

# 281<sup>ST</sup> ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY "INTRUDERS"

Company Newsletter No 18

Summer 2003

# HEADS UP REGISTER NOW FOR THE REUNION!

**Times awaste'n and the Association is committed to 100 rooms. We're getting there, but haven't reached the goal yet so support your organization by getting in your reservation ASAP!**

*More info to follow...*

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## ***The Prez speaks....***

### It's Reunion Time

**B**y my count we have less that less than 50 days until the reunion kicks off on Sept 11 with the Executive Board meeting. The reunion committee has firmed up most of the details and our local team of Brian Paine and Earl Broussard are doing a super job of attending to the many details that arise daily. We owe both of these great Intruders a vote of thanks for all their hard work. We have advance notice that several of our honorary members will attend this year and we look forward to seeing each of them. You may have noted that the reunion has been shortened and for the most part only runs through Friday and Saturday. We did this so that those folks who could not take several days off could still attend and only miss one day of work or school time. However, there will be several of us there on Thursday and many of us will not leave until Monday. So if

you can, come early and stay late, and we will party. If you have not done so please send your reservation form to Lyn Coleman as soon as you can and make your hotel reservations by early August so as to get the reduced room rate. Remember there is free transportation if you fly in to George Bush International Air Port. If our advance polls are correct we look forward to having the largest turn out ever. So do not miss our first stand alone reunion and bring your buddies. Get on the phone to them today!

### **Then & Now**

It has been suggested by Don Budlong that a great addition to the reunion will be for each Intruder to bring a photo of themselves in Vietnam, or that era. In Don's words this will "*help out those of us who can remember a name but can't remember what we had for breakfast yesterday.*" As an add on, we will have our very talented photographer snap a *NOW* picture at the event and put both photos on the *Then & Now* section of the web, so that next year your can refresh your memory

before the reunion. So please bring your individual photos and your photo album if you have one. We have several individuals on the site now so you can visit it prior to the reunion for some of your buddies. Thanks, Don

### **New Officers**

Please complete and send your ballots back to Gary Stagman. This is our first shot at the "one member-one ballot mail in" voting process that you voted for. Gary will send out his packets in a few days and we need your votes. If your dues are not up to date please include your check with your ballot so that it will count. We have a strong slate of officers but we still need your help in growing the association.

### **Web Site**

We continue to make improvements in the site but have been slowed down a bit by the bad weather in Tennessee and reunion work. However, you can look forward to some major improvements in the site in the near future. We are extremely pleased to have Dr. Karen Forcht, PhD, as a member of the Communication Committee. Karen is a professor of Business communications at James Madison University and long time supporter of the association.

### **Tradition**

It is an honor to tell you that two of our Bandit families are carrying on the great military tradition through their daughters, who are attending the academies. Our congratulations go out to: Cadet Sara McNeil, daughter of Ken and Lori McNeil, Sarah entered this year's class at West Point. Ken was a 67-68 era Bandit Gunner.

Tina Smith, daughter of Ken and Carol Smith. Tina entered the USAF Academy this year. Ken was a Bandit pilot of the 67-68 era.

### **"See you in Houston"**

Jack Mayhew  
President

† Lt Col Charles "Bruiser" Allen †  
Commander B-52 Project Delta 1967-68  
*71 years of age passed away  
on Thursday, 24 April 2003*



## ***A word from the VP....***

**O**K Intruders, the time has now arrived to get on the stick and send in your application for the 2003 Reunion. We are within 60 days of event and we need to firm up who will be attending and finalize our plans with the hotel. Applications have been trickling in and we need to speed things up. There is an application attached to this newsletter, so take the time to fill it out and send it in today, and don't forget to include your wife, friend or significant other.

This is the time of the year we get together to renew old friendships, make new ones, reminisce, tell war stories and other lies and generally have a good time in addition to holding our annual business meeting. It will be held from 11 to 14 September, at the Wyndham Greenpoint Hotel in Houston, Texas. The hotel is located on the north side of Houston near the intersection of Interstate 45 and Sam Houston Parkway at 12400 Greenspoint Drive. It is close to George Bush Intercontinental Airport and the hotel will provide free shuttle service from the airport to the hotel. Reservations can be made by calling the Wyndham Reservation Center at 1-800-WYNDHAM or at [www.wyndham.com](http://www.wyndham.com) and identifying yourself as a member of the 281<sup>st</sup> AHC Association. The rates for a standard room are \$79.00 per night single or double and \$89.00 for triple or quad. King Suites are available at \$89.00 single or double and \$99.00 for triple or quad. For those of you with RV's, campers, etc. the hotel will allow you to park them on site.

