

281ST ASSAULT HELICOPTER COMPANY

"INTRUDERS"

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1965-1970

Company Newsletter No. 23

Spring 2005

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From The President, Reunion & Membership Chairman

Fellow Intruders,
The 8th annual reunion of the 281st AHC Association is coming up in only a few months time. This reunion is open to everyone who served with the unit to include those of you that were there before the 281st arrived, (6th Plt, 145th ALP, 2, 171st Avn Co to name a few). These early units were absorbed into the 281st to make it a complete unit and without their knowledge and experience, the 281st could not have been mission ready as fast as it was. This looks like the grand daddy of all our reunions and as I talk to many of the guys over the past weeks/months, they all assure me they plan on attending this years reunion, Most end the conversation with, "See you in St Louis in August".

I'll be glad when August gets here to see the culmination of all the hard work the reunion committee put in to make the reunion a success. Many things have been added to make this the best reunion ever.

On a sad note, Ray Oska resigned in February 2005 due to his being unable to continue serving as the association President. On behalf of the membership I extend our appreciation to Ray who devoted considerable time and effort towards the betterment of the association. Thanks Ray, we applaud you.

Reunion Chairman:

It's time to talk about the annual 281st AHC Association Reunion again. This year's reunion and General Membership Meeting will be held in St Louis, MO. Please see the Association Website www.281stahc-assn.org

for specific details on registration.

Final arrangements have been made for the 2005 Reunion to be held at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel in St Louis August 3 to August 7, 2005. Please visit the Assn web site to find a schedule of the planned events, the reunion registration, form and instructions for making your hotel reservations. In a few days I will be mailing all the up-to-date information to everyone on the roster.

The Association will host a open bar Hospitality Room this year during the entire reunion. Co-located with the hospitality room will be the well stocked PX.

On Friday night we will have one of the reunion highlights when one of the local casinos is brought to us for a night of fun and music. Play for fun on Friday and use the raffle tickets you get to bid on several very nice raffle items such as digital cameras, wooden model of a UH-1 Huey, Waterford crystal and much more that will be raffled on Saturday night.

I wonder what year(s) will show the largest attendance at this years 40th Anniversary of the activation of the 281ast AHC. Contact your buddies and make sure they know about the reunion and let's have a big turn out in St Louis.

Membership Chairman:

Membership is growing and the finding of new Intruders has really gained momentum in the area of "new" finds. In fact we have increased our membership to a total of **"312"**! The largest number of new finds is in the 1966 to 1968 era.

I still am begging for more information; old orders, roster, etc. I have received some information (since last NL) on guys in the 1969 timeframe. 1969 is the only year that I have almost no information to research for guys. As I talk to guys, I get directions and leads when they mention names in our conversations that have really paid off.

The next thing I want to discuss is current personal information. In order for the association to keep in touch with you, it must have current contact information. I'm finding lots of folks are moving, changing E-mail address and/or telephone numbers, without

notifying the association making contact with some individuals virtually impossible. **PLEASE** keep your information on the master roster up to date.

Once again, I would like to remind everyone the annual dues are payable on January 1st and delinquent after January 31st. All regular and associate members (except Life Members) are required to pay dues of \$25.00 per year. Members whose dues are not paid are not in "good standing" and forfeit their rights and privileges to vote, hold elected or appointed office, to serve on committees or to participate in general membership meetings. I urge those of you who have not paid your annual dues to do so and restore your membership status. We need your participation. Please contact the membership chairman if you have any questions concerning your membership status.

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

Gary L. Stagman

President

Reunion and Membership Chairman

"Meet me in St Louis"

The Senior Member@Large

It's time to start thinking about the 2005 Intruder of the Year, to be presented at the reunion in St Louis this August.

If anyone out there knows of anyone that they would like considered for the Intruder of the Year Award (IOYA) let me or someone on the Executive Board know.

"Guidelines: The following guidelines shall govern the selection of the IOYA recipient:

(1) There will be only one IOYA recipient annually.

(2) No individual shall receive the IOYA more than once.

(3) Only members of the Association shall be eligible to receive the IOYA.

(4) Monetary contributions to the Association alone shall not be sufficient basis for selecting an individual as IOYA recipient.

(5) Posthumous award alone shall not be sufficient basis for selecting an individual as IOYA recipient."

So if you know anyone who has done anything "Intruderlike", intentionally or not, let us know so their name(s) can be put before the Awards Committee.

