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The call sign of Boxcar was a group effort according to Roger Shields the first 178th ASHC Company Commander. A couple of months before deployment an individual returning from Vietnam pointed out the unit would need a call sign. Suggestions for ideas were requested from the unit. The Boxcar name was selected because the Chinook looked like a boxcar and hauled cargo. Upon arrival in Vietnam the call sign had to be approved and checked for duplication.

The 178th ASHC/400TC Boxcar history has been included in the VHPA Vol.2 Historical Reference Directory due out in April. Please see the VHPA product order form. This printed history is what was made available at the 1993 reunion plus some updates. The Boxcar history is an in-process living history and is updated and corrected as new information is found or made available. We are still looking for additional annual unit histories, other Boxcar information and individual stories.

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