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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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How Sweet It Was! Eighty-eight Comrades and Family Reunited in Hershey



President's Corner

Annual Reunion: Hershey - Sweet 16th (June 5-9 2013)

I am very happy to report this event was successful. We had a total 86 members and guest attend. 75 attended the Farewell Dinner. Some came early and some stayed later enjoying the Hershey/Lancaster area.

The plan was to meet and greet on Wednesday evening. As people reported into the TOC (Hospitality Suite), they were issued their name tags, and gear; (coffee cups and of course a personalized a Hershey Chocolate bar).

As the troops gathered, there were many who had not seen each other since their tours in Vietnam. This is what the reunions are all about. Catching up on old times and verifying that we actually were that young once. Attending were medics, flight surgeon, crew chiefs, mechanics, and pilots from all the various ARA units.



Our fearless leaders and assistant

and those who preferred the Hershey Theater, Hershey Rose Gardens and Hershey Museum. We convoyed out and actually got to all locations.

At the “Gap” we were provided great tours of the facilities, UH-60’s and CH-47’s. Everyone had the opportunity to “fly” them in the simulators. The Guard personnel who provided these tours are veterans of Iraq and or Afghanistan.

Those who braved the theater enjoyed the architecture climbing many steps for great views. Some braved the rain to scour the acres of Hershey Gardens. They returned wet but their spirits were high. And many enjoyed the

We took pictures of most everyone as they sat in our UH-1 pilot’s seat (Huey rocker). We talked and talked as we traded contact information with each other. We prepared for the next early morning mission by having little sleep.

Thursday morning, after breakfast, we boarded the coach for Gettysburg at 0800. The driver was a retired female navy veteran who did a great job maneuvering that ship around the battlefield. 2013 happens to be the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and the 50th Anniversary of the beginning of the Vietnam War.

Friday we broke into two formations, those who wanted to visit and tour Army Aviation facilities at Indiantown Gap

Hershey museum where they learned the complete story of the Hershey family and the many charitable acts they performed, especially the Hershey School for orphans that is still operating today.

Saturday came too quickly. That evening we had our farewell dinner. We began with the VVA Post 542 Field Cross Team solemn ceremony. This was followed by the ST Theresa children's choir who sang "Thank you Soldiers" and handed out U.S. flag stars to each Veteran. There was not a dry eye in the house. Our speaker, Chaplain LTC Doug Etter, who is a veteran of Iraq reminded us that today's soldiers are carrying on the traditions and experiences we have lived. That loss of comrades will always be with us, and that we need to honor those memories and sacrifices as we gather and retell our stories.

Where did the time fly. We all were departing back to home station. Back to California, back to Colorado, back to Maine and back to remembering our time in the Army and our new and old friends with whom we spent this great reunion . Until next year!!

RECONNAISSANCE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

I told Jesse we were planning to go by Branson to check out the hotel and he said he would appreciate some sort of report on what we found out. So, I want to provide what information I can.

Claude Gomez and I along with our wives went by Branson a few days ago and visited the Stone Castle Hotel. It was probably the best hotel we saw on our trip to and from Hershey. From what Titch had told us in the meeting, it sounded like the hotel was in the completely separate buildings. So, as I pictured it in my mind , I thought the buildings were a considerable distance apart. This was not the case. There indeed are three buildings, but they are connected by a covered walkway. The buildings are no more than maybe 20 to 25 feet apart.



Glen helps cut the cake at the farewell dinner—overkill on the knife

We were told that we could get the block of rooms in one of the buildings if they were all the same type of rooms. That may be harder to do if some of our party wanted rooms with the whirlpool tub. Those rooms appear to be about the same size as the other rooms but with the whirlpool tub. Each of those rooms is decorated in a different theme. Claude says he wants the Native American room. They told us they want them rented just as much as the regular rooms, so the price is kept as reasonable as possible also. I did not see any of the rooms which were a great deal bigger and it appears that they just have the two prices.

