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AC-119 GUNSHIP ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER VOLUME 3 ISSUE 2

Our Association President, Rogers Stevens

Hello Fellow Gunshippers

It is hard to believe REUNION V is six months away. We are going to have a "joint" reunion with our "sister squadron" the 71st SOS. While they have had many different aircraft assigned to their squadron at different times, it was during the mid 60's when the C-119s were assigned to them. It was also during this assignment when the aircraft were converted to the AC-119G. The 71st SOS was trained to operate the 119 in the gunship role. They then ferried the aircraft to South East Asia where they began operating in country until the aircraft were re-assigned to the 17th SOS. Their squadron reunion will coincide with ours at the Hope Hotel, and they will participate with us in the "AC-119 History Project", as well as the other Association gatherings they have registered to attend.

The "AC-119 History Project" is moving right along. I have asked the Association's Vice President Bob LaRosa and Board Member at Large Wayne Laessig to take the lead in the "History Gathering" project. You will note the recent change to the Reunion Registration Form to now include your unit of assignment (71st SOS, 17th SOS, or 18th SOS) and the year/s you were in SEA. They will be scheduling the videotape recording of your person experience story with the AC-119 based upon the time you were in SEA.

You will recall I have challenged EACH Association member to write about his most memorable, exciting, scary, etc. experience. This will be your special story that will give a personal reflection of what it was like during your time with the AC-119 in SEA. My personal stories will tell about the missions to the Barrel Roll where we were chased by a MIG, and when I almost shot myself out of the air with a bad lot of 20 MM ammo. (If you were on the MIG chasing Mission with me, please contact me.) Ron Julian and I have met with the AF Museum Staff concerning this project. They are excited about having information about the "little known" gunships being made available to them. Everyone knows about "Puff the Magic Dragon (AC-47)" and "Spectre (AC-130)", but the "Shadow" and "Stinger" are not well known. We want to CORRECT that problem, and YOUR personal experience story will bring the AC-119 into the records.

In addition, a progress report on the paintings the Association has commissioned of the "Shadow" and "Stinger". The "Shadow" is complete and is UN-REAL in its presentation of the "Shadow" mission. We have shown a draft litho of the painting to the AF Museum Director, General Metcalf, and the Museum staff; and they are extremely pleased with it and that we are going to be donating the original painting to the Museum at the Saturday evening Banquet. The "Stinger" painting is a work in progress at this time, but should also be completed in time for the banquet. There will be 200 numbered and signed lithographic copies of each painting offered for sale to association members first, to help offset the cost of the commissioned artwork (I plan on purchasing a copy of each, they are that good). The artist, Darby Perrin, will attend the Reunion, and he will be involved with the dedication of the paintings to the Air Force Museum. He will also have other litho's of his aircraft artwork available for sale in the "hootch room" at the hotel, if you are so interested. He is a gifted artist, and you will be amazed at how well he has captured our mission in each of these paintings.

The United States Air Force Museum is a work in progress as well. The "Modern Flight Hanger (#2)" is where the Viet Nam War aircraft are displayed. The newest hanger (#3) is where the Cold War and Desert Storm aircraft (B-1, B-2, F-117, SR-71, AC-130, etc.) are displayed. The only gunship on display at the Museum is a Desert Storm AC-130. As I said, the museum is a work in progress; and while the aircraft are on display, the informational panels and dioramas about the events of the time where the displayed aircraft were used are still being completed. If you have not been to the Museum within the past three years, you will be amazed at the changes that have been made; and the increased number of aircraft now on display.

It is not too early to be making plans to attend Reunion V by sending in your Reunion Registration Form and making your hotel reservations. See you in October!!

Rogers Stevens

AC-119 Gunship President

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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 Membership 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 Membership, 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 questions or contacts with new members or our fallen heroes (families), or changes in address information, please contact the following officers at:

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In order to save time & expenses, we will attempt to send the Newsletter to all members that we have email addresses for, to their email address. If for some reason a member can not download the Newsletter, or if we do not have an email address, we will send it by regular mail. If you wish back issues of the Newsletter, or have address changes, please contact:

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Reunion Registration Form AC-119 Gunship Reunion V October 1, 2, & 3, 2004 Dayton OHIO

Where it all began.

