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## 281<sup>st</sup> Recognized and Honored at Ft Bragg, North Carolina on 25 March 2011



On 25 March 2011, a standup ceremony forming the Army Special Operations Aviation Command (ASOAC) was held on Ft Bragg's Meadows Field. This occasion took place in front of Headquarters, Army Special Operations Command, Ft Bragg NC. During his remarks the ASOAC Commanding General, BG Kevin W. Magnum made reference to the 281<sup>st</sup> AHC as the first Special Operations Helicopter Company. He pointedly acknowledged the presence of association members attending. The 281<sup>st</sup> owes a special debt of gratitude to CW5 David Cooper, Command Warrant Officer ASOAC. It was through his efforts and research that the 281<sup>st</sup> AHC was recognized and honored.

*(More to follow in this newsletter and on the association website: <http://281st.com> Bulletin Board)*

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

This will be a short note from me. Do not forget the most important event of the year: The 2011 Intruder (only) Reunion at the St. Louis Airport Crown Plaza Hotel! The registration form and all the details are in this newsletter.

Several of us have volunteered to help Vice President and Reunion Chairman Ed Haas in increasing the participation in Intruder Reunion 2011. We are calling on all members to contact other 281<sup>st</sup> members or those who served with us in your area to encourage them to attend. For example, I am calling those in Northern California and others are taking the regions they live in. I want to challenge all members to attend in 2011, and for those who have attended regularly please call an Intruder you know and try to get him and his family to attend. Please coordinate with Chairman Ed Haas if you are willing to take a whole state or a region. The 281<sup>st</sup> Roster is located in the "Members Area" under the "Morning Report" then "Present and Accounted For" section. Please help us make the stand-alone Intruder 2011 Reunion the best attended ever.

At the February meeting of the 281<sup>st</sup> Executive Board a committee was established, and I volunteered to Chair that committee to help with the restoration of the 281<sup>st</sup> AHC Helicopter: **UH-1H 67-17146** that I introduced in the Winter Association Newsletter #44. The former 281<sup>st</sup> helicopter is owned by the Solano Community College in Fairfield, CA and located at the Nut Tree Airport in Vacaville, CA where the college's FAA Certification program for Airframe & Power Plant (A&P) Mechanics class is held. There is no commitment for or need for funds from the 281<sup>st</sup> AHC Association for this restoration. The intent and purpose of this new 281<sup>st</sup> Committee is to lend expertise and in-kind service to the college as they seek a means to raise funds for the restoration. As I previously stated the helicopter is still in it's original configuration as an un-restored but 97% complete aircraft. If you are interested and/or have knowledge that will help the project along please contact me directly at [ksmith9146@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ksmith9146@sbcglobal.net) or call me at 916-201-6965.

I hope to see you all in August at Intruder Reunion 2011 at the Crown Plaza Airport Hotel in St. Louis! Call a 281<sup>st</sup> buddy and bring him along too!

*Ken Smith  
President*

## ***The Vice speaks....***

It is customary for your VP and Reunion Committee Chairman to use this space in the Spring Newsletter to formally kickoff the effort to get all of you to attend the annual reunion. Let me assure you that this year will not be an exception. But first I would like to address the question of whether it was worthwhile for the 281<sup>st</sup> AHC Association to have a representative contingent at the Army Special Operations Aviation Command (ARSOAC) Standup Ceremony at Ft. Bragg on March 25, 2011. The answer is a resounding **YES!!** I don't know if the event organizers originally intended to pay as much attention to the 281<sup>st</sup> AHC as the "Army's First Special Operations Helicopter Company" but the fact remains they did. It must have been the sight of those 12 Old, Fat Bald Guys wearing Intruder hats sitting in the front row. Regardless, both LTG Mulholland and BG Mangum took time to shake hands and talk with the group. Both generals couldn't ignore the sight of Jack Mayhew's G Company Intruder hat and BG Mangum was especially interested in the "hat swap" and the 281<sup>st</sup> AHCA's relationship with the G Company Intruders since he was the Commander of the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division (Rear) at Ft. Drum when they deployed to Afghanistan.

