



The Straphanger Gazette



Volume 12 No. 4

Find us on the web at <http://www.araassociation.com>

April—June, 2020

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AerialRocketArtilleryAssociation>



“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.

The Straphanger Gazette is a quarterly publication of the Aerial Rocket Artillery Association. Issues will be published on or about the 1st of January, April, July and October. Members who have e-mail will receive a copy as an pdf attachment

The Final Plans for Savannah are Being set. It Looks to be a Really Great Reunion!



President's Corner

Dear Members, Family Members, Readers and Guests,

First and foremost; I trust that you and your Loved Ones are safe, well, healthy; and this remains the case as we move through these very critical and different times!!!

Diane and I visited Savannah March 2nd and 3rd. We stayed at our Reunion hotel, visited Mrs. Wilkes Boarding House for lunch, Vic On The River the venue for our Farewell Banquet; and toured the city. We thoroughly enjoyed our short stay and look forward to returning Savannah. Ann and Jerry have done an excellent job of planning and scheduling our Reunion.

Since our visit the spread of Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19, has changed the World as we know it with the full effects yet to unfold. That being said; our Reunion is still on for August 31st to September 4th at the Holiday Inn Express, 199 E. Bay Street, Savannah, GA 31401. This will be the case until June 1st when the Board of Directors will meet to make the decision on the next logical steps to take. This timeline will give us enough time to know where we are regarding the spread of this infection, whether it is safe to travel, if physical distancing is still in effect, if our restaurants are still in business and projected to be reopen; and if the transportation providers are operational.

Our Reunion Registration form is included so you can see what is planned. I encourage you to call and make your hotel reservations. Make your reservations by calling directly to the hotel at 1-912-231-9000. Use the code 2020 ARAA Reunion to secure the \$119.00 room rate. You can cancel your reservation without penalty should the Reunion be rescheduled. Diane and I have booked our room and look forward to visiting Savannah again for our Reunion.

Our Farewell Banquet Keynote Speaker is Tracy Himes. Tracy is the sister of A Battery, 2/20, Crew Chief SP5 Larry Smith. She has written a book based on the 99 letters she received from him during his Vietnam service. Tracy will share ways that her brother's Vietnam service impacted their family, and Larry.

I have been in direct contact with the Georgia Department of Health's Coastal Health District Office in Savannah to establish a relationship and to get periodic health updates. In addition, I have been in contact with the City of Savannah to stay abreast of actions being taken to protect the health of citizens and visitors.

On March 24, 2020 a State of Emergency was declared by the Mayor Van Johnson. Essentially the city is on lockdown. I will closely monitor the developments in Savannah, and the National Transportation System to obtain the best and most current information for our 90 - day decision point.

With all of the aforementioned being our current reality; booking your reservations now will indicate to the hotel the strength of our intention to attend the Reunion. This will, in turn, make it easy for Jerry to rebook our Reunion for a future date should that become necessary. Jerry assures me that this can be done should it become necessary, as he has established an excellent relationship with the hotel owners and management. Again, I highly encourage you to make your hotel reservations now.

The thought for now is to proceed as planned. Then, should it become necessary, postpone our Reunion to a future date using the same schedule and hotel.

Rest assured that your safety, health and well-being is the highest priority for Board of Directors for our Reunion.

On a different subject - The restoration of the Cobra for the ARA display in the Field Artillery Museum is coming along well. Please see the included Field Artillery Museum Newsletter.

Remember to send copies of your books, notes, journals, mission briefings, personal accounts of missions; and audio recordings to the Morris Swett Library to be archived to document ARA's history. Send to:

Morris Swett Library, 730 SCHIMMELPFENNIG ROAD, FORT SILL, OK 73503

Blessings to you and your families. **STAY SAFE, WELL, HEALTHY, AND PROTECTED!!!**

All the Best,

Clovis Jones, Jr.

ARA 6



ARTILLERY MUSEUM QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

1st Quarter 2020
Museum News

This quarter started out normally with lots of Soldier training, inventories, work on the Cobra and the Korean War diorama. In January, we did Army history and heritage for four Basic Training batteries and one Medical officers group ...a total of 742. We have hosted a number of unit promotion and re-enlistment ceremonies. The biggest highlight was a surprise 80th birthday party for our Metal Master volunteer, Harry Shappell. Then with the imminent arrival of the Coronavirus, we were closed to the public on 18 March, but we continue with Soldier training.



