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National Director's Corner

By- **Larry Jackson**

Greetings to all Outlaws, Mavericks, Roadrunners, 28th Avionics Sig Det, B Troop 1-158th Outlaw Aviation and 175th Bushwhackers.

First off, I want to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I hope the Christmas Season was a joyful occasion spent with family and friends. It is hard to believe that 2016 is already here.

It will be time to attend our Return to Branson Reunion before you know it. I was able to get our finalized contract with Gatherings Plus Reunion Planner by the 1st of December. I believe that we have a fun-filled week planned for you. All the details of the activities are listed in the attached Itinerary. The registration form with the pricing and other details are in the newsletter. I hope that you will plan on attending this reunion and get the chance to connect with old friends and share the bonds we formed in Vietnam.

I regret that I have to announce that John Doyle has resigned as the Outlaw Chaplain. He has been a very valuable guiding light for all of us since the formation of the VLOA about 16 years ago and has been a member of the Steering Committee since its inception. We will keep John and Ruth in our thoughts and prayers and hope that they will be able to attend the reunion.

Paul Martin (the Arkansas Paul) has agreed to accept the position of VLOA chaplain. We look forward to his tenure in ministering to our needs. Paul came to the Outlaws in October 1964, shortly after the Outlaws arrived in-country. He was a 2/Lt when he arrived. He flew with Ole Thornton's 2d platoon as a slick driver. Thank you for stepping forward.

Tom Anderson has agreed to Chair the Nominating Committee and Frank Estes has agreed to Chair the Awards Committee. I and the Outlaws owe them a debt of gratitude. Thanks for your support.

Return to Branson Reunion-2016

Following are a brief description of the 3 shows that we will be attending:

#1 Hits of the 60's (and 50's Too!) touches over 100 songs from the great artists of the 60's and 50's - Elvis Presley, The Beach Boys, The Supremes, Paul Anka, Buddy Holly, Petula Clark, The Beatles... the list goes on and on. Add over 100 costume changes, fun video and a talented cast of seven and you've got the recipe for the show dubbed "The Most Fun You'll have In Branson." But the thing that really distinguishes #1 Hits of the 60's (& 50's too) from any other show is that each and every performer on stage is passionate about the fact that the unforgettable music and its connection to the audience is what's important. Every day we're asked "How do you have all that energy on stage?" That's easy - it's not work! Whether it's our interactive game ("Was It The 50's Or The 60's?"), the high school dance segment (where we take our audience back to their youthful school days), or the "Boots Are Made For Walking" segment where we transform an unsuspecting audience member into a hippie, we get to have fun and "go on vacation" with hundreds of visitors a day during our show. And our favorite part? That's easy too - it's that moment in the lobby after the show when all our new friends exit smiling and talking about all the memories we brought back... It's the best job in Branson!

Clay Cooper's Country Express has something for everyone! Enjoy live music, singing, dancing, hysterical comedy and more! From George Jones to Hunter Hayes, from the Doobie Brothers to Bruno Mars, Clay and his cast of 24 veteran entertainers will bring you a high energy performance filled with variety – country, gospel, patriotic and more!

Don't miss New York's number one cowboy, trick roper, and gun-slinger, Johnny Lonestar. Eleven amazing dancers led by Clay's multi-talented wife, Tina Cooper, a seven-piece band and Branson's funnier than funny comedian, Matt Gumm. Outstanding youth entertainers, Colt & Caden Cooper, and "Oklahoma's little sweetheart" Ezra Noelle! Their unbelievable talent, hysterical comedy, and down-home personality bring our guests back time and time again. We definitely have something for everyone! Located on Hwy 76 across from The Titanic Museum. Clay Cooper has been performing for Branson audiences since the age of 16, originally coming to Branson to perform with a kid's band known as the Texas Goldminors. Clay loved singing and playing bass, and loved meeting new people. What better place to do it than Branson! He continued performing in several Branson shows and now celebrates his 29th season performing. Clay hangs out after every show, greeting the audience and meeting new fans!

Join us as America's Most Entertaining Dinner Cruise Celebrates 20 Years of Live Entertainment! The Showboat Branson Belle is one of the most enjoyable things to do at Table Rock Lake and presents an unforgettable experience for your entire family. Your 2-hour cruise on magnificent Table Rock Lake, Missouri includes a delicious **3-course meal** freshly prepared in the ship's galley and the **All-NEW Show - Celebrate** featuring music, comedy, magic and more.

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Queen of the Ozarks

Themed after the majestic showboats of the 1800s, the Showboat Branson Belle evokes the spirit of a bygone era when river boat adventure, glamorous travel and dazzling entertainment converged into what we remember as Those Grand Old Showboatin' Days!

Christened:	April 13, 1995
Length:	278 feet
Beam	78 feet
Height:	112 feet, 3 inches to top of stacks
Draft:	7.5 feet
Paddle Wheels:	2 twin wheels, 16 feet wide, 24 feet in diameter
Weight:	2,500,000 pounds
Speed:	Peak 11 mph Average 6 mph
Captain's Wheel:	10 feet, 2 inches in diameter of solid maple wood, restored from the C.C. Slider which operated 1928 - 1952.
Capacity:	700 Passengers

The Showboat Branson Belle was launched from her lake side shipyard August 13, 1994, using two tons of bananas as a lubricant for the nine second slide into the water. She traveled 14 mph during the launch, faster than she'll ever travel on water.

Table Rock Lake

See gorgeous views of Table Rock Lake when you take your family on a lake cruise aboard the magnificent Showboat Branson Belle! Stroll the three decks, and enjoy panoramic views of the lush Ozark Mountains across the turquoise waters of Table Rock Lake. During your 2-hour lake cruise. Many more things to see and do. See you there!!!!

Larry Jackson celebrates his 75th. Birthday in Las Vegas Nevada.

Polly and I went to Las Vegas in October to celebrate my 75th Birthday. Our next door neighbors, Mack and Jane McGahee, had a time share for a week there and they invited us to join them. Mack and I both retired from the Army on October 1, 1982. Mack had 30 years and I had 20. We had a great time exploring all of the sights and sounds of the city. We attended 3 shows while we were there.

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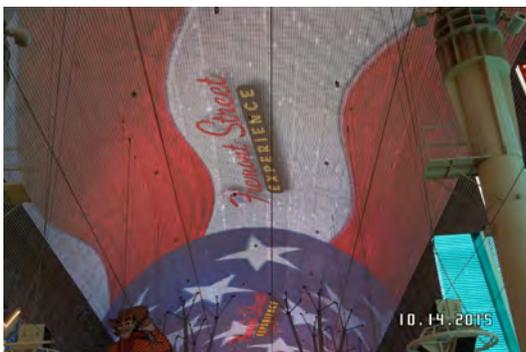
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We saw Vegas, The Show, which portrayed the development of the city along with the music of each period from the 40's to the present and the lowdown on the glamour, the glitter and gossip that makes Las Vegas the world's most exciting city. We also saw the Million Dollar Quartet. This show was based upon the true events of Johnny Cash, Elvis Presley, Ray Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis getting together for a jamb session when they all had the same manager. What great music.

