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◆ VHPA REUNION

1996 REUNION IN SANTA CLARA

VHPA members, their families and guest, will gather for the annual reunion in Santa Clara, CA., July 3-6, 1996. Santa Clara is at the South end of the San Francisco Bay area in the heart of the Silicon Valley. There will be many diversions available for VHPAers and their families during this reunion. The reunion headquarters will be in the Santa Clara Marriot which is located near Paramount's Great America amusement park. The reunion location affords opportunity for day trips to Monterey, Carmel San Francisco, coastal redwoods and numerous other attractions. Organized excursions to the city for tours and shopping have been arranged by the reunion committee. Check your VHPA newsletter for details or contact VHPA Headquarters at the new location, 949 University Ave., Suite 210, Sacramento, CA 95825. (800) 505-VHPA. Registration prices increase after June 1, get your form in soon.



128th MINI-REUNION SANTA CLARA

A 128th unit mini-reunion will be held at the VHPA reunion in Santa Clara. Bring your family and guest to the mini so they can meet some of the characters you've been talking about. Bring some of your photos, maps, and videos to share during the mini. They sure can stimulate brain cells that have locked away some memories.

Details are still being worked out as to exactly what day and time the mini reunion will be held. When you get settled in at the hotel, check the bulletin board which is usually near the registration area. Look for the 128th sign-in sheet. A posting with details on the mini reunion will be near by. I'll be at the Unit Patch Project table near the Data Base committee's table much of the time. Stop by and say hello.

◆ HISTORY UPDATE

128th HISTORY

The publication of any additional VHPA Historical Directories is presently on hold. None will likely be published in the near future. The gathering of items relating to 128th history is still going forward. Other options for disseminating the history may present themselves in time. We still need any material relating to the 128th's history that you can contribute. Please send me copies of any 128th orders, rosters, news items and quarterly histories. Please send these documents to my home address:

Jay Riseden



We also need copies of photos that depict any artwork on the aircraft or distinctive 128th artwork such as mascots, logos or memorials.

UNIT HISTORY FEEDBACK

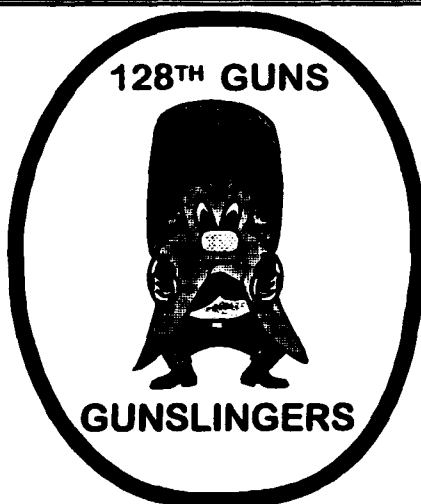
You guys having been supplying historical data, I thought I'd provide some back to you. Pages 3 through 5 contain some of the data collected.

128TH PATCHES

A fairly complete picture of 128th and related unit patches has emerged. Thanks to **Dan Miller** and **Joe Underwood** for recent additions to the 128th collection. Dan was able to provide an original Gunslinger patch that was the last one used by the gun platoon. It is the version depicted at the top center of this page. He also provided a copy of the subdued version of the Tomahawk patch and an 11th CAB patch. **Joe Underwood** contributed a **MEDICINE MEN** patch of the 393rd Transportation Detachment. The only patch I don't have a copy of is the Gunslinger patch that first depicted Yosemite Sam. I think it started appearing on uniforms in late 1968 or 1969. It was a round or oval patch similar to the drawing below. It would sure help if anybody could provide a color copy of this patch.



Special thanks to those that contributed to help defray cost of sending out this newsletter. Your help is really appreciated.



