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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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**WE ARE SLOW BUT WE DO POOR  
WORK DOES NOT CUT IT FOR  
GETTING REGISTERED FOR THE  
REUNION.**

**Let's not lose our discounts and reserved rooms.**



### *President's Corner*

Summer has arrived with it's typical heat and humidity here in North Carolina. The trees are a luscious green and the corn is growing inches every day. I hope this message finds you in good spirits and health. My wife and I are enjoying life along with my recovery from the T cell lymphoma diagnosis I received last fall. I completed a Bone Marrow Transplant procedure in May as final treatment and am on the road to recovery. I have to admit that the five doses of Chemotherapy in five days took it's toll on my body and that I was as weak as a puppy for over a month. However, with each new day, I am growing stronger and getting back to my old self. Last week I was able to requalify for both VFR and IFR certification in my Bonanza so many new flying adventures await. My wife and I look forward to seeing you all again in St Louis.

In my last report I explained how your ARA efforts created the wonderful reputation of this tremendous fighting force in Vietnam and my desire to be a contributor to its history. I'd like to add a few more exploits to this record. As previously stated, I joined the 1st Cavalry ARA battalion during February 1970 after extending my initial tour in country. Combat in the Division's area of operations was quite extensive with the North Vietnamese Army. Our role as extensions to the tube artillery mission was utilized heavily by the US ground forces. Our ability to provide close fire support to the grunts was almost a daily event. The common tactics at the time for maneuver units who encountered the NVA was to withdraw and call for artillery to pound the enemy position. The NVA quickly learned that if the US forces withdrew, artillery was soon to arrive, so they followed closely to the retreating friendlies allowing the artillery to fall to their rear. At the time for tube artillery, "Danger Close" was 1000 meters to friendly forces, so if the NVA stayed within 100 meters of the US troops they were assured of staying out of the impact zone. As ARA crews, we were able to identify the friendly forward positions with colored smoke, our "Danger Close" limits were 100 meters, allowing lethal strikes on the enemy forces. To this end many missions were conducted at or within this danger close parameter.

Flying the AH-1G Cobra attack helicopter allowed us to capitalize on its ability as an excellent rocket launching platform. Having flown UH-1B Huey gunships in the Delta I was aware of its limitations with a normal cruise speed of 80 Knots and a limited dive angle of 10 to 15 degrees. If its airspeed exceeded 100 knots the vertical and lateral vibrations greatly affected rocket accuracy, so the B models were limited in both dive angle and airspeed during ordinance delivery. The Cobra with it's Stability Control Augmentation System {SCAS} was designed to remain steady from 80 to 150 knots indicated airspeed. This allowed us to initiate 25 to 40 degree dives providing pinpoint accuracy with our rocket fire. Since our normal attack profile was parallel to the friendly front line, long or short rounds were not too critical but lateral spread was minimal (within one or two meters) allowing us to put rounds on target every time. There were numerous times the Forward Observers would request Danger Close fire and have us put our rockets within 10 meters of the friendly lines but that's exactly where they need the fire to impact on the enemy. A bit nerve racking for any ARA pilot but we did it almost daily with minimum friendly casualties. Ask me at the reunion and I'll recount my event with Friendly Fire in Cambodia!

T me to wrap up this report. If you haven't made your reservations for St Louis yet, don't delay any longer and get it in.

As is our usual custom, we are reprinting this vital information for the benefit of our members who may not have copied, printed, or wisely retained it; nor made their room reservations and submitted their applications. It is critical for each of us to get these details taken care of in order to ensure we keep our special rates and keep the group together.

## Aerial Rockets Artillery Association (ARA) 2023 Reunion Plans

This message is from your hosts, Aerial Rockets Association Board for the 2023 ARA Reunion in September 2023. The landing LZ has been identified for St Louis 2023. We will be hosting the ARA 2023 reunion at the Sheraton Westport Plaza Hotel 900 Westport Plaza St Louis, Missouri 63146 (Phone Number 314-878-1500). The dates of the reunion are September 20th (Wed) to September 24th (Sun). You have a choice of a Two Queen bed room at \$139/night plus 17.988% tax \$25.00 = total rate of \$164.00 (25 Rooms Allocated) or a King Bed room (rate is \$139/night plus \$25.00 tax for total rate of \$164.00/night (5 room allocated). There are total of 30 blocked rooms and rates are go for three days before and after. A special website for our ARA members to confirm their reservations and obtain the specially discounted rate. Please use or copy the following website link: <https://www.marriott.com/events/start.mi?id=1677193035497&key=GRP>. *If you want to modify the dates of arrival or departure, click "check availability button (Black background)", when the screen appears, click "EDIT"(Near top right of the screen) after new screen appears, then click on the dates, then click on the dates or arrows to modify dates and hit continue and follow screen instructions. Our special Rates code is "ARAARAD*. Guests may also call hotel directly at Reservations Department at (314-878-1500) and reference the group by name "Aerial Rockets Artillery Association" and dates. The last day for guests to confirm a reservation under the event rate will be August 30th, 2023. If you have problems contact Nancy Paterson at 314-212-2137

On the Wednesday registration/checking will start the day and conclude with a welcome pizza dinner in the hospitality room (\$10 a person) at the hotel starting at 6:30 pm. On Thursday and Friday you are your own for activities with some suggested outlined activities below. On Saturday morning, we will hold business meetings between 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. The afternoon is free time. The Farewell Banquet will be at the Hotel at 6:30 PM. (\$57 a person) . This will be a fun filled week in St Louis, Missouri.

The St Louis Lambert International Airport is 12 minutes away from the hotel. The hotel runs a shuttle on the half hour, to and from hotel; contact hotel if you wish to use their shuttle to come or go, or to get to the Metro.

It has always been a feature of the ARA reunions to have tours, trips, and entertainments as a part of the presentation. These elements have always been well received and appreciated – although often expensive and requiring commercial transportation. This year, our host, the Board, has studied several factors and determined what might be a more suitable approach to renewing old friendships, enjoying a select site and avoiding undue expenses.

