave, Hope to see you at the Reunion at Fort Rucker. Good luck with the Bed & Breakfast.

Dear Jim and Deb, Sorry I am late with my this. Sign me up for another year and use the rest as you see fit. I'm looking forward to seeing you both at Rucker in '95! Did I read somewhere that you are coming to San Antonio in 97? Best Wishes George Young

(ED NOTE) Thank you George. And thank you George for all your hard work with the 114th Asso. Now that we have determined that the 114th started its time in Vietnam with the 45th Trans Bn and is now a part of our Asso, the 114th people will be listed in our Directory. George and his helpers can take credit for finding all the 114th people listed, about 800 or more.

Dear Jim: Please apply check to bring my membership up to date, use any balance as you see fit. The July newsletter was great. I seem to have erased most of my RVN memories. My first in-

country flight, was with Dana Toothaker. I think my introduction to *small arms fire* was in the right seat of the Spartan Smoke Ship commanded by Jon Carrico. I guess the high point of my tour was the honor of being in the unit that was selected to fly the Presidential Party. The low point was the morning I as a maintenance officer, sold Jim Muenier a short shaft that would only take him a mile from Bien Hoa. He put it down with no damage but the hook dropped it from 1000 feet, during the recovery attempt. Has anyone heard anything from or about Stoney Burke or John Mathisson? They crewed the Spartan maintenance aircraft 68-15576 in late 1969. I think Stoney was from somewhere out on the west coast. John's claim to fame was falling out of an aircraft on short final to a LZ. Can someone confirm this event? Any knowledge of SFC Moroski "Ski" 190th maintenance NCOIC or Jeff Chase and Frank Bruno, 145th Flight Surgeons? Jeff was from Charleston SC, Frank was from the northeast, maybe Phila. Or NY. Perhaps you can check your telephone database. Do you know if there are any reproductions of the III Corps Area, tactical maps available? If so please advise. Keep up the good work, see you at Fort Rucker next summer. Best Regards, Kirk H. Pardee [REDACTED]

(ED NOTE) Thank you Kirk. It doesn't sound like your memories of your tour were erased, but just incase, meet the other 190th guys at the Reunion and you will have many more fond memories of your tour to recall. I checked on the people you listed and have a couple of possibles. There is a Jeffery S Chase listed in our Help Find List, 1969-70, HHC, Cpt. That SSN was issued in PA, there are two Jeff Chase listings in PA, wrong MI on one and the other Jeffery is spelled the other way. There was no Jeff Chase listed for SC. There is a Jeffery S Chase listed in Milwaukee. I checked on Frank Bruno and found hundreds of listing, I did find a Frank P Bruno DDS listed in Greenville, RI that I will check on. I checked on Stoney Burke and found 3 listing on the eastern half and four in the western half, but none even close to the west coast. For the III Corps Tactical Map and items like that contact C. T. "Rusty" Boys, [REDACTED], I think he'll be able to help you out. See you at Ft Rucker.

Dear Jim, Enclosed is a money order for dues, sorry I'm late. I received a letter yesterday from Bill Moline who was in the 118th from 7/67 to 7/68. He was a classmate and since the 118th and 334th were next to one another we kept in touch in Vietnam. He's a retired Lt. Col from the AIRFORCE now (Go figure). At the VHPA reunion in Philadelphia it was good to see H.R. Nelson (118th) and Walter Martin (334th) both class mates. They are both doing well. It was good to hear from Joe Michaelwicz in your publication also. I hadn't heard about him since I put him on a shuttle flight to Boston from NY. 7/18/68 when we returned from Vietnam. I read your history of the 68th AHC for the year of 1967. You left out the death of a pilot and classmate of ours. Late in July '67 WO-1 John Marlow was shot and killed during an air assault. He hadn't been in the country for about two weeks and this was one of his first missions. Well nice talking to you, take care. Paul Mangini 334th Raider 24

(ED NOTE) Thank you Paul. The VHPA reunion in Philly was fun. The way the history reports were written in Vietnam left out just about all those Killed In Action. The best solution I can think of is a Memorial List like we include in our Directory and just about all the Aviation Organization do.

Dear Jim & Debbie; Long time-no hear. How are you doing? I don't think I have heard from you since the VHPA in Philadelphia. We enjoyed being with you two that weekend along with Jim and Gracie Paul.... Speaking of reunions, how are plans for the 145th Reunion next June at Rucker progressing? Wasn't it just last week that we were in Ft Worth? Where does the time go? Let me know if there is anything I can do to help. Our Otter-Caribou Reunion is still taking a lot of our time. Our phone and gasoline budget has shot sky high. We live 52 miles from where we will hold the reunion. Its a beautiful Hotel and promises to be a great reunion site. We have everything except the Boston/Battle Trail Tour set. I am almost ready to sign an agreement with a Tour Company for that event. Only a couple of small items to iron out. We have the Banquet Dinner menu set and it is going to be fabulous if the Hotel comes through with half of the food and service they gave us during the "tasting". There wer four of us and we all tried a different meal to come up with the best two. We settled on

Baked Stuffed Filet of Sole and Beef Aus Ju. The dinner was very - very elegant. What is giving us the most trouble is the Hospitality Room and setting up the Bar. It looks as if its going to be a lot of work. Our committee is small so we will have to rely on volunteers to keep it open all those hours. Both Lorraine and I will be happy when its over. I've got to run. Let me know if there is anything I can do. Best Regards, George & Lorraine Owens

(ED NOTE) Thank you George, and next time lets not give the map to Jim Paul, although we did have a good time. George's newsletter was lost by the postal service, so I sent him another one. (I had to shorten george's letter a little bit to get things to fit, I believe I got the main points in) George and Lorraine Owens will be hosting the 10th Reunion of the Army Otter-Caribou Asso 16-20 August 1995 at the Sheraton-Tara Hotel, Braintree, MA, just 10 miles south of Boston. Anyone in the area might want to stop in and visit at the Reunion. If anyone can volunteer to help out with their Reunion, Hospitality Room or Bar please contact George or Lorraine at [REDACTED]

Dear Jim & Deb: In further response to Steve Brackett's question, "What the hell is the deal on our POW's?" in a 'not-so-recent' newsletter: For some real answers: 1. Send \$33 to the American Defense Institute, 1055 N Fairfax St, Alexandria, VA 22314 and ask for a copy of the hour long VHS video "AMERICANS ABANDONED". It is fact filled, well researched and presented by Navy Capt Eugene B "Red" McDaniel, an Ex-POW. 2 Call 1-800-POW-MIAS (to order by credit card) or send \$19.95 plus \$4 S&H, to; POW Publicity Fund, P.O. 65500. Washington, DC 20035, to get "OUTRAGE! The POW Cover-up", which is a two hour, fast-paced, hard-hitting Intelligence Briefing, on VHS tape, by Ex- US Rep Billy Hendon and which presents copies of actual CIA, DIA and other 'Intelligence' Documents (now declassified) in a very concise, complete and understandable 'overview' of the Live POW situation - the kind of thing that even your next-door neighbor (or any other 'un-informed civilian) can grasp immediately. Happy Holiday to the whole Bodkin Bunch. Sincerely, VET-NET Michael J Davis

(ED NOTE) Thank you Mike

45 th TRANSPORTATION BATTALION HISTORY, 1 JAN - 30 JUNE 1963, (edited)

I S-1 (PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATION)

(U) GENERAL: During the period 1 January through 30 June 1963, the Unit personnel section carried on normal personnel activities, thirty-five officers and one hundred ninety one enlisted men were processed for return to CONUS and one hundred twenty-six officers and two hundred forty-two men were processed in for assignment to units of the battalion. The overall strength of the battalion, both officer and enlisted, remained about the same throughout the period.

(U) CHANGE OF STATUS: During the period of this report the status of the US Army Utility Tactical Transport Helicopter Company was changed from Temporary Change of Station from Okinawa to Permanent Change of Station to the Republic of Vietnam. Notice of the change was Received on 20 March and all actions to include transfer of personnel back to Okinawa were to be completed by 22 March. The personnel section successfully accomplished the required actions to include preparations of adjusted DEROS's, submission of AOR Rosters, publication of PCS orders on personnel returning to Okinawa and arranging for transportation.

(U) TRANSFER OF RECORDS: The Personnel Section processed and moved the records of the 81st and 8th Transportation Companies (Light helicopter) and the 18th Aviation Company (Fixed Wing Light Transport) and attached units to Pleiku, Republic of Vietnam. This move was made on 15 March in Preparation for the assumption of operational control of these units on 1 April by the 52d Aviation Battalion. This action included a complete records, finance and passport check, furnishing a thirty day supply of blank forms, coordination with the personnel section at Pleiku in the issuance of orders, payment and processing of personnel returning to CONUS and the processing of incoming personnel.

(U) NEW UNITS ASSIGNED: The 57th Medical Detachment (Helicopter) consisting of 9 officers and 22 enlisted men was attached on 31 January. Also, in January the 19th Quartermaster Detachment (Petroleum Quality Surveillance) consisting of one enlisted man and the 22d and 24th Quartermaster Detachment (Petroleum Bulk Storage and issue) each consisting of 8 EM were attached to the Battalion and further attached to the 18th Aviation Company, 8th Transportation Company and 81st Transportation Company in the order listed. The advanced detachment of an Air Mobile Company arrived on 23 March to coordinate Movement and processing actions. The detachment consisted of one captain and one sergeant.

