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“Aerial Rocket Artillery”....when called on by those who were in danger, our units were there laying it on the line.

We were proud of our Aerial Rocket Artillery Team then and still proud of it now.

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**If you didn't get to Branson -
You missed more friends and
fun than you may ever have a
chance at again.**

Give you a second chance at Ft. Benning!



President's Corner

CAMARADERIE—LOYALTY AND GOOD SPIRIT AMONG COMRADES

There was definitely good spirit in Branson, Missouri for the ARA reunion, 18-22 June 2014. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as Regina and I. Why do we attend these reunions? In my case, it was to see old friends and to meet the new attendees to the reunion. I was very fortunate to see two former crew chiefs, Alan Heidbreder and Lynn McKinnie, who I last saw in 1968, and to see Jerry Sommers, a fellow pilot in Vietnam, who I last saw in 1969. I tracked Jerry down about seven years ago and have been asking, begging, and cajoling him to join us at a reunion. I believe he relented to get me off his back. I'm sure he will join us again.

The food was great, the shows outstanding, especially the show we had on the Branson Belle where a member of our group performed so well with the magician. Many thought she was a planned part of the act. Wonder if she ever found that dollar bill?

A special, THANK YOU, to Wallace (Titch) and Mary Alice Titchnell, and to Jesse and Gloria Hobby for the hard work they did in organizing and coordinating this reunion.

Our business meeting was conducted on Saturday, 21 June, where the election of new officers for the Board of Directors took place. Our Secretary, Huey O'Dell, and our Treasurer, Jule Szabo, were both re-elected for their positions, and both agreed to remain in those positions. Asa Talbot, our editor/publisher of The Straphanger Gazette has also agreed to maintain our newsletter. Thanks guys for the job you have done in the past and for the stability you give us. A special WELL DONE to Cecil Hengeveld, the immediate past President, and to Glenn Brown, the outgoing Vice President, for their dedication and fine work. Larry Mobley was elected as the new President and Johnny Grice as the new Vice President. The current Board of Directors will be published soon on the website.

Thank you for your support. I am honored to be elected as President of such a fine organization and one which has such great people.

There are two things I encourage you to do!

1. Make plans to attend the reunion at Fort Benning next year. This reunion will commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ARA and the First Cavalry Division to Vietnam. Dates for the reunion are 6-10 May 2015. There was discussion at the business meeting to change the dates due to someone being unable to attend at that time. However, coordination had already been conducted for room rates, buses, the convention center, and through the FT. Benning PIO office for the 6-10 May period. More info will be published.

2. Contact individuals that served with ARA and encourage them to join our association. Let's see if we can double our membership and participation at the reunions.

KEEP THE GREASY SIDE DOWN

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Reunion 2014 Attendance Roster

The Who's Who of Who was there!

Listed below are the names of members who attended. They are listed in the order that they signed up or showed up in Branson.

Jule & Joan Szabo - F/79

Wallace & Mary Alice Titchenell - B/2/20

Huey & Kathy O'Dell - B/2/20

Jerry & Georgia Summers - B/2/20

Cecil & Peggy Hengeveld - A/2/20

Glenn & Linda Brown - A/B/C/2/20

Asa & Jean Talbot - HHB/2/20 - Guest - Isobel Ailles

Jesse & Gloria Hobby - A/3/377 & A/2/20

David & Roberta Cooper - A/4/77

Larry & Regina Mobley - B/2/20

Alan & Maureen Doty - A/4/77 - Guests - Russ, Pam, Stephanni & Samantha Doty

Johnny & Kathy Grice - B/2/20

Mike Russell & Ellan Everett - B/2/20

Joe & Arlene Pullano - HHB/3/377 & A/2/20

Calvin & Bunny Hyatt - HB/2/20

Gary Bishop - B/2/20

William & Dale Williams - C/2/20

Bruce & Patti Wilder - A/2/20

Rodger & Marilyn McAlister - A/2/20

Tony & Isabel Quesada - B/2/20 - Guests - David & Marci Quesada, Neal & Olga Spurgeon

