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**President's Welcome:**

January, 15, 2009

Dear 174<sup>th</sup> Friends, I trust all of you are looking forward to and planning to attend the 1-3 May 2009 reunion of the 174th AHC Association in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Those who have attended our reunions on a frequent basis will tell you the weather is fine this time of year, the accommodations are great, and camaraderie is the best there is on Planet Earth. The Best Western Beachfront Hotel assures us they will provide the great amenities we have grown accustomed to over the years. And make sure you bring your spouse, or significant other, as they are an integral part of the 174th "Family." For me, and I know for most of you, the reunion is the highlight of our year. Please join us, whether this will be the first time, or tenth, because all of us want you to be there to share the memories and pride in knowing that the spirit we had those many years ago continues. And join us to honor those who did not return, and those that have since followed, so they will never be forgotten.



Since our last reunion, I'm pleased to report that the 174<sup>th</sup> Historical Database project announced last year has grown tremendously. It is voluntarily headed by our immediate past Secretary/Treasurer and Board member, Bernie Cobb, who has - in spite of some serious health issues - worked tirelessly on the project for the past 18 months and has added over 700 names to this historically significant document. Bernie has attacked this effort from every possible angle and his hard work is bringing us ever-closer to finding every 174<sup>th</sup> AHC alumnus. There are many of you who completed this request for information. We thank all who have, and we hope you will encourage all those who haven't yet responded to provide the needed information. I will be reporting further on this project at the reunion.

For those of you who may still be unaware of the project, it's worth repeating in this reunion announcement that goes to every member of the Association and to every potential member. Those are the people we still need to convince to get on board. The goal of the project is to identify every former member of the 174<sup>th</sup> AHC and its attachments during the company service in Vietnam. Eighteen months ago the Association officers and board members, along with a few other dedicated members, had "found" nearly 1,000 alumni, however, the list of these individuals had never been formalized into anything other than a communications list. The best estimate was that there was about 500-600 we've never heard from. The estimate has proven to be understated.

Shortly after the 2007 reunion, Bernie volunteered to compile and maintain a number of databases for the Association. As the format for each database evolved, we decided to create a database that could be published and shared by members of the Association and any other interested person or group. We already had much of the information for a large number of individuals, but it had to be input and segregated from the closely-held information that will never be published. While we do have a master database that serves as a great source document for our reunion mailing lists and e-mail addresses, it contains personal information which we wish to safeguard on your behalf.

The "**174<sup>th</sup>HistoricalDatabase**" primarily contains information concerning your service as a member of the 174<sup>th</sup> AHC in Vietnam. It is available for viewing on the 174<sup>th</sup> Web site. This document consists of information gleaned from official published orders, or from data which many of you have supplied, yourselves. Bob Jones and Bernie have prepared a data form, which is included as part of this package.

I do wish to emphasize that our 174<sup>th</sup> Historical Database project is, and will be for a long time, a work-in-progress with top priority and will always need your support. While we have found many former members by name and filled in many of the gaps, there are many more to be filled. So, I am asking for your help. In doing so, I ask you to put aside modesty for the high ranks and awards or decorations that you earned; put aside any animosity that might linger over any promotions you hoped for but failed to get, or those decorations that went to someone else. Those are just a few of the unfair consequences of duty during wartime. With this document we are dealing with reality – things that really happened; events as they occurred back then. This is a historical list, not a social one.

Our 174<sup>th</sup> Historical Database will eventually be viewed by hundreds of your fellow veterans, and by hundreds of thousands of other American citizens. In it, you deserve to have a complete and accurate account, as brief as it may be, of your service with the 174<sup>th</sup> AHC. There are other units who have attempted to compile a list of personnel who served together in combat, but the 174<sup>th</sup> is by far the most complete for a company-sized unit.

