

TWENTY YEARS AND GOING STRONG...

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President's Welcome

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Greetings 174th AHC Alumni:

Twenty years have passed since a handful of 174th AHC Alumni gathered around a table, at a Shoney's restaurant, for the first Reunion and creation of the 174th AHC Association. To celebrate, the **20th Annual Reunion** will be held at LZ Ft. Walton Beach Florida, **from 3 - 5 May 2013**. This assault of Dolphin, Shark and Witch Doctor alumni, along with family and friends from around the country, is a wonderful reminder of the strong bonds that were forged between young men under extraordinary circumstances. Bracketing the formal (if you consider T-shirts, shorts and sandals formal) activities will be an **"Early Birds" BBQ dinner on Thursday 2 May**; and for those that just can't stand to depart, a **"Stragglers Pizza Party"** will be held on **Sunday evening, 5 May**.

To commemorate this year's Reunion, renowned Aviation artist Joe Kline has been commissioned to create, a "Special Edition" 174th original piece of art, from which a limited quantity of signed and numbered prints are being produced. **Each member attending the Reunion will receive a complementary print (\$100.00 value)**. After the Reunion, the 174th AHC Association will be the exclusive distributor of the remaining signed/numbered prints, making them available for purchase through the 174th website.

Mr. Kline's work can be viewed at www.joekline.com

The past several Reunions have experienced a remarkable increase in attendance, with the 2012 Reunion setting an attendance record. The early interest being shown in attending the "20th" Reunion is going to **make accommodations a challenge**. Our host hotel (Best Western) has notified the Association that 90%+ of the hotel is already booked for our gathering! Call **Toni** (850-243-9444) to verify availability, as there have been some cancellations in order to share rooms. Anticipating this would occur; the Association negotiated for additional accommodations with **"The Breakers"** condominium complex, located adjacent to the Best Western Hotel. A **special 174th AHC Reunion rate** is being provided and a block of condominiums have been reserved. "The Breakers" offers individually owned 1, 2, and 3 bedrooms, **all ocean view** condominiums. For more info, see the attached general information sheet. **I strongly recommended that your room reservations be made quickly!**

Attached are the Reunion Information Sheet; Agenda; Registration Form; Membership Application/Renewal Form; and Historical Data Base Form. **Please help us prepare by submitting your Registration form, as early as possible, so we can insure sufficient provisions are "laid in" to support the operation.** Should you have additional questions regarding the Association, or the 2013 Reunion, I'm always available by email: alspbas@comcast.net or call @ 303-818-6105.

I look forward to meeting and visiting with each of you at LZ Ft. Walton Beach this spring.

Al English

“Nothing Impossible”
174th AHC Association
20th Reunion General Information

This Information sheet is designed as a guide to assist you to quickly get your bearings and answer some common questions.

Airline Transportation

Three airports are in close proximity to Ft Walton Beach:

Ft. Walton Beach, Fl. Airport (12 miles) is serviced by: American, Continental, Delta, US Airways, and Vision Airways.

Panama City, Fl Airport (60 miles) is serviced by: Air Tran, American, Continental, Delta, Southwest, United, and US Airways.

Pensacola, Fl. Airport (50 miles) is serviced by: Delta, Northwest, and US Airways.

Reunion Accommodations

The Best Western, Ft Walton Beachfront Hotel, 380 Santa Rosa Blvd. Ft. Walton Beach, Florida, serves as the Reunions host hotel. You have the choice of a Gulf view room \$119.00 per night (+ 11% tax) or an inside room at \$99.00 per night (plus 11% tax.) Each room features a microwave, refrigerator, coffee maker and data port. Complementary continental breakfast is included and available each morning in the hotel lobby.

For Reservations, and to receive the 174th AHCA special group rate, call 877-243-9444 by March 30, 2013 and identify yourself as a 174th Reunion Attendee. After 30 March 2013 you will still receive the group rate, **if rooms are available.** However, the block of rooms that were reserved will have been released.