They will furnish us a complimentary room for a hospitality room. Which room we gets depends on which building we choose as our headquarters and main block of the rooms. All would be adequate for our purposes. Also they will provide a large room for our banquet, also complimentary.

the quote and you or your daughter may be able to share the quote information with the others. Let me know if this is possible.

The Dinner meals seem quite pricey to me but with the gratuities and taxes included it may not be all that bad. A full breakfast is included with each room.

I agree with Titch. The Stone Castle looks like what we want for our next reunion.

N. G. Brown

Editor's Note: The Board is grateful to Glen and Claude for their scouting report. Final decisions on accommodations will be made in the future by Tich and the Board. Input from the members may be directed to Tich or any Board members.

THOUGHTS FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

To say that the gathering of the Aerial Rocket Artillery Association for its 16th Annual Reunion in Hershey, PA (June 5-8) was an outstanding success hosted by Cecil and Peggy Hengeveld is an understatement. It was an over the top event. It seems that each reunion gets better as we capitalize on lessons learned.

Gloria and I arrived on Tuesday, June 4th, to meet with Cecil and Peggy and get brought up to speed on the latest details and to help set up for the event. Wednesday morning was spent setting up the hospitality suite. In addition to photos from past reunions and combat art paintings and photographs, Cecil and Peggy somehow acquired a Huey seat (complete with armor plating) and had mounted it on rockers. It was amusing (and somewhat entertaining) to see several former pilots and our flight surgeon working under the direction of a former crew chief trying to attach the armor plating and finally determining that we did not have the right tools for the job. It was used for photographs of personnel as they arrived so that we had everyone's identity.

Wednesday was also the day when most people started arriving and as usual it was good to meet old friends from past assignments and reunions and to greet new members attending their first reunion. Wednesday was also capped off with pizza and beer and after finding out that our hospitality room was somewhat crowded we spilled over into the common areas of the hotel and the patios and continued reminiscing until late evening.

Thursday's tour of Gettysburg was one of the highlights of the reunion. Having read numerous accounts of this epic battle it was quite sobering to actually stand on the battlefield and see the terrain and imagine what it must have been like 150 years ago - massed infantry advancing across open fields into massed rifle and artillery fire. It is even more sobering to realize that more Americans died in the Civil War than in all of the other wars combined.

Friday's tour of the "Gap" was also a high point. We were able to get up close to the newest UH-60's and CH-47's. Our old "Huey's" seem absolutely primitive in comparison. We also got to tour the simulators and an opportunity to try our hand at flying a full motion simulator with full visual screen. A very far cry from the old "Blue Canoe" that we were introduced to in flight school. After the "sims" we were briefed on new weapons and other equipment supplied to aircrews. The facilities were first rate and the personnel who staffed and maintained them were very professional. It was somewhat surprising to note that the support facilities and barracks were still WWII vintage. We were also surprised to learn that while this was a National Guard Facility there was a fairly large number of Regular Army personnel assigned.

Saturday was our day for the business meeting and the briefing for next year's reunion. Wallace "Titch" Titchenell and his wife Mary are hosting the reunion at Branson, MO. This has all the makings of another great reunion and we hope to see a great crowd there also. Our final banquet was held at American Legion Post 542 and those folks did a fine job of feeding us and conducting a solemn ceremony for our fallen comrades. A local children's choir also sang for us and handed out "Flag Stars" to each of us. LTC Doug Etter, Chaplain in the PA National Guard and veteran of Iraq was our guest speaker. His presentation brought home how the troops of today are carrying on the traditions of service and living the same experiences that we did so many years back in Vietnam. After making our way back to the hotel we sat and talked until late and then called the final day.

Sunday, as usual, was the day of departure for most. A few hung around to help break camp and do a bit more sightseeing. Then, Monday we were off to the next stop on the road that led back home.

