



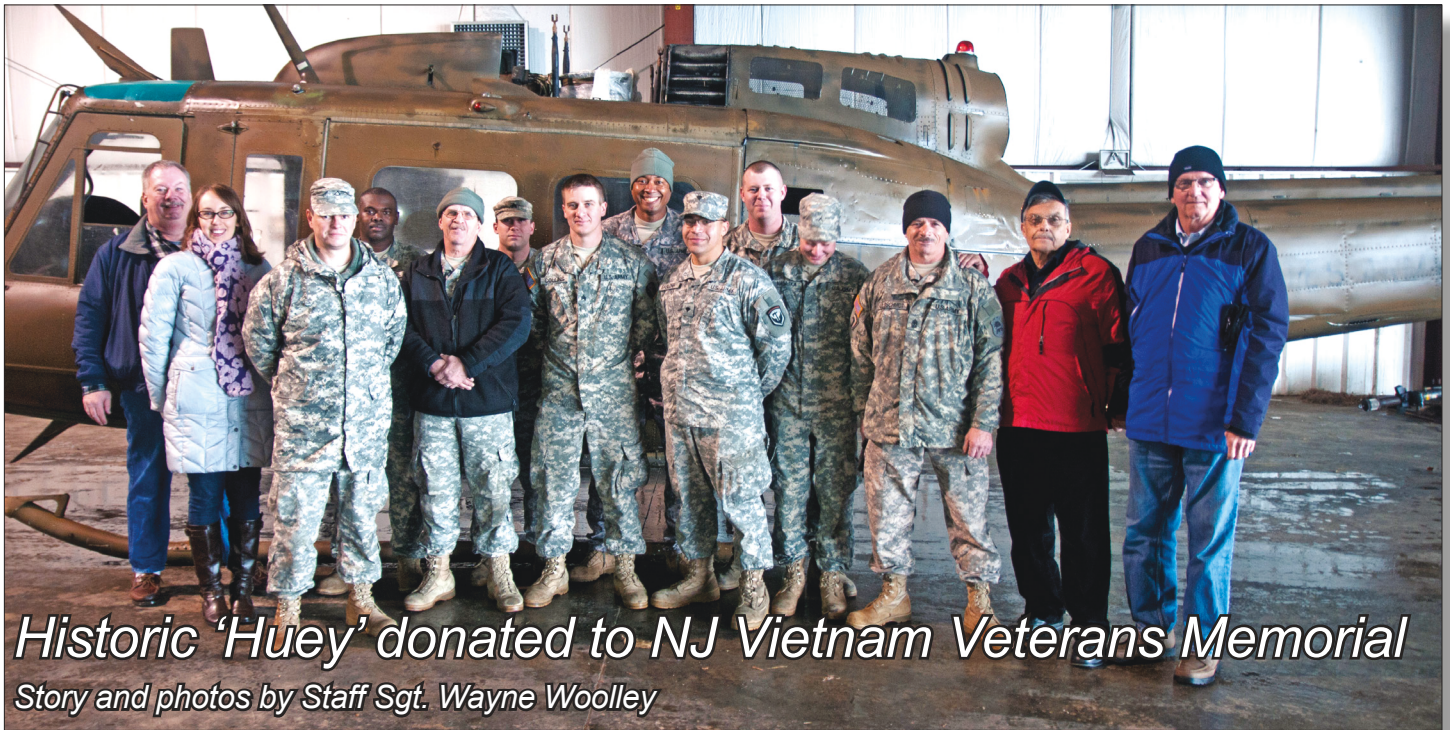
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# DMAVA HIGHLIGHTS



*Happy Valentine's Day*





## Historic 'Huey' donated to NJ Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Wayne Woolley

Soldiers from the New Jersey Army National Guard on Monday delivered a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter that flew hundreds of combat missions during the Vietnam War to members of the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation.

Foundation members, including Vietnam helicopter pilots Carl W. Burns and Ken Gurbisz, will lead a restoration effort they hope will transform the airship to its former luster for display in front of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial in Holmdel.

