



The AC-119 Gunship Association



THE FIRING CIRCLE THE AC-119 GUNSHIP ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



Volume 2 Issue 1



Message from the Prez

Gunship Brothers

It will be my honor to serve as your President of our AC-119 Gunship Association. Many thanks to the past Gunship Association Officers and a special thanks to the Vice President Larry Fletcher for stepping in for President Dutch Payne who had gotten very ill. Let's pray that Dutch gets well and will be able to make the next reunion. Please send your prayers for health to him and Bill Petrie who also was very ill. They both will beat this.

You know it takes dreams and dreamers to make things happen. A special thanks to our 1st four life members: Bill Petrie, Jim Bennes, Norm Evans and my very close friend Fred Graves for his dream has come true. Thanks guys very much.

What's next: more communication and more info throughout the year! We want to see more Gunshippers at the 2003 Reunion, which will once again will be held in Fort Walton Beach, Florida on Oct 3-4-5. Our headquarters for the 2003 Reunion will remain the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, located at 1325 Miracle Strip Parkway, Fort Walton Beach, Florida. Telephone number 800-874-8104. When making your reservation, be sure to tell them you are attending the AC-119 Gunship Reunion.

We will have S.E.A. videos of the 17th and 18th SOS on sale for a donation. More on that in the Newsletter.

The Association approved a Brass Memorial plaque for Hurlburt Air Park in front of the AC-119 of all that died in combat in Vietnam.

We created a new board member - the Association Editor position filled by Everett Dale Sprous, and we're looking for an association Chaplain position to serve as our own Chaplain. So if anyone is interested please let me know. One of the big questions was do we want to form a USAF Gunship Association? This will be checked on and information given at the next membership meeting. We are looking to have the 2004 Reunion at Wright-Patterson AFB. We will vote on this at the next full membership meeting during our 2003 Reunion. We have two members, Rogers Stevens and Ron Julian, living in or near Wright-Patt who are checking things out and will be able to give a brief to all of us.

Be sure to mark your calendar once again for OCT 3-4-5 of 2003, and we all will be reunited once again.

God Bless One and All Gus Sininger

Editor's notes - the third Association Reunion was great. Attendance was down due to the hurricane. I was going to attend no matter what. I figure we flew through flak & everything else imaginable, so what's a little wind. As it turned out, the weather was beautiful Saturday & Sunday. It was great to be with old friends & make new ones. Gus Sininger, our new President, will probably talk about next year's reunion, as well as the Reunion V in 2004. We plan to put out two or three newsletters between now & the next reunion. I would like input from members on short stories, both funny & serious. I am still looking for photos to add to the Association scrap book. I am open to criticism, both positive & negative.

Feel free to contact myself or any Officer, if you have something you would like to add to our publication.

Editor, Everett Dale Sprous

ANYONE DESIRING VOLUME 1 ISSUE 1, OF THE FIRING CIRCLE, PLEASE E-MAIL, WRITE OR CALL ME.

WHAT IS THE AC-119 GUNSHIP ASSOCIATION?

Formed during our first-ever AC-119 Gunship Reunion in October 2000, the AC-119 Gunship Association is a brotherhood of men who served with the 71st, 17th and 18th Special Operations Squadrons in Southeast Asia during The Vietnam War.

WHO CAN JOIN THE AC-119 GUNSHIP ASSOCIATION?

You are eligible for membership if you served with the 71st, 17th or 18th SOS as an Air Crew or Ground Crew Member, on the AC-119G Shadow or the AC-119K Stinger Gunships. There are also Associate and Family (only annual memberships) (there is no charge for surviving spouse's of deceased life members) memberships available. Contact the Association Secretary for full information on all types of memberships available.

HOW DO I JOIN?

Obtain an application for membership in this newsletter or on the Association Website, fill out & submit the application to the Association Secretary, with a money order or check made out to *The AC-119 Gunship Association*. We offer an annual membership at \$20.00 per year or a lifetime membership for \$119.00 (available only to regular members). Surviving spouse's of life members, become life members automatically.

WHAT ARE MY OBLIGATIONS AS A MEMBER?