The Advance Party will arrive on Thursday, 9/11. This will consist of the Executive Board (EB), selected members of the Reunion Committee and anyone else who wants to get started early. There will be a meeting of the

EB that evening at 1900. Friday is arrival and registration day. There will be time for golf that afternoon for anyone who would like to participate, provided someone will step up and take charge of setting up the golf. If you are interested, please contact me. There will be a Welcome Get Together in the main lobby from 1700-1900. Dinner will be on your own with old friends.

Saturday we will have the Annual Meeting from 0900 to 1100 followed by lunch from 1200-1400. The Remembrance Observance will be from 1530 to 1630. There will be a Reception at 1830 followed by the Deep in the Heart of Texas buffet dinner at 1930. This consists of Smoked Prime Rib, BBQ Pork Spare Ribs and Roasted Chicken, Corn on the Cob, Ranch Style Beans, salad, dessert and coffee or tea. After Dinner we will have our Awards Ceremony. The room will be available for informal get togethers until 2400. After that you can use the Lobby bar for socializing. Sunday will be departure day.

If you fly into Bush IAP the hotel will provide free shuttle service. If you fly into Hobby IAP you will have to rent a car, pay for a cab (about \$65.00) or take the free shuttle to Bush IAP and then the free shuttle to the hotel. There is plenty of on-site parking for those who drive their own vehicle. There are two restaurants in the hotel and several more within easy walking distance. There is also extensive shopping in the vicinity. There is lots of space in the lobby for informal meetings and BS Sessions. In addition to the main meeting room we have another room for registration, memorabilia sales and informal get-togethers. We may also have some vendors there. Our on-site coordinators are investigating the possibility of getting busses/vans for shopping and other tours on Friday and for the Ladies on Saturday morning.

We are still looking for help and if you would like to be a part of helping your fellow Intruders then let me know at 727-786-8105 or on the web at bhi2@ix.netcom.com

The Registration Form is in the current Newsletter and on the web site. We think that

we have selected an outstanding venue for the 2003 Reunion and that it will be the most exciting Reunion yet. If you can think of anything else that we can do to make it more enjoyable let me know! I am always open to suggestions. REGISTER NOW AND I WILL SEE YOU IN HOUSTON.

Lynn Coleman  
Vice President and Reunion Chairman

## ***Membership Maaaaaannn...***

In the searching there have been many more found and many of them are extremely awed in that someone is still out there and cares to look for them... So the thanks go out to the ones that pass information on to me, for checking them out and when it pans out they tend to make me look good...

Membership is slowly growing and the finding of fellow Intruders is growing. The need for old orders that may be stuffed in a box or suitcase in the attic, are still needed just for the wonderful information they contain. As a good example, Don Budlong sent me some orders he had, as it ended up, we have found the three members that went to Vietnam together and made up the 1968 Engine Shop. So now Don Budlong, Mike Price and Jody Joiner have been reunited!!!!

I feel that this is one of the things that make it, **"What this is all about" !!!!!**

If you are a current member please take a moment and recruit a new member today. This is your organization without regard to rank or duty position in the units. It is simply former members of the greatest unit in the world getting together to renew old friendships and develop new ones.

**At the present time the current membership is at "266" !!!!! Great job fellow "INTRUDERS" thank you for your continuing support, without which "WE" would not be where "WE" are!!**

**We are all "Intruders".**

Another subject is **DUES !!** Dues have been coming in pretty **SLOW** in the past month, but still are many more out there that

need to be sent in. Being a member-in-good-standing, means that you can participate in membership meetings and voting procedures. Voting information will be under the Heading of JM@L.

Gary Stagman  
Chairman, Membership Committee

## **The Junior Member@Large** (guess who!)

In order to vote in this year's election, you must be a member-in-good-standing, meaning that your dues must be paid and up to date. This includes nominations and appointments.

This year's election will be conducted in accordance with the By-Laws, Article V, Sections 1 thru 7.