(U) PLANS: During the period an addition to S-1 functions was taken under consideration. It was contemplated that the Unit personnel Section would assume the responsibility for the preparation of all unit morning reports. This change would greatly reduce errors and facilitate the forwarding of Morning Reports to USARPAC.

(U) AWARDS AND DECORATIONS: During the reporting period approximately 913 recommendations for awards were processed though the S-1 section. These included 796 Air Medals or OLC's, 31 Bronze Stars, 70 Distinguished Flying Crosses, and 16 Army Commendations Medals. 496 approved awards were received and forwarded to units concerned for presentation. These included 398 Air Medals or Oak Leaf Clusters, thereto, 25 Bronze Stars, 31 Purple Hearts, 39 Distinguished Flying Crosses and 3 Army Commendation Medals.

(U) MORALE: Morale has been generally high despite the fact that some enlisted men must still be held beyond their normal rotation date due to the non-arrival of adequate replacements.

(U) PROBLEM AREAS: The major problem areas requiring early resolution and over which the battalion has no control are:

1, Trained replacements: Time, mission requirements and the austere personnel position of most units does not permit proper training of replacements who arrive with little or no practical experience. This is particularly true of aircraft mechanics, MOS 676 and 675. The slow arrival of mechanics and the fact that a large percentage of those arriving are MOS 670 have created a serious problem in aircraft maintenance.

2, Advance information on inbound personnel: The lack of adequate and accurate advance information on inbound personnel created various problems.

(a) Officers: Although the battalion received advance orders and copies of DA Form 66 for approximately, 95% of inbound officers, the actual date of arrival varied as much as one month from, the individual's availability date and advance information did not contain qualification in aircraft. This precluded prior planning of the officer's ultimate assignment and caused a considerable delay between arrival at battalion and arrival at a final unit of assignment.

(b) Enlisted men: Advance information on arrival of enlisted men was needed for planning purposes. Operational necessities often require the transfer of enlisted men from one unit to another which in turn causes new arrivals to be diverted from unit of assignment as indicated on orders. This in turn creates an additional work load on the personnel section. If accurate information on arrival dates was received advance planning could be accomplished and eliminate the need for diverting arrivals and reduce the Personnel Section's work load.

(c) New Units: Detailed advance information on arrival dates of new units, particularly large units, was needed to preclude a serious billeting problem.

(U) POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS: A problem area involving officers may arise. This problem would be due to the fact that the majority of inbound officers are assigned on DA orders to the 45th Transportation Battalion with a relatively few assigned directly to units of the battalion. This situation requires this battalion to screen all incoming officers and

**145TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION (VIETNAM)
ASSOCIATION**

REUNION

WILL BE HELD AT FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA

16, 17, 18, JUNE 1995

The following pages provide planning information and a personal registration form to be completed and returned to:

MG (Ret) Richard D. Kenyon
C/O DynCorp

prior to 30 April 1995. Please note that attendees are responsible for making their own motel reservations! Refer questions to Jim Bodkin at [REDACTED] or General Kenyon at [REDACTED].

SCHEDULE

(The dress for the entire reunion is casual!)

<u>Thursday, 15 June 95</u> - 1800 - ?	"Early Warrior Reception" - Outdoors at the Ozark Holiday Inn. Reunion registration desk will be available. Pay-as-you-go bar. Dinner available at the Holiday Inn.
<u>Friday, 16 June 95</u> - 0900 - ?	Renew acquaintances at Building 5419, Adams Hall, at Fort Rucker. (Limited transportation will be available from the Ozark Holiday Inn to Building 5419.)
0900 - 1600	Visit the Army Aviation Museum. Within walking distance from Building 5419.
1000 - 1600	Visit the Flight Simulator Complex to see the latest technology flight simulators (motion base and visual displays). Within walking distance from Building 5419.
1000 - 1600	Briefing explaining Fort Rucker today and films or videos showing Army Aviation past and present will be presented during the day in Building 5419.
1130 - 1700	Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA) golf tournament at Fort Rucker golf course. Information sheet at end of this package.
1300 - 1400	Tactical demonstrations of rappelling from a helicopter and a parachute mission in the Air Assault school area. Transportation will be provided.

ORDER & MEMBERSHIP FORM

FILL OUT COMPLETE ADDRESS AND PHONE

send in complete form

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____

Send form to: **145th C.A.B.V.A., 3719 FOREST HILL AVE, Ft WAYNE, IN 46805-1301**

MEMBERSHIP FORM

145th COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION (VIETNAM) ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FORM

I served with the (unit) _____ from (date) _____ to _____

RANK (check one) EM _____ WO _____ OF _____

I have enclosed \$10 for each membership year. Total \$ _____ for 1 July 1994 to 30 June 199 _____

Regular _____ Associate Member _____ Renewal _____ NL27

_____ LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$250 _____ FULL PAYMENT _____ PARTIAL PAYMENT \$ _____

CASSETTE TAPE

Send me the indicated cassette tape/s, Audio Cassette sell for \$15 each. See Page 23 NL27
_____ "Battle of Bien Hoa/Gunship Action" _____ Combat Assault _____ Song of the UTT

UNIT PATCHES or HAT

Send me _____ 118AHC, _____ 118AML, _____ 119AHC, _____ UTT (Pegasus), _____ 335AHC, _____ FIREBIRD, _____ MUSTANG (Grim Reaper), at \$4 each.

Or send me _____ 145th baseball cap at \$5 each. See page 23 NL27

VIETNAM VETERANS TIES

Send me _____ Navy Blue or _____ Burgundy, Vietnam Veterans Tie/s, at \$22 each. See page 23 NL27

COLOR UNIT T-SHIRTS

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

#01-01 145th BN Asso.

_____ #04-03 57th Med Det

_____ #06-02 71st AHC

_____ #08-03 117th AML

_____ #09-01 118th AML

_____ #10-02 119th AML

_____ #11-02 120th AHC

_____ #13-02 135th AHC

_____ #17-01 UTT (1963)

_____ #17-04 197th AHC

_____ #05-02 68th AHC

_____ #06-04 FIREBIRD

_____ #08-04 117th AHC

_____ #09-02 118th AHC

_____ #10-03 119th AHC

_____ #12-02 121st AHC

_____ #16-01 190th AHC

_____ #17-02 UTT (1964)

_____ #17-05 334th AHC (1966-68)

SIZE

_____ MEDIUM

_____ LARGE

_____ EX-LARGE

_____ XX-LARGE

_____ XXX-LARGE

ALLOW 6 TO 8 WEEKS FOR DELIVERY, IF NOT IN STOCK, SEE PAGE 23 FOR DETAILS

ASSOCIATION WATCH OR BELT BUCKLE

Send me _____ Association Watch at \$25 each. See page 23 of NL27

Send me _____ Association Belt Buckle at \$15 each. See page 23 of NL27

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our old copy machine was really getting in bad shape. I will be starting the 94-95 Directory soon and that copy machine would not do the job for us. If it was an aircraft it would have been red Xed and sent to the scrap yard a long time ago. The new one we just bought will cost us \$166.06 a month for 24 months.

We are at a point now that we have the best computer equipment there is for locating people, but we were slowed down by the time spent keeping the copy machine running. If we locate too many people too soon then we could not depend on our copy machine to make enough copies of the newsletter to send to the people we just located. The solution to the problem was to buy a new copier, so we did. Now we need for everyone what hasn't sent in their 94-95 dues to do so real soon, so we'll know what we can count on for support.

I'm trying to think of what I can say that will get more of you to join or renew your dues. All that I can come up with is that our Association really does need your support. So please invest a little of your money with us and see what interest in terms of renewing old friendships you will receive in return. Or just consider it a small donation to help out people you served with in Vietnam.

**Please send in some due money today,
if you haven't done so already.**

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

and a little money

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____

NUMBER ATTENDING REUNION _____

NAMES OF PERSONS COMING WITH ME _____

PLANNED ARRIVAL DATE: _____

MOTEL/CAMPER SITE WHERE I'VE MADE RESERVATIONS: _____

HOW TRAVELING: POV _____ AIR _____ OTHER EXPLAIN _____

REGISTRATION FEE

1. REUNION PACKAGE AND TRANSPORTATION AT \$15.00 \$15.00 _____

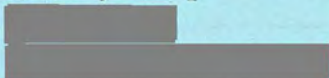
2. SATURDAY BUFFET DINNER: _____ Adults at \$11.00 = _____
_____ Children under 12 _____
at \$5.50 _____

(Includes three meats, vegetables, coffee, or tea, and desserts)

TOTAL \$ _____

Please send your pre-reunion cost by check or money order payable to 145th CAB (Vietnam)
Reunion along with your completed registration sheet by **30 April 1995** to:

MG (Ret) Richard D. Kenyon
C/O DynCorp



Reunion attendees from the 145th Combat Aviation (Vietnam)
Association are invited to participate in a AAAA golf
tournament sponsored by the 1-145th AVN REGT.



"OLD WARRIOR"

DATE: 16 JUNE 95

LOCATION: FT. RUCKER GOLF COURSE

TENTATIVE TIME: 1130 - REGISTRATION
1200 - FINAL RULES BRIEF
1230 - SHOTGUN START

FORMAT: 4 - MAN CAPTAIN'S CHOICE

ENTRY FEE: \$20.00 (INCLUDES CART AND GREENS FEES) PLEASE MAKE
SEPARATE CHECK PAYABLE TO "OLD WARRIOR ASSOCIATION"

** PAYMENT IN ADVANCE GUARANTEES YOU A SLOT. YOU MAY
SUBMIT YOUR OWN TEAM OR TEAMS WILL BE FORMED ON THE
DAY OF THE EVENT.

