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HAWK TALK

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The Playboys

The Big Lift

August 30, 1968

Back Row L to R Samp, Ashcroft, Jensen, Holmes, Bonk

Front Row Britt, LaCasse, Beaver, Mason



Fellow Blackhawks:

For a n explanation on the cover sheet photo, see Bill LaCasses' letter , under Letters to the Editor. However, all the pilots in the picture are holding a copy of Playboy magazine except for Beaver who is holding a copy of "Herzog by Saul Bellow". With a name like Beaver, well you get it! He is peeking at Mason's copy of Playboy.

Vegas Reunion July 15-18, 1996

The reunion plans are finalized. All the pertinent information is included in the newsletter. You must send in your registration form and register with the hotel by **July 15**, to receive the special room rates and to be eligible for the Early Bird Drawing. (You may win your room rate for free). There are no guarantees that you will be able to get the special room rate after July 15 , however you will not be turned away. At our last reunion many of the guys that attended thought that the reunions were for the guys that served with the 7/1 in Nam. Not true!

It is for anyone who served with the unit at Ft. Knox and in Nam, their spouse, their children, friends , whoever you want to bring with you.

We try to make this a Family affair! It isn't a bunch of guys sitting around drinking beer and telling lies, of course some of us do that. At this reunion I will ask the guys to wear a jacket and tie to banquet, that is only if you own one. A lot of guys that didn't wear a jacket and tie at our last reunion banquet felt funny, because so many of the guys did. The women were dressed absolutely gorgeous at the last banquet. (Do I cover my butt or what.)

Membership

We are about to start a social security search program through the VHCMA. I will be running 100 social security numbers per month, at \$3.00 per social security number. The initial outlay will be \$300.00. But if we receive dues from 12 new contacts found through the search, it will cover our cost. We now have over 620 names of fellow Blackhawks on our roster. I hope we can have 1000 by August. What I would like for our members to do is to contact anyone you know that served with the unit or pass their name and address to me and I will send them out a membership packet. If you would like for me to do a phone search on a name of a guy you remember, please call me and I will see if we can find him.

I received a phone call on my answering machine from a **Richard Andrus of 109 W. St John, Jerome,????**, they my machine cutoff. He mentioned that someone told him about the Association. So please contact me and let me know his full address and phone number, so I can give him a call and send him out a Membership packet.

In the last newsletter I mentioned if you did not want to continue receiving a copy of "Hawktalk" to give me a call or write. Well I did receive a phone call at 8:00 on a Saturday morning. Is was a members wife calling to inform me that we were all babykillers, that while we were in Vietnam killing Vietnamese she was protesting the war. She went on to say since we couldn't kill the Vietnamese with our bombs and bullets we were now killing them with fast food from the Mc Donald franchises we built over there. (Funny I didn't know that the Blackhawk Association owned a McDonalds in Vietnam.) She continued and said that she didn't want the newsletter in her home and if there was another war she would personally drive her son to Canada. I was informed by her that she was a lawyer and any further contact by this Association would result in her suing me. I am always a gentlemen, I yes mamed her to death. I never mess with a women looking for a fight. I informed her that I would take her husbands name off our roster and not send him anymore newsletters. So the bottom line is, if you don't want the newsletter, let me know but not at 8:00 in the morning.

Well that is about all from me. I tried to keep this cover letter short and to the point. I hope to see you all in Vegas. Pat and I are taking a trip out there in May. We will be visiting Ted Miller and checking out the sites.

Animo et Fide


Mike O'Reilly

C/67-68

Flashback

B Troop 7/1 ACS

The Rescue Of an American

January 1969

Hawk-talk

It was the 31st of December on a typical day in the Delta of South Vietnam. Before the day would end it would have proved to be a very special day for Major James N. Rowe and the men of B Troop 7th Armored Squadron 1st Air Cavalry. The mission was not uncommon. Today the Dutchmasters would support the 21st St. ARVN Division. A visual Armed reconnaissance in the U-Minh Forest, Was in order.

