

71st/17th Memorial Plaque Relocation

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From Jim Alvis,

The 71st/17th Memorial Plaque was removed from the Memorial Park at the National Museum of the United States Air Force (NMUSAF, & delivered to the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum in Columbus, IN by Al Heuss on May 21, 2016. The plaque was removed & relocated to its new home to make room for a new memorial bench at the NMUSAF that will represent all three AC-119 gunship squadrons (71st, 17th, & 18th SOS), air, & ground crew. The 71st/17th plaque will be on permanent display at the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum, & the new memorial bench will be dedicated during the AC-119 Gunship Association Reunion at the NMUSAF in September, 2017.



The photo shows Gordon Lake (L), Secretary & Past President of the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum, & Col Al Heuss(R), 71st SOS pilot. Al delivered the 71st/17th plaque to the museum on May 21, 2016.

A detailed description of the origin of the plaque is available on the 71st SOS website at <http://www.71stsos.com/71st-17thPlaque.html>