Volunteer Harry Shappell's
80th Birthday

The focus this quarter has been refurbishment of the Vietnam War Cobra helicopter gunship and work on the Korean War diorama. These are the next two big pieces to be done in the new addition now that the Vietnam War diorama is finished.



Basic Trainee dawn,
19 March



Comparison of the Cobra's nose as received and restored to Vietnam War G Model appearance
The Cobra will represent the Aerial Rocket Artillery. Since this Cobra remained in service long after the war, it was upgraded to the



Exhibits Specialist Zane Mohler attaching the tail rotor on the Cobra

Since this Cobra remained in service long after the war, it was upgraded to the S Model. We are in the final steps of converting it back to its original G Model. We have replaced the entire nose and either removed or installed numerous parts to return this Cobra to its original appearance. Jonathan Bernstein, Cobra Historian, has been providing the leadership on this huge project. Other major contributors to this project are Zane Mohler, Exhibits Specialist, Bob Mitchell, Aviation Museum Director, Jared Sisk, Cobra Mechanic and John Rogers, Transporter.

The Korean War diorama now has all the track, tire and footprint impressions done in our ethaform plank "snow". This has been the one-man project of volunteer Steven Burns. It took Steven about 415 hours to cut each one out individually with a hot knife. Around the beginning of March, he started work on the rest of the winter landscape in the diorama.



Cobra ready for its high pressure wash

Volunteer Projects



Volunteer Steven Burns cutting track impressions in the Korean War diorama's ethafoam "snow"

Docents Lynden Couvillion, and Amy Ward continue to provide invaluable assistance with our numerous large Soldier and trainee tours.

Steven Burns has completed cutting out hundreds of feet of tire and track impressions in the ethafoam snow of the Korean War diorama. He is now working on creating the snowy terrain throughout the rest of the diorama. Every week

Steven finds a number of Distinctive Unit Insignia (DUIs), commonly known as unit crests, to add to the upcoming exhibit.

Intern Lorelee Cantrell has completed 135 hours of her University of Oklahoma internship here, while doing a wide variety of tasks ranging from collections management to exhibits.



Intern Lorelee Cantrell discovering the "fun" of Army artifact paperwork

John Rogers, from Tulsa, did a supply run to Fort Rucker, AL and Woodstock, GA to deliver and pick up a number of items, primarily for the Cobra restoration. He also continued his critical behind the scenes logistical support.

Yvette Percival has been sewing artifact number tags into many cloth artifacts. She has also been assisting with the many inventories, approximately 900 artifacts in 14 different locations just in one month.

The proof reading team of Steven Burns, Bill Baab, O'Dell McGuire plus Katie and Karen Blaker continue to edit and fix this newsletter, plus numerous labels and panels.

Date	Programs/Events	Location/Audience
16 Jan.	STARBASE Revolutionary War Hands-On	FA Museum
8 Feb.	Cannon Firing Demonstration	FA Museum
8 Feb.	World War I Hands-On Program	FA Museum
20 Feb.	STARBASE Revolutionary War Hands-On	FA Museum
7 Mar	Colonial Hands-On Program	Nye Library



Colonial Hands-On program at the Nye Library

13 Mar. Revolutionary War Hands-On for Cache M.S. FA Museum

	Attendance			Queries	
	Total	Daily Average	Military Students	No.	Hours
Jan.	2,343	101	1,087	9	2:25
Feb.	2,717	135	982	22	4:50
March	1,646	82	1,024	14	4:30

Stay Safe and Distant

Gordon A. Blaker

Director/Curator

U.S. Army Artillery Museum



ARA - SAVANNAH - REUNION

23rd ARA REUNION, SAVANNAH, GA, AUGUST 31, - SEPTEMBER 4, 2020

Reunion Registration Form

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

Information	
Name/Membership #	
Wife/Guest name(s)	
Additional Guest(s)	
Street Address	
City, State, Zip Code	
Telephone Number	
Email Address	
Any special assistance/ needs required	

Please list name(s) as you would like for them to appear on NAME TAG(S)	Where From
Member	
Spouse/Guest	
ARA Units(s)	
Dates	

