

From: Wayne Laessig **Sent:** Wed, April 10, 2013 10:02 AM **To:** Bruce Byrd **Subj:** 850: UPDATE: Vietnamese Air Force Veterans Association Contact Bruce, Great update!

The Board's perspective was that we welcome them at our Reunion, but if they're not interested, we won't push it for now. I do want to at least establish a method to stay in contact with them for when(ever) we get a clearer path on re-acquiring 850, but we all agreed the VAFVA is not part of that effort until we have a solid agreement in place with the Vietnamese who currently own it; and perhaps even then not as a formal part of that activity until we actually have the aircraft in our possession.

If you have a business trip to Vietnam, the Board endorsed your face-to-face engagement with the Vietnamese and that we can fund a few days of your hotel, meals, etc to do that (for the extra days). Bob will call you and fill you in on our discussion.

Many thanks! SDIWH, (Some Day It Will Happen :>) Wayne

From: [Byrd](#) **Sent:** Tues, Apr 09, 2013 8:37 PM **To:** Laessig; LaRosa; Drzyzga; Wohlgamuth; Sininger; Mattison; Dunn; Goryl; Sprou; Julian; Hester; Petrie; Bright; Alvis; McCall **Subj:** UPDATE: Vietnamese Air Force Veterans Association Contact

After running into several dead ends, disconnected numbers, a number of people that only spoke Vietnamese, a plethora of no-returned messages, etc., I think we MAY have some good news...

I finally made contact here in Houston with a representative of the Vietnamese Air Force Veterans Association (the omnibus equivalent of our gunship organization – they have members from the gunships as well as A-1, A-37, F-5 guys, etc). I tracked them down by contacting the hotel where I know they held a reunion a couple of years ago - lots of hotel personnel turnover there but one lady remembered them and made contact for me.

The person I spoke with is a Mr. Paul Truong (that's his American name anyway...) and I sent him an email this evening – as soon as he replies with a solid address I will forward his e-mail/phone/address contact info to all. I pasted together the attached letter and sent to him – lets see if this is the right guy and if we get some traction with their group.

Regards, Bruce



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