

**Everett Sprou** 16 hrs I just found these on a disc someone gave me. A mix of G & K's.



**Everett Sprou** Looks like early birds. The K's are stateside. 16 hrs · [Like](#) · 1

**Ken Schwandt** I like looking at these old pics to see what else is lurking in the background! 16 hrs · [Like](#) · 3

**Leroy A. Wolf** Ev I don't know they have three blade props 16 hrs · [Like](#) · 2

**Everett Sprou** Yes, they put them on all that were left in the states for training 16 hrs · [Like](#) · 1

**Ken Schwandt** I believe they eventually changed all the engines because of problems with 4 blade props.

**Kenneth Moerscher** All Ks 16 hrs · [Like](#) · 3

**Everett Sprou** When I trained in late 71, they had 3 bladed props at Hurlbert 16 hrs · [Edited](#) · [Like](#) · 1

**Everett Sprou** There are five shots of G's in here. 16 hrs · [Like](#)

**Kenneth Moerscher** Hmm...I only showed 5 pics total...until a minute ago 16 hrs · [Like](#) · 2

**Everett Sprou** Yes, you have to click on one photo & enlarge it. Then use the forward arrow to look at them.

**Ken Schwandt** When I trained in early 70 on Stingers they had 4360 engines with 4 blade prop. Shortly after arriving in country they started switching over to the R3350 engine used on the Neptune because of better more reliable prop (3 blade). If memory serves me correctly! LOL 15 hrs · [Like](#) · 3

**Donald Gray** Great pics Everett 15 hrs · [Like](#) · 3

**Alan Westin** Great pictures. So clean & shiney. 15 hrs · [Like](#) · 3

**Marjorie T Hansen** What happened to these planes? Did they go back to Vietnam to the South Vietnam Air Force? **Larry Fletcher** has written that no gunships came back to the States after the war ended in 1973. These pictures are from 1972.

**Everett Sprou** These were the last planes to go over in late 72. 14 hrs · [Like](#) · 1

**Everett Sprou** They trained crews at Hurlburt until '72, then sent any planes left to Thailand & Vietnam. 14 hrs · [Like](#)

**Wayne Laessig** I got to NKP in late 72 & they had pretty much swapped to the Hamilton Standard 3-bladed props & all 3350s. Never had a prop problem myself. The ONLY remaining AC-119 is at Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) International AP. We have a team involved in trying to get it back to us. They're working sensitive aspects, so PLEASE don't do anything on your own. Thks!

**Jerry Marples** I had only one pucker moment on RTB to Saigon pulled the rpm back for letdown & nothing happened except it got real quite in the cockpit. After a few hours, minutes, probably a few seconds they moved to the correct position. Was real happen to see the conversion to Hamilton-Standard. 13 hrs · [Like](#) · 2

**Jerry Marples** I don't think the engines were changed out at least on the G's 13 hrs · [Like](#) · 1

**Don Clifford** There was a program called Palace Dog, I was on it TDY for 6 months, we weren't told anything. We brought stripped AC-119s & AC-47s/C-47s from Vietnam to Clark just before the POWs were released. All aircraft were repaired to excellent condition, any part needed was available, we couldn't believe the priority we had. The crew chiefs started every aircraft & taxied them every day. Everyone was proud of the way they had taken these terribly beat up aircraft & put them in top shape. Then one day the Operations Officer called a meeting of everyone. No explanation given, he issued axes & other demolition tools to everyone along with instructions on how to chop off the wings etc. The aircraft were ALL destroyed chopped up & put on the flatbeds of a Philippine salvage company. I felt like I had been raped. The worst moral I have ever witnessed followed. The one nugget of sunshine was that I was there to meet the POWs on there release.

**Everett Sprou** Thank you **Don Clifford**. I am glad I did not have to witness that. 11 hrs · [Like](#) · 1

**Jim Mattison** any idea how many AC-119s were involved. We're always interested in accounting for the AC-119's demise

**Leroy A. Wolf** That is the 2<sup>nd</sup> time I heard that story, one of the guys I work with @Traviswas station also @ Clark

**Don Clifford** Hi Jim Mattison, there were about 25 or so aircraft, there were 5 or 6, AC-119s the rest were AC-47/C-47, to the best of my memory, It has been along time. This was in early 1973, 42 years ago in Feb. 1 hr · [Like](#) · 2

**Everett Sprou** Thank you Don, it sure helps knowing what happened to some. 1 hr · [Like](#) · 1

**Don Clifford** By the way, this is the first time in 42 years that I have mentioned Palace Dog. 1 hr · [Like](#) · 3

**Everett Sprou** It means a lot to us AC-119 troops to know what happened to our planes. 1 hr · [Like](#) · 1

**Don Clifford** I served 3 each 179 day tours before this one, so I knew a little about the situation. The enemy feared the gunships & I often thought the aircraft were a bargaining chip to help with the release of the POWs. If that were the case it was a good move, but who knows?