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Good morning All,

Where has the year gone? This is newsletter number twelve, last in a series of newsletters for 2013. Hope you all enjoyed them. Looking forward to the New Year. Linda and I wish you all the very best of Christmas Holidays. From our family to yours we wish you "Eine Guten Rutsch!" literally translated a good slide into the New Year.

2014 REUNION

Hello 134th Members,

We're hoping you enjoyed a safe and pleasant Thanksgiving season with friends and family.

As we all (the plural of "y'all ") prepare and plan for the arrival of the upcoming holiday season, your 2014 reunion team has been busy in Fayetteville preparing plans at the Airborne and Special Operations Museum (ASOM) and NC Veterans Park. Both are unique educational and interpretive spaces that we are sure you will appreciate visiting in June. The museum opened on August 16th, 2000, National Airborne Day, the 40th anniversary of the original US Army's Test Platoon's first parachute jump. The exhibits include operations from Operation Torch (1942) through Iraqi Freedom (2003), and contains a detailed section covering Vietnam.

The entrance walk to the museum is lined with over 50 large memorial stones representing many airborne and special operations units. The memorial stones encircle Fort Bragg's original Iron Mike **The Airborne Trooper** statue. Originally located at the southern entrance on Bragg Boulevard, the 1960's statue was made from polyester strips dipped in epoxy and stretched over a steel frame; due to deterioration, Iron Mike was refurbished in 2010 and placed at the entrance to the ASOM location.

Question #2 of our Trivia Challenge:

North Carolina is the largest producer of what vegetable in the U.S.? (Clue: it's now NC's state vegetable. I didn't know states designate state vegetables!)



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Question #1 of our Trivia Challenge:

Do you remember the location of the 134th AHC barracks on Fort Bragg? Do you know the street name or other identifying location information (significant building, historical or memorial site) near the barracks?

Submit your answers to Art at aryerden@gmail.com .

Did you know? Babe Ruth hit his first professional home run in Fayetteville, NC, on March 7, 1914.

We continue to work in developing a great 2014 134th AHC Reunion for you. Please remember to mark your calendars for June 18-22, 2014. We will provide the hotel reservation information to you in January via the newsletter and the 134thAHC website. If you have any question, please feel free to email Art and & Robin or Terry & Bette at the following addresses.

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A question from Karl R. Renz III

I am restoring helicopter 66-16319 which was in the 134th in 68-69. Does anyone have the nose art and who was the crew at that time? I will be bringing it, with a lot of luck, to the reunion in flyable condition.

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Still have plenty in stock. The process is simple. Just email me with the number coins you wish to order along with your mailing address. My email address can be found in the footer of each page of the newsletter. Once I receive the email I'll send you mailing instructions. Put check in the mail made payable to me. Once payment is received the coin goes out in the mail usually the same day. The coins are \$30 each.

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