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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.

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CHECK YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS ON THE MAILING LABEL
the date on the label is the **expiration date**
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"OLD WARRIORS"

Reunion information update

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Hello. This is an information update on our Association, the 2003 Reunion, the 145th CAB Memorials, and our new web page. This is being sent out to everyone we have an address for regardless of their membership status. For many this is the first contact you have had from our Association in a long time, and we would love to have you as members.

Here is a little info on our organization. We have over 4,000 current address, many from you former unit.

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Time is quickly approaching for our 2003 Reunion of the units of the 145th CAB. The Reunion is scheduled for June 20-22, 2003 at Ft Rucker, AL. For those that have been to Ft Rucker it is always good to get back there. For those of you that have never been to Ft Rucker it would be a good time to see what everyone was talking about during Vietnam. The post really treats us great, like honored warriors and royalty. Ft Rucker is still an active military base and getting busier all the time, so world conditions may affect our access to parts of the base, but regardless a great time will be had by all. The complete schedule for the Reunion is still being worked on and will be printed in the Newsletter, anyone wanting information on the schedule, hotels, mini-reunions etc. please contact me or the Reunion Committee. I can be contacted at the above address and e-mail address and the Reunion Committee can be contacted through Chuck Frye's e-mail [REDACTED]

Maj Gen (Ret) Richard Kenyon is the chairman of the Reunion Committee, with Willie Ruf and Chuck Frye. They are in need of more volunteers so if you live in the area and are willing to help, please contact Gen Kenyon or me.

At the 2003 Reunion we will be dedicating the Memorials. The Memorial in the park by the Daleville Gate we be a tribute to all those that served with the units of the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion in Vietnam. The Memorial Plaque will be dedicated in the Museum to honor those Fallen

Comrades of the units of the 145th Combat Aviation Battalion in Vietnam.

At the 1999 Reunion at Ft Rucker, AL it was decided to have two Memorials at Ft Rucker. One outside in the park by the Daleville Gate as a Tribute to all who served in our Association units and another inside the Museum to honor all those Killed in Action in the units of our Association. These Memorials are funded by donation for the Memorials. The estimated cost is \$2300 to \$2500. We should have the final cost in January or February. So far we have taken in \$2728 in donations toward the Memorials. If there is any money left over from the Memorials it will be used to offset the cost of the dedications ceremony. Printed farther back is the proposed design for the Memorial. The design won't be finalized till after the first of the year so if you have any input please let me or the Reunion Committee know, ASAP. We want to keep it simple and because the Memorials are on a Military Base all designs must be approved by the base. Let us know your thoughts.

We have had a web site set up through www.brianwizard.com for the last few years. The cost was getting to much for Brian to bear on his own so our Association now has one paid for with dues money. Our site can be accessed through

<http://www.oldwarriors.com>

and **<http://www.145cab.com>**, both address will get the same site. I talked my youngest son into creating the site and after turning down a few of his designs, I think we came up with a really good site, informative but simple. With a 19-year-old it takes a little convincing that our older generation prefers a little larger print and a little less movement and sound. It works similar to the 145th page on Brian's site and has the same history reports taken from our last 15 years newsletter. We added a Memorial page that list the KIA's both A to Z and by date, also a list of those that have died since returning. We also added a page with links to other Vet sites and a page with pictures, which we will change from time to time. Right now we have pictures from the first few Reunions. We will be using the same guest book that was on Brian's web page, all the comment you have sent in over the years will still be there, take a few minutes and read the entries. So let me show off a little and check out our web page if it is at all possible.

Bob Crain that host the 68th AHC page <http://www.toptigers.com> and runs a web hosting business give us a real good deal on hosting our page, only asking for his out of pocket expenses. If you happen to go to the site and it isn't up yet, please check back later, Bob has to tend to his paying customers first. Thank you Bob.

I'm compiling e-mail list for each unit so if you have an e-mail address please send it to me. The reason for the list is to disseminate information of interest to your unit. I don't forward joke or ads, I try not to include pictures or send items that must be downloaded. If an item must be downloaded I give a complete description of the download. I send out maybe two mass e-mails a year. I really try to be a good e-mail neighbor so please send in those e-mail addresses. The mass e-mails I sent out this year concerned the Memorial design, address corrections, a couple of unit reunions, a lighter found from the 334th, and info on someone needing help on a VA claim. A few times we have used the e-mail list to find people that could help with details for the children of our KIA's. So even if you are not a joiner please send in your e-mail address.

Address corrections and area code changes continue to be a very large problem. If you move please let me know so we won't lose track of you. The next problem is the 911 address changes, a lot of you have not moved but your address changed for the 911 system, please let me know. I think about 90% of use have had area code changes and the phone company just keeps spreading it out slowly instead of just getting it over with. If you area code has change in the last 7 years please send me your phone number. Even if you are not interest in membership please try to keep us updated so your friends can contact you. There is a form printed in this Information Update that you can send in just to update your address, phone, and unit info, just mark it "FYI only" For Your Information only.

