

# MOVING FORWARD AFTER 20 REMARKABLE YEARS

174th AHC Association  
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President's Welcome:

January 2014

Greetings 174<sup>th</sup> AHC Alumni:

**1 - 4 May 2014** is locked-in, for the “**Nothing Impossible**” assault on LZ Ft. Walton Beach, to celebrate the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Association reunion. Each and every year a number of 174<sup>th</sup> Alumni attend their first Association reunion, reconnect and experience the camaraderie that made the 174<sup>th</sup> AHC such a special unit, which contributed to a record number of 225 attending last year's reunion. Not surprisingly, their first reunion is usually not their last. **If you are one of those that have not yet attended your first, make plans to join this year's reunion assault!**



To enhance your 2014 reunion experience some activities have been added: a Thursday evening Welcome social; a day trip on Friday to the Ft Rucker Army Aviation Museum and Bell Helicopter II facility in Ozark, AL. **with optional Huey ride** and the Friday evening buffet will feature a Hawaiian theme. **Time to get those Hawaiian shirts, shorts/grass skirts and sandals out of mothballs!** Additional information about planned activities is available in the attached general information sheet. **Who knows what additional “surprises” Billy and I might be hiding in our hip pockets!**

By the number of advanced reservations, room availability at the Best Western is **extremely limited**. Anticipating this would occur the Association has again negotiated special Reunion accommodation rates with The Breakers condominium complex located adjacent to the Best Western Hotel. Since last year's reunion, at our suggestion, **a walk through gate has been installed between the hotel and the condos** to ease access between the two complexes.

This year's annual Association business meeting takes on added importance as the nomination/election process will be initiated to select the next 174<sup>th</sup> AHC Association President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer. **Halleluia!**

Attached is everything you should need: Information Sheet, Agenda, Registration Form, Membership Application/Renewal Form, and Historical Data Base Form. Should you have additional questions, regarding the reunion or the Association, send an email to: [rb\\_conner@hotmail.com](mailto:rb_conner@hotmail.com).

*Ron*

**Ron Conner**

“NOTHING IMPOSSIBLE”

**174<sup>th</sup> AHC Association  
21st Reunion General Information**

**Airline Transportation**

Three airports are in close proximity to Ft Walton Beach:

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

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

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

**Accommodations**

**The Best Western**, Ft Walton Beachfront Hotel, 380 Santa Rosa Blvd., Ft. Walton Beach, Florida 32548, serves as the reunion host hotel. Choices include a gulf view room at \$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 174<sup>th</sup> AHCA special group rate, call 877-243-9444 and identify yourself as a 174<sup>th</sup> reunion Attendee.**

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**The Breakers**, offers all ocean view condominiums and is **located adjacent to the Best Western**. One bedroom condominium during the reunion is offered at a nightly rate of \$152.00 (plus 13% tax), two bedroom standard condo at 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 174<sup>th</sup> AHC reunion attendee, and provide the discount code: 69542.** Two couples sharing a two-bedroom deluxe condo, the nightly rate is actually less expensive than staying in separate ocean view room at the Host Hotel.

**Check-In**

A reunion check-in desk will be available Thursday through Saturday in the Hotel lobby. Nametags will be prepared and issued to those having submitted their completed registration form and activity fees. **Wearing your Name Tag** identifies you and your guest(s) to those that may be meeting you for the first time. Your nametag also serves as your "Ticket" to attend scheduled events.

**Company Store**

The Company Store will be onsite offering special reunion pricing along with several one-of-a-kind 174<sup>th</sup> AHC items that will only be available during the reunion.

**Thursday Evening WELCOME Social (1 May)  
(ACTIVITY ENHANCEMENT)**

The Board of Directors will host a Welcome social for those "Early Birds" that choose to arrive early. This activity will be held at The Breakers Condominium activity room, located adjacent to the Best Western Hotel, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Complementary **Open Bar** and light snacks will be provided. **Nevada's Pahrump Valley Winery**, owned by Bill Loken (Shark 040) and his wife Gretchen (the Vintner), will host wine tasting/drinking of their fabulous wines.

## (NEW ACTIVITY/ADVENTURE)

### **Friday: Ft Rucker Museum / Helicopter Ride / Bell Helicopter Tour (2 May)**

7:00am to 4:30pm: A bus has been commandeered and will depart the Best Western hotel for the Ft Rucker Army Aviation Museum, lunch, **optional** Huey helicopter ride and a tour of the Bell Helicopter refurbishment facility. The Bell facility takes Vietnam era UH-1 airframes, performs a skids-up rebuild to a Huey II configuration. **An optional 15 minute Huey ride is being offered, at an added cost of \$60.00 per person, paid directly to the ride provider at the time of the ride.** Bus Transportation cost will be \$20.00 per individual (lunch not included). Water/Soft drinks will be made available and possibly a Bloody Mary or two! **Cliff Stern is serving as Mission Coordinator for this adventure.**

Tentative schedule: 0700 – 0930 Depart Hotel / Arrive Bell facility

0930 – 1100 Bell Helicopter II Tour / Huey Rides (weather permitting)

1200 – 1100 Lunch @ Larry's BBQ

1315 – 1430 Ft Rucker Museum

1430 – 1630 Depart Museum/ Arrive Hotel

**A Minimum of 24 individuals must pre-register (See Registration Form) for this activity to take place.**

### **Friday Evening: (2 May)**

This year the Friday Buffet will feature a Hawaiian theme. The area will be decorated and **wearing of Hawaiian Beach/Surfing attire is highly encouraged.** Immediately following dinner, at the Hotel patio/pool area under the BIG TOP tent, a DJ will be providing music for those of you that choose to display your “Toe Tapping” abilities.

