

# 2014 Calendar

174<sup>th</sup> Assault Helicopter Company

Dolphins and Sharks

1966 - Vietnam - 1971

“Nothing Impossible”









# February 2014

Dolphin 410 follows flight lead on a left break during a combat assault into wet rice paddies during monsoon season.



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						<b>1</b> National Freedom Day
<b>2</b> Groundhog Day  Super Bowl Sunday	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 1962: MACV Established	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> KIA: WO1 Robert Gentry 1971 1971: Lam Son 719 Begins
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> KIA: CPT John Gibbons 1970 Lincoln's Birthday	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <u>President's Day</u>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Washington's Birthday
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Fat Thursday	<b>28</b>	







# March 2014



Meet Shark 646 with the M134  
7.62mm minigun sub-system and two  
7-shot folding fin aerial rocket pods.



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						<p><b>1</b> KIA: WO1 Edward Harris 1969 KIA: WO1 Ray Davis 1969 KIA: SP4 Donn Zarina 1969 KIA: SP4 David Schulze 1969</p>
<p><b>2</b> Read Across America Day</p>	<p><b>3</b> KIA: PFC Gary Padilla 1971</p>	<p><b>4</b> Mardi Gras</p>	<p><b>5</b> KIA: WO1 Steven Burch 1971 Ash Wednesday</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>
<p><b>9</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> KIA: CPT Charles Rogers 1969</p>	<p><b>12</b> KIA: 1LT Ronald Johnson 1967</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> KIA: WO1 Patrick Erb 1971</p>
<p><b>16</b> 1966: 174<sup>th</sup> Departs CONUS for Vietnam Aboard USNS Upshur</p>	<p><b>17</b> KIA: MAJ Richard Brown 1969 St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> March Equinox (1st Day of Spring)</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> KIA: SFC Doyle Foster 1971 1967: 174<sup>th</sup> Moves from Ninh Hoa back to Lane AHP. 1971: Lam Son 719 Ends</p>	<p><b>26</b> 1971: 174<sup>th</sup> Moves from Quang Tri to Chu Lai</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b> 1967: Elements of 174<sup>th</sup> Move to LZ Uplift</p>	<p><b>29</b> 1973: U.S. Involvement in Vietnam War Ends</p>
<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>					

**January:**  
Shark 045  
brought down  
in the "Rice  
Bowl"



**February:**  
Dolphin 410  
breaks left  
during combat  
assault



**March:**  
Shark 646  
with miniguns  
and 7-shot  
rocket pods



**April:**  
Close up of  
minigun system  
with 7-shot  
rocket pods



**May:**  
Early morning  
flight crew  
preparations



**June:**  
The Office.  
Shark gun  
system sights



**July:**  
A challenging  
day for this  
Shark



**August:**  
1<sup>st</sup> Platoon  
Dolphin and  
the 174<sup>th</sup>'s  
bunkered  
operations  
hootch



**September:**  
Crew chief  
setting rocket  
electrical  
connections  
on Shark 555



**October:**  
Lone UH-1  
above Hwy 9  
during Lam  
Son 719



**November:**  
Dolphin 543 on  
Dolphin Park



**December:**  
Dolphin slick  
in formation







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The 174th Assault Helicopter Company formed at Ft. Benning, Georgia in 1965. It deployed to Vietnam by U.S. Navy ships in 1966. The unit's three primary homes in Vietnam were Lane Army Heliport near Qui Nhon City (1966, II-Corps); Duc Pho in Quang Ngai Province (1967-1970, I-Corps); and Chu Lai, base camp for the Americal Division (1971, also I-Corps).

The 174<sup>th</sup> flew various models of the Bell UH-1 "Huey" helicopter. The UH-1D and UH-1H troop and cargo carriers (the "slicks") were known as the DOLPHINS, and the UH-1C and UH-1M gunships were known as the SHARKS. The unit was authorized 16 Dolphins, eight Sharks, and one maintenance helicopter (the WITCH DOCTOR). The 174<sup>th</sup> Sharks were the only UH-1 helicopters in the Vietnam War to receive permission from General Claire Chennault's original P-40 "Flying Tigers" Association, from WWII, to use the P-40 shark's mouth on their 174<sup>th</sup> Shark helicopters. The Sharks wore those teeth with honor for six years.

Support organizations, co-located with the 174<sup>th</sup>, included the 409<sup>th</sup> TC (Maintenance) Detachment; the 452<sup>nd</sup> Signal Detachment; and the 765<sup>th</sup> Medical Detachment.



The 174<sup>th</sup> served long and proud in Vietnam and saw much combat action in the rice paddies and mountains in the northern half of South Vietnam from 1966 until 1971, and in Laos during Operation Lam Son 719 in 1971, living up to its motto of "Nothing Impossible." The unit has on its website pictures, stories, and information about the 174<sup>th</sup>'s people and experiences, including details on each of the 63 soldiers from the 174<sup>th</sup> killed in Vietnam. The website is dedicated to those Dolphins and Sharks, both pilots and enlisted crewmembers -- brave men all -- who did not return. See the website at: <http://www.174ahc.org>.



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Dawn Patrol – Vietnam had spectacular sunrises and sunsets