James & Marguerite Foreman - B/2/20

Brian & Carole Russ - A/C/2/20 & F/79

Wally Voss & Melba Mahoney - B/2/20

Lynn & Penny McKinnie - B/2/20

Michael & Maryetta O'Keefe - A/B/2/20 & F/77/145 CAB

Harold & Ginny Caldwell - A/B/2/20

George & Shirley Wachs - C/3/377 & C/2/20

George & Mary Jane Padilla - C/2/20

James & Rose Giles - B/2/20

Bill & Carol Retterath - B/2/20

Clarence (Al) Smith - F/79

Chuck & Jean Voeltz - A/3/377 & A/2/20

James & Gloria Flemming - A/3/377 & A/2/20

Alan & Jan Heidbreder - B/2/20

Gary Adams - A/B/2/20

John Souza - HB & A/20

Meeting June 21, 2014
ARA ASSOCIATION

Meeting called to order at 1005am by President Cecil Hengveld

Pledge to the flag. Brother Bruce Wilder gave the prayer for all. Remember Gloria and Jesse for the trip home, Gloria became ill. Reading of the minutes for the ARA Association by Secretary Huey O'Dell from the meeting in June 8, 2013. Meeting minutes accepted by the body.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Amending the by-laws to make the Chaplain a member of the board. and designating the Web Site Manager to become part of the board. This information is brought up so that the membership has time to think about these recommendations which can be voted on at our next meeting. Additionally, to vote at the next meeting to change the quorum to five instead of four as we have now with six Board members, and will possibly increase the Board to Eight next year. Motion was made and approved to place this information up for vote at this meeting so the board can go forward on this item for next year. Jesse Hobby gave out the information for the reunion at Ft. Benning next year 2015 as it will be 50 years since we were deployed to Viet Nam. It is planned for May 6 thru 10. We have chosen the Hilton Garden Holiday Inn. Wednesday (May 6) will be sign-in day, Thursday we will tour Ft. Benning and have lunch with the troops. Saturday will be the board meeting. Hotel is going to go with the 3 days before and 3 days after the reunion offer. The board is going to work with Jesse and Bruce to get a better date for this reunion.

Treasurer Report: Jule Szabo, gave report on our finances. Someone wanted to donate to the Fisher House. A motion was made to donate \$200.00 and seconded and voted for by the body.

Motion to accept the financial report - all in favor.

Elections of the Board: Nominated - For President: Larry Mobley and Bruce Wilder, Vice-President Johnny Grice. Treasurer Jules Szabo, Secretary Huey O'Dell

Election for President was won by Larry Mobley. Larry took over President at 1110 am 6/21/14.

Question was raised from the body whether we should set up a fund to help members that would like to come, but cannot not afford to do so. Motion was made and second and passed. The fund named in honor of Norman Leikum. Larry thanked the body and will do his best to keep the ARA in outstanding shape. Asa and Jesse will do their best to make sure we have everyone's correct e-mail address. and to keep these sites alive (<http://www.araassociation.com>) and (<https://www.facebook.com/AerialRocketArtilleryAssociation>) and (<http://www.armyav.org>)

Meeting adjourned 6/21/14 1135am

A truism from Ray Pollardl:

A good simulator check ride is like a successful surgery on a dead body.

This is a must see!! Share it around and keep your tissues handy.

This is the name of video on YouTube which captures the hope of America for our future. If it is true, it is remarkable and every veteran should congratulate the boy and his dad on their spirit.

[Project Vigil: D-Day 2014, The saluting boy on Omaha beach](#)

<http://youtu.be/8k9Si28k0Fk> (copy it into your browser).

