

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

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*To all the members and families of the  
281st Assault Helicopter Company Association*



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
*and*  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR !!**



**Many Happy Returns !!**

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### ***From the President***

**D**ear Intruder Members, non-members and families,

This past year has been a great one for all Intruders. We have found more of our brothers and families of the ones that came home and also of those we lost or had to leave behind. With that being said, we are coming together to

form a more stronger organization. One of the areas most noted, was the amount of new attendees at the reunion in St Louis. Many of those guys I went over with and others were there when I returned in 1970. We had guys that drove in just for a day to visit with old friends.

As Christmas arrives this year, with the war on going in Iraq, there are Intruders and family

members of our Intruders serving their country in a military and a civilian support element. Jay Rush's son Mike Rush has been the commander of a helicopter unit and should be returning home hopefully in January or early February at the latest. Then there is Galen Martin who has been driving semi-trucks for Brown and Root delivering supplies from the ports to the troop support areas. He did extend for another four months (with wife's consent), so he should be home around the 1 July time frame. Galen's son is also over there driving trucks. Of course in the travels of Galen, him with his 281<sup>st</sup> hat, was called out a processing line he was in to come forward and there sat Lovie Robb.

Of course CW4 Joe Bilitzke is still on active duty. So when you set down with your families please say a prayer for them wishing them a safe time at work and a safe trip home to their loved ones.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the outstanding support you have provided to your organization this past year. Now is a good time to give thanks for the organizations successes and to further build on them in the coming years.

Nicki and I wish to express to each and every one of you and your families The very best wishes for a very Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gary L. Stagman  
President  
2005-2006

### ***The Senior Member at Large***

I have been appointed the PX Quarter Master for the 2006 Reunion. My outstanding assistant 2005 IOYA Kelly Mayhew & I are open to any suggestions that you have: Pins, patches, refrig magnets, hats, clothing, jewelry, tapes, CD's, DVD's etc. Since the 05 Reunion, the PX items on the web ([www.281stahc-assn.org](http://www.281stahc-assn.org)) have been updated--thanks to B.P. It will be difficult to top Sir Gary's 2005 reunion. Currently we are doing an Arial recon, and with your suggestions the reunion committee is committed to give it our best shot. E.T.A. 2 Aug. 06.

I donated two copies of the book "Privileges of War", discussing the 281st AHC, to two libraries. A newspaper covered the story and I had forwarded a copy to the author, Tom Ross. He was pleased with the positive coverage and is willing to contribute additional copies of the book to anyone else in the 281st who wants to make similar donations. Any additional press coverage

that will come about due to these donations should be forwarded to Tom as well.

Wishing all a Merry Christmas and a safe Holiday Season, Praying for those in harm's way,

Jay Hays  
Senior Member @ Large

### ***Chaplain's Corner***

This is a poem written by Maj. Michael O'Donnell and sent to his friend Marcus Sullivan just two months before his helicopter was shot down on a rescue mission. His body was never recovered. Decades later this poem is read and cherished by thousands of Vietnam veterans and their families. I found it in a condensed version of War Letters written by Andrew Carroll. I'd like to share it with you all now. If you have seen it before some things bear repeating.

If you are able  
save a place for them  
inside of you. . .  
and save one backward glance  
when you are leaving  
for the places they can  
no longer go. . .  
Be not ashamed to say  
you loved them,  
though you may  
or may not have always. . .  
Take what they have left  
and what they have taught you  
with their dying  
and keep it with your own . . .  
And in that time  
when men decide and feel safe  
to call this war insane,  
take one moment to embrace  
those gentle heroes  
you left behind. . .

Marge and I would also like to extend our wishes to you and your families for a safe, blessed Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Norm Kaufman  
281<sup>st</sup> AHC Assn. Chaplain



## **The Membership Chairman**

Membership is "SLOWLY" growing and the finding of new intruders has really fallen off, in the area of "new" finds. In fact we have gained in membership new members to make a total of "328"!! Of course with the additional duties/responsibilities I really have not had much time to work much on searches for guys since last June. I will be going to start a big run using a search program to see what I can do to get more guys found and back in touch with their friends from a long time ago. This is my priority after the first of the year.

The next thing I want to discuss is in order for us to keep in touch with you, I must have current personal information, so we can get the information passed on to you guys. I have been updating the FOUND roster and also the UNFOUND listing. I have mad several changes to both in updates and added names. I'm finding that a lot of folks are moving, changing E-mail address and telephone numbers, which make contact of any sort is just about out of the question.

