



**187<sup>th</sup> AHC Association  
Annual Business Meeting  
10 November 2018**



# Opening



- 
- **Call to Order** (Jim Henry)
  - **Pledge of Allegiance** (George Schulz)
  - **Invocation** (Jesse McLeod)
  - **Introduction of Board of Directors and LZ St Pete Hosts**
  - **Welcome to All**
  - **Introduction of 1<sup>st</sup> Time Attendees**
    - Clyde Fallon, Dennis Griffin, Ray Kingsbury, John Rhoades, Christopher Thomas, Bill Turley



# Announcements



- **Recognition of 187<sup>th</sup> AHC Components**
  - The 541<sup>st</sup> 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



- 
- **Old Business**
    - Thanks to 187<sup>th</sup> AHC Association support activities
    - Approval of 2017 Business Meeting Minutes
  
  - **New Business**
    - Financial Report
    - 2018 Activities
      - Hurricane Florence Welfare Check
      - Vietnam Helicopter Pilot & Crewmember Monument
      - Newsletters



# Agenda (continued)



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- **Other New/Ongoing Business**

- Army Museum Update
- Vietnam 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Partnership
- Agent Orange Registry
- Million Veterans Program
- Veterans Suicide Prevention

- **Pending Activities**

- Company Store transition (Ray Root)
- 187<sup>th</sup> Video (Craig Bond)
- 2019 Reunion (Jerry Fine)
- 2020 Reunion (Jimmy Strait)
- Board of Directors Nominations ( Ron Scott)



# Old Business



- **Thanks to:**
  - George Schulz and all the Phone Bank volunteers!
  - Ian Dawson for continuing an awesome job with the Flower Fund!
  - Bob Calverley for maintaining our Unit Roster
  - Jim Gaffney & Frank Keyser for our Web Site
  - Keith & Cindy Stowell for the Company Store
  - Wives for handling the 50/50 & auction support
  - Our Superb and Hard Working Hosts, Ken & Ben Smet!
- **Recommend approval of last year's minutes which have been posted on the Company website for the past year. Discussion?**



# Treasurer's Financial Report



- **2017 Financial Report**
  - [Treas Link](#)
- **2018 Year to Date**
  - Check Book Balance, 01 Nov 18: \$26,400.33
  - Steiger Fund: \$23,774.75
  - Unit Fund: \$2625.58



# **New Business: 2018 Activities**



- 
- **Welfare Check – Hurricane Florence**
  - **Vietnam Helicopter Pilot and Crewmembers Monument Dedication**
  - **Newsletters**





# Welfare Check Email Hurricane Florence



- **It's certainly no news to you that Hurricane Florence is one of the largest and strongest hurricanes to ever hit the Carolinas and the damage is likely to be widespread and last for some time. You are receiving this note because you may be in the region impacted by this catastrophic storm. Your 187th AHC Association Board of Directors is reaching out to find out how you are doing in terms of your safety and welfare. While there is little that the Board can do to assist directly, we will try to help if we can. Importantly, individual members may be able to help one another by offering temporary lodging or other assistance. One way to directly communicate needs or offers of assistance to one another is through the 187th A H C Assn Facebook page. It's unmonitored and uncontrolled but it's there if you choose to use it. Feel free to contact any of the Board of Directors if you feel we may be able to assist. I also encourage those in the impacted areas to Reply All to this email to let us know your status, good or bad. Please know that you and your families have our thoughts and prayers.**



# Arlington National Cemetery Vietnam Helicopter Pilots and Crewmembers Monument



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:  
**Wed, 18 Apr 2018**

• **30 187<sup>th</sup> AHC members &  
guests participated**





# Newsletters



- 
- **Newsletters published – email & snail mail**
    - February, May, August
  - **Topics of Specific Interest to 187<sup>th</sup>**
    - Reunion, Monument Dedication, Rolling Thunder, 50<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Pins
  - **Topics of General Interest to Veterans**
    - Agent Orange Registry, Million Veterans Program, Veterans Suicide Prevention
  - **Feedback? Comments? Suggestions?**



# Other New/Ongoing Business



- 
- **Army Museum Update**
  - **Commemoration of the Vietnam War**
  - **Agent Orange Registry**
  - **Million Veteran Program**
  - **Veteran Suicide Prevention**



# National Museum of the United States Army



- **Ground Breaking conducted Sep 2016**
- **Estimated completion & opening- 2020**
- **187<sup>th</sup> 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





# Commemoration of the Vietnam War

[www.vietnamwar50th.com](http://www.vietnamwar50th.com)





DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE  
VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATION



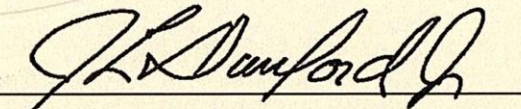
Recognizes  
**187TH ASSAULT HELICOPTER  
COMPANY ASSOCIATION**

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.

  
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

  
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF



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



# 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.



# 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://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



# New Business: Pending Activities



- 
- **Company Store Transition** (Ray Root, Keith Stowell)
  - **187<sup>th</sup> Video Compilation** (Craig Bond)
  - **Website transition** (Frank Keyser)
  - **2019 Reunion Update** (Jerry Fine)
  - **2020 Reunion**
  - **BOD Nominations** (Ron Scott)



# Company Store Transition



- 
- **Discussions and DRAFT Memorandum of Understanding with Army Aviation Museum Store**
    - Negotiations & discussion terminated by the Museum Store
  - **Potential for arrangement with current product vendor**
  - **Without a vendor partner, Company Store will go out of business**



# 187<sup>th</sup> Video Compilation



- **Compilation of video recordings contributed by multiple 187<sup>th</sup> members**

- Alan Duquette (00:25)
- Dan Cordell (00:43)
- Jim Soilequ (01:11)
- Eddie Lucero (01:39)
- Eddie Hatch (00:27)
- Jim Ray (00:37)
- Jim Gaffney (02:12)
- Ron Timberlake (01:58)

- **Playing continuously in Hospitality Room**

- **Options for format, content, purchase**

- Entire compilation or piecemeal
- DVD or Thumb Drive
- Pricing





# 2019 Reunion



- **Location: Austin, TX**
- **Local Hosts: Jerry & Mary Ann Fine**
- **Dates: 9-12 November 2019**



# 2020 Reunion



- 
- **Seeking a host/volunteer**
    - Requirements discussion
  - **Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.**



# BOD Nominations



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- **Vice President:**
    - Bill Britt
  - **Secretary:**
    - Ron Scott
  - **Nominations from the Floor?**
  - Discussion on procedure for nomination & election of BOD Officers



# Any Additional Old or New Business?



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Questions, comments from the floor



# Adjournment



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- **Move to adjourn?**