Ken Hamilton
Senior Member@Large



† IN REMEMBRANCE †

Major SanleyJ (Rudy) Morud
Wednesday, February 25, 2004
CO 483rd Main Det (1966-67)

Raymond Kenneth Moncrief
Sunday, January 23, 2005
281st. Motor Pool NCO (1966-67)

Colonel A. John Miller
Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005
CO, 281st AHC (1968-69)

Donald Ray Hoskin
Monday, February 21 2005
Wolf Pack Door Gunner Jan - Dec 1970



The Chaplain's Corner

Well, here it is spring newsletter time again. It seems that time goes by faster with each passing year. Three patriotic holidays give all of us a chance to reflect on our great country. Memorial Day is just around the corner followed by Flag Day and then Independence Day. We also have the honor to remember those who have done their part in making this the best country in the world.

It doesn't seem like almost forty years ago that we were all young men in a place halfway around the world. I don't know about all of you but sometimes it seems like just yesterday to me but it really was a lifetime ago. One thing that stands out in my mind is the way we all had each other's welfare at the top of our priority lists. Today, we all have different occupations and diverse interests from that time in our lives.

Now is the time to remember all of the

Intruders whom never got to experience the things in life we have been able to enjoy. They made a supreme sacrifice so we could enjoy these latter years of our lives. We need to remember one phrase, "There but for the grace of God go I." I know in these times there are many who want to deny that God exists and some claim to be offended by the use of His name.

People ask why God left some die young and why some of us didn't. I don't really have a good answer to that question. I am also glad that God didn't charge me with making either of those decisions. I do know this, I am thankful that those young men who never got to be doctors, lawyers, mechanics, husbands or fathers were willing to defend this country. The best way for us to honor their memory is by living our lives to the fullest so that none of them would have died in vain. They gave up the dreams for their lives so that we could live ours. I, for one, will forever be in their debt.

Norm Kaufman
281st AHC Assn. Chaplain

The Remembrance Committee

The 281st AHC will meet again meet at The Wall on Memorial Day, Monday May 30th. We will meet early in the morning and place remembrance cards for each of our KIA/MIAs and at 3:00PM the 281st will, in association with No Greater Love, place the annual No Greater Love Wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns.

This year we will be represented by two of our honorary members, and two former members of the unit. If you are in the area or can make it please join us. Each year we increase our numbers at this annual event so please join us if you can. Simply look for the guidon, we will be close by.

Jack Mayhew
Chairman



6th Aviation Platoon

145th Aviation Platoon

These pre-1966 units were absorbed into the 281st when the company arrived in Nha Trang in 1966 (see unit history on the web).

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Editors Note: Regarding "Died After Tour" (DAT) announcements found in this newsletter, obituaries along with memorial messages can be found on the Assn Website "In Remembrance" section at:

http://www.281stahc-assn.org/remembrance/remem_html/remembrance_index.htm

(This address is a "hot link". In MSWord you can open the website by holding down the ctrl-key and clicking on URL, or by double clicking in the Adobe Reader)

A message from Honorary Member Kelly Mayhew, daughter of founding member Jack Mayhew. Kelly has been an "extrordinary force" in supporting the Assn, at Reunions, as well as events such as the following.

Hello,

Each year we meet at the Wall on Memorial Day to honor our fallen brothers from the 281st Assault Helicopter company and to continue the 281st belief that "A MAN IS NOT DEAD UNTIL HE IS FORGOTTEN," last year we placed a flower and card under the name of each of the 46 Intruders that we lost in South East Asia. The card contained their picture, if we have one, and a short biographical sketch for each individual.

This year I need your help. I would like to attach your personal message or remembrance to the flowers that we will again place under the name of each of our fallen heroes. Your message need not be long and you can write anything you wish. Your memories of the individual, your experiences with them and or just a note to the person letting him know that your are remembering him. This is one of the ones I'm going to write.

To: SSGT John Alan Ware

John, I have never met you but I feel as if I have. Your mother is a very special person and it was an honor meeting her. You don't have to worry about her as she is in good hands and watched over by your fellow Intruders.

Kelly Mayhew

This year along with the flower and card we will also make a wreath honoring the MIA/KIAs of the 281st. That will be placed in the remembrance area. If you can please join us at the wall as it is a trip the you will always remember. If you are planning on being in Washington D.C. over Memorial Day please let us know so we can all meet up at the same time.

Please email or mail me your notes or cards of remembrance as soon as you can.



