

June 30, 2016 Note from Wayne Laessig, KIA POC.

EVERY Board President should read this message trail to understand how painful it can get with KIA Families. We established the KIA POC to avoid this in the future & it's worked pretty well – EXCEPT – when someone bypasses the KIA POC & posts something or contacts someone without knowing the background. If ANYONE wants to dig into any of our KIA's stories, we welcome it – AFTER – they talk to me. **In particular, NO ONE should contact Teddi Alves, any Stinger 41 or Shadow 76 crew or family without talking to me.** I will only discuss those with the interested parties. Need more info? Call me.

From: Wayne Laessig **Sent:** Tue, Sept 30, 2014 9:14 PM **To:** '<busch791@tampabay.rr.com>' **Subj:** RE: Kevin Alves Doug, Home phone (?) 813-657-084 Cell phone 813-966-3948 His old work # at Albertson's was 813-757-2540 KAlves7990@aol.com
Hope this helps! Thanks! Wayne

From: Wayne Laessig **Sent:** Mon, Sept 29, 2014 6:03 PM **To:** '<busch791@tampabay.rr.com>' **Subj:** Re: Kevin Alves Doug, AGREE! I'm in Truckee until tomorrow night - I'll send Kevin's info then. Thanks! Wayne Sent from my iPad

On Sep 29, 2014, at 11:32, '<busch791@tampabay.rr.com>' wrote: Wayne Great Reunion! I'm having a hard time getting in touch with Kevin so if you have a number would appreciate it got an e-mail through but no response as of yet. Hate to just show up unannounced. May God Bless Doug =

From: Douglas Wohlgamuth **Sent:** Fri, Oct 09, 2009 2:34 PM **To:** Wayne_Laessig **Subj:** Kevin Alves Wayne Before I forget Kevins Cell is 813-966-3948. They do not have a land line any more just the cell number. I'm going over the first of the week as they aren't going to be home this weekend & will get e-mail address & send them on to you after the visit. I will try & get a couple of pic's & send them also. Talk soon Take Care My Friend & May God Bless Doug

From: Wayne Laessig **Sent:** Wed, Oct 11, 2006 11:57 AM **To:** 'busch719@msn.com'; 'shadow70@sbcglobal.net' **Subj:** RE: The Alves Doug, This really makes me proud of what we do & how we've kept Kevin & his family in "our" family. I can't thank you enough buddy!! Wayne

From: busch719@msn.com **Sent:** Sun, Oct 08, 2006 6:04 PM **To:** gadvocate@sbcglobal.net; shadow70@sbcglobal.net **Subj:** The Alves I visited with the Alves family today nice folks. I took Taryn a T-shirt & a 17th Challenge coin & some other things. She has grown into quite a young lady. I helped her with her school project & she said it was a real success. She has applied at USF & has been accepted she wants to become a lawyer. Kevin & the rest of the family are doing well & they spoke highly of our association. If all goes well they plan on bringing Taryn to our next reunion. will stay in touch Take Care My Friends & May God Bless Doug



From: Wayne Laessig **Sent:** Mon, Aug 28, 2006 10:01 PM **To:** 'KJAlves@verizon.net' **Subj:** Taryn Alves & AC-119 Website Mail Call Hello Taryn! Jim Terry told me about your message on the Mail Call web page & I'll help any way I can. I also asked some of the guys to try to identify those who knew your Grandfather or flew with him. Hopefully, we'll reach some of them & put them in contact with you. I did a similar project with my God-Child in Alaska & it was very rewarding for me. She "said" they enjoyed hearing a little bit of real history from someone who was part of it, & their biggest ah-ha was the differences between what I & some others shared with them & the skimpy info in their history books. Let me know whatever I can do to help! I live in California but I'm pretty easy to reach on my cell phone at 707-0592-4492. Since I'm on the AC-119 Gunship Association Board I'd be glad to help if you want something specific, & I know at least a little about most of the members. If you get more offers than you need, I'd be happy to help you "sort" through the list for the timeframes, Squadrons, or perspectives you might want. I'm sure whoever you choose to help you will be lucky. You are, & will always be, a part of our AC-119 Gunship family!
Thank you! Wayne Laessig AC-119K Stinger Co-Pilot 1971-1972 131 Saybrook Avenue Vacaville, CA 95687

From: Douglas Wohlgamuth **Sent:** Mon, Aug 28, 2006 7:50 AM **To:** KJAlves@verizon.net; Wayne_Laessig **Subj:** Taryn: AC-119 Gunships Hello Taryn my name is Doug Wohlgamuth I did not know you grandfather as I flew on the K models in 1972. I would be glad to help

you with your school project in away possible. I also live here in Florida in Sun City Center Depending on where you are located in Florida I would love to get together with you & your family & share my experience in Viet Nam. Feel free to give me a call MY home phone is 813-633-0685 or 813-781-5728. The Ac-119 Gunship Association sends our best to you & yours. Take Care & May God Bless Doug Wohlgamuth Stinger IO

8/27/06 Mail Call I am looking for someone who would be interested in telling me about their experiences in Vietnam for a school project.

Hello! My name is Taryn Alves, I am currently a high school senior residing in Florida. I am looking for someone who would be interested in telling me about their experiences in Vietnam for a school project. I attended the reunion in Florida a couple of years ago where I was introduced to a lot of wonderful, intriguing men & women who openly told me stories of my grandfather Major Moses L. Alves. This association helped me to know a little about the grandfather I regretfully never got to meet & I am now hoping that this association will help me in my endeavor to learn more about the men & women who served in Vietnam. If you are willing to share your experience with me please let me know via e-mail, KJAlves@verizon.net. Thank you to those men & women who opened their arms to me & my family at the reunion, it was a weekend that I will treasure & remember always.

Wayne Laessig Note: Right about here is when I called Kevin & with his approval, called Teddi to try to explain what her Major Mo might have said to her if he was alive today. Kevin totally understood & so does his daughter. But, as Kevin put it & I learned, "Teddi is in a state of denial about any part of her husband's life & death that doesn't fit the model in her mind. She has given her life to remembering what she thinks he was".