Well, it is time to get back to updating you on the 2011 Intruder Reunion. Let me assure you that your Reunion Committee is hard at work completing preparations to make this reunion as successful as the past Intruder Reunions. Remember this is an **"all Intruder Reunion"**. It will be held in St. Louis at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel from **Wednesday August 3, 2011 to Sunday August 7, 2011**. The Registration Packets have been prepared and will be mailed to all Intruders on the current mailing list. The Registration Form and Reunion will also be available from the 281<sup>st</sup> AHCA website ([www.281st.com](http://www.281st.com)).

Once again, there will be two great banquets – Friday's "FOB St. Louis" theme banquet and Saturday's Farewell banquet with a special Guest Speaker, a fully stocked Hospitality Room with plenty of food and drink, a "St. Louis Concierge Desk" to help plan "free time", a Saturday Wives Brunch, Golf Outing, and the hit Wine Tasting Event. This year's optional Thursday activity is "Dinner and a Show" at the St. Louis MUNY (world famous summer musical theatre) for \$60 per person. All this is available plus room rates of \$60+tax per night and free local transportation by the host hotel.

So don't hesitate!! Get out that checkbook and send in that completed Registration Form and join your fellow Intruders for a fun week of camaraderie and memories. The only thing keeping this from

being a great Reunion is **YOU** not being there. **See you in St. Louis and don't forget to bring a fellow intruder!!**

*Ed Hass  
Vice President*

### **A word from the JM@Large....**

The nominations are now open. In advance of the next annual reunion, August 3 through August 7, the Association will conduct the annual election of officers. As the Junior Member at Large, it is my responsibility to conduct the election. In so doing I am accepting nominations prior to sending out ballots. There are only two positions to be filled this year, and those are Vice President and Junior Member at Large. Nominations are open to all dues current members, and you may nominate another member or you can even nominate yourself. Please consider active participation in the operation of the Association by either stepping up to put your name into nomination, or by submitting the name of someone else who has agreed to serve.

To be successful, meaningful, and rewarding, the Association needs active support from all members with your time and effort as well as your money. Of course things work best when the effort is shared by a broad base of members not just the few. If you haven't served before now, please jump in this time and give it a shot.

You can contact me with nominations at:

jimbaker@triad.rr.com  
336-288-6659  
336-337-6254 (mobile)

*Jim Baker  
Junior Member@Large*

### **And now the Bean Counter....**

Now that tax season is over I can start working with Don Torrini and Gary Stagman on the collection and depositing of reunion fees and dues. The latter is a non-paid job and for that matter so is the former. Being a retired accountant all the tax work I get is from immediate family, relatives and friends and they don't pay to well.

Last year at this time I explained our procedures regarding the fees and dues so I won't go into it again. However if anyone has questions don't hesitate to contact me.

Looking forward to another reunion and especially excited that it is back to the 281st only. See you there.

*Jerry "Fred" Beck  
Treasurer*

### **Thoughts from the Past Prez....**

#### **"Thoughts from the Past"**

I was still a young man. My tour of duty with Uncle Sam had been accomplished, a well deserved three month trip to Europe with my good friend was completed, and I started work in a real job. The job was Director of Admissions at Maryville College, a small women's liberal arts college located in St. Louis.

I, just home from the war, and getting paid to work at a women's college. Was this a real case of the "fox in the hen house"? I needed a place to live and found an old friend who had just gotten out of the Navy and we got an apartment to share. He had been in St. Louis for some time and was great advice on things to do and places to go. He had season tickets to the Blues (the St. Louis Hockey Team). We went to lots of Cardinal games as you could set in the bleachers and cold beer was only 50 cents.

One of the things we decided to do together was buy season tickets to the "Muny". It was one of the greatest things St. Louis had to offer. Broadway shows in the wonderful outdoor theater in Forest Park. I had my tickets for three years before I left the city to relocate for another job. I still very fondly remember seeing many great shows, most right from Broadway, in the open air theater.

This year y'all will get the chance to experience this wonderful theater. It is on my "top ten things to do" in St. Louis. We always had a drink before the show at the Fox and Hounds Tavern in Clayton. Sorry, the tavern has closed, but you can enjoy a cold one before the show starts at the "Muny".