Mail your Reunion registration to Ron Julian **TODAY!!!**

Reunion Registration Deadline: September 11, 2004

(Cost increases by \$5.00 per person per event on 12 September)

THIS IS NOT YOUR HOTEL REGISTRATION

Are you an AC-119 Gunship Association member? Yes No

To join, please fill out application on page 9

Make checks payable to "The AC-119 Gunship Association"

Mail this page along with your payment to:

Ron Julian (AC-119)

1509 Justin Ct

Bellbrook OH 45305-1168

Note: for those wanting to do a map quest:
The address is:
1100 Spaatz St 489 #B
Wright Ptrsn AFB, OH
45433-7102

If you haven't received a confirmation card within two weeks, call Ron @ 937-848-4064

Reunion Registration

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

(Unit) 71st, 17th or 18th, etc: _____ Years in Country (e.g. 1969): _____

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME: _____

ADDITIONAL GUESTS: (#____) Name(s) _____

We'll attend:

Welcoming Social, Friday, 1 October, 1800-2030 hrs, Hope Hotel Ballroom.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres with a carving station & salad station.

(\$23) Cash Bar. # attending _____ @ \$23 = \$ _____

Association Dinner, Saturday, 2 October,

1800-2200 hrs, **Air Force Museum Modern Flight Hanger**

Buffet (Steak AuPoivre & Chicken Supreme w/ salad, veggies, tea/water.)

(\$35) Cash Bar. # attending _____ @ \$35 = \$ _____

Golf Match Entry Fee (\$10) (trophies, prizes, etc) # golfers _____ @ \$10 = \$ _____

Green Fees are based on rank and will be collected at the reunion.

Farewell Buffet, Sunday, 3 October, 1800-2300 hrs, Hope Hotel Ballroom

Buffet (Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, Beef Brisket, & the trimmings)

(\$27) Cash Bar. # attending _____ @ \$27 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

General Information
AC-119 Gunship Reunion V
Oct. 1 - Oct. 3, 2004

Guest Speaker

Ron Terry, Colonel, USAF, Ret.

At the present time Colonel Ron Terry, considered "The father of the gunships" is our scheduled guest speaker. What an exciting opportunity for us to hear from the man who started it all. We'll post Colonel Terry's Bio and photo as soon as they become available.

Reunion Weekend
Agenda

FRIDAY, OCT. 1, 2004

6 P.M.-8:30 P.M.

Welcome Social, Hope Hotel Ballroom,
Casual dress/party suit. \$23, Heavy Hors D'oeuvres
with carving station & Salad station. Cash bar.

SATURDAY, OCT. 2, 2004

8 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Membership Meeting Hope Hotel

11:30 A.M.

AF Museum and other attractions.

Saturday Evening, OCT. 2, 2004

5:30 P.M. - 6 P.M. estimated.

Memorial Service

At the Air Force Museum

6 P.M.- 10 P.M.

***Under the Wings* Dinner**

Air Force Museum Modern Flight Hanger

(\$35) Buffet (steak AuPoivre & Chicken supreme w/
salad, veggies, tea/water)

A unique opportunity to dine among the airplanes.

- **Guest Speaker: Colonel Ron Terry, USAF, Ret.**
- **Special Presentation to Museum: AC-119 Gunship paintings**

SUNDAY, OCT 3, 2004

Golf@ Twin Base (WPAFB), \$10 entry fee (opt),
plus green fees (req) \$24 to walk, \$35 to ride

6 P.M. - 11 P.M.

Farewell Buffet, Hope Hotel Ballroom

\$27, cash bar

Buffet (Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, Beef Brisket &
trimmings)



Hotel Registration & Room Rates

The Hope Hotel Will be the host for the 2004 Reunion.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base has the distinction of being the only military base with a privately owned and operated commercial hotel. Approval for this project was obtained through an act of congress. While being an experimental endeavor for the government, the Hope Hotel & Conference Center has experienced tremendous success and continues to exceed all expectations. The hotel opened its doors in June 1990 and was named in honor of veteran troop entertainer Mr. Bob Hope.