Warrant Officer Louis E. Schantz was piloting, Major David E. Thompson in the command helicopter. At approximately 1315 hours an enemy sampan loaded with military equipment and explosives was sighted and destroyed by B Troops aerial rocket and machine-gun fire. Three Viet Cong were killed and a prisoner was taken along with several automatic weapons. Upon return to CAMUA and interrogation of the prisoner, it was learned that the man was actually an ARVN Lieutenant that had been captured by the VC the previous year. He indicated that there were more VC in the area where he was picked up. Major Thompson directed Bravo Troop to return to the area of operation. Upon arrival at the site, another sampan with four occupants was sighted by Maj. Thompson and Mr. Schantz. Major Thompson directed Mr. Schantz to execute an evasive maneuver so he could be more effectively control the strike of his gun ships.

It was during this low altitude turn that both Maj. Thompson and Warrant Officer Schantz spotted what appeared to be a VC several hundred meters away from the sampan. He was in tall reeds and waiving a white cloth. It was surmised that this man was probably bait for a trap, however the possibility of a general defector or surrender could not be entirely discounted. Major Thompson decided to go in. He directed two scout helicopters to cover his insertion and told Mr. Schantz to begin a tactical approach. As their helicopter came closer the propwash blew the reeds away from the suspect. The man was of fair complexion and had a long beard. It was apparent this man was not Vietnamese.

The landing was difficult due to dense foliage and underlying swamp. After cutting several small limbs with the rotor blades in an almost vertical descent, the crew was able to pick up the man and depart without damage to the aircraft or personnel. The added risk of enemy fire was more evident as suppressive fire from the ascending helicopter was not deemed advisable due to the possibility of more friendly personnel in the area.

The man they picked up was 1Lt. (Now Major) James N. Rowe. He had been a prisoner of the VC since October of 1963.

Major Thompson remarked "After we got him into the ship SP4 Mike Thompson and SP4 Stevens gave him some C rations and water, we realized he had not eaten for several days. Major

Thompson continued "he looked surprisingly healthy for the ordeal he had gone through."

Upon their return, Major Rowe was able to make a call to his parents who live in McCaland Texas....They said they had never given up hope for their son.

For the Rowe family and the Dutchmasters, New Years Eve of 1968 will be hard to beat. Welcome back Major Rowe and to the Dutchmasters, another job well done.

Editors Note:

Major James N. Rowe was killed in the Philippines in May 1989 he was a Colonel at the time. There is a very good book out Written By James N. Rowe entitled Five Years to Freedom. It is published by Ballantine Books.

Letters to the Editor

Pat Neary C/68 writes

Mike, I don't dwell on the past but thanks for putting it together. In my desk is a copy of Air Cavalry Operations in the delta dated 1 November 1968 in mint condition, 51 pages FOUO from the 164th CAG signed by Col. Worthington Mahone. Jerry Curry became an MG we worked together in V Corps Europe in the latter part of the 70's.

Editor's Note:

Pat Neary sent me the Air Cavalry Operations in the Delta. This studies purpose was to analyze and develop air cavalry tactics techniques and doctrine applicable to the air cavalry squadron within the Delta region of Vietnam. The Air Cavalry Squadron which was studied was the 7/1 ACS. This paper helps preserve a little bit of our history. I will try and publish some excerpts in upcoming newsletters.

Cortland Stark A/HHT 68-70 writes:

My main man Mike: Got the newsletter yesterday and read through it. When I came across the last paragraph in your "Sick call" section, I read "...get us middle-aged over weight guys into shape." I thought "over weight" I can empathize with: but, "middle-aged" let's see how many people do I know that are 102 years old? If we had been 7 or 8 years old when we served in Vietnam, we'd be middle-aged now!

Take Care Cort

Cliff Lincoln A 70-71 writes:

Enjoyed your newsletter this evening and thought I should point out that my zip code should be 99361. I would like to make your reunion in August but I am in hopes that my medical will be restored in April since my triple bypass surgery in October and I am hoping to be back spraying by then. Have always enjoyed your newsletters.