### **The following will be voted upon during this years voting process:**

1. Election of the Vice President
2. Proposed Amendment to By-Laws.

### **The election/voting schedule is as follows:**

1. Nominations closed 14 Jun 03 (90 days).
2. 2003 Membership Election Ballots mailed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2003.
3. Ballots are to be postmarked **NLT 14 Aug 2003** in order to be counted. (30 days)

Should a position to be filled be uncontested, the individual who declared for or was nominated for the position shall be considered to be elected by acclamation.

As the above described election procedure will be available to all members, regardless of their location, there will be no provision for proxy voting. Accordingly there will be no provision for an election of officers during the General Membership Meeting.

Gary Stagman  
Junior Member@Large

## **Our Senior Member@Large**

My fellow Intruders,

The Reunion 2003 in Houston is nearing and my term as Senior member is ending. It has been a great pleasure to work with your EB this past year. Let me specifically thank JM, Gary, BP, Lynn, Bob, Fred, Jeff and Norm. Believe me when I say, these guys put in alot of precious time, effort and cash on behalf of the Association and its members.

A few thoughts on the Association if I may. First of all, we certainly need to have a broader group of active members and especially from the "enlisted" ranks. Gary really has shouldered the load for us, non officer types. Please consider participating more and consider running for the EB in next years elections. A rumor has it that JM may even consider, unilaterally, re-instituting the "draft."

A thought on the "annual" reunion. A lot of effort, especially by Lynn Coleman and Brian Paine, has gone into this years "stand alone" reunion. I implore the membership to make those reservations "asap". If for any reason, you have decided not to attend this year...please take a moment to reassess that decision. The 2003 reunion is of particular importance to the Association; your attendance and in person thoughts, will go a long way on deciding the "how, when and where" of future reunion efforts. Perhaps we should consider getting together every two years with smaller, regional get togethers in between. Just a thought...

Well, I have had my say and hope to see each and every one of you, soon and in good health in Sept.

Jack Interstein  
Senior Member@Large

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IN HOUSTON, TX SEPT. 11-13, 2003  
SEE YOUR ASSOCIATION WEB SITE FOR DETAILS  
AND BREAKING NEWS  
<http://www.281stahc-ass>

## NOTES AND COMMENTS

### *(Tributes to Bruiser)*

Flight, as you may know, Chuck "Bruiser" Allen has passed away after a long fight with diabetes and other health problems. For those of us who were fortunate to know him and serve with him he was truly a giant of a man in all respects. I personally had the honor of flying with him in the 281st/Delta C&C for a big part of my tour with the 281st and I can say, without reservation, that no man in Delta was ever held in higher esteem than Bruiser. He let us do our job and was always there with the support we needed when things got tough. I often watched the reaction of the young pilots and crew members when he came out of the TOC to go on a mission and it was as if a superhuman had entered our area. In my last conversation with him we were reminiscing about some of the Delta missions and the 281st & Delta guys that we served with and when I brought up the names of Moberg and Mentzer he reminded me that he was still capable of kicking a few of our backsides, and I never doubted him.

If I were to offer up advice to God as to how to use Chuck in heaven, I would simply tell him to give him some sandbags, a few workers and some recon guys and he, God, would never again be surprised by anything new going on in the world. Yesterday I contacted Jim Morris to tell him of our loss and Jim wrote and sent me his recollections of Chuck, which I now pass on to you. For those of you that were there in 67/68 Jim joined us and flew with us for a few days when he was serving as the 5th Group PIO. I think that the subsequent event in which he was wounded and describes below, was the same event in which we lost McCoig when he and Robin were shot down.

Fly your flag at half mast for we have lost a leader, a friend and a true patriot. - Jack Mayhew

### **A GIANT OF A MAN**

It's been a rough year for old heroes. So far I have lost Ed Thomas, my old team sergeant, and Command Sergeant Major Bill Edge, who was probably the smartest man I met in the army, and a true legend in his own time. He was skydiving until six weeks before his death at 72.

But Chuck Allen's death hit me hard, harder than I'd expected. Because I never thought of him as just a man, more as a force of nature, somewhere between a Texas tornado and a Miami hurricane. Maybe it hit me so hard because I knew him when I was just a kid, a 22-year-old straightleg second lieutenant at Ft. Dix NJ. When I met him I was running a rifle range at a basic training center, and he was commanding what was known as Faculty Company, to which all the post level instructors were assigned. He must have had fifty second lieutenants in his company, but he checked our classes and made all of us feel like he cared.