My thoughts from the past would not be complete with out remembering someone I will really miss this year. Ilona was a joy to behold. She was always smiling, never met a stranger, and brought happiness to everyone she knew. She and Buck were remarkable in their support of the 281<sup>st</sup>. They hosted the first scholarship board meeting at their home. She was responsible for the gifts that were presented to all the ladies in attendance at the reunion. And, their support of many members at the reunion which they chose to do in a private manner. Ilona and I had a little fun saying between us. I am not sure who started it, but I will always remember that beautiful smiling face looking up at me and saying "okie, dokie".

Here's to you "Okie, Dokie".

*Jim "MOM" Torbert  
Immediate Past President*

## ***The Senior Member@Large....***

Well spring has come to the mid-west this I know as we had a tornado pass within 1/2 mile of our house today. No damage just took about an hour to get the trees out of the road to get home. Summer can't be far behind and that means St Louis and reunion time. My main duties as SML is to get the name of a member for the Intruder Of the Year Award. He is to be a member who has went above and beyond the call to make the Association what it is today. Anyone can contact a member of the EB with a name and why you think this person should receive IOYA. The award will be given at Saturday night banquet in St. Louis.

Also as a member of the reunion community I have been asked to head up the Thur. night trip. This year the St Louis Muny is the LZ for our mission. I believe this will be a fun evening for all. The entertainment will be the musical Seven Brides for Seven Brothers. This is a very funny and fast pace show that I am sure you will enjoy. We will also be treated to a back stage tour of the Muny. If you have ever been in any kind of production in the past you will find this enjoyable. It has been several years ago when I took the tour, but when watching the show you can relate to things that you have seen. They even take you out on the stage at one point. When I was talking with the tour director about doing this I told them we might have people who would have trouble with stairs etc.

No problem the whole tour has no stairs, only ramps and if we had people in wheel chairs to let them know and they would have someone there to help them on the ramp. The evening includes a buffet with three entrees, sides, tea & coffee, etc. I believe they said there is a cash bar there also.

The seats that are included are I feel some of the better ones. They are close but not so close you are looking up to see the actor's feet. This is an outdoor theater, but if it is a warm Missouri evening they have fans they turn on and you think you are back in Viet Nam and a Huey is taking off and you are standing on the flight line with the prop wash less the SAND mixed in.

So for the Thur. evening mission: bus to and from; back stage tour; buffet meal with three entrees, and sides; seats to musical Seven Brides for Seven Brothers; plus an evening with your 281st brothers.

We have put the whole package together, bus, dinner, and show for only \$60.00. If anyone wants to know more just google "The Muny, St Louis Mo." Oh yes, we have only a limited number of seats on the bus and saved at the show so get your reservations in early while there is still room. Last year's Thur. night spots went fast don't be left standing when pitch is pulled on Thur. afternoon.

I don't have much more to say than just *Meet Me in St. Louis*. See you in Aug. and send in those names for IOYA.

*Frank Becker*  
*Senior Member@Large*

## ***The Scribe tells a story....***

Phu Bai, 1969 ... A lot has been written about the 1968 Delta mission to Phu Bai, so I got to thinking about the one I went on in 1969, as a brand new member of Wolf Pack. Actually I got to thinking because as I write this it is 42 years later...we got there on March 29, 1969, and started flying the next day. Here are some highlights:

1 April...Our first VR and I remember being amazed at the size of The Yellow Brick Road, and we found a garage built into the side of a cliff with a camouflaged door and a Huey just sitting there on the top of a ridge all by itself, blades swung 90 degrees. Had a Cav patch on the tail \*.

2 April...We started infil. The weather was not very good, lots of low level, low speed flying to get inside the valley.

8 April...We did some local flying, the WX was horrible, we attempted an exfil of a team that found an underground hospital but WX precluded a lot of flying.

9 April...We flew in VFR on Top, found a hole and went down and did 3 exfils and lost one ship. I took 3 rounds under my seat, a round split my seat belt up the back and I think this is the day Holt of the Jungle tried to run over a tree with a Charlie Model gunship. The tree won. When he hit that tree, marking a Road Runner position that we had already marked, Galer started cussing and didn't stop until July.