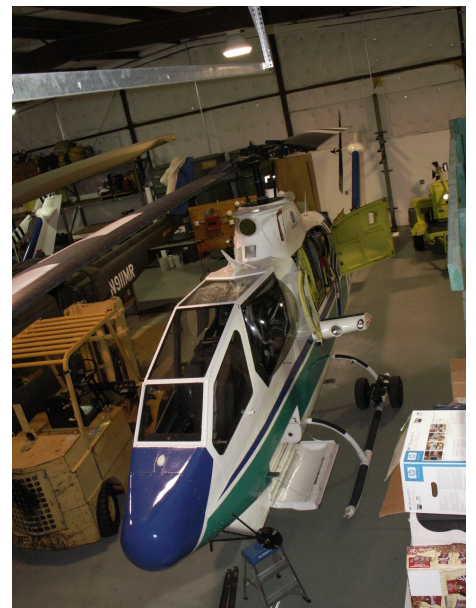
REGISTRATION/EVENT FEES	Details	Price	# In	Total
Registration Fee	Per member in party over 18	\$40.00		
Annual Membership Dues (N/A for Life Member)	If not already paid for 2020	\$25.00		
Monday – Dinner & Bus	Per member in party	\$36.00		
Tuesday - Historic District Trolley Tour	Per member in party	\$28.00		
Wednesday – Lunch & Bus to Hunter AAF	Per member in party	\$25.00		
Thursday – Farewell Banquet	Per member in party	\$45.50		
Total for Reunion	-----	-----	-----	

Please complete and return by July 31, 2020 so that we may finalize all plans and secure set prices for events. Registration forms will be numbered upon receipt in order to secure seats on bus. Please send confirmation of attendance e-mail to host for head counts. E-mail address for host is jthipp@aol.com: Telephone # 912-598-8785

COBRAS still flying in Eastern Washington

By Carl Buick

My local fire department (Chelan County Fire District #1 - a small rural fire department) is in the wildland firefighting business. Aside from owning 2UH1s, the department is contracting with WA state DNR Aviation program. For a while, they used 2 Cobras. We kept them in our hangar over the winters, and did maintenance for them. Here are some pics.



America's mysterious concrete arrows



Mysterious arrows: Have you ever spotted a mysterious concrete arrow in a remote American location? These structures have an intriguing history: they were built in the 1920s and '30s to guide pilots navigating the country's air mail system.

— Picture the scene: you're driving through the arid American desert. There's been nothing around for miles. Suddenly, up ahead, you spot a gigantic concrete arrow.

No, you're not hallucinating as you travel. These enigmatic structures are dotted across the length and breadth of the United States -- they were built in the late 1920s and early 1930s to help guide pilots navigating the country's fledgling air mail system in an era long before satellites and GPS.

Back in the day, the arrows were illuminated by neighboring beacons. Now, most of these light towers are long gone and the arrows lie abandoned -- some visible on Google's aerial maps.

For those in the know, tracking these strange formations can be a compelling pastime. Retired Californian couple Brian and Charlotte Smith drive around the United States, snapping photographs of the arrows for their specialist website [Arrows Across America](#).

Unexpected discovery



These mysterious arrows are dotted across America. Pictured here: Arrow in Nevada on the Los Angeles-Salt Lake airway

The Smiths discovered the indicators almost by accident after Brian, a former police officer with the California Highway Patrol, was sent an email about them. The couple was immediately intrigued.

"Charlotte got really interested in it and wanted to find what it was, so started researching, looking for them on the internet," Brian tells CNN Travel.

She found little to go on.

"What sparks my attraction to the arrows was that this existed and I had no clue about it, and there was no information about it," says Charlotte, a former genealogy researcher.

She's right, there's really not much information available online. Contrary to popular belief, the arrows have no association with the US Post Office.



Jenny Lynch, historian and corporate information services manager at the Postal Service and Nancy Pope, curator at the Smithsonian's National Postal Museum, separately tell CNN Travel the arrows were built when the Department of Commerce took over the airways.

The arrows were built between 1926-1931, according to the Journal of Air Traffic Control, produced by the [Air Traffic Control Association](#). Beacons were 25 miles apart from one another and the arrows were painted yellow - although the paint on most of the remaining indicators has now faded.