Last but not least was The Mac King Comedy Magic Show at Harrah's. He is a wonderful illusionist and magician. Had us laughing the entire show. Mack and I rode the LinQ Ferris wheel which is 550 feet high with gondolas holding 40 persons and it takes 30 minutes to make one revolution. (See picture). Polly and I went up to Fremont Street which was the original strip. It has a covered walkway about 3 blocks long which has a light show several times a night There are more sights there than a person really wants to see. (See picture)

Our golf club hosts the annual Concourse de Elegance here at Hilton Head the first week of November. It is one of my favorite things to do to look at all of the antique and classic cars and this year it added airplanes. I think most of us of our generation had a love affair with automobiles. Attached are a picture of a Stearman Waco plane and a 1960 Chrysler 300F convertible. I would have been happy with either of them. I'm already looking forward to our Return to Branson 2016. Here is wishing each of you a wonderful spring and summer.

Larry Jackson.



VINH LONG OUTLAWS ASSOCIATION

Branson, Missouri Reunion

September 15-19, 2016

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
 <p>Check into THE RADISSON HOTEL</p> <p>1:00-6:00 pm Arrival and Registration</p> <p>Hospitality Room Open</p>  <p>7:00-9:00 pm CASH BAR and WELCOME BUFFET DINNER</p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p> <p>Hospitality Room Open</p>  <p>2:00 pm #1 HITS OF THE 60's AND 50's, TOO SHOW</p> <p>Hospitality Room Open</p>  <p>7:30 p.m. THE CLAY COOPER SHOW</p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p> <p>8:00 am STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING</p>  <p>9:00 am VLOA GENERAL MEETING</p> <p>Hospitality Room Open</p>  <p>4:00 pm THE SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE DINNER, SHOW AND CRUISE</p> <p>Hospitality Room Open</p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p>  <p>9:00 am CHAPEL SERVICE</p>  <p>Hospitality Room Open</p>  <p>6:00 pm CASH BAR, MISSING COMRADES CEREMONY & FAREWELL BANQUET with Entertainment</p>	<p>Hot Buffet Breakfast</p> <hr/> <p>INCLUDES: Lodging x 4 Nights Hot Breakfast Hospitality Room Welcome Dinner Hits of the 60's Show Clay Cooper Show Showboat Branson Belle Chapel Service Farewell Banquet with Entertainment Transportation to Group Activities Reunion Website All Taxes and Gratuities</p>

May I have everyone's attention please!!!! --After reading this information hopefully you will have decided to attend the reunion so would you Please email the Reunion coordinator at pamb@gatheringsplus.com or the National Director, Larry Jackson at jackson3605@roadrunner.com and give them a head count of how many will be attending to help them both establish a closer estimate of how many plan on attending. This will be a great help to them and may help the VLOA save an unknown amount of expense. Thank you all in advance for your helpful consideration!!!

We hope to see you all in Branson in September!!!!



VINH LONG OUTLAWS ASSOCIATION
OUTLAWS RETURN TO BRANSON
September 15-19, 2016



NAME _____ NAME TAG NAME _____
 GUEST/SPOUSE _____ NAME TAG NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL _____
 Any Physical Disabilities? _____
 Any Dietary Restrictions? _____

HOST HOTEL: RADISSON HOTEL
120 S. Wildwood Drive, Branson, MO

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____
 _____ King Bed _____ Two Queen Beds

Special Requests and Additional Guests _____

- 1 person single: \$675.00 (check) or \$702.00 (credit card) = \$ _____
- 2 persons double: \$930.00 (check) or \$967.00 (credit card) = \$ _____
- 3 persons triple: \$1247.00 (check) or \$1297.00 (credit card) = \$ _____
- 4 persons quad: \$1520.00 (check) or \$1581.00 (credit card) = \$ _____

(includes hotel x 4 nights, welcome packet, hospitality room w/refreshments, breakfast, and all meals and activities listed on itinerary)

Banquet Meal Choice : _____ Beef _____ Chicken _____ Fish _____ Vegetarian

_____ # of Additional Nights at Hotel x \$105.00 per night including tax and breakfast = \$ _____

Payment by _____ Check _____ Credit Card *AE, Visa, MC, Discover credit cards only.*

Card Number _____ Expiration Date: _____

GRAND TOTAL DUE : \$ _____

A 50% deposit is required by June 10 with final payment due by September 8. *No refunds on cancellations after September 8, 2016.* If you have questions please contact us at 417-338-4048 or pamb@gatheringsplus.com. **MAIL REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK PAYABLE TO:**

GATHERINGS PLUS
P. O. BOX 1023
BRANSON WEST, MO. 65737

Go to: www.reunionpro.com, click on "reunions" link, type in "Vinh Long Outlaws," & hit "enter" to go to the Gatherings Plus (reunion planner's) website.

The Back Pew

By: Paul L. Martin



Looking Back——
——Moving forward.



I am new at this. Please bear with me. In the Bible, book of Joshua chapter 2, there is the account of Joshua sending out two spies. Short, quick mission. Go to Jericho, look around, and report back. Good, fresh intelligence will probably never go out of style. But these two ended up in the house of Rahab, the harlot. (James Bond, 007, was not the first spy to drift that direction.)

But I want us to think about Rahab a bit. I think I have a lot of things in common with her. You may too. No good parent wants their child to end up doing what he or she was doing. Also I can look back and find things in my life I am not too proud of. Some I don't want anyone to know anything about. You may have a few dark secrets like that too. I think we all do when we are really honest with ourselves, and if we are not honest with ourselves we have other even bigger problems. But that is the thing about the Bible, it tells of People who start out one way and turn around.

David was just a shepherd. Moses was a murderer. Then he worked forty years for his father-in-law, doing what the girls used to do. Few people start at the top, and if they do, that leaves only one way they can go,--- down. But, back to Rahab, she had heard things about the Lord, what He had done for his people and she believed them. She is mentioned twice in the New Testament. She is an example of faith and of good works.

I have enjoyed my time after leaving the service. But I have not always been a preacher. I too have had a turn around in my life.

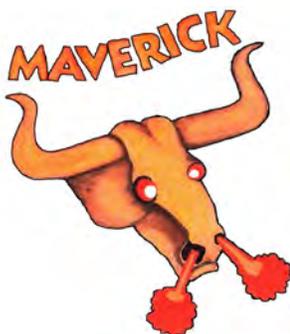
I have enjoyed this job so far. I got to talk to a stranger over the phone for over half an hour. Bro. Bob Sharp or myself, will talk, given the opportunity. (He is into mules, he may not want that spread around.)

Just remember, we can all do better if we try.

Do not think your past has to hold you back. Our Creator does not think so. Rahab's didn't.

