



REVETMENTS

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MY COFFEE CUP

By: John Offerman Sindall
7th Air Force Intelligence Headquarters
Jul 67—Aug 70

I thought this photo of my Vietnam coffee cup might amuse you.

When I arrived at 7th Air Force Headquarters, *Intelligence, Directorate of Targets* in 1967, I found everyone had to have their own coffee cup. This was the cup they gave to me.

We needed those coffee cups since we worked 12-hour days, six days a week. We rotated shifts each week - day shift one week, night shift the next week. I used this cup constantly during the three years I served at Tan Son Nhut Air Base. (I served for five years in Air Force Intelligence.)

This cup saw a LOT of action. I was on night shift, drinking out of this cup, when the first rockets hit during TET. I worked 36 straight hours and had a lot of coffee to keep me going.

After those 36 hours of working I was sent back to my hut (14 men to a hut) to get some much-needed sleep, only to find that my hut had been hit by a rocket. The young man (19 years old) who slept next to me had been killed and my best friend who slept across from me had been severely injured and never returned.

My locker had been blown open and all of my belongings had been sprayed by shrapnel. The only clothes that had not been destroyed were the clothes I was wearing.

I returned to work and curled up behind the computer. I slept straight through, in the midst of that hectic action, to my next shift.

And the first thing I did when I started that shift was to fill up this coffee cup to get myself going. I owe this cup a lot.



SAVED BY A PACK OF CIGARETTES

By: Mark Reveaux
377th Supply Sq.
May 67-May 68

Don't recall if I told this story but at TSN in late 1967 (not sure of date), I was on the command post shift, from evening to morning. I reported to an officer. It was time for midnight chow and that was across the base. I started the jeep, he jumped in and we were on our way towards the airfield perimeter access road when he said we needed to stop at his hooch so he could pick up a pack of cigarettes. When he was about two thirds the way down the walk to his hooch, the mortar rounds started coming in, with several impacting close to our position. We hit the pavement. Later, we found that the mortar rounds hit close to where we would have been in that jeep, had he not stopped for cigarettes. First time I ever knew that a pack of cigarettes could save your life.

MAJ. GEN. HOMER D. SMITH, JR.

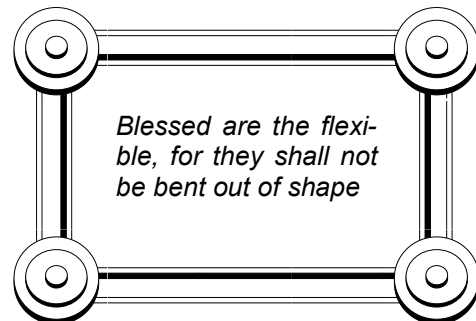
By: Larry E. Fry
Editor, *Revetments*

We have received word of the passing of Major General Homer D. Smith, Jr.

He was responsible for the planning and executing of "Operation Frequent Wind" and "Operation Baby Lift" during the fall of Saigon.

Operation Frequent Wind was responsible for the evacuation of remaining U. S. Embassy personnel and the remaining military contingent.

Please do an internet search using his name to obtain further information on this remarkable gentleman.





NOTATIONS FROM APPLICATIONS

Lived in barracks adjacent to heliport & across from 600th Combat Photo. Spent most of tour as a Photo Interpreter with the 12th RITS, but also had two TDY's. A short (2 week) one to DaNang for FAC Orientation and a second longer TDY, to Province of Tay Ninh working joint targeting with Special Forces (Army).

Robert A. Pearson
12th RITS
Nov 70—Nov 71

Lived in the 8th Aeroport (800) barracks area, building 892. I worked in the Dial Central Office and the 7th Air Force compound. Took care of the phone equipment to call home!! I also supported the Security Police as an Augmentee. Flew out with medics to Montagnard Villages to provide security and administer shots, vaccinations, first aid, etc.

Jimmy Avera
1876th Communications Squadron
June 71—Jan 72

Lived in the security police barracks area—the first 4 months were a jumble of rocket and mortar attacks. The most memorable was being on the QRT that helped hold off the attack on May 6, 1968. I was using an M-60 while sniper bullets bounced off the ground around me.

