

WHY DO A VIDEO SESSION?

Some of you are in our History Book. Some are not. So, what's the big deal; why do a video session? Well, for starters, someone might read in your History Book story, *It was quite a day* – but there are multiple different meanings they might get from that phrase. What the reader does NOT know is whether you were laughing when you said it, or somber, or sad, or sarcastic, or mad,...or whatever. The words by themselves don't tell anyone *what you meant*. But if someone **watched** you say those words on your video, they would see your eyes, facial expressions, & inflection; & there would be little doubt what you meant.

So what, you say. The answer is simple; we want folks to get it right about AC-119s, in Vietnam, with our crewmates. We do not want them guessing about, or misunderstanding anything we tried to tell them about how we felt or what we experienced.

Some of you tell us "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?" 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). Might even be fun to do a crew video. 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, AC-119s, & us a little better. Our History Book is one of the best things we've done. Our videos complement it, & for the guys not in the History Book, help complete the story of us & our AC-119s. You survived 'Nam &...you can do THIS. Over 120 folks already did a video:

Hank Alau	Tom Cougill	Jake Jaeckle	Larry Middleton	Bernie Smith
Mario Alfaro	Don Craig	Ron Jones	Alan Milacek	Donald Smith
Jim Alvis	Jim Dunn	Ron Julian	John Milam Jr	Ev Sprous
Robert Andrews	Bob Dydo	William Korte	Jim Moore	Russell
Jeff Baker	William Evans	Bob Krueger	Dick Morgan	Stephensmeier
Larry Barbee	Norm Evans	Bill Kuhn	John Morrow	Fred Sternenberg
Leonard Barnett	Bob Farmer	Lee Kyser	Mike Mullen	Rogers Stevens
Ray Barradale	Bill Feezor	Bob La Rosa	Larry Nelson	Owen Stickles
Frank Bartlett	Bob Frederick	Wayne Laessig	Brent O'Brien	Paul Stumbaugh
Carl Benedict	Ron Gilbert	Jesse Lau	Bill Petrie	Joe Sugg
Fred Blum	Joe Goryl	Bill Lodge	Dick Pollmann	Neil Taylor
Jim Bond	Jimmy Grant	Bob Lyall	William Posey	John Temoney
Claude Bradshaw	Ray Gravitte	Mac Maclsaac	Cindy Posey	Jim Terry
Andy Bright	Jerry Greene	Dick Mahany	Donald Radke	Michael Traynor
Norm Burger	Vern Hansen	Jim Mattison	Patricia Radke	Andy Turlington
Bruce Byrd	George Hardy	Cash McCall	Howie Reid	William Tyler
Charles Callahan	Al Heuss	Bob McCreight	Dick Ring	Charles Vellines
George Carter Sr	Harris Hiers	Bobby McLeod	Bob Safreno	Cookie Villareal
Allen Chandler	Ron Hinton	Clarence McDaniel	Dave Savelle	Earl Wall
Barbara Chandler	Gary Hitzeman	Jerry McDonald Ray	Wayne Scott	Jimmy Ward
Roger Clancy	Bobby Holmes	Meckstroth	Jim Shoemaker	Phil Wheatley
John Coates	Lloyd Hopkins	Joanne Meckstroth	Gus Sininger	Chuck Williams
Jim Cooper	Baby Huey Hunter	Steve Meleen	Jerry Snyder	Bill Woolard
Craig Corbett	Jon Jacobson	John Michels	Bob Spencer	Milo Yowell

So, it's crap or get off the pot time; we're the only ones who can tell ~~you~~ our story right. During our Reunion, please find JP Maclsaac for a video "slot" – he'll schedule you ahead of time so you know when it will be & how long. He'll be set up to do sessions privately, in one of the rooms separate from the Hootch. You can also visit EV at the table in the Hootch, to see some of the videos we do have, or to get a DVD made.

You might even notice a few spouses' names on the list. Yep, they did a session, & it tells another aspect of it all. Spouses, please sign up for a session!

We also extend a special invitation to the families of our honored KIA who come to the Reunion. Please consider doing a video session. Your story is so important to us, to history, & to the active duty men & women of our Legacy Squadrons.