

Summer 2013 Message from your Prez,

The names below are 55 guys coming to the reunion who have not (yet) done a video session with J.P. Mac Isaac to tell their story (s) for our historical Collection.

Ken Stearn	Don Cooling	Jerry Hester	Mike Newmeyer	Jack Bastin
Larry Stegall	Dennis Davis	Johnny Higgins	Marty Noonan	Bill Benzi
Gene Van Over	Bob Derr	Gale Jones	Russ Pontinen	Bob Bokern
Dave Voisey	Phil Diehl	Mike Kraus	Vern Raveling	Tom Brander
Donnie Williams	Mike Drzyzga	Ralph LeFarth	Jim Ray	Don Brogan
Doug Wohlgamuth	Fred Eggert	Guy Macey	Dave Rios	Bill Brown
Robert Wojcik	Norm Evans	Dan Mages	Ray Savera	Buck Buchanan
Lee Wolf	Larry Fletcher	Pat McGillis	Jim Shope	Pete Chaimberlain
John Zebley	Karen Graves	Jim Montgomery	Ron Soderquist	Ernie Cole
Virgil Zins	Bill Hansen	Marshall Mullins	Al Sproul	Bob Connolly

Some of you are in our History Book, so what's the big deal; why do a video session? Simple; I want folks to get it right about AC-119s....in Vietnam....with my crewmates.

Some of you tell me "I don't like to blow my own horn, or I just don't talk about some things." Fine. Don't. Some guys ask, "What do I have that's worth telling?" *Everyone has a story in them* so how about telling how (or why) you got into AC-119s, or a special mission you were on, or why friendships among SEA crewmates are forever, or things you did around the hootch, or a special occasion during your tour, or what the countries we lived or flew in were like, or what the people were like, or samlar racing downtown, or unique things you got to see, or something funny that happened, or something sad that happened, or how you got your SEA or AC-119 nick-name, or what it meant to be part of "your" crew, or the influence of SEA & AC-119s on you & your life.....*or whatever you want*.....for 3 or 4 minutes....or 30 or more (some of us have a lot of stories). It might even be fun to do a crew video.

Before we started reuniting our story was pretty much untold. Let's leave a few of "our" stories for our children, friends, Legacy Squadrons, & history. That will help make sure they get it right. Maybe they'll understand Vietnam, the AC-119s, and us a little better. Our History Book is one of the best things we've done. These videos complement it, and for the guys not in our History Book, help complete the story of us and our AC-119s. You went to 'Nam, and elsewhere, and survived.....you can do THIS.

There are 109 of your crewmates who already did a video session. You can get any of the videos on a DVD – see Ev or JP at the Reunion, or contact Ev by e-mail. You might even notice a few spouses' names on the list. Yep, they did a session, and it tells another aspect of it all. Spouses, please sign up for a session! I'd also like to extend a special invitation to the families of our honored KIA who are coming to the Reunion. Please consider doing a video session. Your story is so important to us, to history, and to the active duty men and women of our Legacy Squadrons.

So, it's crap or get off the pot time. We are the only ones who can tell our story right and get our history straight.

Please email or call JP (Maclsaac@mac.com or 302-373-7269) with your request for a video "slot" on Thursday evening, or between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm Friday, Saturday, or Sunday – he'll schedule you ahead of time so you know when it will be and how long. He'll be set up to do sessions privately, in one of the rooms separate from the Hootch. You can also visit JP and EV at their table in the Hootch, to see some of the videos we already have, or to get a DVD made, or to do a walk-in session. But, scheduling a session ahead of time will help speed sessions along.

Thanks in advance for your contrubution to our History! Wayne Laessig, Association Prez

p.s. We plan to set up the AC-119 Simulator in the Hootch near JP & Ev; come by & try your hand!!