Just like Southeast Asia, where it took every man in the 71st, 17th & 18th SOS to accomplish assigned missions, every member of the AC-119 Gunship Association is essential to the preservation and betterment of the Association. As a member, you can help solidify and improve the Association by attending reunions if possible, contacting and enlisting new eligible members, making suggestions, and communicating with any of the Association Officers.

If you have concerns or questions, please contact any of the Association officers at:

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Congratulations! to AC-119 Gunship Association Officers for 2002-2003
(left to right) Wayne Laessig, Ray Barradale, Everett Sprou, Gus Sininger, and Art Perry

IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN AIRMEN

"But we shall be remembered; we few, we happy few, we band of brothers. For he today that shed his blood with me shall be my brother." Shakespeare



17th Special Operations Squadron

Major Bernard Knapic (10-11-1969)

Captain John H. Hathaway (10-11-1969)

Major Moses L. Alves (10-11-1969)

Major Jerome J. Rice (10-11-1969)

Staff Sergeant Abraham L. Moore (10-11-1969)

Major Merideth G. Andersen (4-28-1970)

First Lieutenant Thomas L. Lubbers (4-28-1970)

First Lieutenant Charles M. Knowes (4-28-1970)

Master Sergeant Joseph C. Jeszeck (4-28-1970)

Staff Sergeant Robert F. Fage, Jr. (4-28-1970)

Sergeant Michael J. Vangelisti (4-28-1970)



18th Special Operations Squadron

Staff Sergeant Clyde D. Alloway (6-7-1970)

Captain Terence F. Courtney (5-2-1972)

Staff Sergeant Kenneth R. Brown (5-2-1972)

Captain David Slagle (5-2-1972)

Captain Thomas R. Hamman (6-15-1972)

VIETNAM

If you are able
 Save them a place
 Inside of you
 And save one backward glance
 When you are leaving
 For the places they can no longer go.
 Be not ashamed to say you loved them.
 Take what they have taught you
 With their dying
 And keep it with your own.
 And in that time when men decide and feel safe
 To call the war insane,
 Take one gentle moment to embrace
 Those gentle heroes
 You left behind
Major Michael Davis O'Donnell
 1 January 1970
 Dak To, Vietnam

*"Across the rolling hills I hear the faint sound of the
lonely bugler and TAPS"*

In memory of our brothers lost since the Vietnam War. For they have
flown.... *"The Last Flight."*



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THESE ARE SOME OF THE ENTRIES FROM THE GUEST BOOK ON OUR WEBSITE. AS TIME GOES BY & SPACE PERMITTING, WE WILL TRY TO PUBLISH MORE ENTRIES.

I just got the Shadow video from Norm Evans. If you haven't seen it, it is a must. What a great tribute to the Shadows. Everybody seems to be included--groundcrews, gunners, IO's, nav's, and pilots. My dad, Lt. Col. James James even got his face in in the last segment when the VNAF was taking over. The plane,170, is the one he flew on the last Shadow mission. Thank you to whoever put the video together. Dad would have turned backflips over it. Jenny (James) Bowman

Jenny (James) Bowman <jennyjbowman@hotmail.com>

Dyersburg, TN USA - Saturday, October 12, 2002 at 20:41:13 (EDT)

I member you numba 10 GI. You shoot beaucoup VC. Me glad you no here now. Glad you just now on web not in Vietnam

Victor Charlie <No Have>

Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - Tuesday, October 13, 1998 at 15:14:33 (PDT)

Great site! I was a Shadow gunner in 70-71 at ton Son Nhut. Some of the best times of my life were with the Shadow/Stinger people. I hope everyone responds and we can get together someday. I will contact those I am still in contact with. Thanks for taking the time to get us back together. Ed Metz

Ed Metz <egmetz@dp.net>

Belle Vernon, PA USA - Thursday, October 22, 1998 at 20:27:08 (PDT)

look good bill i looking foward to more i talked to an old vc he said you not numba 10 you numba 9 i was munba 10 . i sold him half eaten rice bugs. good luck richard

richard mcknight <mmmusic@swbell.net >

moore, ok USA - Saturday, October 24, 1998 at 19:12:38 (PDT)

I feel like I need to add my 5 cents worth. I'm really getting excited about all of the replies we are getting to our ad. And all the hits on the web page. I just hope everyone is going to follow through with the reunion. I keep hoping to see more of the folks I flew with sign on. I will never give up on you guy's because you are the best of the best.