Editors Note:

I hope that Cliff is on the road to recovery .

Don Sharp B 67-68 writes

Sorry I have taken so long to respond. Was glad to hear about the Blackhawk Association. I joined the Blackhawks in late June 67 and left June 68. My first job was forming D Troop until Major Tommy Thompson arrived.

I have enclosed a couple of old orders. I believe one is interesting, the one listing the pilots that ferried aircraft to California.

I hope to attend the next reunion but I am having back problems. I will have to see how things develop.

Editor's Note:

I found Don through old orders. So all you guys that have old orders out there, send copies to me. I hope Don's back is getting better , I suffer from back problems so I know what Don is going through.

Wm. R "Pat" Unger A & D/70 writes:

Please find enclosed my 95 and 96 dues. I apologize for getting behind. I served in "Apache" Troop and D Troop (Powder Valley) during 1970. I was the UH-1 Platoon Leader and when I was in Powder Valley (D Troop), I was an Infantry Platoon Leader. I thoroughly enjoy the newsletters and want to thank you for taking the time to gather all the information and addresses for all of our benefit. In the last newsletter you mentioned Roy Budd. He and I were in the same OCS class at Ft. Wolters and Hunter Army Airfield and then we both found ourselves assigned to "Apache Troop". (I taught him everything about flying!)

I noticed that in the last newsletter , you talk about the reunion in Las Vegas and the location, however , I did not see the specific dates mentioned. I am really going to try and attend but need to know the specific dates.

Again, thanks for your time and efforts in putting out a great newsletter and all the time you sacrifice for the Association.

Editor's Note:

I noticed that I forgot to put the dates of the reunion in the last newsletter after I had mailed out about 100 of them. To rectify the problem I sent postcards to those 100 members. The rest of the newsletter had a label on the front stating the dates of the reunion. Pat and I were in a rush to get that issue out. I hope Pat will be able to attend the reunion in Vegas this year.

Boyd Yochum HHT 67/69 writes:

Thank you for the winter newsletter, you have outdone yourself again. After reading the Sick call section, I put the newsletter done and went to the gym for a work out.

I especially wanted to thank you for the cover picture on the winter edition. Us REMF's enjoy a little recognition from time to time. Speaking of time , help my memory with who was in the picture. Curly Green was on the right, and one of the original Blackhawks at Ft. Knox in 67. I can't remember the other fella's name . He was our legal clerk in S-1, he was from Michigan and wanted to go to law school. I can remember that about him but can't remember his name.

After returning from the reunion last August, My boss mentioned that he hadn't wanted me to take the time off, he was upset, but I went anyway. He laid me off for three months. Figure the logic in that. I am back at work and with the southern Illinois break in weather, the window and door busy is booming.

I write an Alumni class letter for my college, and the one thing we have been trying to do is to get people to drop us a note now and then so we know what is going on with their lives. That is the special part of the Blackhawk Association, people keep in touch. There is a bond between us the can't be explained or duplicated. Keep up the good work. See you in August.

Editor's Note:

REMF's or not rockets and mortars do not know the difference.

Jess Rawls C/ 371 Trans. Co. 68-69 writes:

Just a note to give you my change of address. I had been living in Virginia, but it got too cold there and now I am in the Peach State. At least it is warmer here.

I enjoy getting the newsletters, especially when I read about people that I personally knew in the Blackhawks. I don't recall seeing too many names from the ranks of the maintenance types. I hope that doesn't mean that the line pilots did away with all the wrench-turners. There was a mind-set of us (maintenance) versus them (line pilots), but I don't think it was ever bad enough for any blood to be spilled...or not a whole lot, anyway. And even though there was a bit of friction between us at times, maintenance pilots always respected the dangerous and difficult job that line pilots had.

Keep plugging away at that computer and before you know it you will have that electronic wonder doing whatever you want it to.

Editor's Note:

Jess Rawls new address is 155 Westwood Avenue, Bogart, GA 30622.