Later, when I joined Special Forces on Okinawa, as a first lieutenant, Chuck was already there, a senior captain. He was a captain for ten years, due to a predisposition toward candor, a virtue little appreciated in the military.

Well, maybe it went a bit past candor. As a junior captain Chuck had cold cocked the chief of staff of the 101st Airborne Division in the commanding general's office. The 101st wanted him to play football, and that wasn't what he was in the army for. They couldn't order him to, but made it clear that refusing was not a wise career move. Finally, without being dismissed, he saluted, and started to leave. The chief of staff put his hand on Chuck's chest, saying, just a minute, captain. Bad mistake!

Chuck was an anomaly in the army. For one thing he was a draftee. He was playing semi-pro football after high school when the FBI caught up with him. He wasn't trying to avoid the draft, he just hadn't gotten his mail for several weeks, and missed his induction notice.

Nonetheless, he took to the army, went to OCS, jump school, ranger school, and on to special operations in Korea, where he hunted guerrillas behind the lines. He was already a hero when I met him. He was also one of the biggest men I ever met, and without question the strongest. He was built like Arnold Swartzenegger with a bushel basket under his belt. But he could outrun me the best day I ever saw.

When he was a senior captain, and I a junior one, we took A-teams through pre-deployment training and mock fought each other in the mountains of Northern Okinawa. His team creamed mine, just creamed us.

Then, on my last tour, and his, in Vietnam, he commanded Project Delta, and I was the Public Information Officer. That was when the very existence of Special Forces was threatened by powerful enemies in the Pentagon. Public opinion kept us alive. I published a monthly 32-page magazine that existed primarily so one man could see it, L. Mendel Rivers, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee.

Chuck, who was a major then, wanted some good publicity for Delta, and invited me to go along on one of their operations. Delta was an amazing organization, then and now. Its core was a Special Forces B Detachment, which Chuck commanded. A normal B controls several A-teams, which control, usually, a battalion of guerrillas. Chuck's B-team (B-52) controlled the Delta recon company--twelve teams of six to ten men each, two or three Americans

and the rest Vietnamese--the South Vietnamese 91st Airborne Ranger Battalion (about 500 men), a USAF forward air control team with several OV1, single-engine observation aircraft, commanded by a Lieutenant Colonel, the 281st Assault Helicopter company, and, briefly, a Marine major general who controlled all the Marine aircraft in the most northern Corps area of South Vietnam. Delta was that important. At one time it provided 60% of the tactical intelligence for US forces in the entire Republic of Vietnam.

My most vivid memory of Chuck was flying with him, in his Command and Control ship, on a mission to lift a roadrunner team out of the jungle. The roadrunners were all-Vietnamese teams who worked in enemy uniforms and walked the trails, pretending to be North Vietnamese. His radio was connected simultaneously to the crew, the team on the ground, to his counterpart, Major Huan, to Bill Larrabee, his operations officer, and to the other choppers in the extraction team.

Chuck sat in one door with an M-60 machine gun suspended from a bungee cord in front of him. Larrabee sat in the opposite door with a similar rig. Their callsigns were written in gold script on the backs of their helmets. Chuck's was "Bruiser", a nickname given to him by General Westmoreland, and Larrabee's was Joker. The extraction was an amazing thing to watch. Three guns hips circled the team on the ground, pouring machine gun and rocket fire into the jungle, and into the NVA trying to kill the team. The first extraction ship eased down onto the jungle in the center of the gun ships orbit. Finally the extraction chopper lifted out of the hole with three troopers hanging from McGuire rigs at the end of 100-foot nylon ropes under the chopper, and the next extraction ship went in for the other three. They used the McGuire rigs when they couldn't find a landing zone big enough for a huey.

All this time Chuck was talking, directing the extraction, the 60 chattering in his hands, looking, fired by Chuck, like a child's toy.

After that I went on one patrol with a Mike Force company he'd borrowed. We hit a lot of NVA and finally got away from them by setting fire to some of their ammo caches. They got in a fire fight with their own exploding ammo, and we got the hell out of Dodge. After that excursion, Chuck asked me if I'd like to extend my tour and join Delta. I agreed, and still consider it one of the biggest compliments I've ever been paid.

Then I went on another operation with a company of the 91st. We got into a world of hurt, and I got shot in the arm, trying and failing to save the life of a guy I'd just met. We had six choppers down on and around the LZ and about thirty percent casualties. We were surrounded by at least a battalion of NVA. The next day we fought our way from that LZ to another that wasn't surrounded. Chuck had scrounged choppers from all over the Corps area to get us out.