POC: CPT KINDER. [REDACTED]

PLENTY OF PRIZES

PROCEEDS GO TO THE ARMY AVIATION ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (AAAA)

PLEASE RETURN WITH PAYMENT:

YOUR NAME _____
NAMES OF OTHER
TEAM MEMBERS
(IF APPLICABLE) _____

INFORMATION ON LODGING IN THE FORT RUCKER AL AREA

Scheduled Events Continued

Friday, 16 June 95

1700 - ?

Dinner and the evening on your own.

Saturday, 17 June 95

0900 - ?

Back at Building 5419.
Limited bus transportation from Ozark Holiday Inn.

0900 - 1600

Army Aviation Museum open for visits.

1000 - 1600

Static display of today's helicopters including the AH-64 Apache, CH-47D Chinook, AH-1 Cobra, and OH-58D Warrior at Hanchey Airfield. Round-robin bus transportation provided.

1800 - ?

Buffet dinner and business meeting at the Officer's Club.

Sunday, 18 June 95

0915 - 1030

Breakfast on your own. Officer's Club serves a brunch starting at 0915.

1030 - 1100

Non-denominational Memorial Service at the Post Recreation Center (near Officer's Club)

END OF PLANNED EVENTS

INFORMATION ON LODGING IN THE FORT RUCKER, AL AREA

MOTEL:

Holiday-Inn, 151 US Hwy 231 N., P.O. Box 190, Ozark, AL 36360 (334)774-7300. A special room rate of \$38.00 for any size room is available for this reunion. Restaurant, pool, lounge available. You can call the toll free number, 1-800-HOLIDAY, use the code AVN to reserve a room at this rate. Make your reservations early as they will block 100 rooms, but will release them two weeks prior to the reunion.

Best Western Ozark Inn, US Hwy 231 South, Ozark, AL 36360 (334)774-5166. Room rates: Single, 1 person - \$33.30, 2 or more persons - \$37.80; Double, 1 person - \$35.10, 2 or more persons - \$39.60; King size, 1 person - \$36.00, 2 or more persons - \$40.50. Free Continental breakfast, pool, lounge. When calling for reservations, be sure to let them know that you are attending the military reunion.

Econo Lodge, Daleville, AL, 444 Daleville, Avenue, Daleville, AL 36322, POC - Ms. Rose Schultz (334)598-6304. Room Rates: \$35.00 for 1-4 persons. No restaurant or lounge available. Pool is available.

Daleville Inn, 108 N. Daleville Ave, Daleville, AL 36322, POC - Ms. Allison Chancey (334)598-4451. Room rates: \$32.40 - single, \$34.56 - double. Restaurant, lounge, pool available.

Green House Inn, 501 S. Daleville Avenue, Daleville, AL 36322, POC - Mr. Carlton Posey (334)598-1475. Room rates: \$34.51 (1-4 persons), \$30.40 (Military 1 person). No restaurant, lounge available.

Ramada Inn, (Formerly Colony Inn), 630 Glover Avenue, Enterprise, AL 36330, (334)347-6262. Room rates: \$38.96 per room. Restaurant, lounge, pool available.

Comfort Inn, 615 Highway 84 By-Pass, Enterprise, AL 36330 (334) 393-2304 or (800) 228-5150. Room rates: 1 person - \$45.00, 2 persons - \$50.00. No restaurant, lounge or pool.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS:

Fort Rucker (Active duty or retired military & DoD Civilians) Outdoor Recreation, Bldg. 24201 - Lake Tholocco, Fort Rucker, AL 36362, (334) 255-4252. Eighteen spaces with water & electricity (dump station on post), restrooms and hot showers. Rates: \$8.00/day, \$40.00/week - active duty or retired military, \$10.00/day, \$50.00/week - civilian. 50% discount with Golden Age Passport.

Ozark Trav-L-park, 3 miles north of Holiday Inn on US Hwy 231 (mile marker 47), (334)774-3219 or 1-800-359-3218. 40 spaces with full hook ups. \$14.00/night; \$76.00/week. Let them know your reservation is for the military reunion and you will receive a 20% discount.

Mr. D's RV Park, 1 mile north of Holiday Inn on US Hwy 231, P.O. Box 1147, Ozark, AL 36361, (334)774-5901. Full hook up and drive through available. Also, restaurant next door. Rates: \$10.00/day, \$60.00/week.

TRANSPORTATION - The local airport is Dothan, Alabama. It is served by two airlines that utilize commuter aircraft. Northwest Airlines comes in from their hub in Memphis, TN, while Delta comes in from Atlanta. The reunion committee is arranging discount air fares and the details will be provided in the next newsletter.

assign a "fair share" to the 52nd Aviation Battalion. This is not the ideal solution but is the only course of action deemed practical at this time. A recommendation is now being prepared for submission which, if approved, would require that Department of the Army amend a certain portion of existing orders to divert officers to the 52nd Avn Bn.

II INTELLIGENCE

(U) ORGANIZATION: During the reporting period there were two personnel assigned to the section for duty. The Assistant S-3 performed as S-2 as an additional duty. The Intelligence Sergeant was assigned 3 January 1963 filling a vacancy that existed for 8 months. Later during the period a full time S-2 was assigned to the battalion as a primary staff member with the additional duty as communications officer.

(U) MEMORANDUM: On 2 March 1963, a memorandum pertaining to physical security was published and distributed to all units, to be used by the commander as a guide line in establishing a physical security plan for his area of responsibility. A memorandum was published on 6 March 1963 outlining a uniform procedure to be used by units within the battalion for the proper handling, reciting for and storage of classified defense information. In May 1963 the responsibility of physical security of installations was assumed by the S-3 Section however no additional revisions were made on the previously published memorandum on physical security issued by the S-2 Section.

(U) COMBAT INTELLIGENCE: During the latter half of the reporting period, a combat intelligence function was set up in the battalion war room. 1: 100,000 scale maps of RVN III and IV Corps were posted daily from ISUM's received from the respective corps. A major limitation of the combat intelligence section was the lack of rapid and secure communications with Corps Advisory Groups. This situation seriously limited the transmission of timely information to the S-2 Section for ultimate distribution to the operational units. Towards the end of the reporting period plans were made to integrate the S-2 Section as an aviation intelligence center with the III Corps Advisory Group. A detailed operations plan was written which was enthusiastically accepted by all of the subordinate units. A target date of 15 July 1963 had been set to have the plan in full operation. By integrating the S-2 Section with the Corps Advisory Group it was felt that many of the communications problems in our combat intelligence capability would be greatly expanded.

(U) PERSONNEL SECURITY: In the personnel security field, the problem of having security clearances validated by US Army, Ryukus Island, arose. The problem was administrative due to the large number of replacement personnel arriving during the month of December 1962 and no one to process the applications for validation. This problem was solved by the assignment of an Intelligence Sergeant and approximately 534 security clearances were validated during the reporting period. A close working arrangement with the personnel office has insured that personnel security actions are initiated during processing of incoming personnel thereby avoiding excessive backlog. There were relatively few requirements for the processing of initial clearances due to the fact that the majority of replacement personnel possessed security clearances prior to their arrival in the battalion. During the reporting period 29 CONFIDENTIAL and 8 SECRET security clearances were processed.

(U) DOCUMENTS: The number of SECRET documents received during the reporting period continued to be larger than normally received by a battalion. 383 SECRET documents were processed and 150 were destroyed. The S-2 Section initiated a program of review, upon request of documents originated by other sections, for proper classification of a document. Two four drawer safes were obtained and greatly facilitate quick checks on the presence of documents.

(U) INSPECTIONS: This section was inspected by the Inspector General, US Army Support Group, Vietnam during February and no deficiencies were noted. On 20 February, Lt Col Jacob G. Haven, Commanding Officer of the 209th Military Intelligence Battalion in Okinawa and Captain George E. Marine, G-2 Section, USARYIS, inspected the section and several minor discrepancies were noted, one being that the units were not briefing newly assigned personnel on applicable security directives, a suggested security briefing was extracted from a US Army Support Group, Vietnam directive, published and distributed to all units. During the month of June, an Intelligence Corps Team from Headquarters USARYIS inspected this headquarters and all subordinate units. Conversation with personnel of the team indicated that the security program within the 45th Transportation Battalion was considered highly satisfactory. Subordinate units of this headquarters regularly inspected on a monthly basis. No major discrepancies were noted and all units appeared to have excellent security programs.

III S-3 (PLANS AND OPERATIONS)

(U) CHANGES OF ASSIGNED UNITS:

The 57th Medical Detachment Helicopter Ambulance) was attached to this Battalion effective 31 January 1963. It became operational 25 March with newly arrived UH-1B helicopters and is commanded by Major Lloyd E. Spencer.

The 19th Quartermaster Detachment (Petroleum Quality Surveillance) was assigned 22 January 1963 in support of the 18th Aviation Company (FWLT) at Nha Trang.

The 22d Quartermaster Detachment (Petroleum Bulk Storage and Issue) was assigned 15 January in support of the 8th Transportation Company (Lt Hel) at Qui Nhon.

The 24th Quartermaster Detachment (Petroleum Bulk Storage and Issue) was assigned 15 January in support of the 81st Transportation Company (Lt Hel) at Pleiku.