I tried to help her understand. I told her my story about losing Tom Hamman. I told her what Lynette has told me about the brotherhood we shared – not rank, just there for each other, with some friendships that go beyond always. Teddi refused to acknowledge those & said some pretty nasty things about some of our guys & our misguided belief that our brotherhood was real. She particularly denigrated the quality of our enlisted brothers. Afterward, I called Kevin & he listened to everything I'd said, told me that he'd told her the same, & we both agreed to never do anything that might cause her more pain – which to me meant backing away from the Alves. Kevin would not have that & he asked to become our contact. Read the next message & you'll see how Taryn, Major Alves grand-daughter felt.

From: Rogac119@aol.com **Sent:** Sat, April 03, 2004 6:45 PM **To:** la448@zianet.com **Cc:** qadvocate@sbcglobal.net; takituz@email.com **Subj:** Gunship history at Reunion- Bob & Wayne **Bob:** I agree with you completely!! I want to buy the guy in CA that told her about the USAFR error, a beer. Again, Wayne & Jim Terry are dealing with this. I do not want to go to censorship of the Guest book; but if we have to, we will block her access to the website.

On another Subj, I am sending both you & Wayne the literature I received from the seminar on the "Veterans History Project". While the information is about the taping of a Veterans history & stories of his time in service, it is applicable to our project. It will be coming to you by snail mail. I hope that You & Wayne can make this part of the reunion happen. Ron is changing the Reunion Registration Form to include the unit (71st, 17th, or 18th) & years in country to help with your programing of the taping schedules. Ron & I will provide the room at the hotel, & support equipment that you will need to complete the project. Please let us know of anything other than the obvious things you will be needing. Later, Rogers

From: Bob la448@zianet.com **Sent:** Fri, April 02, 2004 7:46 PM **To:** Rogac119@aol.com **Subj:** Re: Only in America Thanks for the resend. I got it. I discovered that a setting in Outlook Express was set too tight on security. Thus, it was bouncing any & all attachments. I have been down from a computer for about fifteen days up until three days ago. The new computer that I had mad up locally. Went haywire on me. So I took it back to the folks that built it. I demanded & received a full refund back from them. I phoned up Dell Crop. & had a better & faster computer built by them for less money ! So it would appear that going local some times does not pay. My Dell has the latest Pentium chip out. 3.06 GHZ . So far I am thrilled with it.

Now down to business. I am really disturbed that Teddi Alves is becoming famous among the Officers of our Association. From what I have been reading on some of the latest e-mails. I feel this way about this matter. I don't think she deserves all of the attention she has been getting. Yes, I feel sorry that her husband was killed. But, And I don't mean this with any disrespect to anyone.

If it wasn't for people getting together & creating an AC-119 Gunship Association. Mrs. Alves would not have any place to vent her displeasure in the first place. She of all people should be grateful that we have come together as a group to honor those who have flown on gunships. There has been just a few men that hung it out over the trail. So all of us deserve better then what she complains about.

Correct me if I'm wrong here. But when you get commissioned from ROTC. Didn't you receive a reserve commission ? Instead of a regular commission. I am saddened that Mrs. Alves's husband was killed. But, He was killed in an aircraft accident. Not, over a combat target. You know, I was almost killed on a combat mission over Laos as Bill Petrie can attest to. But I don't go around harping about it.

I would say to Mrs. Alves; that we all share in the loss of your husband. But, he was not the only one lost while flying on gunships. God has smiled on some of us that flew on the gunships. He has allowed us to come home & form this wonderful brotherhood. So that those that are too young will be able to know the sacrifices that we all shared by flying on the gunships for our country. Regards Bob La Rosa VP

From: Rogac119@aol.com **To:** la448@zianet.com **Sent:** Fri, April 02, 2004 7:09 PM **Subj:** Fwd: Only in America **Bob; Here it is again Later, Rogers**

From: RetCMSgt@aol.com **Sent:** Fri, April 02, 2004 8:20 PM **To:** Rogac119@aol.com **Cc:** gadvocate@sbcglobal.net **Subj:** Re: Guest Book Entry As I told Wayne I hope that didn't open the door for some guestbook combat. She did stick her foot in her mouth with her entry though didn't she. I'd love to buy the guy a beer **Bill Petrie, CMSgt, USAF, Ret. Web Author:** <http://www.ac-119gunships.com>

From: Rogac119@aol.com **Sent:** Fri, April 02, 2004 6:23 PM **To:** RetCMSgt@aol.com **Cc:** gadvocate@sbcglobal.net **Subj:** Guest Book Entry **Bill & Wayne:** Looks like someone else got a shot at Teddi about the "USAFR" error on her part as "Historian for Mo". Maybe she will back away from the E-Mail entries now. Many thanks to the "CA Reservist". Later, Rogers

From: RetCMSgt@aol.com **To:** rogac119@aol.com **Date:** Fri, 26 Mar 2004 17:32:19 -0500 **Subj:** Fwd: Mo Alves I thought you'd be interested in this. What Howie did was nice but it sure could open the door to a lot of other dealings with Tedi. If this escalates & I have to deal with any crap over her & what we do or don't put on the site, as she wishes, We'll be looking for another webmaster & I'll back away from the Association. This is the second time I've been under attack from someone in the Association. I have other things I can be involved in. I'm sure you can notice I'm venting :{C Bill ATTACHMENT part 2.2 message/rfc822

From: "Howard Reid" **Date:** Fri, 26 Mar 2004 13:32:28 -0800 **Subj:** Mo Alves **To:** RetCMSgt@aol.com **Hi Bill,** I sent Teddi Alves the following message this morning commenting on her message in the guestbook.

Thank you for the remembrance by James Whitcomb Riley. Allow me to share a story & poem with you.

Just before Thanksgiving 2000, a gunship brother lost his 30 year old son. This young man had grown up with my children in California & Delaware. In grieving over this terrible loss, I was referred to a book titled "I wasn't ready to say goodbye". Or something like that. In the book were a bit of prose & an old Hopi Indian prayer. Perhaps they will provide some more comfort to you these 30+ years later. I combined the two bits & have used them at eulogies for several lost friends & companions.

The first is the Hopi prayer.

