

MAIL CALL



2007 Mail bag

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2007

I want to thank all Stingers & Shadows that made my 1st dollar nineteen reunion a blast. I honestly had to take a few extra orbits to convince myself to go. But, thanks to the persistence of Gus, & my need to refresh a lot of memories, my wife & I decided we were cleared hot on Sandestin.

Just for history, I went into the Gunship program in July 72, everybody I volunteered with went Spectre, I walked up to a twin boomed a/c called "Stinger". Col Dick Ring was my class leader at Hurlburt. After all the schools, I finally touch the sacred ground at NKP in Laaaaaaaaaaate October 72. I was the last of my class to get there, most were rerouted elsewhere. I stayed at NKP for about 10 days, TDYd to Bien Hoa, got in-country qualified by TSgt Leroy Jackson on 27 November 72. PCSd to Danang, The 18th closed, we flew base defense, air cover for Saigon, & very few TICs. I reentered the program with Spectre in 1982, did lead gunner, & dual qualified IR/TV until 1991.

Anyway, special thanks to all, espically: Gus, Sam, Chief Bill, Chief George Carter, & Col Dick Ring. I missed a lot of ya, but will reconnect at Branson.

Tony Pakutinski (Pakman)

Medical problems sideline Shadow —I will not be able to make the trip to Destin for Reunion VIII due to the discovery of several medical problems that need immediate attention. I hope to get an update Tuesday & Wednesday that should clarify the extent of the problem. Treatment may involve surgery & that would put me on the shelf for several weeks. Please give ny regards to all the 119ers & have a great week in Destin. I will look forward to next year.

The Shadow Knows

Col Al Heuss 71st SOS

10/1/07

Illness strikes Gunship 1- Col (ret.) Ron Terry, an honorary AC-119 Gunship Association member & the *father of the fixed wing gunship*, has been diagnosed with leukemia & is undergoing testing to determine the extent of upcoming treatments. Please join us in holding Col Terry & his wife, Carole, in your thoughts & prayers.

This is for John (Wayne) Adams, I may have sent you the wrong e-mail address before, it should be mikolowskiatsbcglobal.net I was with shadow gunships in 1970-1971 Phu Cat, Tuy Hoa, then to Saigon then went to Travis Air Force Base CA. till 1983 where I retired.

catch u later

Robert (bob) (ski) mikolowski

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Hello Gunship Comrades, My name is Thomas L. Butcher Sr. & I have been looking all over for a long time for a Reunion & finally discovered it in *Military News Letter* & went to the Website & there you guys were. Thanks for the Invitation. In October 1966 I was assigned to the 606 ACS in NKP Thailand after going through training at Hurlbert Field, (Aux Field 9) Three Months later we were Dissolved into the 4Th Air Commandos RVN. I was assigned to A Flight Danang AB. I was a Loadmaster & flew over 400 Combat Hours prior to going to the 7Th Air Commandos in Germany, Aug, 1967 & spent another 3 years supporting the 10Th Special Forces (Green

Berets) located in BadTolz, Germany. I must say, being a member of the "Puff The Magic Dragon" forerunners we were called SPOOKY 1-1,1-2,1-3 Call Signs.

I am looking forward to getting together in Oct with fellow true Warriors of the Time (Smile) I would appreciate knowing any other 4Th Gunship guys that may be planning on attending. Would any one reading this drop a line to butcrmillssatsbcglobal.net

Sincerely,

Ret. SMS Thomas L. Butcher Sr.

No motorcycles, no reunion. I won't be coming to the reunion this year....the homeowners association that owns the island the hotel sits on has a ban on motorcycles, my main mode of transportation.

Enough said.

Jim Ray

"K" IO '71-'72

YARJJataol.com

"For those who fought for it, freedom has a taste the protected will never know." 8/25/07

Hello to all of my Gunship Brothers.

I'm looking forward to the Fixed Wing Gunship Reunion. This Reunion will go down in history as the "first ever" Fixed Wing gunship reunion. Each & every one of us that chose to fly & maintain these one of a kind Special Operations Air Force Aircraft can be proud.

We flew some of the greatest, & little known, missions in the History of the U.S. Air Force. The Maintenance troops that maintained these special aircraft were, without a doubt, the best in the Air Force. Together, all of us made up the most cohesive combat units the U.S. Air Force has ever seen.