11 April...Did a Ranger insert (VN Rangers) and a slick crashed in the LZ. My notes were poor but this was probably Whisenant's slick. High DA and overloaded.

12 April...Sniffer mission and we destroyed that slick in the LZ.

14 April...1<sup>st</sup> light infil.

16 April...this is written up extensively by Rick Galer, my AC and the Fire Team Lead, on our website but we borrowed some slicks from the 101 and they weren't very good at following instructions, one got shot down in the LZ and the CP killed because the AC was ignoring Galer's instructions and kept hovering about in this

huge LZ he picked himself because he thought Galer was a dumbass. We also did an emergency exfil that day. Whisenant recovered nicely by picking up a team off the side of a hill while a bad guy climbed on the skid before the CE nailed him with the 60, and as he exited the PZ Whiz came on the air with "All SOB's and All Licking' Chicken."

19 April...Lots of BDA fire support, some body recovery work and I think this was the day we kept following a Delta team as they were running down a hill trying to find an LZ and the FAC called in some zoomie support, buying them some time and the exfil was perfectly executed. I remember half the mountain being on fire as we flew away. Ken Glaze took a slick into the hole and it seemed to be taking a long time to get himself and his PAX out. The CO, MAJ Lynn, asked when he thought he would get out of there and Ken replied, as calmly as could be, "When my men are on board." I wrote that up for the Fort Worth paper about 10 years ago and they published it on Memorial Day.\*\*

23 April...We put in more VN Rangers, and the Delta Team Lead was a nervous type, he kept calling off the guns and as Buck Sorem went in to pull some guys out, they were slow getting to the aircraft and Capo got shot in the mouth from above.\*\*\* Galer was extremely pissed after that and commenced hovering up and down the ridgeline looking for bad guys to shoot. That was eye opening for a gunship CP with maybe 30 days experience. Of course flying with Galer was eye opening, period.

25 April...We finished the Ranger exfil. We also found an elephant and some water buffalo with what looked like saddles on them and fired them the heck up. I felt kind of bad shooting animals and all, for about 2 minutes. After that I pretended they were tractors.

26 April...Flew to Danang for a few days R&R at the C Team base. I think about half of the unit caught the clap, so I was ready for the next Delta.

*Footnotes:*

\*The "Brass" wanted to sling that Cav chopper out, it took more than a few smart guys to get it thru to them that it might be rigged to explode, which it was.

\*\*I probably have this all wrong but I think this was the day Dave Mitchell got a few guys out on a McGuire Rig and was on his 20 minute light, so he found a fire base on top of a hill, landed and was getting the guys on board, one of whom was wounded, and the NCOIC of the FB was yelling at Dave for dusting off his guns. Dave ignored him, and when the guy wouldn't quit talking just took off with him in back too. And proceeded to run out of fuel short of his destination and the last he saw of that firebase guy was when he was walking away from the aircraft all by himself.

\*\*\*I thought Dolstein was the CP that day, he was my roommate back in Nha Trang and we kept flying for maybe 2 more hours, when we got back to Phu Bai I went to find out how he was and there he was, sitting in a lawn chair drinking a beer. He flew with someone else that day but I, like the newbie I was, kept trying to figure out how he got shot and still looked OK.

All the above came from a not-very-well-kept logbook and a memory afflicted with CRS, so any mistakes are unintentional and to borrow an Aggie phrase, just plain *Good Bull*. A lot of you guys were there and some even come to St. Louis, and that alone is reason enough for me to come. We only get one chance at this life and I'd rather spend it with folks I know and trust.

*Jeff Murray*  
*Secretary*

## **Gary the Membership Guy....**

**T**his past year dues have come in very slow. With the dues being included on the reunion registration form has helped immensely! It could also be better too. But then again I have others that have paid ahead.. Thanks to them for making sure they are current. I appreciate it!

I want to thank everyone that has been sending me their new information to update the master roster, this saves postage and you get your newsletters faster. If for some reason that you do not receive your newsletter by email or snail mail, go to [www.281st.com](http://www.281st.com) and click on newsletters and you can print it out.