"Do not stand at my grave & weep.
I am not there, I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the Gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the mornings hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
of quiet birds in circled flight,
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave & cry,
I am not there, I did not die."

The Prose was written by Antoine St. Expury, an aviation writer & reconnaissance pilot who was lost over the Med in WWII. He wrote, "In one of the stars I shall be living. In one of them I shall be laughing. And so, it will be as if all the stars were laughing when you look at the sky at night."

I never met you husband, but I know him as a brother & I, too, miss him.

Howard "Ollie" Reid, The Yankee Air Pirate.

Here is her reply to me.

"Thank you so much. I am very hurt that "powers that be" in that "Association" have treated my husband as "just dead," totally insulting in captions under his photos, Shadow, #11. They didn't even display those forwarded well in advance of the Reunion at the Memorial among all those others on display. And they just posted the photos in the last week or so without any relevance to respect for him or the distinction of his service as if "death" was IT!

I have that verse you referenced & have had it right here for years since I first read it in a column of Ann Landers. The closer I get to "that date & time," when I will be beside my "Major Mo" in Arlington, the more hurtful it has become that so many people I have encountered have such casual regard for the actual loss of those so wonderful .. our heart beats having been as one.. & to them, I can only extend condolences.

Hopefully, AWAY may have the same uplifting sense for others that feel the pain I have known since that 11th Day back in Oct of 1969. Even to see the picture of my husband is to know the wonderful man he was .. how caring .. & how loved he is by his family to this day .."

Thank you again,

(signed, Teddi Alves)

Perhaps, Bill, you could change the wording under Mo's pictures from "..killed..." to "died" It ain't much but maybe it would make the loss a bit less painful for his family.

Thanks, Howard, The old & sentimental Yankee Air Pirate

From: Wayne Laessig **Sent:** Sat, March 27, 2004 11:55 AM **To:** 'Jim Terry'; Rogac119@aol.com **Subj:** RE: Fwd: Guestbook entries **Rogers & Jim,** I agree with Jim, with one caveat; if Teddi puts something on the website that includes words she's sent to Bill & Ev, we'll need to respond. So far, the only place she's said some pretty hurtful things are in messages to Bill, Ev, Jim & me. I understand those hurtful messages are a reflection of the hurt she still feels, & as long as it stays out of the public eye, I agree with Jim that

we can & must just deal with it. But if she ever says any of those words in the website..... With that said, I think we also need to address this to the whole Board. Here's some thoughts I'd like to share with them - Bill sent this to us:

I now know why men who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted their best, men who suffered & sacrificed, who were stripped raw, right down to their humanity.

I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate & the U.S. Marine Corps. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another.

I cannot say where we are headed. Ours are not perfect friendships; those are the province of legend & myth. A few of my comrades drift far from me now, sending back only occasional word. I know that one day even these could fall to silence. Some of the men will stay close, a couple, perhaps, always at hand.

As long as I have memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family & my comrades.....such good men. from "These Good Men" by Michael Norman

Those words really struck a chord with me.

1. Moses Alves WAS one of us – one of *Those Good Men* & we cannot ever lose sight of that.

2. Our Association & Reunion is about *These Good Men*, & we must not allow our personal feelings to negatively impact the Association or its members.

3. At the same time, we cannot let our best get bashed without realizing the impact it has on them. Bill & Ev need to hear from the rest of the Board that they are some of the best examples of *These Good Men* in our Association, & I almost weep when I realize how they can be hurt by one spouse's angry, confused words. Teddi Alves may never realize the honor & respect we bestow on ALL of *These Good Men* - including Moses Alves. Her concept of that is twisted by years of grief, loss, & pain that live behind a wall of anger for anyone not doing what she believes is needed. It does not matter to her that all the "good men" who were actually there understand & agree with *These Good Men*. She cannot see it & may never.

4 My concerns:

- The impact on Bill & Ev – they need to hear from us that they epitomize *These good men* - that they are not "at blame" – that they have not done anything wrong.

- The impact on the Association, it's members, & other families who have lost loved ones **IF** Teddi puts anything on the web that are in some of her most bitter messages to some of the Board. The website & Guestbook must NOT become a place to blast anyone or anything. It cannot become a forum for anger, or bitterness.

I'd like to ask the Board to not respond. I want them to understand why – the only thing that can occur is bitterness, ugliness, hurt to good men, hurt to the reasons we're doing this (the Association, the Reunion, the Memorials), & hurt to the families who do not need this when they're just starting to get some positive feedback on the heroes we found in "Their Good Men". I'd like to re-affirm that we are working this & that any messages they receive need to come to us. As part of "what else can we do" I'd like to talk with Jim about getting Kevin in the loop – not against his mother, but at least not against us & what we've tried to do. I want him to understand our intent on how we deal with his mother.

With that said, one of the most difficult things for me to ask is can we put "Major Mo" on all his pictures. My request is not to identify him as "Major Alves" but by a nickname that perhaps many knew him as "Major Mo". It might stop the bitter attacks by Teddi & that is our goal. If we do this we eliminate one thing she hasn't let go of & it doesn't make the pictures a rank" issue – lots of the pictures include ranks. Doing this one thing might avoid any further lambasting.

So, LET'S TALK about some things like: a message to Bill & Ev (Cc whole Board); maybe some phone calls to Bill & Ev reaffirming their value; another message to the whole Board about not responding & why; a contact with Kevin (by Jim) to keep those lines of communication open; change the captions on Mo's pictures to Major Mo.