Dale R. Borland
377th SPS
Feb 68—Feb 69



U.S. Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Richard Burr
Ranking Member
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Senate Declares March 30th as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day"

Resolution Introduced by Senator Richard Burr

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, March 8, 2011

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Washington D.C – The U.S. Senate yesterday declared March 30th as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day," agreeing unanimously to a resolution introduced by Senator Richard Burr (R-N.C.), Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

On March 30, 1973, all U.S. troops withdrew from Vietnam under the terms of the Treaty of Paris. This March 30th, the Senate has encouraged Americans across the country to recognize Vietnam veterans for their sacrifice and demonstrate a warm welcome to these soldiers who returned from war to a politically divided country.

"I'm pleased that the Senate has agreed to set aside a day to give our Vietnam veterans a warm, long-overdue welcome home. I strongly encourage communities throughout North Carolina and across the country to observe this day with activities and events that honor these veterans for their service. It's time they receive the recognition they have earned and deserve. This day also provides our nation with an important teaching moment. Never again should our men and women serving in the armed forces receive the same treatment as those returning from Vietnam," said Senator Richard Burr.

Senator Burr introduced the resolution for the second consecutive year on February 16, 2011. For Senator Burr's remarks on the introduction of the resolution, click [here](#).

The United States became involved in Vietnam because policy-makers believed that if South Vietnam fell to a communist government, communism would spread throughout the rest of Southeast Asia. The US Armed Forces began serving in an advisory role to the South Vietnamese in 1961, and in 1965, ground combat troops were sent into Vietnam. On March 30, 1973, after many years of combat, all US troops withdrew. More than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives and more than 300,000 were wounded in Vietnam.

Senators John Boozman (R-AR), Thad Cochran (R-MS), James Inhofe (R-OK), and Johnny Isakson (R-GA) and Mike Johanns (R-NE) co-sponsored the legislation. The resolution now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Expressing support for designation of a 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day'.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 16, 2011

Mr. BURR (for himself, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs

RESOLUTION

Expressing support for designation of a 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day'.

Whereas the Vietnam War was fought in the Republic of South Vietnam from 1961 to 1975, and involved North Vietnamese regular forces and Viet Cong guerrilla forces in armed conflict with United States Armed Forces and the Army of the Republic of Vietnam;

Whereas the United States Armed Forces became involved in Vietnam because the United States Government wanted to provide direct military support to the Government of South Vietnam to defend itself against the growing Communist threat from North Vietnam;

Whereas members of the United States Armed Forces began serving in an advisory role to the Government of the Republic of South Vietnam in 1961;

Whereas, as a result of the Gulf of Tonkin incidents on August 2 and 4, 1964, Congress overwhelmingly passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution (Public Law 88-408), on August 7, 1964, which provided the authority to the President of the United States to prosecute the war against North Vietnam;

Whereas, in 1965, United States Armed Forces ground combat units arrived in Vietnam;

Whereas, by the end of 1965, there were 80,000 United States troops in Vietnam, and by 1969, a peak of approximately 543,000 troops was reached;

Whereas, on January 27, 1973, the Treaty of Paris was signed, which required the release of all United States prisoners-of-war held in North Vietnam and the withdrawal of all United States Armed Forces from South Vietnam;

Whereas, on March 30, 1973, the United States Armed Forces completed the withdrawal of combat units and combat support units from South Vietnam;

Whereas, on April 30, 1975, North Vietnamese regular forces captured Saigon, the capitol of South Vietnam, effectively placing South Vietnam under Communist control;

Whereas more than 58,000 members of the United States Armed Forces lost their lives in Vietnam and more than 300,000 members of the Armed Forces were wounded;

Whereas, in 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in the District of Columbia to commemorate those members of the United States Armed Forces who died or were declared missing-in-action in Vietnam;

Whereas the Vietnam War was an extremely divisive issue among the people of the United States and a conflict that

caused a generation of veterans to wait too long for the United States public to acknowledge and honor the efforts and services of such veterans;