Fred Graves <farkle@micron.net>

Mountain Home, Id USA - Tuesday, November 17, 1998 at 21:20:43 (PST)

Bill, and all you other Brave Warriors!! I was an Army Nurse in Qui Nhon 69-70 and 70-71. Thank you all for what you did to keep your Brothers alive!! Your efforts saved Many!! God Bless each of you!! HUGS!! Diana Diana <RN Nam Vet@aol.com>

Harrisburg, NC USA - Friday, January 22, 1999 at 03:33:52 (PST)

I was given, and still have, the "Shadow" calling card. It starts with "what evil lurks beneath the jungle canopy - the Shadow knows." They lit up my nights and saved my bacon. You guys deserve ALL the credit your given and then some. THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

MAJ Dave Coy (USAR) <DRCOY@notes.up.com>

Omaha, NE USA - Monday, February 01, 1999 at 12:08:47 (PST)

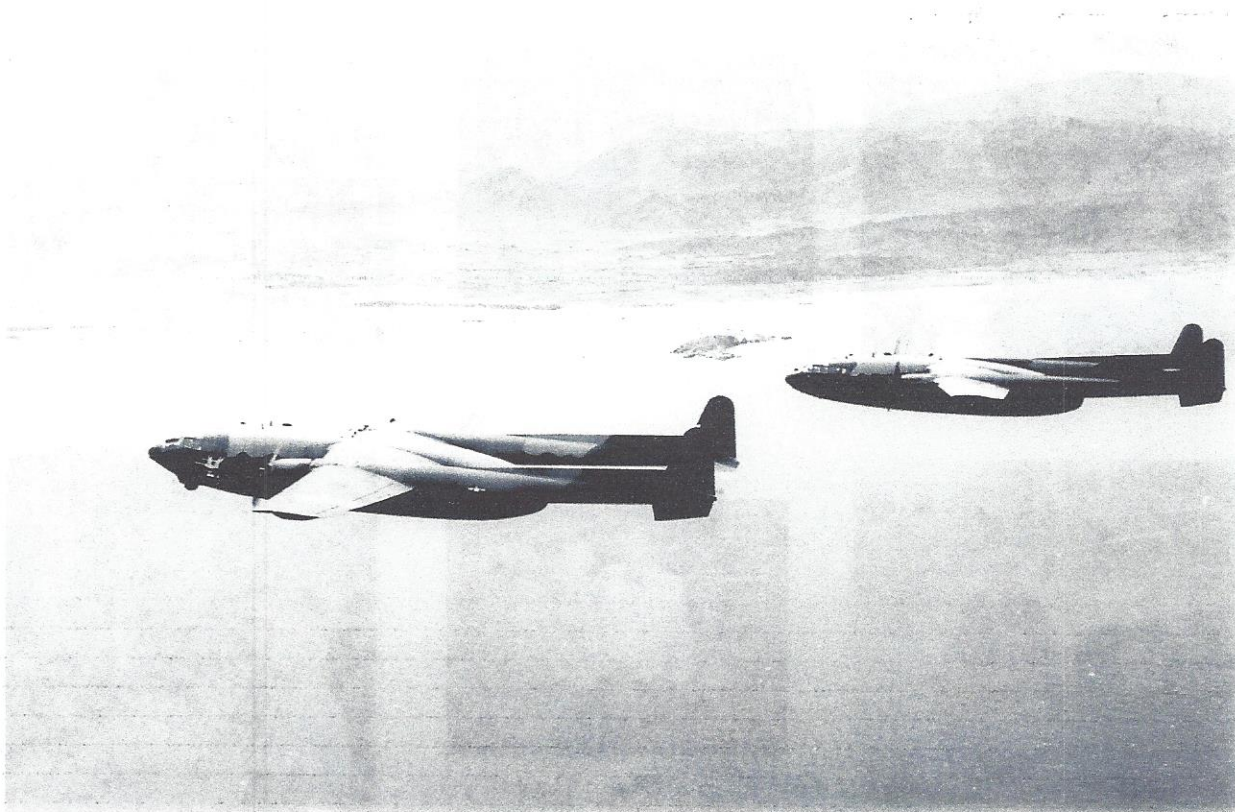
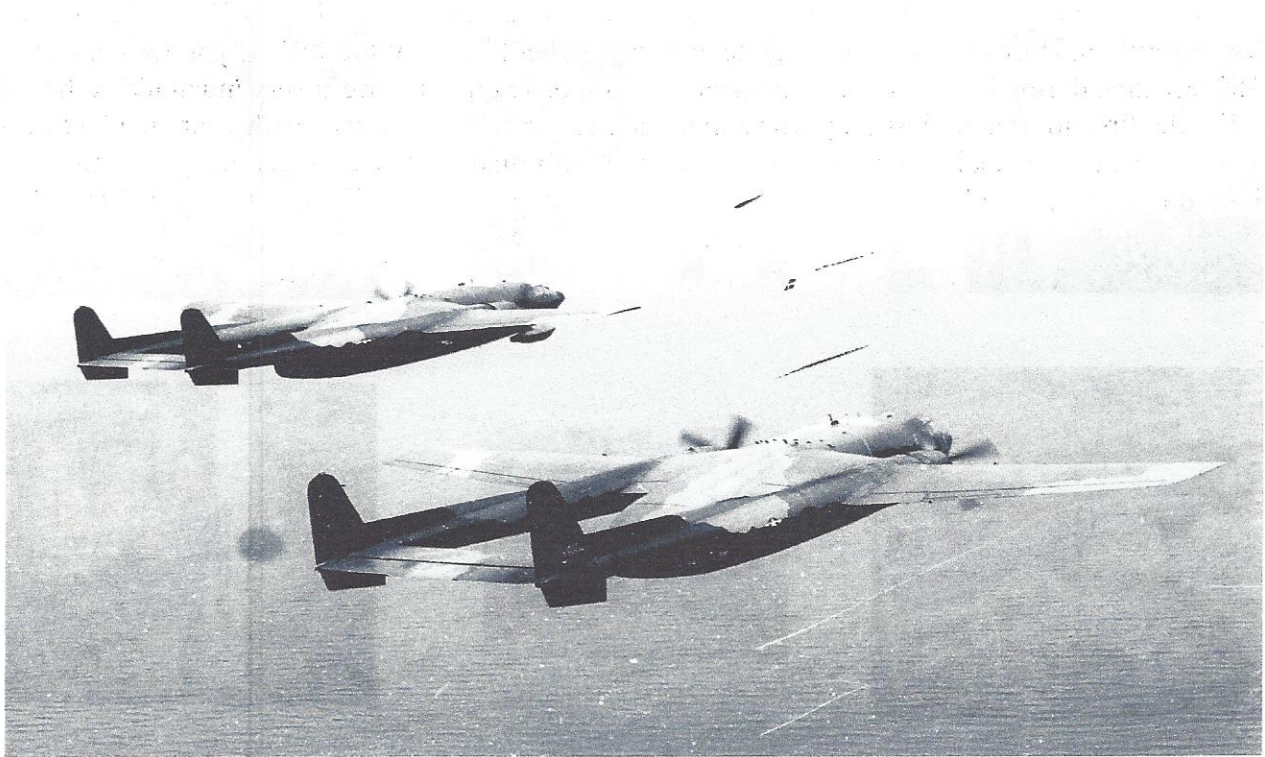
Great site Chief. Having served with and in Special Ops plus a few other "unique" positions, I gained nothing but respect for the bravery and professionalism of the Gunship Airmen. One of my fondest memories, although somewhat fuzzy now, is standing in the middle of a field in Nam (having consumed a few adult beverages) and watching a Gunship work the surrounding area. What a beautiful sight and thanks to the crew for saving my life that evening.

