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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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THE INVASION OF SAN DIEGO WAS A MASSIVE SUCCESS ARA COVERS THE AREA WITH FRIENDLY FIRE AND FELLOWSHIP



President's Corner

Dear Members, Family Members, Readers and Guests,

Our 22nd Annual Reunion in San Diego was a huge SUCCESS!!! The thanks and credit for this wonderful reunion goes to Pat, Bentleigh, and Dave Borgeson. The many highlights of this reunion were the Welcome Reception at the Casa Guadalajara Restaurant, San Diego Air and Space Museum tour, Lunch at the Harbor House Restaurant, Midway Museum tour, the Hornblower San Diego Harbor Tour, interviews for the Vietnam War 50th Commemoration conducted by World Renowned Author Joe Galloway, Cobra rides provided by the SoCal Detachment, Army Aviation Heritage Foundation (Arizona Chapter) Cobra Team; and speeches by Author and Photographer Marvin Wolf and Joe Galloway.

Special thanks to Vietnam War 50th Commemoration Historian Marc R. Henderson and videographer Sandrine Silverman for scheduling and capturing the stories and experience of those who served in ARA units during Vietnam. These interviews will be archived in the Library of Congress. I would like to acknowledge the visit by author, Green Beret Vietnam Veteran, John "Tilt" Meyer, who dropped by to interview with Joe so that the significance of ARA mission support to Special Operations would be documented.

The thrill for me was having my wife Diane present and both of us getting to ride in the front seat of the Cobra. This was a physical and special way in which she could get a glimpse at some of what I did more than 50 years ago as a 23 year-old ARA Cobra pilot.

Marvin Wolf gave a very engaging, informative; yet comical, speech in our Hospitality Room after our Welcome Reception . His presentation about the two Armies in which he served; and his experiences as a 1st Cav photographer. He arrived on the second aircraft to land at An Khe in 1965 as a Private and left as a Second Lieutenant. Both were well received and appreciated.

Both Marvin and Joe Galloway spoke at our Farewell Banquet. Joe closed our Reunion with his warm and impassioned remarks regarding the contributions and significance of ARA support to the ground soldiers who needed our help. Joe and Marvin have written a book together entitled "They Were Soldiers". This book is still in editing at the publisher; however advance copies are available for order at: https://www.amazon.com/They-Were-Soldiers-Sacrifices-Contributions-ebook/dp/B07TBYM145/ref=sr_1_5?keywords=marvin+J.+Wolf&qid=1562695795&s=books&sr=1-5

Now it's on to Savannah, Georgia for our 23rd Annual Reunion!!! Ann and Jerry Hipp have already retained the Holiday Inn Express on Bay Street as our Reunion hotel. They are sorting through a number of tours and events for the ARA Veterans, plus, our wives and family members to enjoy. Helicopter rides in both the Huey and Cobra from the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation are being worked up. Details for the planned activities will be provided in the next issues of the Straphanger.

I encourage all of you to assist Vice President Jim Castillo in reaching out to everyone we can find who served in an ARA unit and invite them to join us in Savannah!!!

Joe Galloway told me that his wife LOVES Savannah and that it was in driving distance of their home. So; I extended the invitation for he and his wife to join us in Savannah, and any future ARA Reunion he cared to attend.

I request that all of us reach out to anyone whom we have contact with who served in an ARA unit and invite them to join us in Savannah; especially, our enlisted soldiers!!! We need to embrace and include all who served in our unique units.

I look forward to seeing you and others who served in ARA units in Savannah, Georgia, August 31 – September 4, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Express on Bay Street. Save the dates and make your plans for this unique reunion.

Blessings to you all!!!

Sincerely,

Clovis Jones, Jr.

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DAMN WELL SAID !

You, the Government, You are pussies! You raised the cost of living so high that both parents are always at work, rather than spending time with their children (single parents stand no chance). You took God out of schools. Parents were told 'No you can't discipline your kids'. Well, our kids are assholes. You shall reap what you sow, and we have lost a whole generation and turned them into rude, selfish, disrespectful brats who have no respect for people, property or authority! You deemed people with terminal illnesses and some with only a few months to live...fit for work!!! You allow our veterans of war to go homeless and hungry but give out millions to foreign aid!!! You save drug addicts over and over again but refuse to give free diabetic supplies. You bend over backwards to be politically correct, too scared to say enough is enough, in case you offend. You put the retirement age up so people must work until they drop!! People depend on handouts and food banks, whilst we give aid to others who can work for it. Our retired generation must rely on inadequate pensions - their thanks for working hard.

