



REVETMENTS

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A Memorial to the American Experience in Vietnam



MAY 2017

NOTATIONS FROM APPLICATIONS

Sent TDY from Tachikawa, Japan, was in Maintenance, Gas Station and drove wrecker. I remember 2 times having to go to the bunkers, the 3rd time made it into the grease pit first.

I was sent back to Japan because my wife was having problems with the birth of our daughter.

Gary W. Totten
377th Transportation Squadron
May 66 - Sep 66.

460th TRW, 12th TRS, RF4C Crew Chief assigned to aircraft 65-859. Lived in the 1200 area. When the 12th TRS closed down in Aug 1971, I completed my SEA tour with the 8th TFW, 433rd TFS, Satan's Angels at Ubon RTAFB, Thailand. Crew Chief on two F4D aircraft.

Fred Treadway
12th Tactical Recon. Squadron
Nov 70—Aug 71

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

The spring and summer is really introduced by the month of May. The days are a reminder of America's past and a challenge of America today and how to recognize the reality of a "Nation under God".

If we pay full attention to the present we see the words of Paul in Philippians 1:9 which can be considered words of call to nation to see the presence and the potential of the future. "And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgement".

It is May 2017 and here are the American days set apart for us to gain knowledge, judgment and bound together as American Vets and their families. Look at the past and know our teachers: Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, J.F. Kennedy's birthday, "Century Days of Memories".

Parkland Parks asks and says do as the Public Trust says "Get into your auto and ride to see the natural re-structure of a land enjoying the tasks of holding America a land of wild life beauty that is ours. Now we will/must maintain a land that we love and hope beyond the pride of the past."

From the Chaplain this set of words: from your bedside

pray for your nation and enjoy what you have! We Americans set aside special days to let the world know we are proud of our nation!!! Revetments of May 2012 quoted the "Corner" of these words about us and our nation. The words are still true: the month of May is a time to remember the examples of a whole country based on freedom! Let it be an example that still stands out, America is based on freedom, a land of personal religion and also personal national value. TSNA family, remember!

End of sermon,

Chaplain Bob Chaffee

Colorado Springs 2017 Getting There

Whether you wish to drive, fly or take a train, getting to Colorado Springs is quite easy. No matter which choice you make, I would highly suggest that when you get there, you have some form of transportation. This can be your own car if you have driven. Or it might be a rental vehicle. Either way, since there is so much to see and do, having a vehicle will turn this into a wonderful getaway that will allow you to see all that Colorado has to offer.

If You Drive

The main East/West route is Interstate 70, and the North/South route would be Interstate 25. These two highways intersect in Denver, CO. Denver (DEN) is less than an hour's drive, depending on traffic, from Colorado Springs (COS.)

Fly Like An Eagle

You have two choices to get to COS. There is direct service to COS provided by Alaska Airlines; Allegiant; American Airlines; Delta; Frontier; and, United. Nonstop service is available from: Seattle; San Francisco; Los Angeles; San Diego; Las Vegas; Salt Lake City; Phoenix; Dallas; Houston; Chicago; Washington DC; Atlanta; Tampa; Orlando; and Fort Myers. One-stop service is available from many other cities.

Your other choice would be to fly into DEN. You have a much greater choice of nonstop service, as well as many other airlines. If you fly into DEN, you would have two options to get to COS. You could take one of several shuttle bus services that would pick you up at the airport arrivals area, and drop you off at the front door of our hotel, the Marriott Colorado Springs (Rockrimmon.) One such service

is **Front Range Shuttle**. You can view their schedules and prices at: <https://frontrangeshuttle.com/schedules-and-prices>. When using these services, be sure that they will drop you off at our hotel, as they do not service all of the hotels in the COS area. Your other choice would be to rent a car when you arrive in DEN. Rental vehicles can be considerably cheaper in DEN than in COS.

Also, airfares to DEN are much cheaper than flying direct into COS. My experience over the past several years is that the best value is to fly into DEN and rent a car there, and drive to COS.

Take The Train

AMTRAK provides direct service to COS from nearly all regions of the country. This could be a rather interesting way to get to the reunion. Again, you could turn this reunion into an extended tour of all there is to see in Colorado and the mountain West.