Today, the Smiths are concerned they're now being painted quirky colors.

The arrows were illuminated by neighboring beacons. Most of them are long gone, but a few survive -- including this one in Carbon County,



The arrows tend to be in isolated locations. Pictured here: Arrow in Sweetwater County, Wyoming on the Salt Lake City-Omaha Airway.

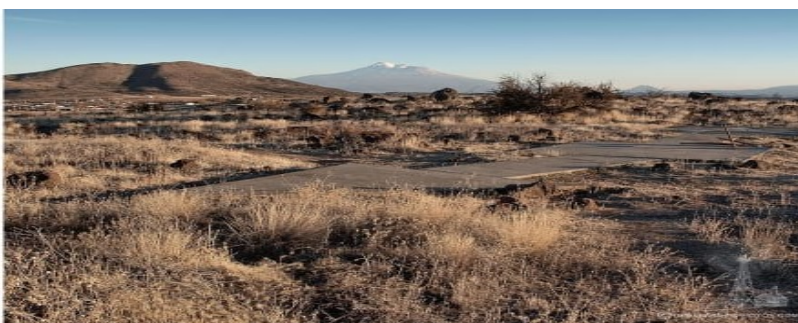
"When I found an arrow, I marked [the location], and started making a spreadsheet," explains Charlotte.

All the arrows are in fairly isolated locales -- the first arrow the Smiths visited was no exception.

"It was in Nevada, right by Reno," says Charlotte. "Brian ended up having to climb up the hill as I couldn't climb it at all, I've got really bad knees. We took a lot of pictures."

Despite the difficulties, they were hooked -- and Arrows Across America was born.

Arrow quests



The beacons were officially decommissioned in the 1970s. Pictured here: Arrow in Siskiyou County, California, adjacent to Montague Airport on the San Francisco-Seattle airway and San Francisco-Redding section

The couple host a comprehensive website featuring photographs, coordinates and information on each of the arrows they've found.

Brian, 70, and Charlotte, 67, have been photography buffs for a while now. "When Brian retired, we took a Photoshop class," says Charlotte. "We took a bunch of photos in Egypt and we just really liked taking photos, and we had a website."

Their arrow-centric site has taken off: "We had over six million hits in the last 12 month period on our website," adds Charlotte.

History buffs who stumble across the site often contact the couple to ask for tips on embarking on their own arrow quests.

"They want to know if there's any arrows in their location," explains Brian.

Other photographers get in contact to let the Smiths know if they've discovered a "new" arrow. The couple will add the discovery to their encyclopedia.

The photographs range from detailed close-ups to aerial shots that depict the surrounding landscape -- mimicking what an air mail pilot would have seen back in the day.



We personally like the drone photos better because we get a better idea of what the arrow actually looks like," says Charlotte.

Photographing the arrows is often a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"I've hiked out to them in the middle of the desert, and some just I'll never go back to them again because they're so difficult to get to," says Brian. "But I enjoy the hiking out to them and just looking at them, because we have something that nobody else does."

Brian's favorite is located in Elko County, Nevada, on the San Francisco-Salt Lake airway.

"It takes a four-wheel drive to there, as the road is dirt with loose rock and fairly steep," he recalls. "The view of the surrounding desert however was just beautiful."



This is Brian Smith's favorite arrow in Elko County, Nevada on the San Francisco-Salt Lake airway.

Uncertain future

The Journal of Air Traffic Control reports that the beacons were officially decommissioned in the 1970s. Some four decades later, their future remains uncertain.

"I have a feeling that they're all going to become historical monuments in the next couple of years, the ones that are left," says Charlotte.

"There's been quite a couple that have been destroyed over the years and we just can look on Google Earth and see an arrow there that doesn't exist anymore, it's disheartening -- and I think the public is starting to recognize the fact that [...] it needs to be preserved," she adds.

Thanks to Lynn Lunsford of the Federal Aviation Administration for pointing CNN Travel in the direction of the ATCA Journal.

HOW TO DODGE THE CORONAVIRUS THIS YEAR

TOP TEN TIPS ON HOW TO AVOID CORONAVIRUS:

A PUBLIC SERVICE ADVISORY FROM YOUR FRIENDLY FLIGHT SURGEON

Just humor and hopefully evokes a smile and a laugh at a trying time.

