

Wayne Laessig

From: Wayne Laessig [qadvocate@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Sunday, April 27, 2008 9:04 PM
To: 'Barbee, Larry'
Subject: RE: AC-119 Masters Project

Larry, I do realize all the sensitivities involved and definitely agree that Bob and I can help with a review. If you decide we can do this, once it's acceptable to you, I do think it belongs in our history stuff (it will always be your call).
 Thanks! Wayne

From: Barbee, Larry [lbarbee@amcomp.com] **Sent:** Sun, Apr 27, 2008 8:04 PM **To:** Wayne Laessig **Subj:** RE: AC-119 Masters Project
 Hello, Wayne: I'm glad you got the all the parts I sent. I sent them to Bob D. and you and I also sent some additional portions to Randy Holbrook, who is Ken Brown's nephew and who had emailed and asked for information. There was a paragraph I didn't send to Randy that dealt with my speculation about what happened to Ken and Rod, based on what Mike Friel told me once when we took him from Sacramento to San Francisco.
 I'll have to see if I can still find the electronic version. It was done in Word Perfect or some other program I think, rather than MS Word. I do have the hard copy. I would also want to sanitize it a little since I may have insulted some folks inadvertently. I might have mentioned Fritz's "Steel Balls Award" or something and I don't want to hurt anyone's feelings. The prof's who were on the graduate committee wanted me to submit it for publication but I never had the desire and didn't expect it to have any other viewers. Debbie, my wife, has never read it.
 Also some of the events were consolidated from different missions into one. I would want you and Bob to read the whole thing to check for sensibilities and generic accuracy. I will hunt around in my old computer and see what I can come up with.
 I told my college roommate about the Texas Tech project and he, being a retired Marine officer and helicopter pilot, donated his party suit and some other items to the project. We can't figure out why the Aggies didn't come up with the idea.

From: Wayne Laessig [qadvocate@sbcglobal.net] **Sent:** Sun, April 27, 2008 9:02 PM **To:** Barbee, Larry **Cc:** 'Bob LaRosa' **Subj:** AC-119 Masters Project
 Larry, Greetings! Got *The Gunship Chronicles* you wrote in '94 and really enjoyed it!
 The copy I received had the Prologue, 76-137, 157-165, and 192-196. Are the missing parts classified? If not, I'd enjoy reading pages 1-75, 138-156, and 166-191.
 Also, if you'd be willing to let us post it on our web or via Texas Tech's Vietnam Center, I'd like to make the whole thing part of our AC-119 History Project – we have several short stories, some DVDs, some mission tapes, lots of pictures, a fair number of stories and bios, and we'll have a published History Book in another year or two. Your story would be a great addition to our overall project! If you agree, let me know so we can do it right!
 If you have it electronically, that would be awesome. But if not, a hard 'copy' will do. Thanks! Wayne

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From: Barbee, Larry [lbarbee@amcomp.com]
Sent: Monday, January 19, 2009 7:13 AM
To: Wayne Laessig
Subject: RE: AC-119 History Book - Got to be done by January 20th!

Hi, Wayne: Here (attachment) is a shot at a sanitized version of my graduate project. I've lost Bob's email address so I'd really appreciate it if you'd forward it to him too. Please let me know if it comes through all right, or especially if it doesn't. Please take a look at to see if it is suitable for our purpose. It should probably be listed as a novel since some of the things that happened on various missions are lumped into one sortie and some may identify some embellishments. Still I'll bet guys will say: "I remember that flight." Plus I hope some of the descriptions of the airplane and procedures will bring back memories.

I never did find the original diskette, since it was written in 1994, so I was finally able to run a copy through an OCR program. Kinko's told me that their program was about 90% accurate and would cost \$400, so I found another one. I probably have not caught all the words that the program misinterpreted and spell checker doesn't work real well because of the slang quotations. **The big thing I'd appreciate is for you an Bob to scan it so that there is nothing in there that would hurt anyone's feelings.** I only left a few last names in there.

I will try to get Debbie to help me email some photos tonight. We've bought a new scanner and hopefully it will prove useful.

Thanks again – sorry about being so late. Best of luck to you old buddie. Larry

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