The Hope Hotel is honored to be part of history and a "place for peace" in hosting the 1995 Proximity Peace Talks. On November 1, 1995, negotiations between presidents of Bosnia, Croatia and Serbia commenced here. The peace agreement was initiated November 21, 1995 after three weeks of intense mediation in ending the 4 year war in the Balkans.

More hotel & Registration information will be coming soon.

For Hotel Reservations you'll need to go to the Hope Hotel website and click on the registration link in the left hand navigation bar **OR...**

Write, Call, or FAX:

Hope Hotel & Conference Center

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Dayton, Ohio 45433-5000

(937) 879-2696

FAX:(937) 878-8731

DSN: 787-1285

Editor's note: I paid \$75.00 per day + \$7.50 tax

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From Jim Terry on finding families of our KIA

I have been in contact with the families that attended our past reunion and Bob Knapic and Dewight Fage said they are planning on attending in Dayton. I have also contacted Lt Thomas Lubbers Family and his two sisters and sister-in-law said they plan on attending in Dayton. I have talked to Jeffery Alloway and he wants to attend but with his job he can't make plans at this time. I have also been in email contact with Kirstin Giroux the daughter of Capt. Thomas Hamman. She lives in Hawaii and wants to be involved with the Association but she said it may be a little difficult to get there from Hawaii. I am still working on contacting more of the families but it does take time.

AIR FORCE MUSEUM "WISH LIST"

At a meeting with the Museum Staff, they have again made requests for personal items from members of the AC-119 Association. They would like to have:

- > Original Photos (candid shots are best) showing the life style experiences in SEA.
- > (flying, flight line, working/repairing, "kicking back", day-to-day life etc.)
- > Uniforms
- > Hats
- > "Stuff" we used during the flights/ or on the ground
- > Items from the "Hootches"
- > Letters from home and/or letters you sent home
- > Viewpoints on what worked and what didn't

They do not need things like PCS and TDY orders. Due to public perceptions, they may have to hold some things in reserve like our nose art pictures. Personal letters and other sensitive items can be marked "limited access". While these items may not be displayed publicly, they are extremely valuable for the researchers and archivists. On the subject of Photographs: On the back of each photo, if you can – list the date of the photo, where the photo was taken and what it shows, who is in the photo, if more than one person - list names left to right and front row then the next row, etc., and the photographer's name. The more that is known the better; but if you do not remember, list it as unknown.

They also suggested that if you wish to enjoy these items during your lifetime; you might consider listing the items in your Will or other document expressing your wishes, as donations to the Museum. It has been their experience, that when a person passes on, family members do not recognize the historical significance/importance of the item/s and will often discard them. This is especially true of photographs because they were not there to meet or know the unit's personnel or see the equipment in use.

In EVERY case, a letter of donation acceptance will be sent to you or your survivors on Museum letterhead; and the letter will also have a list of the donated item/s for your records.

PLEASE consider this program, and I know from experience the Museum will appreciate your generosity.

Do you want to share a room?

If you are attending the Reunion alone & would like to cut your cost for motel rooms, fill out the form below and mail it to:

Everett Sprous
3521 Salena
St Louis MO 63118-4024
Or contact Ev at: 314-865-0920
everettsprous@sbcglobal.net

I would like to share the costs of my hotel room

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Smoking preference: Non-smoking: _____
Smoking: _____
no preference: _____

I plan to arrive Date: _____

I plan to depart Date: _____

PLEASE NOTE: The AC-119 Gunship Association is officially exempt from federal income tax under IRS Code 501 c (19), as stated and approved in Internal Revenue Service Letter dated 02 Jan 2002. Association Officers have copies of the letter. What this means to you is that your dues and any other donations to the Association, are tax deductible.