THINGS NEED TO CHANGE!

- Ray Hatfield—Guest Contributor

The opening gambit

Photos by Szabo, Szabo and Talbot



It's nice to be wanted!



This beautiful concrete pond was the entrance to the Hospitality Suite



Computers and booze attract the stalwarts.

(Front L-R) Dave Borgenson (host), Jule Szabo, Billy Wood, Jesse Hobby, and George Wachs.

Rear (L-R) Herb Hirst, Cecil Hengeveld, and Jim Mitschke



Rachel Castillo adds a charming touch to the décor of the Hospitality Suite (Photo by Doc Talbot)



Cindy Hirst supervises the Refreshment Corner decorated with pix from the Ft. Sill reunion. (Photo by Doc Talbot)



Jerry & Ann Hipp join Jesse & Gloria Hobby in watching Larry and Regina Mobley enjoy the Mexican cuisine



Serenaded by a Mariachi band at the Casa Guadalajara restaurant and Welcome Dinner. The violin



Cecil Hengeveld and Peggy find humor in Doc Talbot's journalistic endeavors



Jim & Gloria Fleming join George & Mary Padilla in camaraderie as Claude Gomez checks the market report and Milly looks on. (Picture by Doc Talbot)



Pat Borgeson (cohost) chats with Kay Klinker while Dave Borgeson meditates on the his Margarrita.



Jim Foreman opposite Marguerite, Allan & Kay Klinker and Huey and Kathy O'Dell resolve the world's problem over Margaritas & chips



Grandpa Mobley rides again!



Three old amigos get together again—George Wachs, Jule Szabo and Cecil Hengeveld



Patti Wilder shares about the one that "got away" while Roger McAlister listens skeptically. Billy & Carolyn Wood believe every word while Bruce Wilder takes "five", Marilyn McAlister is in defilade, Jim Mitschke is in another conversation and Clovis Jones enjoys the company of his new bride, Diane.

PLACES WE WERE AND THINGS WE DID

Air and Aerospace Museum



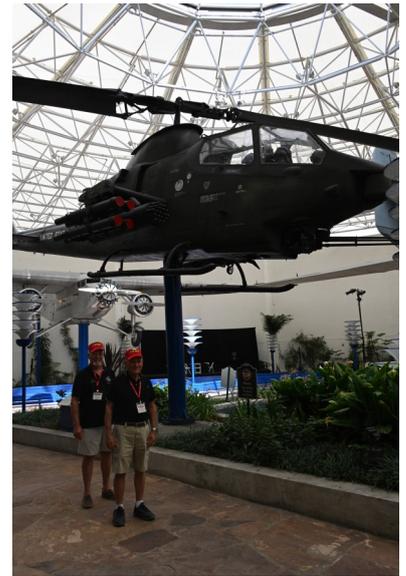
SR 11 "Stealth" still classified



Navy's first and only attempt at a water landing capable jet.



Part of an interactive exhibit on Lindburgh and the "Spirit of St. Louis"



Jule Sabo and Frank and Anita Trevino stand beneath an UH-1E Cobra
I have more than 25 pictures of this A/C. Guess who took all the pictures?

Larry Mobley joined Frank for a photo op.



What is a medic doing in the Apollo Command module?



Tribute to the crews of the Challenger and the Columbia



The Moon Rover



"My Sweetheart's the Man in the Moon" croons Mary Titchenell



What a dogfight from WWI—literally



The Museum Rover

"Curse you, Red Baron"

More pictures next issue.

EVERY YEAR GETS BETTER AND BETTER

San Diego is now in the archive of reunions past and it could not have been better. A moment of prayer is appropriate for Jerry and Ann Hipp as they undertake next year in Savannah. How do we keep having such great fellowship, fun-filled activities and so many ARA men and their families and friends when we are a unique “never before and never again” unit? Therein lies the answer: we are unique.

You will note that I included Jerry’s lovely lady in the hosting of the Savannah reunion. Dave Borgeson did a great job but much of the work and credit goes to Pat and Bentleigh. Those ladies were everywhere and made things happen—and happen they did. The “elves” of the advance party set up the Hospitality Suite to perfection again. The site and the weather were superb. Although there was not as much variety available in terms of places to eat, the places in the hotel were more than adequate. The suites were very comfortable although some were second story without the benefit of elevators. Every amenity you might want was available and the staff were polite, competent and serving. It was a good place to come back to each day.