He was at the hospital when I got there. We were pretty sure I'd lose the arm. I didn't, thanks to the great job done by Doc Taylor, Delta's chief medic. Even so, it lost a lot of motion, and strength.

That was the end of my military career. Chuck retired a few years later. He started a publication called the National Vietnam Veteran's Review. I wrote him a few pieces, and he reviewed my books.

In 1983 I shattered my pelvis on a skydive in North Carolina and spent a few weeks in the Ft. Bragg hospital. Parenthetically, Ft. Bragg probably has half the paratroopers in the world stationed there, and I was the only parachuting injury on the orthopedic ward. Everybody else was there for motorcycle injuries.

Chuck picked me up from the hospital, literally. I was having a hard time getting out of his Mark IV Continental and he reached in and snapped me out like a mama cat picking up a kitten. I am six feet two inches tall and weighed 200 pounds. He took me to his home, and the next day took me to the plane back to New York, where I lived and worked at the time.

The last time I saw Chuck was at his home in Fayetteville NC, last September, for the 50th Anniversary of Special Forces. His hair had turned silver, and he'd grown a goatee. He'd lost about a hundred pounds, maybe more. He'd had a foot amputated due to diabetes and was confined to a wheelchair. But he still had the same moral force, sardonic humor, his great love for life, and for the world of elite fighting men that we had somehow survived. I am so glad, so very glad, that I got to see him that one more time.

Usually pieces like this end saying, "We shall not see his like again". But we will and have, in Afghanistan and in Iraq. Something about the ideal of freedom makes courage and dedication a renewable resource. His body has gone to the ground, his soul has gone to heaven, but his spirit has gone back to Special Forces.

Airborne!  
Jim Morris

***(From Bob "MO" Moberg in Thailand, one of our 281<sup>st</sup> "legends", some sage word of advice<sup>†</sup>)***

Flight,

I want to encourage any of you who have not done so TO GET A PSA BLOOD TEST!! That is a "Prostate Specific Antigen" blood test to determine the possible existence of Prostate Cancer? Notice I said "possible". If the test returns a reading of 1 thru 4 you are probably safe. A reading of 4 to 10 can be explained by your doctor. Anything above 10 will most probably require a BIOPSY to determine the presence of cancer. Your Doctor can explain.

I waited too long to have the PSA test performed and now I am paying. I have had 32 external radiation treatments, 98 radiation seeds shoved up my "where Bruiser and Intruder 6 promised to put a foot" if I didn't perform, and 4 female hormone shots that are increasing the size of my mammary glands and starting to make me 'squeak'!! I have been violated by fingers and machine probes covered in concertina wire more than the oldest resident of the Sportsman Bar during the entire Vietnam War!!! I always thought I was an INTRUDER, not the "INTRUDEE"!!

My golf game has gone to hell and I cannot go anywhere that doesn't have a latrine within 10 minutes!!! Thank goodness for "Carefree Panty Liners"!!

I would rather "go into the hole" in 10 Hot LZs than to go to the toilet! My private parts constantly feel like the 'spent' barrel of a 7.62 mini-gun after an extraction under fire! All of this has been going on for 8 months. I applied to the VA under the AGENT ORANGE program two months ago and haven't heard a word.

So if you haven't had the PSA ?? GET IT! NOW! If caught early enough you won't have to go through what I am experiencing. - Mo

***(Here's some info for you golfers going to the reunion provided by Mike "Packer" Fellenz, Bandit #455)***

Tue, 15 Jul From: Mike Fellenz <Packermike@att.net> Subject: Golf Outing

Flight, the 281st Reunion golf outing is planned for Friday morning, Sept.12th in Houston. We will be playing Augusta Pines country club which is about 30 minutes from the hotel. Green fees will be approx. \$85.00. If you are planning on playing, please let me know asap. I need to set up the tee times and arrange transportation to and from the course. Please reply to this email or email me at packermike@att.net. - "Packer" Mike Fellenz "Bandit 455"

***(And here's an email from Don Budlong. This is what its all about guys!)***

Wed, 14 May 2003 Subject: Mini Reunion

Mike Price came down to Bike Week at Myrtle Beach this week. Today he rode up to Wilmington and we had wings and beer at Hooters. First time we've seen each other in 33 years. We went to the 281st together in 2/68 along with Jodie Joiner and became the engine shop.