Whereas members of the United States Armed Forces who served bravely and faithfully for the United States during the Vietnam War were often wrongly criticized for the policy decisions made by 4 presidential administrations in the United States;

Whereas the establishment of a 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day' would be an appropriate way to honor those members of the United States Armed Forces who served in South Vietnam and throughout Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War; and

Whereas March 30, 2011, would be an appropriate day to establish as 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day': Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate--

(1) honors and recognizes the contributions of veterans who served in the United States Armed Forces in Vietnam during war and during peace;

(2) encourages States and local governments to also establish 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day'; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe 'Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day' with appropriate ceremonies and activities that--

(A) provide the appreciation Vietnam War veterans deserve, but did not receive upon returning home from the war;

(B) demonstrate the resolve that never again shall the Nation disregard and denigrate a generation of veterans;

(C) promote awareness of the faithful service and contributions of such veterans during their military service as well as to their communities since returning home;

(D) promote awareness of the importance of entire communities empowering veterans and the families of veterans to readjust to civilian life after military service; and

(E) promote opportunities for such veterans to assist younger veterans returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in rehabilitation from wounds, both seen and unseen, and to support the reintegration of younger veterans into civilian life.

Secretary's Column

By: Dale Bryan
TSNA Secretary

Fellow members, I have not been very visible to you the past few months, but I have been keeping myself busy with Association paperwork and acting as the adjudicator of recent actions by your Board of Directors.

On the legal front: In February, I filed our annual report to the Corporation Commission of the Commonwealth of Virginia. This report updates the roster of officers and board members on file with the commission. That is about as exciting and pleasurable as filing an income tax return. Reminder: Be sure to file yours on time.

To aid the Board of Directors to more smoothly operate and serve the membership, it has established three new committees: Awards Committee. Memorial Committee. Elections Committee.

Awards Committee

A resolution to establish the committee was approved December 14, 2010. After the Christmas Holidays, four members were appointed to the committee by the Board. The fifth member was appointed by the President. Board members with terms of office are Founder Don Parker - 3 years, Founder John Peele - 3 years, Chaplain Bob Chaffee - 2 years, Vice President George Plunkett - 2 years, Jim Stewart - 1 year. They will recommend recipients of the Order of the Dragon award for 2011 and may recommend establishing awards of lower ranking for service by members to the association.

Memorial Committee

A resolution to establish the committee was approved December 14, 2010. After the Christmas Holidays, five members were appointed to the committee by the Board. The committee then chose a chairman from among themselves. All will serve on the committee until a Tan Son Nhut

Association Memorial is dedicated at the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio. The committee's charter will automatically expire upon dedication of the memorial. Committee members are Harold Boone (elected chairman), Bill Coup, Gary Redlinski, TSNA Director Johnnie Jernigan, and TSNA Director Charles Penley. Chaplain Bob Chaffee, though not a voting member of the committee, is its spiritual advisor.

Elections Committee

A resolution to establish the committee was approved by the Board of Directors on March 15, 2011. The board is now seeking TSNA members to serve on the committee. Anyone want to volunteer? Send your name to Vice President George Plunkett. Five will be appointed to it. This committee will be charged to have slates of candidates for the offices of President and Secretary by this summer. The terms of those currently holding those offices expire when the Reunion of 2011 ends. Those elected to fill the positions will be sworn into office at the general membership meeting.

Bylaws Committee

So far, the Bylaws Committee's progress has been slow, but that will change come April. The committee's chairman (that's me) has been focused on all the activity to form the new committees. We plan to have the proposed revisions to the bylaw to present to the membership at the reunion in Charlotte, NC. I Look forward to seeing you there.

Until the reunion, enjoy the Blessed Season of Easter and enjoy the summer. Remember the true meaning of Memorial Day and Independence Day when you have those days off to just relax.



