

50th Year Anniversary of 61st Assault Helicopter Company



Update on Fort Rucker Army Aviation Museum Entry Dedication and Reunion

3 October 2016: Final reservations need to be completed by 17 November 2016 in order to assure activity planning. Later reservations maybe accepted but there can't be a guarantee of availability for tours and lodging. Check 61ahc.org last minute changes.

Museum Dedication: We have collected just more than \$3,500 for the center piece pavers, which will be done as an “array of stones,” and the individually purchased paver bricks. The center piece is being designed now, and should be available for proofing by the 7 October (approx. size 8" X 24"). When finalized, I'll have it posted on our website. This will look great at the prime location at the museum entry!

Reunion Activities: Enclosed is the Registration Form which I'd like to have by the 17th of October. At this time, about twenty members, and the family members (sisters of Spec 5 Pat Magee and widow and family of Roy Pullins) have expressed intentions of attending. Most are attending through the early and middle part of the proposed reunion period (7 November - 15 November). The proposed tour on 15 November will probably be cancelled. We will need more interest in the tour of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation's helicopters and hangar at the Ozark Airport. I've enclosed a donation form to help pay lodging costs for the families of our deceased members, and additional contributions to the museum restoration projects.

CWO Peter Swanz has contributed three silver dollars to be given to the winner of a raffle held on 13 November 2016. Proceeds from the raffle will be used to assist family members of the deceased with their lodging expenses and the remainder to be added to the museum donation.

Directory Update: I sent about 384 envelopes during August. Seventy-two were returned as undelivered, about 19% of the 2007 Directory that Jim Beach maintained. I have started checking the email addresses of members who received the August mailing. About 30 percent of the tested email addresses are no longer current. I plan to send emails to members in the 2016 Directory, then mail requests for updating email addresses to those that are returned by the “email postmaster” as undelivered. I hope to have a final current 2016 by the end of the year. The 2016 Directory will be provided to all members for whom I have a current email address.

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