Will Gibbons A/70-71 writes:

Received your newsletter today after it was forwarded a couple of times. Vegas looks like it might be doable. I am in flight test at Douglas Aircraft Company in Long Beach, CA. A little 5 hour drive might be in order if I am not flying. Hope to see you at the VHPA reunion in July.

Bill LaCasse C/67-69 writes:

Thanks for the phone call! The "Hawktalk" is always read page to page in anticipation. I was really happy to hear that Joe Iona was in recovery and doing well. I flew Joe a number of times in "Valerie's Pal" on a never ending cycle of insertions and extraction's.

Sorry I am late with the dues, but I promise it won't happen again! I finally got off my duff and searched the garage for material from our days in RVN. I came up with three albums of photos and a VC flag signed by 34 "Sandpipers". Some may remember that I placed the flag in the "lift" hooch in early summer of 68 until I left in 69. I have included a couple of pictures you may want to use. I know that a number of "lift" pilots are members of the Association and may get a "kick" out of the photo. The intent of the "Playboy" photo was to send it to the publishers of Playboy but it never made it.

I still have orders, articles and rosters somewhere. I will continue to search for them! Marion and I are planning a one year motorhome trip within the next twelve months.

I still hope to make it to Cold Spring! We plan on traveling to Alaska first and hit as many states as possible. As it stands now we will try to make it to Vegas in the motorhome! If I can't make the reunion, I will forward the flag to you and you can display it at the reunion.

I congratulate you and Pat for the outstanding work you have done with the "Hawktalk" I hope to see you soon.

Editor's Note:

I hope that Bill and Marion will get to visit Pat and I and also make the reunion in Vegas. CSM Carter tried to make it to Alaska three times in his motorhome, only bad things happened to him. If I was Joe I would put that big sucker in a C-5A and fly it up there. If anyone else has any pictures they would like published in upcoming Hawktalks, please make a reproduction of the picture or pictures and send them to me. If you have any old Hawktalks or articles please send them too. It would be greatly appreciated.

Paul Hanson D/68-69 writes:

I want to remind you to include my E-mail address in the newsletter. It is BlkHwk86@Aol.Com. Damon Cecil would probably like his in the newsletter also. Damon's is FRGC76A@Prodigy.Com, his nickname is Commanche33.

Editor's note:

If anyone else would like their E-mail addresses included in future newsletters, drop me a line and I will gladly put them in.

David Roskelley HHT/69-70 writes:

I have received the material that you mailed to me following our phone conversation on March 24th and have spent many hours going over the member list and excellent newsletters. Enclosed is my membership application and check. Unfortunately I have commitments that will keep me from the reunion in August, but I hope to see you at the next reunion in 1997.

A special thanks to Pat, for her contributions. I for one will be anxiously awaiting the quarterly newsletters.

Editor's note:

I found David from old orders I had and by using my phone disc software. I look forward to meeting David at our reunion in 1997.

What was in those Malaria Pills

I am contacting you in hopes that you may assist my efforts in gathering information about the effect of the malaria pills we took while in Southeast Asia. My previous articles in the VHPA Newsletter and 1st Cavalry Division "SABER" Newsletter netted over forty responses from Vets who have minor or major medical problems.

Veterans have never been told by any competent medical authority that their problems may have been caused by massive/long term ingestion of the anti-malarial drugs.

I remember the Big orange pill we took being called "CHLOROQUINE/PRIMAQUINE" and the little white pill as "DAPSONE". What is now so unique, is to read about the mild and serious adverse side effects of these drugs.

Many of the responses indicate:

Heart Problems, Kidney Disorders, Liver Malfunction, Anemia, Low Blood Platelets, Cornea and Retina Damage, Excessive Bruising and Bleeding through the skin. "Heart Attack" symptoms, hearing disorders, Tinnitus, Permanent blindness, Psychotic Disorders, etc. Responses are still coming in and I would like more.