God bless,

Paul L. Martin, (the Arkie)



From Gunships to The Pulpit

By: Tom Anderson



John Doyle has asked to be retired from his duties as VLOA Chaplain. John is one of the early VLOA members, back before the Association was even formed and has served as our Chaplain since 2000. Those of us who knew the tough-talking, take-no-prisoners, Maverick Platoon Sergeant back in 1964-65 would never have predicted his choice of a second career.

John served three aviation tours in Viet Nam (Vinh Long, Phu Loi and Phu-Bai- Hue) before being medically retired from the Army in 1970 as a 1st Sgt, E-8. After leaving the Army, John received his degree from, Austin Peay State University and worked in environmental services until he answered God's call to the ministry. He graduated from the Master of Divinity program at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, NC. He then pastored several churches in North Carolina and served as an Evangelist minister. He also accepted an invitation from the 1st International Baptist Church in Copenhagen, Denmark to serve as an interim Pastor for a six-month period. He then retired again in 1997.

John's legacy as a Maverick was firmly established with an innovative solution to a potentially lethal combat mishap. In those early days in Viet Nam, side-door gunners had to physically hold their machine guns with no other support. Later we went to a bungee, and then to pintle mounts. However, being hand-held, door gunners had a wide range of traverse with the machine gun. On a break, and in the excitement of the mission, the gunners could continue to fire as long as they had a target, with nothing to limit the gun from potentially firing into the back of the front cockpit seat. Because gunships normally had no use for litter poles, John improvised a solution by installing a litter pole in the doorway behind the front seat, which prevented the gunner from inadvertently firing into the front cockpit. His technique was quickly adopted by all Maverick ships as well as other gun ships in the Delta. He was presented with a mounted Doyle Pole award at the VLOA planning meeting in Pigeon Forge, TN in 1999.

John has served on the Steering Committee for over 15 years. He has regularly contributed motivational thoughts and messages through his "Back Pew" articles in the VLOA Newsletter. Moreover, John has traditionally conducted an inspirational, non-denominational, service on the Sunday mornings of our Outlaw reunions.

The Steering Committee has regretfully accepted his request to be released from his duties as the VLOA Chaplain.

To continue to provide spiritual inspiration to the VLOA membership, Paul Martin (the Arkansas Paul Martin) has agreed to accept a "TDY" tour as the next Chaplain. Paul was a slick pilot in 1964-'65 and is also an ordained Baptist minister. Paul will continue the wonderful tradition of having our own, in-house, Chaplain.

Thank you, John Doyle, for you're many years of dedicated service to the Association. And, a warm welcome to Paul Martin as he assumes the responsibilities of the VLOA Chaplain.

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GOOD SHEPHERD SISTERS

Christmas 2015

To Mr Robert J. Sharp and members of Vinh Long Outlaws Association ,

At Christmas time our hearts go out
To loved ones far and near
To those we still remember
Each day throughout the year:

At Christmas time we cherish hope
With love and joy to share,
And pray for peace to fill the world
For people everywhere
Especially you, your family and friends

Wishing all of you, the joys and blessings of Christmas, and Peace,
Health, Happiness in the New Year.

I am grateful for receiving your Newsletter each time it comes out. It
brings back many memories of my days in Vinh Long when the Outlaws
and Mavericks were so very kind and helpful to us in our need .

With Prayer and Gratitude

Joan

Sr Joan Gormley



Directors' and Outstanding Outlaw's Award Nominations

By Frank Estes

The VLOA has an established awards program to recognize those individuals who have contributed significantly to the VLOA organization. Each of these awards has certain criteria which must be met to receive either of the awards.



Directors' Award: This award is the highest award the VLOA gives during any reunion year. This award is not an award that must be mandatorily presented at each biennial reunion. Only one of these awards may be given because it is to clearly recognize the one individual or couple who has made the greatest contribution to the VLOA organization over an extended period of time. The Directors' Award is reserved for any member or couple who gives substantial, quantifiable, long-term support to the VLOA through his/her contributions, time, energies, ideas, and accomplishments in promoting and furthering the aims and goals of the VLOA as a war veterans, not for profit organization.

Outstanding Outlaw Award: For those nominees whose contribution does not rise to the level of the Directors' Award, the Outstanding Outlaw Award may be given when a nominee has given service to the VLOA, such as meaningfully holding an officer/director's position and rendered recognizably important service concerning the furtherance of the VLOA's goals, objectives, history documentation, membership location, and preservation of the organization.

Anyone wishing to submit a nomination for the Directors' Award or the Outstanding Outlaw Award to be presented during this year's reunion in Branson, MO should send an email nomination to Frank Estes, Awards Committee Chair at the following: estesf@troycable.net or submit a letter of nomination to:

Awards Committee Chair

c/o Frank Estes

407 Country Club Drive

Ozark, AL 36360.

334-797-9196 (cell)

334-774-5571 (home)

The nominations need to be received by the Awards Committee Chair not later than 1 August 2016 by email or letter as discussed above, and should contain the following information about the nominee(s):

Name

Address

Phone number, and

A narrative commentary regarding measureable justification of why the nominee should receive the Directors Award or the Outstanding Outlaws Award.

Specifics regarding service in the Outlaws, Mavericks, Bushwhackers, Roadrunners, Signal Detachment, or the associated support organizations should be provided. Of particular interest should be the reasons that make the nominee worthy of receiving this award such as service to the VLOA, service to veterans or civic organizations, including positions of leadership or support in any of the activities being used to support the nomination.

SILENT AUCTION

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“OUTLAW ROUND UP”
2016

Auction Coordinators

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NY 11545

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Here we are againanother Outlaw Round Up!!
Saddle up partners. We are approximately nine
months away from our reunion in Branson.

To all of those who contributed items to our 50th
Reunion Silent Auction we truly thank you for
your support. Also, thank you to all our
members who purchased the many great items we
had up for bid. We had the most successful Silent
Auction ever! Of course we would like to beat
those totals of our last auction and have a higher
goal in Branson. Its not too early to start
thinking about items you would like to contribute.

Remember the Silent Auction has become an
integral part of income revenue for the VLOA.
Many of our expenses are covered by the
proceeds from the silent auction.

When you have items to contribute remember to
take a photo of each item, write a description of
each and what you think the opening bid should
be for each item. Then email the information to
us at our email address.

We will be compiling a catalogue as we did at the
last reunion showcasing all the items up for bid.
Therefore, it is important that you send us your
photos and descriptions of each item as soon as
you can.

Thank you in advance for your support!

See you in Branson!!!!

We will be sending emails in the upcoming months reporting the progress of our donated items,
so it is imperative that we have your updated email addresses. Please be sure to send your
updated email address to : CHUCK WREN no.1buckeyefan@yahoo.com



Welcome to Newcomers! **Roster Additions**

By Frank Estes

The good news continues. Jim Donnelly and Doug Wilson have been at it again and have found the following lost Outlaws. The following names are the latest additions to our Outlaw Roster. Welcome aboard!

