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Editors note: This month we start a new column, "From Your Board". Members of our Board will be contributing items of interest for your information.

FROM YOUR BOARD

Your Board of Directors has been busy

By: Dale Bryan, TSNA Secretary

The 2015 Tan Son Nhut Association reunion is now two months in the past, but that does not mean that your Board of Directors has gone home to "veg out". There was much post-reunion business to complete.

First item on the agenda was filling a board vacancy that became a fact during the reunion. The Board quickly alleviated that issue by appointing Andy Csordas to the position of Director-at-Large. In that position, Andy will take on tasks that may suddenly and unexpectedly bubble up. On top of that, he will be busy as a member of Awards Committee 1 and the newly formed Scholarship Committee.

Shortly after filling the Board vacancy, it was necessary to amend the TSNA Bylaws to reflect the new reality that Director of Communications and Webmaster can be two different persons. As reported in July, Gary Fields is now Director of Communications.

Then, your Board had to tackle how the term Emeritus should be applied to persons who have filled officer, director, or other support positions in our Association. Emeritus is an honor bestowed on a living person by the Board of Directors. It is not just another word for past or retired. After much soul searching and even some minor wrangling, the Board agreed that two past presidents who are now deceased are Emeritus. The other three

past presidents were then declared Emeritus by the Board. All of our past presidents will now be listed as Emeritus on the TSNA Website and the masthead of this publication. At this time, no other past officer or director is considered emeritus.

A Republic of Vietnam flag has been bestowed to our Association. The Board had to agree to allow this flag to be displayed along with Old Glory and the Association flag at our reunions. The Board had to also authorize the purchase of a stand and pole for it. Look for the flag in Huntsville in 2016.

Finally, the committees had to be fully staffed, and the last vacancy to be filled was on the Scholarship Committee. Susie "Dang" Ahrens has agreed to fill that vacancy. Her having been a Vietnamese civilian employee at Tan Son Nhut AB means we have on the committee someone who can more thoroughly evaluate scholarship applications for one who is a descendant of a Vietnamese veteran or civilian that supported us in Vietnam.

Following is an updated listing of the active TSNA Committees. I'm sure that most readers will note there are two Awards committees. Why, you may ask? The reason for the two committees is alleviation of any conflict of interest. Awards Committee 1 is chaired by the TSNA President, one other officer, the chaplain, and three board members. That committee will evaluate all nominations for awards unless a member of that committee or a relative has been nominated. If that happens, Awards Committee 2 will evaluate.

This is also a good time to let you know that any member of TSNA in good standing may nominate a person to receive an award. To nominate, send an email to the chair of either of

the committees. Criteria for each award are listed on our website.

Committee proceedings are confidential, and the voting records of awards committees and the Scholarship Committee are also confidential. They will only report out their decisions.

Look for more updates related to your Board of Directors in this column.

TSNA Committees

Awards Committee 1

Randall Brown (Chair)
Dale Bryan
Robert Chaffee
Andy Csordas
Larry Fry
Kerry Nivens

Awards Committee 2

Rich Carvell (Chair)
Carol Bessette
Bill Coup
Gary Fields
Johnnie Jernigan
Joe Kricho

Memorial Committee

Joe Kricho (Chair)
Dale Bryan
Robert Chaffee
Bill Coup
Gary Fields
Kerry Nivens
Bobby White

Scholarship Committee

Rich Carvell (Chair)
Susie "Dang" Ahrens
Andy Csordas
Jim Faulkner
Hugh Penn

Bylaws Committee

Dale Bryan (Chair)
Dale Baker
George Bontya
Bill Coup
Kerry Nivens

By: Joe Kricho,
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The War May Have Ended. Yet Agent Orange Exposure Continued

With the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975, America's combat role in Vietnam ended. Yet, some USAF Active Duty and Air Force Reserve personnel continued to be exposed to Agent Orange as late as 1986. These Airmen operated, maintained, or served on, C-123 aircraft that were used to disperse Agent Orange in Vietnam. The spraying of defoliants was halted in 1971, and the Air Force began transferring these aircraft to bases around the world. In June of this year, the Department of Veterans Affairs acknowledged that fact, and issued an interim final ruling giving this select group of Airmen the same medical benefits as are given to those who were "boots on the ground" in Vietnam.

If you served in a C-123 unit at any time between 1972 and 1986, anywhere in the world, it might be worthwhile to check the rather extensive list of bases and units in the link below.

