



REVETMENTS

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A Memorial to the American Experience in Vietnam



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Just a reminder, Revetments, our newsletter, will now be published every three months.

Please feel free to contribute, stories, pictures or information for future publications. You are encouraged to contribute or even volunteer to submit an issues for the organization.

Contact information is below.

Thank You

Paul Mortensen has contributed items from our get together in Tucson; it was a fun time for all. Andy has added some things pertaining to the scholarships and some information about Rich Carvell's passing.

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Paul Mortensen

Makenzie Halama (center) will receive her Bachelor's degree in Nursing in April 2026 from Grand Canyon University. Makenzie is a 2023 recipient of a TSNA Scholarship.

Congratulations to Makenzie as she is finishing her degree in record time. She is grateful to the Association for helping her with her schooling and thanks all the members for their generosity.



THANKS
Thank you so much for your support and generous contribution. It will help out so much in this exciting new chapter of my life.
Love, Sydney Keister

We received this nice thank you note from one of our 2025 Scholarship winners, Sydney Keister from Georgetown, KY.

On the back she wrote:

"Thank you so much for your organization's generosity. This scholarship will be very helpful when it comes to achieving my dreams. Thank you for this opportunity."

Sydney is attending Ohio State and wants to become the mascot in addition to her studies in Sports Industry with a Pre-Law Tack and a minor in Economics.

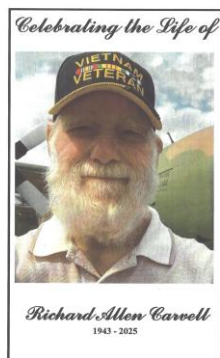


As many of you know, **President Rich Carvell** passed away at home on September 8, 2025.

Rich served as Vice President of the Tan Son Nhut Association for many years. He served as a Captain in the USAF in Vietnam in 1966 at Tan Son Nhut Air Base. In addition to his duties on base Rich was a volunteer at a local orphanage in Saigon on a weekly basis, as well as other charitable activities that he continued with throughout his life.

He was also a key person who managed our scholarship program. Andy and Rena attended his service in Jonesboro, AR. Andy was honored to be asked to speak at Rich's Celebration of life as a military representative. The Tan Son Nhut Association meant a lot to Rich. The pastor told the story about the only Arkansas State Football opening game he missed in 40 years was due to a scheduling conflict with a Tan Son Nhut Reunion.

Please keep the family on your prayers, especially Rich's wife Sue who has Parkinson's. Andy visited Rich a few months back and we went to see Sue at her assisted living center. Rich spent part of every day with her.



**RICH WILL
BE
MISSED!**

Richard Allen Carvell of Jonesboro, died peacefully in his home on September 8, 2025. He was born on December 18, 1943, in Brinkley, Arkansas. He is preceded in death by his parents, Charlotte Amelia Carvell and Robert Carvell, siblings Harriett Fowler, Louise Pearson, Bob Carvell, and Mary Bragg, and two grandchildren Courtland Stinson Carvell and Ruby Lenore Carvell. Survivors include his wife, Linda Sue Carvell; sons, James Carvell (Amber), Jon Carvell (Emily), David Carvell (Tiffany), Dean Collins, Richard Carvell, Jr. (Tracey), grandchildren Norah Carvell, Lydia Carvell, Meredith Carvell, Cassie Collins, Morgan Goff (Nathan), and great-granddaughter Daisy Kay Michelle Goff. Children and grandchildren will serve as honorary pallbearers.

Richard graduated from Brinkley High School in 1962, earned a bachelor's degree from Arkansas State College in 1966, then put his education on hold to serve as an Air Force Captain in Vietnam before returning to complete a master's degree at the University of Illinois-Champaign in 1971. He then began a 37-year career at Arkansas State University as a professor of radio-television, station manager for KASU and chair of the Department of Radio-TV in the College of Communications. During that time he volunteered in multiple service roles in the community, including at Huntington Avenue United Methodist Church, which later became Cornerstone UMC, on the Nettleton School Board, the NEA United Cerebral Palsy Board, the Arkansas Boys State Annual Conference, Disabled American Veterans, and many more. The Northeast Arkansas community remembers his voice as one that warned of impending severe weather when KASU received and repeatedly transmitted emergency alerts from the National Weather Service until the danger passed. Few may know that his first chosen career path before broadcasting was that of a Methodist minister beginning at Hendrix College, but none who knew his dedication to a Christian life will be surprised.

He enjoyed photography, bird watching, attending various ASU sporting events and programs featuring the arts, and spending time with his friends and family. The lives he touched are forever changed, and he will be missed in Arkansas and beyond. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Carvell Family Scholarship Fund at Arkansas State University.

Chaplain's Corner-Thanksgiving Proclamation

Andy Csordas-Associate Chaplain

As we celebrate Thanksgiving this month it is good to remember what George Washington said when he proclaimed the following Proclamation below.

Let us never forget, the founding fathers, not just Washington's, faith in God; it is in all of their writings. They credit God with the defeat of the British and the guidance God provided when our very unique system of government was created. We certainly do have a lot to be thankful for, let's all work to ensure our grandchildren have the same freedoms for their future as well. We should all start by thanking God for all of his blessings.

Thanksgiving Proclamation, 3 October 1789

[New York, 3 October 1789]

By the President of the United States of America. a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me “to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.”

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility (original document spelling), union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease (original document spelling) of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

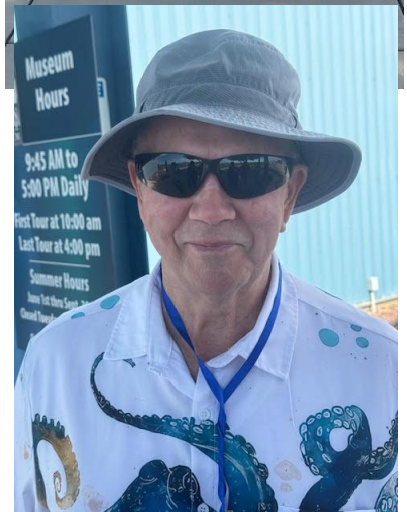
Given under my hand at the City of New-York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

Go: Washington

Pictorial of Tucson Get Together, September 2025

This event was not sponsored by the Association however it was promoted to the Association, and many members did attend, Including Randall and Rita Brown. Day one was spent at the Pima Air and Space Museum, with a lunch presentation on “Aging as a Vietnam Vet”, Day two was at the Titan Missile Museum and Guadalajara Mexican Grill, with Day three at the Tucson Military Vehicle Museum. Enjoy the pictures





**Bruce Wimmer, above, our
new TSNA Vice President**





Guadalajara Fiesta Grill



We enjoyed a good time
of food and fellowship.
We were blessed to
have Randall (Past
President of TSNA) and
Rita Brown, below left,
with us.





A new Military Vehicle Museum had just opened next to the Pima Air Museum



We want to welcome our new member

James Staber

from Columbus, OH. James piloted the EC-47 Recon Aircraft from 11/71 to 10/72. During his last two months in country he trained VNAF pilots to take over the mission.



3rd Field Hospital, across from the Tan Son Nhut Main Gate



Shot up Chinooks on the H-3 Heliport pad.

WELCOME HOME BROTHERS

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Guard Shack at H-3 Heliport Entrance