Weather Or Not

We will be in Colorado at one of the best times of the year, weather-wise. You can expect sunny, cloudless days, with daytime highs of 70-85°F and nighttime lows of anywhere from 45°F to 55°F. That is at an altitude of 6,035 feet, which is about 750 feet higher than DEN. Should you wish to go to the top of Pike's Peak, which is 14,110 feet, afternoon high temps of 30°-40°F are not uncommon. Be sure to bring along a jacket or sweater. Layering clothing is a way of life in Colorado. It is a necessity when travelling through varying altitudes.

Also, at this time of year, depending on altitude, the Aspen trees are turning their bright golden color. They present a brilliant display as you drive through the Rocky Mountains.

To conclude, I can't stress enough the need for transportation, whether your own vehicle, or a rental, in order to see what Colorado has to offer. Also, I highly recommend that you add on a few extra days either before or after the reunion. Remember, should you decide to make COS your home base for an extended stay, the very economical hotel rates we are offering are available 3 days before, and 3 days after our official reunion dates of Sep 14 – 17, 2017.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at the reunion email address: TSNA2017Reunion@gmail.com

Next month, I will be presenting an article with some tips on attractions that are available within an hour's drive of COS.

Joseph S. Kricho, SMSgt, USAF, Ret.
Director of Reunion Planning



NOTATIONS FROM APPLICATIONS

Worked Intransit Ammo July 68 to May 69. Loaded all types of ammo on C-130 & C-123's. Worked night shift. Was assistant shift chief. Sgt. (E-4) on arrival. Promoted to SSgt. (E-5) 11/1/68. May 69 - after R & R in Australia was transferred to and named NCOIC of POL-airlifting fuel and oil.

On the night of 10/31/68 3 VC rockets hit TSN. First one 50-75 yards away. Won't forget that anytime soon!

Lived in Barracks 865 (I think)-right across the road from end of Charlie Row. Lots of dirt blew into barracks when aircraft taxied out.

Lance L. Edmisten
8th Aerial Port Squadron
July 68 - July 69



Photo courtesy of Robert Scott, Sr. OL 1500 Postal & Courier Service, Nov 69-Jun 71. **(How does she stay on that thing? And how come her dress doesn't catch in the wheel?)**

Initially we lived in the old concrete barracks, then moved downtown (illegally) to 538 Truc Minh You Street, then back on base to the new wooden barracks.

Was there for April '66 mortar attack and Dec '66 mortar attack. Deployed to secret location to recover an EC-123 that crash landed (AFOM). Mainly responsible for keeping the runway open at all costs. Helped move Gen Momyer out of country. Airman First Class E-4. Wanted to extend, but was denied because I didn't re-enlist.

John C. D'Auria
366th FMS
Jan 66 - Dec 66

Memorial Day, May 28, 2012

Preface

Mark O'Connell (Mark O'), Captain of the AMVETS Post 219 Honor Guard, past Post Commander, member of the Post Board of Directors and very active AMVETS member had encouraged me to make sure that I included some words related to "Our Real Heroes" at the Memorial Day Ceremony at The Viet Nam Veterans Memorial at Sprague Brook Park. As the master of ceremony my function was to lead the ceremony, primarily introducing participants and recognizing contributors. While reviewing the agenda over coffee on Memorial Day, Mark O's entreaty was on my mind as I tried to think of what to say. At around 7:00 a. m. I wrote the following.

The Lesson: For Mark O'

By Peter F. Beyette

The young boy was excited as he bounded up the walk;
His dad had just arrived from work, now they would sit and talk.

It was the father's favorite time as they settled in the kitchen;
The boy would tell dad what he learned, his dad would sit and listen.

Tell me son what did you learn, please tell me of your day;
And dad would eagerly await, this was just their way.

Today we learned of heroes dad and just what made them great;
We learned about Olympians, and sluggers at the plate.

And when the boy had finished, his dad looked into space;
The boy just watched his father, the strange look upon his face.

His dad just left the table without a single word;
Then in his hand a little box, to the table he returned.

You never met your grandpa, he left us years ago;
And now you talk of heroes, it's time that you should know.

He never wore this medal, though he earned it that's for sure;
Your Grandpa was a hero, we lost him in the war.



