

<Wayne> **Ladies and Gentlemen, we are gathered here today to pay tribute to those AC-119 Gunshippers who did not return from the Southeast Asia battlefields. In their memory Andrea Drzyzga has crafted a four paned banner depicting the four aircraft we lost in flight and the two ground casualties we experienced. Additionally, five ales named and labeled for the call signs of our four lost aircraft and the call sign of a Spectre also lost during that conflict have been donated by Steve Sirois of Callsign Brewing. The ales are significant in that they symbolize the post flight beer all our crews enjoyed at maintenance debrief. They further symbolize the beer enjoyed by all in the squadron hooches and at the various off duty activities where we interacted, let off steam, and cemented friendships which transcend our lifetimes.**

<Wayne> **So today we will again lift bottles and glasses with our missing friends and brothers. A bottle for each missing man will now be opened, tagged with the person's dog tag and set upon the bar to remind us that they continue to be with us. The seventeen names will now be read in chronological order as each bottle is placed.**

<Wayne> **On 11 Oct 1969, Shadow 76, Aircraft Tail Number 52-5907, an AC-119G had an engine failure on takeoff and subsequently crashed. Crew Members lost that day were:**

Major Bernard Knapic,

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<Fred, Steve, Andrea, Everett, Jim and Lee, select and open the appropriate ale, place the appropriate dog tag on bottle then place the bottle on the bar>

<Wayne> **Captain John H. Hathaway,**

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<Wayne> **Major Moses L. Alves,**

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<Wayne> **Major Jerome J. Rice,**

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<Wayne> **Staff Sergeant Abraham L. Moore.**

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<Wayne> **On 27 April 1970, Shadow 78, Aircraft Tail Number 53-8155, an AC-119G had an engine failure on takeoff and subsequently crashed. Crew Members lost that day were:**

First Lieutenant Thomas L. Lubbers,

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<Wayne> **First Lieutenant Charles M. Knowles,**

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<Wayne> **Major Meredith G. Anderson,**

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<Wayne> **Master Sergeant Joseph C. Jeszeck,**

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<Wayne> **Staff Sergeant Robert F. Fage Jr.,**

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<Wayne> **Sergeant Michael J. Vangelisti.**

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<Wayne> **On 7 June 1970 Lemon-10 Aircraft Tail Number 52-5935, an AC-119K had a runaway prop during flight. All attempts at controlling the errant propeller failed and the crew subsequently bailed out.**

Crew members lost were:

Staff Sergeant Clyde Alloway

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<Wayne> **On 2 May 1972 Stinger – 41, Aircraft Tail Number 53-7826 an AC-119K was flying a daylight mission over AN Loc Vietnam when it was struck by 37 mm antiaircraft fire. The aircraft sustained two lost engines and subsequently crashed. Crew members lost were:**

Captain Terrence F. Courtney,

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<Wayne> **Captain David R. Slagle,**

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<Wayne> **Staff Sergeant Kenneth R. Brown**

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<Wayne> **On 13 June 1972 Danang Air Base was attacked with 122mm Rocket by enemy forces, damaging buildings and equipment, and injuring and killing personnel. Our lost that day was:**

Captain Thomas R. Hammon

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<Wayne> **On 27 January 1973 Danang Air Base was attacked with 122mm Rocket by enemy forces, damaging buildings and equipment, and injuring and killing personnel. Our lost that day was:**

Sergeant John O'Neal Rucker

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<Wayne> **The survivors and family members of our lost Brothers will now join the memorial organizers in a toast. Please provide them with a glass of the memorial ale.**

<Fred, Steve, Andrea, Everett, Jim and Lee, open and pour glasses of the ale and give them to the applicable survivors and family>

<Wayne> **Ladies and Gentlemen join us in a toast. To the AC-119 Gunships and all those who flew in them and those who maintained them in Southeast Asia.**