AUSTRALIAN GIFT TO VIETNAM VETERANS EDUCATION CENTER

The Prime Minister of Australia, Julia Gillard, visited Washington, DC on

March 7, 2011. In addition to her meetings with President Obama and other officials, she visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, accompanied by Adm. Michael Mullen, USN, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Gen. Barry McCaffrey, USA (Ret.); and Jan Scruggs, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund President; all three had served in Vietnam, and shared their personal experiences and impressions of their Australian counterparts.

Prime Minister Gillard stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial as she announced the Australian government's \$3 million gift to build the Education Center at The Wall. This is the first foreign donation to the Education Center, and is a reflection of the friendship and mutual support between the two countries.

The group then went to The Wall to pay their respects to the name of the one native-born Australian whose name is on the Memorial:

1Lt. John Louis Molyneux, Jr., USMC Reserve
Place of Birth: Victoria, Australia
Age 22
Arrived Vietnam: December 19, 1967
Casualty: August 31, 1968
Location: Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam

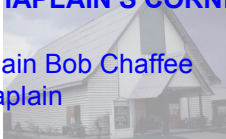
Location on The Wall: 45W Line 15

Keep in mind that there is one Australian name on The Wall, but over 500 Australian troops died during the war. The Australian Vietnam Forces National Memorial is located on Anzac Parade in Canberra, the national capital. It was dedicated in October, 1992, and approximately half of the country's Vietnam veterans marched at the dedication ceremony. It is a complex and intriguing memorial; check out their website: <http://www.vvaa.org.au/memorial.htm>
Carol Bessette, TSNA Treasurer



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

By: Chaplain Bob Chaffee
TNSA Chaplain



What a way to start a month: April 1, April Fool's Day. Well, Webster's Unabridged says it is All Fool's Day so I guess we take the day for what it is worth: - April 1.

Yes, this for the Chaplain is a special month containing celebrations, devotions and religious events. Almost every faith group has an important involvement during the month of April. Christians: Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday. The Jewish celebration of Passover, Muslims with special prayer days. So we start off April with humor but then get down to seriousness and real lives.

As I write this "Corner" there is a realization that April 2011 is going to cause much self study and concerns. The massive horror seen in Japan's earthquake, tsunami and atomic power crisis. The internal revolutions in the Near East, the resulting financial repercussions of all these come close to each of us.

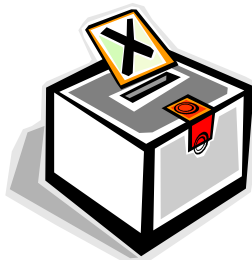
This is not the type of "Corner" I usually send to you all, and please, this is no April Fool page!

Here is my appeal to all: we have all spent time away from our "homeland" and have lived in places with differing cultures and needs.

In this month of April let's respond to the needs of others, removing politics and prejudices and reach out to those in far away places so much in need, each person in his/her own way. End of April sermon.

**TSNA REUNION
OCTOBER 6-9, 2011
BLAKE HOTEL
CHARLOTTE NC**

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Fellow Members:

We need volunteers to staff our election committee. The duties would require about 2 hours of your time monthly. If interested, please contact me at viet62@aol.com, giving your name and a short (one paragraph or so), thumbnail biography. Committee members must be confirmed by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Thanks,

George Plunkett
1st Mobile Communications Group
Vice President, TSNA

VIETNAM HISTORY

By: Chaplain Bob Chaffee
TNSA Chaplain

As we don't have an official Historian at the moment here is something that we need to get out to our members: From Military History, May 2011, page 12.

"This year the Department of Defense [www.defense.gov] will host events marking the 50th anniversary of America's entry into the Vietnam War. Objectives are five-fold to honor veterans and their families; to highlight the armed forces' role in the conflict; to recognize civilian contributions on the home front; to spotlight wartime advances in military research; and to acknowledge America's wartime allies. For event specifics visit the project Web site: [www.vietnamwar50th.com]."



CHANGE OF NAME FOR LEGACY/ENDOWMENT FUND

After considerable deliberation, the Board voted to change the name of the TSNA Legacy/Endowment Fund to the TSNA Memorial/Endowment Fund. The Board considered that the TSNA Memorial, to be placed at the National Museum of the US Air Force, will be an outstanding example of the "TSNA legacy for the future."