### **Saturday: (3 May)**

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

A **Ladies only** “No War Story Zone” Luncheon/Social will be held under the BIG TOP tent from 11AM to 2 PM. **The Ladies have turned this into quite a “Spirited” event.** The 174<sup>th</sup> AHC Sisterhood Society will conduct their highly anticipated Patron and Pickle Juice membership initiation/renewal ceremony. A DJ will be on hand.

The **Reunion Celebration 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, dessert, rolls and butter, tea and coffee. Complimentary bus transportation is again being planned. **Dress for this event is Company area fatigue casual to ballroom elegant.**

**Note!!! We must provide a guaranteed head count to the Elk's Lodge one week prior to this event, please have your registration form and fees arrive in the hands of the Secretary/Treasure not later than Wednesday April 23, 2014. CALL 479- 234-1503 should you have questions.**

## Raffle, Silent and Live Auctions

2 Men's and 2 Ladies items will be raffled during the Saturday evening Banquet (must be present). The **Silent and Live Auctions** will take place during the Saturday evening festivities with items being on display during the dinner service. Should you have an item to donate, for either auction, please bring it to the banquet.

### **174<sup>th</sup> AHC ASSOCIATION REUNION AGENDA 1 May – 4 May 2014**

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Should you have questions, Billy Wood will be staffing the Registration/Check-In desk and will be happy to assist. For questions before April 25<sup>th</sup>, contact Billy Wood at: wood.brw.44@gmail.com or (479) 234-1503.

#### **Wednesday, 30 April 2014:**

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

#### **Thursday, 1 May 2014:**

0600 Hotel Breakfast Bar open in lobby  
1200 174<sup>th</sup> Command Post (Hospitality Room) opens  
1300 – 1600 Reunion Check-In desk available (**Hotel Lobby**)  
1730 – 1900 Board of Directors **WELCOME** Social

#### **Friday, 2 May 2014:**

0600 Hotel Breakfast bar open in lobby  
0700 – 1630 **Bus departs for Ft. Rucker/Helicopter Ride/Bell Helicopter Tour (Sign-Up Please)**  
0800 174<sup>th</sup> Command Post (Hospitality Room) opens  
0930 – 1130 Reunion Check-In Desk available (**Hotel Lobby**)  
1400 – 1600 Reunion Check-In Desk available (**Hotel Lobby**)  
1800 – 1900 **Hawaiian Theme** Dinner Buffet; Best Western Hotel  
1900 – 2200 DJ Music/Dancing

#### **Saturday, 3 May 2014:**

0600 Hotel Breakfast bar open in lobby  
0700 **Golf Outing** Car pool departs Hotel (**Sign-Up Please**)  
0800 174<sup>th</sup> Command Post (Hospitality Room) opens  
1030 – 1130 Reunion Check-In Desk available (**if needed**)  
1100 – 1400 Ladies Only “**No War Story Zone**” Luncheon, Ladies Sisterhood Meeting  
1500 – 1630 Annual Business Meeting in Command Post  
1730 Begin Shuttle Bus service from Hotel to Banquet (**Sign up during Check-In**)  
1730 Hospitality Time, Elks Lodge (Cash Bar in Banquet room)  
1730 Reunion Celebration Banquet **Pictures** being taken @ Elks Lodge  
1815 **Reunion Celebration Banquet**; Elks Lodge featuring Salutes/ Raffle/Memorial/Auctions  
2100 Begin Shuttle Bus service from Banquet to Hotel

#### **Sunday, 4 May 2014:**

0600 Hotel breakfast bar opens  
0930 – 1030 Non-Denominational Devotional Service in Command Post  
1030 174<sup>th</sup> Command Post (Hospitality Room) opens  
1200 **NASCAR “Talladega”** viewing Party  
1730 Complementary “**Stragglers Pizza Party**”

**REUNION REGISTRATION FORM  
174<sup>th</sup> AHC ASSOCIATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Served in Unit: \_\_\_\_\_  
(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 your membership is not currently paid thru 30 April 2015)**

\_\_\_\_\_ New/Renew for 1 year Period (thru 30 April 2015) @ \$15.00  
\_\_\_\_\_ New/Renew for 3 year Period (thru 30 April 2017) @ \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reunion Celebration Banquet: \$22.00 X \_\_\_\_\_ (Nr. Attending) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Indicate dinner entree selection; # \_\_\_\_\_ Prime Rib; # \_\_\_\_\_ Sliced Baked Ham**

ADDITIONAL DONATION: OPTIONAL (Applied to 174<sup>th</sup> Assn operating expenses) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**To assist in projecting attendance numbers for activities, indicate your intention to participate:**

(PLEASE CIRCLE and indicate Number)

YES NO Thursday Evening "Welcome" social (Number in party) \_\_\_\_\_

YES NO Friday Ft Rucker Aviation Museum trip (pay when boarding) (Number in party) \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you also wanting to take the Huey ride: YES NO (Number Riding) \_\_\_\_\_

YES NO Friday Hawaiian Theme Evening Buffett (Number in party) \_\_\_\_\_

YES NO Saturday's **Ladies Only** "No War Story" Luncheon (Number of **Ladies** attending) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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**Mail Registration Form and Payment Check, Payable to the 174<sup>th</sup> AHC Association, to:**

Billy R. Wood  
Secretary/Treasurer 174<sup>th</sup> AHC Association  
131 Amber Lane  
Mena, AR 71953  
E-mail: [wood.brw.44@gmail.com](mailto:wood.brw.44@gmail.com) Phone: (479) 234-1503

# Historical Database Form

## 174th AHC Association

Please complete this form **if you have had a recent change in address, phone number, or E-mail address.**

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

174<sup>th</sup> 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:

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

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

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ADDITIONAL REMARKS (continue on reverse side if needed):