WHO'S WHO AT BRANSON



Larry Mobley looks like he is running for office



No! The Board isn't having a prayer meeting



Leave it to "Tich" Tichnell to charm "The Branson Belle"



Cecil and Peggy Hengeveld are the official photop at the Veteran's Tribute given at the landing of the Branson Belle Showboat.



Our ladies are better than the Presidential Press Corps.
"Say cheese, please"

Thoughts from a former Vice President, President and Immediate Past President. (and current Database and Website Slave)

Having served six years on the Board of Directors I am now stepping back into the ranks of the Association and I wish to thank all who voted me into office and allowed me to serve the Association. I hope that I lived up to your expectations. As I do so I would like to thank those with whom I served who contributed their time and talents to make and keep the Association successful. In no particular order they are:

Russ Warriner (Immediate Past President 2008 – 2010)
Rodger McAlister (President 2008 – 2010 and Immediate Past President 2010 – 2012)
Cecil Hengeveld (President 2012 – 2014, Current Immediate Past President)
Bruce Wilder (Secretary 2008 – 2010, Vice President 2010 – 2012, Chaplain – Forever)
Chuck Voeltz (Secretary 2010 – 2012)
Huey O'Dell (Secretary 2012 – 2014, Current Secretary)
Larry Mobley (Treasurer 2008 – 2012, Current President)
Jule Szabo - Treasurer 2012 - 2014, Current Treasurer
Asa Talbot (Editor – Forever)

I would also like to thank Bruce and Patti Wilder for hosting Reunion 2008 and for co-hosting upcoming Reunion 2015, Glenn and Linda Brown for hosting Reunion 2009, Gary and Lucia Bishop for hosting Reunion 2010 and the upcoming Reunion 2016, Ray and Martha Hatfield for co-hosting Reunion 2011, (Ed. Note - with the help of Jesse and Gloria Hobby) Herb and Cindy Hirst for hosting Reunion 2012, Cecil and Peggy Hengeveld for hosting Reunion 2013, and Wallace and Mary Alice Titchenell for co-hosting Reunion 2014. These members and their wives have stepped up to the plate and worked long and hard to make these Reunions successful and fun. I believe that we are a tighter knit group as a result of their efforts and they deserve the thanks of all.

Now, having said all of that, it's time to start talking about Reunion 2015.

2015 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the standown and deactivation of 3/377th ARA/11th AAD, reflagging as 2/20th ARA/1st CavDiv, and the deployment from Ft. Benning, GA to the Republic of Vietnam. It is for that reason we have chosen the Columbus/Ft. Benning area.

Dates for the Reunion are May 6 – 10, 2015 and Headquarters will be the Hilton Garden Inn located at 1500 Bradley Lake Blvd, Columbus, GA 31904. The rate for King or Queen Bed Room will be \$109.00 per night plus tax and the rate is good for three days before and after the reunion. Breakfast for two is included.

The tentative schedule of events is as follows:

Wednesday (May 6) will be registration and socializing with dinner at the hotel.

Thursday (May 7) will be a bus tour of Ft. Benning which will include the Infantry Museum, lunch with the troops, displays of the modern equipment in use today and combat simulators.

Friday, (May 8) will be a bus tour to Callaway Gardens and Warm Springs.

Saturday, (May 9) will be Association Business Meeting/Ladies Meeting in the morning. In the afternoon/evening there will be a tour of the Civil War Naval Museum and farewell banquet at that location.

Sunday (May 10) will be day of departure unless you wish to stay over.

In addition to the planned tours there is much to do in the Columbus/Ft. Benning area. Columbus is home to a Planetarium, the Springer Opera House, World Class White Water Rapids, and numerous other attractions. Ft. Benning is home of the Infantry and Armor Training Courses and the Airborne School. Andersonville National Civil War Prison Museum and Cemetery is a short drive away. Fort Mitchell, a pre-Civil War Fort is located across the river in Alabama.