I look forward to meeting with our fellow Gunship Brothers & swapping stories. This world will never see such a Gathering of former combat members again.

Bob La Rosa

18Th SOS

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8/23/07

Ron Faison, Stinger IO & Association Life Member, Loses His Wife & Home In Fire

Gloria Faison, Ron's wife of 47 years, died in a fire at their home Sunday, July 8th. Ron suffered smoke inhalation but was treated & released. Several of Ron's family, plus some of our extended AC-119 family, helped Ron move into a condominium & got him as settled in as possible.

I'm sure Ron would love to hear from his gunship friends. Ron's new address is:

2001 Eastwood Drive, Apt #44,

Vacaville, CA 95687.

Please keep Ron & his family in your thoughts & prayers.

Wayne Laessig

Vacaville, CA

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Association note: Many thanks to Wayne & the California crew who assisted Ron during this trying time. It is a wonderful example of the gunship family taking care of each other.

August 8, 2007

Jeff Duford, staff historian at National Museum of the Air Force, is looking for an AC-119 100-mission patch. I'm working on an exhibit & preservation project about completing 100 missions in Southeast Asia. While the focus of the exhibit will be on F-105 aircrews, I would like to have as many other mission types represented as I can. To do so, I need to track down donors who would be willing to give their 100 mission memorabilia to the Museum. I know there was an AC-119 patch, but I've never seen it. Do you happen to have one, or know someone who does? Also, can you think of any other artifacts or photographs that would contribute to the 100 mission tradition as related to the AC-119?

Jeff Duford

staff historian

National Museum of the Air Force
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July 2007

AC-119 Gunshippers Lose Close Friend

On 10 July, 2007 we gunshippers lost one of our unsung "heroes". Richard E. Miller was a Field Service Representative (Tech Rep) for Fairchild. He was instrumental in the development of the AC-119K while at St. Augustine, Florida & was an expert, in everyway, on all C-119s. Once the Stinger became operational, Richard volunteered to go to South Vietnam to assist the USAF aircrews in transitioning from the AC-119G to the AC-119K. He continued his services there until the the AeroProduct props were replaced with the Hamilton Standard props (from 4 blade to 3 blade). His tour of duty was 1970 - 1971 at Phan Rang.

Richard was extremely technically knowledgeable on the Shadows & Stingers. His skills, & devotion to his duty, were paramount in the success of that transition. He will easily be remembered by those who shared their tour with him, both aircrew & maintainers.

In 2003, Richard learned of our gunship association through the website. On one of his visits to the guestbook, he saw a request for technical assistance on C-119s. He jumped at the chance & became active in assisting the author of "Departure Message" (Chuck Lunsford) in obtaining technical information for his chapter regarding the AC-119K Stinger. He wanted to go to the gunship reunions but his health started to deteriorate. He never was able to attend but was kept posted by his good friend & fellow co-worker from Fairchild, Bill Dudley.

Following his tour in SEA, Richard went to Ethiopia to train their Air Force flight crews on the C-119K (cargo version). I am fortunate to have in my possession a photo of Richard with an Ethiopian crew standing in front of a C-119K, circa 1974. If anyone would care to have that image scanned to them, feel free to contact me at ac119katmsn.com or linvelatearthlink.net.

Lee Kyser
FE 1972 - 1973
Lompoc, Ca
July 18, 2007

Great website!

Just wanted to thank you for a great website. I was at Phan Rang AB 9/66 to 6/68 with the 614 TFS...weapons load crew chief.

Chris Kleckner
July 17, 2007

Just checking in

Fellow Gunshippers, Great site. Will send in app.

Hard to believe this 4 Aug 07 will mark the 35th year since headed off to NKP & the 18th as a new table nav. Ended up teaching VNAV at Danang.

First culture shock was learning we had to give the VNAV 2 hrs for lunch so they could cook their own meal.

Then having to convince Maj Hoang (VNAV Cmdr that he had to let his IO out of the Conex container to attend class (the IO went off base when should not have).

Then there was the unfortunate bailout accident (March 1973) at Danang when one of the student FLIR Nav's got pulled under by the rescue fishing boat because he forgot to get out of his chute after a controlled bailout (Danang went DS, all precision stuff was down for MX, & not enough fuel to RTB elsewhere). Rest of the crew got out without a scratch.

