

The AC-119 Gunship Association

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Stinger 41 Survivors

As President of the AC-119 Gunship Association, I respectfully request your support. As many of you may know, *Stinger Four-One (41)* was shot down during a daylight mission over the city of An Loc on May 2, 1972. The decorations for the crew's heroism were lost in the fog of war and in the subsequent deactivation of the 18th Special Operations Squadron. Recently, their valor award package was reconstructed and

resubmitted; however, the decorations were denied or downgraded. We are now asking for a thorough, fair review of all available facts surrounding the shoot-down, with the goal of ensuring these brave airmen receive the recognition they truly deserve.

Please visit the *Stinger 41* website link below to read the full story and learn how you can "*send a letter to the Secretary of the Air Force*" to help your brothers get the awards they deserve. Join us in this fight to honor their legacy.

"It is never too late to make things right!"

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Bill Petrie, CMSgt, USAF, Ret.

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