Throughout the reunion numerous members of the ARA were video interviewed by Joe Galloway for the Vietnam 50 Year Commemoration and the Library of Congress.

The official events and activities were well planned and well carried out. Registration was on Wednesday culminating in a great Mexican dinner as a Welcoming meal followed by a trip down Memory Lane with Marvin Wolf, photographer, author and Vietnam Veteran in the Hospitality Room.

Thursday we ventured out to the Aerospace Museum ,where wheelchairs were available for the less fortunate, and the exhibits and docents were worth the trip. Then lunch was provided in a restaurant located in a small, lovely park overlooking the harbor where we could watch the ships go by. On the way home we got a tour of old San Diego and the Coronado Bridge—a huge structure linking the city to “where the wealthy live and play”.

Friday featured a tour of the USS Midway, now a floating museum of planes, history and charming docents. There were also naval personnel on hand as participants and lecturers. The Midway was followed by a harbor cruise on the good ship Horatio Hornblower and a box lunch. This allowed for seeing more navy craft and an external view of the USS Midway.

Saturday was the usual business meetings and in the afternoon the option to take rides in a Cobra were featured. The evening was given over to the Farewell Dinner where Joe Galloway, author of “We Were Soldiers Once...and Young” with LTG Hal Moore, and many others, spoke of his interchange with the men who fought the war. He and Marvin Wolf are bringing out another book, “We Were Soldiers” next year. Marvin Wolf shared some of his pictures from Vietnam.

Sadly, it was time to go home. However, plans for another great “get together” in Savannah are underway for August 31—September 4th, 2020. Jerry and Ann Hipp shared some of their groundwork with the Board and they are really “rolling hot” for this reunion. Begin making your plans now to be there then.

Thanks to Jule and Joan Szabo for the following pictures which give you some idea of how great it was.

Your Humble Editor and Publisher,

Sometimes someone unexpected comes into your life outta nowhere, makes your heart race and changes you forever...

We call these people cops.

Don't bother walking a mile in my shoes, that would be boring. Spend 30 seconds in my head, that'll freak you right out.

The Secretary's Report:

ARA Minutes, Saturday, September 14, 2019

President Clovis Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 hours PDT at the Handery Hotel in San Diego, CA. He read the agenda and added under old business ARA plaques and under new business Association dues. The additions were unanimously approved. Minutes from the 2018 meeting had been previously printed in the Straphanger and were not available to read aloud.

2019 minutes have been emailed to the board and are here for your reading.

1) Treasurer's report from Herb Hirst stated current checking balance at \$19k+ Reunion expenses estimated at around \$11k+ . We also have \$15k in our savings account.

Other comments included Pat Borgeson getting cut crystal souvenir glasses n/c to the Association. Herb said that expenses for reunions exceeded registration fees so next year the fee would have to go up to \$40 per person. Dave and Pat Borgeson were applauded for their great work on hosting the reunion. Treasurer's report was unanimously approved as read.

2) Jerry Hipp reported on plans for 2020 reunion in Savannah, GA. Reunion will start on Monday Aug 31st with departure on Friday Sept 4th. This was done to take advantage of midweek hotel rates as weekends in Savannah are very expensive. Target hotel is Holiday Inn Express with much negotiating still in progress.

3) Jules Sabo briefed us on 2021 reunion at Ft, Belvoir, VA. Dates are Sept 15-19th, 2021.

4) Motion made to change bylaws to add a 2nd VP. After discussion the motion was voted down by a majority.

5) President Jones was asked to establish a nominating committee for officer selection at 2020 meeting and he agreed to do so.

6) Treasurer Hirst discussed hit and miss collection of annual dues. Asked for reminder in Straphanger that all dues are due in Jan of each year. Dr. Talbot agreed to do so.

7) ARA plaque placement discussed by Dave Borgeson and Jules Sabo. Dave's American Legion post donated \$5,000 to our Association for these historical markers. Four have been placed and locations were discussed to place the last two.

New Business

Want to be sure wives read the Straphanger..... so we can get permission to come on the reunions (lol). Treasurer Hirst will place ad in VHPA magazine to announce our reunion to a larger target audience.