I want to re-emphasize one area which some might feel to have been seemingly controversial at a couple of our early reunions -- that of rank; awards and decorations may have been eyed by a few as falling into the same category. Our reunions are social gatherings, not military operations. Neither grade nor medals are of any consequence now. Those items are a matter of the past. I do promise, as President of our fine Association, that when you furnish that type of data, it will be used solely for providing an accurate accounting of your service while in the U.S. Army serving our country in time of war. It will never be used, in any context, in association with the splendid camaraderie of our reunions or any other social gathering of our members.

So, whether you are attending the reunion or not, **please complete the data information form** included in this announcement mailing, and return it at your earliest convenience to Bob Jones, along with your registration forms. Look for your old buddies on the database on the Web to make sure they are on it. If not, do whatever you can to get them identified and included. This is your history. For the sake of your children, grandchildren, and for their descendants for generations to come, please support this project.

The 2009 Reunion will certainly be a joyous occasion as have those in the past. Although the "times" may be less than optimal, we hope you will include the reunion in your vacation plans this year. You broke a record a few years ago for attendance; let's see if we can surpass that this year!

Looking forward to seeing you in May,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marty". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a prominent 'M' and 'y'.

Marty Heuer, President

## “NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE”

### FACT SHEET 174<sup>th</sup> AHC ASSOCIATION REUNION 2009

**Welcome** to the 16<sup>th</sup> reunion party of the 174<sup>th</sup> Assault Helicopter Company Association. This “tip sheet” is aimed at helping you quickly ease into the party mood, and to answer a few of the questions that you might have at this point.

**SIGN-IN:** We will have a table set up inside the hotel, near the bar. Name tags have been prepared for those having returned their paperwork and we will make up name tags for others. Besides helping to identify you to those who may be meeting you for the first time, the name tag will help identify you from other guests of the hotel. Please wear it at all times in the public areas of the hotel and our hospitality room. Especially wear it for the Friday evening reception- buffet and for the Saturday evening dinner and activities at the Two Trees Restaurant. These events are solely for the current members of the Association who have registered for this reunion and have pre-paid their respective share of the costs. Your name tag will identify you as being eligible to attend these functions.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** The **Best Western, Ft. Walton Beachfront Hotel**, 380 Santa Rosa Blvd., Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. You have a choice of Gulf view rooms or inside rooms. Gulf view rooms are \$109.00 while Inland rooms are \$89.00. You have a choice of one king or two queen size beds. There is a microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker, data port, and a free continental breakfast. Bring your swimming suits as there is a heated pool or the warm Gulf Waters. A walk on the beach is also a relaxing event. As we take up a large section of the hotel, the staff welcomes all our members and really makes our stay as comfortable as possible. For reservations, and to receive the special group rate, **call 877-243-9444 by March 30, 2009**, identifying yourself with the 174<sup>th</sup> AHCA Reunion. It's best to reserve as early as possible.

The **Friday Evening Reception and Buffet** will be held in our “Hospitality Room.” The reception starts at 4:30 p.m. with seafood buffet starting around 6:00 p.m. Tapped beer and light beverages plus other snacks are provided at no cost. The buffet menu features: Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya, Spiced Shrimp Platters, Boiled Crawfish, New Orleans Style Seafood Gumbo, Boiled Corn and Red Potatoes, Redskin Potato Salad, Homestyle Cole Slaw, and Fresh Fruit Platters. Seating, inside and outside is available. Two pay-as-you-go hotel bars, inside and outside, which by now are almost totally dedicated to our members, will also be open. The \$22.00 cost for the meal is paid for by your Association. Bar bills are individual responsibilities. The Hospitality Room will remain open for those wishing to share time with buddies, old and new.

#### **Saturday – Your choice of activities:**

**GOLF:** Carl Muthersbaugh returns as our Director for the Sixth Annual **“Black Sam” Kalagian Golf Tournament**. The tournament will be held at the Ft. Walton Beach Municipal Golf Course at 08:30 a.m., Saturday, May 2nd. Cost will be \$40.00 per person, or a little more, cart included. Payment must be made at the golf course pro shop before teeing off. It is expected that there will be room for 16 players (four 4-somes). Ladies are welcome and we have room for 12 players. Spikeless golf shoes or tennis shoes may be prescribed. Bring your clubs or rent clubs at the golf course.