Each cargo helicopter company received 20 enlisted personnel and one officer which are assigned as gunners on temporary duty status to be rotated every ninety days. These personnel were assigned from USARPAC. The first 2 1/2 platoons arrived 24 March 1963, and the last 2 1/2 platoons arrived 26 March 1963.

With the arrival of the 52d Aviation Battalion the Aviation Units have been reassigned or attached effective 1 April 1963 as follows:

a. Units assigned to headquarters, 45th Transportation Battalion are:

- (1) 33d Transportation Company (Lt Hel).
- (2) 57th Transportation Company (Lt Hel).
- (3) 93d Transportation Company (Lt Hel).
- (4) Utility Tactical Transportation Company.
- (5) 45th Trans Bn Flight Section UH-1B).

b. The 57th Medical Detachment (Hel Amb) is attached to the 52d Aviation Battalion.

General Order 109 dated 21 May 1963 assigned the 114th Aviation Company to the 45th Transportation Battalion. The company arrived 7 May 1963 and was stationed at Vinh Long, Vietnam.

General Order 236 inactivated the Transportation Company and activated the Aviation Companies (Air Mbl Lt). The changes in designation to units assigned to this Battalion were as follows:

- a. 33d Transportation Company (Lt Hel) changed to 118th Aviation Company (Air Mbl Lt).
- b. 57th Transportation Company (Lt Hel) changed to 120th Aviation Company (Air Mbl Lt).
- c. 93d Transportation Company (Lt Hel) changed to 121st Aviation Company (Air Mbl Lt).

General Order 251 dated 1 July 1963 detached the UTT Helicopter Company from this Battalion effective 20 June 1963

(U) AIRMOBILE OPERATIONS SOP:

During this quarter the Airmobile Operations SOP has been staffed, completed and distributed. The procedures set forth in this SOP are to be followed by subordinate commands in the planning and execution of Airmobile Operations. It is designed to facilitate the planning, coordination and control necessary for successful Airmobile Operations.

Company and Unit SOP's will be revised to conform with all provisions of this SOP.

(U) EVALUATION OF UH-1B HELICOPTER PERFORMANCE:

A test was conducted 22-25 March 1963 in the mountainous terrain in II ARVN Corps, Republic of Vietnam.

It was found that the data published in TM 15-1520-208-10, Operational Manual for the UH-1B Helicopter, is accurate. Without the XM-6 Machine Gun Kit, eleven ARVN troops can be carried safely in mountainous terrain.

(C) MISSION STATISTICS: (Period 1 January - 30 June 1963)

- a. Total hours flown by all units, 22,433:35
- b. Tactical sorties, 10,056
- c. Logistical sorties, 11,833
- d. Administrative and maintenance sorties, 3874
- e. Aircraft hit, 141
- f. wounded in action, 28
- g. Killed in action, 12

IV S-4 (MAINTENANCE - SUPPLY)

I (U) GENERAL

A. New Units

1. The 57th Medical Detachment (Helicopter Ambulance) from Ft Mead Maryland was assigned to this battalion and physically located in the Tan Son Nhut area on 1 Feb. 63. Arrangements were made for their billeting, messing, and operational areas. Since the battalion was programming and furnishing considerable logistical support in the Tan Son Nhut area, the requirements and workload impact of the unit was slight. Due to the increased aircraft density in this area, operational space at Tan Son Nhut was at a premium and may present a problem in the future as the Vietnamese Civilian and Military Airfield requirements expand.

2 Three new Quartermaster POL Detachments were processed into Vietnam and deployed to the field. Since the previous POL Detachments had been split, both equipment and personnel wise, equipment had to be broken down and redistributed so each unit would have a complete set.

3. A new Battalion headquarters was processed into Vietnam and deployed to the field. The 45th provided the following assistance:

a. Equipment and Supply requirements were determined prior to the units arrival and requisitions submitted to obtain these items.

b. As the items were received they were trans-shipped to the new headquarters area.

c. Standing operating procedures for S-4 operations, and copies of all pertinent regulations, circulars, directives, forms, etc. were furnished the S-4, of the new battalion,

d. As the vehicles were off loaded from the ship, they were processed, fueled, and prepared for trans-shipment to the final destination.

e. Rubber stamps and locally procurable office equipment were obtained and shipped to the new area.

f. Complete briefings were given the S-4 and the Supply Sergeant on the units of their command, local policies, procedures, channels, operational requirements, etc.

g. In preparation for the arrival and deployment to the field of an Air Mobile Company, these actions were taken:

(1) Determination was made of equipment, other than TO&E, that was required. Requisitions were submitted for these items.

(2) Coordination was effected with the engineers to assure adequate operational, maintenance, ramp and living areas.

(3) Coordination was effected with the engineers and quartermaster on the requirements and installation timetable for major items of equipment such as: (a) Water tanks and purification system, (b) Main generators for the compound, (c) Refrigerators and freezers, (d) Kitchen ranges and serving equipment, (e) Tents, (f) Rations

h. During April 1963 the 114th Air Mobile was assigned to this battalion and to be located at Vinh Long on the 18th of April. Tentage and essential housekeeping equipment were set up and put into operation. This required prior coordination with the various technical service sections and the G-3 section of USASC.V. The first element of the 114th arrived by air on the 7th of May 1963. All personnel were air transported to Vinh Long without an extended stop over at Tan Son Nhut due to the lack of transient facilities.

45th Trans Bn S-4 was notified on 30 April 1963 that the ETA of the USNS Marine Fiddler carrying the TO&E equipment for the 114th Air Mobile Company would be 14-18 May 1963. Due to the inconsistency of water transportation the ETA was changed approximately five times. The vessel finally arrived on 21 May 1963, at 1800 hrs at the port.

(1) Pre Planning Stage:

(a) Coordination: The plan prepared by the 45th Bn S-4 Section included coordination effected with and entailed the following:

1. Port Operations USASC.V: The S-4 Section worked closely with Capt Shaefer, Port Operations Officer, from date first notification was given until all equipment had cleared the port. The Port Operations Officer furnished information as to:

a. ETA & subsequent changes

b. Customs processing procedures

c. It was determined that extra transportation was needed as follows:

5-5 ton S&P's for 15 conexes

6-2 1/2 ton trucks for 40 boxes of cargo

2-5 ton tractor for 2-simi-trl shop vans

(b) Movement Plan: Work began on the movement plan when first word was given of the ETA of the Marine Fiddler. This was on 30 April 1963. The composition of the convoy was governed by the number of vehicles that could be moved across the ferry at Hung Thuan Cat. An experience factor of 216 ft of towed equipment per hour was used. Experience from actual crossing revealed that 216 ft of towed equipment per 1/2 hour is a realistic planning factor.

(c) Processing and Movement from Port to Staging Area: Actual processing again at 1020 hours 22 May 1963. Last vehicle was moved to the staging area at 1400 hrs 24 May 1963.

(d) Operations at Staging Area: Vehicles were refueled and oiled and final 2d echelon checks were made. At 1930 hrs prior to the day of the move, convoy personnel were given their vehicle assignments and briefed on the move by the convoy commander in the 45th/57th EM Mess Hall.

(e) Convoy Movement:

1. Personnel arrived at staging area 0600 hrs 25 May. It had rained the night before and there was difficulty in moving vehicles. However, vehicles moved out as planned. To preclude this difficulty the second convoy was formed in the 45th/57th compound where firmer ground was available. First convoy moved out from Cholon at 0735 hrs. Convoy Commander stayed far enough ahead of convoy in order to block traffic on far side of bridges enroute to My Tho to insure expeditious crossing of vehicles. Convoy commander went ahead to meet security at IP and lead it up road about two miles on RT. 4 to wait for convoy. This precluded congestion at traffic circle and vulnerability to attack. Enroute two ARVN vehicles, carrying conexes, broke down. These vehicles were towed to destination and accompanied convoy. Air cover was late due to inclement weather. Otherwise the operation went smoothly. Convoy closed at Vinh Long at 1315 hrs 25 May 1963. At ferry, convoy commander visually inspected ferry capacity. It was determined that the low bed, purposely left in the second convoy serial, could not maneuver the bridge due to its length of 64 ft.

2. The 114th could not obtain facilities to lift conexes from ARVN transportation. The 5 ton wrecker which would have met the requirement was purposely left for the second convoy in order that vehicles that might have broken down could have secured in strategic hamlets along the route and picked up by the wrecker in the second

convoy. The importance of getting vehicles to destination undamaged or un-pilfered out weighed the inconvenience caused in not being able to unload ARVN vehicles right away.

3. The second convoy went off without one hitch. Convoy closed at 1215 hrs, 28 May 1963. Clearance was not obtained for 27 May as originally planned.

B. POL

1. On 4 January 1963, a conference on POL procedures was held at US Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) with logistical and administrative agencies concerned. A system to relieve the lack of POL coordination was presented and agreed to by all present. This system was subsequently to be presented to the operational agencies being represented. The proposed system was discussed and again agreed to by all present. The MAAG Logistics Division representative subsequently withdrew his agreement until a waiver could be obtained for certain accounting requirements. On 14 February a representative of MACV J-4 was appointed to evaluate the present POL system. On 4 March a conference was held at US Army Support Command, Vietnam (USASC,V) on the proposed POL system. All interested administrative and operational agencies were represented. Again everyone agreed to the system as originally proposed. The procedures and responsibilities agreed to have been circulated to the interested parties, but signed concurrence have not been received at the end of this quarter. For all practical purposes, the system is now in operation and should reduce the requirements of the S-4 Section physically handling POL in the future.