Now, is this going to Hell, look at the time; we are mere nanoseconds away from being inundated with literally three tons of articles on how not to contract it. So, let me assist by being the first to throw out a quick purview.

Wash your hands. If soap and water aren't available, use an alcohol-based rub. Single Malt Scotch should do the trick. Keep that larynx clean as well.

Wear a mask. If you can't find one of those scrub masks, use a Halloween mask. What's a pandemic without a little fun? A Nancy Pelosi or Chuck Schumer mask might prove effective enough to frighten infected people away. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it, or collect them to construct a sort of Coronavirus shrine. Or wipe the door knob and garage door handle of that annoying left-wing radical neighbor of yours.

Drink plenty of fluids. Preferably domestic beer. Or Single Malt Scotch. Didn't we just talk about how alcohol inhibits bacteria growth?

Throw everything out. No, everything! Clutter causes confusion. And as any medical expert will tell you, confusion leads to the misinformation and Coronavirus.

Sleep is good. Try to find a way to sleep at work. A rested employee is not a communicable employee.

The CDC is working on a vaccine. As a precaution, try to stockpile as many drugs as you can. Flush your body with drugs and environmentally friendly antimicrobials. And Single Malt Scotch, safe, practical, and easy to use.

Wear light colors. No, wait, that's for heat advisories. But still applies to the Coronavirus, because that way we can see all the various effluvia accumulation on peoples' clothing and know whom to avoid.

Stay away from sick people. In other words, don't associate with people like Hilary Clinton, Bernie Sanders, or any other politician regardless of party affiliation.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. And arms and feet and hair. And shoes and surfaces and fabrics. Get nude. Repeat after me, "Naked is safe. Naked in the bathroom is safer. Naked in the tub curled into a fetal position covered with a hypoallergenic salve is safest."

Now, is this going to help? Probably not. It's about as useful as the "Tito Vodka" hand sanitizer. It's just humor and hopefully evokes a smile and a laugh at a trying time.

2018-2020 ARA ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT

Clovis Jones
25555 N. Windy Walk Drive
Skye Top 50
Scottsdale, AZ 85255
480-585-0505 (H)
480 -650-9698 (C)
clovisjones@me.com

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

David C. Borgeson
760 Ocampo Dr.
Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
310-454-5095 (H)
310-773-1295 (C)
dborgeson41@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT

Jim Castillo
127 Spring Valley Dr
Raeford, NC 28376
678-296-5189 (C)

bluemax35_2000@yahoo

SECRETARY

Rodger McAlister
2412 Tradition Circle
Louisville KY 40245
502-245-7282 (H)
502-819-2977 (C)
colrodger@insightbb.com

CHAPLAIN

William "Bruce" Wilder
1308 Blue Sky Lane
Kingsport, TN 37664
423-245-6116(H)
423-276-6626 C)
wbwilder@yahoo.com

TREASURER

Herb Hirst
P.O. Box 220
North Plains, OR 97133
503-647-4600(H)
503-314-3710
hirst@q.com

EDITOR/PUBLISHER

Asa R. Talbot
611 4th Street
Elkton, VA 22827
540-298-7546 (H)
540-430-1849 (C)
asartalbot@gmail.com

COMMANDER OF THE

DATA BASE

Jesse Hobby
145 Oakdale Rd.
Cairo, GA 39828
229-328-2281 (H)
229-378-0661 (C)
jesse_hobby@hotmail.com

ATTENTION ALL ARA MEN:

DO NOT DELETE THIS PUBLICATION UNTIL ALL SPOUSES, SIGNIFICANT OTHERS AND COMPANIONS HAVE READ IT. THE INFORMATION IS FOR ALL IN THE FAMILY.

BE ADVISED! ALL DUES ARE DUE IN JANUARY:

NOT DISTRIBUTED OVER THE YEAR.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU CONSIDER LIFE MEMBERSHIP FOR \$250 WHICH CAN BE PAID IN 5 CONVENIENT PAYMENTS OF \$50.

PAID IN ONE YEAR—NOT OVER FIVE YEARS!!



Chaplain's Corner

“What's the Good News, Chaplain?”