Something of some note, Fred Mentzer and I have removed the hyperlink on your email addresses, they just can't be clicked on and then it automatically pops up for anyone's use. Now you must type the full address in order to send an email. Maybe will help in cutting out spam or other nonsense stuff!

Again thank you for your support and have a very Safe and wonderful Spring and Summer season. Be safe and of course "**WELCOME HOME**"!!

*Gary Stagman*  
*Membership Chairman*

## ***The Remembrance Chairman....***

**T**hank goodness our DAT list has stopped growing for the time being which gives Gary a break. We do have some interesting activity in the MIA area. Under the guidance of Col Bob Mitchell we have been able to establish contact with the folks in the Department of Defense MIA branch and have actually had a face to face meeting with them with reference to two of our crews that are still missing. Bob put out a request for information on the net a few days ago and if you have any information concerning the Gunship that was lost on May 8, 1968 (64-14172) or UH1H, 67-19512 which was lost on November 4, 1969 please contact bob at [bmitchell@hickorylake.net](mailto:bmitchell@hickorylake.net) or (731) 424-7276. We believe that these chaps are actually trying to find our 8 guys and bring them home so any help we can give them will be greatly appreciated.

*Jack Mayhew*

## ***Scholarship....***

**T**he deadline for submission of scholarship applications for the 2011-12 School year was April 15 and on that date we had received one new application which is being processed.

We currently have 4 students in the program and all four are honor students. One is a daughter of an Intruder, two are grandchildren and one is a niece.

The program is open to all direct descendents of Intruders and as such we ask that you encourage individuals who want financial assistance for their education to contact the scholarship committee at:

Secretary, Intruder Scholarship Committee  
2021 Huntwood Drive  
Gambrills, MD 21054  
[intruder06@comcast.net](mailto:intruder06@comcast.net)  
410-52-62-6791

## ***.... Notes and Comments ....***

### ***More on the Ft Bragg standup ceremony...***

Intruders - Thanks to Bob Mitchell's great work the Intruder family was once again recognized as the US Army's first Special Operations Helicopter Company. In a Ceremony at Fort Bragg on Friday the Commanding General of the US Army Special Operations Command officially activated the US Army Special Operations Aviation Command and in the activation ceremony the 281st was officially recognized as being the forerunner of the 160th Aviation Brigade, the current special operations aviation unit of the army. The commanding General of the new command made it a point to give the 281st credit for its position in army aviation and special operations history. He also recognized the 12 Intruders in attendance.

In addition, the group visited the Airborne & Special Operations Museum and were warmly welcomed by the staff and management of the museum. The Intruders that were new to the museum had an opportunity to view the New Intruder marker which has recently been replaced after a wayward motorist managed to damage several of the markers.

Thanks to everyone involved in organizing and coordinating the trip and again, on behalf of all Intruders, a very special thanks to Col. Bob (MOP) Mitchell for all his hard work that went into insuring that the accomplishments of the 281st were recognized and its history officially recorded as part of the history of the US Army. Check the web for more pictures of the event (<http://281st.com>). - Jack Mayhew

*Editors note: Following are the names of those who attended the event (see picture on the cover): Left to right - Jay Hays, Walt Pikul (rear), Ed Haas, Fred Mentzer, Harry Wetmore, Jack Mayhew, Joe Bilitzke, Brian Paine, Joe Boardman, Jim Christiansen, and Lou Lerda (missing is Vic Rose).*

### ***An email from Brenda Simpson to Gary Stagman wherein she refers to the Virtual Wall....***

Just a nice note from Doug Simpson's wife..... And again many thanks to Jim Baker and wife for delivering the flag case to them! - Gary

**From:** Brenda Simpson [[brendasimpson44@yahoo.com](mailto:brendasimpson44@yahoo.com)]

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2011

To: Gary Stagman

Hi Gary,

It has been sometime since I spoke with you. How are you and your family? We are doing fine and adjusting more and more to the vacant chair at our table.....we sure miss Doug....

We have proudly displayed his flag in the case the 281st presented to us. Thank you once more for such a thoughtful gift.