Vern R. Ashbrook, Maryville, TN
 Keith D. Bancroft, Kewaunee, WI
 Tim Bliss, Bradenton, FL
 David L. Bright, Milliken CO
 Alan E. Campbell, North Chesterfield, VA
 Fredrick L. Cappel, Colorado Springs, CO
 Ralph Cella, Palm Harbor, FL
 William D. Chambers, Essex, IA
 Thomas J. Clark, Memphis, TN
 Robert C. "OB" Codney, Phoenix, AZ
 Robert A. Commerford, Peachtree City, GA
 Ronald M. "Ron" Corb, New Orleans, LA
 Tim Cox, Lake Isabella, CA
 Roger W. Day, Colorado Springs, CO
 Daniel J. Donovan, Harrisburg, PA**
 Harold J. "Jim" Dress, Anchor Point AK**
 Alan R. "AL" Duquette, Jasper, TX
 Richard M. "Rick" Dyer, Knoxville, TN
 Frank Effenberger, Rapid City, SD
 Paul D. Elmore, Temple, TX
 Harold E. Feathers, Jay, OK
 Pette Floess, Mills River, NC
 William L. "Bill" Fryant, Phoenix, AZ
 Jerry Gaines, Surprise, AZ
 Gary J. Gibson, Huntsville, AL
 Steven E. Goolsby, Newport News, VA
 James V. Hardbeck, Sunset Beach, NC
 Sam Haynes, Massillon, OH
 Dennis Heimstra, Otsego, MI
 John M. Henry, South Haven, MI
 Andrew O. Hober, Redlands, CA
 Otto Hopp, Cicero, IL
 John Horn, Lake Charles, LA
 Paul R. Horton, Clovis, CA
 Charles H. "Chuck" Howard, Nontvale, NJ
 Garry Howell, Elkhart, IN
 Edmund "Ned" Hubard, Williamsburg, VA
 John William Hughes, Midlothian, VA
 Sidney L. Hulett, Jr., Sulphur, LA

Douglas Huspek, Deerwood, MN
 Andrew "Andy" Keeney, Dewitt, MI
 Henry D. "Beau" Lockhart,
 Fredericksburg, VA
 Ralph Luffman, Pittsville, MD
 Donald Manlove, Fullerton, CA
 Archie Marron, Tecate, CA
 Joseph L. Maxsom, El Paso, TX
 William J. "Bill" Meehan, Georgetown, TX
 Rene A. Morrell, Parksley, VA
 Dusty Moseness, Kathleen, GA
 Frank L. Nauseda, Andover, MN
 John R. O'Neil, Binghamton, NY
 Joseph J. O'Neill, Dublin, PA
 Cecil Ortiz, San Leandro, CA
 Dave Osborn, Marysville, WA
 Edward F. Otten, San Francisco, CA
 Thomas R. Overeynder, Arlington, TX
 James R. Parrott, Tampa, FL
 Larry Parsley, Noblesville, IN
 Ron Petty, Prescott, AZ
 Frank S. Potts, Leesville, SC
 John B. Pratt II, Arlington, VA
 Thomas C. "Clay" Pratt, Custer, SD*
 Raymond Prycz, Goshen, NY
 Harry Racine, Rising Sun, MD
 James A. "Spanky" Reece, Columbia
 Heights, MN
 Rodney R. Rodie, Wetumpka, AL
 Fred K. Rosenberg, Leesburg, FL
 Daniel F. Schaible, Decatur, TX
 Fred C. Schattauer, Olathe, KS
 Vernon "Vern" Shannon, Saint Clair, MN
 William E. "Bill" Sharpe, Spring Mills, PA
 Carl Sievers, Pensacola, FL
 Melvin L. Simpson, Mount Ida, AR
 Barry E. Smith, Cantonment, FL
 Randall P. Smith Jr., Point Comfort, TX
 Steve Smith, Tampa Bay, FL
 Terry Smith, Fresno, CA
 Paul R. Stevens, Ventura, CA**
 Charles W. "Chuck" Struemke,
 River Falls, WI
 John Swygert, Bristol, VA
 Anthony Talone, Manalapan, NJ
 James M. Thomas, Lake Villa, IL
 Edward R. Timmers, Saint Cloud, MN
 William J. Tomik, Rainbow City, AL
 Joseph "Joe" Torre, Wilton, NH



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Greg Trulock, Glide, OR
 Sanford T. "Sam" Wade, Newport, NC**
 Greg Wardman, Ramsey, MI
 Ivan White, French Village, MO
 Emron A. Yancy, Hurrigan, UT



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

By Frank Estes

Bob Sharp, Director of Communications - Newsletter, does a masterful job of capturing enough information to publish this *Outlaw Newsletter*. Many of you may not be aware of what he goes through just to have enough articles to fill up an issue of the newsletter.

When Bob has major gaps, he will usually find something on his own or call on a small handful of Outlaws to see if they can quickly come up with something of interest to the Outlaw Nation. More often than not, few Outlaws outside of Bob and this handful of contributors will provide something for publication.

This is YOUR newsletter. It will survive only if more members of the Outlaws Nation contribute to its publication. Bob needs and can always use anything applicable to the general interest of Outlaws Nation's members: anecdotes, articles, humor, pictures with captions, history, and similar items. No politics or political correctness will be accepted for publication.

You don't have to be a literary genius to contribute. Put it in your own words and send it in.

If you feel that you want to contribute but aren't comfortable with your writing ability, we can find someone who is willing to take your input and fix the sentence structure, wording, paragraphing, and punctuation, while keeping your point of interest and thought process. No one other than you and that "helper" will know the difference.

So, come on; help all of us by taking a few minutes and sending something to Bob for the April 2016 issue of the *Outlaws Newsletter*.

Thank you all so very much!!!!

We owe Jim and Doug a great deal of gratitude for finding these Outlaws and getting in touch with them. Some of these listed have also joined the VLOA by paying Regular (*) and Life Member (**) dues. Thanks to all who did. Your dues help keep the quarterly *Outlaws Newsletter* alive and distributed, and the Outlaws website in operation. If you know of anyone who served with the Outlaws, Mavericks, Roadrunners, Bushwhackers, and attached units, please ask them to visit our website: www.vinhlongoutlaws.com, complete a membership form, and submit it with their appropriate dues to our Treasurer. **AND, join us in Branson, MO for our September 15-19, 2016 Outlaw Roundup.**

Outlaw Commemorative Coins



Every male who attended the Washington DC Outlaw reunion received one of the colorful and artistically crafted Outlaw Commemorative Coins. The remainder of

that initial order of 100 (approximately 30) were sold during and shortly after the reunion. More requests for coins required an additional order for 50 more. Those, too, have also now been sold.

A few requests the coins continue to be received but not enough to justify another order at this time. A minimum order of 50 is required for another order. Also, at that level, the follow-on cost-per-coin would be slightly higher than earlier orders.