7th thought we had screwed up so they closed the school. Three days later they realized we had not but it was too late--most of the instructors had RTB'd Stateside. So Major Krueger & some of us headed off to Tan Son Nhut to ferry C-119s to Clark until we had to get out of Vietnam (troop count) the end of March '72. When I came thru Clark the end of August '72 after pulling a tour as a FAN in OV-10's (Pave Nail & 2-stick) watched them chop up the C-119's (They thought we could give the C-119s to some other countries after trading our AC-119K's to the VNav for their C-119's.).

Other memories include being bombed at Danang by one our own F-4s, having an F-4 bomb the target we were firing at (he had yesterday's Prayer Wheel)(also learned that because your airplane gets hit, the crew does not get awarded a Purple Heart (smile), seeing more ground fire after the "war" stopped, me & my hutch trailer mate getting "fragged" with a tear gas grenade (we lived next to the O'Club), & spending the last night of the war in Danang's Stinger Hootch Bar (the thinking was that while Charlie was going to hit us hard on the last day, we

would be safe in our Hootch as it never had been hit (the smarter ones headed to the O'Club as it was as all remember farther in-land & also had not been hit (the sad thing was that Charlie hit the outside of the base harder, targeting the refugees,

Enough for now—good to see the Stinger pictures & crews again.

Gerald R. J. Heuer, Lt Col USAF (Ret)

Stinger Table Nav

Aug 72 to Mar 73

also Nail 233 (OV-10's)

July 16, 2007

AC-119 Gunship Association Board Reply to: "Not in favor of a combined gunship reunion"

We received a number of responses to Garry's message below. After talking with Garry, we thought it would be helpful to clear up some misperceptions & give you a sense of some of the responses we received:

- Our AC-119 Association members voted for this combined reunion as a *one-time* joint Reunion. It is not intended to start a joint or Air Force Gunship Association. Our Association members voted several times on that; & the AC-119 Gunship Association will continue as is — period;
- This combined reunion includes our own, separate, AC-119 activities on Friday, Saturday morning, & Sunday. The "joint" activity is the Saturday banquet;
- Many of our members also served on other gunships. In fact, some flew on, or maintained, all versions of the gunships. This joint reunion gives all gunshippers the unique opportunity to meet again with friends from the other gunship squadrons, rather than attending several reunions & risk not seeing some of those friends & fellow squadron members. Remember, not all gunship groups are fortunate enough to have an association or a reunion.
- We do not want anyone to miss the opportunity to see the brothers we served with in the AC-119 squadrons. We are life-long friends & we want to see them every chance we get.
- Your Reunion Coordinators, Founding Fathers, & other volunteers make it all happen & will continue to work hard for the AC-119 Gunship Association as long as we're standing. Understandably, not everyone can make each Reunion. But, it is with that understanding that attending membership voted to try different locations & reunion styles to give others the opportunity to attend. It is an impossible task to expect to please all of the membership, all of the time. But we hope everyone who does come to a Reunion, supports the work & the decisions made by our AC-119 Gunship Association members at our annual meetings.

Respectfully,

Your AC-119 Gunship Association Board:

Vern, Ray, Doug, Jim A, & Wayne, in support of all our faithful volunteers over the years - Gus, Bill, Norm, Jim T, Ev, Rogers, Ron J, Chuck, Jerry, Fletch, Ralph, Mac, Craig, Bud, Bob, Art, Jimi, Walt, Fred, & everyone else who helps make us a great Association.

Please send any further inputs on this matter directly to Garry Gourley per his request

at gfgourley33@hotmail.com & copy in Jim Alvis, our Association Secretary at Shadow1969@indy.rr.com

Thank you! Just wanted to thank Gus & Norman for the hospitality at the Mini Reunion. Had a great time & met a lot of Gunshippers. Not a lot of AC-119 people made it however. Looking forward to the cruise & reunion this fall.