What I got from this reunion was the sense of camaraderie as old friends greeted each other and welcomed the first time/new members. In short order, there were no strangers and that's the way it should be. Once upon a time on the distant battlefields of a foreign country we were Officers, Warrant Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Enlisted Men - pilots, crew chiefs, door gunners and all the others, doing the job that our country had sent us to do. Now we gather as the ageing warriors of another generation to renew and share the bonds that made us what we were and are. Now, we are Bill, Mike, Huey, Charlie, Cecil, John, "Titch," and so on. We are a brotherhood. It's the same with the wives.

While on the subject of ageing warriors, we were pleased to have our "President Emeritus," Major General (Ret) Morris J. Brady in attendance. A veteran of three wars, it turns out that he is also an author. He brought a number of copies of his book, "Night in the Dog's Head," which he signed and sold, and then donated the proceeds to the Association's Reunion Fund. The book is an account of ground combat in Vietnam in which the names, people and elements have been changed to protect all concerned. It is a tale with which we can all relate because ARA was so heavily involved in supporting the "Grunts" and is given a lot of credit for their participation in the ensuing action. The book is available from Author House, 1663 Liberty Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403.

As I close I would like to say once again - guys we need your stories and accounts of your time in ARA/AFA. We (all of us) were part of history and it is up to us to preserve it. We owe it to each other. Also, for the reunion next year in Branson bring mementos for display in the hospitality suite. Everyone enjoyed viewing what we had this year.



Jesse checking out UH-60. Times and toys have changed.

Jesse Hobby
ARA 6X

From the secretary

Meeting June 8, 2013

ARA ASSOCIATION

Meeting called to order at 1000am by President Cecil Hengeveld.

Brother Bruce Wilder gave the prayer for all. President Cecil let everyone know that next year is election for all ARA Association Board Positions. Please consider running for these positions.

Please get hold of (Editor/Publisher) Asa Talbot to provide information or articles that you would like to see in the Straphanger newsletter. Past President Jesse Hobby has set-up a very nice web page (<http://www.araassociation.com>) and a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AerialRocketArtilleryAssociation>).

Jules Szabo gave the Treasurer Report. This included an overview of the Associations financial status, current reunion income, expenses and donations: \$50.00 from Gomez and \$150.00 from Gen. Brady. It was pointed out that each reunion is designed to be self-sufficient. Thus member dues are used to operate the Associations web site, advertisements, postage etc. to operate the association. 2013's Reunion income covered all reunion expenses. A detailed Reunion Treasurers report will be sent to the Board members.

The Association (Treasurer) does maintain a listing of all "life-time" members by year they became life members.

Motion to accept treasurer report. Rodger made a motion to accept the treasurer and second all in favor Passed.

Members talked about reunions in general. It was generally agreed that it is easier for everyone to attend if it was between cold and hot weather seasons. Next year date was set for June 18 to 22 and Titch will set this up in Branson, MO. Titch talked about Branson with the membership on what to expect and if you don't like country music you are in trouble. Jesse will go down there with Titch and look at the area. Talked about getting the better rooms and they serve a buffet breakfast that is very good. He is going to call down there and reserve the 35 better rooms for next year. These airlines that fly into Branson Southwest, Frontier. A dinner for attendees on the Branson Bell should be the only thing planned event.

The information about next year's reunion should be in the newsletter in Oct, Nov, Dec.

Members were encouraged to provide suggestions for future reunion locations and to volunteer to be reunion hosts. One suggestion was to look at Fort Benning for the reunion in 2015. 2015 is the 50th anniversary of the 1st ARA unit deployment to Vietnam.

Jesse Hobby said that there are 12 past newsletters maintained on the ARA web page. As the latest newsletter is posted the oldest newsletter will rotate off. Jesse would like to put a simplified version of the ARA member Roster on the web site. This would be a tool for former ARA members to have a method to contact others. Persons seeking specific contact information will have to go through the Web Site Manager, (Jesse Hobby). He will contact the member for permission to provide any further information.