Whew....! Not what I wanted to spend a Sat doing but not something we can totally ignore. Thanks! Wayne

From: Jim Terry **Sent:** Fri, March 26, 2004 8:32 PM **To:** Rogac119@aol.com **Cc:** Wayne Laessig **Subj:** Re: Fwd: Guestbook entries Rogers & Wayne, I received the note concerning Tedi Alves & her entry into the guest Book. In my opinion, I don't think anything she writes on the site or to anyone personally warrants a response, unless it is of a friendly nature & not about someone making a slight mistake. I feel that when someone responds it only adds fuel to the fire & maybe by not saying anything she may stop complaining. I will not respond to her messages on the site or anywhere else. Let me know if you think this may be the way to approach it for the time being. Jim

From: Rogac119@aol.com **Sent:** Thurs, March 25, 2004 7:36 PM **To:** gadvocate@sbcglobal.net **Cc:** shadow70@sbcglobal.net **Subj:** Teddi Again Wayne & Jim: Have you seen the latest "Guest Book" entry from Teddi?? I sure wish she would just GO AWAY!! She must have a coming out time each spring, to go through her antics. How should we respond to this latest attack?? Later, Rogers

From: RetCMSgt@aol.com **Sent:** Mon, March 22, 2004 6:02 AM **To:** "Wayne Laessig"; shadow70@sbcglobal.net **Cc:** Busch791@aol.com; raynsue@ptd.net; Rogac119@aol.com; everettsprous@sbcglobal.net; ja448@zianet.com **Subj:** RE: Teddi Alves latest email It appears she only sent it to Jim Terry, Me, & Doug. Below are Teddi's latest emails. The 1st one I got was half way decent. The 2nd, not so nice. Teddi's First message:

Chief Petrie, Thank you for posting the pictures of my "Second Lieutenant," Major "Mo" Alves. Hopefully, this finds you in good health. Please correct, however, his identification as a Reserve Officer. Major "Mo" was a Regular Officer, USAF, career & Regular Air Force officer.

Mr. Terry was kind enough to let us know that you had posted the pictures, & our family is grateful for that kindness & memory of him. Also, as you would appreciate, Mo was extremely proud of his "Regular" status as he was an ROTC product & this was indeed an honor when extended to him on Aug 16, 1960, his Officer Commission as "Second Lieutenant," as of June 1957, Active Duty having commenced in Oct of 1957.

Thank you again, Teddi Alves

Teddi Alves Second Message:

Whoa! A repeat? Sprou was n't an "officer," & resents their "superiority?" I found this site I had located so long ago. Ho! Ho! Having had this lifetime "experience." Quoted below from your website, Sprou, the guy that wanted to develop the communication vehicle, "newsletter," & did so most recently reducing Major Mo Alves to his surname in what was supposedly a report of a Memorial dedicated to him & others of AC 119 Gunships in Oct of 2003 having lost their lives in that pursuit in Vietnam, 17th & 18th SOS?

Now, at this LATE DATE, the WEBSITE POSTING of Captioned ID material relating to Major Mo Alves? "Glad to see the guest book back. The reunion was great. I felt like somewhat of an outsider as I didn't recognize many people. Also, it look like the Officers still place themselves above the enlisted guys for the most part. I am glad we decided to keep the reunion in Florida & have it every year. It looks as though our new association board will do a good job & carry us through the next year. I hope we grow & get the majority of flight & ground crew to join us. I will be back next year if the good Lord wills it. Thanks to all that worked so hard putting this reunion together. Everett (Dale) Sprou <edspro@juno.com> St Louis, Mo USA - Fri, Oct 05, 2001 at 18:16:59"

In a conversation this evening with our son, Kev, he expressed shared dismay, that although the pictures of Major Mo Alves, USAFR, who was killed in the crash upon takeoff for a combat mission when one of only two engines failed on Oct 11, 1969, had "finally made it to the website," several captions addressed him as "Mo Alves," sans "rank," as that of the most recent "newsletter" edited by Sprou, & other captions with more identifying information reduced him to a "Reservist" instead of Regular Air Force???? All related information had been supplied along with contact information inclusive of telephone number with submission of photos well in advance of The Memorial of Oct of 2003.

To add insult to injury in that photos of Major Alves supplied well in advance of "the Reunion of 2003" were not deemed "suitable" for display at "The Memorial" supposedly to him & others killed in service in the Gunships among those others displayed prominently & in abundance at "The Hootch," our granddaughters visibly distraught, only in the last few days did they appear as described above with captions appear on the website of the AC 119 Gunship Association??? Mr. Terry has so extended himself to our family that he has become one of us. I have to wonder how deliberate have been the really hurtful failures to show a modicum of respect for Major Mo Alves & his entire family having responded to the "Marque" promotion of respect for all those of crews of The AC 119 Gunships that was to be shown to families of All of Those Having Lost Their Lives in the Service of Gunships, & for this family having incurred serious personal & financial costs for such participation in good faith?

It simply defies belief that there could be such lapse of protocol & basic respect for memories & sacrifices of those you purported to honor as names memorialized on that "Memorial" dedicated at the "Reunion" of 2003. That there could be present among us those that could have inflicted the degree of hurt upon such weeping wounds never healed travels to those supposedly "The AC 119 Gunship Association." When in any God given brain would there be the insensitivity to separate "earned rank" from the ID of an officer so distinguished as Major Mo Alves, Program Director, Re-Entry Systems, Minuteman, Space & Missiles Systems Division, an AF Development Engineer with a Masters Degree in Aeronautical & Mechanical Engineering from The Air Force Institute of Technology, his thesis in 1966, "A Study of Manned Vehicle Re-Entry from Hyperbolic Velocities."

Not only did Major Mo Alves USAFR have an early interest in "flying," he wanted to explore how "one does that?" And beyond that, "how do you develop missiles that launch & "do the job?" Airplanes & aerodynamics of same underlying basics. Somewhat different in perspective than "catching a ride" on the next "flight!"

Teddi Alves, MBA

From: Wayne Laessig **Sent:** Sun, March 21, 2004 8:35 PM **To:** 'RetCMSgt@aol.com'; 'shadow70@sbcglobal.net' **Cc:** 'Busch791@aol.com'; 'raynsue@ptd.net'; 'Rogac119@aol.com'; 'everettsprou@sbcglobal.net'; 'la448@zianet.com' **Subject:** RE: Teddi Alves latest email **Bill, Please forward the latest e-mail to Rogers & me.** As of several months ago, we asked her to address anything directly to one of us.

I do not want to denigrate Mo or the rest of his family just because Teddi refuses to understand & get it. At the same time Rogers & I are committed to confronting any denigration of our Association, its volunteers, or the reasons we exist – period. We'll deal with it & with Jim Terry's help we'll continue to work with Kevin on the Virtual Wall.