One Medic's response was that there were "allegedly" 1000 deaths and 10,000 casualties due to the ingestion of the anti-malarial pills during the Vietnam era. He was told in medical classes that any problems to humans ingesting the drug was an "Acceptable Risk". Apparently, there were none or more major studies conducted by the Veterans Administration and or the Department of Defense in the early 1970's to determine the effects (Long Term). Those results were never made available to the veterans who took the pills for a few months to several years.

The Veterans Administration advised one pilot that they can not even discuss the anti-malarial drug after-effects unless a "Claim" is filed.

As you can see, that this is not a small problem for just a few. Any Blackhawk member may contact me at this address.

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Upcoming Reunions

Rolling Thunder IX

For all you motorcyclist enthusiasts, the annual Rolling Thunder IX will be in Washington, DC on the May 26 during the Memorial Day weekend.

Assemble at the North Pentagon Parking lot at 8 am, leaving at 12 noon for the ride through Washington to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

For information contact: Danny Belcher at 606-674-6799.

1996 LZ Bluegrass 8th Annual Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Reunion

May 17-19 at Capital Plaza, Frankfort, KY. It is free and open the public. It is handicap assessable. There will be entertainment, military displays, food booths, Vendors and a Memorial service at the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

For further information call: Julia and Lisa Humphrey 502-449-3113. Fax 502-449-0446. In Frankfort contact: Mike Cartwright 502-223-5806. In Lexington contact: Jacqui Denegri at 606-268-0579.

Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association

The VHPA will be holding their 13th Annual Reunion July 3-6 in Santa Clara, CA., They have reserved two great hotels. Their primary hotel is the Santa Clara Marriott and their overflow is the Westin Santa Clara. The room rate is \$70.00 for up to four people in a room. The hotel phone numbers are The Santa Clara Marriott 1-800-228-9290 and the Westin Santa Clara is 408-986-0700. To make sure you receive the proper rate, tell the hotel you are with the VHPA. For further information on the reunion you can contact the VHPA at 513-721-VHPA.

Vietnam Helicopter Crewmembers Association

The Vietnam Helicopter Crewmember Association will be holding their 10th Reunion in Tucson AZ, July 10-14. The Hotel for the reunion will be the Doubletree Hotel-Tuscon. The room rate is \$63.00. The hotel phone number is 520-881-4200. To get the special rate make sure you mention that you are attending the VHCMA reunion. For

further information on the reunion you can contact: Charlie Rains at 901-795-2850.

New Members and Potential Members as of 4/4/96

Editors Note:

These fellow Blackhawks were found using my phone search software for my computer.

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This and That

VHCMA INTERNET

If you ever "Surf the Net" the VHCMA now has a Home Page on the Internet or the World wide Web. The VHCMA newsletter editor is setup to communicate with other members using electronic mail -or E-mail. Articles, notices and letters for publication can be sent to the Newsletter directly by Internet E-mail.

Email address : vchma@airmail.net
The VHCMA Home page address is:
web2.airmail.net/vhcma

In Touch

"I have memories that belong to his family." You came back from Vietnam; he didn't. You wish you could do one last thing for your buddy. You often have thought about contacting his family, but you have been afraid doing so may only stir up more pain or sad memories.

"I have memories that belong to his family," was written by the first GI to complete an In Touch application that resulted in a "match." The In Touch program of the Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial has made more than 1,000 such matches between buddies and families.

The program maintains a database with a file for each name of our brothers and sisters on The Wall.

You no longer need to wonder how the family will feel when you call---family members who have registered with in Touch definitely WANT to hear from you! Even if you only have one small piece of information, it belongs to his family.

A note about what to say when you do make contact: The family may say " Tell us everything." That does not mean they want to hear he died a slow, painful death, his body was all torn up, he was a jerk, or he liked to visit prostitutes.

They want to hear you remember him, he was respected and liked, he did his job well, he was part of a team. Did he have peculiar likes or dislikes? Some favorite phrases? Do you have any pictures? What did he do in that war so long ago?

For an In Touch application you may call the Friends of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 703-525-1107 or fax 703-525-1109.

Or you may write to them by e-mail at Vietwall@aol.com.