John Stewart <usafcms@citrus.infi.net>

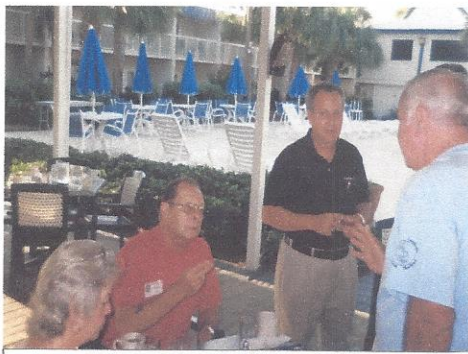
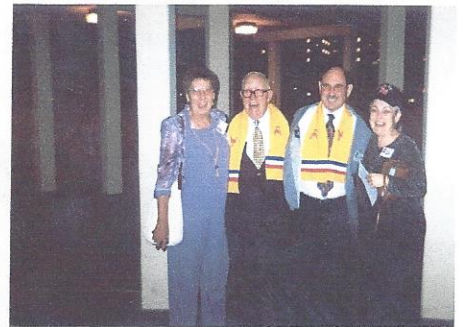
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COUPLE OF GREAT SHOTS OF THE G & K IN FORMATION FROM DAVE VOISEY. DAVE SAYS THESE WERE SHOT BY AN AIR FORCE PHOTOGRAPHER.



THE FIRING CIRCLE SOME REUNION III SHOTS



MERCHADISE FOR SALE BY THE ASSOCIATION


REFURBISHED SHADOW & STINGER CALLING CARDS & BUSINESS CARDS

FRONT

BACK

WHEN UNINVITED GUESTS DROP IN ...
CALL FOR THE SHADOW

We Provide
Lighting for
All Occasions
Beaucoup 7.62
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We Defend:
Special Forces Camps
Air Bases
Outposts
Troops In Contact

WHO KNOWS WHAT EVIL LURKS BELOW THE JUNGLE CANOPY?
"THE SHADOW KNOWS"





LARRY ELTON FLETCHER
SHADOW PILOT
1969-1970
TAN SON NHUT VIETNAM




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CALL FOR THE 18th S.O.S.

We Provide
Lighting for
All Occasions
Beaucoup 7.62 &
20MM Truck &
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1971-1972
NKP THAILAND BIEN HOA VIETNAM








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1971-1972
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MERCHADISE FOR SALE BY THE ASSOCIATION

T-Shirt's

Association (Reunion III) T Shirts_-

The T's have the new Association logo on the back and on the front will be your squadron patch. The left sleeve will have the SEA map and the right sleeve will have the U.S. flag.

- T-shirt colors are White, Ash (gray), and light blue only.
- Only white and gray will come with pockets

order form below Gunship Reunion T-Shirts or Contact:

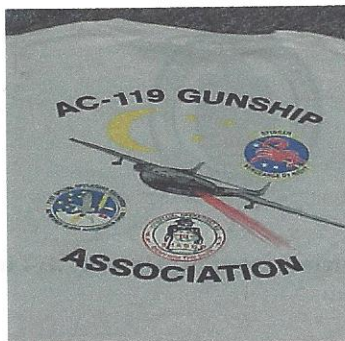
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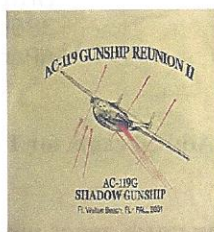
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Shadow and Stinger Hats - \$15



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MULTIPLY YOUR QUANTITY BY THE UNIT PRICE TO GET YOUR TOTAL PRICE

SHADOW: _____ COLOR(S): _____ SIZE(S): _____

STINGER: _____ COLOR(S): _____ SIZE(S): _____

POCKET: YES: _____ NO: _____ NUM. _____ X's \$20.00 _____

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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MAKE CHECK or MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

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206 TOOKE ST.

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SHADOW PATCHES



STINGER PATCH



FOUR FLAGS PATCH

(Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand, Laos)



Patches are approximately 4x4 inches

YANKEE AIR PIRATE PATCH



Contact Art for others, such as mission patches

Contact: Art Perry
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\$5 + Add 50 cents for 1 or 2 patches and 75 cents for 3 or 4 patches

Thanks! Art for your great work on getting these patches replicated.