“Memorial Day 2016”

By Ira Cooperman for Congregation Kol Ami
7th Air Force Intel
65-66

Memorial Day – a day when we remember and honor all those who served our country, especially those whose courage and devotion to duty caused them to make the ultimate sacrifice.

On a day when some of us feel particularly haunted by the past; a day when my memory takes me back to Vietnam, Laos and Thailand, I salute every veteran who has honorably served our country, as well as those who have experienced the loss of a loved one in military service and who remember the legacy of the past.

Most of us are creatures of our time. I've been fortunate to personally have known many individuals who I consider to be *creators* of their time. Like the relatives of the vanquished of war, I miss these individuals – sons and pilots, husbands and fathers, brothers and airmen.

While I miss them, it is comforting to know that their legacies will outlive us all. For as a rabbi once said, *“People live in deeds, not in time.”*

As long as we, the living, do not betray the ideals of those we've lost, as long as we approach their lives with integrity and honesty, their spirit will live on. The lives of those who have died challenge us – not only to remember them, but to give *meaning* to their lives, for as a poet has suggested, their lives will mean what we make of them.

On this Memorial Day, I especially will recall a distinctive and compelling person: Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Vincent Chiarello, someone to whom I owe *everything*. He was my Air Force partner when we shared intelligence duties in Saigon and at Udorn, Thailand 50 years ago this month.

Because of a quirk of fate, a flip of a coin, I came home from Southeast Asia alive – instead of him. Like me, Vince was a recent college graduate and an Air Force intelligence officer working with the CIA, the agency that was primarily responsible for coordinating the war in Laos.

But unlike me, he was on a volunteer mission aboard an unarmed C-47/DC-3 aircraft that was shot down over Laos on July 29, 1966, with the loss of eight lives.

For 22 years the status of these eight men continued to be listed as “MIA” – missing in action – until Vince's remains were recovered in a foreign field and returned to American soil in June 1988.

His mother, Mrs. Anne Chiarello, who lived in Bucks County, never ceased to work on behalf of her son and the other families of the “missing” of the Vietnam War as an active member of the organization known as the Gold Star Mothers. She was a remarkably strong lady, one I was proud to call “Mom.” Everyone she touched became strengthened and more loving for the experience.

The last time I saw Mrs. Chiarello was 25 years ago, in 1991, at a ceremony involving the “Moving Wall,” a replica of the *Vietnam Veterans Memorial* while it was in Philadelphia. She had accepted my invitation to visit “The Wall” and pay our respects to her son, whose name is inscribed on Panel 9 East, Line 85, of what has become the most visited memorial in our nation's capital.

She was happy to see her son's name again, to be in the presence of other Gold Star Mothers, and to share some powerful feelings with others who know the meaning of the word “sacrifice.”

Now, years later, mother and son are buried next to each other in the same quiet Newtown, Pennsylvania cemetery. Looking back, it is truly astonishing how much each of them taught me with their dying.

Many of us who have survived wars believe that the difficult events of our lives teach us to have the courage to accept history, to love one's own time without vain regrets, and to accept the fact that life is a gift and a richness that must be given – whether the times are peaceful or troubled.

For those of us sent to war, most felt forgotten by the nation that sent us. I believe that's true regardless of the war's name – Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan, or Vietnam. In the case of Southeast Asia, almost 60,000 American soldiers died there, and another 300,000 were wounded.

This doesn't even begin to compare with over 2 million Vietnamese who died, or the hundreds of thousands of Cambodians and Laotians caught up in the war. As one veteran has written, *“Vietnam succeeded only in leaving a legacy of bitterness and unacknowledged sacrifice.”*

If this is difficult to understand, read Sebastian Younger's new book, *Tribes*, about the alienation many of us felt coming home from Vietnam.

Sadly, this is nothing new. I recommend Ernest Hemingway's evocative short story, *“Soldier Home,”* about a veteran returning home from World War I.

The debt that is owed veterans is not simply one of material benefits. To quote another vet from a more recent war: *“There's a kind of emptiness inside me that tells me that I've still got something coming. It's not a pension that*

I'm looking for. What I paid out wasn't money; it was part of myself. I want to be paid back in kind, in something human."