The aircraft served two Vietnam tours, the first with the 116th Assault Helicopter Company in Cu Chi and the second with the 118th Assault Helicopter Company in Bien Hoa. After the war, the helicopter flew for a time with the Army's 10th Mountain Division and later with the New Jersey Army National Guard. The aircraft has been retired for more than 20 years and had been on display at Joint Training and Training Development Center on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst.

On Monday, Soldiers transported the aircraft from JBMDL to a hanger at Monmouth Executive Airport in Wall Township where the restoration will take place.

Bill Linderman, executive director of the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation, said his organization's effort to obtain a helicopter to restore began more than two years ago and began to bear fruit when he met Jorge Martinez, a retired New Jersey Army National Guard colonel and former state aviation director. New Jersey National Guard

leaders, including Brig. Gen. Michael L. Cunniff, The Adjutant General, assisted the organization in obtaining the necessary Department of Defense approvals to allow the aircraft to be restored and displayed.

"This helicopter is the real deal," Linderman said. "A lot of people worked with us to make today possible."

As they awaited the helicopter's arrival, Burns and Gurbisz could barely contain their excitement.

"We've waited a long time for this opportunity," said Gurbisz, whose Vietnam tour ran from 1969 to 1970.

"I'm sure I'll get misty-eyed when she comes rolling in," said Burns, who served from 1965 to 1966. And when the Huey arrived, Burns was.

"It's a beautiful thing to see," he said.

The pair will be leading a group of more than a dozen former pilots, door gunners and crew chiefs for the restoration effort that is expected to take at least until the end of the summer.

The Foundation will launch a fundraising effort once it's determined how much the restoration will cost.

Linderman said the ultimate goal is to have the Huey in place in front of the Memorial in time for its 15 year anniversary on Sept. 27.

"If we're able to meet that goal, it will be a beautiful thing," he said. "We hope all the many people from the New Jersey National Guard who had a hand in this are there to join us."



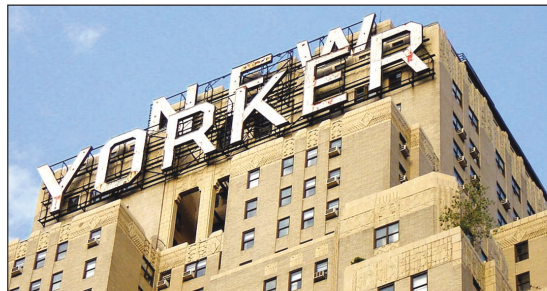


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## The Freeman Field Mutiny

Story by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen

The 477th Bombardment Group, which was comprised of Tuskegee Airmen, was scheduled to deploy to the Pacific in the summer of 1945; however because of the Freeman Field Mutiny, the unit never saw combat.

At the time of the mutiny, the unit was stationed Freeman Field, Seymour, Ind. From May 1944 to April 1945, the unit endured 37 unit moves.

The commander of the 477th, Col. Robert R. Selway Jr. had created two separate officer's clubs – Club Number One for "Trainees" (blacks), located in a run-down building – and Club Number Two for "supervisors and trainers" (whites).

Selway had classified all Tuskegee Airmen as "trainees," despite the fact that they had already graduated from flight school, and because of their status, were not allowed to use Club Number Two.

The Airmen named their club "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and refused to use it.

At that point, the black officers looked to Army regulations to support their cause. They found it in AR 210-10. While the regulation was never intended to protect the rights of black officers, paragraph 19 was, in effect, color blind:

"No officers club, mess, or other similar social organization of officers will be permitted by the post commander to occupy any part of any public building, other than the private quarters of an officer, unless such club, mess, or other organization extends to all officers on duty at the post the right to full membership, either permanent or temporary, in such club, mess, or organization, including the right equally with any and all other members thereof to participate in the management thereof, in which the officers concerned have an interest."

On April 3, a group of officers scheduled to be sent to Freeman held a meeting at Godman Field, Ky. There, they decided that small groups of African-American officers would enter Club Number Two and continue entering until the club closed.

On April 5, two groups of black officers attempted to enter the



*African-American officers of the 477th Bombardment Group at Freeman Field, Ind., prepare to board air transports to take them to Godman Field, Ky., for refusing to sign a document acknowledging that they had read a regulation denying them access to the all-white officers' club. The photo was probably taken by Master Sgt. Harold J. Beaulieu Sr., who hid a camera in a shoebox. A similar photo taken by Beaulieu appeared in the Pittsburgh Courier. Photos taken at the scene by another African-American photographer were reportedly destroyed by a white officer. (Library of Congress photo)*

'whites' only officers' club; all 36 were arrested.