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PUTTING TOGETHER VIDEOS OF THE 17TH & 18TH SOS IN ACTION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Contact Norm Evans

MISSION CD-ROMS

CD's - \$20 per set

Dan McDuffie has done an outstanding job tele-scoping rare mission tapes from Stinger and Shadow sorties and burning them to a CD. (remember? those tapes had lots of pregnant pauses).



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GREAT WORK DAN ON GETTING THESE TAPES REPLICATED, THANKS

BOOK AVAILABLE
DR. LARRY FLETCHER'S
Shadows of Saigon



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BOOK STORES

GO TO www.bn.com

Author and Former United States Air Force Captain, Dr. Larry E. Fletcher flew 177 combat missions as a pilot in AC-119 Shadow gunships during his tour of duty in Southeast Asia. He was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal with eight Clusters. Nominated for Pacific Air Forces Outstanding Junior Officer of the Year, Fletcher was assigned to Fighting C Flight of the 17th Special Operations Squadron at Tan Son Nhut Air Base; Saigon, Republic of Vietnam.



The AC-119 Gunship Association



HI AC-119 GUNSHIP BROTHER'S, FAMILIES & FRIENDS, WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO JOIN or RE-NEW IN OUR AC-119 GUNSHIP ASSOCIATION, AS A MEMBER, FAMILY MEMBER or ASSOCIATE MEMBER. THIS ASSOCIATION WAS CREATED FOR YOU, WHETHER YOU WERE AN AIRCREW MEMBER or WORKED ON THE AC-119's ON THE GROUND. WE WANT YOU IN OUR ORGANIZATION. AC-119 GUNSHIP ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL (PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE'S OF MEMBERS. SURVIVING SPOUSE'S OF LIFE MEMBERS BECOME LIFE MEMBERS AUTOMATICALLY. ALSO, Associate Members are eligible only for annual membership.

ANNUAL DUES ARE ONLY \$20.00 or A LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP FOR ONLY \$119.00 (Available only to regular members).

Please make your check or money order to:
THE AC-119 GUNSHIP ASSOCIATION & MAIL TO:
RAY BARRADALE, SECRETARY
AC-119 GUNSHIP ASSOCIATION
850 OLD STAGE ROAD
ALBRIGHTSVILLE PA 18210

AC-119 GUNSHIP ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

I, _____, Hereby renew or apply for membership in the AC-119 Gunship Association and agree to abide with the By-Laws of the Association.

My Date of birth is (mm/dd/yy) _____

I, or my Spouse (no charge to surviving spouse) or Parent served in combat with (circle one) 71st SOS
17th SOS 18th SOS From _____, 19__ to _____ 19__

In (SEA) Southeast Asia as: (enter air or ground crew position) _____

Or I feel I am qualified to be an Associate Member (eligible for annual membership only), due to the following:

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____ FAX: _____

SIGNATURE: _____

Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of \$20.00 for my annual membership or \$119.00 for a Lifetime membership, (available only to regular members).

"MAKE CHECK or MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO THE: AC-119 GUNSHIP ASSOCIATION AS A DONATION FOR ANNUAL OR LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES & MAIL TO:

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THE FIRING CIRCLE

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

To perpetuate the existence and names of three U. S. Air Force units that served in Southeast Asia (SEA) as effective combat forces during the Vietnam War, known as the:

71st and 17th (Shadow) and 18th (Stinger) Special Operations Squadrons.

To revere the memories of our fellow military ground and aircrew members whose lives were sacrificed in service to the United States of America and to comfort their survivors.

To renew and promote camaraderie among individuals who served in SEA with Shadow and Stinger, and with other personnel who contributed to the establishment and support of gunship development and operations.

To promote reunions and to engage in other activities approved by the members that are consistent with the aim of promoting the general welfare and enjoyment of Association members and their families.

To record, maintain, and preserve the history and details of Shadow and Stinger contributions in support of our Nation during the Vietnam War.

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