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Bob,

I hope life is good for you and since you're in Florida I would say it is good. The hurricanes have to be scary! I hope to meet you at the VHPA reunion in Fort Worth. I'm going and our unit is going to have 2 mini reunions. We put out our first Newsletter last month. We figure we'll get 35 pilots & crew. Out of 350 people found, it's a good start.

I wanted to give you an update on my eight years of research on the 88th A.A.C. "BLACK WIDOWS"

By your Unit Historian guide

- ✓ (1) Lineage.
- ✓ (2) Campaigns
- ✓ (3) Decorations, Unit, Service Streamers, over Purple Heart group, a few D.F.C.'s, Bronze Stars —
- ✓ (4) Commanding Officers (4) Maj Wofford Major Jack Johnson
LTC McWhorter Major Barry Greer
- ✓ (5) Aircraft, I have a list of our tail #s
- ✓ (6) Emblem, Pocket Patch collection — our unit is 95% completed — I keep Jay Residen jumping!
- ✓ (7) Assignments — I have all this info
- ✓ (8) Stations — San Tieng — Phu Hiep — LZ Sally
(III Corps) (II Corps) (I Corps)
- ✓ (9) Historical Narrative — After the VHPA reunion and my trip to Ft. Campbell for the "Gathering of Eagles" I plan on writing this historical history of the B.W.s from 11/66 — 7/1/68 when it was inactivated becoming "C" Company 101st Aviation BN — 101st Airborne Division. Actually at that time it was the 101st ARCAV Division. I figure it will take me a year to put all my data together. Since I'm doing this on my own it is going to take awhile. I would like to ask the VHPA Historical completed

Committee for some help. I can get this stuff written up but could use help getting my graphics and info on computer disc. I really need some help, I've gone broke trying to get this "Labor of Love" completed. I don't have a computer and I realize that I should but it is tight and my wife is not working. The one good thing is that our 3rd Commanding Officer Jack Johnson has stepped forward to help me complete our time from 12/67-6/68. If you can refer me to someone who would be willing to help me get the story written and into your data base I would be grateful. - I have volumes of stuff letters, diaries, etc. etc.

✓ 10 ~~Stat~~ Statistics

✓ 11 References - National Archives Lessons Learned, after action, Daily Journals etc, etc. etc

✓ 12 Unit Roster - I have all of our morning reports + 3 different rosters

Bob - would you send me an updated JHPA Historical Data List? Also any new info I may need for reference and resources available to me as our historian. I have 16 of 18 personnel Deceased Files from the U.S. Army. I'm not sure if you have this on your data base on the 18th. If not let me know and I'll send you copies. I guess they couldn't find their file - unbelievable! I'm also going to send you the completed patch, door art, nose art and narrative soon.

Best Regards
"Cherry Boy"
Dick
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