

VIETNAM HELICOPTER PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Dear Marty Martines and Jim Cunningham,

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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

As you most likely know, Bill Greenhalgh and I have decided to feature the 7/17 in the History Section of the 1992 VHPA Directory. For the last several months we have been "getting prepared" and now that I can spend some time on it (since Reno I've had a few things to do - the 1991 Directory, getting the 1993 Reunion site approved by the Council and contracts signed (FYI, it is Phoenix), and getting the VHPA administrative services request for contract bid package out to potential vendors, etc.) things are moving into a higher gear. Bill and I plan to send a draft version to all 7/17ers in the Spring and really start beating the drum for input.

There are two reasons for this letter to you guys. First, I believe you both have a good collection of color pictures and know of others that do as well. I NEED CANDIDATES FOR two GROUPS OF PHOTOS. (1) Cover photos. You both have seen what I have put on the covers in the past. My current thoughts (but suggestions from you are most welcome) are to put 3 or 4 helicopter pictures on the front cover (OH-6, UH-1H, UH-1C, and AH-1G). The trick is they all MUST BE FROM THE 7/17. Slides are the best media because the printers can go directly from the slide to the plate they use. Color is preferred. Clarity and contrast are important. (Contrast is measured by how clearly the helicopter is distinguished from the background. For example, the 1990 issue has the Skycrane silhouetted against the sky and in 1991 the background didn't bother the H-34 at all; both had good contrast. The 1989 picture of the hook hauling the snake is an example of poor contrast (and clarity too because you couldn't see many of the details on either helicopter).) If you have some candidates, please let me BORROW them. (2) Interior photos. We now have a scanner, so we can insert photos or documents or drawings or patches into the narrative. For example, if the narrative was describing that "short round" event at Enari, we could include one of Marty's (I think it was Marty's) photos showing the damaged ships and the hole in the PSP deck. Because we usually "doctor up" (remove scratches and creases) cover photos, we could interior photos as well; but clarity and contrast are still important. Anyway, please think about photos for the Directory and let me know what you would suggest.

Second, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ANOTHER 7/17 MINI-REUNION IN ATLANTA. Weren't one of you going to look into seeing if we could get some cool 7/17 scarfs or a neat T-shirt made as an ACTION ITEM from Reno? I should have a real Disk Top Publishing (like for the Directory or the Newsletter) capability in my home within the next couple months; maybe one of you would like to start a 7/17 Newsletter - I don't have time to write it; but my wife and I do have the time to prepare it, print it up, and mail it out for you? Bill and I have already gotten VHPA Headquarters

to install a program to print mailing labels for everyone in the database that was in the 7/17; so whenever we need a mailing, we would just ask for the labels and we'd get current addresses, etc. Please think about these ideas and let me know if you like any of them.

I also need current home (and work if possible) phone numbers for you both. The VHPA database can store them; but we have nothing for either of you. Please send them to me if you would be so kind and I'll get the database updated.

Thanks for all you do for VHPA.

Mike Law, Vice President and Directory Editor