Or at FVVM ----IN Touch 2030 Claredon Blvd., No. 412, Arlington, VA 22201.

Or visit their home page at
<http://www.sersoft.com/vietwall>

If you can't wait for an application, you may write to In Touch, with the following information: Last , first and middle name of KIA?MIA, your relationship or reason for your request (Buddy in Nam) Additional info about the KIA: Rank, birthdate, KIA date, nickname, branch, unit, hometown, etc. Then your last, first, and middle names, your mailing address, and phone numbers. State if you do or do not give permission to release your name to other participants in the In Touch program.

In some cases , your entry will wait in the database until a family member submits a request; in other cases, your application may result in an immediate match!

**7th SQUADRON - BLACKHAWKS REUNION
HOTEL SAN REMO, LAS VEGAS
AUGUST 15 - 18, 1996**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

- 12:00 Arrival and registration until 6pm. Hospitality Room open.
- 06:00 Early Bird Reception and Cash Bar.
Dinner on your own.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

- 08:00 Registration continues until 9am.
- 09:30 Board bus for a trip to Red Rock Canyon. See an area once inhabited by Indians and still home to herds of wild horses, burros, and big horn sheep. Enjoy a short stop at the Visitor's Center, where you can take a nature walk on the grounds surrounding the Center.
- 11:15 Arrive at Old Nevada, a vivid replica of an old western town. See the old-fashioned melodrama in the saloon, followed by the hanging outside.
- 12:30 Enjoy lunch consisting of BBQ Chicken, baked beans, cole slaw, biscuits, and a drink. Time permitting, visit some of the shops.
- 01:45 Reboard bus for a scenic drive back through Red Rock Canyon. Time may be allowed for taking pictures of the beautiful scenery along the way.
- 03:30 Back at the hotel.

\$36/Person includes bus, guide, admission, and lunch.

Hospitality Room open.
Dinner on your own.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

- 08:15 Board bus for a trip to the Hoover Dam, one of the seven modern wonders of the world. On the way, your guide will entertain you with the history of Hoover Dam.
- 09:00 Arrive at the Dam, the Western Hemisphere's highest concrete dam, rising 726 feet above bedrock and 660 feet wide at its base. The Dam was built to control the sometimes violent flooding of the Colorado River and aided parts of Nevada by offering an inexpensive source of electricity. Take the tour led by government guides to the base of the Dam and see how the Dam operates.
- 11:00 Reboard bus for a stop at the Southern Nevada Veteran's Cemetery for a Memorial Service before returning to the hotel by 12:15pm.

\$24/Person includes bus, guide, and admission.

Hospitality Room open.

- 02:00 Men's Business Meeting.
- 07:00 Pictures and cash bar.
- 08:00 Banquet served, followed by DJ entertainment. Cash bar continues through the evening.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Farewells and departures.

Driver and guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount *payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS*. All registration forms and payments must be received by mail on or before JULY 15, 1996.

Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.
P.O. Box 11327
Norfolk, VA 23517
ATTN: 7th Squadron - Blackhawks

CUT-OFF DATE IS JULY 15, 1996

	PRICE PER	x	NO. OF PEOPLE	=	AMOUNT
Registration fee which covers administrative and hospitality expenses.					
Members Only	\$25	x		=	
Spouses and Guests	\$ 5	x		=	
Thursday Early Bird Reception.	\$10	x		=	
Friday Red Rock Canyon Tour. Cost includes bus, guide, admission, and lunch.	\$36	x		=	
Saturday Hoover Dam/Memorial Service Tour. Cost includes bus, guide, and admission.	\$24	x		=	
Saturday Night Cash Bar and Banquet Buffet. Includes Fried Chicken, Seafood Newberg, and Roast Pork Loin.	\$25	x		=	

TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE TO ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.