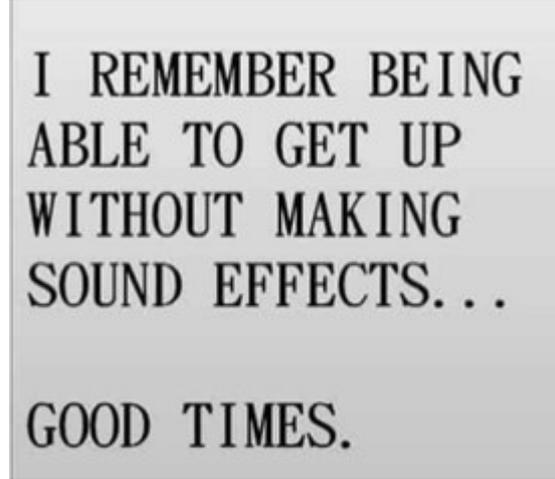
There was discussion of putting the membership portfolio under management of the VP. Jesse Hobby sent out SOS for someone with web experience to take over our web site and engage us in more social media. Cecil Hengeveld agreed to help with the transition. We will also look at a Tech College to perhaps take this on as a project.

Jesse also spoke about his quartermaster duties of supplying hats, shirts, etc. to members for purchase. Decision was to have members submit their order and money to the Treasurer who would then instruct Jesse to send out goods. Cecil agreed to develop a membership directory with info from Jesse that could be downloaded onto electronic devices, PDAs etc.

Jesse also asked we turn in name tags for use in future years.

President Jones closed the meeting at 11:45 hours PDT and announced banquet and group photo to begin at 17:00 hrs in the Terrace Room.

Respectfully submitted
Rodger L McAlister
Secretary



The Battle of LZ Bird

As reported by Dave Borgeson

LZ Bird was a remote outpost located in Binh Dinh Province east of Bong Son. The area was referred to as the Crow's Foot. The landing zone was surrounded by a horseshoe bend of the Kim Son River.

LZ Bird was occupied by two artillery batteries – Btry C (155 towed), Btry B (105 towed), 2//19th Arty and two platoons of Company C, 1/12 Cavalry. The total strength was about 170 men.

Our area of operation primarily ranged from LZ Hammond in the south to Bong Son in the north. We had been experiencing torrential rains from a typhoon, but on December 26th the weather improved. I was ordered to fly a recon mission to check out the local area. Since the Christmas Truce was in effect, we were just supposed to observe.

The Bong Son River was flooded in many areas and the rice paddies were like lakes. We approached LZ Bird to refuel. As we descended for landing, we passed over 10 to 15 Vietnamese carrying large sacks of rice across the Kim Son River. We were asked by the local forces to engage these men, but we were told by our commanders not to violate the truce so we did not fire. After refueling we returned to LZ Hammond.

On the evening of December 26th, I was scheduled to fly mortar patrol. I was the aircraft commander. W.O. Charles Long was the pilot and James Seawright was our crew chief. The weather turned bad again. The rain was heavy and the clouds were low. We took off just after midnight.

On December 27th at 1:00 AM, the 7th, 8th, and 9th battalions of the 22nd NVA Regiment attacked LZ Bird with a force of 1,000 men. The NVA were able to creep within 20 meters of the perimeter. The NVA utilized automatic weapons and mortars to initially overrun our defensive positions.

We received a call from operations that LZ Bird was under attack. W.O Long nosed the “B” model over and we took off as fast as possible. I dialed in the frequency for the infantry unit. I raised a young radio operator. I could hear the machine guns and mortar fire in the background. I asked which direction was the attack. He said that their position was overrun. I told him that we were still 15 minutes away.

In 10 minutes I called back. The radio operator answered, but I heard a mortar round impact and the radio went dead. This was their last transmission.

LZ Pony had artillery firing into the area. They were firing some illumination rounds, but it was very dark and it was difficult to make out anything on the ground. We saw a fire on the ground and W.O. Long lined up for a rocket run using the fire as a guide. At the last moment, I threw the switch to disarm the rockets. I was afraid that we would kill our own men.

As we swung around, the bullets started to hit our aircraft. I had several long seconds wondering where I would get hit. We were lucky. No one was hit and all the instruments were in the green. Now, we had many targets of opportunity. W.O. Long lined up for another rocket run. This time there was no hesitation. We fired and fired. As we broke to the right, an M60 started firing at us. I directed Jim Seawright to take out that gun. We didn't get him on the first pass, but on the second pass Jim was on target and the tracers stopped.