I receive a lot of emails and just "had" to send this one to you. It is awesome and should be a site available to everyone, especially to those who served in Viet Nam and lost a comrade while there. We had opportunity to visit The Wall in Washington, D C, but others may not be so fortunate. This is another excellent way for us to remember those who gave their lives for our freedom (<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>).

Blessings to you and those you love. - Brenda Simpson

### Vietnam Wall

First click on a state. When it opens, scroll down to the city and the names will appear. Then click on their names. It should show you a picture of the person, or at least their bio and medals. This really is an amazing web site. Someone spent a lot of time and effort to create it.

I hope that everyone who receives this appreciates what those who served in Vietnam sacrificed for our country.

The link is a virtual wall of all those lost during the Vietnam War with the names, bio's and other information on our lost heroes. (<http://www.virtualwall.org/iStates.htm>)

Those who remember that time frame, or perhaps lost friends or family can look them up on this site. Pass the link on to others, as many knew wonderful people whose names are listed.

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This concludes another newsletter. Attached is information about our upcoming annual reunion and the application form. Please "git'er done" and send it in.

And finally, on behalf of the veterans of the 281<sup>st</sup>, I would again like to express our appreciation to CW5 Dave Cooper (ARSOAC) for his service (including 17 years with the 160<sup>th</sup> Avn Reg) and all he has done for us.

Thanks Dave.

Fred Mentzer

*Newsletter Editor and Webmaster*

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To: All Intruders, 281<sup>st</sup> AHC Association Members, Honorary Members, Family, and Friends

Subject: [281<sup>st</sup> AHC Association "2011 INTRUDER REUNION"](#)

Dear Intruders & Friends,

The 281<sup>st</sup> AHC Association is proud to announce the "2011 Intruder Reunion". The 2011 Reunion will, once again, be held in St. Louis at the Airport Crowne Plaza Hotel from Wednesday August 3, 2011 to Sunday August 7, 2011.

After sponsoring the 10<sup>th</sup> CAB (Vagabond) Reunion the last two years our Association has decided to return to an "all Intruder Reunion" this year. In order to continue our string of fourteen (14) consecutive successful events we will need to achieve the Reunion Committee's Goal to get Intruders who have never been to an Intruder Reunion or haven't been to one recently to join us this year in St. Louis. The attached Registration Form is your ticket to great events and the continued celebration of the service and fellowship in our shared values and experience for both the past and the present.

The Registration price includes [two Banquet Dinners](#): The Friday Night [Theme Banquet "FOB St. Louis"](#) and the Saturday Night [Farewell Banquet](#) with a special Guest Speaker, and the [Hospitality Room](#) with its free beer, bar, sodas and food that's open most of the time. The Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel has held the line on last year's low room price of \$60+tax per night. They will continue the free shuttle service from the hotel to the airport, local casinos, local malls and restaurants and Hotel Management will again host the Saturday Wives' Brunch and shopping spree! The 281<sup>st</sup> Association will also provide its special "concierge service" at the Reunion Registration desk manned by volunteers that know the secrets of St. Louis. St. Louis offers such a wide variety of things to see and do that you will have a tough time trying to decide which attraction, site, shopping, dining, or entertainment options to experience.

The annual [Golf Outing](#) will resume at the Crystal Springs Quarry Golf Club on Thursday for those that can still swing a club so be sure to sign up and take part in this event. This year's optional Thursday night [Event is: Dinner and a Show at the MUNY \(St. Louis' world famous summer musical theatre\)](#). The [MUNY](#) event includes roundtrip bus transportation, backstage tour, buffet dinner, and a seat at the night's performance of the musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" all for only [\\$60](#) per person. Go to <http://www.muny.org> for more information on the facilities and event. On Friday there is free time as well as last year's hit: [The Wine Tasting Event](#). The Missouri Weinstrasse is only about a 40 minute drive from the hotel and offers great views of the Missouri River valley, the village of Augusta, and the surrounding farms and vineyards. You can sign up for these events on the Registration Form as well as the attached "Event Sign-up Sheet".