General Brady and his son talked about various items that they have been involved in especially interesting was the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation (<http://www.armyav.org>).

Meeting adjourned

Huey O'Dell
Secretary

WHO WAS THERE AND HOW THEY FELT ABOUT THE REUNION.

Rod & Verlee Acker—**Dalmatia, PA**

Richard and Karen Bettencort —A & 2/2th—**Groton, MA**

Gary Bishop—B Battery —**Bozeman, MT**

David & Pat Borgeson — 2/20th Arty— **Pacific Palisades, CA**

Morris & Michael Brady—HQ BTRY, DIV ARTY—**Richmond, VA**

Glenn & Linda Brown—A & C 2/20th—**Midland, TX**

Harold & Ginny Caldwell— **Alta Vista, KS**

David & Roberta Cooper -A BTRY 4th Bn 77th, 101st—**Eugene, OR**

Ohn & Becky Crocker—B/2/20th—Troy, MN

James & Donna Dauley—B 2/20th—**Chesterfield, VA**

Alan & Maureen Doty—4/77th 101st ARA

Dick & Cheryl Doyle—B 2/20th—**Groton MA**

James & Gloria Fleming—A 2/@th—**Oregon**

James & Rose Giles—B 2/20th—**Dunn, NC**

Claude & Millie Gomez—/2/20th—**Mesille, NM**

John, Kathlyn, Catlin & Jessica Grice—B/2/20th - **Frisco, TX**

Cecil & Peggy Hengeveld—A/2/20th—**Hummelstown, PA**

Philip Hill—B/2/20th—**Frederick, MD**

Jesse & Gloria Hobby—A/3/377/11AAD, A/2/20th—**Cairo, GA**

Calvin & Grace Hyatt—HHB 2/20th ARA—**Norwich, NY**

Roger & Barbara Karn—B/4/77 101st ABN—**Cortland, NY**

Allen & Kaye Klinker—A/2/20th - **Tehachoi, CA**

Joe Lynch—B 2/20th—**Rockwell, TX**

Roger & Marilyn McAlister—A/2/20th—**Louisville, KY**

Huey & Kat5leen O'Dell—B/2/20th—**Needles, CA**

Michael & Maryetta O'Keefe—2/9th FA, 3/18th FA, B/2/20th, F/77th

Joseph Pullano—HHC 377th, A/2/20th—**Arlington, TX**

William & Carol Retterrath—**Center, ND**

Alvin & Linda Roberson—B/2/20th—**Newark, DE**

Mike Russell—B/2/20th —**Star, MS**

Charles & Susan Sanchez— HHB 2/20th—**Carmel, NY**

John & Barb Stewart—A/2/20th— **New Cumberland, PA**

Jule & Joan Szabo—F/79th - **Fairfax, VA**

Asa & Jean Talbot —HHB 2/20th, HQ 11th Avn Gp—**Elkton, VA**

Wallace & Mary Alice Tichnell—**Newton, AL**

Dick & Barbara Tokar—HHB 2/20th—**Chicago, IL**

Charles & Jean Voeltz—**Byron, MN**

Wallace Voss—B/2/20th— **Dallas, TX**

Hal & Martha Watso—A/2/20th —**Rumford, ME**

Bruce & Patti Wilder—A/2/20th—**Kingsport, TN**

William & Dale Williams—CV/20th - **Greenwich, RI**

Gene & Ellie Wilson—C & HHB 2/20th—**Lakewood, WA**

Harry & Peggy Zolnowski—A/2/20th —**Strongsville, OH**

Melba Muhaney—guest of Voss

Bob Chant—guest of Pullano

Steven Ward—guest of Grices

Emily Grover—guest of Coopers

E mail comments about the Hershey Reunion.

