

James,

December 21, 2008

We're wrapping up our AC-119 Gunship History Book with about 250 guys in it that flew or worked on AC-119s and we want to make sure your cousin Michael is included.

Although we have a Memorial page in the book, we want to do the same for the guys we lost as we are for the guys completing their History Book inputs right now.

We've been asking everyone to complete a short biography, share some kind of interesting story about life in AC-119s or in SEA, and a picture or two. If you or anyone can remember anything Michael shared with you about being in AC-119s or Vietnam, we'll include that as memories shared with you in the book. We would like a picture of Michael from SEA if possible and one of you or a family picture would be great also.

I'd very much like to work with you to create a History Book page for Michael. I'm attaching our History Book input page; please send the form to me.

It will be our honor to present you with one of our books when they're completed for our September Reunion in St Augustine Florida.

BUT, in order to get Michael's info into the book, **we have to complete his input page by January 20th**. The book has taken a long time to put together and we had to set a deadline for inputs.

Here's some of the info I put together really fast to get us started: Sgt Michael J Vangelisti, died in action 4-28-1970, 17th SOS. Born on June 26, 1947 in Marseilles, Illinois, Michael was killed in an aircraft crash near Gia Dinh, South Vietnam.

Respectfully,

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AC-119 GUNSHIP HISTORY BOOK - BIOGRAPHY/STORIES FORM **Instructions:** please complete this form to the best of your ability and return me. If needed, use additional sheets to complete Michael's information and stories and attach them to this form. **Due Date is January 20, 2009.**

NAME:

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

ADDRESS:

(Street)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

1. Year of Birth: Place of Birth: Home Town/City:
2. High School Attended & Date of Graduation:
3. College Attended & Date of Graduation:
4. Date/Place Michael Entered the USAF:
5. Why he joined the USAF:
6. Squadron Number(s) {17th/18th/71st}, Job {Pilot/Nav/Sensor/FE/Gun/IO/Maint.}, Dates and Places Assigned to AC-119 Special Operations Squadron(s):
7. Anything you remember about Michael's AC-119 Mission(s) or Event(s) in S.E.A:
8. The things that you will always remember about Michael's time with AC-119 gunships is:
9. Your Signature gives The AC-119 Gunship Association permission to use Michael's biographical information for publishing purposes.

Signature / Date