I would really appreciate it if you would join our Association, if you are not already a member. Please look on the mailing label and it will give your membership status. The date is the month and year your membership expires. If it says "Please Join" then please consider joining of Association. Due are \$15 a year. If your dues are behind just sent in the \$15 for this next year and you will be up to date.

Thank You, Jim Bodkin

Units & Dates Assigned

HHC & HHD 45th TRANS BN..1 July 1962 thru 23 September 1963...redesignated 145th C.A.B.
HHC & HHD, 145TH C.A.B.....24 September 1963 thru 2 April 1972...left Vietnam
1st AVN CO....Sept 1962 thru Dec 1963...left Vietnam
8th TRANS CO....11 Dec 1961 thru 25 June 1963...became 117th Avn CO
18th AVN CO....7 Feb 1962 thru October 1964...to 14th C.A.B.
25th Avn CO....July 1971 thru 26 March 1972...left Vietnam
33rd TRANS CO....17 September 1962 thru 25 June 1963...became 118th Avn CO
57th TRANS CO....11 December 1961 thru 25 June 1963...became 120th Avn CO
57th MED DET....1 Febuary 1963 thru 1 April 1963...attached to the 52nd Avn Bn.
UTT....3 October 1962 thru 15 August 1964...became 68th Avn CO
68th Avn CO....16 August 1964 thru 1 March 1965...became 197th Avn CO
68th Avn CO....28 November 1965 thru 1 April 1971...left Vietnam
71st Avn CO....2 September 1966 thru April 1967...to 14th C.A.B
73rd Avn Co....31 May 1963 thru Dec 1964
74th Avn CO....26 March 1965 thru February 1968...to 210th C.A.B.
81st TRANS CO....17 September 1962 thru 25 June 1963...became 119th Avn CO
93rd TRANS CO....26 January 1962 thru 25 June 1963...became 121st Avn CO
114th Avn Co....7 May 1963 thru 15 July 1963...to Delta Avn Bn
117th Avn CO....25 June 1963 thru August 1965...to 52nd C.A.B. See 8th Trans
117th Avn CO....January 1968 thru March 1968...to 214th C.A.B.
117th Avn CO....December 1971 thru 26 March 1972...left Vietnam
118th Avn CO....25 June 1963 thru 31 August 1971...left Vietnam See 33rd Trans Co
119th Avn CO....25 June 1963 to 30 June 1963...to 52nd Avn Bn. See 81st Trans Co
120th Avn CO....25 June 1963 thru July 1966...to Capital Avn BN. See 57th Trans Co
121st Avn CO....25 June 1963 thru July 1963...to Delta Avn Bn. See 93rd Trans Co
135th Avn CO....March 1968 thru November 1968...to 222nd Avn BN.
147th Avn CO....September 1966 thru November 1966...222nd Avn BN.
184th Avn CO....13 August 1966 thru March 1967...11th C.A.B.
190th Avn CO....12 August 1967 thru 10 December 1970...left Vietnam
197th Avn CO....1 March 1965 thru 1 September 1966...became 334th Avn CO
213th Avn CO....July 1971 thru 31 March 1972...Inactivated
242nd Avn CO....April 1971 thru 1 October 1971...left Vietnam
334th Avn CO....1 September 1966 thru July 1971...to 12th GP.
335th Avn CO....1 September 1966 thru December 1966...to 173rd Airborne Brigade
335th Avn CO....March 1967 thru January 1968...to 268th C.A.B.

339th Trans Co..7 Feb 1962 thru... 1964

Cobra NETT.....August 1967 thru April 1968... around Vietnam

CO A, 82nd Avn Bn....August 1966 thru 1 September 1966...became 335th Avn CO

CO A, 501st Avn Bn....14 December 1964 thru 1 September 1966...became 71st Avn CO

Units and their Detachments

HHC - 125th ATC, 145th Sec Plt, Path Finded Det, 87th QM Det, 391st QM Det(Petrl)

1st AVN Co -

18th AVN Co - 163rd Med Det (OA), 256th Trans Det (KC)

25th AVN Co - ?