128TH AIRCRAFT TO BE DISPLAYED AT SMITHSONIAN

Smithsonian officials are seeking information on UH1-D 65-10126. This aircraft was assigned to the 128th from July 1968 to April 1969. It will be featured in a planned Vietnam display at the National Air and Space Museum. The search for information was reported in the December issue of the VHPA newsletter. The Smithsonian is interested in any history of the aircraft and is particularly interested in photos of this aircraft, in-country and places an extremely high value on configuring the aircraft as it appeared in combat. They request any photos showing unit markings, etc. of this particular aircraft or any sister ships while with our unit. If you have a few good shots of any 128th UH1D showing the Tomahawk on the nose and the unit tail boom markings, send them in. You can send them to me and I will forward them through Phil Marshall who is coordinating

for the VHPA. Before coming to the 128th, this aircraft was in Phu Loi assigned to HHD, 11th CAB from Oct 67 to Jun 68. Maybe someone in the 128th remembers this bird when at battalion headquarters also. Was it a smoke ship or Red Dog 6's aircraft? Phil further reports that the museum also places great value on any pilots who flew aircraft in their inventory. Let us know if you can document having flown this aircraft. This is a great opportunity to contribute some historical information on our unit that is of significant value. I wish I could say that I flew this ship. Please contact me if you have any info: (916) 863-1347.



The 1995 VHPA Reunion

The 1995 VHPA reunion was held July 1 through July 4, 1995 at the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, MO. It was another great reunion. The highlight of the event was the Fourth of July parade that many VHPAers and family marched in as guest of the town of Parkville. The good people of that community gave many of us the welcome home that we never experienced. It was an emotional experience for all. I wish every one of you could have been there. After the parade the town hosted a barbeque.

There was an outstanding static display of aircraft at a site near the hotel. Just about every helicopter in the current Army inventory was represented.

128TH AIRCRAFT

Here is the list of helicopters assigned to the 128th beginning in October 1966 through the end of 1975. The 128th AHC moved to Korea after departing Vietnam. Those tail numbers followed by Korea probably never flew for the 128th in Vietnam. The first DATE is the first occurrence of that tail number in the VHPA database for the 128th. The second DATE2 is the date the Army took possession of that helicopter. Many of these aircraft may have never flown with the 128th. The assignment got them in country just like pilots, then the aircraft were assigned where needed. All the aircraft that did fly for the 128th should be listed here except for some aircraft that arrived in country with the unit in 65. Let me know of any omissions. Info from Gary Roush, Chairman, VHPA, Data Base Committee. These numbers should knock the cobwebs loose and fuel a few stories at the reunion.

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7103	0271	VIETNAM	UH1H	7015717
7105	0271	VIETNAM	UH1H	7015740

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* 6510126 is the aircraft at the National Air and Space Museum

PHU LOI TADS

TACTICAL AIRDROME DIRECTORY (TADS) SOUTHEAST ASIA

PHU LOI

10deg 59' 57" N

106deg 42' 10" E

GRID XT862158

VDCA 94 L4 H28 (AGP) 85' 13-21 Type 1 C-130

(Not recommended for night OPS. N twy and N portion of prk ramp clsd to C-130's), type 2 C-123, C7

AERODROME REMARKS - For Security, etc G-3 Air, HQ

TRAC 921-2704

Extv Copter t/c.

585' ovrn SE end, 200' NW end.

45' wide twy to old rwy used as twy and offload area.

Prk area 190' X 450' (laterite/peneprime).

Windsocks SE of rwy.

Std rwy mkr.



TILL NEXT TIME

pilots.

Family and guest are welcome at the questions about the get together, give 9511. If you are on the internet check



WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

FSN 8970-577-4513,,,Wt-25 Lbs,,,CU-0.79,,,12 Meals
4 P-38s

Chicken and Noodles and a B-1A Unit

Beef, W/Spiced Sauce and a B-1A Unit

Ham and Eggs, Chopped and a B-1A Unit

Beans W/Meat Balls and a B-2 Unit

Spaghetti W/Ground Meat and a B-2 Unit

Beans W/Frankfurter Chunks and a B-2 Unit

Another Beans W/Frankfurter Chunks and a B-2 Unit

Ham, Sliced and Cooked and a B-3A Unit

Beefsteak and a B-3A Unit

Chicken, Boned and a B-3A Unit

Turkey Loaf and a B-3A Unit

Accessory Packet: (was the same for all)

Cigarettes (Various Brands)(4 smokes in a box)

Matches

Chewing Gum (Various Flavors of Wrigleys or Chicklets)

Toilet Paper

Coffee, Instant

Cream Substitute

Sugar

Salt

Pastic Spoon

Cocoa Beverage Powder (Came in B-3A Unit Only)

Bring some of your photos, souvenirs, videos and other mementoes to the mini reunion to share with other 128th

mini reunion as well as the VHPA reunion. If you have any me a call at: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] - out the new Vietnam Helicopter Flight Crew Network Web

JAY RISEDEN

