



**187th AHC Association
Annual Business Meeting
12 November 2019**



Opening



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- **Call to Order** (George Schulz)
 - **Pledge of Allegiance** (Bill Britt)
 - **Invocation** (Jesse McLeod)
 - **Introduction of Board of Directors and LZ Austin Hosts**
 - **Welcome to All**
 - **Introduction of 1st Time Attendees**
 - William F. & Diana Bruce, Lee Cade, Carol Crews [Fiancé of Gerald Markland on date of his KIA (12/28/68)], Frank & Judy Kirschbaum, Mark & John Siddons [Brothers of Capt. James Siddons (KIA 2/12/71)], Gary Kudlacek, and Randy Smith



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



- **Old Business**

- Thanks to 187th. AHC Association support activities
- Approval of 2018 Business Meeting Minutes

- **New Business**

- Financial Report
- Vote on change in By-laws
- 2019 Activities
 - Contribution for Huey Restoration (March Field Air Museum)
 - Unit Tributes - National Museum of the US Army and history of the 187th recently uncovered by Jim Henry (Jim Henry)
 - Vietnam 50th Commemoration Partnership (Jim Henry)



Agenda (continued)



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- 2019 Summer mailing - Newsletter and other information (distributed by Ron Scott on 6/21/19)
 - **Pending Activities**
 - Current Status of Company Store Product availability (Ray Root)
 - 187th Videos (Craig Bond)
 - 2020 Reunion (Jimmy Strait)
 - Board of Directors Nominations (Ron Scott)



Old Business



- **Thanks to:**
 - Bill Britt and all the Phone Bank volunteers;
 - Ian Dawson for continuing an awesome job with the Flower Fund! Transition of flower fund responsibilities to Rick Reese are currently in progress;
 - Bob Calverley for maintaining our Unit Roster;
 - Jim Gaffney & Frank Keyser for maintaining our Web Site;
 - Wives for handling the 50/50 & auction support;
 - Our Superb and Hard Working Hosts, Jerry and Mary Ann Fine.
- **Recommend approval of last year's minutes which have been posted on the Company website for the past year. Discussion?**



Treasurer's Financial Report



- **2018 Financial Report**
 - [Treas Link](#)
- **2018 Year to Date**
 - Check Book Balance, \$xx,xxx,xx
 - Steiger Fund: \$xx,xxx.xx
 - Unit Fund: \$x,xxx.xx



Treasurer's Financial Report



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By-Laws Change



- **Removes mandate that Reunion MUST be during Veterans Day**
- **Does NOT REQUIRE alternate dates, but enables BOD to approve alternate dates if the need arises i.e. IF a member volunteers to host on alternate dates**
- **November limits reunion to warmer latitudes**
- **Change enables more Northerly members to host**
- **Removes requirement for Reunion to be ANNUAL**
- **Other changes:**



By-Laws Change



- **Revises wording to clarify that the General Membership Meeting = the Reunion**
- **Clarifies that the Business Meeting is a distinct event conducted as part of the Membership Meeting/Reunion**
- **Gives the BOD latitude to use 3rd party vendors to organize Reunion**

Questions, discussion?

Vote on change in By-laws



Huey Restoration



- **Nov. 22, 1967, U.S Army UH-1D Helicopter 66-925, was engaged in the insertion of elements of the 3rd Brigade 25th Infantry Division into a hot LZ 35 miles north of Saigon. At the controls Maj. Evert Robeson, a veteran of the fierce battles in the Ia Drang Valley two years before, now serving his second tour in Vietnam, pulled sharply away when enemy fire smashed through the cockpit. One round passed through the Major's left leg inflicting a grievous wound. Within minutes, 66-925 had landed at Lai Khe where Army doctors worked frantically to stem the flow of blood.**



Huey Restoration



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- **Stabilized, Major Robeson was transported to the 12th Evacuation Hospital at Cu Chi where surgeons fought to save his life. Tragically, the Major succumbed to his wounds three days later.**



Huey Restoration



- **The March Field Air Museum is committed to honoring the memory of Major Robeson, and all those who sacrificed so much in Southeast Asia, by bringing this helicopter back to its original military configuration and placing it on permanent display in Fire Base Romeo Charlie, March Field Air Museum's extensive Vietnam exhibit.**
- **Your Board has approved and a contribution of \$500 has been made to the March Field Air Museum to restore the Huey, piloted by Major Evert Robeson, a former member of the 187th. AHC.**



National Museum of the United States Army



- **Ground Breaking conducted Sep 2016**
- **Estimated completion & opening - 2020**
- **187th Brick to be in Pathway of Remembrance**
- **187th. AHC Unit Tribute Plaque**
- **Vietnam War in Cold War gallery**

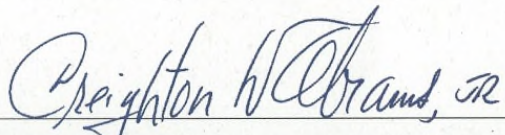
Certificate of Dedication

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**

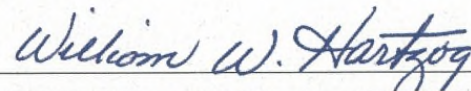
Certified this 2nd day of December, 2013



