

281ST ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

"INTRUDERS"

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Lets Get Organized !

Ft Worth Reunion

A gathering - meeting - back slapping - group of greying, grey and those who had nothing to grey, helicopter pilots got together at the 1998 VHPA Reunion at Ft Worth and had a heck of a good time. We of the 281st even attempted to have a mildly formal organizing meeting to put together some sort of a plan to form an association of sorts, hence this initial newsletter. Although the proceedings were carried out in an atmosphere of reminiscing, war stories and general all around bullshitting, we did come up with some volunteer officers/staffers, some contributions to fund the initial organizing efforts and some other odds and ends that I'll discuss in this newsletter.

First, as to the volunteer's. The following temp positions were established and filled:

1. Secretary Pro-Tem
Fred Mentzer
2. Newsletter Editor/Publisher
Fred Mentzer
3. Deputy Secretary
John (Jack) Green
4. Historian
Jerry Montoya
5. Projects A/C (Caps -Tee Shirts)
John (Jack) Green

Second, we discussed caps and tee-shirts:

1. Caps are to be red, with 281st ASH in black lettering over the bill.
2. Tee shirts are to be red. On the front will be the platoon logo and on the rear will be the company logo. There are to be five units

represented by tee shirts: 1st through 3rd, Hq & Hq, and Maintenance. Ideas as to logo's, lettering, etc, should be sent to Jack Green.

Third, the initial organizing efforts will be through VHPA. Our ultimate goal will be to have a 281st Association composed of ALL former members of the company.

Fourth, a total of \$95.00 was collected to fund the 281st Association. There have been no expenditures to date. I anticipate the first draw on funds will be for stamps. A financial summary will be included in the next newsletter.

Closing Thoughts

This is of course the first effort on behalf of our fledgling association. Please give me your input, whether for the format of the newsletter, officer positions or matters to be discussed at the Nashville Reunion. Regarding the roster please make corrections and additions and send to me so that I can update the database. Finally, BEGIN PLANNING NOW TO ATTEND THE NASHVILLE REUNION. If you haven't attended a reunion yet, do so. Believe me, you'll have a wonderful time.

OK, that's it. Looking forward to hearing from you and especially to seeing you next year.

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