Factors:

The prime purpose of reunion is to see friends and relive experiences from the days of our youth. Perhaps we are getting forgetful and retell the same war stories, but everyone seems to enjoy them and the camaraderie is priceless. The war lasted long enough that each of us lived and labored in what seems a different time zone (and some were given second and third[?] opportunities? One remembers our brothers, Jim Cornfoot and Jim Giles who saw the inevitable and wanted to make one more reunion with friends while they could.

We are an aging population, often with disabilities or limitations which impacts on our ability to take part in certain activities. Fortunately, most of us are still able to get around and enjoy life, but it is getting harder for all of us. Time is a relentless foe of all humanity, and we, of the unique unit that we were represent, are slowly running out of the vigor of our youth and years allotted to us (especially those who were a little older then when life seemed an endless adventure. Reunions are not road races. They are times for fellowship and reflection.

There are some who want to see "new frontiers" and crave adventure, for whom venues are necessary, and we owe it to them to make them available. It has always been a concern of the Board that the cost of the reunion may be a deterrent to some of our friends. One of the major costs has always been bus transportation, and in the light of our current inflation, is even more so. With the shrinkage in our population comes the concurrent shrinkage in participants and these reunions require minimums or result in penalties for falling short. Lately, we have had difficulty maintaining our minimums and filling our room quotas. Diminishing cost may serve to increase participation.

For the above factors, it is the Board's recommendation that we schedule a hotel as affordable as possible in a major city, a welcome buffet and farewell dinner, and opportunities for self-guided or small group gatherings for everything in between.

The Sheraton Plaza Tower/ Lakeside Chalet is a large complex, fully equipped, housing many venues and restaurants, providing all one needs for a relaxed and enjoyable time.

Indoor/outdoor pool, sauna, exercise room and complimentary access to the Westport Fitness Center, in-house restaurant, lounge, and business center – all on the property.

Surrounding are 10 restaurants and entertainment establishments – Backstreet Jazz and Blues, Drunken Fish (Sushi), Jovick Subs (Deli), Funny Bone Comedy Club, Fuzzy’s Tacos, Kobe Japanese Grill, McDonalds, Hats N Things Clothes), Starbucks, Panera, Trainwreck Saloon (old cowboy style), Westport Social Club, and Westport Playhouse. Breakfast and lunch are served in the hotel restaurant at \$25 per person. [www.westportstl.com](http://www.westportstl.com)

**Casino** - Hollywood Casino (866-758-2591)

**Shopping** St. Louis Premium Outlets (314-399-8163 [www.premiumoutlets.com](http://www.premiumoutlets.com)  
West County Center 314-288-2020 [www.shopwestcountycenter.com](http://www.shopwestcountycenter.com)

## ATTRACTIONS FOR THE ADVENTUROUS

**The Gateway Arch/Riverboat Cruises (314-982-1545)** are probably the premier sights in the area. A memorial to the westward expansion of the USA, located in Gateway National Park on the Mississippi River, it offers a stunning view of St. Louis. The offerings include the Arch, with a tour of a museum (dealing with the history of the area and the westward expansion) and a tram ride to the observation deck. Lunch can be obtained from the Arch café or on a one hour cruise on a Mississippi paddle-wheeler. Parking can be gotten on the levee, if the river is not flooding, but is more certain at Busch Stadium for a fee. **PARKING MAY BE PROBLEMATIC ON DAYS WHEN THE CARDINALS ARE PLAYING AT HOME. [September 19-21, 2023]. Accessible by Metro Link 8<sup>th</sup> & Pine station (about one hour)**

**NOTE:** The tram is the only way to the top, the cars are 5ft X5 ft, at about 2/3 to the way up passengers must exit and climb 96 steps to the observation platform. Wheelchairs and scooters are PROHIBITED, and the time to look and take pictures is about 15 minutes before having to return to the tram for the return trip. Use of any other stairs is prohibited save for emergency or maintenance.

Tram tickets and free museum -start at \$15 and tram ride lasts 45-60 minutes.

Documentary movie about the history of the Arch - \$7 and lasts 35 minutes.

One hour cruise - \$24 (A two-hour dinner cruise is also available in the evening on select Fridays and Saturdays).

All tickets are \$3 off for National Park passholders (must show pass). Some tickets have a senior discount.

A combination ticket for all three attractions is \$41 and is best purchased online. [www.gatewayarch.com](http://www.gatewayarch.com)

**BUSCH STADIUM AND THE CARDINALS (314-345-9600)** [www.stlouis.cardinals.mlb.stl/ballpark/](http://www.stlouis.cardinals.mlb.stl/ballpark/)

**Tours of the stadium are available and there is Stadium Village which is a shop and restaurant venue next door. The stadium is easily accessed from our hotel by taking the hotel shuttle to the airport (every half hour) and taking the metro (about one hour) to downtown St. Louis (Stadium station). A metro map is enclosed. Prices for everything go up when the Cardinals are in town. Tickets can be obtained online.**

**ANHEUSER BUSCH BREWERY TOURS (314-577-2626)** [www.budweisertours.com](http://www.budweisertours.com) Several tours of 2 hours or less are available to be pre-scheduled. These can be costly. Parking may be a problem, but the brewery is accessible by Metro-Link. (Civic Center station).

