



187th AHC Association Newsletter December 2018



This newsletter is provided to keep members informed of association activities and other topics of interest. If you have items you wish to have included in the next newsletter, please provide them to George Schulz at gschulzee@aol.com

Thank You! It has been an honor and privilege to serve as your association's president for 2018 and I thank you for the opportunity. It's a wonderful organization, but it relies heavily on individuals working tirelessly behind the scenes to make things happen. Thanks to our reunion hosts, Ken and Ben Smet, who put together a memorable reunion. I can't tell you how much I appreciate the Board of Directors - Vice President George Schulz, Treasurer Ray Root, Secretary Ron Scott, and Member at Large Brian Woodbury. They did their best throughout the year to keep me out of trouble, and for the most part they succeeded. Be assured they always put the interests of you members foremost. Others behind the scenes also quietly volunteer their time and effort to keep your association running smoothly and I sincerely value their hard work. Bob Calverley maintains and constantly updates the unit roster. Jim Gaffney and Frank Keyser keep our fantastic web site up to date. Ian Dawson manages the flower fund and reaches out to the families of members who have died or lost loved ones. And Keith and Cindy Stowell have diligently administered our Company Store. I thank them all for their consistent, selfless professionalism and dedication, and so should you all.

2018 Reunion Recap. We had another great reunion this year, hosted by Ken and Ben Smet in St Pete Beach, Florida at the Sirata Beach Resort. Beautiful beach, great weather and memorable events. As a special bonus we had Huey rides made available by the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation, with our own Joe Emerson at the controls.

New Board of Directors. Please welcome your 2019 BOD: President; George Schulz, Vice President; Bill Britt, Treasurer; Ray Root, Secretary; Ron Scott, Member at Large; Brian Woodbury. They need and deserve your support as they make decisions throughout the year that will shape the future of our organization.

Company Store. As announced at the reunion, the 187th's Company Store will be going out of business in its current form. Nearly all of the store's inventory was exhausted during the reunion, thanks to deep discounts. Many thanks to Keith and Cindy Stowell, our 2018 Gaffney Award winners, for such a fantastic job for many years.

Vietnam 50th Commemoration Lapel Pins. The purpose of the pin is to recognize, thank and honor United States military veterans during the Vietnam War. As a Commemoration Partner organization, the 187th Association provided them to members who attended this year's reunion if they had not previously received a pin. **Members who were unable to attend the reunion and who would like to receive a lapel pin and certificate, please contact Jim Henry at jim951@gmail.com**



2019 Reunion. The planning and preparation for your 2019 reunion is already well underway. It will be hosted by Jerry & Mary Ann Fine at our host hotel, the Holiday Inn Midtown in Austin, Texas during 10-14 November 2019. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Jerry provided a great briefing on our next reunion during the Business Meeting, and that presentation will be available on the 187th web site. Don't procrastinate, just be there!

Rolling Thunder 2019. The 2019 Memorial Day ride is expected to be the **last** Rolling Thunder event. All you 187th bikers - if you previously participated, you know what a fantastic event it is and you can't miss the opportunity to be part of this historic final ride. If you haven't previously participated or attended, this will be your last chance. **Don't miss it!**

2020 Reunion. Thanks to Jimmy Strait, we'll be going back to San Antonio for our 2020 reunion. Watch your emails and the web site for details as they become available.

Marydonna and I sincerely wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy, Healthy 2019!

See you in Austin . . .

Jim Henry
President