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MERCHADISE FOR SALE BY THE ASSOCOCIATION

T-Shirts

Association Reunion T-Shirts

The Reunion IV T's have the SEA map on the right sleeve and the US flag on the left sleeve.

T-Shirt colors are black only.

Order form below for AC-119 Gunship Association Reunion T-shirts

Or Contact:

Gus Sininger
206 Tooke Street
Ft Walton Beach FL 32547
Phone (850) 863-9649
g.sininger@seii.net

FRONT



BACK



New Association Golf Shirt \$27.00—these will be by special order through Gus.



Newly designed! Shadow and Stinger Hats -



Check with Gus on availability of Reunion I, II, & III T-Shirts

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

Reunion IV T-Shirts (BLACK ONLY) \$20.00.

SIZE(S): _____ X's \$20.00 _____

Golf Shirts: color (s) _____ Size(s): _____ Name on front: _____
X's \$27.00

LAOTION HIGHWAY PATROL: X-LARGE ONLY— NUM. _____ X's \$10.00 _____

HATS: SHADOW: _____ STINGER: _____ X's \$15.00 _____

Reunion IV Videos _____ X's \$20.00

NAME: _____

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

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

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206 TOOKE ST.

FT WALTON BEACH FL 32547

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MERCHADISE FOR SALE BY THE ASSOCIATION

STINGER PATCH



SHADOW PATCHES



YANKEE AIR PIRATE PATCH



FOUR FLAGS PATCH



(Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand,



Cambodia 100 Mission Patch (Shadow) & Stinger 100 Mission Patch (Laos)

Note: These are in limited quantity. More will be made if the demand calls for them.

Patches are all approximately 4x4

1 patch \$5 + Add 50 cents for 1 or 2 patches' and 75 cents for 3 or 4 patches, and \$1 for 5-6 patches.

Contact: Art Perry
 220 Sagebrush Trail
 Ormond, FL 32174
 386-615-9756
APerry9567@aol.com

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

MISSION CD-ROMS

CD's - \$20 per set
 Dan McDuffie has done an outstanding job telescoping rare mission tapes from Stinger and Shadow sorties and burning them to a CD. (remember? those tapes had lots of pregnant pauses).



GREAT WORK DAN ON GETTING THESE TAPES REPLICATED, THANKS

VIDEO

Shadow & Stinger Video

VHS Tape - donation of \$21.50 per tape

The tape contains video and still images from both the 17th & 18th Special Operations Squadrons.



Contact:

Norm Evans

611 Center St #12
 Ft Walton Beach FL 32547
 Phone (850) 864-0923

[normevans873@cox.net](mailto:normeans873@cox.net)

ALSO CONTACT NORM FOR REUNION IV VIDEOS \$20.00 EACH

Reunion IV Photo CD—\$5.00—over 200 photos from our 4th reunion—contact Everett at 314-865-0920 or everettsprou@sbcglobal.net or Everett Sprou 3521 Salena St Louis MO 63118-4024

\$10.00

NEW LICENSE FRAMES

\$13.00



Contact:

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Here's who you missed at Reunion IV, 2003

We had another wonderful time in Ft. Walton Beach, FL. For those of you who didn't make it here is a list of those who attended *Reunion IV* in FWB. We reunite in Dayton, OH for 2004 and look forward to seeing all of you again along with a few faces we haven't seen in the past.

