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LZ MARYLAND JUNE 18-19, 2016

LZ Maryland is a weekend event that will honor Vietnam veterans as they gather together with family, friends, and a grateful public.

"LZ" is for "landing zone," a place of safety. It's fitting that we salute Maryland's Vietnam-era veterans here where their roots are planted. Those in conflict knew that an LZ was a safe, clear, and ready place for helicopters to land without harm. MPT (Maryland Public Television) will make **LZ Maryland** reflect the same safety.

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On display at LZ Maryland will be our own Gunship 238. For the past 2 years 238 has under gone massive restoration under the direction of Ray Helmick. Doc Rosenbloom and Hans J. Underwood assisted Ray in this restoration project. On 15 June 2016 238 will be transported the Maryland Fairgrounds in Timonium, Md., for the LZ Maryland Event by Karl Renz III. Karl was in the 134th AHC 68-69.

46 years after Bruce Porter piloted 238 on combat missions in Vietnam as part of the 134th Assault Helicopter Company, his son, Dan Porter, painted the nose hatch on 238 at the Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum in Essex, Maryland. Bruce was Devil 6 when he flew 238.

We are hoping to get as many 134th AHC members to attend this event as possible. Please email me if you plan to attend. There are special hotel rates available. Email address can be found below.



@ MARTIN AIR MUSEUM, MIDDLE RIVER, MD.

Unit: 134th Assault Helicopter Company

Svc Dates: June 1969 – December 1971
Role: Close Air Support
Missions: 1315 w/ 1304 Flight hours.
Crew: Pilot, copilot, crew chief, door gunner
Maximum carrying capacity: 9 total including crew
Engine: Lycoming T-53-13b 1400 shaft horsepower
Main rotor speed: 320 RPM
Rotor length: 44 feet
Range: 335 miles
Cruising speed: 128mph
Armament Per side: 19 each - 2.75" rockets

This aircraft flew 2 tours in Vietnam. Shot down twice, it was repaired in theater.

This is the model 204. The model 205, with a larger cabin, is the one commonly seen in Vietnam newsreels, and carried up to 14 troops or 6 stretchers.