At this time, there is no plan to order more unless there is an indication that a commitment of at least 50 more could be sold. If you would commit to purchasing one or more additional coins, please contact Tom Anderson. Tom will maintain a list of all requests and, if there are a sufficient number of commitments, an additional Commemorative Coin order will be placed. No money would be required until a sufficient number of commitments are obtained. At that time, you would be contacted and asked to forward a check. If you are interested, contact Tom Andersons by email at teander@cox.net. Or by mail at 7880 Rolling Woods Ct #308. Springfield, VA 22152.



A Little Bit More History!

By Frank Estes

From time to time, we need to be reminded of our Vietnam Conflict history or we will forget it, someone will abuse it, or someone will change it. Thanks to Doug Wilson and Jim Donnelly, we continue getting snippets of Outlaw history via emails, Face Book, finding lost Outlaws, and other media sources.

One of the more recent descriptions of Outlaw history came from Doug's research of the former Outlaw Leaders. Here is a listing of former Outlaw Intelligence Officers, First Sergeants, Door Gunner Officers, 1st Platoon Commanders, 2nd Platoon Commanders, and their time in position (*=Deceased; **=KIA):

Intelligence Officer:

Bryce Kramer (Asst. Opns. Off.) 64-65*
 Harold J. Earwood, Jr., 11/64-5/65*
 Bill Sivils, 5/65-8/65*
 Willis M. Townsend, 1/66-3/66
 Neil G. Reuter, 3/66-5/66*
 Bobby G. Briggs, 5/66-7/66
 Eugene F. Bannigan, 7/66-????*
 Xxxxx Doucette, 71
 George Lindsey, 71
 Carl Gustke, 71072

1st Sergeant:

Hugh Rae, 64
 Raymond E. Hall, 64-65
 Jimmy J. Reed, 65-66
 Xxxxx Moore, 69-70
 Xxxxx White Jr., 71

Door Gunner Officer:

Ronald A. Lane, 12/64-5/65
 Roger Bivens, 2/65-6/65
 Frank Stone, 6/65-9/65
 Tom Kennedy, 9-65-12/65???
 William Kelley, 8/65-11/66???



1st Platoon Commander:

John White, 64-65
 Bryce Kramer 12/64-6/65*
 Olen Thornton 6/65-????*
 Daniel J. Delany, ???*
 Bobby G. Briggs, ??-3/66
 James R. Mitchell, 3/66-8/66
 Issac R. Sisk, 8/66-1/67*
 Ray S. Leuty, 1/67-6/67
 William Stout, 6/67-9/67
 Robert R. Seibenmorgan, 9/67-??
 Bill Diamond, 69-70
 Ray Phillips, 69-70
 Thomas D. "Dan" Duff, 70*
 Xxxxx Beard, ???
 Dan Johnson, 1971

Thomas G. Eastman, 12/71-??



2nd Platoon Commander:

Dale Sherrod, 64-65*
 John H. Maguire, 65
 John F. Glenn, 6/65-9/65
 Connie D. Eady, 1/66-25/66
 Norbert B. Johnston, 7/66-??
 Louis C. Pawlin, 1/67-2/67
 Juri Toomepuu, 2/67-7/67
 Dale Sherrod, 4/67-7/67*
 Stanley D. Arnold, 7/67-??
 John P. Roe, 7/69-??**
 John Oreskovich, 69
 Joe Porreca, 69
 John Florian, 69-70
 Xxxxx Romillo, 71
 Xxxxx Torre, 71-72

If you know of any information that can fill in some of the "unknown" areas (names, ranks, dates in position, etc.), please forward them to Frank Estes at estef@troycable.net.

In future *Outlaw Newsletters*, we will provide names and dates of key positions of additional Outlaw, Maverick, Roadrunner, Bushwhacker, and attached unit leaders and key personnel.

Thanks again goes to Doug Wilson and Jim Donnelly for keeping the effort alive to find lost Outlaws and recover some of our history, and to Tom Anderson and Al Iller for assistance in filling out this listing.

2015 Army Aviation Hall of Fame Inductee

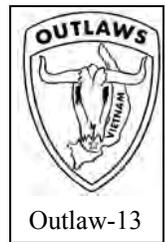


Inductee CWO-5 Edmund (Ned) W. Hubbard III in the center, on the left is J.P.Klink, and on the right is Ivey Miller.

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2015 Army Aviation Hall of Fame Inductee

Chief Warrant Officer Five Edmund W. Hubard III (Outlaw 13)



CW5 Ned Hubard's 31-year career in Army Aviation combined a unique mix of operational, research and development, and command and staff assignments with over 20 years in special mission units (SMUs), flying an amazingly diverse range of aircraft from UH-1s in Vietnam to piloting the first mission into Afghanistan in a Russian Mi-17. In fact, Hubard has over 13,000 flying hours in over 150 types of aircraft and helicopters, is basic airborne qualified and trained as a high-altitude-low-opening / high-altitude-high-opening (HALO/HAHO) jumper.

In the early 1980s, following the failed DESERT ONE Iranian hostage rescue mission, Hubard was recruited into Operation HONEY BADGER, the second Iranian hostage rescue mission, making him a "plank holder" in what would become the famed 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne).

Following the release of the hostages, he was nominated to serve in a newly created aviation unit doing research and development. He spent the rest of his career developing concepts for unique aviation systems and missions. Many of the helicopter and mission equipment packages that are in use today by conventional Army Aviation were developed and tested by Ned Hubard in combat.

Retiring in 2000, Hubard, as a civilian, continued to support Army Aviation and ground forces, flying the first U.S.-piloted helicopter, as part of the Jawbreaker team in Afghanistan, two weeks after the terrorist attacks of 9/11.

No warrant officer has done more for Army Aviation, operationally, tactically, and technically than CW5 Ned Hubard. He epitomizes the quiet professional and warrior and is truly 'Above the Best.'

For more information, contact the AAAA National Office at (203) 268-2450 or aaaa@quada.org.

See if you can connect with this: I am a seener. (Senior Teenager) I have everything that I wanted as a teenager, only 60 years later. I don't have to go to school or work. I get an allowance every month. I have my own pad. I don't have a curfew. I have a drivers license and my own car. I have an ID card that gets me into the bars and the wine store. I like the wine store best. The people I hang around with are not afraid of getting pregnant, they aren't scared of anything, they have been blessed to live this long, why be scared. And I don't have acne. Life is good! Also, you will feel much more intelligent after reading this. Brains of older people are slow because they know so much. People do not decline mentally with age, it just takes longer to recall the facts because they have more information in their brains. Scientists believe this also makes you hard of hearing as it puts pressure on your inner ear. Much like a computer struggles as the hard drive gets full, so too, do humans take longer to access information when their brain is full. Researchers say this slowing down process is not the same as cognitive decline. The human brain works slower in old age, said Dr. Michael Ramscar, but only because we have stored more information over time. The brains of older people do not get weak. On the contrary, they simply know more. Also, older people often go to another room to get something and when they are there, they stand there wondering what they came for. It is NOT a memory problem, it's natures way of making older people do exercise, SO THERE!! I have more friends I should send this to, but right now I can't remember their names. So please send this to your friends, they just may be my friends too !!!!! Submitted by: Al Iller.