With two Banquets, all these events and all that St. Louis has to offer; how could you go wrong? So get out that pen and check book and send in that Registration Form Today! Don't miss out on this fun filled week in St. Louis! Tell your fellow Intruders that haven't attended before and encourage them to make this a family affair as so many have done in the past. Life is simply too short to pass up these annual fun filled reunions. Contact information and details are on the attached Registration Form. Please do not hesitate to call or visit the 281<sup>st</sup> website for updates: (<http://www.281st.com>)

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## REGISTRATION FORM

### 281<sup>st</sup> AHC Association's 2011 Intruder Reunion

August 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> at the Crowne Plaza St. Louis, MO Airport Hotel

(Registration Form **MUST** be Mailed No Later Than June 15, 2011)

Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel Reunion Room Rate is **\$60.00+ tax** per night\*

\*Call the hotel "In-House Reservations" at (314) 291-6700 and use rate code "AHR" to reserve rooms\*\*  
Host Hotel reservation deadline is July 5, 2011 for the reduced rates.

Member #	Last Name	First Name	MI
Address		City	State Zip
Unit	Current Email Address		Contact Phone
NAME TAG: Name	Dates in Country	Call Sign	
Guests' Name Tags: <b>(Please list guests' Names on the back of this form along with T-Shirt Size &amp; Saturday Meal Preference)</b>			

#### Registration Fees:

281<sup>st</sup> AHCA 2012 Annual Membership Dues: \$25 Annual Fee = \$

Member Reunion Registration: Member @ \$125 = \$

Guests fee: (16 & up) #Guests X \$125 = \$

Children fee (11-15 yrs ) #Guests X \$ 75 = \$

Registration for children 10 and under not required but encouraged.

Parents responsible for meal cost for children 10 and under

And Additional Guests if not registered @ \$40.00 per Meal

# Meals X \$ 40 = \$

#### NEW:

Registration for **Thursday Night's "Dinner & a Show at the MUNY"**  
(Includes Bus, Backstage Tour, Dinner, and Seat to "7 Brides for 7 Brothers")

#Guests X \$ 60 = \$

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND: My 2011 TAX DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION IS:** \$

TOTAL CHECK IS: \$

**PAYMENTS:** Please send Check or Money Order made payable to "281st AHC Association" and mail this form, with your payment not later than **July 1, 2011** to the following address:

281st AHC Association  
c/o Don Torrini  
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Edwardsville, IL 62025  
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I require Vegetarian or Special Meals \_\_\_\_\_ and /or other special assistance \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please use the back of this form to explain special requirements and or request.)

**OTHER EVENTS** can be scheduled on the attached "**Event Sign-Up Sheets**" including the Thursday **Golf Outing** and the Friday **Wine Tasting** Tour of Wineries near St. Louis.

For things to do or see in Saint Louis: <http://www.explorestlouis.com/visitors/visitorServices.asp>, (The reunion committee will staff an activities desk to assist in coordinating Tours, Events Dining and limited Transportation. (The hotel provides free transportation to and from the airport (15 minute ride, Call **314-291-6700** upon arrival) Shuttle service is also free to local casinos, shopping & dining; inquire at the desk or at registration.)

Please bring your photos, DVDs books, maps and other memorabilia for sharing and/or display.

**VOLUNTEER:** I will be happy to assist with: Registration \_\_\_\_\_ PX \_\_\_\_\_ Hospitality Room \_\_\_\_\_ As Needed \_\_\_\_\_





