

18th FLTS History - Commander's Update

- The nose art that was in the auditorium is now framed & hung in the hallway by the Command Suite
- 18th SOS flag is hung in the conference room (plaque showing Col Teal also)
- We get awesome comments all the time (still!) about the mini-Stinger hanging in the atrium!
- No plaques have been delivered, so the auditorium walls are still blank. Vendor screwed us out of \$3K! Working to find a new vendor...& money is tight nowadays...
- Display case has been updated with only 18th BS/SOS/FLTS products
 - o Descriptive name plates tell the history of each plane assigned to the 18th BS/SOS/FLTS
 - o Both party suits on display with ascots & 18th SOS hats
 - o Need short biographical data from Mr. Rider so we can put info on plaque next to donated suit (name, rank, crew position, dates in country, hometown, any other pertinent info)
 - o Willing to accept any other donations of historical items for display (helmets, gear, or any other items we could display)
- Would anyone else like another copy of the history video from Reunion 13?
- Next event: 1 April 2014 is the 20th Anniversary of the 18th Flight Test Squadron
 - o Squadron is planning a mini-reunion weekend/Dining out, possibly golf, etc. Will not be as fancy as the AC-119 Reunions, but a small event to mark two decades of testing for AFSOC
- Please pass to all the AC-119 Brothers: I apologize I cannot make this reunion. I had a blast with you last year & look forward to meeting everyone again. Several people have stopped by over the course of the last year & I was able to escort them on base for mini-tours. This offer still stands – I'm willing to meet with anyone from the Association & provide you a tour of the Air Park, squadron, etc. I hope you enjoy San Antonio - I began my Nav training there – great town! Word of caution from one crew dog to another – the park police do not appreciate drunk aviators trying to scale the walls of the Alamo. I hope everyone remains healthy & happy in the coming years. Finally, I offer a toast to all Stingers who have either passed on to a better life or were unable to make this reunion for various reasons.