The artillery at LZ Pony asked if we could move our orbit to the south and east so they could fire fuse VT. This was concerning, but we moved our orbit and helped the artillery adjust their fire.

At this point, we were getting low on fuel and wanted to fire the rest of our rockets before returning to LZ Hammond. We finished firing and departed the area. Major Ray Pollard and the rest of A battery were incoming to provide continuous support.

Once we landed at LZ Hammond, our aircraft was grounded due to battle damage. The rest of the battery continued the fight all night.

LZ Bird was the most intense fight of my tour in Vietnam. There were 58 US Troops killed and 77 wounded. The NVA lost 266 KIA. The ARA played a major role in causing this attack to fail.

Several weeks later, I met someone from the 1st/12 Cavalry that had been at LZ Bird. He told me that when we flew over and started to fire, the NVA were all firing at us. This distraction allowed the infantry time to consolidate their position and start to repel the attack on the ground. It made me feel very proud that we had made a very positive contribution.

Editors Note: “...grounded for battle damage” - an alternate way to say the A/C was shot to Hell. Quite a story.

“I packed your parachute”

A story illustrating our interdependence in the military and teaching the lesson to look around and see who is supporting you each day.

Charles Plumb was a US Navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience!

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, ' You're Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!

'How in the world did you know that?' asked Plumb.

'I packed your parachute,' the man replied.

Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude.

The man pumped his hand and said, 'I guess it worked!'

Plumb assured him, 'It sure did. If your chute hadn't worked, I wouldn't be here today.'

Plumb couldn't sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb says, 'I kept wondering what he had looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat; a bib in the back; and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said 'Good morning, how are you?' or anything because, you see, I was a fighter pilot and he was just a sailor.' Plumb thought of the many hours the sailor had spent at a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn't know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, 'Who's packing your parachute?' Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. He also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory - he needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say hello, please, or thank you, congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment, or just do something nice for no reason. As you go through this week, this month, this year, recognize people who pack your parachutes.

As the Jump School student said as he rocketed earthward when his main and reserve parachutes failed, to deploy “ Yeah, and I bet the damn trucks won’t be there either”.

FINISHING TOUCHS

Contributed by Larry Mobley (who else)

I'm passing this on because it worked for me today. A doctor on TV said that in order to have inner peace in our lives, we should always finish things that we start. Since we all could use more calm in our lives, I looked around my house to find things I'd started & hadn't finished. I finished a bottle of Merlot, a bottle of Chardonnay, a bottle of Baileys, a bottle of wum, the remainder of Valiuminun scriptins, and a box of choclutz. Yu has no idr how fablus I feel rite now. Sned this to all ur frenz who need inner piss. An telum u luvum

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Chaplain's Corner

"Persistence"

This Sunday at church we heard the scriptural lessons from Genesis 18:20-32 about Abraham's persistence when he becomes the mediator between God and sinful humanity in asking for mercy for the city of Sodom, for the sake of the few righteous people who are living in it, including Abraham's nephew, Lot.

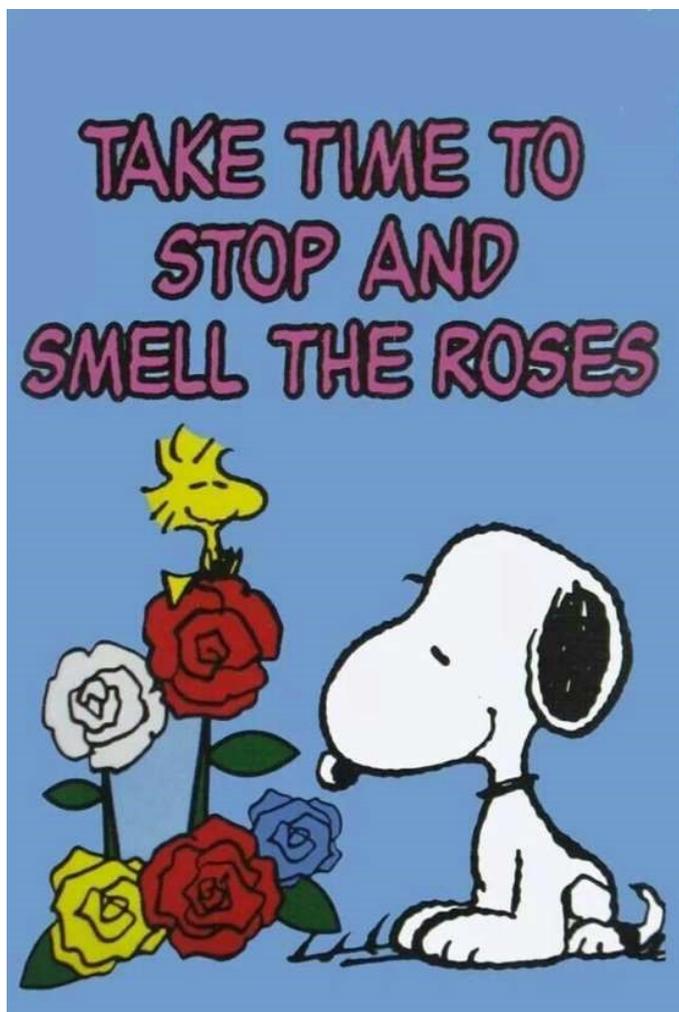
He bargains with the Lord over whether he finds fifty righteous people before he decides to destroy the city. God said if he finds fifty he will forgive the whole place for their sake. Then Abraham starts the repeated questioning; if forty-five, then forty, then thirty, then twenty, ending with only ten righteous people! It gets to be a bit amusing to watch Abraham's persistence. God finally agrees that if he finds only ten righteous people he will not destroy the city.