2. During this last quarter the following POL shipments were made:

(a) Routine Shipments:

JP4 Jet Fuel	6 Shipments	17,800 Gallons
115/145 AV Gas	18 Shipments	270,470 Gallons
MO Gas	11 Shipments	29,383 Gallons
Diesel	12 Shipments	18,776 Gallons
Oil, 1100	6 Shipments	15,106 Gallons
Solvent	4 Shipments	7,398 Gallons
Lube Oil OE30	2 Shipments	385 Gallons
TOTAL	59 Shipments	359,318 Gallons

(b) Emergency Shipments:

JP-4	6 Shipments	11,474 Gallons
115/145 AV Gas	5 Shipments	28,399 Gallons
MO Gas	1 Shipment	106 Gallons
Total	12 Shipments	39,979 Gallons

3. On 17 June a back up pumping system for refueling of aircraft on major combat missions was put into effect. This system included 1 JP-4 hand pump w/filter segregator and 2 AVGAS hand pumps. Personnel of the S-4 Section accompany and operate this equipment on each mission. They, also, monitor refueling operations in the interest of expediting refueling between lifts.

4. Inspection of tankers hand recited to Corps Advisors showed a great lack of 1st and 2d echelon maintenance.

C. CONTRACT:

1. Throughout this period the S-4 monitored and acted as the contracting Officer's Representative for the following contracts:

a. Packing and Crating.

b. Theatre Construction: A theatre was constructed in the 45th Trans Bn, 57th Co Compound. The new theatre seats approximately 124 people, has a cinemascope type screen and provides for uninterrupted film projection. Approximate dollar value: \$2,013.00. A contract for bamboo siding for 57th theatre was completed on 13 June 1963.

c. Laundry Contract: This covers the civilian laundering of sheets, pillow cases, mess uniforms, dispensary towels and linen, etc. for 45th/57th Compound. Approximate dollar value: \$2,600.00.

d. External rewiring: 45th/57th compound rewiring began on 3 June 1963. The new external system will have the capacity to carry 173 KW of power. However the present internal wiring of buildings will not be able to carry such a load. Also, the present power source will only generate 60 KW. The USASC,V Engineer has been made aware of these incompatibilities.

e. Construction of the UH-1 section hanger and hardstand began on 17 June 1963.

f. Contract for the flooring of the 45th Dispensary and for construction of the 57th garbage shed, and the 57th wash rack was let on 28 June 1963.

2. Miscellaneous construction and repair at 45th/57th compound also included:

a. Installation of hot water system. Approximate dollar value: \$783.34.

b. Water line installation: Approximate dollar value: \$2,008.00.

c. Renovate buildings and roadway. Approximate dollar value: \$4,968.04

d. Cover floors and install water line. Approximate dollar value: \$2,013.73.

D. ADDITIONAL BILLETING:

1- Information received during the 3d Quarter of FY 63 indicated that a substantial increase in strength could be expected in the near future. On this basis a detailed survey of existing and required billeting facilities was conducted. The scope of this survey included the units which are now assigned to the 52d Aviation Battalion. The results, in the form of a classified letter, were furnished USASG,V Engineer on 11 March. This has resulted in awarding of contracts for construction of four buildings within the 45th/57th compound, six buildings at Bien Hoa, and seven buildings at Qui Nhon. Requirements for buildings in other areas are currently being processed by the USASG,V Engineers. Construction of the 4 - 7x14 meter billets in the 45th/57th Cantonment area began the 13 April 1963. Last billet was accepted 31 May 1963.

2. Following the addition of the new billets, there still existed a requirement for additional housing. Letters were sent forward to CG, USASG,V requesting additional billeting for 45th/57th compound and the 33d Compound at Bien Hoa. Also, a letter was sent to the Commanding General requesting the personnel of the 2d Air Division, housed in the billets of the 93d Trans Co at Soc Trang, be relocated in facilities and the 2d Air Division agreed to erect.

3. Also, included in the letter pertaining to the, 33d Trans Co was a request for assistance in expediting the construction of a potable water well and running water latrines.

(U) SUPPLY:

A. PROBLEM AREAS:

a. In April 1962 a requisition was submitted for 17 each 50 GPM pumps. These pumps were to be used for refueling aircraft in the field. An estimated delivery date was received on 13 February 1963. When the estimated delivery date had passed without receipt of the pumps a message was sent requesting information as to the status of the pumps. On 5 March a reply was received that the requisitions had been canceled and if the requirement still existed to re-requisition. Action was taken in an attempt to have the pumps obtained on a priority basis, the lack of the pumps was causing refueling of some aircraft in the field by hand pump. This was time consuming and hampered aircraft operations.

b. The distance and time element required to transmit information and requirements between the field units and the US Army Support Group, Vietnam, and Okinawa, was too extensive to provide timely support.

c. Construction and Service type logistical support is still extremely limited. Once requirement exists, it must be processed through channels until it is approved. Then it is sent to the Purchasing and Contracting Office for advertising, bidding, negotiations and the signing of a contract. This is extremely time consuming and frequently detrimental to morale when the items involved are for messing or billeting.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE

(U) 1. Heavy losses were incurred on 2 January at AP BAC, which is west of Tan Hiep and southwest of Saigon. Five aircraft sustained heavy damage and were repaired in the field. Two of the five were recovered by other aircraft and the other three flown out under their own power.

(U) 2. Aircraft availability was not good during the early portion of this period. Factors affecting availability were battle damages requiring extensive repair, rotation to CONUS of large numbers of trained mechanics, in several helicopter companies a continuing parts shortage for many items on the CH-21 helicopter, preparation of UH-1A aircraft for return to CONUS, acceptance of UH-B's in the UTT, 57th Medical Detachment and 45th UH-1 Section, low experience level of replacement mechanics, and flying hour commitments far in excess of maintenance capabilities.

(U) 3. Six CH-21 aircraft were destroyed during January, February and March. The 33d Transportation Company lost one CH-21 in a local accident in April. No aircraft destroyed in May, but several suffered heavy damage in June.

(U) 4. On 11 June a severe windstorm struck Tan Son Nhut airfield, Saigon, severely damaging almost all of the 57th Transportation Company's CH-21's and O-ID's, as well as O-1D assigned to HHD, 45th Trans Bn, Seven replacement CH-21's were subsequently issued to the 57th.

(U) 5. A team of pilots and maintenance personnel from Boeing-Vertol arrived in March 1963 to assist in improving performance characteristics of the CH-21 helicopter. During the six week stay of the team, all helicopter companies of this Battalion were visited and the most deficient helicopter companies flown and inspected. In most cases repairs or modifications were made on the spot and improvements noted. In most cases a lifting capability improvement of the least 650 lbs was realized after repair of the helicopter. Results obtained were mainly in increased manifold pressure which increased lifting capability of the aircraft concerned. Some thirty one aircraft were flown and inspected and results of the teams visit were satisfactory. Training was given to selected mechanics and aviators working in maintenance and as instructor pilots. This team departed Vietnam in April 1963. A report entitled "Results of H-21 Performance improvement Program in the Republic of Vietnam" is inclosed with supporting documents.

(U) 6. Overall aircraft availability and flying time improved with the arrival of UH-1B aircraft as replacements. The 114th Air Mobile Company became operational in May and increased the Battalion operational capabilities with its relatively new aircraft and trained personnel. The UH-1B equipped company could double the flying hours capability of the CH-21 equipped Transportation Company (Lt Hel).

FINANCIAL REPORT

This financial report covers 1 July 1994 to 31 December 1994. 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 question or suggestions please let me know. I want you to know that your money is being used for the intended purpose.

Balance 1 July 1994.....	\$1990.00
Total deposits 7/1/94 to 12/31/94 (Dues, Donations, Fund Raisers).....	\$3273.00
Total...	\$5263.00

Expenditures

Bank fee.....	\$ 47.69
Computer hardware.....	\$1908.26
Computer supplies.....	\$ 24.00
Copy machine repairs.....	\$ 125.00
Fund raiser supplies.....	\$ 147.26
Phone.....	\$ 130.74
Postage.....	\$ 370.12
Miscellaneous.....	\$ 462.90
Total Expenditures	\$3215.97
	<u>-\$3215.97</u>

Balance 31 December 1994.....\$2047.03

Miscellaneous includes supplies (paper, mailing labels, printer ribbons, printer cartridges, copy machine supplies, envelopes, staples, note books, ink pens, etc).

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

1994 Total intake.....\$7400.00

1994 Expenditures

Bank fee.....	\$ 161.25
Computer hardware.....	\$ 1923.95
Computer supplies.....	\$ 67.59
Copy machine repair.....	\$ 720.00
Fund raiser.....	\$ 234.26
Memorial fund.....	\$ 120.00
Phone.....	\$ 401.68
Postage.....	\$ 1036.93
Supplies.....	\$ 1029.56

\$ 5695.22 which means we took in \$1704.78 more then we spent.

Life Membership Balance 01/01/94.....\$ 00000.00

Life Membership Deposits 1994.....\$ 1350.00

Life Membership Interest Earned.....\$ 20.79

Life Membership Balance 12/30/94.....\$ 1370.79

Starting the first part of 1995 there will be a new item added to the expenditures and that will be Copy Machine Payments of \$166.06 for 24 months, after that 24 month lease we can buy the machine for \$1.00. This is for a new Savin 9020 Copier which should last us 5 to 7 years with just nornal maintenance.

