



The 191st Assault Helicopter Company Association



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October 2, 2012

Ernie Houdashell
Randall County Judge
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Canyon, Texas 79015


It has come to the attention of the members of the 191st AHC Association that the Randall County Commission is attempting to acquire an aircraft that was assigned to our unit in Vietnam. We understand that this acquisition is for helicopter 66-15107, a Bell UH-1M (Iroquois) cn-1835, for the intended purpose of being placed on permanent display at the Panhandle War Memorial in Amarillo, Texas. During its period of service with the 191st AHC, this helicopter was affectionately known to us as "Mother Goose" and was so identified by the iconic Mother Goose artwork displayed on her front doors.

From November 1967 until August 1970 "Mother Goose" was assigned to the 191st AHC except for the period when Mother Goose had to be returned to the States to be rebuilt after sustaining combat damage that could not be repaired in Vietnam. She faithfully served our Country and the air crews who flew her in combat on a daily basis, essentially placing their lives in her ability to return them safely. There are many members of this organization that are living proof of her ability to do just that. We look at Mother Goose not as a combination of engine, transmission and gearboxes covered by a thin layer of sheet metal, but as a true combat veteran. We believe that Mother Goose is every bit a part of our 191st family as we are ourselves. Many of us visit war memorials around the country on a regular basis. Placing Mother Goose on permanent display at the Panhandle War Memorial in Amarillo, Texas would allow us to visit a part of our past; not just any helicopter. To be able to see Mother Goose again, after 40 plus years, would encourage many of our members to take their family and friends to visit an old friend that we served with in Vietnam.

The young helicopter crewmember/artist, SP4 Richard Weske, who did the original artwork on Mother Goose, gave his life on 21 May 1968 during a combat mission only 3 days into a tour extension in which he could have returned safely home to the states.

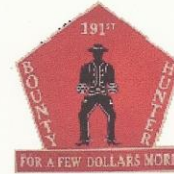
Your plan to fully restore Mother Goose to her original battlefield markings would also serve as a memorial to this very special, forever young, member of the 191st AHC.

On Saturday, 15 September 2012 during our General Membership Business meeting held in Orlando, FL, members of the 191st AHC Association representing a quorum, who were in attendance at the 191st AHC Reunion unanimously voted to authorize our Association's Board to issue a resolution that the 191st AHC Association fully supports Randall County's project. It was further resolved that this resolution include the names of our members that were in attendance and who voted for this resolution. This resolution is attached.


Harold W. Stitt
President, 191st AHC Association



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RESOLUTION 1-2012

Supporting Randall County Commissioners' Court Randall County, Texas

WHEREAS, all of our 191st AHC veterans of the Vietnam War can associate their war experience with the Bell Huey helicopter, many in particular with helicopter 66-15107 affectionately named "Mother Goose" by us while it was assigned to the 191st AHC from November 1967 to August 1970 and that many of our crew members can relate their own personal stories of the Vietnam War with this particular helicopter as playing a major role in their survival during that war;

WHEREAS, it has been ordered that the Randall County Commissioners' Court grant the Randall County Judge the authority to submit a request to the United States Army Donation Program for helicopter 66-15107, a Bell UH-1M (Iroquois) cn-1835, for the purpose of being placed on permanent display at the Panhandle War Memorial in Amarillo, Texas;

WHEREAS, On Saturday, 15 September 2012 during our General Membership Business meeting held in Orlando, FL, all members of the 191st AHC Association with representing a quorum in attendance, unanimously voted to authorize our Association's Board to issue a resolution that the 191st AHC Association fully supports Randall County's project and that this resolution include the names of our members that were in attendance;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the 191st AHC Association fully supports the approval of the Randall County Commissioners' Court and the Randall County Judge's request to the United States Army Donation Program for acquiring helicopter 66-15107, a Bell UH-1M (Iroquois) cn-1835 for the purpose stated; those Association members unanimously voting for this resolution are attached. Passed this day, Saturday, 15 September 2012

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**191st AHC Association
Members Supporting
Randall County Resolution**

First	Last	City	State
Arturo (Art)	Almaraz	Killeen	TX
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Rich	Fleming	N. Ogden	UT
Bill	Flores	Visalia	CA
James	Fouse	San Jose	CA
Dave	Freeman	Apopka	FL
Harrell	Guidry	Groves	TX
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Jon	Haigh	Woodlawn	TN
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John	Hedrick	Talala	OK
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Ollie "Dee"	Kennedy	Laurel Springs	NC
Kevin	Kenney	Venice	FL
Jack	Lammers	Fowler	OH
Bill	Leipold	Camden	ME
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Bud	Patnode	Cottonwood Heights	UT
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*Supports; Not at Meeting