Branson

Why Everyone Pays the Same Reunion Costs

2016

An Outlaw reunion has always been the high point of the year for many of us. But, just how does the reunion get off the ground? Obviously, planning has to begin well over a year prior to the opening evening of the reunion. A location has to be set. A tentative agenda must be developed. A cost-per-person must be arrived at a year ahead of time. To do this is not easy! Here's how the final cost is determined.

With an objective of keeping the cost-per-person at a level comfortable for everyone, the planner has to begin with basically two questions: What will prices be a year from now? What has to be included in the total cost? Development of the total cost must include such items as: dinners, lunches, menus, hotel rooms, banners, transportation, tour venues, welcome bags, recognition awards, signage, special requirements, keepsake items, hospitality room, memorials, printing, gratuities, name badges, refreshments and entertainment to name just a few.

The planner makes a list of all the items that will cost money, makes a best-guess estimate of what each of those items will cost and then totals all the known costs. Then, an educated guess has to be made of how many attendees are likely to attend. That is the hardest factor to come up with. Let's say the planning committee estimates that 100 persons will attend. The estimated total cost is then divided by the hoped-for 100 attendees and an initial cost-per-person is arrived at.

Every reunion has additional unplanned costs that are incurred after the final per-person cost is determined and put on the Registration Form. These costs can be relatively substantial but are too late to be added to the initial registration fee. The VLOA treasury covers all such costs.

Many organization's reunions are structured to allow attendees to select what parts of the reunion they would like to participate in. Each component part has a separate cost. Attendees can then either pay the total price of the reunion or pick and choose what they want to participate in. Outlaw reunions are not structured to allow a cafeteria approach to each event. The Outlaw reunion is designed to allow everyone to enjoy, and participate in, all events, meals, venues, etc. together.

At each reunion, the planning committee receives requests from individuals who would like to stay somewhere else near the reunion vicinity but not have to pay the cost for hotel rooms. Specific costs for not staying in the hotel are difficult to separate out. In the same way, costs for meals or other specific costs for the many ancillary items outlined above cannot be separated. These requests are handled on a case-by-case basis by the National Director and the Reunion Planner/Coordinator. In such cases, registrants may be permitted to stay outside the reunion headquarters hotel but must purchase the remainder of the reunion package at a cost determined by the National Director and the Reunion Planner/Coordinator.

In the same manner, Hospitality Room costs are paid for by all attendees as part of their registration fee. For that reason, it is not appropriate, or fair to the attendees who have paid their registration fees, to permit "drop-ins" to participate in Hospitality Room provisions.

The personal bonding between old friends and comrades, which is the hallmark of our reunions, cannot be overstated. The reunion premise of "One Price Fits All" has been validated after 8 successful reunions and regularly supported by those who attend the reunion.

Tom Anderson.

Nominations Sought for Steering Committee Positions

By Tom Anderson

The Steering Committee is the governing body for the Vinh Long Outlaws Association. Members are elected to the Committee at the General Membership Meeting during the biennial Outlaw Reunion for a two-year term.

During the period between reunions, the National Director routinely contacts Steering Committee members for their opinions regarding various issues. Decisions are made based on a consensus of the Committee members.

While the duties of the Steering Committee members are not onerous, time consuming or demanding, the member's opinions provide a sounding board for guidance to the National Director to make decisions in the best interest of the Association. Although an overall budget for the VLOA is not prepared, a budget for the biennial reunion is prepared and forwarded to the Steering Committee for review and comment. The Steering Committee is also involved in such issues as authorizing expenditures, reviewing additional programs and approving meeting sites.

Fortunately for the Association, several critical positions on the Steering Committee are filled by volunteers who have willingly agreed to serve in crucial positions that require long-term continuity and specific expertise. These include the Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, Web-master and Newsletter editor. The Association is deeply grateful for the continuing service of the dedicated volunteers who fill each of these positions. For the stability of the Association, we hope each will be willing to remain in their positions for extended future periods.

National Director Larry Jackson has asked me to develop a list of Steering Committee candidates who would be willing to serve for the two year period following the reunion. Nominations are being sought for the following Steering Committee positions:

National Director

Deputy Director

Directors at Large

Distaff Advisor (non voting)

Office holders must be Active or Life Members of the Association. Anyone wishing to either serve on the Steering Committee themselves, or who would like to nominate the name of another Association member for one of the positions, is asked to forward their nominations to:

Tom Anderson
Nominations Committee Chair
7880 Rolling Woods Ct #308
Springfield, VA 22152

email teander@cox.net

phone 703-451-4015

Nominations must be received by the Nominations Committee Chair not later than 1 August 2016 by email or letter. Please submit your, or your nominee's name, address and phone number. Prior to finalizing a nominations list, I will contact all recommended individuals to confirm their willingness to serve.

Come to the Branson reunion, nominate your choices for elected office, vote for your favorites and participate in one of the most enjoyable weeks of your year. Those who have been to an Outlaw reunion know what you'd miss by not attending. —————If you haven't been to an Outlaw reunion, you just don't know what you've missed!!!!!!!

Proposed Changes to Steering Committee Composition

By Frank Estes

Over the past two years, the VLOA organization has grown significantly in the numbers of “lost Outlaws” the Steering Committee has been able to find.

Jim Donnelly, Deputy Director and VLOA Historian, has been Herculean in his efforts to target “lost Outlaws” and make contact with them. Because of his efforts, and supported by Doug Wilson, our VLOA roster has grown to nearly 500. This brings into question the need to consider changes to our Steering Committee to ensure we have representation of all year-groups from 1964-1972 while the Outlaws were in Viet Nam and 1972-1975 while the Outlaws were assigned to Germany.

The current VLOA Constitution, “Article VI – Organization” provides for Two Directors-at-Large to represent all year-groups. With the growth in number of registered Outlaws, it seems to make sense that the number of Directors-at-Large should be revisited, with the view of providing representation by year-groups. Therefore, I propose that a change be made to the VLOA Constitution as follows:

Change VLOA Constitution Section VI to delete:
Two Directors-at-Large

Change VLOA Constitution Section VI to add:
Five Directors-at-Large: one each from year-groups 1964-65, 1966-67, 1968-69, 1970-71, and 1972-75. (Should no one accept from any specific year-group, the Steering Committee will appoint someone to fill that position.)

Any proposed change to the VLOA Constitution must be announced to the membership and then voted on at the next Biennial Outlaw Reunion.

Therefore, this and possibly other changes to the VLOA Constitution and By-Laws will be presented to our VLOA Business Meeting to be held on Saturday September 17, 2016 during our Branson, MO reunion.

Old Fart Pride

—Old Farts are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem, Old Farts remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe them.

—Old Farts remember World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peace-keeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam.