General information:

<http://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=2714>

Specific units and AFSC's:

http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/docs/AO_C123_AFSpecialityCodesUnits.pdf

How to apply for compensation:

<http://www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/agentorange-c123.asp>

Note: These links will also be available on the TSNA website under the Bulletin Board topic.



Mule Train C-123 at Dalat, South Vietnam, February, 1962

After the month that holds the date of celebration of Independence Day (4th) we should now spend some time evaluating what Freedom this celebration truly gives us. We can be reminded of what Freedom in the United States of America stands for: John Adams sets a tone for this study. "Liberty (Freedom) cannot be preserved without general knowledge among people".

The very term "Freedom" has brought out the works of most political and social leaders in and on our country. Example: Eleanor Roosevelt "Freedom makes a huge requirement of every human being. With freedom comes responsibility".

Ralph Waldo Emerson really sticks it thru us, "For what avail the plough or sail, or land or life, if freedom fails?"

Is it true that the word "Freedom" has to carry other words to define it? Words like Liberty, Justice, Human Rights and I am sure the person reading these few lines and quotes have some other words representing "Freedom".

Beauvoir is quoted as writing "I wish that every human life might be pure transparent freedom". But of course that is impossible.

Surprise: Mark Twain closes this writing with these thoughts: "It is by the goodness of God that we have those three unspeakable precious things: Freedom of speech, freedom of conscience" then he fouled up the phrase in typically wording of Twain.

I like this from another writer "We must be free not because we claim freedom but because we practice it".

End of meditation

Chaplain Bob Chaffee



TSN Chapel at night, courtesy of Rich Carvell, VP of TSNA

Remembering Glenn Cook

Like many of you, I have attended many funerals over the years for veterans of WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. And I was humbled by being in the presence of such honorable men and women.

Prior to May 31, 2015, I had been to only one funeral service for someone killed in action in Vietnam. That lone service was for the funeral of Air Force Staff Sergeant Charles Larry McMahon, killed in action in 1969. Larry and I were friends back in our teenage years.

With the war having ended decades ago, the thought of my going to another service for someone killed in action in Vietnam never occurred to me. In early April of 2015 I learned of an upcoming memorial service for a man named Glenn Cook. I did not know him or of ever having heard his name mentioned. The fact that he died in Vietnam was reason enough to attend.

Captain Glenn R. Cook, United States Air Force pilot, was shot down in Vietnam on October 21, 1969. His remains have never been found. The Department of Defense formally declared him dead on June 17, 1977.

Glenn's parents made many attempts in seeking answers on the whereabouts of their son. All of these efforts were fruitless. During these past 45 years, Captain Cook was never given a memorial service, or a grave marker, or any obituary. His parents held out hope for his eventual return for the remainder of their lives.

On this Sunday afternoon of May 31, 2015, family, friends, and veterans gathered to honor and pay lasting, long-overdue respects. As expected, Vietnam veterans were the majority of those in attendance and were there to honor one of their own. Like me, those other Vietnam veterans in attendance had aged considerably over these past 45 years. Gray hair and slumping shoulders were all around and easily seen.

This day, however, was not about the once ram-rod straight bodies and close cropped hair. The day belonged to Glenn Cook. The respect brought to the service by those gray-haired men and women for this fallen warrior was as pure and abundant as a morning sun.

The idea for this memorial service began in late 2014 with two old friends having lunch. Earlier in the year, graduates of Garinger High School, Charlotte, NC, dedicated a memorial on school grounds to acknowledge, honor, and remember its 15 graduates who died in Vietnam. Glenn Richard Cook is one of those 15 names listed on the memorial. The memorial is absolutely stunning in its beauty and scope and serves as a testament to the respect held for its "Sons" who died in Vietnam. The following words are inscribed on the memorial:

***They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;
Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in morning
We will remember them.***

From the poem "For The Fallen", by Laurence Binyon, 1914

Glenn's sister, Jan, gave the idea of a memorial service her blessings. More importantly, in December, 2014 she installed a headstone made available by the Veterans Administration. The headstone was placed adjacent to those of his parents. Now his name and other biographical information are there for all to see, and to remain so for the ages.

The service began with the posting of the Colors followed by a vocalist singing the National Anthem. A minister offered prayers and made welcoming remarks.

A moving and heartfelt eulogy was given by a Marine having served in Vietnam himself. The Marine remembered Captain Cook as a teenager and as one who knew who he was and what he wanted to do in life. He was described as "a class act".