PLEASE keep your information on the master roster up to date.

### ***Not membership but noteworthy information:***

It is coming upon the end of 2005 and in January 2006, your dues are due. Please remit promptly as I will be very busy after the first of the year trying. To find more guys and also the 2006 reunion plan will be going on. I'm very thankful for ones that did pay their 2006 dues with their Reunion Registration form. So after you read this, get your dues in the mail as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continuing support, to the 281st AHC Association!!

Have a safe and joyous holiday season!!!!  
From me to you!!

Gary Stagman  
Chairman, Membership Committee

## **Notes and Comments**

***Note: Quite a number of the following were emails extracted from the Association Hq and Chat Nets concerning Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. To my knowledge none of our numerous members who live in the effected areas suffered significant damage or any injuries. For that we can be thankful. - Fred***

***The following in an email off the Association Hq Net from Past President Jack Green. Jack lives in Louisiana and describes his feelings***

## ***witnessing events in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.***

Date: Sat, 10 Sep 2005  
From: JWG3RD@aol.com  
Subject: The Sweet Sounds of Whop Whop Whop

It is extremely hard to grow old and watch others do what all of us did so many years ago. Baton Rouge has become the Siagon of the relief efforts with every conceivable type of helicopter in the world paying its respects to those of us who can only watch and remember. Some of the newer type I really can't identify, but others will raise the hairs on the back of my neck. Hueys, 47s, all the Sikorsky series, Rangers, H-13s, Loch's, Blackhacks and even a couple of civilian CH-34s. I live right off I-10 on the way to New Orleans and I would guess that 100 flights a day pass over, almost routine.

I have talked to John Hyatt who is in the local FEMA HQ and we will try to touch base soon. I might even let him in the Jacuzzi tub, Fangs have to be watched.

There is not a need to get into a pissing contest about who did what, just let me say that all is working now like a well paid Nha Trang house girl, oops I almost forgot, not everyone got to suffer in the Villa and knew how rough it was.

Just a little update from this old Intruder, I sure miss the sounds and smells of that OD chariot. - Jack Green Mardi Gras 26

### ***From John Hyatt in response to Jacks email.***

Date: Sun, 11 Sep 2005  
From: "jhyatt\_76201" <jhyatt53@airmail.net>  
Subject: The sweet sounds of Whop Whop Whop

Jack,

I'm down in NO for a while. We have our mobile C&C equipment on the pier at the base of the Iwo Jima, supporting VADM Allen.

We are also setting up a Joint Operations Center in the Royal Sonesta on Bourbon St for the NOPD and the FBI. In fact about 15 of my guys are living in the hotel - no water or toilets - but it has power and ac.

The French Quarter was barely affected. In fact the power is coming back on and I wouldn't be surprised if the clubs started opening soon. Man, you are right. I just stand there with envy watching the helicopters. However, I was not too happy when the H-53 on the Iwo hovered over my Portable Ku Band Satellite dish and blew it over - to the tune of about \$50K. Reckon I can get the crew to pay for it?

I'll try to give you a call when I get back to BR. - John

**Notes and Comments (con't)**

***Next is an email from our intrepid Treasurer Brian Paine, who resides in Houston, in response to a message from Jack Interstein way up der in Joysey. Brian mentions "Chester", a B-52 Recon vet residing in the Houston area.***

Message: 16 Date: Thu, 22 Sep 2005  
 From: "Brian W. Paine" <bpaine@hal-pc.org>  
 Subject: Rita

BP, What did u do to ur home to prepare for this? JINT

Well...let's see....an M-60 on each corner with a 270 degree angle of fire....claymores...lots of claymores and land mine up to 30 yards out. I have Chester's "B" cell phone number on speed dial

Interior....I'm putting 100,000+ negatives and slide in "water proof" containers...I've backed up my computers...for the most part and have made arrangements to store the stuff over at the hospital where Marilyn works....getting things up off the floors as much as possible and impotent stuff to the second floor.

Pictures...lots of pictures...as a matter of fact, I'm taking a picture of my office area now...and one after the storm and using the worst one for the insurance adjuster. It ought to be interesting, but either way, I assure you it will fit in the definition of a disaster area.

My fish?...I've rounded them all up, branded them with the BP brand and affixed self opening parachutes on them. If you find one, hold on to it...there's a reward!