While this reunion is to commemorate and recognize the members who were in the initial deployment of the 2/20th to Vietnam it should start a trend to recognize those who arrived in 1966 to replace us and those who rotated in each year thereafter until re-deployment in 1972. We should also plan a reunion to commemorate and recognize those who were in the initial deployment of the 4/77th ARA to Vietnam in 1968 and those members who rotated in as replacements until the re-deployment of 4/77th in 1971.

More details will be published in subsequent issues of the "Straphanger" as they are finalized.

Jesse Hobby

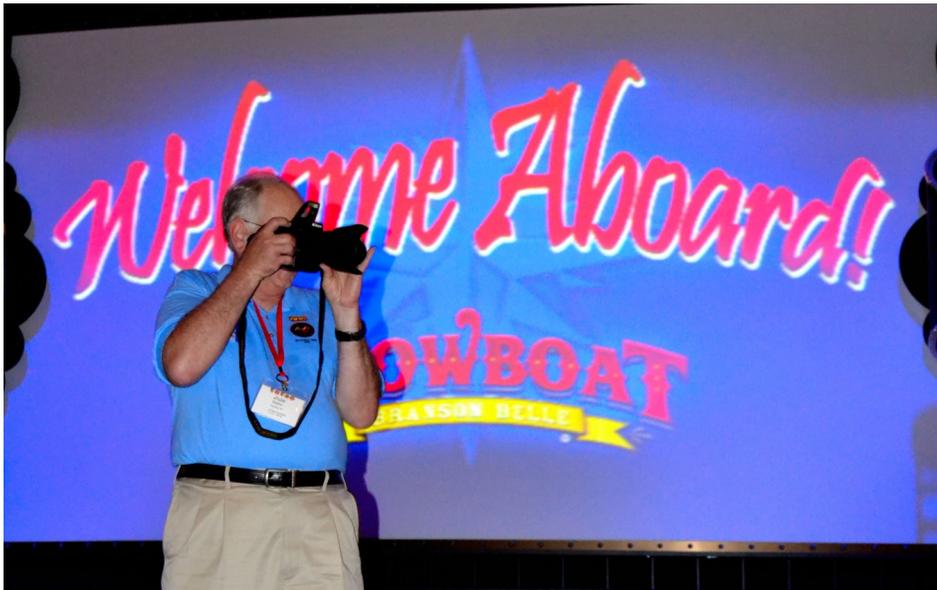
Armed Falcon 29F1



The ever-smiling Mike Russell wasn't even running for office



Jim Giles and Peg Hegeveld are at the wrong dock "Waiting for the Robert E. Lee"



THE BACKDROP SAYS IT ALL



Tony and Isabel Quesada and guests. He doesn't look sure about this voyage



Jim and Gloria Fleming are enjoying the dinner and show on the Branson Belle Showboat.



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THIS IS THE WEEK THAT WAS (21-27 NOV)

THE SCORE BOARD, 2/20TH VERSUS 'CHARLIE'

Period 21-27 NOV 65

EST	EST	MATERIAL
KIA	WIA	DAMAGED/DESTROYED
B-31	54	
C-5	9	

TOTAL TO DATE

A-144	172
B-155	130
C-347	291

2D BRIGADE COMES HOME

During the week the 2d Brigade closed down its operations in the Pleiku Plei-Me area. The beginning of the week found the brigade gradually losing contact with the vanishing Viet Cong. By Thursday, all contact was broken and the brigade and supporting troops moved to the Camp Holloway area. Friday was spent planning the road march of the brigade and supporting troops to the Division base area. Saturday and Sunday the Brigade marched to the base area. Practice ambushes were conducted during the march to increase the proficiency of Division troops in counter-ambush tactics and maneuver.

1ST AND 3D BRIGADE TAKE A BREAK

The 1st Brigade and 3d Brigade continued their mission of security of the Division base area and preparing and planning for operations to come.