A rifle squad fired the traditional three volleys and Taps was sounded. The Honor Guard from Shaw Air Force Base solemnly conducted a flag folding ceremony with the utmost precision and respect. The folded burial flag was presented to Glenn's sister by an Air Force Colonel who was also a college classmate of Captain Cook.

Following that presentation a second flag was also presented to Captain Cook's sister. The second flag was an American Flag that had been flown over the United States Capitol. Later this flag was hand delivered to the Vietnam Veterans Me-

memorial for a special ceremony. At the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Air Force Honor Guard in Washington, D.C. honored Captain Glenn Cook by ceremoniously folding this flag in his honor. The Honor Guard took their position in front of Panel 17 W where his name is inscribed. It is all together possible Captain Cook was the first person to be so honored in this manner.

This second flag was presented to Cook's sister by a retired Air Force Master Sergeant. In a sad bit of irony, the retired Sergeant's own brother died in Vietnam after his plane crashed in late 1967. His remains were returned 25 or so years later.

In what has become a tradition at funerals, a lone piper played "Amazing Grace" on the bag pipes. The piper was a retired Army Brigadier General having been a classmate of Captain Cook while in college at The Citadel. And with that, the memorial service was concluded. In a span of 30 minutes or so, a memorial service 45 years in the making had ended.

The life of Glenn Cook was remembered and honored on that Sunday afternoon. With the dedication of the high school memorial and the dedication of his grave marker, his name, his spirit, and his memory will live on in perpetuity.

And so, all of us there for the service on May 31, 2015, will long remember a man named Captain Glenn Richard Cook for his service to our country. God rest his soul.

You may read more of this story by following these links.

www.charlotteobserver.com and at the search option at the top of the home page, enter Glenn Cook. The backdrop of the photos shows the memorial for the 15 guys lost from Garinger High School in Charlotte.

www.andrews.af.mil and at the search option at the upper right hand corner, enter Glenn Cook

Harold Boone
460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing
1967-1968



Editor's Note: After sending Harold my draft for Revetments for his approval, he sent the following:

Arranging the memorial service for Captain Cook required the joint effort by many persons. During those 45 years since his death, many individuals moved about over the years and contacting them was necessary. Several worked to coordinate the memorial service activities, especially men named Don, Rick, Larry, Dwight, and Ted. The work they did was a labor of love and respect. A few others contributed in smaller ways, including myself. I did not know these men prior to my last-minute participation in the planning process. I do know a debt is owed them for their commitment to the memory of Captain Glenn Cook.

Here is the rest of the story of my participation in this memorial service. After I learned of the upcoming service, I asked one of the men coordinating the service activities for permission to seek a flag from Washington. I wanted a flag that would honor Captain Cook in a special way. The man asked the Marine who was going to give the eulogy and he wel-

comed the idea.

What I wanted was a flag flown over the Capitol in honor of Captain Cook and then later ceremoniously folded by the Air Force Honor Guard in Washington at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. As I discovered, it takes a minimum of 6 weeks to get a flag flown over the Capitol in honor of someone. I did not have that much time. Instead, a flag that had already flown was used as the Senator's office keeps a few on hand just for situations like mine.

Getting the Honor Guard to fold the flag was more difficult since I did not know who to call first. Once I got a name and number it took several days to make contact. I was told they had never done a service such as this at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. I stressed to them we owed the family of Glenn Cook and his memory something special given his body was never returned. As you all know, there is always some paperwork to complete and yes, I completed it.

I then discovered there was only one day available prior to the memorial service to do the folding ceremony as they had prior commitments at Arlington National Cemetery. Nothing like cutting it close.

I asked an Army Major working in the Senator's office to go to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and accept the folded flag on behalf of the Cook family as part of ceremony. The Honor Guard Director of Operations volunteered his photographer to photograph the ceremony for me. I did not have a backup plan for a photographer, but would have asked John and Carol Bessette if it became necessary.

Everyone gave me their cell phone numbers so that made all the coordination in Washington easier. I finally received the flag on May 27th, just days before the memorial service on May 31, 2015.

I carried the flag with me to the memorial service and at the time of presentation to the family, I walked the flag to the front of the honored guests, including Captain Cook's sister, Jan. I presented the flag to Master Sergeant Williams and he then presented it to Cook's sister. I was so honored in being asked to carry this flag.