This reminded me of my son's persistence in wanting to take the family car on a high school date one Saturday evening. The questioning started in the early afternoon and persisted until right after dinner when he was to go on the date. I had been reluctant to agree to his use of the car. My reasoning was not all that well grounded. Bruce had taken driver's education training at Fort Leavenworth and been licensed to drive at age 14 in Kansas. Now here we are in Fairfax, VA; he is now 16 with a current Virginia driver's license and has had a safe driving record for two years. He was a mature responsible young man and could be relied upon to continue such a track. Weighing all the factors, and in concert with his mother, we decided to let him take the family car for the first time on a date. I must say that he was one persistent young man and it paid dividends for him that evening! He did return at 11:00 pm (agreed time) and the car was accident free!

That was a good lesson for all of us; if we, imperfect humans, can give a good gift to our children, how much more will our creator God give the Holy Spirit to those of us who ask him?

So let us remain persistent in our prayer that God, our Father, send his kingdom to us and that his will be done on this earth, that he gives us our daily bread, forgives us, and leads us not to trial. And be PERISTENT in that prayer! Amen! Peace!

Bruce Wilder
Chaplain



Ladies of the Association

Dear Ladies of ARA,

As the wife of President Clovis Jones Jr., I have been given the privilege of keeping us informed about activities and adventures we share as women of ARA.

Recap: 22nd National ARA Reunion. It was my first reunion and I can truly say it was a wonderful experience. It was so great to meet so many people, especially the Vietnam Veterans. What an honor that was! I salute you all for your selfless service to our country. It was especially an honor to meet two distinguished men: Joe Galloway and Marvin Wolf. They spoke to us about their experiences which I'm sure we gained a lot of knowledge.

The activities we shared were super enjoyable. The boat cruise, such a fantastic adventure. The tour guide Rob Wallace was exceptional. I really enjoyed the Midway. I even had the adventure of getting into one of the flight simulators. It was fun even when I was turned upside down. On Saturday afternoon, I along with a few others had the experience of flying in a Cobra helicopter, which was my first helicopter ride. It was truly an amazing adventure.

Ladies, if you are like me, my life other than my husband is my children and grandchildren and our pets. I would like for us to share our family with each other. Articles that include accomplishments or anything you would like to share with each other will be great.

Please include your email address and/or phone to me so I can include it in the newsletter. Like me some of you are new and your information is not available. You can email me at dianethomas40@yahoo.com.

I am looking forward to being a part of this extraordinary group of women, I now call my friends.

Diane Jones

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Specify Unit

Total for order - _____

Send form and check(s) made payable to **ARA ASSOCIATION** to:

ARA ASSOCIATION
c/o Herbert L. Hirst
P.O. Box 220
North Plains, OR 97133-0220



AERIAL ROCKET ARTILLERY ASSOCIATION

Membership Application/Renewal Form

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 Herbert L. Hirst

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P.O. Box 220

Check # _____

North Plains, OR 97133-0220

Check Date _____

Amount _____

Web address – www.araassociation.com

Date Rcvd _____