Wars continue to permeate the lives of veterans and their loved ones. But at least in the case of Vietnam, the healing process has begun. It is time to add to the growing perception that regardless of one's view of the war, most vets served honorably.

On this Memorial Day weekend, may we bring to this religious service and to all our endeavors an appreciation for those who embraced through sacrifice and service to country the most fundamental bonds of democracy, so that what was once endured can never be forgotten.

Archibald MacLeish described it best in his post-World War I poem entitled "The Young Dead Soldiers:"

The young dead soldiers do not speak.

Nevertheless, they are heard in the still houses: who has not heard them?

They have a silence that speaks for them at night and when the clock counts.

They say: We were young. We have died. Remember us.

They say: We have done what we could but until it is finished it is not done.

They say: We have given our lives but until it is finished no one can know what our lives gave.

They say: Our deaths are not ours: they are yours; they will mean what you make them.

They say: Whether our lives and our deaths were for peace and a new hope or for nothing we cannot say; it is you who must say this.

We leave you our deaths. Give them their meaning.

We were young, they say. We have died; remember us.



New items were being introduced to the buying public. IBM markets the Selectric Typewriter. This machine had a little round ball that was so fast. Electric toothbrushes were introduced for our oral health. Certificate of Deposits (CD's) were introduced.

Alan Shepard became the first American in space with a sub-orbit flight. My school had TV's in the gym so we could watch history in the making. President Kennedy unveils the Peace Corps.

The now famous Bay of Pigs operation failed to oust Castro. The Berlin wall was built to stop East Berliners from leaving for West Berlin. The wall would stand for almost 40 years before being removed.

That little known place called Vietnam now had approximately 3205 "advisors" to train and advise the South Vietnamese forces. Soon we will have to drop the word "advisor" and begin calling them combat troops. American deaths in 1961 totaled 16. Larry Fry, our "Revetments" editor, arrived in Vietnam.

For entertainment we went to movies, listened to music and watched TV.

Some of the movies we watched in 1961 were *Fanny, The Guns of Navarone, The Hustler, Judgement at Nuremberg, West Side Story*. On TV were shows named *Gunsmoke, Have Gun Will Travel, Andy Griffith Show, Rawhide, Bonanza, Hazel, Perry Mason*

Music was becoming special. Here are the top 10 songs of 1961 as listed by Billboard. How many of these classic sounds do you remember?

Tossin' and Turnin' by Bobby Lewis; I Fall to Pieces by Patsy Cline; Michael by The Highwaymen; Cryin' by Roy Orbison; Runaway by Del Shannon; My True Story by The Jive Five; Pony Time by Chubby Checker; Wheels by String-a-Longs; Raindrops by Dee Clark; Wooden Heart by Joe Dowell.

We didn't have ESPN and all the sports channels we have today, but

The Yankees defeated the Cincinnati Reds in the World Series. Roger Maris broke the home run record by hitting 61 during the regular season. In the National Football League, the Green Bay Packers defeated the New York Giants. In the upstart American Football League, the Houston Oilers defeated the San Diego Chargers.

In college sports, Alabama and Ohio State were Co-Champions in college football. Cincinnati defeated Ohio State in College Basketball.

Reflecting on the True Meaning of Memorial Day

Most of us make plans for Memorial Day Weekend, but I wonder how many of those plans include anything to do with the true meaning of the day. As the wife of a Viet Nam veteran, I can count on my husband to remind me to take time to “remember, reflect and honor those who have given their all in service to their country,” as described on the website USMemorialDay.org. In most communities, you'll be reminded of what the day means when you see VFW or America Legion members handing out poppies at local grocery stores.

Why poppies? “In Flanders Fields,” written in 1915, includes the line, “In Flanders Fields, the poppies blow, Between the crosses, row on row.” The reference inspired University of Georgia professor Moina Michael with the idea to sell silk poppies to raise money to assist disabled American veterans. The American Legion was the first organization to adopt the poppy as their official symbol of remembrance, but they shifted briefly to the daisy in 1921. The next year, the VFW became the first veterans' organization to organize a nationwide poppy distribution, and the rest is history.

Disabled or needy veterans in VA hospitals assemble the poppies and receive remuneration for their work. The VFW and American Legion give away the poppies and accept donations then used to support our military in a variety of ways. Often, local VFWs use some of these funds to provide assistance to deployed troops and their families at home or to support the USO. Organizing these and other activities takes commitment and dedication from these organizations.