Food ? For those of you who have harassed me over the years about my weight, I've got at least three months supply. After that, the pantry's full...well, sorta...got chips goobers, peanut butter and ice cream...figured it would be safer in there in case the power to the refrigerator goes out.

I'll probably survive the storm, but will have to be taken away by the white coats if the computer stays off line too long. I was going to stay with dad, but he hauled ass to Europe or some where. Next time I'm just going to show up at his door without prior warning !!!

EB evac'ed to Lake Charles area and now the storm has changed directions and heading that way...Just another hot woman after his ass I guess.

And the piece der resistance.....I've volunteered my serviced to be a day care worker at the hospital to take care of all the nurses' kids they can't leave at home...When we get through having our fun....the parents will figure out the kids would have been safer at home !!! We're gonna break into the supply room and see what kind of toys we can make out of needles, IV tubes, etc...DAMN !! this is going to be fun !!!!

Any other questions ? I've got to go hold a prayer meeting for my fish...I may be back later... BP

***From another Houstonian.... Earl Broussard, Gumbo eat'in Louisiana Cajun, 2004 Intruder of the Year and Wolf Pack warrior.***

From: Earl Broussard (ebroussard@houston.rr.com)  
 To: Brian Paine  
 Subject: Our Evacuation for Rita

Howdy to All,

We were given a mandatory evacuation order on Thursday last and we departed for higher & safer ground. Well, we thought of going to the North but looking at the highways in and around Houston I decided to go to Louisiana, Lake Charles. We got there with a pretty uneventful trip and the storm decided to follow me. I guess Dave Bittle wasn't wrong when he called me "Magnet Ass" and a few choice other choice words. I was at my sister's home, they received water damage and wind, and we decided we needed to go further West so we went to her son's place to weather the storm. We all did well and we played a lot of Buray!!! We had two generators and we continued to cook and eat well, though it was quit hot without air. Hey, we must all suffer. I know some on this list that may have suffered extensive damage to their homes and I hope they lost no one in their families. To them, "God Bless You and may he sooth your heart."

Now back to my dribble. The buray games continued and money passed hands and we had a pretty good get together. My family is a strange bunch, we kind of follow the slogan, "Lese le bon ton Rolle", " let the good times roll." We got up this morning "Sunday" and seen that the roads were passable and we struck out for home, "Baytown", you know the place that gave a mandatory evacuation order. We arrived home and found that power never was off and the only damage we have was a few leaves around our entry way. I am glad that we have a home to return to and to those that don't you know my number and if I can help let me know, we have you in our prayers and may the good Lord bless you all as he has spared us. We have beds, floor, & AC and what ever condiments we may need to continue the buray games. – Earl and Darlene

*Following is an email with attachment, to a group of friends (including me), from Marshall (Hawk) Hawkins. It's rather long but well worth a read.*

Guys:

I had an old high school buddy of mine pass away from Agent Orange related cancer last week and the widow ask me to speak at the funeral.

Attached please find the paper I spoke from at the funeral. Although it didn't come out exactly as I had written it, (it never does) I got the major points out and it was well received. I spoke contemporaneously on the over use of the word hero at the beginning and spoke to his grandkids at the closing telling them that their grandpa was a bona fide war hero. Following the service, I was overwhelmed with comments and questions from both Veterans and civilians. Veterans said "You were right on the money!" Civilians responded with, "I had no idea!" I have since thought of dozens of things I could have said or said differently but second guessing has always been a fault of mine. Oh well! Hope this sheds some light on how Fred became so screwed up. LOL - Hawk

John Hanson War Service Remarks

By Marshall Hawkins

September 26, 2005

I am here today to tell you some facts you may not know. John Hanson is a hero, not only to his family and friends but to his nation.

How do I know? I played ball with John in High School. He was a year older than I and went off to college and I didn't see him again until a couple of years later in Officer Candidate School. Although we were at different stages of training, we helped each other with that very difficult course. I was commissioned and assigned to an Artillery outfit there at Ft. Sill. Sure enough, 3 or 4 months later, 2LT John M. Hanson reported to the same unit. I don't recall exactly how long he stayed there before he reported for flight school but it was quite a while before I followed him to flight school. I didn't see him again until several years later when he shows up at the Reserve unit I was in, looking for a job flying helicopters. I hired him on the spot. I flew quite often with John and during these times became much closer than we had ever been.