Thank you for the photos—very nice! I see I am starting to show my years. We had a fantastic time. I have already selected my room at Branson-The Native American Suite, Ha Ha—Claude & Millie Gomez

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE PICTURES and THANK YOU for all the time and effort you and Peggy put into making our reunion "the best yet"! Rose and I enjoyed it very much Thanks again—*Jim Giles.*

FYI - Bill Williams is the only C/2/20th pilot at Quan Loi with me during 1969-70 who was also at Hershey. The rest of these "Blue Max" pilots were solid citizens of C/2/20th when I was "Blue Max 66". Monty Halcomb was a Med-Evac "Dust-Off" pilot who these guys worked with quite often. I have seen several of them at prior reunions - they missed a great one at Hershey this year. I plan to "get on them".. **It is nice to know that the 2/20th has not forgotten us! Best Regards, - Gene**

Thanks Cecil, my wife and I had a great time at my first ARA convention. You did it up right. Really enjoyed the trip to Indian town Gap. All the new technology the army is putting into the helicopters is amazing. Cheryl wanted to pass on to Peggy she really enjoyed the Theater and Museum tour . Well thought out. See you next year..- *Dick and Cheryl Doyle*

Ellie and I finally returned home this past weekend and are still getting caught up from our 15 days on the road. Thank you and Peggy for all that you did to make the "Sweet 16th" ARA reunion a resounding success. Our visit to Hershey will always be a memorable one.—*Gene and Ellie*

We are home too now. From reunion we headed to Poconos and stayed at the NEW Tobey Hanna villas. They were fantastic...really apts. for \$77 a nite and NO TAX. I had bought tickets to the Nascar race there as an anniversary gift to Bill. So we did that June 9. WE also visited a cousin of mine and then over to Long Island to see our son and grandsons. Our oldest grandsons preschool graduation. We are off July 1-8 to the VHPA reunion too in San Fran. This was our third ARA reunion (we did Montana and Charleston). We were scheduled for Portland but tried to make it using Space A. That did not work (we have done international Space A trips successfully but...). We have never been to Branson and next years VHPA is in Louisville early July so we will do both back to back. Drive again. Thanks again to Peggy for a great ladies day at theatre and museum. I really enjoyed that and even did the Choc Lab at museum, We have been to PA many times over the years, to Philly, Brandywine, Penn Dutch, Hershey, Poconos, Gettysburg. WE are very impressed with the state. It is so clean and I thought Hershey especially showed community pride. Friendly people and very manicured grounds everywhere. Plus hearing the story of Milton Hershey's commitment to his community and the under privileged youth in town was inspirational. the Gettysburg tour was also great even though it rained.. I look forward to keeping in touch over the year and hearing news also.—*Dale Williams, RI*

Thank you again Peggy and Cecil for being such wonderful hosts- We had a great time and completed this years journey today. Back home safe and sound. Looking forward to seeing everyone next year in Branson.. Bravo to you and Peggy. Great event and excursions. No glitches and if there werewe didn't see them. May want to vote you in as permanent reunion chairmen. Marilyn loved getting to know Peggy better.. See you in Branson or earlier for Dickinson reunion.

Pat and I had a great time in Hershey. It is obvious that a great deal of thought and planning went into this event. I really appreciate that you were able to get us on the bus.. The dinner on Saturday was very moving with the tribute to the MIA's and the kids choir. Everyone was very moved.. Thanks for a great reunion, - *Dave*

I want to thank-you and your wife for the great time you provided for Martha and I. You eased us into a group with whom I shared an experience but knew none of the people. You made it possible for us to be at ease... The experience was well worth the effort and I believe that we will attend another of these events. Maybe we will be able we find other members and bring them along. Again Thank-you very much from the both of us—*Hal*

Hysterical Air Tower Control Conversations—continued

Tower: *Eastern 702, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on frequency 124.7*

Eastern 702: *Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure. By the way, after we lifted off we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway.*

Tower: *Continental 635, cleared for takeoff behind Eastern 702, contact Departure on frequency 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern 702?*

Continental 635: *Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, roger; and yes, we copied Eastern... We've already notified our caterers.*

One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said: ***"What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?"***

The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: ***I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one.***

The German air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are renowned as a short-tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a Pan Am 747) listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign Speedbird 206.