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“**The Breakers**” condominiums, located adjacent to the Best Western offers one bedroom condominium at a nightly rate of \$158.00 (plus 13% tax), two bedroom “standard” condo with a nightly rate of \$176.00 (plus 13% tax), two bedroom “Deluxe” condo at a nightly rate of \$189.00 (plus 13% tax), 3 bedroom/2 bath condo at a nightly rate of \$221.00 (plus 13% tax), and 3 bedroom/3 bath condo at a nightly rate of \$252.00 (plus 13% tax), Floor plans can be viewed at: <http://www.breakersfwb.com>. **For Reservations contact: “The Breakers” at 800-395-4853, identify yourself as a 174th AHC Reunion attendee, and provide the discount code: 61530.**

Note: If two couples were to "bunk together" in a two-bedroom deluxe condo, the nightly rate is actually less expensive than staying in an individual Ocean View room at the Host Hotel.

Reunion Sign-In

A Reunion registration/check-in desk will be available daily (Thursday–Saturday). Nametags will be prepared and issued to those having submitted their completed registration form and activity fees. This helps to identify you and your guest(s) to those that may be meeting you for the first time. **Wear your nametag to evening Dinner buffets and the Saturday evening banquet at the Elks Lodge, as it’s your ticket to attend these functions.**

Thursday Evening BBQ (2 May)

An “Early Birds” BBQ buffet (Menu Pending) is planned for those who choose to arrive early. Dinner service will start around 6 PM at the Hotel pool area. Tapped Beer/Wine and light beverages, plus other snacks, are available in the Hospitality Room.

Friday Evening (3 May)

The Friday evening Buffet featuring, Seafood/Chicken cordon-blue/Pasta Marinara will be served in the hotel lobby at around 6 PM. During the meal, a **“Silent Auction”** will be conducted. Anyone wishing to donate an appropriate item for this event, should bring it with you, send it with another attendee, or ship the item to: **174th AHCA Silent Auction, c/o Best Western Beachfront, 380 Santa Rosa Blvd, Ft Walton Beach, FL, 32548**

Saturday (4 May)

GOLF

The Annual **“Black Sam Kalagian Golf Extravaganza”** (the lack of quality golf is why this is referred to as an extravaganza) will be held at the Shalimar Pointe Country Club. Tee time will be 8:30 am. Carl Muthersbaugh, Golf Mission Coordinator (**GMC**). **Carl needs to confirm the number of players one week prior to playing**, so please remember to mark your registration form if you intend to participate. Each individual will make payment (estimated \$40.00) at the Pro Shop; ladies are also encouraged and welcome to participate.

Other available activities (On your Own): U. S. Army Aviation Museum at Ft. Rucker, Air Force Weapons Museum at Eglin AFB, National Museum of Naval Aviation in Pensacola, Hurlburt Field Airpark, the Midway Zoo, Gulfarium, 2 Flea markets, and Winery Tours.

The **Ladies only** “No War Story Zone” Luncheon/Social will be held from 11:00am to 2pm at the Hotel pool area under the Big Top (tent). This was a rousing success last year! **During this year’s social, a Special “Ladies Only” Silent Auction will be offered.**

The **Saturday Evening Banquet** will be held at the **Ft. Walton Beach Elks Lodge**, 1335 Miracle Strip Parkway, SE (About a mile east of the hotel on US 98, going toward Destin). There will be a cash bar in the banquet hall to keep our activities separate from those of the Elk’s. Our banquet will feature: entrées of Prime Rib or Sliced Baked Ham, 3 side vegetables, salad, dessert, rolls and butter, tea and coffee. The cost of the meal is \$22.00 per person, payable in advance with your registration. **Bus transportation from/to the hotel is again being planned.**

Note!!! We must provide a guaranteed head count to the Elk’s Lodge one week prior to this event, so please have your registration form and fees arrive in the hands of the Secretary/Treasurer not later than Friday April 26, 2013. CALL Wayne Lovett at 850 -324-2754 should you have questions.

174th Raffle/ Live Auction

At registration, each 174th Reunion Member and Guest will receive a free raffle ticket (additional tickets may also be purchased). Four items (2 Men’s and 2 Ladies) will be given away during the Saturday evening Banquet. The live Auction will take place during the Saturday evening festivities with items displayed during the dinner.

Sunday (5 May)

A Non-Denominational devotional service will be conducted in the 174th Command Post from 9:00am - 10:00am.

A “Stragglers Pizza Party” will be held at the Best Western Pool area under the “Big Top” (tent) around 5:30 PM for those that just cannot stand to depart the reunion.

174th AHC ASSOCIATION 20th REUNION AGENDA
1 May – 5 May 2012

Should you have questions, Wayne Lovett and Ron Conner will be staffing the Registration/Check-In table, and will be happy to assist. For answers before April 27th, contact Wayne Lovett at: drab001@cox.net or (850) 324-2754.