John never spoke much about his service, particularly to those who would have been overly concerned or those that just wouldn't understand. Even with those of us sharing common experiences, he would rather talk about other aviators and how gutsy they were than to talk about his own experiences.

Army aviators, as a group, were the craziest bunch of guys in the whole armed services during the Vietnam period. Most of these guys, fresh out of high school, went through nine months of flight school, one month leave and then straight to Vietnam. Suddenly they are put in charge of high dollar machines and people and tasked with the huge responsibility of providing support to people on the ground whose very lives depended upon this support.

Even without the War, it would have been tough staying alive. Not only was there the technical problems of flying the machine in hot, thin air, balancing fuel and ammunition weight loads to make sure you could get to the AO and still have enough ammo to do the job but you also had mountains and triple canopy jungle to contend with.

Charley didn't hang out much in easy-to-reach places. They liked the mountains with the cover provided by the jungle where they could see and hear you but you couldn't do the same.

The weather was a nightmare also. It would change up in those mountains real quickly. What would start off to be a clear, sunny day would suddenly become a severe thunderstorm with updrafts and downdrafts of biblical proportions or fog banks from the ground all the way to heaven and no place to land, even if you wanted to.

Oh did I mention, people were also shooting at you?

Yep, these boys became men overnight. John was probably a 21 year old First Lieutenant when he went over and came home a 22 year old Captain. And not just your normal 22 year old. His experiences made him mature far beyond his years.

But back to Army aviators in general.

It took a special breed of soldier to fly helicopters in a combat zone. Some took on an air of invincibility, figuring that there was no way of hiding from the "bullet with your name on it" so why worry. Others of us, John included, recognizing that there were a lot of bullets out there addressed "To Whom It May Concern" and went about our business of getting the job done without the Snoopy

scarf or the handle-barred mustache.

But get the job done, we did. Some call it "Mission Accomplishment", some call it "Professionalism" but in all my long years in the service I have never met a more professional group of young men than those Vietnam era Army Aviators. They got the job done.

But this sense of "Mission Accomplishment" didn't come without a price.

Some facts:

Out of the 8,744,000 that served in uniform during the Vietnam War, 3,403,100 served in SE Asia. Of those, 2,594,000 actually served in country. Another source estimates that 40,000 pilots and probably a like number of crewmembers served in Vietnam which represents only 3% of the total people serving there. Yet, of the 58,148 who died during the war, 4,906 (or 8.44%) were Army Aviators and crewmembers. A far greater ratio than most other branches or services.

The Infantry, by far the largest group represented on the Wall (18,465 or 32%) had considerably more people in the field than Army Aviation and without diminishing their sacrifices, I believe Army Aviation can legitimately take its place up there with the Infantry in Those Who Gave All.

Vietnam was a Helicopter War. The Infantry would experience long periods of inactivity followed by anywhere from 3 minutes to a week of stark terror but in every instance, there was a helicopter in the air anytime a bullet was fired in anger. We took them in, we provided protective fires and we got them out. That was our job.

John was a professional. He did his job. But one thing about the Vietnam era pilot and I suspect guided John is his closing days, is that he dealt with his mortality a long time ago. He wasn't afraid of death. He only wanted to postpone it for as long as he could. From the day he boarded that airplane at Danang and it rose above small arms range, John figured that he had dodged another bullet and every day from that day forward was a gift from God. He knew that the "bullet with his name on it" would catch up with him eventually but when it did, he would go down with as much dignity as he could muster and he could look back with no regrets.

John is a hero. I don't know what kind of awards and decorations he received from his tour in Vietnam, whether or not he was properly recognized for his service at the time but I do know what he did there, just by virtue of his job description, and can tell you that he served his country in a manner that most others can not even imagine. He is a hero in any sense of the word.

***For the last couple of years Brian Paine has been hosting a Christmas Party at his Houston home. It has been thoroughly enjoyed by those fortunate to have attended. Following are a few remarks gleaned from Assn email.***

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2005

From: Jeffrey Murray

Subject: [HQ\_281AHC] Christmas Party

Just thought I'd pass on my thanks to Brian for hosting, once again, his annual Christmas Mini Reunion. The food was great, the companionship greater, the weather perfect. All we needed was a few more Intruders. Those of you that missed Friday night's Rudi's gathering missed an awesome Jaegerschnitzel followed by a glass of Rudi's twice-yearly homemade Gluhwein. Finally, don't judge Brian by his physique, that guy can really cook. Even Chester was in awe. - Jeff