In addition, after a review of dictionary terminology (your Board does its research!), the words "Memorial" and "Endowment" were considered to better reflect the purpose of this fund.

Memorial: Something that keeps remembrance alive, such as a monument.

Endowment: The part of an institution's income derived from donations.

All funds in the Legacy Fund (as of 03/0/2011, \$1303.05) have been transferred to the Memorial/Endowment Fund. As has been true since mid-2010, all donations to TSNA are tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Carol Bessette
TSNA Treasurer

FAVORITE SAYINGS



Never underestimate the power of stupid people in large groups.

I'm so tired I don't know whether I have found a rope or lost a horse.

Inside every old person is a younger person screaming, "What the hell happened?"

I have all the money that I'll ever need, but only if I pass on at 6:28 PM today.

**TAN SON NHUT ASSOCIATION
2011 REUNION
OCTOBER 6-9
BLAKE HOTEL
CHARLOTTE, NC**

Come as strangers, leave as friends!
Bring your cameras and capture some valuable memories!

There are no strangers in TSNA - only new friends waiting to be discovered!

We would like to shake your hand and share a cup of coffee over some small talk!

If you've never been to one before, come and see what you're missing.

None of us are getting any younger. Come this year if possible. We have a ball!

Transportation to/from the Charlotte airport via taxi or shuttle costs \$20. and up, per person, one way.

Public bus service is available for about \$1.50 per person, one way, to the central bus hub in downtown Charlotte. You can board another bus there for service to the Blake Hotel, 555 South McDowell Street.

By purchasing a ticket for the 50-50 split, half of the proceeds go to the TSNA Memorial Bench and the other half goes to the winner of the drawing.



GUEST SPEAKER:
COL. JAMES C. HARDING, USAF Retired
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The special TSNA room rate is \$109.00 per night (plus tax). This rate will be honored for up to three days pre and post event.

Check-in date: **10/06/11**
Check-in time is: 3:00 p.m., Thursday.
Check-out date: **10/09/11**
Check-out time is: NLT, 12:00p.m., Sunday.
Overnight parking is \$10.00 per night.

OTHER THINGS TO DO IN CHARLOTTE



Billy Graham Library

Mecklenburg County
Vietnam Veterans
Memorial



NASCAR Hall of Fame

COLONEL JAMES C. HARDING, USAF Retired

Colonel James C. Harding entered the Air Force in 1956 as a distinguished graduate of the Penn State University Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program where he was also selected as the outstanding Air Force ROTC cadet. His military career covered a variety of flying assignments as well as command positions. He served as squadron commander for a 400 person unit at Lackland AFB and as an A-1 combat squadron commander in Southeast Asia.

He is a command pilot with nearly 5,000 hours of military single-engine flying time, and a master parachutist with 69 jumps. Colonel Harding was shot down by a SA-7 Surface-To-Air Missile (SAM) while directing a rescue mission in Vietnam in 1972. United States Army helicopters rescued him after he successfully evaded North Vietnamese troops. While on the ground, Colonel Harding used his survival radio to direct the rescue of his wingman, who had also been shot down on the same rescue mission.

Upon retiring from active duty on July 31, 1979, Colonel Harding entered general aviation at Nueces County Airport, Robstown, Texas. In 1980, he turned his focus to the Air Force Junior ROTC program where he was instrumental in organizing and implementing programs in the continental United States as well as at Department of Defense schools overseas. He had two short breaks from the Junior ROTC program from 1985 to 1987 and 1990 to 1992 when he worked as an advisor to the Royal Saudi Air Force and developed a professional education program for Saudi Air Force officers. Colonel Harding retired from the Air Force Junior ROTC program in 1998 to take up tree farming in Bayview, TX. He moved his tree farming operation to Huntingdon, TN in 2001 and continued teaching as a substitute in Carroll County. He retired from teaching in 2009 to devote full attention to his family tree farm. He is an accomplished public speaker and has extensive writing experience. **He is a lifetime member of 15 national service organizations.**