**FOREST PARK,** (314-3677275), [www.stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/parks/forestpark](http://www.stlouis.missouri.org/citygov/parks/forestpark), site of the 1904 World’s Fair, the

**ST LOUIS HISTORICAL MUSEUM, THE JEWEL BOX,** a magnificent greenhouse,

**ST LOUIS ART MUSEUM (314-721-0072)** [www.slam.org](http://www.slam.org) - A free museum of 30,000 pieces.

The world famous **ST. LOUIS ZOO (314-781-0900)** [stlzoo.org](http://stlzoo.org) - always free, free parking with some paid attractions

**THE ST LOUIS SCIENCE CENTER/OMNIMAX/PLANETARIUM (314-289-4400)**

[www.slsc.org](http://www.slsc.org) – all accessible on the Metro Link Red (MLR) at the Forest Park-Debaliviere station (about 52 minutes)

**SOLDIER’S MEMORIAL MILITARY MUSEUM** [www.mohistory.org/memorial](http://www.mohistory.org/memorial) Features an exhibit “Vietnam: At War and At Home” 1315 Chestnut St. Wed. -Sun 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.- about one hour. Civic Center station on MLR

**SIX FLAGS ST. LOUIS** [www.sixflags.com/stlouis](http://www.sixflags.com/stlouis) Located 33 mil from STL on I 44. Hours – 11a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission \$29.99 (online) WITHOUT PARKING. \$49.99 for multiple visits and parking.

**HISTORIC AIRCRAFT RESTORATION MUSEUM (314-434-3368)** [www.historicaircraftrestorationmuseum.org](http://www.historicaircraftrestorationmuseum.org) (314-434-3368) CREVE AIRPORT IN MARYLAND HEIGHTS. Vintage aircraft from the local are, housed in four hangers. Guided tours by appointment only Tues. – Sunday open 10a.m. to 4 p.m.

PLUS

## Army Aviation Heritage Foundation and Flying Museum - Gateway Chapter

[www.armyav-gateway-gateway.org](http://www.armyav-gateway-gateway.org) (Phone (636) 362-4839) 3127 Creve Coeur Mill Road Saint Louis MO, 63146  
Helicopters, rides, history Vietnam to date via restorations. Sponsorship supported

## BOEING'S JAMES S. MCDONNELL PROLOGUE ROOM <https://www.boeing.com/company/tours/prologue-room.page> (314-232-6896)

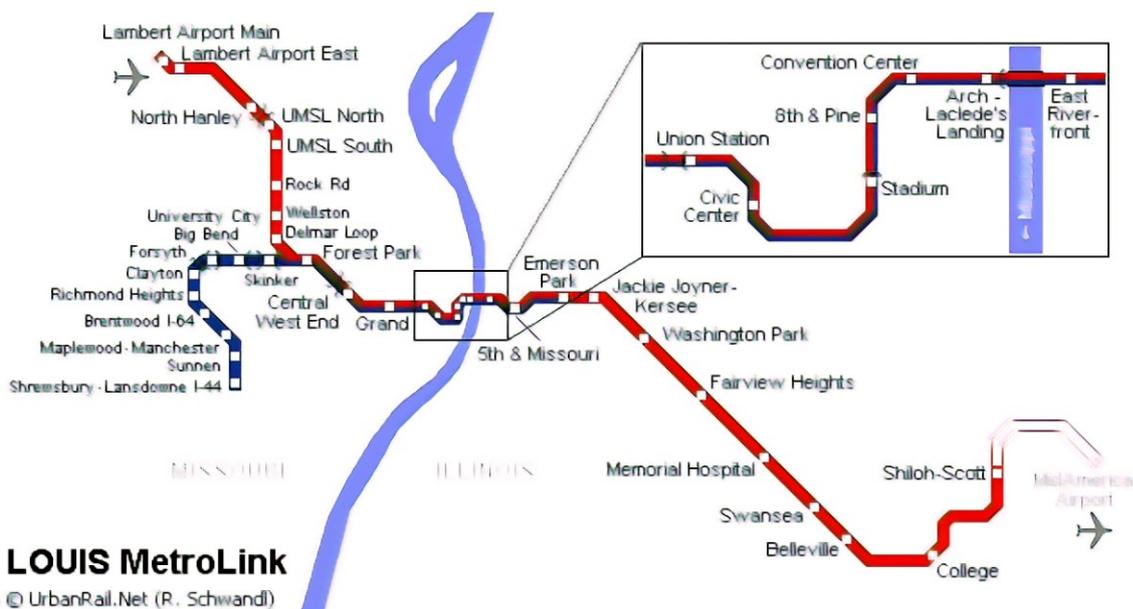
An air and space history guided tour of groups of 10 or more adults with free admission, parking camera use and is wheelchair accessible. Tour takes one hour and people can linger afterward. Located south of airport on Airport Rd  
No public transportation available.

## UNION STATION- THE WHEEL AND THE AQUARIUM [www.stlouisunionstation.com](http://www.stlouisunionstation.com)

Two hundred ft. Ferris wheel (four rides in 15 minutes), 15 minute aquarium tour, carousel, rope course, mini golf course, and mirror maze and more. Wheel, aquarium and three more = \$50 per person

**CITY MUSEUM** (314)231-2489 [www.citymuseum.org](http://www.citymuseum.org) An off-beat museum and fun place, designed mostly for children. An active activity.

## Metro Link map



There is a Metro station a three-minute walk from the hotel. Fare is \$2.50 per one-way ride.

**TIP:** There are two FREE apps for your phone which may be helpful.

**GOOVIT** gives complete surface transportation information for any place in the world which has it.

**WAZE** is GPS type app which is an excellent travel guide for long distance travel.

We look forward to seeing everyone and sharing time together and those great Army stories. Please make sure you get your hotel room reserved as early as possible, and your registration submitted. Please feel free to contact any of the ARA board members if there are questions. Contact Jule Szabo if there are hotel reservation problems.