Brother Johnny Higgins

Little Rock, AR

johnny.higgins@central.aero 5/29/07

Not in favor of a combined gunship reunion. Gentlemen - I have to state my opinion again (since 2000) that I am not in favor of a combined gunship reunion. There has been many a discussion as to the quality of having a tri-reunion—C130, C47 & us. We have worked so hard to get where we are now & those that have passed on that worked so hard — the argument being that we are not getting any younger or what ever the reason does not hold water with me or a number of gunshippers that I have spoken to or made comments too. I apologize but I only want to be in the company of my fellows AC-119 Gunship fliers & wrench benders. There will be a number of us that feel so adamant about this that we will not be attending this upcoming reunion. If this idea offends anyone then I & some of my fellow Gunshippers apologize.

Please feel free to contact me on my website at gfgourley33@hotmail.com to agree or disagree with me.

In comradeship AC-119G/K Gunshippers.

Regards

Garry Gourley FE AC-119G Tan Son Nhut 1970/1971

Stinger Prop Troop Checking In

Hi folks, my name is Gary Ingram & I was stationed at Phan Rang from July 1970 to July 1971. I worked in the propeller shop for the gunships (g&k) models along with the C-47 props & O-2 props. Lived in the Q4 area & spent many-a-night in the Happy Valley Drive-in watching movies & always waiting on mail call that we all looked forward to.

In Dec 1970 my prop shop boss (Msgt Reimer) sent me to NKP & work on the 6 C-119's that they sent there. Ended up working on C-119's, A-1 Sandy's, OV-10's. What an experience landing in CAM Rahn Bay, flight to Phan Rang on a C-123, staying in the transit barracks & finally bedding down in the Q4 area. Mama-san taking care of our clothes for \$2.50 a month.

The past 26 years I have been an ART/Reservist at the Youngstown Air Base in Vienna Ohio. We have C-130H models that we received in July 1990. I am now the superintendent of Quality Assurance, finally made E-9 three years ago & will retire next August. I am looking for anybody that worked with me in the prop shop at Phan Rang or NKP, especially John Berger or my old buddy Sparky, but forgot his last name.

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Special Invitation to all AC-119 Association members

Colonel Leonard C. Smales

Commander, 58th Operations Group

requests the honor of your presence at the
71st Special Operations Squadron, at which

Lt Col James L. Cardoso

will relinquish command to

Lt Col Todd A. Lovell

on Tuesday, the twenty second day of May

at ten o'clock in the morning

Hangar 1000

4150 Hangar Road SE

Kirtland Air Force Base New Mexico

R.S.V.P. by 15 May 2007

(505)853-4686

Military: Uniform of Day

Civilian: Business Attire

Reception to immediately follow in hangar

Touching base

In 1969, I was, at age 20, a crew chief on a AC-119K, S.N. 926, Lockbourne AFB. 18th SOS. In Nov 69, my aircraft with 6 others ferried to Vietnam.

Over the years I lost touch with many of the guys & I recently just found this website regarding AC-119 Gunships. I am wondering if I would be able to, at least email, some of the guys that remember that time, either aircrew or maintenance?

Oh, one more thing, most of us in the squadron were recalled to Vietnam in 1970 to train the locals on the gunships.

My Primary station was Phang Rang, but I did go to Da Nang & Saigon as well.

Hank Sehne

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Need confirmation on Happy Valley Close Air Support Mission 1970

Early in 1970 an AC-119 was about to take off at Phan Rang when they got a call saying there were troops in contact about 10 miles northwest of the base, & they were cleared to fire. It was just about sundown. They took off, turned left as they climbed, found the hamlet that was being attacked, & took out the attackers with one firing pass.

The date was probably 27 March or 27 April 1970. If you were on that mission or have it in your records, please contact me. I would like to confirm the date & hear the aircrew side of the story. I was the 315th TAW Civic Action Officer at Phan Rang, & I have the rest of the story.

Briefly: it was a Montagnard hamlet we had been working with. They saw men moving in the twilight, & sounded their alarm. Immediately, they were under attack by about 35 heavily armed NVA who were enroute to hit the base with mortars & a 57 mm recoilless rifle that could have done some serious damage to aircraft on the flightline. The Montagnards radioed for help, & the gunship arrived just in time to save them. Next day, the Deputy Province Chief took me with him to honor the hamlet for what they did. The gunship firing pass was perfect.