I recall September 11, 2001 vividly! I am sure you remember where you were that day. I was in my Ophthalmologist's office in St. Petersburg, FL when Patti called with the news. By the time I made it to the church, Patti called to tell me to turn the TV on. I saw Flight 175 fly into the south tower at 9:03 a.m. Then, with millions of viewers I watch the south tower collapse at 9:59 a.m., less than an hour after being hit. Then the north tower hit by Flight 11 at 8:46 a.m. collapse at 10:28 a.m. causing massive damage to the rest of the complex and nearby buildings. In all, 2,595 people inside and near the towers were killed, along with 157 people who were aboard the two flights.

America, our United States, had been attacked by the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda! How do we respond? I wanted to find the enemy and fight! I was angry, but at the same time fearful. Who and where is the enemy and how do we find it? It reminded me of the scripture about the parable of the man who sowed good seed in his field; but his enemy at night sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. (Matthew 13: 24-30) When the wheat grew and bore grain, the weeds appeared also. The servants wanted to pull up the weeds. The master said no, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them.

There is more than one dilemma to that crisis! Where and who is the enemy and how does one find and fix it? Are they still in the United States and plan to do more harm? If not, then where are they in the world and how do we find them and do engage to eliminate the threat? We were in a crisis and feared for our future! The news sounded hopeless and people were growing weary. Where was the “Good News?”

I listened to NPR's *All Things Considered* every day. Thursday morning that week, while driving on a pastoral call, I heard Robert Siegel interview a guest who said that all the news was negative and the news media needed to give something positive. He recommended a happy and uplifting story about apple trees and beautiful apple pies floating through the skies! I agreed. We all needed some “Good News.”

Today it is much the same as we face the Coronavirus Pandemic affecting, not just the US, but the World. The enemy is invisible and we don't know when and where it will attack. We are at war and we are fearful. It is as if the virus was “planted in the Earth's Garden” or “flown into the World's Trade Centers” and the results in the US today have reached a death toll that exceeds that of the 9/11 attack.

In the Old Testament God's chosen people were defeated by the Assyrians and forced into exile in Babylon. This exile lasted 184 years until King Cyrus released them to go back to their land and rebuild the Temple in Jerusalem. All that time, God never gave up on his people. Through his prophet Isaiah, God talked to his people providing many words of encouragement for them, foretelling the end of the exile through Persia's rise. That was “Good News!”

Today, many of us feel exiled, and we are, in our homes away from extended family and friends! We are fearful as Americans were during the World Trade Center terrorist attack. But there is hope amid this time of disillusionment and uncertainty. God is with us during our stay-at-home quarantines, economic turmoil, closure of schools and restaurants, concerns over our jobs, for our families, about our futures, and our hours of loneliness.

There is hope. The scripture says: *“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”* (Isaiah 41:10)

That, my friends is the “Good News!” Stay at home and stay healthy.

Peace,

**Bruce Wilder
Chaplain**

Ladies of the Association

Dear Ladies of ARA,

I hope we are currently taking precautions to stay healthy despite the Coronavirus that has been overtaking our country. It is important to keep abreast of the latest medical advice and follow all the safety precautions given by the medical experts. Please do your own research as well.

Spring is here, and this is my favorite season. I am sure we could all use the perfect weather to get out of the house for safe social distancing activities. I hope you are enjoying children, grandchildren and other family members since most people are at home.

Many of you were traveling and enjoying yourselves before these lockdowns and emergency declarations were put in place. That was great to see!! However, now we must do things that require mandatory isolation. We look forward to our Savannah Reunion whenever it takes place. We can hope and pray that our country gets back to some normalcy. We will continue to pray for each of you and your families.

Enjoy your loved ones and please be safe as our country goes through this crisis.