After a year Mike joined one of the slick platoons, but for the life of him, he can't remember which one. Does anybody remember which platoon he flew in? You might not recognize him from the photo his wife Joyce took of the Mike and I this afternoon because he did have hair 30+ years ago. - Don Budlong, Engine Shop

***(This from Eileen Ware, mother of John Ware MIA/KIA. Eileen is in a nursing home in Pendelton, OR. If you'd like more info, contact Brian Paine, he's been to visit! And, SHE'LL BE AT HOUSTON! )***

From: Aileen Ware <vaware@oregontrail.net> Subject: Memorial

A note from Aileen Ware, John,s mother. I thought everyone of you guys knew about the POW bracelets. Hundreds of people all over the world wore Johns. I answered letters to those wearing them for years, answered about 400 letters, telling them about John. I still have a few, will bring them to the reunion in Houston. I am looking forward to meeting you guys. From a Mother of an MIA from the 281st. - Aileen Ware

***(Speaking of Brian Paine, he's one of the "prime movers" in getting our Reunion organized, here's some info he'd like you to take note of)***

14Jul2003 From: "Brian W. Paine" <bpaine@hal-pc.org> Subject: Hotel rooms

The 800 number for the hotel reservations still seems to be getting things messed up. If you call that number and have ANY problems call the hotel direct at **281-875-2222** and ask for reservations. The hotel knows what is going on and will take care of you. If problems still persist, contact me and I will get it taken care of.

Remember....the cut off for our reserved rates is August 12th and they continually remind me they will stick to that date. PLEASE.... make your reservations NOW !!!!! Time is getting close. Also... you need to get your registration and money sent in so we can proceed with the name tags and reunion packets. - Thanks, Brian

***(Now somemore poop from out fearless leadeer)***

14Jul2003 From: "John W. Mayhew" <jmayhew@huntwood.net> Subject: 281st Web Addition

Flight, the communications committee is pleased to announce that they are developing a new addition to the web site designed to showcase the sons and daughters of Intruders that are currently serving our country in some fashion. We will also list any son or daughter that is making an outstanding contribution in another manner. If you

have a son or daughter, or know of one, that you would like to have listed on the site please send me the details along with their pictures and we will be honored to place their picture and a short description of their accomplishment on the site. We currently have two such entries so watch for them soon. - Jack Mayhew

*(Heeeere's Brian again!)*

15Jul2003 From: "Brian W. Paine" <bpaine@hal-pc.org> Subject: Shopping

We are trying to determine the need for a bus for a shopping trip on Friday Sept 12 to Old Town Spring. The bus will hold about 35 people and will take a group to Spring, about 20 minutes from the hotel, and bring them back. If there is no one interested in this trip there is no need to spend the money for a bus. Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in going to Spring. Check out their web page: [www.oldtownspringtx.com](http://www.oldtownspringtx.com). - BP

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**281<sup>st</sup> AHC Association Annual Reunion Registration**

**Must be Mailed Not Later Than 27 August 2003**

*September 11-13 2003, Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel, Houston, TX*

Mem # \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**INFORMATION FOR NAME TAG:**

(Name) \_\_\_\_\_

(Unit on Name Tag -6<sup>th</sup> ALP, 145<sup>th</sup> ALP, 2/171<sup>st</sup>, 281<sup>st</sup>, 483<sup>rd</sup>, 499<sup>th</sup>, Delta or Platoon): \_\_\_\_\_

Guests' Name Tags: #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENDING 281<sup>st</sup> Reunion:**

**Registration**

Member: Reunion \$ 100.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: Reunion #Guests \_\_\_\_ X \$ 100.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

My 2004 Annual Membership Dues are enclosed \$ 25.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for children under 18 not required. Parents responsible for meal costs.

**TOTAL DUE ----- \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Payment:** Check or Money Order made payable to "281<sup>st</sup> AHC Association"

**VOLUNTEER:** Yes, I wish to volunteer !!!! I will be happy to do my share and assist with:

Registration \_\_\_\_ Memorabilia Sales \_\_\_\_ As Required \_\_\_\_

Mail this completed form along with your Check or Money Order to:

281<sup>st</sup> AHC Assn Reunion  
Lynn Coleman  
80 Poole Place  
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