

2020 174th Annual REUNION Announcement

30 April – 4 May 2020

Fort Walton Beach, FL Best Western Beach Front Hotel
"The Night the Titanic Sank?"

We will celebrate this coming May 2020 our 27th annual 174th AHC Assoc. Reunion. Some 53 years ago I reported into the 174th AHC at Camp Lane AHP. The 174th Assault Helicopter Company became one of the most decorated Aviation Units in the Vietnam War. It is still the best and our Association proves it...

I would be preaching to the crowd if I stated we are all getting older, but it's true. I knew I would eventual get old, I just didn't know it would happen so darn fast!!! Some of us only see each other at these wonderful 174th reunions and "Gaggles." So once again I am hopeful that you will decide to attend the annual 174th Assault Helicopter Company Reunion, which begins 30 April and concludes 4 May 2020. If you haven't made your hotel reservations please do so soon.

Our Saturday night, 3 May, "Farewell Banquet" will feature as guest speaker, MG (ret) "Lou" Hennies, OCS graduate, former VN aviator, former Cdr 160th Special Ops Aviation Regiment, long time U.S. Army veteran. I believe we will all enjoy what he has to say and share with us.

Our headquarters and lodging will once again be at the BEST WESTERN BEACH FRONT HOTEL in Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Official dates are 30 April to 4 May 2020, but many people start arriving on 28 or 29 April and depart around the 5th of May. You can view the facilities at the Best Western on the internet at their website www.bestwesternfwb.com. The hotel also provides a daily courtesy Continental Breakfast. You will want to enjoy the outdoor "Tiki Bar" featuring our own bartender, Don Fuller, and an inside bar, "The Swizzle Stick Lounge," where the bartender duties vary.

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.

The Friday noon "Ladies Luncheon Event" features a lunch catered by Olive Garden, with wine, door prizes and free chair massages for ladies. Gentlemen may pay for a chair massage after the ladies have their massages.

The theme of this year's Reunion is "The Night the Titanic Sank." Friday evening at the hotel we will have our traditional Friday buffet and costume party. This year your costumes are to be related to what you might have been wearing when you were notified your ship (The Titanic) had struck an iceberg and was sinking. Some of you might wear pajamas, night gowns, tuxedos, ball gowns, life jackets, dress as a butler, waiter, Captain of the ship, crew member, etc. Props will be allowed, as long as you can carry it. Prizes will be awarded, everyone will be allowed to vote for three individuals or three couples or a combination of couples and individual(s). First prize will be

one free night in the Best Western Beach Front Hotel, second prize \$50.00 and third prize \$25.00. Let your imagination run wild and good luck!

Our 174th AHC Association Vice President, Mike “Marcel” Hall, suffered a heart attack last year and recently had to have a heart pace maker implanted in his chest. He recently asked me if he could step down as Vice President considering his health issues. I informed him his health was much more important to all of us. Therefore, we shall have an election for a new Vice President at the May business meeting. If you would be interested in serving in this capacity please contact me, Hal Koster or one of the board of directors: Butch Elliott, Dennis Fisher or Charlie Doherty.

I am also attaching in this email a “Reunion Agenda” which lists each day’s events and times. If you have any questions email or call me (cell 479.234.1503 email wood.brw.44@gmail.com). Please fill out, attach your check and mail your registration form to Sec/Treasurer Hal Koster.

On behalf of the 174th AHC Association officers, past and present we will be looking forward to seeing you next May in Fort Walton Beach!

President Billy R. Wood