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ATTENTION IN THE FISH POND!

This is one of the most exciting times of the year for me—the time when I announce the advent of our next reunion. Like many of you, I have experienced 174th reunions over the past few years that just keep on getting bigger and better. I feel certain that this year's reunion will keep that trend going. I am anxiously awaiting its arrival. I hope you are, too.

This will also be a very special reunion—a “Tenth Anniversary Party” celebrating the date in 1993 when Ted Saunders founded our Association, with a lot of help from our dearly departed comrade, Fred Thompson. We are also going to use this special occasion to honor the ladies. So, be sure to bring them along, too.

For the fifth consecutive year, the reunion will be held at the Best Western Ft. Walton Beachfront Hotel, 380 Santa Rosa Blvd., Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. The dates are October 10th through the 12th – Columbus Day weekend.

Because of the rapid growth in attendance, we are making a few needed changes to our usual agenda. The official start of the reunion will still be at noon on Friday, (although many of our group will arrive and begin their impromptu party the day before). But, instead of a sit-down dinner Friday evening, a reception-style arrangement in the hospitality room will provide heavy Hors d' oeuvres for the hungry traveler from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Hungry after the party? Just visit one of the excellent nearby restaurants on your own. When you return to the hotel, the party will still be going on. I guarantee it!

Saturday will be a fun-filled day providing such scheduled activities as a bus trip to Ft. Rucker where you can visit the sixth largest tourist attraction in Alabama—the U.S. Army Aviation Museum. Or, you may go deep-sea fishing if you prefer. Landlubbers can participate in the annual “Black Sam Kalagian Golf Tournament” or just go sight-seeing.

On Saturday evening, a truly delicious seafood buffet will be served at the Bob Hope Air Force Retirement Village located about 8 miles away—a 15 to 20 minute drive. Directions will be provided to all reunion attendees. A mini-van shuttle bus or other suitable alternate transportation will be available for those without their own personal vehicles. This change of location will provide us an adequate dining facility necessitated by the large number of people expected to attend this year's reunion.

The annual business meeting, awards ceremony, Memorial Service, auction and group photos will immediately follow the meal, all at the same convenient location.

Vice President Mel Lutgring has again arranged to "issue" a special memento for each registered attendee. Instead of a customary T-shirt and a "surprise gift packet" to be handed out separately this year, the special memento and the now non-surprise gift will be incorporated into one item—a truly nice golf shirt, complete with collar, pocket, and the 174th AHC unit patch embroidered on the shirt. Half the cost will come from part of your registration fee and the Association will pick up half the cost as a token of appreciation.

The Friday evening reception is also included in your registration fee. The cost of the seafood buffet dinner on Saturday evening, however, is \$18.50 per person, payable with your advance registration. Please note that the registration fee and annual dues remain the same as for the past several years, thanks to your continued support.

Now! Time for action! Please call 1-877-243-9444 toll-free for room reservations and ask for Peggy Mahone. Tell Miss Peggy (what a gal) that you want the 174th reunion special group rates. You can also FAX or E-mail Peggy. Again, I advise you to do it without delay.

Please complete the attached Registration Form and return it, along with your check made payable to "174th AHC Assn.," no later than September 10th, 2003. Meeting this deadline is especially important so that we can honor our vendors' deadlines. We are trying very hard to make this a problem-free reunion. So, help us by returning the completed form and check by 9/10/03 to Bernie Cobb, Secty/Treas., 174th AHC Assn., 16098 Highway 167, New Brockton, Al., 36351.

For more information please refer to the attached FACT SHEET.

See you in October. And please, don't forget to bring (or send) a "hot" item for bid at our traditional annual auction.

Wally Nunn, President

Enclosures: Fact Sheet
Registration Form

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