



**187th AHC Association
Annual Business Meeting
10 November 2017**



Opening



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- **Call to Order**
 - **Pledge of Allegiance**
 - **Invocation (Jesse McLeod)**
 - **Introduction of Board of Directors and LZ Orleans Hosts**
 - **Welcome to All**
 - **Introduction of 1st Time Attendees**
 - Ken Blackham, Wayne Carr, Ralph Cassidy, James Hester
 - Tom Leitch, Terry Smith, Ken Strauch, Bob Williams



Announcements



- **Recognition of 187th AHC Components**
 - The 541st Medical Detachment
 - Orderly Room and Command Staff
 - Operations
 - Maintenance and Allied Shops
 - Unit Supply
 - Tech Supply
 - Motor Pool
 - Mess Hall
 - Crew Chiefs
 - Door Gunners
 - and last, but not least, the Pilots!



Agenda Items



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- **Thanks to:**
 - Jim Henry and all the Phone Bank volunteers!
 - Ian Dawson for continuing an awesome job with the Flower Fund!
 - Our Superb and Hard Working Hosts, John & Georgia Wilson!
 - **Recommend approval of last year's minutes which have been posted on the Company website for the past year. Discussion?**



Treasurer's Financial Report



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- **IRS Filing**
 - **South Carolina Filing**
 - **Tax Free status**
 - **2016 Year-end Report**
 - **2017 YTD**
 - **Flower Fund**
 - **Company Store**
 - **Steiger Fund**
 - **187th AHC Association Reunion Supplements & Assistance 2011-2016**



New Business



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- **Cookbook status update** (Woody Woodbury)
 - **Photo scrapbook update** (Jimmy Strait)
 - **Update of the 187th website transition** (Gaffney & Keyser)
 - **Reading of 187th Brothers who we lost this past year**



Lost Brothers



- **Brothers Who Passed Away Since the 2016 Reunion**

– Danny W. Cargill	02 Jan 17	Diana, TX
– Joe Gorecki	06 Jun 17	Daleville, AL
– Steven Kellum	04 Mar 17	Anchorage, AK
– William J. Mickler Sr.	27 Apr 17	Lake Wales, FL
– Henry C. Stoddard	12 Jan 17	Richmond, VA
– Patrick Strople	13 Mar 17	Seattle, WA
– Jerry T. Wagner	23 Apr 17	Waynesboro, VA



Lost Brothers (cont'd)



- **Passings we've learned about since the 2016 reunion**

– Terry Joe Balch	10 Jan 15	Burlington, TX
– Alfred Barrett	28 Mar 15	Alexandria, VA
– Sam Boaze	18 Jun 14	Beaumont, TX
– Glen Clouten	18 Feb 11	Bismarck, ND
– Edward Dunbar	04 Oct 10	Sierra Vist, AZ
– RG 'Chris' Margetts	08 Oct 14	Salt Lake City, UT
– Stanley B. Parr	29 Jan 15	Grantsdale, MT
– Claude H. Sells	03 Jul 15	Albany, OR
– Eddie T. Wadford	11 Sep 11	Jackson, MS
– Norman Wheeler	12 Sep 07	Moberly, MO

- ***Many Thanks to Bob Calverley & Jim Gaffney for researching our Lost Brothers***



2017 Activities



- **Welfare check emails**
 - Hurricane Harvey – Texas, Louisiana
 - Hurricane Irma – Florida, Georgia, South Carolina
- **Vietnam 50th Commemoration Partnership**
- **Run for the Wall / Rolling Thunder participation**





Welfare Check Emails



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- If you are receiving this note, it's because you reside in Texas or Louisiana. As I don't need to tell you, you are currently enduring a storm of, if not Biblical proportions, at least a historic one. Your Board of Directors feels compelled to reach out to all of you in the impact zone to find out how you are doing in terms of safety and welfare. If you are having difficulty or not getting help from traditional resources, we will do our level best to assist, or find someone who can. We are not sure what form that assistance would take, as this is a departure from the normal course of business for our little group, but rest assured we will try to help in some way, form, or manner.
 - We would appreciate a response from you when you receive this, so we can inform the rest of our brothers-in-arms regarding your welfare. We sincerely hope that you are all okay. Please just hit "reply all" or contact any of the undersigned.



New Business (continued)



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- **Jim Henry – multiple topics**
 - Army Museum update
 - Vietnam 50th Commemoration update
 - Arlington Cemetery Helicopter Crew Monument
 - Agent Orange Registry
 - Million Veteran Program
 - Veteran Suicide Prevention



National Museum of the United States Army



- **Ground Breaking conducted Sep 2016**
- **Estimated completion & opening- TBD**
- **187th Brick to be in Pathway of Remembrance**
- **Vietnam War in Cold War gallery**

Certificate of Dedication

In recognition of your commitment and dedicated support of the United States Army, this certifies by vote of the Board of Directors that the inscription below will forever be recognized on a commemorative brick at the National Museum of the United States Army. Your unselfish generosity is herein acknowledged as vitally important to a new national landmark that will pay tribute to the American Soldier in war and peace.

Inscription

**TO THE MEN OF THE
187TH ASSAULT
HELICOPTER COMPANY
VIETNAM 1967-1972**

Certified this 2nd day of December, 2013

Creighton W. Abrams, Jr.

BG Creighton W. Abrams, Jr. USA-Ret.
Executive Director

BRICK #: 0000000408



William W. Hartzog

GEN William W. Hartzog, USA-Ret.
President



Cold War Gallery





Construction Underway



09/21/17



Commemoration of the Vietnam War



www.vietnamwar50th.com



Purpose & Objectives



The 2008 National Defense Authorization Act authorized the Secretary of Defense to **conduct a program to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War** and "in conducting the commemorative program, the Secretary shall coordinate, support, and facilitate other programs and activities of the Federal Government, State and local governments, and other persons and organizations in commemoration of the Vietnam War."

To thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including personnel who were held as prisoners of war or listed as missing in action, for their service and sacrifice on behalf of the United States and **to thank and honor the families of those veterans.**



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



Recognizes
**187TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER
COMPANY ASSOCIATION**
as a
Commemorative Partner

Awarded in recognition of your willingness to assist and support a grateful nation in thanking and honoring our Vietnam War Veterans, their families, and those who served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces. Done this 3 day of MARCH 2017.

*A Grateful Nation Thanks and Honors
Our Vietnam War Veterans for Their
Service, Valor & Sacrifice*

J. M. Mattis

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

J. H. Dunford

CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF



Lapel Pin



Front



Back

- **Purpose:** **To recognize, thank and honor** United States military veterans who served during the Vietnam War
- **Eligibility:** **Living United States veterans** who served on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces at any time during the period of November 1, 1955 to May 15, 1975, regardless of location, **are eligible to receive one lapel pin.**
- **Presentation:** . . .will be presented in a dignified manner to each Vietnam veteran during public events held in their communities by **Commemoration Partners.** Accompanying remarks should reflect the nation's thanks for their service and sacrifice. In the rare instances when an honoree cannot attend a public event, the pin may be presented during a private ceremony.



Arlington National Cemetery Vietnam Helicopter Pilots and Crewmembers Monument



- Revised Design approved

- Inscription:

***IN HONORED MEMORY OF
THE HELICOPTER PILOTS
AND CREWMEMBERS WHO
GAVE THE FULL MEASURE
OF DEVOTION TO THEIR
NATION IN THE VIETNAM
WAR***

- Dedication ceremony:
1600 EDT, Wed, 18 Apr 2018

- **Contact Jim Henry if you
wish to attend the Dedication**





Agent Orange Registry



- VA is collecting registry data to:
 - Better understand and respond to health problems related to Agent Orange
 - More effectively respond to these health problems
- Comprehensive health exam including exposure history, medical history, physical exam, and any tests, if needed.
- Free to eligible veterans
- It is **NOT** a disability compensation exam
- **Contact your local VA Environmental Health Coordinator**

<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/benefits/registry-exam.asp>



Million Veteran Program



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- Million Veteran Program (MVP) is seeking Veterans to help transform healthcare for future generations.
 - >500,000 Veterans have already volunteered
 - Provide a blood specimen and complete a series of surveys
 - **Will help promote advancements in health care by studying how genes affect diseases such as cancer, heart disease, PTSD, traumatic brain injury and other health conditions**
 - **Contact your local VA office** to participate



Veteran Suicide Prevention



- **20 Veterans commit suicide each day**
- Suicide rate among Veterans is 22% higher than those who have not served
- **YOU** can make a difference
- If you know of a Veteran in crisis contact the **Veterans Crisis Line**
 - **800.273.8255** and press **1**
 - **Chat** online at **[VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](https://www.VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat)**
 - **Text to 838255**
- If you know of a Veteran who is showing signs of depression or has talked about suicide, you can help – pay the Veteran a visit, meet for coffee, invite him or her to participate in a healthy activity like walking or biking. Encourage the Veteran to contact the Veterans Crisis Line



BOD Nominations



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- **Vice President:**
 - George Schulz
 - **Member-at-Large:**
 - Jimmy Strait
 - Brian “Woody” Woodbury
 - Ronnie Hopkins
 - **Nominations from the Floor?**
 - Discussion on procedure for nomination & election of BOD Officers



2018 Reunion



- **Location: St Petersburg, Florida**
- **Local Hosts: Ken & Ben Smet**
- **Dates (tentative): 9-12 November 2018**
- **Host Hotel: TBD (in negotiations w/2 hotels)**
- **Room Rate (tentative): ~\$130 (plus tax)**



St Petersburg Amenities & Activities



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- **Beaches**
 - **Sunset Cruises**
 - **Snorkeling**
 - **Fishing**
 - **Dolphin Watching**
 - **Parasailing**
 - **Waverunners**
 - **Shopping**
 - **Art Galleries**
 - **Golf**
 - **Tennis**



2018 Reunion



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- **Using Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.**
 - Assist in hotel screening & negotiations
 - Establish a relationship
 - Potential larger role for future reunions

 - **Relationship gives us a path to continue reunions, because:**
 - It's becoming more difficult to find a local host/volunteer
 - We're getting Older, Less Willing & Less Able to host, manage, coordinate reunion



2019 Reunion



-
- **Seeking a host/volunteer**
 - Requirements discussion
 - **Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.**
 - **Branson, MO (tentative)**



Future Reunion Issues for Discussion



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- **Date** (Veterans Day vs other time of year)
 - **Location** (Geographic area)
 - **Cost** (Hotel, Travel, Banquet, other activities)
 - **Hospitality Room** with BYOB
 - **Extracurricular Activities** (Entertainment, Shopping, Restaurants)
 - **Local Activities** (Parades, Ceremonies, Air Shows)
 - **Use of Planning organization** (Armed Forces Reunions)
 - **Member input is needed. Survey will be included with BOD mailing**



Any Additional Old or New Business



Craig Bond

Potential Loss of 187th History

Unable to reproduce Al Duquette video

Need to restore the playing of the video to enable reproduction

Questions?, Craig needs help

Al Major

Questions, comments from the floor or phone



Adjournment



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- **Move to adjourn?**