**THIS INFORMATION IS VITAL FOR YOUR HAVING A FUN-FILLED REUNION. PLEASE PRINT IT OUT AND SAVE IT WITH YOUR HOTEL CONFIRMATION. RECOGNIZING THAT SOME CANNOT DRIVE, THE HOSTS (THE BOARD) ARE ASKING THAT ALL WHO CAN DRIVE THEIR POV, DO SO. THIS WILL MAXIMIZE OUR FLEXIBILITY FOR GETTING PEOPLE TO ATTRACTIONS OF THEIR CHOICE.**



## **ARA - ST LOUIS- REUNION**

**24TH ARA REUNION, ST LOUIS, MO, SEPTEMBER 20-24, 2023**

### Reunion Registration Form

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

ARA ASSOCIATION  
c/o Jesse L. Hobby  
145 Oakdale Road. SE  
Cairo, GA 39828-3803

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

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

<b>REGISTRATION/EVENT FEES</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Price</b>	<b># In Party</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Registration Fee</b>	Per member in party over 18	<b>\$40.00</b>		
Annual Membership Dues (N/A for Life Member)	If not already paid for 2023	<b>\$25.00</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> – Welcome Pizza Buffet	Per member in party	<b>\$10.00</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b> – Farewell Banquet	Per member in party	<b>\$57.00</b>		
<b>Total for Reunion</b>				

**Please complete and return by JULY 31, 2023 so that we may finalize all plans and secure set prices for events.**

# DON'T TRUST TEACHERS!

## Airport Security Warning: Math Teacher Arrested

A public school teacher was arrested today at John F. Kennedy International Airport as he attempted to board a flight while in possession of a ruler, a protractor, a compass, a slide-rule and a calculator.

At a press conference, Attorney General Garland said he believed that the man is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement. He did not identify the man, who has been charged by the FBI with carrying weapons of math instruction.

Al-Gebra is a problem for us; the Attorney General said. "They derive solutions by means and extremes, and sometimes go off on tangents in search of absolute values. They use secret names like "X" and "Y" and refer to themselves as "unknowns", but we have determined that they belong to a common denominator of the axis of medieval with coordinates in every country."

As the Greek philanderer Isosceles used to say "There are three sides to every triangle."

When asked to comment on the arrest, President Biden said, "If God had wanted us to have better weapons of math instruction, he would have given us more toes and fingers,"

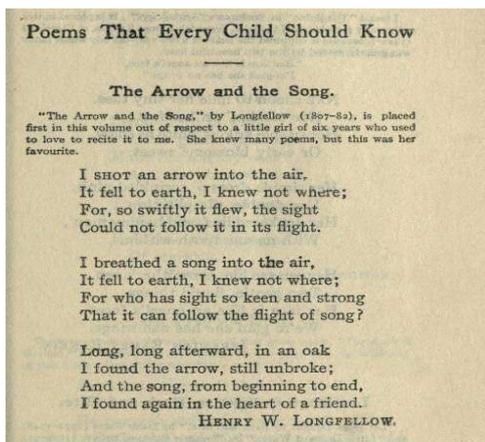
White House aides told reporters that they could not recall a more intelligent or profound statement by the President. It is believed that a Nobel Prize for Physics will surely follow.

Not sure of who to trust anymore – teachers or our government.

Jesse L. Hobby

Armed Falcon 29F1

*Editor's Note: We have devolved to this!!*



A complete rainbow, photo taken at 30,000 feet altitude by pilot Lloyd J Ferraro. A full rainbow is actually a complete circle, but from the ground we see only part of it. From an airplane, in the right conditions, we can see this incredible display.

Credits - Lloyd J. Ferraro

Part One of a tribute to those who flew them and those who made sure they flew safely.

### **TRUISMS OF A HUEY CREWCHIEF**

You may have been a Huey Crewchief if.....Submitted by Ernie Ganas

1. You claimed: "Oh yes sir, its supposed to look like that."
2. You know wat JP4 tastes like.
3. You used a piece of safety wire as a toothpick.
4. You believe your helicopter has a soul.
5. You know more about your flight crew than you do about your own family.
6. You can't figure out why maintenance officers exist.
7. You ever wished the pilot would just say, "Great aircraft."
8. You think everyone who isn't a crew chief is a wimp.
9. You wonder where they keep finding the idiots who keep making up stupid rules.
10. You've ever been told to "go get us some prop wash, a yard of flight line, or the keys to a helicopter.
11. You pulled preflight in really bad weather only to learn the flight had been cancelled hours ago.
12. Your spouse refused to watch any aviation shows or attend air shows with you.
13. You have looked for pictures of "your " helicopter in aviation books and magazines.
14. You can sleep anywhere, anytime. But as soon as the engines shut down you are wide awake.
15. You have ever wiped leaks just before an an inspection.
16. You can fix multi-million helicopters but you don't know what's wrong with your lawnmower.



# Huey Pilots

## *A breed Apart*

Submitted by Ernie Ganas



Casually he walks to this slick, a helmet with dark visor in his hand, stepping from the skid into the cockpit, the switches, and dials at his command.

He may be tired from many runs, it seems he lives under the plex dome but with the stick between his legs and the pedals at his feet, he feels once again at home.

He fires up the turbine as the preflight is performed, the Jesus nut begins to turn, that machine begins to rock and now starts that steady "Whop", and the air begins to churn.

As those massive blades begin to claw the air he skillfully lifts his baby off the ground, the tail begins to rise and the front seems to follow but no better pilot will be found.

I never saw his face, I never knew his name, but I'll never forget the day the Huey pilot came.

With surgical precision he causes that Huey to hover, dip and danced behind a hill, then he routinely scales the tops of trees, rising only to have his door gunner make another kill. He listens to the Peter Pilot and Crew Chief as well as he watches for popped smoke. Glancing down he sees looks of relief on haggard faces, they know he will not choke.

With bullets pinging on the thin metal and stars appearing on the windshield he holds steadily to the stick, People are screaming to his rear, mortars dropping dangerously near, but he maintains a firm control of his slick.

He saves a dozen lives and takes supplies where no one else wishes to go. For him it is just another day. At base camp he helps wash blood from the rear cabin, and after he fingers new bullet holes, he casually walks away

I never knew his name, but I'll never forget the day the Huey pilot came.