Thank you,

Kelly Mayhew, 5055 Seminary Road, Apt 903, ALEXANDRIA VA 22311-2034 Tel: 703-566-1941

Email: Kellymayhew@aol.com

From Jack Mayhew, here is a "Support the Troops" email off of the 281st AHC-HQ chat net.

Date: Sun, 03 Apr 2005 From: Jack Mayhew <intruder06@comcast.net>

Subject: Support the troops

Here is a note from Capt Mike Rush. As you can see they lost no time in getting into Iraq and into the war. Mike has given us his address and I'm sure that he will distribute all packages equally among his Troop. I suggest that you send a note and picture with your packages along with a request for a photo, direct mail address and the individuals email address as each member of the troop has access to email. Let's support these guys the way we wanted to be supported in VN. Thanks, Jack

From Mike Rush:

I write as the Troop is about to mount up and get in the mix. We are not certain as to our mission or our living arrangements, but as per cav normalcy, that shouldn't be a problem.

I just wanted to drop you a little background on my troop. We are 32 troopers strong, with 18 aviators, and 14

enlisted, most of which are hard charging crew chiefs. As you may know, we fly the Kiowa Warrior (8 per Troop) and so our crew chiefs don't get the reward of flying that say a Blackhawk, Huey, or Chinook crew chief gets. They work non-stop to maintain the Operational Tempo that it takes to succeed in this fight, and as in any army unit, its the enlisted side that serves as the true heartbeat of the unit.

The pilots will fly over 100 hours per month in their duties here, which is most likely unmatched since Vietnam. You all were true heroes in that effort, and I am sure that my guys would love to hear from you and be involved in this sponsorship program. I have enjoyed the forwarded emails from my dad over the last few years, and I'm sure the guys here would as well.

CPT Mike Rush
P Troop 4/3 ACR
Camp Striker, APO AE 09379.

“Where is he now?” Jack Mayhew posed this question to a number of us from the 1967-68 time frame. He preposes a project to locate the whereabouts of Sei Moberg, Bob “Mo” Mobergs unofficially adopted son. Many 281st and Delta vets will remember Sei and he figures in a number of stories from that period. Those wishing to join in this project can contact myself, Jack Mayhew or Barc Boyd for details. – Fred Mentzer



Finally, what I consider an appropriate ending for the Spring Newsletter, an article from the Project Delta website: <http://www.projectdelta.net/history.htm> - Fred Mentzer, Editor

Remembering the 281st AHC

by Donald J. Taylor, Sergeant Major (Retired), U.S. Army Special Forces

Thinking back on it after all these years, I still have many fond memories of the 281st Assault Helicopter Company (AHC) pilots and crews I worked with during my two-year tour as a Reconnaissance Team Leader with Project Delta. As I remember it, when we were supported by the 281st, we knew that if we called for an emergency extraction, the 281st would frequently either recover us or die trying, and that can't be said for some of the other helicopter units that supported us.

During the Quan Loi deployment we didn't have 281st support, and an incident happened that caused us to really appreciate the 281st. Jerry Nelson was flying recovery for Edgar Morales' recon team when shots were fired while the team was still climbing the ladders. When the pilot heard the shots, he pulled pitch and hauled ass with Edgar less than halfway up the ladder. To make matters worse, Edgar had forgotten to snap his rucksack into the bottom rung and was attempting to climb with a heavy ruck on his back. He was between the proverbial rock and a hard place. It was all he could do to hang on for dear life with both hands. For him to either shed the ruck or snap in, he would have had to let go with one hand, and if he had done that he would surely have fallen off. Edgar didn't have the strength to hold on until the helicopter could reach an LZ and sit down, and he couldn't let go long enough to snap in, so he just hung there praying and waiting for a miracle.

Jerry understood all too well Edgar's plight and ordered the pilot to slow down. When the pilot refused, it is rumored that Jerry slid the muzzle of his CAR-15 up under the edge of the pilot's helmet, placed the muzzle behind the pilot's ear and asked him to reconsider his answer. (Jerry Nelson was never a man to mince his words.) The pilot immediately slowed down to 60 knots.

Then, in a trapeze act that would make any circus performer green with envy, Jerry went over the side and climbed down to Edgar, as the ladder flapped behind the helicopter in a 60 knot wind. Jerry flipped over to the opposite side of the ladder, reached through and snap-linked both Edgar and himself safely to the ladder. Edgar's prayers had been answered.