Speedbird 206: *'Frankfurt , Speedbird 206! Clear of active runway.'*

Ground: *Speedbird 206. Taxi to gate Alpha One-Seven."*

The BA 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.

Ground: *Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"*

Speedbird 206: *Stand by, Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."*

Ground (with quite arrogant impatience):*Speedbird 206, have you not been to Frankfurt before?"*

Speedbird 206: (coolly): *Yes, twice in 1944, but it was dark, -- And I didn't land."*

While taxiing at London 's Airport, the crew of a US Air flight departing for Ft. Lauderdale made a wrong turn and came nose to nose with a United 727. An irate female ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming:

US Air 2771, where the hell are you going? I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C and D, but get it right!"

Continuing her rage to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically:

God! Now you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out! You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect progressive taxi instructions in about half an hour, and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how I tell you! You got that, US Air 2771?"

" Yes ma'am, the humbled crew responded. Naturally, the ground control communications frequency fell terribly silent after the verbal bashing of US Air 2771. Nobody wanted to chance engaging the irate ground controller in her current state of mind.. Tension in every cockpit out around Gatwick was definitely running high. Just then an unknown pilot broke the silence and keyed his microphone, asking:

Wasn't I married to you once?"

ONE OF OUR OWN IS HONORED

Lieutenant General August M. Cianciolol, Retired



2013 Induction into Aviation Hall of Fame
Fort Worth, Tx.

LTG August M. Cianciolo, a Master Army Aviator, helped shape Army Aviation through dedicated application of dedicated leadership and management skills over a 34 year career.

His distinguished career includes two tours in Vietnam where he commanded B Battery, 2nd of the 20th Aerial Rocket Artillery (ARA) and served as the Battalion S-3. During each tour, his superior leadership led his unit receiving special recognition for valorous performance. His individual bravery was also recognized with a Bronze Star for valor.

Other distinguished service included program, management of two Army acquisition programs—the Standoff Target Acquisition System and the Multiple Launch Multiple Rocket System. As the Army Staff Director of Weapons Systems, he was responsible for oversight of the development, funding, fielding and sustainment of all Army Aviation programs to include the Blackhawk, Apache, Chinook and Kiowa Warrior. Serving as the Commanding General of the Army Missile Command and Redstone Arsenal, he led the development, production and fielding of the HELLFIRE missile on attack and armed reconnaissance helicopters. Culminating he career as the Military Deputy to the Army Acquisition Executive and Director of the Army Acquisition Corps he provided management oversight of all Army acquisition programs.

General Cianciolo's ability to work effectively with senior leaders and subordinates ensured that there was "one voice" advocating for Army Aviation. His sustained outstanding leadership established a bedrock foundation for the Army's highly capable combat aviation systems of today and tomorrow.

Ladies of the Association

The 16th ARA reunion was held at the sweetest place on earth---Hershey, PA and Cecil and I wanted to show our northern hospitality. At our sweet 16th reunion, I met new friends and was so happy to see many "old" friends from previous reunions. Cecil and I wanted to make this reunion memorable for all and I think we were successful. From registration to the farewell dinner, our focus was on "the devil is in the details". Lancaster Amish country and antique shops, Gettysburg Battlefield, Hershey Theatre, Hershey Gardens, Founders Hall, Hershey Story Museum, and of course Chocolate World, and Hershey Park were some of the places many visited. Highlights for many was the trip to the helicopter simulators and the Army Aviation Support Facility at Fort Indiantown Gap. We provided a Huey rocker which was used as a photo opportunity. Our farewell dinner on Saturday evening at the Linglestown Legion was well attended and the Field Cross team gave a memorable presentation for those who we lost. Sunday morning came all too soon and we said goodbye to those heading home and elsewhere. Some were going to take advantage of being on the East Coast and were traveling to other vacation destinations before going home. Comments gathered during the ladies meeting on Saturday morning are the following: "Loved the theater tour, enjoyed driving through the country side. Beautiful area and so clean. Accommodations were great. Centrally located and easy to get around. Loved the gardens. Appreciate how well organized everything was. Loved the gardens. Gettysburg was awesome. Trip to Fort Indiantown Gap and sitting in a Chinook was great. This has been a wonderful experience. What a wonderful gathering and I love the opportunity to get to know about my dear husband's experiences when he is sharing with the other guys. I enjoyed everything from the time we got there to the time we departed. Each time we come to a reunion, we enjoy it more and more."