NOTE: *The list does not include spouses or guests*

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| 1. Ray Barradale | 44. Gerard Snyder | 82. Bob La Rosa |
| 2. Milo Yowell | 45. John Nicol | 83. Henry Hoang |
| 3. Larry Fletcher | 46. Danny Stanton | 84. Dan McDuffie |
| 4. Art Perry | 47. Tim Thompson | 85. William Lodge |
| 5. Ron Warner | 48. Ray Gravitte | 86. Jerry Hester |
| 6. Steve MacIsaac | 49. Robert VanAble | 87. Dewight Fage & Family (honored guest) |
| 7. Jimmy Terry | 50. Tim Harman | 88. Kelly DeLoache |
| 8. Luther Burns | 51. Cash McCall | 89. Doug Gorsuch |
| 9. Doug Wohlgamuth | 52. Tony Simon | 90. Bill Korte |
| 10. Pete St. Jean | 53. Larry Hunter | 91. Dick Ring |
| 11. Robert Connolly | 54. Gene Roode | 92. Harold Bach |
| 12. Wayne Laessig | 55. Fred Eggert | 93. J.C. Smith |
| 13. Jim Moore | 56. Bob Holmes | 94. Mike Ryan |
| 14. Karen Graves | 57. Jim Dunn | 95. Daniel Biggs |
| 15. Jerry Greene | 58. Robert Call | 96. Bill Dudley |
| 16. Jim Yanacsek | 59. Paul Campbell | 97. Allen Arthur |
| 17. Ron Hinton | 60. Bob McCreight | 98. Elliott Williamson, Jr. |
| 18. Walker Cullop | 61. William Feezor | 99. Tom Milligan |
| 19. Gus Sininger | 62. Ken Wilson | 100. Jim Bennes |
| 20. Phil Diehl | 63. Bill McIntyre | 101. Larry Barbee |
| 21. Ernest Cole | 64. Jimi Grant | 102. James Shope |
| 22. Dave O'Mara | 65. Bruce Byrd | 103. Jim Curran |
| 23. Bill Posey | 66. Charles Daenzer | 104. Don Lyles |
| 24. Johnny Higgins | 67. Mrs. Teddi Alves, Kevin Alves & Family (honored guest) | 105. Mike Newmyer |
| 25. Leroy Jackson | 68. Bob Knapic & Family (honored guest) | 106. Tom Schroeder |
| 26. Doug Blair | 69. Elizabeth Jeszeck (honored guest)/ <i>Canx</i> | 107. Norm Evans |
| 27. John Funk | 70. James Vangelisti & Son (honored guest)/ <i>Canx</i> | 108. Donna Crews |
| 28. John Rowe/ <i>canx</i> | 71. J. B. Bradley | 109. Leigh Norstrom |
| 29. Everett Sprouse | 72. N. M. Gorton | 110. Gary Hitzemann |
| 30. Gary Gourley | 73. Rogers Stevens | 111. Marty Noonan |
| 31. Howie Reid | 74. Ron Julian | 112. Bob Allen |
| 32. Michael Krauss | 75. Donald Cooling | 113. Tim Thompson |
| 33. John Milam | 76. Frank Bianco | 114. Don Helm |
| 34. Michael Traynor | 77. Rod Guidry/ <i>Canx</i> | 115. Bill Burress |
| 35. Harris Hiers | 78. Vernon Hanson | 116. Carl Benedick |
| 36. Bill Petrie | 79. Frank Zemanick | 117. Joe Arthur |
| 37. Bernard Smith | 80. Frank Bartlett | 118. Mark Howard |
| 38. Richard Miller | 81. John Morrow | 119. Jerry Stalnaker |
| 39. Craig Corbett | | 120. Bill Jowers |
| 40. Lance Blanchard | | 121. Vern Hansen |
| 41. Lee Kyser | | |
| 42. Irving Greenberg | | |
| 43. Robert Krueger | | |

The AC-119 Gunship Association

Hi AC-119 Gunship Brothers, Families & Friends, we would like to invite you to join or renew in our AC-119 Gunship Association, as a member, family member or associate member. This Association was created for you, whether you were a Aircrew member or worked on the AC-119's on the ground. **We want you in our Association.** 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:

Everett Dale Sprous, Newsletter/Membership
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3521 Salena
St Louis MO 63118-4024

AC-119 GUNSHIP ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION or RENEWAL

Note: If you are renewing, it is not necessary to fill out all information, unless there are changes.

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's*) 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 only for annual membership*) 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 and mail to:

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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.

AC-119 GUNSHIP ASSOCIATION WEBSITE
<http://www.ac-119gunships.com/welcome.htm>

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