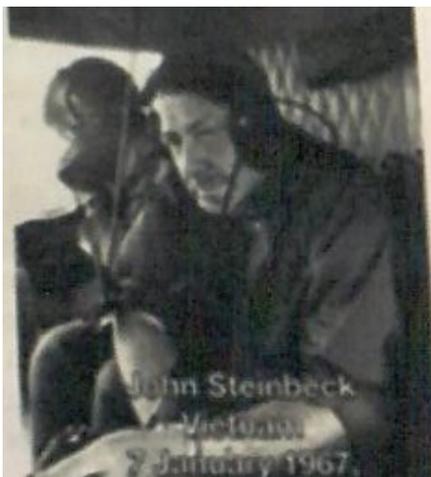
### **Helicopter pilots are different.**

The thing is helicopters are different from planes. An airplane by its nature wants to fly, and if not interfered with too strongly by unusual events, or by a deliberately incompetent pilot, it will fly. A helicopter does not want to fly. It is maintained in the air by a variety of forces and controls working in opposition to each other, and if there is any disturbance in this delicate balance, the helicopter stops flying immediately and disastrously. There is no such thing as a gliding helicopter. This is why being a helicopter pilot is so different from being an airplane pilot, and why, in general, airplane pilots are open, clear-eyed, buoyant extroverts, and helicopter pilots are brooders, introspective anticipators of trouble. They know that if something bad has not happened, it is about to – **Harry Reisner, ABC evening news, 1971.**

### **They make me sick with envy.**

"I wish I could tell you about these pilots. They make me sick with envy. They ride their vehicles the way a man controls a fine, well-trained quarter horse. They weave along the stream beds, rise like swallows to clear trees, they turn and twist and dip like swallows in the evening. I watch the hands and feet on the controls, the delicacy of coordination reminds me of the sure and seemingly slow hands of Pablo Casals on the cello. They are truly musicians, and they play their controls like music, and they danced them like ballerina and, and they make me jealous because I want so much to do it. Remember your child night dream of perfect flight, free and wonderful? It's like that, and sadly I know I never can. My hands are too old and forgetful to take orders from the command center, which speaks of updrafts and side winds, of drift and shift or ground fire indicated by a tiny path or flash, or a hit and all these commands must be obeyed by the musician's hands, instantly and automatically. I must take my longing out in admiration and the joy of seeing it. Sorry about that leak of ecstasy, Alicia but I had to get it out or burst."

– **John Steinbeck 1971. World famous author of "Of Mice and Men" and "The Grapes of Wrath".**



# Ladies of the Association

## HUMOR FOR THE LADIES

Information we could have used at some time in our married lives  
and could be useful to daughters, granddaughters and nieces.

### INSTALLING HUSBAND Version 1.0

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0, and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance – particularly in the Flower and Jewelry applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0.

In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as NFL 5.0, NBA 4.0, NASCAR 4.2 and Golf Clubs 4.1.

Conversation 8.0 no longer runs and Housecleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. I've tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

Signed –

Desperate

Dear Desperate:

First keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an Operating System.

Please enter the command: “<http://www.I-Thought-You-Loved-Me.com>” and try to download Tears 6.2, and don't forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update.

If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewelry 2.0 and Flowers 3.5. But remember, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1. Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will automatically download the Snoring Loudly Beta.

Whatever you do, DO NOT install Mother-In-Law 1.0 (it runs a virus in the background, that will eventually seize control of all your system resources).

Also, do not attempt to reinstall Boyfriend 5.0 program. This is an unsupported application and will crash Husband 1.0.

In short, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory, and cannot learn new applications quickly. You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance. We recommend Hot Food 3.0 and Lingerie 7.7.

Good Luck

Gloria Hobby

Falconess 6X



## Chaplain's Corner

***“And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgement.” Hebrews 9:27***

This truism is a little morbid, but reading the following pages requires us to consider our own mortality. We are at the ages where our fraternal population is beginning to shrink at an accelerated pace. However, a few words need to be said about the author of Hebrews pronouncement. Let us deal with the “appointed time” and the ultimate judgement later.

Our life experience shows us the time of our passing can vary according to our personal lifestyle, habits and our actions. Yet, it is a time that has been determined and is unchangeable. Allow me a little SCIENCE in explanation. Contrary to the Pro-life crowd, when biological men and women come to together in an act of intercourse, each depositing a portion of their essential fluids, there is, through passage along proscribed channels until these essential fluids meet and the process of conception occurs. In an astounding cavalcade of carefully orchestrated events these products of conception (POC), settle into a safe place (the uterus) which will give them warmth, protection, nourishment, and a relationship with one of the donors. During this period the POC progress from a mass of cells to an embryo of evolving and developing organs and organelles. Somewhere in the 5th week of gestation, an embryonic heart begins to beat, when determined by the Creator, and will beat until its cessation is determined by that same Creator. The embryo continues to develop into an increasingly complex organism until (again determined by a force outside the womb, unknown except by guess) it is propelled through the birth canal into the world as a infant human being, modeled after one of parents. This is a progression of events, not a starting point.

For these reasons we can safely say that the time of death is predetermined and unknown to the individual. Even the efforts we make to affect the arrival of this date are predetermined by a Creator who “numbers the hairs of our heads” and “guides our footsteps”. At the same time, He grants us free will to make mistakes, and grace to forgive those errors in conduct. In short, you are not alone.

When you have expended the time indicated by the dash between the dates on your tombstone you will be judged, analyzed, and evaluated for how you used (or abused) those 2.5 billion heart beats. This accounting can be effected. Part of the grace God grants is the salvation, freely given on the Cross, which is anyone's for the taking. Romans 3:10 tells us “There is none righteous, no, not one.” Romans 3:23-24 declares, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.” That glory was the pristine nature of man in the Garden of Eden before the Fall. You would not go into court without an advocate, and you should not go into this Heavenly Court without one. You wear a safety harness because something bad might happen.—enough said.