Tucked inside this flag is an envelope containing the photographs of the flag folding ceremony along with a narrative describing its history. It is all together possible this flag may be unfolded many years from now. If so, the holder of the flag will have a photographic and written history of it. Thus, the memory of Glenn Cook will be further perpetuated.

On the day of service, all the participants in the service, guests, and spouses gathered for lunch with Cook's sister. It was a time of conversation, food, and a bit of catching up. For me the most poignant moment during the luncheon was seeing a photograph of Captain Cook's plane. The photo was taken by Major Jerry Shirley, USAF Retired, and a Squadron mate of Captain Cook in Vietnam. The photo shows Captain Cook just off Major Shirley's wing flying what is known now as his last mission. He never returned. One cannot look at this photo and not be moved by the magnitude of the moment captured on film. Major Shirley has generously shared this photo with others and a copy was given to Cook's sister.

Following the memorial service, a shadow box containing Captain Cook's medals, ribbons, and awards was presented to his sister. The shadow box and the two folded American Flags will serve Captain Cook's memory well.



We have been renewing our membership in this great group for many years.

Recently, we decided to go to a Life Membership with them.

Here is the copy of their Life Member Certificate and on the one side of it I scanned our Life Membership Card as well.

For those of you who were there much later than I was, nothing needs to be said about the gunships.

But one thing more I want to say is that one of the reasons we went to a Life Membership was to honor the name of Wayne Salisbury, who had a great interest in what those gunships and the men that flew and manned them did for TSN.

The Vans

By Loren Peterson
79TH Ord. Det. Security Platoon
Mar 67-Mar 68

We had plenty of time to accumulate memories and stories while living on TSN. Here is one of mine. I was 18, in the Army stationed on a small compound within the confines of TSN in 1967. It was my day off, so a buddy of mine who worked in the motor pool, asked me to ride shotgun with him to the Saigon docks to pick up a new Deuce and a half truck. We drove a jeep and parked nearby, walking into the vehicle staging area. A soldier approached us and asked if we were there to pick up the vans? My friend said, YES. The soldier said sign here. So my buddy scratched something on the form. We drove off with our two new Chevy vans. We drove them back to the compound. Took them to the CO. I don't know what all was discussed, however appropriate numbers were stenciled on the Chevy vans. We also returned to the docks to retrieve the jeep and Deuce that we went to pick up in the first place. The CO drove one of the vans and the other was used by the mail room. Near time for the CO to rotate out, I guess he decided he better get rid of the vans, and had the numbering sanded off and repainted, and return them to the docks. Just another memory of our war.

TET Memories

By: Mark Reveaux
377th Supply Squadron

I read the notes from Michael Miranda, who said he arrived at TSN on May 15th, 1967 and was an Airman 1st Class. I arrived on May 20th, 1967, and was an Airman 1st Class.

If he had visited the warehouse, it's possible we would have met. I was assigned to the Chief of Supply, in an

office on the 2nd floor of the main warehouse across the road from the U.S. Army Mortuary. I also worked at the fuels branch. My memory of TET was a bit different. We were in the hooch that was located across from the French cemetery. In the early hours of TET, we heard a whistle, followed by automatic weapons fire, and that was followed by orange flashes and explosions and then the base sirens sounded. An Airman next to me was shot in the ankle. A Huey flew overhead and fired rockets into a perimeter target. Later in the morning an Air Police unit swept through our area and there were A-1 Skyraiders flying overhead.

I always appreciated having the CD's (set of four) with radio traffic from the command post. Whenever I listen to it, I'm back there.

NOTATIONS FROM APPLICATIONS

Served in Air Force. Policeman for 5 years, then a Doctor at VA. Working with veterans on PTSD.

Chris Stack
(Friend of Randall Brown)

We lived on Plantation Road, in BEQ. Flew 103 missions and received two Air Medals and the Navy Commendation with "V". 5 Campaigns on VN Service Medal. Have wife and three children and married for 58 years. I'm 76 now and think of my tour a lot. Former USAF Flight Engineer on C-97 aircraft. Served in 446 Bomb Squadron, 321st Bomb Wing at Pine Castle AFB, FL. During Cold War and the 72nd Bomb Wing at Ramey AFB, Puerto Rico. Serving in the USAF during 1955 - 62 was a great experience during the Cold War.

Smooth Sailing.