**U.S. Army Aviation Museum at Ft. Rucker:** We do not have a bus arranged as costs for bus transportation has increased to the point that travel by P.O.V. is cheaper and car pools increase the fun while decreasing costs. We will assist in forming groups that wish to travel in convoy to the museum.

The **Air Force Weapons Museum**, just outside the gate at Eglin AFB, is a very interesting museum with inside and outside displays of aircraft and weapons systems. They also have a great gift shop.

The **National Museum of Naval Aviation** at Pensacola, Florida was hit hard by the hurricane a few years ago, but has been repaired and is now reopened. This is a great museum recording Naval Aviation history. Indoor and outdoor displays are outstanding. Groups may contact Mrs. Bell, museum reservations supervisor who said that "I want you to know that no matter how big or small your reunion group may be, you are ALL special to us and we are honored to have you". NATIONAL MUSEUM OF NAVAL AVIATION LOCATED NAS PENSACOLA FLORIDA 850-453-2025

**Ms. Diane Bell Museum Reservations Supervisor,  
1750 Radford Blvd. NAS Pensacola, Florida 32508  
850-453-2025 Fax 850-453-2018  
[www.navalaviationmuseum.org](http://www.navalaviationmuseum.org)**

Other places to visit include:

**Hulburt Field Airpark, the Zoo, and 2 Flea Markets.** The ladies seem to enjoy carpooling to the Flea Markets and other shops in the area. A very popular spot is the discount mall in Destin (Silver Sands).

**Party Boat:** A large party boat costs approximately \$30.00 per person. We do not schedule the party boat and it is open to others. There is no change in cost, regardless of the number of participating. Payment must be made on arrival at the dock.

**DINNER SATURDAY EVENING:** Saturday evening **dinner, business meeting and auction** is going to be held in the **Two Trees, Ft. Walton Beach Golf Club.** We have enjoyed the facilities and the meals and look forward to a very good time at this facility.. A very nice "pay as you go" bar is available at the club. Our buffet features onion and garlic stuffed roast beef, baked grouper with shrimp herb cream sauce, roast pork loin, oven roasted red potatoes, mixed vegetables, cheesecake with raspberry sauce and whipped cream, plus ice tea, lemonade, soda and coffee. The cost of this meal is \$22.00 per person, payable in advance with your registration. If needed, directions to the Two Tree Restaurant will be provided at our sign-in table.

**Air and Bus Transportation:** There are three airlines into the Ft. Walton Beach airport: **Delta** from the East and Northeast; **Northwest** from the North and West; and **Continental** from Texas. **Greyhound Bus** still stops in FWB.

**AUCTION:** If you have something you'd like to donate for auction to our members, bring it. Result of sales will be placed in the Association Treasury for use by the Association for the benefit of the membership. Lots of goodies and lots of fun!

If you have questions, Marty Heuer, Marty Wifholm and Bob Jones will be staffing the sign-in table and will be happy to help you out. For answers before April 30<sup>th</sup>, you may contact Bob Jones at (954) 755-4498 or e-mail at [rbjones6@bellsouth.net](mailto:rbjones6@bellsouth.net).

## WEEKEND AGENDA

### 174th AHC ASSOCIATION REUNION

May 2-4, 2008

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#### Wednesday thru Thursday, April 30th - May 3rd, 2009:

Hotel Check-in and fun time visiting with friends. Hospitality (Ready) Room opens Thursday.