Wednesday, 1 May 2013:

“Very Early Bird” Hotel Check-in and visiting with friends

Thursday, 2 May 2013:

0600 Hotel Breakfast Bar open in lobby
1200 174th Command Post (Hospitality Room) opens
1300 – 1600 **Reunion Registration desk open**
1800 **Complementary** “Early Birds” BBQ Buffett; Best Western Hotel

Friday, 3 May 2013:

0600 Hotel Breakfast bar open in lobby
0800 174th Command Post (Hospitality Room) opens
0930 – 1130 **Reunion Registration Desk Open**
1300 – 1600 **Reunion Registration Desk Open**
1700 Reception in Command Post (Hospitality Room/Tent)
1800 – 2100 Dinner Buffet and **Silent Auction**; Best Western Hotel

Saturday, 4 May 2013:

0600 Hotel Breakfast bar open in lobby
0700 Golf Outing Car pool departs Hotel (GMC: Carl Muthersbaugh)
0800 174th Command Post (Hospitality Room) opens
1030 – 1130 **Reunion Registration Desk open (if needed)**
1100 – 1400 **Complementary Ladies Only** “No War Story Zone” Luncheon and **Ladies Only** Silent Auction; Best Western Hotel
1500 – 1630 Annual Business Meeting in Command Post (Hospitality Room)
1700 Start Bus shuttles from Hotel to Banquet
1730 **Elks Lodge- Hospitality Time (Cash Bar in Banquet room)**
1815 **Elks Lodge- Banquet Dinner/ Special salutes/ Raffle/Memorial/Auction**
2100 Start bus shuttles from Banquet to Hotel

Sunday, 5 May 2013:

0600 Hotel breakfast bar opens
0900 – 1000 Non-Denominational Devotional Service in Command Post (Hospitality Room)
1000 174th Command Post (Hospitality Room) opens
1730 **Complementary** “Stragglers Pizza Party” Best Western Hotel



**2013 REUNION REGISTRATION FORM
174th AHC ASSOCIATION**



Name: _____ Served in 174th _____
(Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr)

Name and relationship of those attending with you: _____ (use back of sheet if needed)

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-Mail: _____

Telephone: (H) _____ (C) _____

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35.00 per person X _____ number attending \$ _____

ASSOCIATION DUES: (If membership is not current thru 2014)

_____ New/Renew for 1 year Period (thru 30 April 2014) @ \$15.00

_____ New/Renew for 3 year Period (thru 30 April 2016) @ \$40.00 \$ _____

SATURDAY NIGHT Banquet: \$22.00 X _____ (Nr. Attending) \$ _____

(Indicate dinner entre selection; # _____ Prime Rib; # _____ Sliced Baked Ham)

ADDITIONAL DONATION: OPTIONAL (Applied to 174th Assn operating expenses) \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

In order to provide adequate provisions for activities, please indicate your intention to attend:

(PLEASE CIRCLE and indicate Number attending)

YES NO Thursday's "EARLY BIRD" BBQ Buffett (Number in party _____)

YES NO Friday Evening Buffett (Number in party _____)

YES NO Saturday's **Ladies Only** "No War Story" Luncheon (Number of **Ladies** from your party _____)

YES NO Saturday's Golf Extravaganza (Number of players from your party _____)

YES NO Sunday's "Stragglers Pizza Party" (Number in Party _____)

Please make checks payable to: 174th AHC Association

Mail Registration/Renewal, Database Forms, and Payment Check to:

Secretary/Treasurer
174th AHC Association
PO BOX 1174
Gonzalez, FL 32560-1174
E-mail: drab001@cox.net Phone: (850) 324-2754

Historical Database Form

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Please complete or update this form if you have not done so previously, or have had any changes in address, phone number, or E-mail address since your last submission.

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

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, MI: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (H) _____ (C) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

YOUR NICKNAME (S) IN THE 174TH: _____

YOUR CALL SIGN (S) IN THE 174TH: _____

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

174th Service dates: from _____ to _____
(mo/yr) (mo/yr)

GRADE (S) HELD: _____

JOB TITLE (S): _____

PLATOON OR SECTION ASSIGNED: _____

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS received for service in 174th. 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.):

MEMBERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS (Elks, American Legion, VFW, etc.): _____

ADDITIONAL REMARKS (continue on reverse side if needed):