On the next deployment, out of An Hoa, we had 281st support and Kenny Wagner had a completely different experience during a very similar circumstance. Kenny had flown recovery to pick up a recon team from what had been a five-day dry hole in an AO somewhere in the mountains west of Thong Duc. However, as the team climbed

the ladders, they began to receive rifle fire from a ridgeline about 200 meters above and to the front of the helicopter, and the helicopter took about 15-20 hits before the gun-ships finally suppressed the fire. But this time, with a 281st crew on board, the pilot kept his ship in a smooth hover and didn't even wobble as bullets passed by his head and flying shards of plexi-glass and metal fragments pierced his face below his visor. Only when Kenny had told the pilot that all were aboard did the pilot, bleeding heavily from facial lacerations, pull pitch, lift up out of that hole and give them a wild treetop flight down that mountain and out of the AO. My memory partially fails me on this one, but I think the pilot's name was CPT Peterson.

Probably the greatest bit of flying expertise of the Vietnam War was when CWO-2 Donald Torrini, a 281st pilot, pulled Jerry Nelson out of the A Shau Valley. It is highly doubtful that if any helicopter unit other than the 281st had supported the Project during that deployment, a pilot would have gone to such an extreme effort to extract a recon team from what had appeared to be a hopeless situation.

Jerry had been inserted with his six man recon team to "snatch" a POW, and on the second day in, he saw an opportunity to do so. He had observed two and three man groups of NVA moving down a trail in one or two hour intervals and had decided to go for it. He selected a good ambush site beside the trail and moved his team into position to ambush the next group that came along.

However, the next group to come down the trail was a 15-man point element of a much larger NVA unit, and after a brief interval of the customary claymore popping, shooting, stabbing, kicking, and grenade chunking, Jerry had destroyed the point element and had his POW. Jerry's POW snatch technique was simply to try his level best to kill everyone in the kill zone and then look for a survivor; somehow, there always was at least one.

But now, Jerry had a company plus of pissed off NVA after him, as he drug his badly wounded POW toward his extraction LZ. As luck would have it, Jerry found his route blocked by a flanking NVA element, while the main NVA element pushed him towards the river and away from his LZ.

When Jerry arrived at the river, he found himself facing a 75-meter wide river too deep to ford, too swift to swim with gear and surrounded by triple canopy too thick and too high for either ladder or McGuire rig extraction. Near the river, the canopy thinned just enough for Jerry to obtain a "shiny" fix from Sheriff, and an extraction helicopter flown by Torrini, already on station, immediately descended into the trees to recover Jerry and his team. Torrini attempted to chop the treetops out with his rotor blades in order to get down low enough, but he failed.

By this time, Jerry was in a fierce fire fight to his front, most of his team was wounded, his back was to the river, extraction appeared to be impossible, and the enemy was too close to effectively use TAC air support. All seemed to be hopeless for Jerry and his team, but Torrini had not given up.

While Torrini had hovered high over Jerry's position trying to get down low enough to extract him, he had noticed that the trees, though thick along the river bank, only hung over the river and there was space enough under the tree branches and along the surface of the river for his helicopter to narrowly fit. Torrini flew up and down the river looking for a hole in the tree canopy over the river large enough for his helicopter to drop into until he finally found one about 500 meters down river from Jerry, and he dropped into it. Torrini put his skids in the water and flew his ship up river and under the overhanging tree branches, with his rotor blades, at times, only clearing the branches above by a few feet.

Jerry could not believe his eyes when the helicopter suddenly appeared behind him in the river, with its skids completely submerged, its troop deck awash in the swiftly moving water, and the M-60 delivering over head fire into enemy positions to his front. Torrini moved his helicopter as close to Jerry's team as possible, and with the rotor blade tips chewing into the bark of the tree trunks along the river bank, and the door gunner's M-60 firing closely over their heads, Jerry swam his team, with POW, the short distance out to and into the waiting helicopter.

But now there was another problem to deal with; there was not enough room to turn the helicopter around, and Torrini would have to back the helicopter out in reverse hover to return to the hole in the canopy that he had previously entered. As the gun ships made repeated runs down each side, Torrini slowly backed his helicopter down the river. All along the way, NVA continued to appear on the riverbank and were met by fire from the door gunners and from Jerry's team. By the time the helicopter finally reached the hole in the canopy and Torrini lifted them up and out of the river, both door gunners and Jerry's team had expended all of their ammo.

The helicopter was so badly shot up, and the rotor blades, transmission and engine were so badly damaged from tree strikes and enemy fire that Torrini determined that it probably would not make it back to Phu Bai. So he sat his faithful helicopter down in a clearing, transferred his crew and Jerry's team to other helicopters, and the brave little bird was destroyed in place; it was the only U.S. casualty of the day.