## 281<sup>ST</sup> AHC 2011 Intruder Reunion

### REUNION SCHEDULE

DAY/DATE	TIME	EVENT	NOTES/REMARKS
Tuesday 8/2/11	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Set up Reunion	Reunion Committee and if you are local and want to help please contact Don Torrini: (618) 920-3810
Wednesday 8/3/11	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Early Birds Registration	Early arrivals may register; PX & Hospitality Room will be open
	10:00 AM – 11:59 PM	PX & Hospitality Room	Beer, wine, liquor, water, sodas & heavy snack food is available & free!
	3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	281 <sup>ST</sup> Executive Board Meeting	Quorum of current EB members required to be here to start meeting
Thursday 8/4/11	10:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Registration	281 <sup>ST</sup> Concierge On Duty
	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Golf Tournament	Contact Jim "MOM" Torbert
	5:30 PM – 10:30 PM	Dinner & a Show at St. Louis MUNY	Contact Frank Becker; <b>must be paid in full &amp; pre-registered by 6/15/11</b> ; Bus transportation provided.
	10:00 AM – 11:59 PM	PX & Hospitality Room	Beer, wine, liquor, water, sodas & heavy snack food is available & free!
Friday 8/5/11	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Registration	281 <sup>ST</sup> Concierge On Duty, Registration closes today
	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	PX & Hospitality Room	Beer, wine, liquor, water, sodas & heavy snack food is available & free!
	11:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Wine Tasting Tour	Contact Jim "MOM" Torbert, Tour will be by POV please have a designated driver available
	5:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Buffet Banquet "FOB St. Louis"	Joe Bilitzke is the MC: <b>Cocktails 5:30 – 6:40 PM</b> ; Dinner 7:00 – 10:00 PM; entertainment/no-host bar
	10:00 PM – 11:59 PM	PX & Hospitality Room	Beer, wine, liquor, water, sodas & heavy snack food is available & free!
Saturday 8/6/11	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	281 <sup>ST</sup> AHCA Annual Membership Meeting	All members encouraged to attend; Ken Smith Presiding
	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Wives' Brunch	Hosted by Crowne Plaza Hotel Management
	11:00 AM – 1:00 PM	PX & Hospitality Room	Beer, wine, liquor, water, sodas & heavy snack food is available & free!
	1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	281 <sup>ST</sup> AHC Memorial Service	Jim "MOM" Torbert presiding; all 281 <sup>ST</sup> AHCA members & friends are invited to attend.
	2:30 PM – 4:30 PM	PX & Hospitality Room	Beer, wine, liquor, water, sodas & heavy snack food is available & free!
	5:30 PM – 10:00 PM	Final Banquet	Joe Bilitzke is the MC: Cocktails 5:30 – 6:40 PM; Dinner 7:00 – 10:00 PM; entertainment/no-host bar; and <b>a distinguished Guest Speaker</b>
	10:00 PM – 2:00 AM	Final Hospitality Room	Beer, wine, liquor, water, sodas & heavy snack food is available & free!
Sunday 8/7/11	TBD	Check Out & Good Bye	TBD by flight & shuttle schedules
	9:00 AM – ?	Clean Up & Tear Down	Please help! There's a lot to do. Contact Paul Maledy or Jay Hays.



## 281<sup>ST</sup> AHC 2011 Intruder Reunion EVENT SIGN UP SHEET

**Please enter your name in the "Member Name" column & use the "Guest" Column to enter names of Friends, Family & Guests who will be attending the event(s) with you.**

<b><i>EVENT</i></b>	<b><i>DAY /DATE/TIME</i></b>	<b><i>MEMBER NAME</i></b>	<b><i>GUEST NAME</i></b>	<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>
<b>Golf Tournament</b>	<b>Thursday 8/4/2010 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM</b>			
<b>Coordinator</b>				
<b>Jim Torbert</b>				
			<b>Total Mbr + Guest =</b>	
<b><i>EVENT</i></b>	<b><i>DAY /DATE/TIME</i></b>	<b><i>MEMBER NAME</i></b>	<b><i>GUEST NAME</i></b>	<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>
<b>Dinner &amp; Show at the MUNY</b>	<b>Thursday 8/4/2010 5:30 PM – 10:30 PM</b>			
<b>Coordinator</b>				
<b>Frank Becker</b>				
			<b>Total Mbr + Guest =</b>	
<b><i>EVENT</i></b>	<b><i>DAY /DATE/TIME</i></b>	<b><i>MEMBER NAME</i></b>	<b><i>GUEST NAME</i></b>	<b><i>TOTAL</i></b>
<b>Wine Tasting</b>	<b>Friday 8/5/2010 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM</b>			
<b>Coordinator</b>				
<b>Jim Torbert</b>				
			<b>Total Mbr + Guest =</b>	

**Comments/Special Request/Accommodations:** \_\_\_\_\_

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