Forward the e-mail to Rogers & me please; I did not receive it. Thanks! Wayne

From: RetCMSgt@aol.com **Sent:** Sun, March 21, 2004 4:25 PM **To:** shadow70@sbcglobal.net **Cc:** Busch791@aol.com; RetCMSgt@aol.com; raynsue@ptd.net; gadvocate@msn.com; Rogac119@aol.com; everettsprou@sbcglobal.net; la448@zianet.com **Subject:** Teddi Alves latest email After seeing Tedi Alves latest email it's obvious she needs a GOOD doctor. How Sad!

PS Rostermeister's please Check/& or change our Roster, if he was regular AF, because that's where I got the AFR Nav from. She had me thinking he was a pilot all this time.

All the info she says was sent to me (& I've since discarded) didn't have a damn thing to do with the gunship tour. This site is about the gunships & it's people not about "Major" Mo's entire Career.

I feel bad this has been such a burden. And the beat goes on.... **Bill Petrie, CMSgt, USAF, Ret. Web Author:**

<http://www.ac-119gunships.com>

From: Wayne [qadvocate@msn.com] **Sent:** Thurs, Feb 05, 2004 7:55 AM **To:** g.sininger@seii.net; la448@zianet.com; raynsue@ptd.net; normevans873@cox.net; RetCMSgt@aol.com; Busch791@aol.com; edspro@juno.com; takitus@email.com; Rogac119@aol.com; Jim Terry **Subject:** KIA DO NOT CONTACT: Teddi Alves Rogers & all, Thanks for summarizing on Teddi. The good news there is that Kevin is still very much "with" us & we were even able to laugh together as we both sadly shook our heads. He does understand our anger, frustration, & sadness & he agrees with what Rogers summarized. Although we're all "dropping it" I wanted you to know that Kevin & his family are not dropping their appreciation & sense of family with the Association & Jim Terry. It helps that Kevin is also an Association member already (he joined last year).

On our succession planning, we can start looking for those who consistently keep in contact with us & other members, those who consistently put meaningful entries in the Guestbook, etc. I think it's healthy for the Association if we continue to spread the wealth a little bit each year by adding a couple of "new blood" (actually probably more accurate to call them old blood....!) guys to our great Board mix.

I vote yep on the videos/CDs as Roger described - sounds like a great approach! I'm still pushing to get "our" Gen Metcalf involved in asking for Air University history projects that we can tie into the Dayton Reunion. He asked the two Museum top dogs what they'd been doing on AC-119 & gunship history, & I've been waiting to see their answer plus what he does next. I'll make a "how's it going" call to get that moving.

Only issue I'd like to bring up is if the Museum or Air University doesn't/can't provide someone to video our planned "year-group" mini-sessions at the Reunion, we give Ron & Rogers the "OK" to have a back-up video-taker paid by us available - like we did last year but with a lot more focus on getting the "history" pieces as a separate video. I see the Reunion & Association as on the right track & using some of the lessons we've learned over the last several years. Jim & I talk regularly & I agree with him as he (always) says "...& it will just keep getting better"!! One quick note on families of our lost brothers - Jim already has several who are attending the Dayton Reunion including some new ones! He's also made initial contact with Tom Hamman's daughter & Clyde Alloway's family. He's moving carefully on those new contacts but he's persistent & patient & sensitive to their "who are you guys?" questions. Thanks! Wayne

From: Rogac119@aol.com **Sent:** Wed, Feb 04, 04 6:17PM **To:** takitus@email.com; edspro@juno.com; Busch791@aol.com; RetCMSgt@aol.com; normevans873@cox.net; qadvocate@msn.com; raynsue@ptd.net; la448@zianet.com; g.sininger@seii.net **Subject:** Stuff

Boardmembers: This is a message of things to help keep you up to "speed" on happenings:

1. Teddi Alves - Wayne has talked to her with really no positive results about changing her approach to things. I feel sorry for her, she is hung up in a time warp of 30 years ago. Jim & Wayne have maintained contact with her son Kevin; & while he has tried to talk to his mother, even he realizes there is little changing of her approach to things. He had hoped that our honoring his father would help her through the healing process. It apparently has not. Wayne & I, after MUCH discussion, have taken the position to not pursue her any further, as there is nothing we can gain. EV: Please add her son, Kevin, to the newsletter list. Jim Terry will have his address, if you do not. At least that way he will know what we are doing, & fend off his mother if it becomes necessary.

If she contacts any of you, PLEASE let Wayne & myself know; & do not respond to her. We would like the opportunity to deal with her complex problems with the help of her son.

2. We need to begin to think about nominating individuals for the 2004 - 2005 Association Leadership. While the "old heads" know the process & procedures, it becomes easy to burn them out & have only a few people do all the work rather than have others "enjoy" the leadership role for our Association. Your thoughts on this??

3. When Ron & I met with the AF Museum Staff, one of the things we were asked to check on was the availability from our members of any voice recordings from missions or VHS tapes made about our operations. I would like Board approval to donate to the AF Museum a copy of the VHS tapes for both the G & the K aircraft, & a complete set of the CD's of the mission voice recordings. If this meets with Board approval, I would like to present the VHS tapes & CD's to the Museum Staff when Ron & I visit again in early April. I believe by this time they will have appointed the "Museum Fellow" to gather AC-119 Gunship Information for the Museum displays; & this would give him a very good understanding of what we are all about & what we did, prior to meeting our group in October.

4. Does anyone have an issue that needs to be addressed? It's hard for me to believe that we are already into the second month of 2004 (must be an age thing). Keep me honest Later, Rogers

From: Rogac119@aol.com **Sent:** Sun, Jan 18, 2004 5:25 PM **To:** qadvocate@msn.com **Subject:** Fwd: E-Mail messages from Teddi Alves Wayne: Thought you would like to see this from Petrie. I think he has dealt with it, & is better about it. Later, Rogers

From: RetCMSgt@aol.com **Sent:** Fri, Jan 16, 2004 6:00 AM **To:** Rogac119@aol.com **Subject:** Re: E-Mail messages from Teddi Alves Thanks for the heads up & that you have been in touch with Teddi's son. All along I suspected something wasn't quite right. 'Nuff said, I'm cool, I & I'm drivin' on for the Association. Thanks for dealing with it. Brother Bill

From: Rogac119@aol.com **Sent:** Thurs, Jan 15, 2004 7:07 PM **To:** RetCMSgt@aol.com **Cc:** qadvocate@msn.com **Subject:** Re: E-Mail messages from Teddi Alves **Bill:** Your points are EXACTLY what we have discussed with her son, & he is in full agreement with our position.