Diane Jones

Email addresses for the ladies

Baird, Marlene - flytiger@cablone.net; Borgeson, Pat - pborgeson@laliq.com or pborg12@yahoo.com; Brown, Linda -- lindawbrown@juno.com; Cooper, Roberta - rangerover53@yahoo.com; Dauley, Donna - dnurdgd@comcast.net; Doty, Maureen - DotyMaureen@yahoo.com; Fleming, Gloria - gwhz@hotmail.com; Giles, Rose - r.c.giles41@gmail.com; Gomez., Milly - chcgomez@aol.com; Grice, Kathy- Kalgrice@gmail.com; Hengeveld, Peggy - awings72@verizon.net; Hirst, Cindy -- hirst@q.com; Hobby, Gloria - gloriahobby@yahoo.com; Jones, Diane—dianethomas40@yahoo.com; - Klinker, Kay - kayklinker@gmail.com; Mahoney, Melba - skyqueen1@sw.rr.com; McAlister, Marilyn - 5starmcalister@att.net; O'Dell, Kathy - i_am_kathy@hotmail.com; O'Keefe, Maryetta ---maryetta4@cox.net; Padilla, Mary Jane - mary_jane_padilla@hotmail.com; Pullano, Arlene - joseph.pullano@att.net; Quesada, Isabel—isamubra@hotmail.com or sapriisa44@hotmail.com; Retterath, Carol - rranch@westriv.com; Roberson, Linda - so_shinede@aol.com; Sanchez, Susie - sksdesigns1@verizon.net; Szabo, Joan -- sailboatjs1@verizon.net; Talbot, Jean -- asartalbot@gmail.com; Toepel, Mildred - mbtoepel@msn.com; Tokar, Barbara - BarbTokar@SBC.Golbal.net; Voeltz, Jean - cav2_20th@hotmail.com; Wilder, Patti - pattenmom05@yahoo.com; Williams, Dale - barbierule@aol.com; Wilson, Ellie - geneandellie@comcast.net

TRAVEL TIPS

(OR HOW TO STAY SAFE DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC)

DO NOT TRAVEL WITH TOM HANKS!!!!

He was "Lost in Seattle"

He was stuck in "The Terminal" and had to stay there for a year

His airplane crashed and he was "Cast Away" on a deserted island for five years

He also crashed an airplane in the Hudson River after colliding with a flock of geese when he was "Sully"

His ship was hijacked and he was kidnapped when he was "Captain Phillips"

He died "Saving Private Ryan"

Weird things happened when he was "Forest Gump" including getting shot in the ass saving Lt. Dan

He contracted AIDS in "Philadelphia"

He was Commander of "Apollo 13" and look what happened.

And now he tests positive for Coronavirus in Australia.

Need I say more!

This has been floating around on Social Media and gets better with each posting.

Jesse L. Hobby
Armed Falcon 29 Fox 1



ORDER FORM FOR APPAREL, CAPS, PATCHES, STICK-ONS

Name: _____

Address: _____

CAPS, Men's, come in one size (has adjustable headband) and will have the ARA Logo embroidered on the front and can have your name on the right side and call sign on the left side, if desired. Cost will be \$10.00

Print name as you want it to appear: _____

Print call sign as you want it to appear: _____

CAPS, Women's, come in one size and in two (2) styles – Short brim and low profile or as a Headband (both have adjustable headband) and will have the ARA Logo embroidered on the front and can have your name on the right side, if desired. If you would like to give yourself a call sign such as DRAGON LADY, LADY TORO, GRIFFIN MISTRESS, BLUE MAX MISTRESS, FALCONESS that can be put on the left sign. Cost will be \$10.00

Print name as you want it to appear: _____

Print call sign as you want it to appear: _____

Shirts for men and women are available in sizes Small, Medium, Large, 2XL, 3XL, 4XL, and 5XL and will have the ARA Logo embroidered on the left side.

Men's Polo Shirt(s) - _____ X \$20.00 = _____ Size _____
ordered

Women's Polo Shirt(s) - _____ X \$20.00 = _____ Size _____
ordered

Women's Long or 3/4 Sleeve Button Shirt(s) - _____ X \$25.00 = _____ Size _____
ordered

Patches, Cloth – _____ X \$5.00 = _____
Specify Unit

Bumper Stickers - _____ X \$2.00 = _____
Specify Unit

Patches, Stickers - _____ X \$1.00 = _____
Specify Unit

Please add 7% GA ST and \$14.35 shipping charge to your order:

TOTAL = _____

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

For Office Use Only

P.O. Box 220

North Plains, OR 97133-0220

Check # _____

Check Date _____

Amount _____

Date Rcvd _____

Web address – www.araassociation.com