57th MED DET (HEL AMB) - 398th Trans Det

68th AVN Co - 282nd Sig Det (RL), 391st Trans Det (Hel Maint) (KD), 430th Med Det (OA)

A/501st-71st AVN Co - 94th Sig Det (RL), 151st Trans Det (Hel Maint) (KD)

73rd Avn Co -

74th AVN Co - 563rd Trans Det (KC),

114th Avn Co -83rd Med Det (OA), 96th Sig Det (RL), 544th Trans Det (CHFM)

8th TRANS-117th AVN Co -140th Trans Det (Hel Maint), 178th & 256th Sig Det, 130th Med Det

33rd TRANS-118th AVN Co -198th Sig Det (RL), 573rd Trans Det (Hel Maint), 93rd Med Det (OA)

81st TRANS-119th AVN Co -70th Sig Det (RL), 94th Med Det (OA), 545th Trans Det (Hel Maint)

57th TRANS-120th AVN Co -98th Trans Det (Hel Maint) (KD), 622nd Sig Det (RL), 129th Med Det

93rd TRANS-121st AVN Co -41st Med Det (OA), 80th Trans Det (Hel Maint), 257th Sig Det (RL)

135th AVN Co - 68th Sig Det (RL), 614th Trans Det (Hel Maint) (KD)

147th AVN Co - 171st Trans Det (AB)

184th AVN Co - 243rd Sig Det (RL)

190th AVN Co - 520th Med Det (OA), 605th Trans Det (Hel Maint) (KD)

UTT-68th-197th-334th AVN Co -320th Sig Det (RL), 571st Trans Det (Hel Maint), 774th Med Det

213th AVN Co - 329th Trans Det (AB)

242nd AVN Co - 621st Trans Det (AB)

A/82-335th AVN Co -25th Med Det (OA), 166th Trans Det (Hel Maint) (KD),234th Sig Det (RL)

339th TRANS Co - ?

Cobra NETT

And all the Doorgunners from the 25th Inf Div, "Shotgun Program" 1962-65

ORDER & MEMBERSHIP FORM

FILL OUT COMPLETE ADDRESS AND PHONE

send in complete form

NAME _____

STREET _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

PHONE _____ e-mail _____

Send form to: **145th C.A.B.V.A., 2534 N. BONITA AVE, PANAMA CITY, FL 32405-5226**

_____ FYI only "For our Association information only, not for membership"

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 enclose \$15 for each membership year. **Total \$** _____ for 1 July 01 to 30 June 200 _____

Regular _____ Associate Member _____ Renewal _____ NL37

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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

MEMORIAL DONATIONS _____ inside _____ outside _____ other see page 31

CASSETTE TAPE

Send me the indicated cassette tape/s, Audio Cassette sell for \$15 each. NL37

_____ "Battle of Bien Hoa/Gunship Action" _____ Combat Assault _____ Song of the UTT

145TH LICENCE PLATES

Send me _____ 145th License Plate/s at \$10 each

UNIT PATCHES or

HAT

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

Or send me _____ 145th C.A.B. baseball cap at \$5 each. NL37

COLOR UNIT T-SHIRTS

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

#01-01 145th BN Assoc

_____ #04-03 57th Med Det

_____ #05-02 68th AHC

_____ #06-02 71st AHC

_____ #06-04 FIREBIRD

_____ #08-03 117th AML

_____ #08-04 117th AHC

_____ #09-01 118th AML

_____ #09-02 118th AHC

_____ #10-02 119th AML

_____ #10-03 119th AHC

_____ #11-02 120th AHC

_____ #12-02 121st AHC

_____ #13-02 135th AHC

_____ #16-01 190th AHC

_____ #17-01 UTT (1963)

_____ #17-02 UTT (1964)

_____ #17-04 197th AHC

_____ #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 PICTURES IN DIRECTORY

IN TRIBUTE TO ALL WHO SERVED

145TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION



To the left is the proposed 40" x 28" x 8" gray monument to be placed in the park inside the Daleville Gate at Ft Rucker.

TO HONOR THOSE FALLEN COMRADES

145TH COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION



To the right is the proposed design for the 14" x 16" plaque for the museum at Ft Rucker.

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 printed in the newsletter. Please help us grow.

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

We have reproductions of the 118th Thunderbird, 118th Air Mobile Light, 119th AHC, and UTT 1963-64 (Pegasus) patches to sell to raise funds. The patches sell for \$4 each. See order form printed in newsletter

145th C.A.B. License Plates

THE 1999 Reunion Committee had License plates made to go on the front bumper. The top half has 1963 on the left, Battalion emblem in the center, and 1972 on the right. The bottom half says 145th COMBAT AVIATION BATTALION (VIETNAM) "OLD WARRIORS". After the Reunion they turned over 75 of them for us to sell to raise funds. We're selling them for \$10 each while supplies last. If they sell quickly we'll order more.

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 "Battle of Bien Hoa and Gunship Action". The next tape is called Combat Assault, on this tape Robert Moody takes you along with the EMUs and Taipans, 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 printed in newsletter.

COLOR T-SHIRT

We now have color T-shirts made with the original unit patch design for many of the units, most of 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 10" 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 printed 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.

145th MEMORIAL DONATIONS

At the 1999 Reunion it was decided to fund two memorials at Ft Rucker. One inside the Museum and one outside by the Daleville gate. Anyone wanting to help fund these please indicate your desire on the Membership/ Order form. We want to have these funded and built before the 2003 Reunion at Ft Rucker. The museum and the post will take care of the design to be fitting with other memorials in the area