We start of 1995 with a really good computer system and a new copy machine and should be set to grow quite a bit the next few years. We owe a big thank you to all who have sent in their dues and a really big thank you to all those that sent in a "donation", "a little extra for the Kitty", "a little for the computer", "a little for the copier", etc. Hopefully I'll get things back on scheduale and have the newsletters and directory out on time this year. With your continued support we will have a very good 1995.

We also need for those who have not sent in this years dues to please do so.

NEW PEOPLE LOCATED LIST

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UNIT	LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	STREET	CITY	ST	ZIP	PHONE	DATE	DATE	RANK
HHC	HOFFMAN	ROBERT		SAN DIEGO	CA.	92128	619-673-3738	1963	1963	LTC
HHC	NOVICKI	LARRY B		OMAHA	NE	68154		1966	1966	OF
68 AML	NOVICKI	LARRY B		OMAHA	NE	68154		1965	1966	OF
68 AHC	BRANHAM	DAVE		WYANDOTTE	MI.	48192		1967	1968	EM
68 AHC	GOTH	RICHARD W		LODI	WI.	53555		1969	1970	EM
71 AHC	CROWE	DAVE		DENHAM SPRINGS	LA	70726		1966	1968	EM
73 AVN	ADCOCK	AL		MARIANNA	FL.	32446		1963	1964	EM
73 AVN	BAILEY	ROBERT J		YAZOO CITY	MS.	39194		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	BAUER	PHILLIP G		KENT	WA	98042		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	BEATY	WILLIAM E		AUSTIN	TX.	78763		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	BELLAMY	MARK L		GROSSE ILE	MI.	48138		1963	1964	EM
73 AVN	BLACK	ALAN L		MT HOLLY	NJ.	08060		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	BOUTWELL	DAVID E		MARION	TX.	78124		1963	1964	WO
73 AVN	BOWER	ROBERT M		BANGOR	ME.	04401		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	BOYD	JOHN EARL		DALTON	GA.	30720		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	BREWER	DONALD C		FREDERICKSBURG	TX.	78624		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	BURDEN	JOHN R		SPRINGFIELD	VA.	22151		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	BURKHALTER	LONNIE L		SAN ANTONIO	TX.	78247		1963	1964	WO
73 AVN	BURNETTE	JAMES T		SHELTON	CT.	06484		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	CHAMBERS	ROBERT H		SIERRA VISTA	AZ.	85635		1963	1964	WO
73 AVN	CHANDLER	CALVIN B		DURHAM	NH.	03824		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	COGAN	LARRY C		HINTON	WV	25951		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	DAVIS	CHARLES E		MOBILE	AL.	36601		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	DAVISSON	GERALD L		NEW ALBANY	IN.	47150		1963	1964	EM
73 AVN	DRESSER	DAVID L		OID	NY.	14521		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	FERGUSON	NORMAN H		ENTERPRISE	AL.	36330		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	FLANDERS	GEORGE		LANCASTER	SC	29720		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	FOSTER	HOWARD W		KILLEEN	TX.	76541		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	FULLER	ROBERT D		HOUSTON	TX.	77015		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	GILL	GORDON T		PLANO	TX.	75023		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	GODFREY	BILL		NEW FAIRFIELD	CT.	06812		1963	1964	
73 AVN	HARRELL	JOHN W		COLUMBIA	SC	29223		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	HELMS	H JOHN		BOX 388, APO	NY	09063		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	ISENSTEIN	JOSEPH F		WESTPORT	CT.	06880		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	KARK	JOHN S		SAN DIEGO	CA.	92122		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	KASPER	DUANE C		ST CLOUD	MN.	56301		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	KNIGHT	BENJAMIN C		AUSTIN	TX.	78758		1963	1964	1SG
73 AVN	KUYPERS	THOMAS O		ST CHARLES	MO	63301		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	LASCH	JOHN A		WOODBIDGE	VA	22192		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	LINDSEY	MAGNESS A		GAINESVILLE	TX.	76240		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	McKINNEY	JAMES R		NEWPORT NEWS	VA.	23606		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	McLEMORE	MELVIN J		ENTERPRISE	AL.	36330		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	MUNDIS	GEORGE B		SAN ANTONIO	TX.	78233		1963	1964	WO
73 AVN	NORTHBRIDGE	JACK		LITTLE SILVER	VA	07739		1963	1964	
73 AVN	PEAKE	BYARD F		CORRALES	NM	87048		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	PERRONE	CHARLES S		DALLAS	TX.	75214		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	PRICE	STANLEY D		SPRINGFIELD	MO.	65804		1963	1964	WO
73 AVN	ROGERSON	DAVID C		COPPERAS COVE	TX.	76522		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	SAUNDERS	LEONARD P		N HAMPTON	NH.	03862		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	SELMAN	STEVEN E		WESTFORD	MA	01886		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	SEXTON	CHARLES D		ABERDEEN	MD.	21001		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	SHOEMAKE	JOHN		MESA	AZ.	85202		1963	1964	
73 AVN	STEPHENSON	FRED T		COPPERAS COVE	TX.	76522		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	TAYLOR	ROBERT D		SEDONA	AZ.	86336		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	TILLMAN	SAMUEL J		McDONOUGH	GA.	30253		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	TOMEI	GEORGE J		BALLWIN	MO.	63021		1963	1964	WO
73 AVN	TURNAGE	JOHN O		ST CHARLES	MO.	63303		1963	1964	
73 AVN	VETTER	JAMES E		MARIETTA	GA.	30064		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	WAGNER	WILLIAM W		SEATTLE	WA	98177		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	WASHER	LLOYD A		HAMPTON	VA.	23669		1963	1964	WO
73 AVN	WENTWORTH	DAVID B		DANVILLE	PA.	17821		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	WILHELM	BILL		ABERDEEN	MD.	21001		1963	1964	EM
73 AVN	WILLIAMS	HAROLD R		EAST POINT	GA.	30344		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	WILLIAMS	ROBERT T		NEW SALISBURY	IN.	47161		1963	1964	OF
73 AVN	YANDELL	JAMES C		SAN ANTONIO	TX.	78239		1963	1964	OF
8 TRANS	BURNS	CHARLES W		ABERDEEN	MD.	21001		1962	1963	EM*
118AHC	DARE	BILL		MOHAVE VALLEY	AZ.	86440		1968	1969	WO*
119AML	SCHUSTER	RICHARD F		ISELIN	NJ.	08830		1965	1966	WO
119AML	WRIGHT	ROBERT K		PANAMA CITY BCH	FL	3240		1965	1966	WO
119AHC	CORBETT	CHUCK		WATERTOWN	WI	53098		1967	1968	EM
119AHC	PIPOLY	KEITH A		MENIFFEE	CA.	92584		1969	1970	EM