RAIN, RAIN, RAIN

The 20th Artillery was slightly hampered in flight operations during the week by rain, low ceilings and reduced visibility in the base camp area.

"B" BTRY PUTS THE PRESSURE ON 'CHARLIE'

"B" Battery continued to reinforce the 1/77th Artillery with notable success. In addition to the casualties assessed on the 'Scoreboard' the battery was credited with the destruction of six bunkers and one supply dump. It successfully employed several SS-11s during its destruction missions.

A & C BATTERIES KEEP 'CHARLIE' HONEST

Both A & C Battery spent the week in general support of the Division. Night illumination missions were flown during all hours of darkness. At all times both units maintained a coiled posture, ready to strike cut at the enemy at a moments notice. All in all it was a quiet week. A week of Thanksgiving.

ROTOR WASH a FROM "TUBELESS RUBE"

It has been verified, that the 1st Cav patch is considered acceptable attire among the better social circles of Saigon, Bangkok, etc.

"War Eagle" made these pages again. But brushing your teeth with "Top Brass" is a rough way to seek publicity.

Our many thanks to Divarty and surrounding units for their splendid response to our Iroquois alert.

Congratulation S/Maj Butcher. Yours is a well deserved promotion. Keep up the good work at Divarty.

Sgt Haines denies that he is building a sump in the middle of his mess-ha11 construction project. Nothing that a few bags of cement won't take care of.

On 20 Nov, four members of "C" Battery were formally initiated in the "Order of Montegnards" at the Montenard Special Forces Camp, Pleiku. After having achieved unlimited heights by consuming the ritual "four cans of water" from a stone urn, equipped with a straw containing a potent brew, SFC Magill, SP4 Perez, Valley and Vasko were awarded the "band." of the Montegnards; a round metal wrist bracelet, worn to ward off all future evil spirits.

The Howell Electric Company effectively (?) went into operation at 1515 hrs on 27 Nov 65. All bills will be paid by the 15th of each month. All persons desiring added electric facilities are requested to contact the company.

Many thanks to the Engineers for blasting "A" Battery's well. Since the blast the well isn't any deeper, we don't have water, but men, the width is something else.

Specialist E _____ is very popular at "Oscars" It seems that particular young lady there can't resist his pipe. What kind of tobacco you use E_____?

Corporal Shortround of no longer visits the 3d platoon in "A" Battery since they put a floor in their tent.

CWO Beverly scored another first for Alpha with the timely installation of in-quarters latrine facilities by his loyal subordinates during his absence last week.

The Gazette is published weekly. Human interest items, humorous happenings or any events of interest concerning the 2/20th Arty are desired by the Editor. Just jot it down on a scrap of paper and deliver to the Bn S/Maj.

A short story from Don Collin—20 years ago I took a fellow to the Explorers Club at Treasure Island 120 people were in the room. We got separated at the tables and when we left my guest asked me if I knew a guy by the name of Newmeyer - I said no, why? My guest said as I was reaching for the bottle of wine when the gentleman next to me said, 'Can I see your hand' - my guest said sure - the gentleman ask what happened and my guest replied it turned upside/down when I was hit by shrapnel in Viet Nam 20 years before our dinner The gentleman asked how his hand was now - he said great. "Do you remember the name of the Surgeon," the gentleman asked - and my guest replied, "Yes, his name was Newmeyer". The gentleman said - I'm Newmeyer.

You never know!



Marilyn and Rodger McAlister flank the Branson Belle



Regina Mobley chats with Huey O'Dell while Wally Voss fingers something



The Showboat magician was good but Shirley Wachs stole the show. Did she ever find that dollar bill?



Johnny & Kathy Grice walk the plank at the Showboat



Jim and Marguerite Foreman are fearless and jubilant as they undertake their voyage.

Here is an email sent to Clarence Page of the Chicago Tribune after an article he published concerning a name change for the Washington Redskins.

Dear Mr. Page...