Who of us will ever forget being shot out of the hole and being extracted by McGuire rig? As the extraction helicopter was laboring to gain altitude and we were hanging helplessly on those ropes 120 feet below the ship, we would look to our front and see a 281st Charlie model gun ship coming straight at us with its mini-guns blazing. At first we would think, "Oh my God, he doesn't see me down here," but then we would notice that his tracers were passing under our feet and impacting on the LZ we had just departed. About that time he would pass under us so closely that we couldn't resist the urge to pick up our feet to let him by.

These 281st gun ships would continue making passes under us until we were at a safe altitude and well away from the hot LZ. If an enemy soldier had wanted to take a shot at us, he would have had to do it while dodging 281st bullets. When we were hanging there helpless and unable to defend ourselves, the 281st would place

themselves between us and those who would do us harm. No soldier could ever ask more from another.

Many other 281st extractions came close to the ones I have just related, and some were near disasters, but these are the ones that best represent the 281st support that I choose to remember. We were quite a team, Project Delta and the 281st AHC; the world will probably never see another like it.

ELECTION 2005-2006

I currently have the following nominations for 2005/06 and have communicated with each and they have accepted the nomination.

For Vice President - Darryl M. Stevens
For Junior Member-at-Large - Frank Little
For Treasurer - Brian Paine
For Secretary - Jeff Murray

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. The election process will be conducted in accordance with the **By-Laws, Article V, Sections 1 thru 7**. The 2005 Membership Election schedule is as follows:

Ballots will be mailed NLT **3 Jun 2005 (60 Days)**. All ballots are to be postmarked **NLT 3 Jul 2005** 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.

Jay Hays
Junior Member@Large

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

281ST AHC ASSOCIATION, INC.

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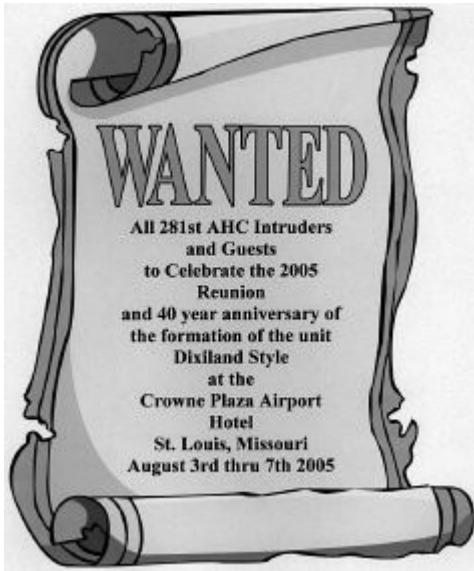
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APPOINTED OFFICERS

Awards - Jack Interstein
Membership Committee Chairman - Gary Stagman
Remembrance Committee Chairman - Jack Mayhew
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Commo Committee Chairman - Bob Mitchell
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Reunion Committee Chairman - Gary Stagman
Survivor Assistance Chairman - Marshall Hawkins
Memorabilia Sales Committee Chairman - Brian Paine
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Fred Mentzer



Flight,

The 281st AHC Association will be celebrating the 40th year anniversary of the formation of the 281st Assault Helicopter Company, Dixieland style in St. Louis, MO August, (Wed) 3rd to (Sun) 7th, 2005. In recognition of our service to our country, the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel has presented us with a package too good to refuse. In addition to shuttle service to and from the airport, local casinos, local malls and eateries, and the metro link rail to downtown, it is providing us with a boardroom and hospitality suite for our 4-day stay. We will also have a meeting room available for our Friday night and Saturday functions. The individual room rate for a double or single is \$59.00 per night. The hotel Contact number for reservations is: 1-314-291-6700 and ask for in-house registrations (daytime ask for Jill) and that you are registering for the 281st AHC reunion in August 2005 (**Use Code: AHC**).

NOTE: Registrations must be completed no later than July 3, 2005 to assure the reduced room rate of \$59.00 per night.

These rooms have been flight tested for quality and comfort by committee members and they far exceed the requirements set forth by our membership. This is one reunion that has been changed so you will never get bored or forget the good time and the program presentations. .

I have enclosed an outline of events. You can plan on early registration on Wednesday, an open bar in the hospitality suite for the duration of the reunion, two outstanding fee based tours, the usual golf tournament arrangements, a casino night, a raffle and banquet and many surprises. The registration form and sign-up are enclosed in this newsletter and can also be found on the Assn web site: www.281stahc-assn.org.