In the meantime, she has not accepted the loss of her husband; & our Association is NOT the vehicle to promote her cause. All of our fallen hero's are equal, just as we are. We DO NOT have "Rank" in our Association.

Be assured you did nothing wrong, & DO NOT feel that you created this problem!!! The woman has a serious mental problem that no one could have foreseen. We will press on, & as the saying goes "this also will pass". Later, Rogers

From: RetCMSgt@aol.com **Sent:** Thurs, Jan 15, 2004 7:27 AM **To:** Rogac119@aol.com **Subject:** Re: E-Mail messages from Teddi Alves Mea Culpa Mea Culpa.....Please least keep me informed because obviously I got you guys in this mess. She's been a pisser.

I can tell you her attitude should not be tolerated & she can be an absolute bitch. She practically told me she didn't care how sick I was she wanted her husband's photo on the web. You can imagine how that made me feel.

I'll also tell you guys she was NEVER promised his photo would be on the web before the reunion or during the reunion. I specifically told her If I could get to the photo I would try but I was working on a lot of stuff FOR the reunion. She also knew It would be a bit of a courtesy IF I could fit it in. I have always tried to treat everyone's photos on a first come first served basis that way I could keep things fair. She is WAY behind in the pecking order of photos. As far as I'm concerned she can deal with it just as the others have.

She should be damn grateful we now have a plaque with her husbands (& the others) name on it at Hurlburt. I for one have been promoting that since 1998 when I first started to work on this AC-119 group & website. I think she is being self-centered & not taking in the whole picture of all that is involved with our association & it's key personnel.

Folks have to understand that when they approach us saying they have photos they want to share that's wonderful & we of course want them. IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE they get processed immediately. It all takes work & time & many of us are quite involved with full-time jobs & our family lives. Not to mention we have a lot of photos that are being worked on. For Teddi to try & use Mo's rank (which she has emphasized since day 1) is ludicrous. I feel sorry she can't get over her husband's death but Mo wasn't the only one, we also lost other guys as well.

I will not be part of trying to put Mo up on some pedestal above the others we lost, especially when we don't have photos or biographical information for ALL of them. His photo should be treated as anyone else's photo. She seems to think we will do a history page just for Mo. Won't happen on my watch.

Sorry to get you guys in this pickle but I've had it with her & I warned everyone about her more than a year ago.

She, & Mo, are no more special than all the others we lost... & they ALL are special. Mo's photo will go up when I get to it. If it becomes a problem for you guys & you see me as the problem you can replace me as the web manager. I won't argue with you over it. I hope it doesn't come to that.

But she needs to get over it & we do not need to appease her. I know I don't need to spout to you guys about all this but I just needed to say it. That's what friends (& our brotherhood) are all about.

P.S. She needs to demonstrate common courtesies, we should do the same. Isn't life grand :{D later guys Bill

From: Rogac119@aol.com **Sent:** Wed, Jan 14, 2004 7:46 PM **To:** takitus@email.com; edspro@juno.com; Busch791@aol.com; RetCMSgt@aol.com; gadvocate@msn.com; raynsue@ptd.net; la448@zianet.com **Subj:** E-Mail messages from Teddi Alves **Board:** It appears Teddi Alves is at it again. If you have received an E-Mail Message from her within the last 3 weeks, PLEASE forward it to Wayne & myself. We need to present a united front with her, & do not want to get blind sided. Wayne has talked with her son about the problem. First, the son will talk to Teddi & then Wayne talk to her tomorrow. I will then respond to her E-Mail messages, on behalf of the Association. Wayne & I will take the brunt of her attack, & do not wish to get the remainder of the Association or Board involved. You will be kept apprised of the status of the "discussion" with her. She just does not understand the Association was NOT created to extoll her husband's career or accomplishments. Thanks for your assistance in this matter. Later, Rogers

From: Rogac119@aol.com **Sent:** Tue, Jan 13, 2004 7:49 PM **To:** gadvocate@msn.com **Subj:** Fwd: We need to talk on the phone. **Wayne:** It appears that Teddi has "spun her web" again. See my response to Bob. Later, Rogers

From: Rogac119@aol.com **Sent:** Tue, Jan 13, 2004 7:48 PM **To:** la448@zianet.com **Cc:** gadvocate@msn.com **Subj:** Re: We need to talk on the phone. **Bob:** I agree. I have talked to Wayne about this, & he is working with her son to try to get some understanding of our Association. We were not formed to "memorialize" her husband. Once Wayne has visited with her son, we plan to respond to her "hate mail". The son indicated to Wayne that he hoped our remembering of her husband would bring her back to reality. It apparently has not (how sad). Once I learn what Wayne found out, I will call you. Later, Rogers

From: la448 [la448@zianet.com] **Sent:** Mon, Jan 12, 2004 8:12 PM **To:** Rogac119@aol.com **Subj:** We need to talk on the phone. **Hi Rodgers** I would like to get together with you on the phone when it's convenient. The sooner the better. This Alves thing is getting out of hand. Bob

From: Rogac119@aol.com **Sent:** Sat, Jan 10, 2004 4:46 PM **To:** gadvocate@msn.com **Subj:** RE: Teddi Alves **Wayne:** I have not sent this to anyone else. I cannot see letting Bill get ahold of this. He has enough frustration/emotion spent on this already. Later, Rogers

From: Rogac119@aol.com **Sent:** Sat, Jan 10, 2004 4:25 PM **To:** gadvocate@msn.com **Subj:** Fwd: Insult on Injury **Wayne:** Thought you might be interested in this. Do you have a suggested reply, since I believe you were going to talk to her with reference to the problem she tried to give Bill??

WAYNE LAESSIG NOTE: This next message is exactly as received.