EDUCATION:

1956 - Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Penn State University, PA.
1961 - Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL. Distinguished Graduate
1971 - Masters in Business Administration, Auburn University, AL.
1971 - Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, AL. Distinguished Graduate
1975 - Industrial College of the Armed Forces, by correspondence
1977 - Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL. Distinguished Graduate

ASSIGNMENTS:

1956-1957 - Primary Pilot Training, Marana AB, AZ and Basic Pilot Training, Laredo AFB, TX
1957-1959 - T-33 and F-86 instrument instructor pilot, Moody AFB, GA.
1959-1961 - Squadron Commander, Base Training Officer, T-33 instructor pilot and member of the AWar Hawks@ aerial demonstration team, Lackland AFB, TX
1961-1963 - F-84 tactical fighter pilot and T-33 instructor pilot, MacDill AFB, FL.
1963-1967 - Plans Officer, 313th Air Division and the O-1, U-10, T-33 Pacific Air Forces Standardization Evaluation Flight Examiner, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. Of this time, he spent 2 1/2 years on temporary duty in Southeast Asia (SEA) as an air liaison officer/forward air controller (ALO/FAC) for allied forces. He flew **442** combat missions in the O-1 and U-10, **101** of which were over **North Vietnam**.
1967-1971 - Section Commander and Lecturer for Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL. Also completed Air Command and Staff College and Auburn University Masters Degree (**MBA**) program.
1971-1972 - Commander, 1st Special Operations Squadron AHobos@ and ASandy's,@ Nakon Phenom Royal Thai AB, Thailand. He flew **154** missions in the A-1 bringing his total combat missions to **596**. **38** additional North Vietnam missions brought that total to **139**, all in **propeller** aircraft.
1972-1973 - Chief of Operations and Training, 23rd Tactical Fighter Wing, England AFB, LA.
1973-1976 - Chief of Officer Career Development, Headquarters Air Force Military Personnel Center, Randolph AFB, TX
1976-1978 - Student and Faculty, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL.
1978-1979 - Chief of Safety, 9th Air Force, Shaw AFB, SC.
1979-1980 - Corporation Vice-president, Director of Operations, Chief Flight Instructor and Chief Pilot for Coastal Bend Flying, Inc., Robstown, TX
1980-1981 - Commandant, Air Force Junior ROTC program, FL-801, Homestead High School, FL (**established a new unit**)
1981-1982 - Commandant, Air Force Junior ROTC program, FL-43, Vero Beach High School, FL
1982-1985 - Commandant, Air Force Junior ROTC program, HI-821, Kailua High School, HI (**established a new unit**)
1985-1987 - Education, Training, Operations and Tactics consultant and analyst, Royal Saudi Air Force headquarters, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
1987-1989 - Commandant, Air Force Junior ROTC program, GR-831, Department of Defense Dependents School System (DoDDS), Ramstein American High School, Ramstein AB, Germany.
1989-1990 - Commandant, Air Force Junior ROTC program, TX-41, Harlingen High School, TX



1990-1992 - Base Manager during Desert Shield/Desert Storm, King Faisal AB, Tabuk, Saudi Arabia and Analyst, Royal Saudi Air Force headquarters, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

1992-1994 - Commandant, Air Force Junior ROTC program, TX-922, Rivera High School, Brownsville, TX (**established a new unit**)

1994-1995 - Commandant, Air Force ROTC program, FL-35, Satellite High School, Satellite Beach, FL

1995-1998, Commandant, Air Force Junior ROTC program, IT-951, Aviano High School, Aviano Air Base, Italy (**established a new unit**)

1998-2000 - Owner/Operator Harding Groves, Bayview, TX

2000-Present - Owner/Operator Harding Tree Farm, Huntingdon, TN

2002-2009 - Substitute Teacher Huntingdon High School, TN

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command pilot, Master parachutist

Flight hours: Over 8,000 hours including civilian hours

Aircraft flown: T-33, F-86, F-84, O-1, U-10, A-1, A-7, various single and multiengine civilian propeller aircraft