On a lighter note, in September we will once again gather, this time in the fun city of St. Louis, to renew old friendships, swap old war stories (again), quaff beverages and remember those whose date of recall has been called. While a rigid, planned schedule of activities has not been offered, multiple opportunities to see and enjoy one of America's most historic cities have been delineated. However, it is the human contact which we should seek. One never knows whether this will be the last reunion, personally or corporate.

I hope to see you in St. Louis, at the hotel if not the Fair.

Live in Peace,

Asa (Doc) Talbot

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Points to Ponder from Jesse Hobby

**We don't let athletes bet on games they have the ability to influence. Why do we allow Congress to invest in companies they regulate?**

**Why is it that when archeologists find human remains, they always determine that they are either male or female and none of the other hundreds of genders?**

**Why is it that so many are more outraged that Brittney Griner is stuck in Russia than they were about Americans being stranded in Afghanistan?**

**How is it that the government can't control gasoline prices, but the weather is something they can fix?**

**We're churning out a generation of poorly educated people with no skill, no ambition, no guidance, and no realistic expectations of what it means to go to work.**

**If kids knew what they wanted to be at age eight, the world would be filled with cowboys and princesses. I wanted to be a pirate. Thank goodness nobody took me seriously and scheduled me for eye removal and peg leg surgery?**

# Final Flight:



**William Ratterath**— October 14, 1948—May 4, 2023

William (Bill) was born October 10, 1948, in Hazen, ND, the son of Leonard and Dorothy (Lange) Retterath. He married the love of his life, Carol Folk, on May 27, 1972, at St. Martins Catholic Church in Center, ND. They farmed and ranched together for over 4 years on their farm near Fort Clark. He took great pride in his farm and ranch and seeing the fruits of his labor. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed attending activities of his grandchildren. Bill had a great sense of humor and loved to make people laugh.

He served in the United States Army from 1967-1970 and was stationed in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive in B Btry, 1968-1969. He was proud of his military service and had great respect for the men with whom he served. He attended many ARA (Aerial Rocket Artillery Association) reunions with his comrades, and considered them his "brothers".

Bill had a passion for riding and showing horses; especially cutting horses. He was a member of the ND Cutting Horse Association for over 30 years, the SD Cutting Horse Association/MN Cutting Horse Association. He often said, "There is something about the outside of a horse that's good for the inside of a man" (a quote borrowed from Winston Churchill).

Bill served on the Board of Directors for Oliver-Mercer/Roughrider Electric Co-op's from 1984-2022 (38 years), and as a Director on the Upper Missouri Power Co-op from 2012-2022 (10 years).

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, VFW, Aerial Rocket Artillery Association, St. Edwin's Catholic Church, and Spirit of Life Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife Carol; his six children: Justin (Rachel) Retterath, Sarah (Damian) Huettl, Germaine Stroup (Nick Cavaliere), Luke (Emily) Retterath, Kate (Bo) Palczewski, Charles (Elyssa) Retterath; 15 Grandchildren; three sisters: Rita Kent, Jane Pearson, and Kathy (Curtis) Birst; numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Leonard and Dorothy Retterath; his brother, Duane Retterath; his sister, Donna Eisenmann

**LTC John S. Utz**—John Stephen Utz, 89, retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, passed away on the morning of Monday, January 2, 2023 at his home in Virginia with his family close by. He was a veteran of the Korean War (service in 1950-51) and Vietnam War (service in 1965-66 and 1967-1968).



Born on March 23, 1933 in Baltimore, Maryland, he was the son of John Bernard and Martha Theresa (Kawecki) Utz of Hanover, MD. He graduated from Glen Burnie High School in 1950, a member of the Whittling Club, National Honor Society, and Camera Club. Whomever penned his senior quote, captured his essence and the absolute truth about him: "A gentleman in all the word implies."

John knew at an early age that he wanted to be in the military, in the Army. He enlisted and was assigned to conduct field surveys in Taegu, Korea, using available survey information documented by the Japanese. It was in Korea that he celebrated his 18th birthday. He often recalled climbing to elevated spots to assist artillery with targeting. These forays

meant that he was in top notch physical shape. John's journey to secure an appointment to West Point Military Academy was challenged by completed paperwork not yet mailed by his superiors, remote field locations of his survey assignments, and the on-going war. A conveniently timed ear infection found him transported to a medical unit near to where entry exams were scheduled. A notation on his exam scores alerted him of the need to locate his application, which was found pigeon-holed in a desk. With no news from West Point, John returned to the U.S. to spend Thanksgiving break with his parents, after which he boarded a military bus to return for duty. To his surprise, the military bus was stopped and boarded and he was informed that he had been accepted into West Point Prep. He subsequently joined the other hopeful candidates who had been studying since September.

John graduated from West Point Military Academy, Class of 1956, with a Bachelor of Science degree in Military Science, one of three graduates who had served in the Korean War. His senior quote in the West Point Howitzer included this statement: "He won our friendship and our respect by his quiet manner and ready smile." John enjoyed talking about his plebe year cross country running experiences and his role as coach during his senior year in leading his team to the regiment championship. He participated in extracurricular activities, including the Debate Council and Forum, Hop (formal dance) Committee all four years, Fencing Club, Pistol Club, Ordnance Club, and Russian Club. John met his eventual wife, Pat, during an exchange weekend at the U.S. Naval Academy. They were married on June 6, 1956, the day after graduation, at the West Point Catholic Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity.

As John continued his military career, he and his family were stationed across the U.S. – Ft. Sill, OK; Camp Gary, TX; Ft. Rucker, AL; San Francisco, CA; Ft. Lewis, WA; Ft. Bliss, TX; Ft. Benning, GA; Ft. Belvoir, VA; Ft. Leavenworth, KS – and in Zirndorf and Furth, Germany. He completed fixed wing pilot training in 1958 and rotary wing pilot training in 1959.