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

BRICK #: 0000000408

NATIONAL
MUSEUM
UNITED STATES
ARMY



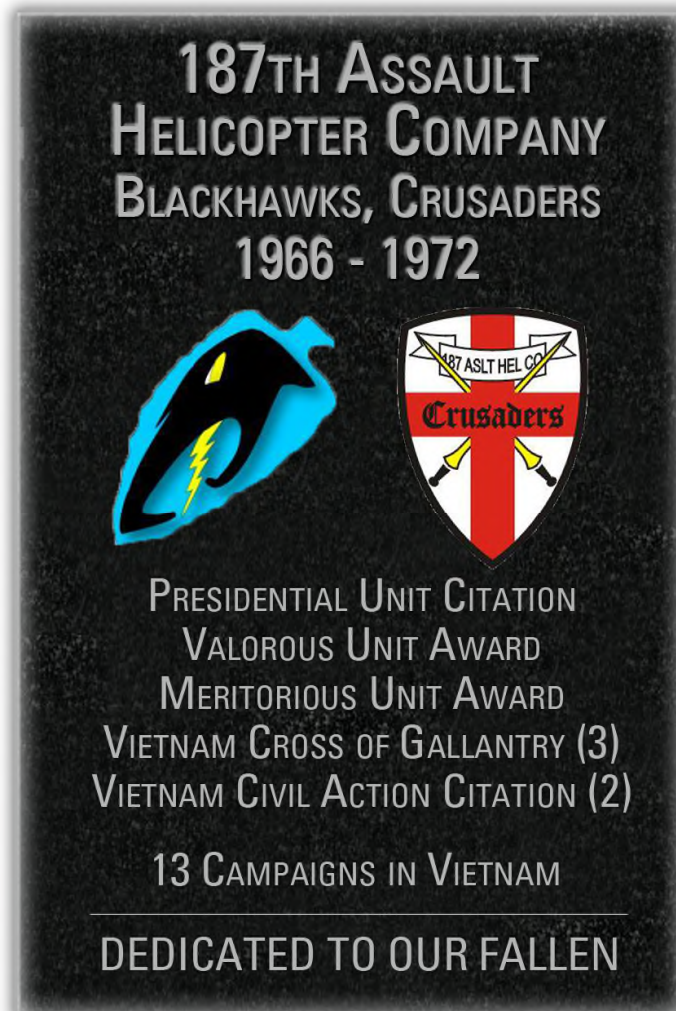
GEN William W. Hartzog, USA-Ret.
President



Unit Tribute Plaque at the Museum of the US Army



- Will be on wall along walkway to the museum entrance
- 12" x 18" Black Granite
- Cost: \$5,000
- No cost to the 187th AHC Association; Paid for by 5 Association Members
- Planned to be in place for Museum Grand Opening 04 June 2020





Commemoration of the Vietnam War



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.



New Business: Pending Activities



- **Current Status of Company Store Product availability** (Ray Root)
- **187th Video Compilation** (Craig Bond)
- **2020 Reunion** (Jimmy Strait)
- **BOD Nominations** (Ron Scott)



Company Store Information



- **Ray Root:**
 - [PDF1](#)
 - [PDF2](#)



187th Video Compilation



The following videos have been compiled on two DVDs:

DVD 1

- Bob Bess 68/08 - 69/08 Run time 2:00
- Dan Cordell 8/71 - 2/72 Run time :43
- Alan Duquette 6/67 - 6/68 Run time :25
- Eddie Lucero 2/69 - 2/70 Run time 1:39

DVD 2

- Jim Soileau 11/68 - 11/69 Run time 1:11
- Eddie Hatch 6/69 - 6/70 Run time :27
- Jim Ray 07/68 - 06/69 Run time :37
- Bob Bess 8/68 - 8/69 Run time 2:12
- Ron Timberlake 68 - 69 Run time 1:58

Total Run time: 11:12

Available for a donation to the Steiger Fund of \$50.00 each.



187th Video Compilation





2020 Reunion

187th AHC – LZ San Antonio II

Nov. 8-13 – Jimmy & Michelle Strait, Hosts





The 187th Assault Helicopter Company



Presidential
Unit Citation



Valorous
Unit Citation



Meritorious
Unit Citation



RVN Cross of
Gallantry



187th AHC – LZ San Antonio II 2020 Reunion

Nov. 8-13 – Jimmy & Michelle Strait, Hosts

Michelle said, "This is the LAST TIME!"

Holiday Inn San Antonio Riverwalk

217 N. St. Mary's Street

San Antonio, TX 78205

(210) 224-2500



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Room Rates \$110.00 + tax
\$10 full American breakfast
\$14 self-parking

**Complimentary WiFi in meeting
place and sleeping rooms**

**Group Rate available 3 days prior
and 3 days after Reunion**

Make reservations by October 9, 2020

**Call 210-224-2500 and ask for 187th Assault
Helicopter Company Reunion rate (code "HEA")**



2020 Reunion

187th AHC – LZ San Antonio II

Nov. 8-13 – Jimmy & Michelle Strait, Hosts

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Sunday, Nov 8 ... Reception

Monday, Nov 9 ... Golf Tournament / Free

Day

Tuesday, Nov 10 ... Women's Luncheon

... Men's Business Meeting

& Lunch

Wednesday, Nov 11 ... Memorial / Auction

Thursday, Nov 12 ... Dinner

Friday, Nov 13 ... Check Out & Departure

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!!



BOD Nominations



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- **Vice President (1 year):**
 - Forrest Abild
 - **Treasurer (4 years):**
 - Ray Root
 - **Member at Large (2 years):**
 - Woody Woodbury
 - Ronnie Hopkins
 - Craig Bond
 - **Nominations from the Floor?**
 - Discussion on procedure for nomination & election of BOD Officers (Ron Scott)



Any Additional Old or New Business?



Questions, comments from the floor



Adjournment



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- **Move to adjourn?**