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Dear AC-119 Associates:

It has been more than a month since we launched the AC-119 Gunships Association's new web site. Other than a few "back-end" tweaks, it is up and running as expected. If you have not yet spent time exploring all the content, by all means, on a rainy day, let your fingers do the Browsing. Register for the reunion, find info' on the two tour events, order new items from our on-line store (What? We have a store?) – Yup, the Quartermaster's page.

This *Firing Circle* returns to what you may call our routine format. Since I'm still the Newsletter Editor, (hopefully this too will change), I'll stay on the familiar path and assemble what I have, and in the most effective way. If YOU have any new hot news, please let me know (always looking for cool info). I certainly need help NOW, therefore, the Association is still looking for a Newsletter Editor – if you have basic computer skills, are good using MS Word or a basic publishing software, we welcome a volunteer to take over the Editor's position and assemble the *Firing Circle*. Most of the content comes from other Board Members – the "editor" just patches it together. Contact me if you (or a close family member) are/is interested drzyzga513@hotmail.com or (201-310-2943).

I have been working with the 2017 Reunion Team detailing a very interesting event for us in Sept., Dayton, OH. My first AC-119 reunion was the Association's 5th, in 2004, also in Dayton. Those of you that know me understand what attending that one has done for me over the past 13 years. It is, and continues to be, a heart-warming experience: re-making friendships that for sure will be life-long experiences, making new friends, learning more about what/why we did-what-we-did in SEA, and visiting Special Operation units to meet today's gunship warriors. Looking forward to seeing you all in Dayton.

Until the next *Firing Circle*, I wish you and yours a happy and safe summer-time.

Mike Drzyzga, President