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2019 REUNION INFORMATION

May 1-5, 2019 (Revised 3/9/19)

"The Wild, Wild West"

This year makes our 26th year as an association. It also marks, on 8 November, the 48th year since the 174th was deactivated in Vietnam. While the Unit was in Vietnam, we participated in 13 separate Campaigns. We received four Valorous Unit Awards with Streamers and were awarded the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry five different times. We became one of the most decorated aviation units in the Vietnam War.

It was apparent that everyone enjoyed our 25th Annual Reunion. Last year we had 120 members and guests that attend the gathering. Most of us bring our wives to the reunion so this year, once again, to encourage you to bring you wife, we have decided to **treat them to Friday's Ladies Wine, Cheese and Luncheon Event without cost.** For those that do not have a wife, we will do the same for your "girlfriend" but only one of them.

The theme of this year's reunion is "The Wild, Wild West" as you can see above. I am expecting Ron to ride a horse into the lobby and Mel to shoot him with his bow and arrow. Please bring your favorite disguise for the Friday night dinner at the Best Western but leave your horse outside. Ask your wives and girlfriends to leave their horses outside also.

This year we started with 265 members and we lost five since then. Our brother Sugar Bear, Jarvis Gambrell, was the last to go that we heard of but he passed away back in April 2018. I have no information about his wife. On 8 July 2018 our brother Henry E. Swartz left us and again I have nothing about his wife. A month later in August our oldest member left us without warning. Perry (PT) Yowell passed away. PT served as a member of the Merchant Marines in WWII. He served in the Korean War and in Vietnam. He may have flown every aircraft the Army had and I think Jimmy Buffett may have written a song about him that, among other things, said "I danced the last tango in Paris, I took the first fast boat to China, I took the last flight out of Saigon and son there are still so many things to be done." We lost Gerald (Gerry) Gesslin two weeks later on 1 September. On 4 December we lost Rodger Mitchell and our oldest Shark, Dale Wylie. On 21 January of this year we said goodbye to Clifford, (Cliff) Stepp. All the wives, that I had info on, have been made Honorary Life Members.

We will again be at the BEST WESTERN BEACH FRONT HOTEL in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, officially from 1-5 May 2019, but unofficially a lot of people will start arriving on 30 April and depart around 8 May. You can see the facilities at the Best Western on the internet at <http://www.bestwesternfwb.com>. The hotel features the outdoor Tiki Bar featuring our own bartender DON and an inside bar, The Swizzle Stick Lounge, where the bartender varies. A short jaunt will also get you to many fine eateries for your dining enjoyment. Hotel rooms feature two queen-size beds, refrigerator, microwave oven, coffee maker, in-room movies and complementary Wi-Fi. The hotel also provides a daily courtesy Hot Breakfast. Please call early to make your reservations. Call 1-877-243-9444 toll-free for room reservations. Be sure to tell them you are with the 174th AHC Association Reunion to get our discounted rates.

I hope to see you all there, Butch

Officers:

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT	SECRETARY/TREASURER	HISTORIAN	WEBMASTER
Butch Elliott	Dennis Fisher	Charlie Doherty	Mike Bovre	Jim McDaniel

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The Wild, Wild West
1-5 May 2019

Wednesday (1 May)

06:00 – 09:30 Complementary Hot Breakfast, Hotel Lobby

Thursday (2 May)

0600 – 0930 Complementary Hot Breakfast, Hotel Lobby

0930 – 1130 Early Bird Reunion Registration, Hotel Lobby (get Name tags)

Friday (3 May)

0600 – 0930 Complementary Hot Breakfast, Hotel Lobby

0930 174th Ready Room /Command Post Open

0930 – 1630 Reunion Registration (Hotel lobby Charlie and others)

0930 – 1200 Company store open

1200 – 1630 Ladies Event (Janet Elliott)

1800-1930 Wild, Wild West theme Dinner Buffet (Hotel Kevin)

1900 Music & Dancing under the tent (DJ Steve Williams, Hotel)

Saturday (4 May)

0600 – 0930 Complementary Hot Breakfast, Hotel Lobby

0800 174th Ready Room / Command Post Open

0930 – 1130 Bus departs for Eglin AFB Armament Museum Tour (Samantha 850-882-4151)

0930– 1230 Late Reunion check-in (Hotel lobby Charlie and others)

0930 – 1200 Company store open

1030 – 1630 Silent Auction (Dennis Fisher)

1130 Bus departs Museum for Hotel

1400 -1500 Business Meeting

1630 Bus begins shuttle to Elks Club for Dinner

1730 Opening Remarks, Prayer, Pledge, Banquet, presentation, closing.

2030 Bus starts return shuttle

2030 – end Music & Dancing under the tent (DJ Steve Williams, Hotel)

Sunday (May 5)

0600 – 0930 Complementary Hot Breakfast, Hotel Lobby

0930 Non-Denominational Devotional Service

**2019 REUNION REGISTRATION
FORM 174th AHC ASSOCIATION**

(please print clearly)

Name: _____ Duty Position: _____

Dates Served in 174th AHC: _____ Section/Platoon: _____
(Month/Year to Month/Year)

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

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: (H) _____ (C) _____

ASSOCIATION DUES: (If your membership is not currently paid thru December 31, 2019)

(Our Honorary Life Member Widows, please remember you pay for nothing but your room but please indicate which event you plan to attend and just put NA in the cost line.)

_____ New/Renew for 1-year Period (thru December 31, 2019) @ \$15 or 3 years for \$40. \$ _____

Registration Fee: \$35.00 each member & guests (number attending) _____ (X \$35.00) \$ _____

Reunion Celebration Banquet**: \$25.00 each (number attending) _____ (X \$25.00) \$ _____

There is no charge for Widow registration (number attending) _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

****Dinner entree selection: Prime Rib # _____ Fried Shrimp # _____ Chicken Cordon Blu # _____**

To assist in projecting attendance numbers for activities, please indicate your intention to participate:
(PLEASE CIRCLE and indicate Number)

YES NO I would like to bring an Auction Item to the reunion. Please describe the item and its estimated value:
All proceeds from the auction go to the 174th AHC as a donation.

There will not be a sponsored golf outing this year due to low attendance. Golfing will be an indivial scheduled event.

YES NO Friday Afternoon Ladies Wine, Cheese and Luncheon Event (Number in party) _____
(chair massage)

YES NO Friday Evening "Wild Wild West" Buffet (Hotel Lobby) (Number in party) _____

YES NO Bus transportation to Eglin AFB Armament Museum Tour: (Number in party) _____
(space limited, first come, first served basis)

YES NO Shuttle Bus Transportation "To/From" Elk's Club Banquet (Number in party) _____

YES NO Sunday Evening Survivors Pizza Party (Number in party) _____

Mail Registration Form and Payment Check Payable to:

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