

NOTE:

- 1. Hurlburt disapproved use of pavers.**
- 2. MG Metcalf researched Rucker using AD AF contacts, & determined Rucker WAS assigned to 18th SOS at DaNang.**
- 3. AC-119 Board subsequently voted to modify the KIA Memorial Plaque to include SSgt Rucker.**

In a message dated 10/14/2004 7:40:27 AM, g.sininger@seii.net writes

That was my thinking with the Corner Stone with his info on it. I don't believe he should be added to the Plaque either. Gus

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Subj: Re: AC-119 Memorial Plaque - SSgt Rucker Info and Request

I understand what you are saying with Rucker. I understand he can be a regular member of the Association now. However, he was not a member of the 17th, 18th or 71st at the time of his death and don't think he should be added to the bronze Memorial plaque already in place. I believe Gus's idea to give him a prominent paver in the memorial walk is the best way to go with this one. Just my opinion. Bill

In a message dated 10/11/2004 10:31:22 PM, qadvocate@sbcglobal.net writes:

Guys, Let me clarify Gus's comment on SSgt Rucker. I talked to Gus when I got home and brought this up with him – sorry I didn't get the message to everyone!

I'm attaching a huge e-mail string for those who want to review the details. The stuff in bold-font at the end provides the most info.

For those that want to cut to the chase, bottom line: As far as we found out in early 2003, SSgt Tucker was a maintenance troop who worked on our Gunships but was not 17th or 18th SOS so we did not include him on the Memorial Plaque for last year. Since the membership by-law changes now include him as eligible for a "regular" association membership, I believe it's appropriate to discuss adding his name to that plaque. As far as we know he's the only maintenance guy killed over there (rocket attack).

The message that triggered the research on this was from another maintenance guy – Thomas Brander – who put a Guestbook blurb about Sgt Tucker's death. Unfortunately I cannot locate the original Guestbook blurb – I think it was part of what we lost.

Request and recommend:

First, I suggest we ask Jim Terry to re-contact Tom Brander for some reconfirmation that Sgt Brander worked on AC-119 Gunships in SEA. Sgt Rucker was also from Jim Terry's home town and he can follow up there (tactfully as he always does).

Second, does anyone have a copy of that Guestbook entry?

THEN, I believe we'll have enough info to discuss adding him to our monument memorial as one of our brothers lost in SEA. Let's get the facts straight (again, but with a different twist). Thanks! Wayne

From: RetCMSgt@aol.com **Sent:** Mon, Oct 11, 2004 3:50 PM **To:** g.sininger@seii.net; qadvocate@sbcglobal.net; gfgourley33@hotmail.com; Rogac119@aol.com; Busch791@aol.com; Richard.Corbett@DTRA.MIL **Subj:** Re: Update on Monument

On SSgt Rucker.. my brain has blanked. I thought we couldn't prove he was with the 18th or something like that. What's the official status on him? Bill

In a message dated 10/11/2004 1:25:42 PM, g.sininger@seii.net writes:

Wayne and Bill, call me this week if you can. I have an idea on the so-called corner stone for SSgt Rucker. I feel we should pay for the stone and have it as the center piece of the pavers. That way we can have a Memorial for him and a dedication of the Stinger Monument maybe at the same time. Later Gus