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120AHC	TROY	JOHN		McALISTER	OK	74502		1966	1966	EM
120AHC	CALDERA	CHICO		ARNOLD	MO	63010		1972	1972	EM
135AHC	WYSOZAN	ROBERT J		MUSKEGON	MI	49444		1967	1968	EM
197AHC	TOMPKINS	KEN		MIAMI	FL	33138		1965	1966	OF*
197AHC	JONES	ROBERT L		ANTIOCK	CA	94509		1966	1968	EM
A/82	ASHTON	LAWRANCE J		FAYETTEVILLE	NC	28311		1965	1966	EM
A/82	BAUGHMAN	LARRY J		SPRINGFIELD	MO	65804		1965	1966	
A/82	BLIVEN	DAVID M		GOFFSTOWN	NH	03045		1965	1965	
A/82	CHECK	MELVIN E		CLARKSVILLE	TN	37042		1965	1968	EM
A/82	HECKERMAN	RODNEY G		FAYETTEVILLE	NC	28303		1965	1967	
A/82	MANGRAM	ABB W		BURKE	VA	22015		1965	1966	
A/82	AVENI	ROGER A		MILFORD	NH	03055		1966	1966	
A/82	BAKER	PRINCES E		WILLIAMSBURG	VA	23185		1966	1967	
A/82	BEASLEY	LONNIE S		HARKER HEIGHTS	TX	76543		1966	1967	
A/82	BINGHAM	TED H		CATAULA	GA	31804		1966	1967	
A/82	BRAUHER	RICHARD J		RIVERDALE	MI	48877		1966	1967	EM
A/82	BROAD	EDWIN C		CLARENCE	NY	14031		1966	1967	
A/82	COCHRAN	BRUCE S		PRINCETON	ME	04668		1966	1966	
A/82	DAVIS	WAYNE B		KNOXVILLE	TN	37922		1966	1967	
A/82	EASTMAN	WELLESLEY		GLOUCESTER	MA	01930		1966	1967	EM
A/82	GREGG	JAMES D		MARTINSBURG	PA	16662		1966	1967	
A/82	HOUCHIN	ZELNER M		CORPUS CHRISTI	TX	78410		1966	1968	EM
A/82	HUTH	WALTER H		KERRVILLE	TX	78028		1966	1967	
A/82	JACKSON	CHARLES		SAN DIEGO	CA	92119		1966	1967	
A/82	KUHBLANK	RICHARD C		SPRINGFIELD	VA	22155		1966	1967	
A/82	LAMPMAN	RICHARD R		FAYETTEVILLE	NC	28304		1966	1967	EM
A/82	LUTHER	GARY L		BATH	NY	14810		1966	1966	EM
A/82	MENTZER	JAMES M		BRIDGEVILLE	OH	15017		1966	1968	
A/82	MILLER	HASSELL		OZARK	AL	36360		1966	1966	
A/82	OWENS	BENNETT G		FAYETTEVILLE	NC	28311		1966	1967	EM
A/82	PADIN	EDWARD		STRONGSVILLE	OH	44136		1966	1967	
A/82	PROCTOR	SYMOTHERE		MEXIA	TX	76667		1966	1967	EM
A/82	SMITH	WILLIAM W		ENTERPRISE	AL	36330		1966	1966	
A/82	SPANJERS	LEONARD J		COLLEYVILLE	TX	76034		1966	1967	
A/82	STULTS	CLAUDE L		FAIRFAX STATION	VA	22039		1966	1967	
A/82	WOOD	VERREL W		BRADENTON	FL	34209		1966	1967	EM
335AHC	ARPS	ELDON C		MAUMELLE	AR	72113		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	BARLEY	GARY L		WINCHESTER	VA	22603		1967	1968	
335AHC	BARTLETT	RANDALL L		CORONA	CA	91720		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	BELL	JACK R		KENT	WA	98031		1967	1968	
335AHC	BESCH	ROBERT W		PLANO	TX	75032		1967	1968	
335AHC	CODY	GARY V		HAYWARD	CA	94542		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	CORMIER	ELUS J		CHURCH POINT	LA	70525		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	DeFIDE	ANGELO F		GREEN COVE SPR	FL	32043		1967	1968	
335AHC	DICKERMAN	JON R		BOUNTIFUL	UT	84010		1967	1967	OF
335AHC	FRANKLIN	STEVEN W		ROSSMOOR	CA	90720		1967	1968	
335AHC	FRASER	DAVID L		IDYLLWILD	CA	92549		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	GIBSON	ROBERT B		MELBOURNE	FL	32935		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	GOSSETT	DAVID		TURMAN	AR	72472		1967	1967	EM
335AHC	HIGHTOWER	GARY L		EGNAR	CO	81325		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	HILLIKER	WESLEY L		N.E. ALBANY	OR	97321		1967	1968	
335AHC	HOPKINS	BILL C		AURORA	CO	80015		1967	1968	
335AHC	HURD	MARTIN R		FULTON	MS	38843		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	LESZCZYNS	ROBERT		OCEANSIDE	NY	11572		1967	1971	EM
335AHC	MACHIN	WILSON F		ALEXANDRIA	VA	22304		1967	1968	
335AHC	MASSEY	EDWARD C		MORGANTON	NC	28655		1967	1967	EM
335AHC	McGILL	ALVIN R		JOLIET	MT	59041		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	McLAUGHLIN	JAMES O		FRESNO	CA	93704		1967	1968	
335AHC	MERCADO	BENJAMIN A		REDLANDS	CA	92374		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	MORIELLO	ANTHONY M		POMPAHO BCH	FL	33064		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	NEWMAN	DENNIS E		NORWALK	CA	90650		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	OLSON	JAMES M		MENLO PARK	CA	94025		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	POPA	ROBERT G		INDIANAPOLIS	IN	46226		1967	1969	EM
335AHC	PRATER	JOE		TUTTLE	OK	73089		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	QUIBURG	OLE R		COTTONWOOD	CA	96022		1967	1968	
335AHC	RUSSO	JOHN A		STATEN ISLAND	NY	10314		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	SCHIERS	THOMAS C		POCATELLO	ID	83204		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	SCHWEITZER	VERNON V		GRAHAM	WA	98338		1967	1968	
335AHC	SEFERT	CHARLES F		E COLUMBUS	OH	43204		1967	1968	EM
335AHC	STEFANOWICH	DANIEL R		TIOGA	PA	16946		1967	1967	CO
335AHC	STIBBE	RUSSELL J		WESTON	MO	64098		1967	1970	EM
335AHC	TOPITO	JOHN F		WHITEHAVEN	PA	18661		1967	1969	EM
335AHC	UNGERER	FRED R		FORT MYERS	FL	33905		1967	1968	
335AHC	VanWERT	JOHN F		VIENNA	VA	22182		1967	1967	

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335AHC	VISCARDO	WILLIAM L		BETHESDA	MD	20817		1967	1968	
335AHC	ADER	JUAN		WAIPAHU	HI	96797		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	ALLUE	GENE W		HAYMARKET	VA	22069		1968	1969	
335AHC	BOOTH	HOWARD S		BELLEVUE	WA	98006		1968	1969	
335AHC	BURLINSON	PETER J		MATTATOISETT	MA	02739		1968	1969	
335AHC	DEMERS	ANDRE J		MANCHESTER	NH	03102		1968	1969	
335AHC	DORER	RICK		PINE MOUNTAIN	GA	31822		1968	1969	
335AHC	FIGUEROA	RAMON A		N. HOLLYWOOD	CA	91606		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	GILLES	ALAN P		NINE MILE FALL	WA	99026		1968	1969	
335AHC	GRUNDON	EVERETT		SATELLITE BCH	FL	32937		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	GUIDRY	C. J.		CROWLEY	LA	70526		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	HAIR	WAYNE E		COPPERAS COVE	TX	76522		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	ICKES	ROGER W		PAWPAW	IL	61353		1968	1970	EM
335AHC	JOSTE	EDWARD A		WOODBURN	OR	97071		1968	1969	
335AHC	JUSTICE	CLYDE R		MILWAUKEE	WI	53233		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	KERR	TIMOTHY J		SEATTLE	WA	98109		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	MARIN	BEN G		CONVERSE	TX	78109		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	McGARRAH	EDWIN P		TACOMA	WA	98499		1968	1969	
335AHC	McLAUGHLIN	CHARLES W		OXNARD	CA	93030		1968	1969	
335AHC	MORIN	NORMAND R		GULF BREEZE	FL	32566		1968		
335AHC	O'DELL	JACK R		MART	TX	76664		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	PEACOCK	NELSON C		COLUMBUS	GA	31907		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	PEREZ	JULIAN		MILTON	FL	32570		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	ROLINGER	TERRY R		NOGALES	AZ	85628		1968	1970	EM
335AHC	SCHUMACHER	JOHN F		BRONXVILLE	NY	10708		1968	1969	
335AHC	SMITH	GALE N		LANGING	KS	66043		1968	1969	
335AHC	SPEANBURG	GARY E		WESTFIELD	MA	01085		1968	1969	
335AHC	STEWART	ALBERT R		ENTERPRISE	AL	36330		1968	1968	
335AHC	STORY	THOMAS A		WOODBIDGE	VA	22192		1968	1969	
335AHC	TELAGA	MICHAEL		HAZEL GREEN	AL	35750		1968	1968	EM
335AHC	TROUARD	RONALD D		LAKE CHARLES	LA	70601		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	VITENSE	KENNETH T		HARTLAND	WI	53029		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	WALLACE	RONALD D		LENEXA	KS	66227		1968	1969	
335AHC	WESSNER	KENNETH T		COLUMBUS	GA	31909		1968	1969	OF
335AHC	WHISMAN	WAYNE C		COLUMBUS	OH	43207		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	WILTROUT	GARY M		BOISE	ID	83705		1968	1969	
335AHC	ZACK	ELLIS A		COLUMBIA	IL	62236		1968		
335AHC	ZOILKOWSKI	WALTER J		BRISTOL	PA	19007		1968	1969	EM
335AHC	AYHENS	DAVID		MODESTO	CA	95350		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	BALLARD	JIMMIE D		SMITHVILLE	TX	78957		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	BERCHTOLD	JOSEPH		ESCALON	CA	95320		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	BIALLAS	MICHAEL J		S. ST. PAUL	MN	55075		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	BIGGS	KENNETH B		DAYTONA	FL	32119		1969	1970	
335AHC	BLAIR	ROBERT F		TOLEDO	OH	43614		1969	1970	
335AHC	BLECKERT	GORDON E		SAN GABRIEL	CA	91775		1969	1970	
335AHC	BROWN	DANIEL F		ST CHARLES	IL	6017		1969	1969	1970
335AHC	COCKRELL	DAVID		ADVANCE	MO	63730		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	CONDRIY	BILL		FALLING WATERS	WV			1969	1969	EM
335AHC	CONLON	JAMES R		MANCHESTER	MA	01944		1969	1971	EM
335AHC	CREEF	LUDFORD T		SUFFOLK	VA	23434		1969	1970	
335AHC	CRISP	WILLIAM A		AUTRAIN	MI	49806		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	CZEAK	RICHARD W		TROY	IL	62294		1969	1970	
335AHC	DILTS	DALE L		DAYTON	OH	45432		1969	1970	
335AHC	DRAKE	MICHAEL L		CICERO	IN	46034		1969	1970	
335AHC	FENDEL	JACK S		MARIETTA	GA	30062		1969	1970	
335AHC	FOSTIER	THOMAS J		WILDWOOD	FL	34785		1969	1970	
335AHC	GALLOWAY	WILL S		MORGAN CITY	LA	70308		1969	1970	
335AHC	GARCIA	MANUAL		CLARKSTON	MI	48347		1969	1970	
335AHC	GEARY	RICK L		HELENA	MT	59601		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	GILBREATH	TERRY R		VICKSBURG	MS	39180		1969	1970	
335AHC	GORUP	WAYNE B		ANCHORAGE	AK	99507		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	HARMON	JOHN A		HUNTINGTON	IN	46750		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	HAYES	GARY W		OAKGROVE	KY	42262		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	HENDLEY	GERALD W		DOTHAN	AL	36301		1969	1970	
335AHC	HENWOOD	MELVIN D		HELENA	MT	59601		1969	1969	EM
335AHC	HERNANDEZ	PORFIRI D		TEMPLE	TX	76502		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	HERSHEY	LARRY		METAIRIE	LA	70003		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	HUNLEY	GARY W		CHESTERFIELD	MO	63017		1969	1970	
335AHC	HUNT	FRANK F		ARCATA	CA	95521		1969	1971	EM
335AHC	HURT	JAMES E		POUND	VA	24279		1969	1970	
335AHC	JONES	JOHN T		MARTINEZ	CA	94553		1969	1970	
335AHC	KNEIP	NEAL C		SEATTLE	WA	98136		1969	1970	
335AHC	LUFFMAN	RALPH		PITTSVILLE	MD	21850		1969	1971	EM
335AHC	LYONS	JOHNATHAN		FORTUNA	CA	95540		1969	1970	