Ben H. Swett
Colonel USAF (Retired)
Temple Hills, MD
benatbswett.com

Looking for old Friends: Former Stinger Winston Crotchett, retired AF MSgt, 1960 thru 1974, Nam, Okinawa, Thailand, Japan, etc.

Thanks & God Bless you each & everyone!
Contact Winston at winjaiatgtec.com 2/15/07

Visited your site today, outstanding. Enjoyed reading the postings.

After serving with the 400 MMS(T), Kadena AB, Okinawa I pcs'd to the 317th FMS (munitions) at Lockbourne AFB, OH in August '68 in support of the gunships. Processed & delivered a helluva a lot of 20MM, 7.62MM & Mk 24 flares. If I remember correctly didn't we have an AC- 123 too?

After the 317th I pcs'd to the 421MMS, Phu Cat AB, RVN in August '69 which changed to the 412MMS as the 12th TFW moved up from CRB in '70. Just thought I'd say hello & thank you for you service.

Dennis Figelski
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Byfield, MA 01922
dfigelskiatmedford.org 2/10/07

Update on 2007 President-elect, Ray Barradale

President-elect Ray Barradale had a heart attack while at the Albuquerque Reunion. He was stabilized & sent home for bypass surgery which went well. However, Ray developed complications that eventually resulted in surgery again to put in a defibrillator & pacemaker. Bottom line: Ray is ok but will be in a recovery mode for a while.

As a result, Ray decided that both his health & the Association's needs are best served by stepping down as President. Per our by-laws Vern Hansen moves from Vice-President to President, with Ray & everyone's support.

The Board also offered Ray an Honorary Vice-Presidency until next year's Reunion elections, & Ray accepted. Please keep Ray in your thoughts & prayers – he told us his goal is to regain his health, & to attend & enjoy our Joint Gunship Reunion in Florida! Ray asks that we all give Vern & your Association Board & Committees the support to keep the Association healthy & continuing to improve.

Wayne Laessig 2/01/07

A Fallen Hero

Need help with VA Claim. My Name is Jimmy Ward Stationed at Phan Rang Oct 1969-Oct 1970. I worked on stingers as a JET ENGINE Tech. I would like to find anyone that was there during that time to help with a V A claim.

Jimmy Ward
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Goose Creek ,S.C.29445
Home 843-553-3065

Cell-843-200-2402

E Mail: wa8jmataol.com Thanks in Advance, Sgt. Jimmy L. Ward

A Fallen Hero
By George S. Carter

Recently I received an e-mail from a fellow member of the AC 119 Gunship Association informing me of the death, on September 9th 2006, of a fellow Viet Nam veteran. Bob Helmig & I were gunners on the AC-119K "Stinger" gunship. The cause of death--Multiple Myeloma...bone marrow cancer. The cause of his cancer—Agent Orange. Members of the 18th Special Operations Squadron lived, worked, & played together. Because the 18th SOS was split among three operating locations, NKP Thailand, & Bien Hoa & Da Nang, Viet Nam Bob & I did not socialize much but we flew several combat missions together. We depended on each other, & fellow crew members, in literal life & death situations. When it came time to put the rubber-to-the-road, we all had the same common interest, get the mission accomplished--protect allied troops on the ground--kill trucks, sampans, & anything that carried munitions or supplies to enemy combatants. We had a job to do & we did it very, very well. After the cease fire took affect in January 1973, Bob was so good at his job that he was selected to train Viet Nameese airmen to become AC 119K 'Stinger'gunners. A fitting tribute to his skill, dedication, & knowledge of gunship operations.Bob was a hero in every sense of the word. He was not drafted to become a gunner & fly on those rickety old aircraft. He was a volunteer & Bob took his job very seriously. History often repeats the anti-war sentiment in this country during the time of our service but Bob could care less about the anti-war crowd & their beliefs. He had a higher calling, to fight for the right of the anti-war demagogues to express their personal opinions about him & his governments' participation in that war. We were all very young & idealistic in those days & I have seen that same vigor, idealism, & patriotism of young people as they continue to volunteer to serve their country, even though they may be placed in harms way. Bob would be proud of those young people as they carry on the heritage of service as he did over 33 years ago. They, like he, thumb their noses at the nay sayers & volunteer to give all if necessary for the preservation of our way of life.Just the word "Cancer" is enough to strike fear in the strongest of people. I have not been in contact with Bob since we left Viet Nam but I can imagine he tackled his disease with the same courage & tenacity he did as a gunner. He fought a heroic battle & lost. But his legacy will live on in future war fighters. If Bob could be here I am sure he would encourage all Viet Nam veterans to make sure they get their names put in the Agent Orange Registry. It is very easy & does not take much time. If you spent one day on the ground you need to be tested. Make an appointment with your nearest VA medical center or clinic & tell them you want to be tested for Agent Orange exposure & placed on the Agent Orange Registry. The following is a link to the VA Agent Orange Frequently Asked Questions site: <http://www1.va.gov/agentorange/docs/B1AOBRIEF72003A.doc> I suggest anyone interested use a search engine of choice & type in 'Agent Orange Registry' to become more educated about this killer. The following is extracted from the VA site regarding testing:Veterans participating in this voluntary program, offered at all VA medical centers, are given the following baseline laboratory studies: chest x-ray (if one has not been done within the past 6 months); complete blood count; blood chemistries & enzyme studies; & urinalysis. Particular attention is paid to the detection of chloracne, porphyria cutanea tarda, type 2 diabetes, soft tissue sarcoma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease, respiratory cancers, multiple myeloma, prostate cancer, chronic lymphocytic leukemia & peripheral neuropathy. Evidence is also sought concerning the following potentially relevant symptoms or conditions: altered sex drive; congenital deformities (birth defects, including spina bifida) among children; repeated infections; nervous system disorders; sterility; & difficulties in carrying pregnancies to term. Important note: A registry examination does not automatically lead to a disability claim, which must be filed separately if the veteran is seeking disability compensation. Veterans seeking compensation are not required to take a registry examination, & Vietnam veterans who have a registry examination are not required to seek compensation.