—If you bump into an Old Fart on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old Fart on the street, he will nod or tip his hat to a lady. Old Farts trust strangers and are polite, particularly to women.

—Old Farts hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

—It’s the Old Farts who know our great country is protected, not by the politicians, but by the young men and women in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy and Police, serving their country.

—This country needs Old Farts with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values.

—Thank Goodness for Old Farts!!!

—We were taught to respect our elders. It’s getting a lot harder to find one these days!



BRANSON OUTLAWS LUNCH AT WHITE RIVER FISH HOUSE BRANSON LANDING, MISSOURI

By: Al Iller



On a bright sunny September day last year, five Branson Outlaws plus one new Outlaw met for a mini Roundup lunch at the White River Fish House Restaurant located on the renowned Branson Landing overlooking Lake Taneycomo. Wives accompanied four of them and two came stag. This luncheon meeting was a small preview of what one may expect during the September, 2016 Branson Outlaw Roundup Reunion. After the usual greetings, introductions of the wives and newcomers to the group, Richard Keltner, and his wife, began of a lot of reminiscences with the inevitable questions: when served with the Outlaws, position or assignment, who, where and what each may have had a common awareness of incidents and operations. Once the group was seated, the discussions flowed and some even produced photos taken during their tour describing each to all in full detail.

Lunch orders ran from Caesar salads, hamburgers, fish and chips, and shrimp etc., a good sampling of the many available menu items. Throughout the lunch there was a lot of chatter regarding each one's service with the Outlaws, who they knew, where their adventures had taken them, and, of course, what they have been doing since. The wives joined in with their own perspectives too, correcting each Outlaw as to the where, when and how they may have been in error or possibly may have exaggerated just a bit.

Departing the restaurant photos were taken. A passer by who happened to be a Marine veteran with his wife, was kind enough to offer his services as the group photographer. Afterwards, we compared notes with the Marine as to our Outlaws group and his service in the Marines.

With goodbyes and farewells said, some took advantage of the location and proceeded to Bass Pro Shop just a stone throw away from the restaurant entrance. There one finds all the sporting goods one could ever want from fish hooks, boats, canoes, guns, ammo, bows and arrows, sport clothing, to ATVs and much, much more. Some took advantage of the opportunity to stroll down the open mall area of Branson Landing. The Branson Landing Mall is almost a quarter- mile of shops of all descriptions, restaurants, etc. all situated on the East bank overlooking Lake Taneycomo. A zip line is even offered for the daring to whiz across the lake and back. Undoubtedly, Branson will be one of the desired stops for those attending the 2016 Branson Outlaws Roundup Reunion.

For more information on Branson Landing and Bass Pro Shop Branson visit: www.bransonlanding.com and www.bassproshop.com/branson.

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NOTE: Attached photo indents as follows L to R:

Al Iller(64-65); Jim Brodie (69-70); Cheryl & Richard Keltner (68-69); Bonnie & Jim Dimatteo (RR/Mav 66-67); Marguerite Iller; Lana & Lynn Chadwick (70-71); and Dale Roland (Mav 66-67). Photo: Courtesy USMC



From the Editor:

I want to share a little story with you. As a lot of you know that I have some mules, (5) on our little ranch here in Minnesota. Every day when I go up to the barn to do chores I greet them by saying, “Good morning boys and girls!!” They will call back to me with their special voices and I’ll say, “What’s with the long face?”

Well, last Sunday the Preacher was telling us when he was a young boy that a friend told him, “when you grow up he should be a preacher”, and he said “No way!, I want to have some fun in my life.”

He told us of a young boy that grew up thinking that religion was very somber and preacher’s had to be stern looking, never smile, laugh, or have a good time. He had visited his Grandpa’s farm and after dinner he went for a walk down by the pasture. There were two old mules there. He went up to the fence and one old mule came over, put his head across the fence and leaned down by the boy. The mule held his head by the boy while he petted his cheek and his soft muzzle and looked into his gentle eye and said, “Well, I’ll be darned, you must be a Christian too!!” —Funny how things change your outlook on life. God Bless. Bob Sharp.



4th. Qtr. - 2015- VLOA Treasurers Report by Chester Voisin

**Vinh Long Outlaws Association - (VLOA) .**

		Balance \$
Cash Balance - 01/01/2015		31,667.76
	12 Months 12/31/2015	
Revenues:	\$	
Dues - Annual	450.00	
Dues - Lifetime	2,000.00	
Dues - Associates Lifetime	300.00	
Sale of Inventory Items	1,415.00	
Miscellaneous	-	
Total Revenues:	4,165.00	4,165.00
Expenditures:		
Newsletter Costs	1,612.47	
Inventory purchases & costs	782.03	
Administration	2,415.82	
Miscellaneous	70.85	
Total Expenditures:	4,881.17	4,881.17
Net Income (Loss) - 12 months 2015	(716.17)	(716.17)
Cash Balance - 12/31/2015		30,951.59
Details: 12 month period - 1/1/2015 thru 12/31/2015		
Revenues		
Inventory Sales	1,415.00	1,415.00
Miscellaneous - Donations	None	None
Annual Dues (AD): - 2015		
John Doyle	25.00	
Donald Palmer	25.00	
Fred Jacobs	25.00	
Verdis Don Sharp	25.00	
Raymond E. Novotney	25.00	
John N. Diamond	25.00	
Norris T. Marshall	25.00	
Paul F. Whitworth	25.00	
Dennis R. Smith	25.00	
William B. Sturtevant	25.00	
Cullis L. Holub	25.00	
Richard S. Golaszewski	25.00	
Thomas W. Stowell	25.00	
James A. Reece	25.00	
Thomas Pratt	25.00	
Anthony Law	25.00	
Robert Tidd	25.00	
Jay Miles	25.00	
Total	450.00	450.00

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Life Time Memberships (LTM): - 2015		
Walter Cieslak	100.00	
Daniel L. Greve	100.00	
Dwayne W. Williams	100.00	
Donald J. Kreshtool	100.00	
John H. Boysen	100.00	
Richard W. Keitner	100.00	
Dennis R. Smith	100.00	
Kendrick F. Bradley	100.00	
John W. Dye	100.00	
Richard M. Koenig	100.00	
Lawrence K. Miller	100.00	
Ernest W. Hunter	100.00	
Jimmy L. Montroso	100.00	
Donald Kent	100.00	
Sanford T. Wade	100.00	
Mark T. Brown	100.00	
Daniel Donovan	100.00	
Hans-Peter Naegele	100.00	
James Keitchen	100.00	
Paul R. Stevens	100.00	
Total	2,000.00	2,000.00
Life Time Associate Membership (ALTM): - 2015		
Maranita Roberts Lopez	100.00	
Jeannette (Sanford) Smith	100.00	
Lynnette Williams	100.00	
Total	300.00	300.00
Total Revenues -12 month period 2015		4,165.00
Expenses		
Bob Sharp - 4th Qtr 2014 and 1st, 2nd & 3rd Qtr 2015 - N/L	1,612.47	
Administration	2,415.82	
Inventory Expense	782.03	
Frank Estes - Nell Moist Floral Arrangement	70.85	
Total	4,881.17	4,881.17
Total Expenses		4,881.17
Income (loss) 12 month period ending 12/31/2015		(716.17)

Wearing of Military Awards With Civilian Clothes

It is permissible for veterans and retirees to wear military awards on civilian clothes for gatherings of a military theme. On significant holidays, veterans and retirees are encouraged to wear their awards and medals. The choice of either full-size medal or miniature is an individual one.