Chief Bernard Piche'
Cam Ranh Bay Det. Tan Son Nhut
Feb 69 - Mar 70

I was assigned to Special Troops Headquarters in Sept. 1966 and lived on base. Sometime after Christmas I was transferred to AFES in Cholon, Saigon. I was living in public housing (against the rules) when TET of 68 started. I knew something was wrong when I was riding to work in Cholon and there were bodies in the street and buildings were burning. I got out of the Army in Jan 69 and went to work for Dynalectron Corp and stayed in Vietnam!

Garry L. Jeffries
HHC Special Troops USARV
Sep 66 - Jan 69

Early 1966 I lived and worked at Tent City B (Located at what later became MACV/DAO Annex)

In 1968 I returned to Vietnam working for DOD invited contractor, Imperial Van Lines, with assignments in Da Nang, Qui Nhon, and finally, Saigon.

James F. Anderson
1st Infantry Division (1st Admin. Co.)
Jan 66 - May 67 (U. S. Army)
May 68 - Apr 75 (Civilian)

I worked for RMK-BRJ at Newport, Building docks and warehouses at Newport from June 1966 to April 1967. Then I worked for PA&E at MACV Annex from April 1967 to Sept. 1968 and again from Oct. 1970 to May 1973 doing company message center and record retention. My first years I lived at 129A Nguyen Hue in downtown Saigon. My second trip I lived in the Massachusetts B. O. Q. near Tan Son Nhut.

Bill Cotnam
Civilian Worker

(Remember our
Fellow service-
men in
Chattanooga)



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well it has been over a month since becoming President of TSNA and I have been busy talking with your Board members and traveling to see our next reunion site in Huntsville, AL.

I met up with Kerry Nivens and his wife to take a wonderful tour of Huntsville. There is lot's to see and do there. It is such a wonderful old city, with beautiful homes.

We toured the Veterans Memorial Park and the Veterans War Museum. We visited the Rocket Museum, Botanical Gardens.

Kerry is our boots on the ground in Huntsville and is working very hard to get some great tour options lined up.

Friday July 10th we met with Michele to tour the Four Points by Sheraton at the Airport where we will be staying and having the reunion. The hotel is right at the airport for all who will be flying and very easy off of I-65 to get there if you're driving from north or south.

Please mark your calendars now for the September 22 to 25, 2016 reunion.

Another subject is membership. I have signed up 8 new members since our reunion and as I asked everyone to sign up one new member this year, I see it is working.

If you watch the Revetments you will see our renewals and new members.

That helps us grow. I know each and every one of us has someone in our town, city, groups we meet with who was at Tan Son Nhut! Please ask them to sign up and join our great association. I said if we can then get them to a reunion we have them hooked.

If I can help in any way to sign someone up let me know.

I am more than willing to ask them, beg them, email them, or call them!

The fellowship is beyond words. Most all of us served together and did not know it at the time, but we have that one thing in common WE ARE BROTHERS.

The Best,

Randall



Pictures courtesy of:

**Four Points
by Sheraton at the Airport
2016 TSNA REUNION
HUNTSVILLE, AL
SEPTEMBER 22-25**



A Poem To My Son

By: Rich Carvell
TSNA Vice President

July 25th & 26th, 2015, I attended a Veteran Writers Retreat at the Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum in Piggott, Arkansas

We spent two days writing short vignettes and sharing them with the other Veterans at the Retreat.

When my friend, Ron Miller, (also a Vietnam Veteran) shared a poem he wrote while in Vietnam, I suddenly remembered a poem that I, too, wrote while in Vietnam. It was written on 12 September 1970, the day that I received word that our second son, David Stinson Carvell, had made his appearance into the world at the hospital at Barksdale AFB in Bossier City, LA.

To David

What are you like, I wonder?
Is your hair a ruffle
Of curls atop a tiny, tiny head?
And your eyes; are they blue?
"Blue," my Daddy, "Blue for you."
Or could they be a darker hue?

What do you think, I wonder?
Can you know how far away
Your Father is from where you are?
To know how many months 'twill be
Before your eyes will really see
Your Mother, Brother, you, and me?

What do you feel, I wonder?
Is it warmth and simple comfort
When your head is on your Mother's breast?
Your little fingers in the air,
For just a moment waving there,
Are now held tight in loving care.

Why am I here, I wonder?
Instead of there. The grandest words
Of peace and truth are words confusing.
They would not explain the why,
Except to a god...
And I am but a man.
-- Vietnam-12 September 1970

A VISIT TO NMUSAF

By: Randall Brown
TSNA President

On Wednesday June 24th, 8 TSNA members visited the AF Museum in Dayton, Ohio.