From: TeddiAlves@aol.com **Sent:** Wed, Jan 07, 2004 3:04 PM **To:** Rogac119@aol.com **Cc:** edspro@msn.com **Subj:** Insult on Injury
Mr. Stevens, If I was introduced to you & fail to place your name, please forgive me. However, I am simply livid at receipt of the "Newsletter" having had a previous encounter with the "common denominator" perspective of Mr. Sprou. After exchange of email with Mr. Petrie prior to the Reunion in Oct, following his very explicit instructions, I forwarded copies of pictures of Major MO Alves, who was not "GI Joe," at a cost of \$60. They were neither posted on the website nor were they placed among the memorabilia at the reunion. This was such an insulting oversight in the circumstances, I contacted Mr. Sprou about this & he follows through with a "newsletter" description of my husband without even the courtesy of respect for the rank of a career & regular

officer, a distinguished officer, who had excelled in The Strategic Air Command before completing graduate study & an MS in Aerospace & Mechanical Engineering at The Air Force Institute of Technology, his thesis in 1966, "Manned Re-entry From Hyperbolic Velocity," & his undergraduate BS in Aeronautical Engineering from the leading college in The US, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY where he had been President of his fraternity. Prior to assignment to Vietnam, he had been Program Director in Re-Entry Systems, Minuteman, Air Force Space & Missiles Systems.

It is annoying to me that so many people think of "common denominators" as anyone having "been there" & absent the respect for career & dedicated officers & their earned rank & respect due them.

Teddi Alves

Mrs. Mo Alves

Postscript: Particularly since I made this point with [little sprout](#)

From: RetCMSgt@aol.com **Sent:** Tue, Nov 04, 2003 7:21 AM **To:** Busch791@aol.com; la448@zianet.com; raynsue@ptd.net; qadvocate@msn.com; Rogac119@aol.com; shadow70@sbcglobal.net **Subj:** Fwd: Major Mo Alves USAFR AD DEC, AC 119 Shadow My only reply was "I'm sorry you feel that way". I've grown tired of her constant laborious emails. Bill Petrie, CMSgt, USAF, Ret. Web Author: <http://www.ac-119gunships.com>

From: TeddiAlves@aol.com **Sent:** Tue, Nov 04, 2003 7:14 AM **To:** RetCMSgt@aol.com **Subj:** Re: Major Mo Alves USAFR AD DEC, AC 119 Shadow I am very sympathetic to your burdens & especially those work related imposing on a serious health condition, & I appreciate your recognition of my patience in this regard albeit it is a significant issue given the entire focus of the reunion was that tribute to those to be honored, my travel of 6,000 miles not to mention that of our son, & in my view, it was gross neglect & mega discourtesy to not have seen to the posting of pictures of Major Mo PRIOR to the reunion. Teddi Alves

From: RetCMSgt@aol.com **Sent:** Tue, Nov 04, 2003 7:19 AM **To:** Busch791@aol.com; la448@zianet.com; raynsue@ptd.net; qadvocate@msn.com; Rogac119@aol.com; shadow70@sbcglobal.net **Subj:** Fwd: Major Mo Alves USAFR AD DEC, AC 119 Shadow This will be followed by Alves next email. I told her before the reunion I'd post the photos when I had the first opportunity. She seems to live in a world that only Mo existed & no one else. I'm sorry about that & quite frankly I'm starting to get tired of her. Bill Petrie, CMSgt, USAF, Ret. Web Author: <http://www.ac-119gunships.com>

From: TeddiAlves@aol.com **Sent:** Tue, Nov 04, 2003 6:58 AM **To:** RetCMSgt@aol.com **Subj:** Major Mo Alves USAFR AD DEC, AC 119 Shadow Could something have happened to the pictures forwarded by email of my husband something like two weeks before the annual reunion in FI in early Oct? If so, I have given that disc to our son, who was in attendance, & he could resend the pictures. I might add that I was very chagrined to find they had not been placed with other memorabilia at the reunion at which Mo was to be honored with others having given their lives. He was a spectacular man in terms of his caring for other people, & very handsome. People might have recognized him even if they didn't recall his name as he extended himself as Funding Officer to be certain that all had equality in amenities available .. TV ... chairs .. etc. And party supplies as well .. He was very proud of that ..Teddi Alves

From: Wayne **Sent:** Tue, Oct 21, 2003 8:50 PM **To:** Jim Terry; Rogac119@aol.com **Subj:** Memorial Service Pamphlet to Teddi's Other Son? Rogers, I agree & if Jim has some extras that would be great. I know we put some aside to "save" for later but not sure who has them. Jim, do you have an extra copy? At least we got the name & rank right on THAT one!! Thanks! Wayne

From: Rogac119@aol.com **Sent:** Tues, Oct 21, 03 7:23PM **To:** qadvocate@msn.com **Subj:** Re:merchandise Wayne: I would like to suggest also sending a copy of the Memorial Service to Teddi's other son that was unable to attend the Reunion. I feel certain that Teddi has made him aware of what he missed. Your Thoughts??? I received the Survey Critiques from EV today. I hope we will be able to accommodate some of the requests. Later, Rogers

From: Jim Terry **To:** g.Sininger@seii.net **Sent:** Tue, Aug 26, 2003 9:49 PM **Subj:** Reunion Gus, Mrs Teddi Alves called me & confirmed that she will be at the reunion along with her son & his family. There will be a total of 7 in her party. I will give you more updates as I get them. Jim

From: TeddiAlves@aol.com **Sent:** Mon, Aug 04, 2003 4:17 PM **To:** shadow70@sbcglobal.net **Cc:** RetCMSgt@aol.com **Subj:** Re: <http://www.ac-119gunships.com/>

In a message dated 7/21/03 9:05:04 AM, shadow70@sbcglobal.net writes: We invite you to join us for the Memorial Service honoring Moses Lopes Alves.

I have sent an email to Major Archy [Charles] & haven't had a reply to date, & I had wondered if he had attended any of the reunions to give me an idea of the program & so forth, as well as attire. Our son resides in the Tampa area, but he just took his vacation, & there is a complication in terms of my typical visits when he is on vacation, which would next be at Christmas, but it is likely we will try to attend, & I hope we will be able to be there together.