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335AHC	MILENKI	JACK W		RIVERVIEW	FL	33569		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	MISLYAN	MIKE		COLO SPRG	CO	80910		1969		EM
335AHC	MUNDELL	THOMAS W		FERGUSON	MO	63135		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	NEWMAN	WILLIAM E		BALTIMORE	MD	21224		1969	1970	
335AHC	NEWMAN	WILLIAM R		DELANO	CA	93215		1969	1970	
335AHC	OWENS	JERRY R		NEOSHO	MO	64850		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	PERICHO	CHARLES F		YELM	WA	98597		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	PHILLIPS	CONNIE L		HARRODSBURG	KY	40330		1969	1970	
335AHC	PONCEBY	EDWARD		GRAND RAPIDS	OH	43522		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	PONISH	MICHAEL		IRVONA	PA	16656		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	REIGLEMAN	CHARLES G		GREENVILLE	PA	16125		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	ROHLFSEN	ROBERT K		EARLY	IA	50535		1969	1970	
335AHC	SCHMITZER	WILLIAM J		ORLANDO	FL	32803		1969	1969	EM
335AHC	SCHMUCK	DAVID C		STEWARTVILLE	MN	55976		1969	1971	EM
335AHC	SCHULTZ	WAYNE M		HARRINGTON	WA	99134		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	STAPLES	DENNIS L		VIRGINIA BCH	VA	23451		1969	1970	
335AHC	STEIN	JAMES E		NAVATO	CA	94945		1969	1970	
335AHC	TABION	KENNETH		EAST HARTFORD	CT	06108		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	TAKAMORI	JERRY T		REDONDO BCH	CA	90277		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	THOMSEN	PAUL T		SPARTA	WI	54656		1969	1970	
335AHC	WATSON	KENNETH G		INDIANAPOLIS	IN	46221		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	WEBLEY	DANIEL C		CARLIN	NV	89822		1969	1970	EM
335AHC	ZIEHM	DANIEL R		PARK CITY	UT	84060		1969	1969	
335AHC	BELSHER	BILL D		NEWTON	AL	36352		1970	1971	
335AHC	BERGHOLZ	KIETH F		ROCKFORD	IL	61108		1970	1971	
335AHC	BREITEGAN	GREGG D		ARLINGTON	TX	76017		1970	1971	
335AHC	CONGLETON	GARY P		SMELLVILLE	GA	30278		1970	1971	EM
335AHC	COON	MARVIN R		SPRINGFIELD	VA	22152		1970	1971	
335AHC	DAVIES	WINSTON T		CALLAHAN	FL	32011		1970	1970	
335AHC	DEERING	JIMMY		LAFAYETTE	TN	37083		1970	1970	EM
335AHC	DYKES	ROY D		SPRING	TX	77373		1970	1971	EM
335AHC	DYNDUL	ANDREW		FERNPARK	FL	32730		1970	1971	
335AHC	FENNO	RICHARD		BRINNO	WA	98320		1970	1971	EM
335AHC	FINDLAY	DARRELL		KENNEWICK	WA	99336		1970	1971	EM
335AHC	FOWLER	MELVIN P		MARION	IL	62959		1970	1971	
335AHC	GANN	JAMES P		LANAGAN	MO	64847		1970	1971	
335AHC	GERMECK	CHARLES R		PLANO	TX	75023		1970	1971	
335AHC	GREGORY	JAMES M		STONE MOUNTAIN	GA	30087		1970	1971	
335AHC	HARELSON	HAROLD D		GRAHAM	WA	98338		1970	1971	EM
335AHC	HOPKINS	LANCE		FALLBROOK	CA	92028		1970	1971	EM
335AHC	HUGHES	JOHN		LANGHORNE	PA	19047		1970	1971	EM
335AHC	HUNTINGTON	CLAYTON		SPRINGFIELD	VA	22153		1970	1971	
335AHC	JORDAN	LARRY N		CARTHAGE	MO	64836		1970	1970	EM
335AHC	LEONARD	NEIL		WINDSOR LOCKS	CT	06096		1970	1970	
335AHC	NEDER	NORMAN		NILLEDGEVILLE	GA	31061		1970	1971	
335AHC	PERRET	CHUCK A		JACKSONVILLE	FL	32223		1970	1971	
335AHC	REID	HERBERT S		FAIRFAX	VA	22032		1970	1971	
335AHC	RISKA	ROY C		ROLLINGSTONE	MN	55969		1970	1970	
335AHC	ROONEY	DAVE D		NASHVILLE	TN	37221		1970	1970	
335AHC	WADDING	WILLIAM K		MINDEN	NV	89423		1970	1971	EM
335AHC	YOBS	WILLIAM L		TOBYHANNA	PA	18466		1970	1971	
335AHC	KEMMERZEL	NORMAN		L GURLEY	AL	35748		1971	1971	EM
335AHC	ROBINSON	ROBERT E		GASTONIA	NC	28056		1971	1971	
335AHC	SCHWEM	MARVIN W		BOYNE FALLS	MI	49713		1971	1971	

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REUNION '95

FORT RUCKER, AL

16, 17, 18 JUNE 1995

The next reunion of the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion (Vietnam) Association will be held at Fort Rucker, Alabama on June 16, 17, and 18, 1995. The 1995 Reunion Committee is working on the details and a complete reunion information and registration package will be included in this newsletter. Major General Richard Kenyon (Ret) volunteered to head up the 1991 Reunion Committee at Fort Rucker and they did a really great job putting the 1991 Reunion together, and they are organizing the 1995 Reunion at Fort Rucker to be even better.

If you ever served or taken training at Fort Rucker, you will really enjoy seeing the place again. If you have never been there, Fort Rucker is definately a place to experience during the Reunion. For those that were stationed there its really good to visit and see how much has changed and how much is still just like it was in the 60's and 70's. For those who only took training there and might not have liked the place, please experience Fort Rucker as a very special guest. If you have never been to Fort Rucker you will love the place, because when we have our Reunion there, the Post and the 1st Bn, 145th Avn Regt make sure we are treated like very special guest.

As with the 1991 Reunion the Holiday Inn, 151 US Hwy 231 N., PO Box 190, Ozark, AL 36360 1-334-774-7300 will be the main Reunion motel. A special room rate of \$38.00 for any size room is available for our Reunion. Restaurant, pool, lounge available, You can call the toll free number, 1-800-HOLIDAY, use the code AVN to reserve a room at this rate. Make your reservations early as they will block 100 rooms, but will release them two weeks prior to the reunion. You will want to make your reservations early because the 100 rooms will go fast then we will use the overflow motels.

Most of our Reunion activities will revolve around Building 5419 on post. Some of the planned activities are "Early Warrior Reception", visits to Army Aviation Museum and Flight Simulator Complex, Tactical demonstrations by Air Assault School, Briefing on Fort Rucker, static display of todays helicopters, and we are invited to participate in a AAAA golf tournament sponsored by the 1-145th Avn Regt. And of course renewing many old friendships.

So start making your plans to attend, mark your calender, reserve your vacation time. Call a friend you served with in Vietnam and make plans to meet them there, you'll have a really great time. See you there.

Anyone living in the Fort Rucker area that would like to help the Reunion Committee please contact General Kenyon at [REDACTED].

See Reunion Information Packet for all the details, and send in your Registration form right away along with the \$15 Reunion Fee and Saturday Buffet Dinner money.

FUND RAISERS

We have a few ongoing fund raisers, the purpose of these is to raise operating funds for the Association and 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 form inserted in the newsletter. Please help us grow.

118th AHC, 118th AML, 119th AHC, UTT, & 335th AHC UNIT PATCHES, FIREBIRD & MUSTANG GUNSHIP PATCHES

We have reproductions of the 118th Thunderbird, 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 in newsletter

VIETNAM VETERANS TIES

Frank Kemp who served with the UTT in 1963-64 had 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 the first 10 ties to fund having the UTT pocket patches reproduced, which we now have. Frank sent 6 more ties 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 on the other, its called "Battale 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 mission of Vietnam Helicopter crews, recorded in Vietnam in 1965, with a country flavor.. These tapes have been very popular with all who have heard them and I recommend them 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-SHIRT

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 I can match the original color. The cost is \$13 each and all profits go to the Association. See pictures in the back part of the directory for more details . See order form inserted in newsletter.

145th C.A.B. REUNION HATS

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. The 1991 Reunion Committee had the hats made and they have been a big seller. Order one today.

WATCHS AND BELT BUCKLES

We have wrist watches and belt buckles with the 145th C.A.B. Assoc design printed on them. Watches are \$25 and belt buckles are \$15. Call first for availibility of item.

COWBOY AND FALCON ITEMS

For a complete list of A/82 / 335th AHC items for sale contact Dominic Fino, [REDACTED]