

# The AC-119 Gunship Association

February 3, 2018 News Flash

## From the President's Desk

In the January, 2018 *Firing Circle* Newsletter, I reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Operation Group at Hurlburt Field, FL is "standing-up" a new AC-130J squadron, the 73<sup>rd</sup> SOS --- and they are **Shadows**. I have been communicating via email with the DO, Captain Chris Zenk. They are still working of finalizing the squadron's official patch, and also something (else) for aircraft nose art.

On Thursday morning (2/1), I received a telephone call from Capt. Zenk with some exciting news. They are having a ceremony to officially stand-up the 73<sup>rd</sup> SOS, and anyone associated with AC-119s IS INVITED to attend.

**DATE: Friday, Feb. 23, 2018**

**Location: Hurlburt Field, Mary Ester, FL**

I have no details yet, like the exact time, duration of the ceremony, or the process to access the air base. When I learn the details, I'll communicate them to those who sign-up to attend. I'll be the Point-of-Contact for this special event. If you are able to attend, please let me know as soon as possible. I will make the sign-up list. The best way is via email to [drzyzga513@hotmail.com](mailto:drzyzga513@hotmail.com). As an alternate, you may call me cell phone: 201-310-2943 at a reasonable Eastern Standard Time.

GUNS HOT!! Mike Drzyzga



2016, the 2<sup>nd</sup> AC-130J arrives at Hurlburt (also has 105mm gun!)