I always love your articles. and I generally agree with them. I would suggest, as in an email I received, they change the name to the "Foreskins" to better represent their community, paying tribute to the dick heads in Congress. Here are some other politically correctness to consider: I agree with our Native American population. I am highly insulted by the racially charged name of the Washington Redskins. One might argue that to name a professional football team after Native Americans would exalt them as fine warriors, but nay, nay. We must be careful not to offend, and in the spirit of political correctness and courtesy, we must move forward. Let's ditch the Kansas City Chiefs, the Atlanta Braves and the Cleveland Indians. If your shorts are in a wad because of the reference the name Redskins makes to skin color, then we need to get rid of the Cleveland Browns.

The Carolina Panthers obviously were named to keep the memory of militant Blacks from the 60's alive. Gone. It's offensive to us white folk.

The New York Yankees offend the Southern population. Do you see a team named for the Confederacy? No! There is no room for any reference to that tragic war that cost this country so many young men's lives.

I am also offended by the blatant references to the Catholic religion among our sports team names. Totally inappropriate to have the New Orleans Saints, the Los Angeles Angels or the San Diego Padres.

Then there are the team names that glorify criminals who raped and pillaged. We are talking about the horrible Oakland Raiders, the Minnesota Vikings, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the Pittsburgh Pirates!

Now, let us address those teams that clearly send the wrong message to our children. The San Diego Chargers promote irresponsible fighting or even spending habits. Wrong message to our children.

The New York Giants and the San Francisco Giants promote obesity, a growing childhood epidemic. Wrong message to our children.

The Cincinnati Reds promote downers/barbiturates . Wrong message to our children.

The Milwaukee Brewers---well that goes without saying . . . Wrong message to our children.

So, there you go. We need to support any legislation that comes out to rectify this travesty, because the government will likely become involved with this issue, as they should. Just the kind of thing the do-nothing congress loves . . .

As a diehard Oregon State fan, my wife and I, with all of this in mind, it might also make some sense to change the name of the Oregon State women's athletic teams to something other than "the Beavers.!!!"

Contributed by Ray Pollard

EDITOR'S NOTE: As a Virginian living 100 miles south of our nation's capital, I find the intrusion of any form of government into free speech offensive. Furthermore, with the world being driven over the cliff by our inept government, is this all they have about which to be concerned . No wonder we have lost every war since 1917. `

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Ladies of the Association

PLAYING CATCH UP

I think most of you can relate to the things we have to do when we return from a reunion. Play CATCH UP!!!

We pray for rain in this hot summer weather so that the lawn can grow more and we can spend more time mowing. We also need the rain for our gardens to increase the bounty, and the weeds. This morning, our first morning home, we have harvested two baskets of tomatoes, in addition to yellow squash, zucchini squash, egg plant, and cabbage. Two loaves of zucchini bread are in the oven, which will make six so far this summer. More will be baked for friends and relatives.

We have to go through the mail which has accumulated, pay bills, check and respond to e-mails, return telephone calls, and, of course, do laundry. Oh, a trip to the grocery store is also necessary.

Is it worth it? You bet! We saw old friends for the first time since 1969, met and made new friends, and re-established our friendships from previous reunions. Remember, stay in touch with those old friends.

Hope to see everyone at Fort Benning next year so that we can play CATCH UP again.

Regina

Blue Max Mistress

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OUR SYMBOL ON GUARD

Picture taken at the National Cemetery in Minneapolis, MN on a June morning - as it appeared in the Minneapolis Star/Tribune.

Talk about a picture being worth a thousand words! It says everything





Chaplain's Corner

“Where is Your Nineveh?”