We had a great tour and liked the Vietnam section best, because we were NAM Vets except two.

Left to right in picture #1 is: Ernest Verhest, Mike Martz, Michael Williams, Paul Hurst Jr, Randall Brown, Jim Schuhmacher, Gail Flint. Taking our pic was member Chris Stack.

We ended our tour and day at the TSNA Memorial. Everyone at the Memorial praised our memorial and gave a lot of praise to Johnnie Jernigan.

The group at memorial, Picture #2, are: Randall Brown kneeling and Paul Hurst kneeling. Back row is Jim Schuhmacher, Mike Martz, Gail Flint, Ernest Verhest. Again member Chris Stack taking pic.

Picture #3 has Chris Stack second from left in back row. Mike Martz has Silver Star, Purple Heart, Michael Williams has Purple Heart, Ernest Verhest is 2 Purple Hearts, Bronze Star as combat medic in Afghan Campaign. I have Air Medal plus other campaign medals.

We had three of us from Air Force, two Marines and three from Army.

The tour guide Jane gave us some gifts and treated the TSNA members to the royal tour.



EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is actually a "Notation from Application".

It was the attachment to Max Gordy's application to TSNA.

And since I was too lazy to re-type it, I have scanned it and placed it accordingly on the page.



September 4, 2014

Dear Sirs:

December 15, 2014 will be fifty years ago that I arrived at Tan Son Nhut as an U.S. Army PFC Clerk Typist in 1964. The Army immediately assigned me TDY to the U.S. Navy. I was assigned to Headquarters Support Activity Saigon (HSAS) in their Tri-Service Air Transport Coordinating Office (ATCO) on TSN. Our office was located in the building just to the left of the main terminal when you were facing the terminal from street side. We shared the building with Air America. I lived on the base for thirty days then the Navy moved me from TSN to the Townhouse Hotel down town. I worked at TSN six days a week until my DEROS in Dec 1965. I was in the TSN civilian air terminal checking in a flight of service men returning to the United States on Wednesday, June 16, 1965 at 0925 when a bomb exploded in the terminal. While standing directly in front of the 20 pound C4 bomb I saw the 12" dia. ball of the explosion and a stone lodged in my right arm causing me to lose 40% of the muscle. I was also hit on the head by the falling overhead beams. The doctors told me I was the least injured of the seriously injured and they didn't operate on me until 2200 that night. During the inspection of the terminal building after the explosion they located two additional 200 pound C4 bombs, one on each end of the terminal with concussion detonators. For some reason the detonators did not function properly and the bombs did not explode. If they had I would not be here.

I have not seen any pictures on your web site from Dec 64 to Dec 65. I have a total of 26 pictures that include the inside and outside of the terminal that were taken after the explosion, pictures of the Tri-Service ATCO office, pictures of the Townhouse Hotel where I lived, along with pictures of several service members that worked in the office. Also have a list of the names, branch of service and rank of everyone that worked in the office from Dec 64 to Dec 65.

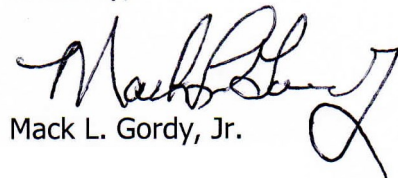
I have pictures of the March 30, 1965 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Saigon and the issue of the Saigon Daily News that covered the story.

Please tell me what I need to do to share these with TSNA?

I would very much appreciate it if you could send me a copy of the Stars & Stripes for June 18, 1965 that covers the June 16, 1965 airport bombing.

You have a great web site and I have enjoyed it very much. Keep up the good work. I am enclosing my check and application to join TSNA.

Sincerely,



Mack L. Gordy, Jr.

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**MEMORIES OF VIETNAM AS A JET ENGINE
MECHANIC - RF 101 VOODO**

JOHN F. BURNS
460th FMS; 45th TAC Recon Sq
Sep 68 - Sep 69

In the picture is my mechanics tool bag, safety wire pliers, ear-plugs, 45th TAC Recon patch, & Voodoo Medicine Man maintainers patch, plastic model of the Voodoo, and the medals I've earned.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. William D. Roan	Decatur	AL	Jul 68 - Jul 69	377th CSG (Base Civic Action)
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