<http://www.veterantributes.org/Top20MostDecorated.htm>

<http://www.veterantributes.org/TributeDetail.asp?ID=424>

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Air Force Cross; Silver Star with 2 oak leaf clusters; Legion of Merit with 1 oak leaf cluster ; Distinguished Flying Cross with 8 oak leaf clusters; Bronze Star with AV@ and 1 oak leaf cluster; Purple Heart with 3 oak leaf clusters; Meritorious Service Medal; Air Medal with 39 oak leaf clusters; Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster; Presidential Unit Citation with 4 oak leaf clusters; USAF Outstanding Unit Award with AV@ and 4 oak leaf clusters; Combat Readiness Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with 8 bronze service stars; Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Silver Star; Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm;

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Royal Thai Supreme Command Forward Badge 1st Class

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1956 - Distinguished Military Graduate and outstanding Air Force ROTC cadet at Penn State University

1957 - Air Training Command Outstanding Instructor, Moody AFB, GA

1967 - Air Command and Staff College Distinguished Graduate

1968 - Air Force nominee in the Junior Chamber of Commerce ATen Most Outstanding Young Men of the Year@ competition

1969 - Air Force Outstanding Junior Officer

1977 - Distinguished Graduate and class president, Air War College, Maxwell AFB, AL

1983 - Windward Oahu Rotarian of the Year, Paul Harris Fellow

1987/8 - Air Force Junior ROTC Outstanding Instructor in Europe

1988/9 - Air Force Junior ROTC Outstanding Instructor in Europe

1995/8 - Air Force Junior ROTC Outstanding Instructor, Aviano AB Italy

1998 - Air Force Association Citation for outstanding achievement

Air Force Junior ROTC units GR-821 and TX-41 were **honor** units during his tours as commandant

Air Force Junior ROTC unit IT-951 was cited as a **model** AFJROTC unit

Federal Aviation Agency Certified Flight Instructor, instrument for single and multiengine aircraft

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	9 June 1956
First Lieutenant	23 March 1958
Captain	7 August 1962
Major	8 December 1966
Lieutenant Colonel	23 November 1971
Colonel	26 October 1973

Current as of November 2010

YOU WILL LEARN A LOT, SEE A LOT, SHAKE HANDS

A LOT, HUG A LOT, IN CHARLOTTE!!



**BUD DAY F-100 ROLLOUT DAY
MARCH 29, 2011**

By: Bob Dunham

Special To Revetments

We just returned from a very motivating and interesting trip to Houston to watch the rollout of the F-100 at the Collings Foundation. Charlie Friend is their pilot for now, and Charlie will be checking out some of the Collings guys to fly the Hun at the shows.

Both Rob and Bob Collings made very motivational speeches - and I admit Bob "broke up" several times in his speech - indicating to me his sincere emotions about the Legacy of the Vietnam Era war birds.

Besides the WWII B-17, B-24 and others, they are now moving into solid Vietnam - with a TA-4 Skyhawk, F-4 Phantom (that Ron Fogleman started the ball rolling to get it from the USAF - but it took almost 10 years and a Congressional Bill to finally get it), a UH-1 Huey, and now the F-100 which the Dworak family bought for the Collings Foundation.

The rollout ceremony was in honor of Bud Day, as the air-plane is painted up as his Misty One - the weather did not improve enough to allow the flight today, but it was a superb day none-the-less.



**FROM ANNE COHAGAN-COLEMAN TSNA Member
(More on March 29 Ceremony)**

Here also is a photo of her coming out of the hangar upon Col. Day's request with the sounds of Johnnie Mathis' 'Misty' being played in the background... 'Look at me...' What a beautiful sight she was and the sound of her flight late yesterday afternoon was like hearing from an old friend. We were VERY close in those days... she woke me up every morning before school by rattling our windows at Luke! What a further inspiration she'll be for our mission to complete the F-100 Super Sabre Museum in Gilmer TX.



Photo of our Charlie "Brown" Hubbs and George "Bud" Day 1967. Photo courtesy of TSNA Member Joe Potter

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