Please help us achieve the goal of at least 300 or more attendees. Call all your friends and see if you can get them to commit to 2005 in St Louis. I want to make this the best one yet!!

Make plans now to celebrate our 40th anniversary Dixieland style in St. Louis!

Gary L Stagman
2005 Reunion Committee Chairman

2005 281st AHC Association Reunion & 40th Anniversary Registration

Must be Mailed Not Later Than 30 Jun 2005

3 – 7 August 2005, Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, St Louis, MO (Room Rate \$59.00 nightly)

“Host Hotel reservation deadline is 3 July 2005 for reduced rates”

<u>Mem #</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>MI</u>
<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>ZIP</u>
			<u>() Home Phone</u>

INFORMATION FOR NAME TAG:

(Name) _____
 (Dates in country with the 281st AHC or an associated unit): _____

Guests' Name Tags: #1 _____ #2 _____
 (Extra Guests put on back side)

ATTENDING 281st Reunion: Registration Information

Member:	Reunion		\$ 100.00	\$ _____
Guests: (16 & up)	Reunion	#Guests _____ X	\$ 100.00	\$ _____
Children (11-15 yrs)	Reunion	#Guests _____ X	\$ 50.00	\$ _____
My 2006 Annual Membership Dues are enclosed			\$ 25.00	\$ _____

TOURS: (Must have 35 or more to book the tour) (Bus holds max 46 persons)

4 Aug 05 – Anheuser-Busch Brewery & Historic Tour (3 hr)	#Guests _____ X	\$ 19.00	\$ _____
5 Aug 05 – Sightseeing St Louis City Tour (6.5 hr)	#Guests _____ X	\$ 35.00	\$ _____

Registration for children 10 & under not required but encouraged. Parents responsible for meal costs. **TOTAL DUE** -----\$ _____

PAYMENTS: Check or Money Order made payable to **“281st AHC Association”**.

Please include your dues to help us keep the monies straight.

VOLUNTEER: Yes, I wish to volunteer !!!! I will be happy to do my share and assist with:
 Registration _____ As Required _____

MAIL THIS COMPLETED FORM ALONG WITH YOUR CHECK / MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

Gary L. Stagman
 281st AHC Association
 2525 Revers Route
 Granite City, IL 62040-6148 Tel: 618-797-1336 Email: Cooter@charter.net

How many interested in participation in golf outing: _____

Please use the area below for specific comments or requests:



281st AHC Association
40th Anniversary and 2005 Annual Reunion
Crowne Plaza Airport hotel
St Louis, MO

Wednesday: August 3, 2005

Registration in Hotel Lobby 1000 to 1500
PX & Hospitality Suite Opens 1000 to 2400 or later
Sightseeing, visiting and meals on your own

Thursday: August 4, 2005

Registration in Hotel Lobby 1000 to 1500
PX & Hospitality Suite Opens 0900 to 2400 or later
EB meeting 1600 PM board room ...
Sightseeing, visiting and meals on your own
Busch Brewery & Historic Tour (1:00 – 4:30 PM) (3 Hrs,
\$19.00 per person, seating limited per bus)

Friday: August 5, 2005

Registration in Hotel Lobby 1000 to 1200
Golf Outing (Contact Mile Fellenz and/or Jim Torbert)(9 AM?) Tentative
PX & Hospitality Suite open 0900 to 1600 (Will reopen after Casino Nite)
City Tour & Lunch Tour (9:00 AM – 3:30 PM)(6.5 Hrs,
\$35.00 per person, seating limited per bus) (includes trip up Arch or see
Movie)
Portraits 1700 until ...
17:30 – 18:30 Roving Banjo Player outside of casino area. (1 Hour)
Cash Bar set up outside of Casino area. 17:30 – 22:30
Training School 1830 – 1915 (for Craps and Poker playing)
Casino Nite 1930-1030 (Craps, Roulette, Black Jack, etc) with 5 Piece
Dixieland Band, Caricaturist and Quick Draw Artist.

Saturday: August 6, 2005

General Membership Meeting 0900 to 1000
Memorial Service 1030 to 1130
Deli Lunch Buffet (Hosted) 1230 to 1430
Hospitality Suite opens after lunch until 1600
Cash bar 1800 – 22:30
Association Banquet and raffle at 1900 ...
PX & Hospitality suite reopens after Banquet

Sunday: August 7, 2005

FAREWELL - PX & Hospitality suite open in AM
Check out and return home

Have a safe trip home and see you next year!!!