

**From:** Wayne Laessig February 10, 2013

**Subject:** Your Donation

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**To:** First Lieutenant Dietmar Pohl

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Dear Lieutenant Pohl,

Your gracious donation of two of your superb knives meant a lot to the 250 combat veterans and their families who were at our Reunion. The two lucky raffle winners were both outdoor enthusiasts who will make great use of them!

We’ve been working to contact more of the men we flew and worked with in South East Asia, and our raffle money helps us bring family members of the men we lost there to our Reunions. On behalf of our AC-119 Gunship Association, thank you for the knives.

Everyone also enjoyed the picture of you in your German C-160 Transall – it brought back many memories of rides we took between our bases in Vietnam and Thailand to fly missions out of different locations.

 Thank you again for your interest in AC-119s! We recently posted an article in the Air Commando Journal you might find interesting. I’ve enclosed a copy, along with two pen and ink hand-drawn prints of our Shadow and Stinger aircraft done by CMSgt Bill Petrie, Illuminator Operator and our Web Master.

In grateful appreciation,

Wayne Laessig

Stinger Co-Pilot, 1971-1972

President, AC-119 Gunship Association