Many of us at the reunion in Branson, MO, attended the showing of the Sight & Sound Theatre's, “Jonah.” Having grown up in the church, Jonah was “old hat,” and I knew the story; however, I was greatly impressed with the props and the effects used to bring “Jonah” to life for me. Set 700 years before the birth of Christ, *Jonah* delivers a powerful and timely message that resonates today just as clearly as it did in the past, and this popular biblical story wowed and inspired the entire audience. Jonah, a faithful righteous prophet who is commanded by God to deliver a message to the wicked city of Nineveh refuses and attempts to run and hide from God. Jonah's adventure takes him through a disastrous storm, an encounter with an enormous sea creature, his new life in a dark empire, and the struggles he faces through what becomes the greatest revival in history! *Jonah* is a story of disobedience and betrayal, but it is coupled with God's gracious mercy and love, shown both for Jonah and all people! Jonah wanted God to punish the people of Nineveh, but because they repented God forgave them and they avoided God's wrath. Violent strife and conflict have haunted the human race to one degree or another since the day Adam and Eve first chose to rebel against God. We can see in history where nations have suffered destruction when they turned against God. Then we see times of peace and calm when God's people listen, repent, and have faith. It may be a bitter pill for us to swallow to tell others, whom we feel need to be punished for their wicked deeds, that they must repent and turn to God to avoid God's wrath. That may be our Nineveh. Let us all be courageous enough to stand up and speak in order to bring ***Our One Nation back under God!***

Bruce Wilder
Chaplain

FINAL FLIGHT

A personal farewell from a personal friend, Bruce Wilder

I keep reminding our membership that we are getting long-in-the-tooth and that time is not on our side when it comes to continued longevity on this earth. Make that next move and put Columbus on your calendar, and attend the reunions. Case-in-point, yesterday while reading The VHPA Aviator I thumbed to the TAPS section and came across another one of our member's death notice, two months to the day later.

What makes it even more difficult is the fact that LTC (Retired) Gene D. Kleese and I were good friends while in the Army and I let that relationship slide in retirement. We were in artillery schools together, joined again at Fort Benning where Gene had been with ARA since 1964 in the 11th Air Assault Division and went to Vietnam as part of the first team in 1965-66. After our second tours in Vietnam in 1968-69 we were classmates at CGSC in the Class of 1970, and later became instructors in the Department of Tactics, where Gene developed the training manual for Army combat helicopter pilots. Gene and I coached our sons in Little League Baseball at Fort Leavenworth and his son, Bryan, became a member of my Boy Scout Troop 766. Later, at Fort McPherson, GA, he led the effort to resettle Vietnam refugees at Fort Chaffee, AR. Gene became the Secretary to the General Staff at LAND Southeast NATO in Izmir, Turkey, and led the effort to transfer leadership of the Turkish NATO headquarters from American to Turkish administration. His last assignment was back at Fort McPherson as Inspector General and the highlight of that tour was to repatriate American citizens from Canada after the Vietnam War. In retirement, Gene was a Little League Baseball Commissioner, opened a ProAm Sports store with his wife, Barbara. He then became a stock broker with Bankers Life & Casualty Insurance and Merrill Lynch. He published a guide for public golf courses in Atlanta, GA. In 2010, he authored and published a short memoir titled, “Vietnam, My War,” where he recounts his time in service as a combat helicopter pilot. Gene donated his body to the Emory School of Medicine for research. The family request donations be made to the Pat Tillman Scholarship Fund for military athletic scholarships at <http://pattillmanfoundation.org/donate/> in his memory. Gene is survived by his wife and college sweetheart of 55 years, Barbara Murphy Kleese, and four children, Betsy Allen Marvin of Charleston, IL, Major (Retired) Bryan E. Kleese of Sierra Vista, AZ, Sara K. Kleese of Dacula, GA, and Suzanne Kleese-Stamps of Sharpsburg, GA, and 10 grandchildren. Gene achieved what we all wish for our lives; his time on earth made a difference in the lives of others! Rest in God's peace, my friend, keep the rotors in the green, and save us a place in the LZ!