From: Hawk Hawkins<Marshall@govfinok.com>

Subject: Christmas Party

I second Jeff's comments and wholeheartedly concur with his assessment. Except for the incessant interruptions of my stories for such trivial announcements as "Lunch is served" and "Dinner is served", a large time was had by all. Thanks Brian and please pass on to your lovely (and skinny) wife Marilyn our appreciation for the hospitality. - Hawk

***Here's an email to Brian Paine from Barc Boyd, Wolf Pack 36 (1967), with Brian's response and his words about the Xmas party. Enjoy....***

Date: Tue, 13 Dec 2005

From: CURMUDGEON <icihicpcl@earthlink.net>

Subject: LOST SOUL??????

LIMA CHARLIE!

HEY BRIAN! WHAT THE F\_\_K IS GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE? ARE YOU OKAY? IS THERE ANYTHING THAT I MAY BE ABLE TO DO?

BARC

Date: Tue, 13 Dec 2005 10:14:27 -0600

From: "Brian W. Paine" &lt;bpaine@hal-pc.org&gt;

Subject: LOST SOUL??????

Yes sir...git yer butt to my party sometime !!! "dad" wants you in St Louis in March to help us with the reunion planning. All's fine...just bin busy here...

Speaking of the party...Gates opened at noon...Jeff and his friend and Hawk crashed the gates at 10:30a...( the girls went shopping at Ace Hardware before they showed up) made breakfast for them...scrambled eggs, ham, blueberry muffins and coffee...food in the mouth prolongs the inevitable Hawk story...He did, however, hold court after more guests arrived. They lit a fire in the pit around 11a and it kept going until nearly midnight when the last ones left. The fish were armed and dangerous so no one brought out the fishing poles. Among the guest were: Lee Brewer and Micki (SP)...Butch Jones and Jackie...Jeff and Janie...Bob and Candi (Jeff's friends)...Hawk...Earl and Darlene...Chester and Alice with Daniel...Jay Graves and Beverly...Ed Duke and Anita...Scott Arthur (our official MC) and a host of local friends. Around noon we had cheese fondue with boiled shrimp and an assortment of beer. (BTW...Butch consumed most of the egg nog...we had to put a fence around it to keep him away from it!) Munchies during the afternoon as more guest arrived and then around 7p we had a BBQ buffet. Gerry Elliott (a friend who works at NASA ) and his wife Caroline arrived in the afternoon and significantly added to the party. Gerry brought his guitar but was reluctant to bring it inside so Chester and Jay escorted him to his car and made sure he returned with it.He played and sang and assured himself a permanent place on the invitation list. ( as long as he brings Caroline with him! ). Everyone who was there is insisting on his return. It was a long day but not long enough. Start now making plans for next year. Mom and Dad have already committed !!

SPECIAL THANKS TO JANIE AND CANDI FOR ALL THEIR HELP. SEEMS THEY WERE A PERMANENT INSTALLATION AT THE KITCHEN SINK!

*This from Jack Mayhew.....*

#### OPERATION TROOP SUPPORT

Since 9-11, Intruders, their families and friends have been active in the support of our deployed troops. First in Afghanistan with the 160<sup>th</sup> and now P Troop in Iraq. Last spring P Troop was deployed to Iraq as the air element of the 4/3 ACR under the command of Captain Mike Rush son of Jay Rush, Bandit 22, 1970. When the troop deployed we picked them up as our supported unit and through the generosity of the 281<sup>st</sup> family and supporting friends Intruders have sent hundreds of packages, letter and birthday cards. In addition several of the troopers have been adopted by supporting individuals. Norm Kaufman and John Galkiewicz organized their churches and provided tremendous support to the troops. P Troop is scheduled to return home in the spring of next year. For those that would like to send cards of support and or packages the upcoming birthdays for the Troopers are listed below.