Retired personnel and former members of the military may wear all categories of medals on appropriate civilian clothing. This includes clothes designed for veteran and patriotic organizations. The medals may be worn on:

- Veteran's Day
- Memorial Day
- Armed Forces Day
- formal occasions of ceremony
- social functions of a military nature.

Personnel may wear either full-sized or miniature medals. Personnel who wear medals on civilian clothes should place the medals on the clothing in approximately the same location and in the same manner as for the uniform, so they look similar to medals worn on the uniform.

LTC (Retired) Joe Moffett Obituary

Former Maverick Lead

A memorial service for JOE MOFFETT was held 3:00 PM, Thursday, January 14, 2016, at Main Street United Methodist Church, 401 East Main Street, Dillon, SC. A visitation was held from 2:00 to 3:00 PM in the church's Asbury Hall prior to the service. Kannaday Funeral Home in Dillon assisted the family.

Joseph (Joe) Upton Moffett, age 77, passed into the hands of The Lord, on 8 January 2016 at MUSC, Charleston, SC. Mr. Moffett was born May 7, 1938 in Wichita Falls, TX to the late Jo O'Donohoe and Worthy S. Moffett.

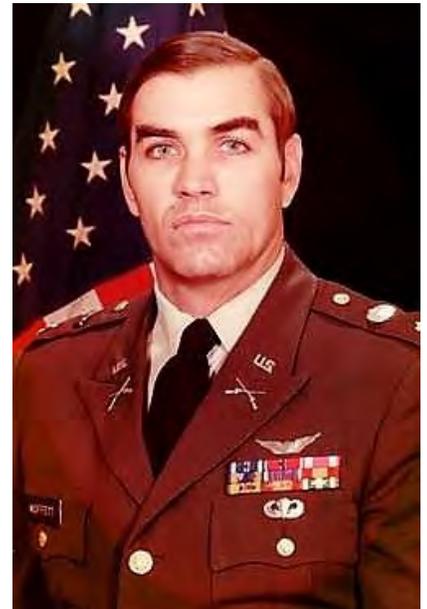
Lieutenant Colonel Moffett was a retired Army officer who commanded at all levels to include battalion. He was a Senior Army Aviator, Ranger and was Airborne qualified. He was a Vietnam Veteran, who flew escort gunships for transport helicopters, airlifting troops into combat. His aviation company was called the Outlaws and his armed helicopter platoon was called the Mavericks. He was awarded many medals, including multiple Distinguished Flying Crosses, Bronze Stars, and Air Medals. His career took him many places, to include Korea, Germany, and The Netherlands. He was a Life Member of his Vietnam veterans' organization, the Vinh Long Outlaws Association.

Joe grew up in Corpus Christi, TX and was a graduate of Roy Miller High School where he was an All-District Selection in football and baseball for the Buccaneers. He still enjoyed a small group of "Old Bucs" and their reunions. Joe was inducted into the Buccaneer Hall of Fame in 2012. He attended Texas Christian University on a football scholarship where he played in the Cotton Bowl and the first Bluebonnet Bowl. In 1961, at graduation, Joe was designated as a Distinguished Military Student from TCU and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the regular Army. Before moving to Dillon, he worked for Saudi ARAMCO in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Joe was an active member of Main Street United Methodist Church where he served on many committees. He also served on the Marion United Methodist District Board of Trustees. He was a member of the Fishers of Men Prayer Breakfast, an Emmaus reunion group, the United Methodist Men and the George Taylor Sunday School Class.

He was active in the Dillon community. He served on the Dillon County Voter Registration Board. He was a past president of Twin Lakes Country Club, a member of the Dillon County Lions Club and a Republican State Executive Committeeman.

Mr. Moffett is survived by his wife of forty years, Helen Brennecke Moffett; son, Joseph Kevin Moffett (Wendy) of Bedford, TX; daughter, Kristen Wilkey, of Hope Mills, NC; grandchildren: Peyton, Parker, Payge, Thomas, Josh and Jasmine; brother, John E. Moffett (Nancy); sister-in-law, Alice B. Braddy, of Dillon; and brother-in-law, Sid Brennecke (Bernice), of Bessemer City, NC. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Bob Braddy. Memorials may be made to Main Street United Methodist Church, PO Box 229, Dillon, SC 29536, or the American Cancer Society.



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Vinh Long Outlaws Association (VLOA)
Membership Application/Renewal Form

Memberships in the VLOA is open to any person of any rank who served with any lineage unit known as the “Outlaws” (and “Mavericks” and “Bushwhackers” armed platoons) or any affiliated unit at any time between August 1964 and the present. These units include the 62nd Aviation Company, A Company 502nd Aviation Battalion, 175th Aviation Company, B Troop 1-158th Aviation Regiment (Iraq), 150th Transportation Detachment (“Roadrunners”), 28th Signal Detachment, and 25th Infantry Division’s “door gunners.”

Active (with vote) or Associate (without vote) Membership is \$25.00 annually, payable each January. A Lifetime Membership (with vote) is a \$100.00 one-time fee. A Lifetime Associate Membership (without vote) for spouses and relatives is available for a \$100 one-time fee. Higher levels of Lifetime Memberships are available; contact the National Director at: jackson3605@roadrunner.com. To pay initial or renewal membership dues for this calendar year, please complete and forward this form, with dues payment, to:

VLOA; c/o Chester Voisin, 1657 Dr. Beatrous Road, Theriot, LA 70397.

First Name _____ MI ____ -- ____ Nickname _____ Last Name _____

Telephone # (home) _____ (work) _____ Spouse’s Name _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Rank (while assigned to unit) _____ E-Mail address _____

Dates assigned in Outlaws/attachments (Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr) _____ to _____

Unit/plt/sect/position _____ Radio Call sign _____

- Please initiate ___ or renew ___ my Active ___ Associate ___ VLOA membership. **Make \$25.00 check payable to VLOA.**
- Please initiate my Lifetime ___ Lifetime Associate ___ VLOA membership. **Make \$100.00 check payable to VLOA.**

____ Please do not renew my VLOA membership, but keep my name on the VLOA roster. I understand I may not receive any future issues of the VLOA Newsletter unless I am a current dues paying VLOA member.

____ I know a former Outlaw/Maverick/Roadrunner or other affiliated unit member and have indicated his/her name, address, and phone number on this form.

Comments: _____