ARA Treasurer 2014 Report

Income:

Membership	\$ 875.00
General Donations	\$ 00.00
Bank Interest	\$ 19.04
2014 ARA Reunion	\$ 9083.32
Total Income	\$10,077.36

Expenses

Reunion Cost Breakdown (24 July 2014)

Branson Bell	\$ 3594.04
Lanyards, Card Holders & Clips	\$ 206.70
Reunion Gifts/Mugs/Pins, Etc	\$ 810.03
2014 Farewell Dinner	\$ 2210.00
Pizza	\$ 110.48
Beverages/Booze/Snacks	\$ 222.13
Fisher Foundation Donation	\$ 200.00
Refund Glen Brown Registration	\$ -231..58
Total Expense	-\$ 7584.36

2014 Reunion Summary

Income	\$9083.32	
Total Expenses	-\$ 7584.36	(Expense paid As of 30 June 2014)
Balance	+\$ 1498.96	

Misc Obligations

Larry Mc Kay (Passing) Donation (Citadel College) \$100.00

Misc Items

2013 Taxes submitted and accepted by IRS - May 2014
Bank Balances as of 25 July 2014
Current Balances:
 Checking \$10,021.19
 Saving \$ 7,480.14

A Tribute to a Forgotten Mechanic

Through the history of world aviation
Many names have come to the fore...
Great deeds of the past in our memory will last,
As they're joined more and more...

When man first started his labor in his quest to
Conquer the sky
He was designer, mechanic, and pilot,
And he built a machine that would fly...
But somehow the order got twisted, and then in the public's eye
The only man that could be seen
Was the man who knew how to fly...

The pilot was everyone's hero.
He was brave, he was bold, he was grand,
As he stood by his battered old airplane
With his helmet and goggles in hand...
To be sure, these pilots all earned it,
To fly you have to have guts...
And they blazed their names in the hall of fame
On wings with bailing wire struts...

But for each of these flying heroes
There was thousands of little renown,
and these were the men who worked on the planes
But kept their feet on the ground...
We all know the name of Lindbergh,
And we've read of his flight to fame...
But think, if you can, of his maintenance man,
Can you remember his name?

And think of our wartime heroes, Gabreski,
Jabara, and Scott...
Can you tell me the names of their crew chiefs?
A thousand to one you cannot...

Now pilots are highly trained people
and wings are not easily won...
But without the work of the maintenance man
Our pilots would march with a gun...
So when you see mighty aircraft
As they mark their way through the air,
The grease stained man with a wrench in his
Hand is the man who put them there...

Cecil B Hengeveld



AERIAL ROCKET ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION

Membership Application

This form may be used for Applying for New Membership or for Renewing Existing Membership. Please circle that which is appropriate.

Name _____ Wife's Name _____

Rank _____ Membership Number _____
(At time of service in ARA) (If known)

Retired Rank (if applicable) _____ Service Number _____

List all ARA Units that you served in.

<u>Battery/Battalion</u>	<u>Dates of Service</u>	<u>Call Sign</u>
_____	From mo/yr to mo/yr	_____
_____	From mo/yr to mo/yr	_____

Current Address: _____
Street or PO Box
_____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code

Phone: _____
Home Work (if okay) Cell

E-Mail Address: _____

Association membership is on an annual basis (unless member opts for life membership) running from January 1 to December 31 and is past due on January 31.

Annual dues are **\$25.00** regardless of when submitting.

Life membership (if paid in full) is **\$250.00**. Life membership may also be paid in **\$50.00** installments on a quarterly basis until paid in full.

Total amount enclosed _____ (Please indicate in remarks section of check whether this is Initial Membership, Membership Renewal, Life Membership in full, Life Membership payment #.

Mail completed application to: Aerial Rocket Artillery Association
C/O Jule Szabo
5118 Brentwood Farm Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030

For Office Use Only
Check # _____
Check Date _____
Amount _____
Date Rcvd _____

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