#### Friday, May 1st, 2009

All day: Check in

06:00: Breakfast bar open

08:00: 174<sup>th</sup> hospitality room opens. Remains open all day. Look at photo books and chat with new and old friends (beer & snacks available)

09:30: 174<sup>th</sup> sign-in desk opens

17:30: Reception (in hospitality room)

18:00: Seafood buffet & beverages; free beer and soda's, cash bar.  
Talking with friends till the wee-hours

#### Saturday, May 2nd 2009

All day: Hospitality room open

06:00: Breakfast Bar opens at hotel

07:45: Car pool departs for golfing.

08:00+: 174<sup>th</sup> Hospitality Room Opens. Remains open all day. Look at photo books and chat with new and old friends (beer, soda & snacks available)

08:30+: POV trips to museums/shopping/whatever – Maximum use of carpools recommended.

09:30: 174<sup>th</sup> Sign-in Desk Opens

17:30: Two Trees Restaurant - Hospitality Time

18:30 Buffet dinner / Awards Presentations / Special Salute & Toasts / Memorial Ceremony / Business Meeting / Annual Auction / Group Photos

2200: Party Time: More R&R activities at hotel

#### Sunday, May 3rd, 2009

06:00: Breakfast bar open

All meals on your own -- local restaurants

Hospitality Room remains open all day

Individual departures as desired

Hotel checkout time is 10:00 hours

#### Monday, May 4th, 2009

06:00: Breakfast bar open

Final checkouts and departures.

Hotel checkout time is 10:00 hours



**REUNION REGISTRATION FORM**  
**174<sup>th</sup> AHC ASSOCIATION**  
**May 1- 4, 2009**

*(Please print and complete all personal data to update our records)*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME and relationship of others attending with you: (use extra sheet if needed)  
 \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: H: \_\_\_\_\_ C: \_\_\_\_\_

REGISTRATION FEE = \$35.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ (number attending) (Includes Friday buffet)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ASSOCIATION DUES: \$15.00 per year      \$     \$15.00    

SATURDAY NIGHT BUFFET: \$22.000 x \_\_\_\_\_ (number attending)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

DONATION: *(Completely optional: Applied to 174<sup>th</sup> Assn. administrative expenses)*      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday's activities: To help us gauge interest and plan accordingly, because the times overlap, please indicate your interest in attending one event (and only one per person) of the two events occurring on Saturday. Please circle:

PARTY BOAT: \$30.00 per person - pay at dock (Number in party: \_\_\_\_\_)      YES    NO

GOLF TOURNAMENT: \$40.00 per person - pay at pro shop (Number in party: \_\_\_\_\_) YES    NO

**Please use this form to renew your membership in the Association even if you CANNOT make the reunion.**

Make checks out to the 174<sup>th</sup> AHC Association and *mail your registration/renewal and database forms to:*

Robert B. Jones  
 Secretary/Treasurer  
 174<sup>th</sup> AHC Association  
 10305 NW 40<sup>th</sup> Court  
 Coral Springs, FL 33065-1542  
 E-mail: [rbjones6@bellsouth.net](mailto:rbjones6@bellsouth.net)      Phone: (954) 755-4498

# 174<sup>th</sup> AHC Association

## Historical Database Form:

(Please complete this form if you have not done so earlier this year.)

**Note:** (Please give the following information only that pertains to the period of time that you were serving in the 174<sup>th</sup> AHC, including dates of service, grade(s) held, platoon or section assigned, 174<sup>th</sup> second tour information if applicable, and awards and decorations.)

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR NICKNAME IN THE 174TH: \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE'S FIRST NAME OR NICKNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNIFICANT OTHER'S FIRST NAME (if appropriate): \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES OF SERVICE (all 174<sup>th</sup> tours): \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE(S) HELD: \_\_\_\_\_

JOB TITLE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

PLATOON OR SECTION ASSIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS received for service in 174<sup>th</sup>. Please check your DD Form 214 or, if lost, give information to the best of your recollection:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT STATUS (civilian profession/occupation/company, retired military or civilian, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL REMARKS (if any – continue on reverse side):

\_\_\_\_\_