

WHY DO A VIDEO SESSION?

Over 200 of our air & ground crew, plus several family members, have done a video session at our Reunions You can view them: [Click here for Video Sessions](#).

These supplement our History Book & add a clarity about AC-119s & SEA that can only occur when you watch & listen to someone tell their story.

Some background:

- Many 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." 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.
- Spouses & family are welcomed to do a video related to their AC-119 member's time in AC-119s.
- Bottom line is to 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.

So....., it's you-know-what or get off the pot time; we're the only ones who can tell ~~you~~ our story right.

When you complete your Online Reunion Registration you'll see the opportunity to pre-schedule a video at Fort Walton! If you haven't done one yet, please mark "Yes" for that opportunity when you register online!!

During our Reunion, JP MacIsaac will schedule you ahead of time for your video "slot" 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.

As we mentioned, 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.

Questions? Contact Roy Davis at 253-549-2044.