I don't like to see my husband's name without his rank & branch of service as he was both a regular & career officer, & also his name among his friends, was "Mo," even "Major Mo." It is a respect due him & well earned. You may not be aware that Mo was an Air Force Development Engineer & had been Program Director for Re-Entry Systems, Minuteman, Air Force Space & Missiles System, & was to be reassigned upon completion of that tour in Vietnam.

He had his BS in Aeronautical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, 1957, where he had been president of his fraternity, & was commissioned from Air Force ROTC. He was subsequently honored by the invitation to accept a regular commission, & this followed by his assignment to The Air Force Institute of Technology where he was awarded his graduate degree in Aerospace Engineering in 1966, his thesis having been, "A Study of Manned Vehicle Re-entry From Hyperbolic Velocities."

In his early career, Mo excelled as a Navigator/Bombardier on a B-47 crew, & served at that time in the same squadron with Major Archy, who was also his classmate at AFIT. Suffice it to say that Mo would have had at the instant a complete comprehension of that Gunship & all issues related to design capacity "& flight."

I will be forwarding pictures in any event & contacted Sgt Petrie as well. I would hope that bio related to Mo would include his very stellar career, his wonderful parents who immigrated from Portugal when he was but three years old, his older brother having been a prison of War in WW II for five years. Quite a striking family, & I am so proud of Mo, who himself, as such a young boy, developed his goals & objectives & excelled at a time when there wasn't "guidance" on which students today have come to rely, & when there was no "affirmative action." Best, Teddi Alves

From: RetCMSgt@aol.com **Sent:** Thurs, Feb 27, 2003 8:34 PM **To:** APerry9567@aol.com; takitus@email.com; Normevans873@cs.com; g.Sininger@seii.net; edspro@juno.com; raynsue@ptd.net; qadvocate@msn.com; Rogac119@aol.com **Subject:** Teddi Alves (Mo Alves - Killed in 17th SOS Takeoff Crash) Can any of you guys enlighten her. I don't have the information on the video for the 17th that you folks have. By the way. I don't know if you guys know her but from my past experience she can be a bit strange. Hope I don't offend anyone who knows her. Bill Petrie, CMSgt, USAF, Ret. Web Author: <http://www.ac-119gunships.com>

From: TeddiAlves@aol.com **Sent:** Thurs, Feb 27, 2003 4:10 PM **To:** RetCMSgt@aol.com **Subject:** Fwd: AC 119G Gunship Assoc & Promotion of Video Tapes of 17th SOS \$20??? I inquired if these were "serial" or more personal of the period as perhaps a conglomeration of private videos? In a GOOGLE search I looked up Mo's thesis at The Library of The Air Force Institute of Technology & there it was: http://horizon.afit.edu/ipac20/ipac.jsp?session=1X457Q723U109.56&menu=search&aspect=basic_search&npp=10&ipp=20&profile=scw&ri=&index=.AW&term=Moses+L.+Alves&aspect=basic_search&x=16&y=11 A study of manned vehicle re-entry from hyperbolic velocities. by Alves, Moses L., CAPT, USAF Wright-Patterson AFB, OH: Air Force Institute of Technology, 1966. Subjs Manned space flight. Space vehicles Description: xi, 108 lvs: ill.; 29 cm. Do you know of any sources of "real time" pictures/videos of those that served in that period at Ton Son Nhut .. Jun of 69 thru Oct 69? Thank you, Teddi Alves Mrs. M. L. Alves [Major, USAFR]

From: TeddiAlves@aol.com **Sent:** Thurs, Feb 27, 2003 4:01 PM **To:** g.Sininger@seii.net; Normevans873@cs.com **Subject:** AC 119G Gunship Assoc & Promotion of Video Tapes of 17th SOS TEDDI ALVES, MBA 9921 Big Sur Drive Huntington Beach, CA 92646 Phone 714-968-4815 Email TeddiAlves@AOL.com As you know, as the surviving spouse of Major M. L. Alves, USAFR, of the 17th SOS Shadow Squadron, who was killed in the crash on takeoff of one of those AC 119 Gunships in Oct of 1969, I was very interested in the video promoted on the site of the AC 119 Gunship Assoc.

Upon receipt, however, I find there is barely 20 min. of video .. primarily a "photo op" of seemingly official Air Force? Could there be some malfunction of the tape to explain this? I went to the referenced site, "<http://www.militaryvideos.com>" & it turns out to be "<http://www.militaryclothing.com>" "The Supply Sergeant?" Curiously enough, going to "military video," there is no reference to The United States Air Force? Can you enlighten me? Mrs. Moses L. Alves

From: Gus g.Sininger@seii.net **Sent:** Fri, February 21, 2003 5:06 PM **To:** TeddiAlves@aol.com **Cc:** Wayne Laessig; Ron Julian; Roger Stevens; Ray Barradale; Everett Dale Sprou; Bill Petrie; Art Perry; Normevans873@cs.com; Larry Fletcher; Bob LaRosa; Chuck James **Subject:** Mo Alves - Killed in 17th SOS Takeoff Crash I have sent this to our board members & some other people that might have known these people. Hope you find some Pictures that might help Gus Sininger AC-119 Gunship President

From: TeddiAlves@aol.com **To:** g.sininger@seii.net **Sent:** Wed, Feb 19, 2003 2:01 PM **Subject:** Period Videos or those of reunions? Mo Alves, my husband, Major USAFR, was in the 17th SOS & was killed in the crash of an AC-119 Gunship on takeoff for a combat mission when one of the engines failed on takeoff, Oct 11, 1969, & he is with me always. I was browsing the site curious to see if any other his friends had "signed in." They were computer compatibles, all with early careers in The Strategic Air Command as Navigators /Bombardiers, & Mo had excelled. So he along with Bobby Argumendo [Major USAF] & Charley Archie [Major USAF] were assigned tours in Vietnam, Mo at Ton Son Nhut & Charlie at Nha Trang. I think Bobby was at Da Nang. Of course I have pictures Mo sent home, & also others that were returned with his things of people & places unfamiliar to me. So I wondered if the videos to which you refer are of that period .. Mo was at Ton Son Nhut from June of 69 to that date in Oct .. or the reunions of late. Thank you in advance, Teddi Alves