CW2 Carey A. Blake	13 JAN
SGT Yosier Castillo	21 DEC
CW2 Lee Ellis	31 JAN
CW3 Mark A. Herman	30 JAN
SPC Nicholas Kaniasty	24 FEB
SPC John Mott	12 JAN
CW2 Chris Myers	24 JAN
CW2 Andrew Pohl	8 DEC
SGT Jesus Torres	18 JAN
CW2 Matt Weinrich	31 JAN

The Troop address is: Captain Mike Rush  
P Troop, 4/3 ACR  
Camp Striker  
APO AE 09379

***Another message from Jack....***

As you may or may not know Joan, wife of our VP Darryl Stevens recently suffered a stroke. Talked to Darryl tonight and he reports that she is progressing nicely and on her way to a full recovery. Right now her main concern is getting full use of her right hand so that she can continue to work on the 281 AHC crest that she is making as a centerpiece for the 06 reunion. Darryl is her primary care giver and is holding up well. Cards, flowers and phone calls are welcome. JM

Darryl's Address: Darryl & Joan Stevens, 225 Lonely Oaks Lane, Killeen TX, 76542-5657  
Tel: 254-526-4053 Email: [dstevens12@hotmail.com](mailto:dstevens12@hotmail.com)

***And finally.... The last word from Jack Mayhew, whom BP calls "Dad".....***

**2006 REUNION**

The 281<sup>st</sup> AHC reunion for 2006 will be held in Saint Louis at the Crown Plaza hotel on August 2-5. The Planning committee will meet in Saint Louis on March 1, 2006 to finalize the reunion, coordinate events and make a 2008 site recommendation to the EB. (2007 is set for Chicago the "Windy City" and will be organized and sponsored by the one and only Bill Cnota) The March planning meeting is open to any member, regular or honorary who would like to assist. If you can spare the time join us and help make 2006 the best reunion so far. Thanks to Gary Stagman and his team 2005 will be hard to top.

**TROOP SUPPORT**

The 281<sup>st</sup> AHC + Friends continues to be very active with packages arriving almost ever day. Two reports from Mike Rush who commands the Troop and is the son Jay and Joyce Rush:

*"We are still receiving packages, nearly every day, and at a high volume. The support from home is phenomenal. The Troop is preparing to provide security to polling sites during the Iraqi National Election in December. This is the most critical portion of our deployment, and all of our operations thus far have prepared the people and our unit to have success."*

*And a great message sent to Linda George:*

**Subject:** Thanks for the Great Package  
Linda,

*The package you sent was a huge hit with the men. Not an item in there was overlooked as the guys pawed through the box this morning. Some of them were excited to see the Baked Lays, saying, "Alright, health food!!"*

*I am so thankful for your support, and that of the 281st AHC. I was excited when my Dad found the organization, as I know he enjoys sharing the memories, and being in communication with so many proud patriots. Your husband's sacrifices for the good of our nation will never be overlooked, and it is great to know that he is honored alongside of our many heroes in Arlington.*

*Thank you so much for the package and the thoughtful card. May you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*Sincerely,  
Mike*

**REMEMBRANCE**

Your remembrance committee has been busy working the phones and nets to drum up support for our troops in Iraq. However least we forget that we have folks at home that need our support: With our President, Gary Stagman leading the way we have been able to help several individuals successfully process their VA claims and they are now getting their long overdue entitlements. Buck Yancey reminded us that we have one individual that needs our support. Buck's email follows:

*Hi everyone,*

*I want to ask a favor of all of you guys. We have an Intruder who needs our moral support. He is Don Duncan, and*



served with the 281st at the end -- in 1970, then went the 135th in the Delta area. Gary Stagman brought him to my attention in early 2004. I have written to him, and prayed for him and at his request for his daughter over the past year and a half. I just got a Christmas card from him, and he's got a new address (see at bottom) in MS he use to be in Central FL.

Don has been in prison since 96, and still has 4 more years to go. Yes, he broke the law, and he got caught. However, he is being a man about it, and fully accepts his punishment.

I would like to ask each of you to send him a Christmas card, with short letter to lift his spirits, and maybe make the days a little less long for him. As he told me last year, "it's down hill now," but these last 4 years of his sentence will in many ways be harder than the first 9 were because he can begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Anyway, he is one of us, and he is away from friends and family for another Christmas, so please give 30 minutes of your time, and share a little of your life with one of our own.

Sincerely, Buck

His new Address:

Donald Duncan 12442-051 2-B-L  
F.C.C Yazoo - Low  
P.O. Box 5000  
Yazoo City, MS 39194-5000

As Buck put it "he is one of us" Remember: We will leave no man behind

Merry Christmas and a health and prosperous 2006 to Intruders and their families everywhere. JM

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***Happy Holidays to All !!***

***And best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year !***

Fred Mentzer  
Editor

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***"Sure the LZ is secure, I'm whispering because I have a cold. Trust me."***

**281ST AHC ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
Established 4 July 1999



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