I am sure Bob, like all of us that served in the 18th SOS, are very proud of our service & if we had to do it over we would do it again in-a-heartbeat. Bob was hero & a patriot & will be missed by his family & friends.

George Carter is a retired Chief Master Sergeant & was an AC-119K 'Stinger' Gunner, 1972-1973.

Booz, Allen, & Hamilton

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Pre-reunion cruise on the Gulf of Mexico. Info via "Doc" Fletcher.

AC-47 "Spooky" IO/Gunner Van Carter is excited about the first-ever Fixed-Wing Gunship Reunion this fall in conjunction with our AC-119 Gunship Reunion. Van & his Spooky buddies have contacted Carnival Cruises about a Gunship Group Package on their five-day Gulf of Mexico cruise. Following is information that Van has sent to me thus far:

Port City: Mobile, Alabama

Cruise Ship: Holiday

Departs: Saturday, September 29 at 4:00 p.m.

Two Stops: *Cozumel & Costa Maya*, Mexico

Returns: Thursday, October 4 at 8:00 a.m.

(Plenty of time to drive to Destin for Reunion Pre-Registration & "Happy Hour")

Cost: \$289.00 per person (The more cabins booked by our gunship group, the less the fare)

Activities: Among many, Drinking & Gambling

Gunship Reunion Date: October 5 thru October 7 at Destin, Florida.

If you want to cruise with us, let me know ASAP. Spread the Word; Send this information to other Shadows & Stingers in your e-mail address book. The more; the merrier & cheaper. Van needs an accurate count of sailors for group rates.

Sue & I, Bernie & Judy Smith & Marty & Sandy Noonan are booking.

Larry Fletcher at: fletch12atcharter.net

A call to all former members of the "Polish Bandits" & anybody else who had the good fortune to know & fly with lead gunner Lemoyne Shrodes.

Lee was diagnosed with prostate cancer last fall. His prognosis is good but he is going through chemotherapy & the discomforts associated with that. I talked with Lee at christmas time & he would really like to hear from any of his old comrades. Lee is one of those individuals who never went computerized so has no internet or E-mail access. For any of you "Spectre" people reading this, Lee was also a spectre gunner following his tour with the "Stingers". Spent time at Ubon & Hurlburt. Drop him a line or give him a call.

Lee's address & phone number:

Lemoyne Shrodes

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Martins Ferry, OH 43935

(740) 633-1157

Ken Schwandt, Stinger Gunner, Aug 70 - Jul 71

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