John proudly served his country in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966, a member of the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile)- Third Platoon Leader, A Btry. He piloted AH-1 Cobra attack helicopters and UH-1 Huey helicopters, providing aerial reconnaissance and attack support, as well as resupply, medical care, and rescue assistance to ground troops. In addition to other aviation and service medals, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroic actions demonstrated on February 23, 1966 to aid an infantry platoon pinned down and exposed to imminent destruction. His award announcement noted the following: "Although his aircraft was struck and damaged by enemy fire, Major Utz pressed the attack, distributing his rockets upon the enemy positions.... Throughout the engagement, Major Utz demonstrated outstanding aggressiveness and devotion to duty while under fire, which is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military services and reflects great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army." Following this tour, John was assigned to the U.S. Army Combat Developments Command (CDC).

He returned to Vietnam in 1968 for a second tour serving with the 1st Aviation Brigade. This was followed by assignments with the Computer Systems Command (CSC), U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, a short stay with CDC again until its demise, and then a return to CSC. In 1971, he received an MSA degree in Information Technology from George Washington University. In 1977, John retired from the Army, ensuring that his family would remain in the Northern Virginia area and his children's high school years would be completed in the Fairfax County Public School System.

After his retirement from active duty, John brought his military software application testing experience to the civilian world, spending 7 years with BDM Corporation in McLean, VA; 9 years with GTE Government Systems, in Rockville, MD; and 5 years with Raytheon Service Company, headquartered in Washington, DC. To these companies, he provided program management experience, with particular expertise in financial management, computer systems development, and schedule management. While at Raytheon, he began and supported the change-over from main frame to personal computer-based program management systems before his full retirement.

John was a member of Nativity Catholic Church in Burke, VA. He served on various association boards in communities where he lived and, with his wife, helped to coordinate various community activities. He also served on association boards for vacation rental properties in Ocean City, Maryland, where his family spent time during the summer enjoying the surf, sand, and most importantly Old Bay steamed blue crabs. He was the type of person who stopped frequently to assist people with flat tires on the roadside, including the wife of a ranked officer who gathered enough information from his uniform for her husband to circle back and offer thanks. John's neighbors in Springfield benefited from the snow blower he prepped prior to each winter season and his willingness to help when asked. He was fond of German chocolate cake.

Like his father, John had a knack for building and repairing, whether it be appliances, bikes, cars, lawn mowers, garage additions, home renovations, or squirrel-proof bird feeders. His children remember homemade skateboards, stilts, tree houses, and desks. He built and expanded a backyard pond where he raised Shubunkin (single-tailed goldfish) and spent time daily in solitude enjoying this restful setting. Although his plan was to restore a 1929 Chevrolet Coupe with original parts, other projects and responsibilities distracted him. He successfully rebuilt the car's engine and chassis; yet, ultimately passed the car to a friend to complete the task. Together, he and his wife researched and worked to document their family's genealogy, visiting churches and cemeteries, using on-line resources, and corresponding with relatives. He was a wonderful father, quietly guiding and serving as a role model for his children, reviewing math homework (insisting that pencil erasures were complete), attending various sports events, teaching his children to drive, coaching his son's high school rifle team, serving as a Boy Scout committee chair, and playing badminton, basketball, and squash with family members. John also enjoyed sailing and camping with his family. He had a logical way of approaching problems and confidence that issues could be resolved. This extended to his love of the daily crossword and Sudoku puzzles in the Washington Post. Almost to the day he departed from this life, he had his trademark folded newspaper in front of him, pen in hand, and flannel shirt and white T-shirt on.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Patricia Urban Utz, previously of Monongah, WV; his children John A. Utz (Diana) of Fredericksburg, VA, Jennifer Utz (Cindy) of Germantown, MD, Dee Utz of Bausman, PA, Elise Baker (Jeff) of Lancaster, PA, and Caryn Utz (Jonathan) of Staunton, VA; his sister, Gloria Anna Nussear; his grandchildren Juliana, Ryan, Hazel, August, and Abigail; and a number of nephews and nieces.

Rest in peace, John; know that you will be fondly remembered. *Facta Non-Verba (Deeds, Not Words)*

The funeral service will be held at the Fort Myer Old Post Chapel, next to Arlington National Cemetery on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 8:45 AM. Military honors and internment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Charles Ray Lovelace**—Charles "Chuck" Ray Lovelace, 71, passed away Friday, February 3, 2023. He was born June 8, 1951, in Detroit, Michigan to parents, Leslie Lovelace and Clara (Karol) Lovelace. Chuck joined the military and served his country in three branches of the armed forces, the United States Army, Navy, and Marines.



First joining the Army, he served in Vietnam in 1969, flying as a helicopter pilot. C/4/77 th ARA (Griffin 93F) in 1971.

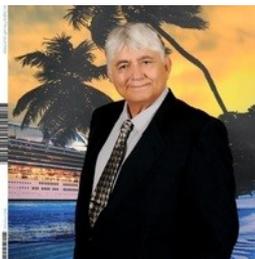
After his Army career he went to college in Oklahoma and graduated with a Bachelor's degree. He then joined the United States Navy and flew as a Top Gun pilot with over 517 Aircraft Carrier landings. Lastly, he proudly served his country in the United States Marines. Chuck was passionate about taking to the skies and flew everything with wings. He fondly recalled flying F18 airplanes, performing the Missing Man formation, an aerial salute performed as part of a flyover at a funeral or memorial event. Following

his 20-year military career, he retired as a pilot for American Airlines. Chuck was a member of Cross Timbers Bible Church in Weatherford, Texas.

Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Leslie and Clara Lovelace, and daughter, Emma Claire Lovelace.

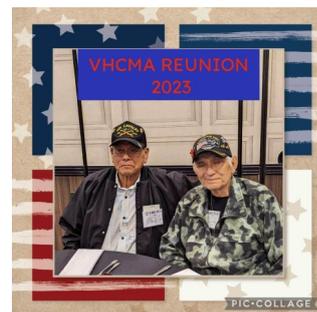
Chuck is survived by his wife of 19.5 years, Michelle Nicole Lord; sons, Scott Lovelace, Logan Lovelace, Christopher, and Matthew; and daughters, Tiffani Lovelace and Avery Lovelace.