The next day, the same actions were repeated, 25 officers were arrested bringing the total to 61.

Two judge advocates from First Air Force arrived and charges were dropped against 58 Airmen, while the remaining three - 2nd Lts. Shirley Clinton, Marsden A. Thompson and Roger C. Terry - would be prosecuted for "jostling" the officer of the day. The judge advocates also suggested a more detailed exclusionary regulation.

Selway's legal staff then drafted a new base regulation excluding the officers from Club Number Two and ordered each African-American Airmen to read and sign a statement saying that they had read and understood the regulation.

They refused to sign the statement.

Selway then met with the judge advocate and came up with the plan that each of the officers would be ordered to sign the statement. Failure to sign after being given a direct order by the commander would mean they were disobeying a direct order from a superior officer and be in violation of the 64th Article of War.

On April 11, all 101 officers refused to sign and were arrested.

The officers were then sent to Godman Field, located near Fort Knox, Ky., to await trial for disobeying orders. Pressure from African-American press, equal rights groups and the public resulted in Congress forcing the War Department to drop charges and the 101 were released on April 23.

A court-martial was held and acquitted Clinton and Thompson of all charges. Terry was convicted for "offering violence against a superior officer" and was fined \$150 and received a dishonorable discharge.

Selway was removed and Col. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., became the commanding officer June 21. All subordinate and supervisory positions were filled by black officers. Training resumed for the re-designated 477th Composite Group and finished Aug. 31, seventeen days after Japan's surrender.

Fifty years later, the Air Force removed the letters of reprimand from the permanent files of the officers charged. Terry received a full pardon, had his rank restored and was refunded his fine.



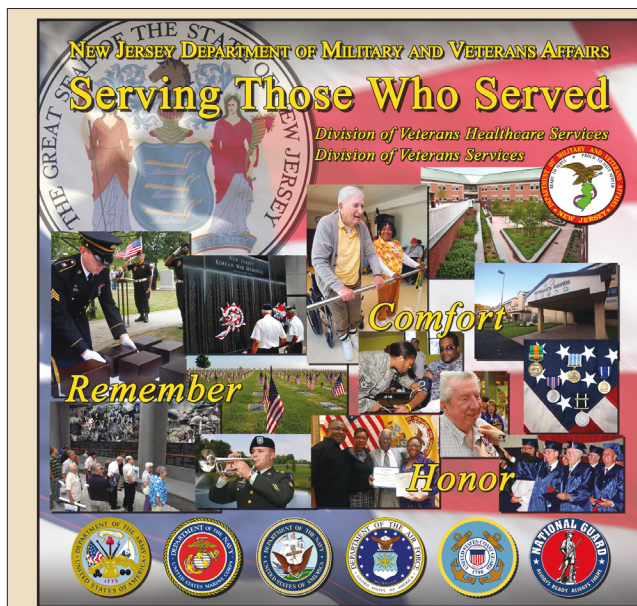




Dozens of individuals and companies were honored at the New Jersey Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) 2013 Awards Conference Feb. 6, 2013, at the Chauncey Hotel in Princeton. Sgt. Kesha Harris, left, received a Seven Seals Award from Brig. Gen. Michael Cuniff, right, the Adjutant General of New Jersey, for her work on creating badges for ESGR volunteers to have access to the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. Harris's badges are being used as a model for similar programs across the country. (Photo by Alan Zahn, ESGR volunteer)



Army Staff Sgt. Americo F. Diprinzio, left, New Jersey National Guard, is coined by Brig. Gen. William Hall, right, Task Force Centurion Commanding General, for his efforts in leading the upgrades to the brigades' equipment, which include installing Blue Force Tracker equipment in all of the non-tactical vehicles. Diprinzio was also involved in upgrading the communication systems that all sections of the Task Force utilize – mainly by the Police Advisory Team - to conduct more than 400 key leader engagement missions. (Courtesy photo)



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