PLEASE PRINT
NAME (for nametags) _____

TROOP _____ YEARS SERVED (ie. 1966-1969) _____

SPOUSE AND GUEST NAMES _____

STREET ADDRESS _____

CITY, ST, ZIP _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____

SPECIAL LIMITATIONS? _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____ PH. NUMBER (____) _____

ARRIVAL DATE _____ DEPARTURE DATE _____

ARE YOU STAYING AT THE HOTEL? YES _____ NO _____

ARE YOU FLYING? _____ DRIVING? _____ RV? _____

FULL REFUNDS WILL BE SENT FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED ACTIVITIES IF CANCELLATION IS RECEIVED BY AUGUST 12. AFTER THAT DATE, REFUND AMOUNT WILL DEPEND ON VENDOR POLICIES. PLEASE CALL (804) 625-6401 (9am-5pm EST). YOUR CANCELLED CHECK WILL SERVE AS YOUR TOUR CONFIRMATION.

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HOTEL LOCATION

The Hotel San Remo Casino and Resort is located at 115 East Tropicana Avenue, Las Vegas, NV 89109. The hotel is ideally located across from the new MGM Grand Theme Park and within walking distance to the Tropicana. The San Remo is in the heart of Las Vegas excitement. The airport is approximately five minutes from the hotel.

Directions:

- From Interstate 95 (from Arizona): Take the Tropicana Exit. Make a left turn at the traffic light onto Tropicana Avenue. Continue about 4 miles on Tropicana Avenue. Hotel will be on the left, across from MGM Grand Theme Park.
- From I-15 traveling northbound: Take the Tropicana Exit which bears right. Continue on Tropicana Avenue past the Tropicana Hotel. The San Remo will be on the right, across from the MGM Theme Park.
- From I-15 traveling southbound: Take the Tropicana Exit which bears left. Continue east on Tropicana Avenue. The San Remo will be on the right, across from the MGM Grand Theme Park.

HOTEL EXTRAS

The San Remo offers 711 spacious, European-inspired guest rooms. Rooms feature bath amenities as well as in-room movies. The hotel features 24-hour Bell, valet, and room services as well as gift shops, a boutique, and car-rental services. The swimming pool is heated year-round and is situated amidst beautifully landscaped grounds.

Handicapped and non-smoking rooms are subject to availability. Please request these special accommodations when making your hotel reservations. The hotel offers free high-rise indoor garage parking with direct casino access in addition to street level parking. Check in time is 4pm and check out is 11am.

Dining facilities offered on site include:

- The Ristorante Dei Fiori, 24-hour dining in garden setting, lavish buffets and menu fare
- Pasta Remo, offering Italian specialties
- Japanese Sushi Bar
- Le Panache, French and Continental cuisine
- Luigi's Deli, open 11am-7pm
- Room service, 24 hours

AIRPORT SHUTTLE

Bell Trans and Gray Line provide shuttle service to and from the Las Vegas International Airport. These services are available 24 hours. Pick up the shuttle outside of the baggage claim area of the airport. Currently, the fare with Gray Line is \$3.75/person one way; \$6.50/person round trip. For departure call Gray Line, (702) 384-1234, for pickup at the hotel.

NEARBY RV PARK

The hotel provides a parking lot for those needing to park their RV. There is no charge for parking. However, should you require hookup service, call Camperland, 3950 South Las Vegas Blvd., (702) 891-8243, for information, reservations, and directions.

7th Squadron 1st Air Cavalry Blackhawk Association

The Blackhawk Association is a non-profit, non-political, fraternal organization. The principal objective is to preserve our history, to bring old friends together, to make new friends and to remember those fellow Blackhawks who made the ultimate sacrifice.

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In order for you to keep on receiving a edition of our newsletter "Hawktalk" and a Membership Roster you must send in your dues. If your mailing label has a **95** on it means you are not current with your dues. Please fill out the form below and mail it with your check payable to: Blackhawk Association 14 Northern Avenue Apt G-6 Cold Spring New York 10516-2702.

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☐ Life Membership Enclosed \$250.00
☐ Associate member Enclosed \$25.00

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Address: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Home Phone Number: () _____ Work () _____

Troop: _____ Rank: _____ Years Served: _____

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