A funeral service was held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at Cross Timbers Bible Church, 6505 FM 920, Weatherford, TX 76088, officiated by Dr. Lucas; the graveside service was held at 10:30 a.m., Thursday, February 16, 2023, at Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery, 2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX 75211.



**George Padilla**, C Btry, 2<sup>nd</sup>20th, 1967-68,. George Padilla passed away on June 23, 2023 in Hollister, California at the age of 77. He fought a brief and courageous battle with Pancreatic Cancer. A private cremation will be followed by private family interment. Memorial service August 5

A Gofundme website has been set up by the family to assist with these unexpected costs. <https://gofund.me/dd652e35>. Contribution may be done online.



Claude Gomez and George Padilla

# “SURVIVING COMBAT MEMORIES”

BY SSG Russ Warriner

A Review

Following the publication of *“Backseat Memories and Empty Tubes”*, a day-by-day account of Mr. Warriner of a young man’s life changing experience of coming from a conventional small-town life to eighteen months of spine-chilling combat and the terrors of war, continues his personal pilgrimage to aid and assist fellow veterans to deal with their inevitable “combat demons”, currently labeled PTSD. This condition is universal to any who have experienced the horrors of war, been part of terrifying events, suffered significant losses, had their normal life vision interrupted by circumstances, or any of a hundred experiences. In WWI it was “shell shock”, in WWII and Korea it was “battle fatigue”, But ‘a rose by any other name is still the same’. As with the effects of Agent Orange, we all have PTSD, and denial is not a river in Egypt. How we deal with it, how we are affected by it, how it manifests itself, are matters of degree.

From racing thoughts at night, inexplicable bursts of anger, to destroyed relationships, to an array of physical symptoms, Mr. Warriner writes, not a detailed medical treatise, but a simple account of how his PTSD affected him and how he dealt with it. This is a manual for the common soldier and advice from someone who has been there and paid the price.

The following is from an unknown author who has a unique and exacting grasp of the problem.

**We didn’t have PTSD when we came back from Vietnam. Well, that’s not entirely true, we did have it, we just didn’t know what to call it. Part of it was the way we came home. Most of us flew home, and that was great . . . it would get us back with our loved ones in less than two days. That was also bad.**

**The soldiers coming home from WWII and Korea, came by ship . . . and that gave them time for decompression, so the immediacy of the war was put behind them. Not so with the soldiers from Vietnam, we were home before we even changed clothes.**

**To be honest, it wasn’t all that bad for those of us who were career soldiers. We came back to a CONUS base where nearly everyone we met had been there, or were going, which meant we had shared experiences. But let us consider the plight of the part-time soldiers; draftees, or those who enlisted for one tour then left the army.**

**On Friday, such a soldier might be on ambush patrol outside the fence at Cu Chi, Di An, or Phu Loi. When he comes back in that afternoon, he has his travel orders, and the next day he boards a Pan Am flight for San Francisco. By Monday afternoon he is sitting in the Bulldog Drive-in in Sikeston, Missouri, the Purity Café in Greenville, Illinois, or some such place back in the U.S.**

**He is listening to the juke box and visiting with people he has known his entire life. Physically he is home, but mentally, and emotionally, he is still back in-country! He remembers that Creech owes him five dollars. McKay has his sunglasses. He wonders if anyone will find the three cans of fruit from the Cs that he hid behind the 500KW generator. Will the rod-end bearings that are on ADP orders come in tomorrow? What about the tire for the three-quarter ton truck? He looks around at the others . . . they are laughing, teasing, talking about things that were once so important to him, the football game with Poplar Bluff was two weeks ago, and putting the dates together, he knows that was the day Lambdin was killed. He realizes that, though he had grown up with these people, they were not there for a very important part of his life. None of them have any idea...nor do they care...where he has been, what he has done, or seen.**

**Where is Schuler? Where is Gilbert? Chambers? Lindell? They’re still back in country. Bostick is still there as well, and, like Lambdin, he’ll be there forever. Bevins is back though . . . somewhere in Ohio. Is he going through the same thing?**

**He stares at Linda, a girl he had dated a few times, and she is smiling at him, but her smile is replaced with a sudden flash of fear, and, quickly, he glances away. He realizes that he has given her the thousand yard stare, and he should apologize to her, but he can’t. She would never understand, and he’s not sure that he does.**

**It’s been fifty years . . . but even now, a song, a smell, a sight, will bring it all back. . . tone and tint. And if we see someone wearing a Vietnam Vet’s cap we’ll nod, and say something like “Welcome home, brother.” Others seeing us will see two old men . . . but they don’t see what we see. We are greeting a young man in jungle fatigues, maybe standing on the service deck of a Huey with the engine cowl removed, or wearing a flak jacket and carrying an M-16, or leaning against a jeep with his arms folded, or sitting on a sandbag reinforced Conex container, writing, or reading a letter.**

**Those with whom we served will never grow old. On the day we die, the men and women we met there will still occupy a hallowed chamber of our hearts . . . and they will forever be young.**

If anyone is interested in reading this practical book, it is available through Barnes and Noble, or Amazon.

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There was this couple who had been married for 50 years.

They were sitting at the breakfast table one morning when the old gentleman said to his wife, "Just think, honey, we've been married for 50 years."

"Yeah," she replied,

"Just think, fifty years ago we were sitting here at this breakfast table together."

"I know," the old man said, "We were probably sitting here naked as jaybirds fifty years ago."

"Well," Granny snickered, "What do you say... should we get naked?"

Whereupon the two stripped to the buff and sat down at the table.

"You know, honey," the little old lady breathlessly replied, "My nipples are as hot for you today as they were fifty years ago."

"I wouldn't be surprised," replied Gramps. "One's in your coffee and the other is in your oatmeal."



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