The ARA, a unique unit within our beloved US Army and the reunions we hold become more and more important every year. I missed the ladies who were with us at previous reunions and I hope to see you all in Branson, MO at our "Back to Basics in Branson" reunion, June 18-22, 2014.

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Take care,
Peggy Hengeveld

MEETIN' AND GREETIN'

The Hospitality Room for Socialbility



Reminiscent Decor



The Lone Ranger Rides Again



“Roses Among the Thorns”
Peggy Hengeveld, Jean Talbot, Gloria Hobby & Joan Szabo preparing some of the gifts.



The Commemorative Golf Shirt
You had to be there to get one—sorry



John and Becky Crocker rocking with Goofy



Wallace Voss in the UH-1
“rocker”



Whenever aviators meet it is always the hands. Cecil Hengeveld Jim Fleming and Bruce Wilder fly again. Joe Pullano kibitzes.



Jim Fleming, Gene Wilson & Jesse Hobby chat it up



Jim & Rose Giles take a turn



Mike Russell, Huey O'Dell get acquainted with Barb Tokar



Dick Tokar (finest medic in ARA) meets Glenn Brown



Dick & Cheryl Doyle relaxing



Jule & Joan Szabo take a spin



James & Donna Dauley having fun



Will nobody else fly with Gary Bishop?



You fixed it Claude ; you and Millie fly it



Chaplain's Corner

“Revived”

Seems as though each time I leave an ARA Reunion I begin to think about the event and how renewed I feel. As I pulled the Montana 5th Wheel out of the Thousands Trails Campground in Lebanon, PA, on Sunday morning after saying goodbye to Rodger and Marilyn McAlister, Chuck and Jean Voeltz, and her sister Mary, I kept humming a tune from my childhood growing up in the church, “Revive Us Again.” Mom and Dad taught us music as children and this was one of the first Gospel songs I learned. The song was written by William Paton Mackay in 1863 while he served as pastor of the Prospect Street Presbyterian church in Hull, Yorkshire County, Scotland. I found verses four and five to be appropriate for us who fought in Vietnam and now gather once a year to be renewed and revived – this time in Hershey, PA, hosted by Cecil and Peggy Hengeveld, who saw to it that we were provided the surroundings in which we could relax and spend quality time together and alone, if need be, to center our thoughts and sometimes just zone out, and be revived!

*“All glory and praise to the God of all grace,
Who has brought us, and sought us, and guided our ways.*

*Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.*

The refrain was my way of wrapping up, or putting a bow, on the whole reunion:

*Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Hallelujah! Amen.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Revive us again.*

I was revived – revived by seeing dear friends again, hearing their stories – some new, some old, and some for the eighth time! All-in-all, I was glad to be reminded of the times we shared together or time shared in the same unit, albeit, during different tours and under different call signs - from Armed Falcon to Blue Max. We still remain “ARA!”

I trust that all were revived and pray that God continues to bless us with his never failing love, grace, and peace! May all who are able make it to the next reunion in Branson, Missouri, hosted by Mary Alice and “Titch” Titchnell. That is a place where one can find space for revival and renewal of the body and mind. Make it a priority and make it happen.

Peace,

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