My husband joined our local VFW when he retired many years ago “for the last time again,” as he likes to say, and he's been an active member ever since. You can find him with his fellow veterans handing out poppies around Memorial Day. Though they forgo the poppy distribution, you'll also see this group set up to accept donations around the July 4th and Veterans Day holidays.

There's no limit to the ways you can choose to honor those who gave their lives in service to our country. You can proudly display poppies and American flags. You can view The National Memorial Day Concert, broadcast live from Washington, DC Sunday evening on PBS. On the Monday holiday, you can observe the “[National Moment of Remembrance](#)” at 3 p.m. by pausing for a moment of silence or listening to “Taps.”

Whatever your plans for the weekend, if you see folks handing out poppies, be sure to pick one up and take a moment to remember and reflect. And, if you can also give a donation to this worthy cause, your generosity will be much appreciated.

Kathy Manos Penn is a Sandy Springs resident now happily retired from a corporate career in communications. Find similar patriotic columns in her book, “The Ink Penn: Celebrating the Magic in the Everyday,” available on her website www.theinkpenn.com or [Amazon](#). Contact Kathy at inkpenn119@gmail.com.

(Thanks Kathy. Kathy is also the wife of TSNA Member Hugh Penn, 633rd CSG - CBPO, Feb 69 - Jan 70)



In Flanders Field

By: John McRae

***In Flanders Fields the poppies blow,
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky,
The larks, still bravely singing, fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below.***

***We are the dead.
Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved and now we lie,
In Flanders Fields.***

***Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw,
The torch, be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us, who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow,
In Flanders Fields.***

MORE REUNION RELATED INFO!

Your Attention Please:

In addition to the information that needs to be filled out on the Reunion Registration form, there will be some other information needed from all who are attending the reunion and planning to visit Peterson Air Force Base, and the Air Force Academy.

Your Director of Information Gathering (DIG) – me – will be writing to each of you after receiving your Reunion Registration.

If you have a valid Military ID, you will not need to furnish any more info – except for spouse or guests.

What we will need is your full name, date of birth, and driver's license number.

Larry

(MEMBERS!! PUT THESE TWO ITEMS ON YOUR “TO DO” LIST)

Call for Candidates

Your Association continues as an active and vibrant veteran organization that serves its membership. Again, we are looking forward to an eventful reunion in September 2017 in Colorado Springs, CO. For reunions and other events to occur, TSNA needs qualified members to manage your Association as officers and board members. It is they who keep our association viable and in compliance with national, state, and local laws and regulations.

The term of one of your officers ends this year. The position is that of Treasurer, and the incumbent, Carol Bessette, is eligible to run for reelection and has declared to do so. That stated, we seek volunteers to also stand for election to this *very important position*. Serving as an officer of TSNA is not just adding a title to your name on the Association roster but requires participation, work, and dedication. The duties of Treasurer are enumerated in Article VI, Section 1d(4) of the TSNA Bylaws that may be referenced on the TSNA Website at tsna.org. There are no specific requirements to run for Treasurer other than being a paid-up member in good standing of the Association. *Possessing prior experience as an accountant or having accounting experience would be valuable.*

The terms of Johnnie Jernigan, TSNA Director of Marketing, Joseph Kricho, Director of Reunion Planning, and Andy Csordas, Co-Director of Membership Development also end this year. The incumbents of these three positions are eligible for reelection and have declared to do so. There are no specific requirements to run for these Director positions other than being a paid-up member in good standing of the Association. The duties of these position are as assigned by the TSNA Board of Directors. *However, having experience in planning, organizational management, human resources would be valuable.*

A person may nominate themselves for an office, or any member may nominate another. If you nominate another, be certain that person is willing to run and serve.

Please send all nominations by name and position to me, Jim Faulkner, TSNA Chair Nominating Committee, at jim1c21@aol.com. If you must send your nomination by surface mail, send it to Tan Son Nhut Association at P. O. Box 236, Penryn, PA 17564-0236.

Deadline for all nominations is **May 31, 2017**. A self-nominee or one accepting a nomination by another member must submit a statement of approximately three to five paragraphs of their vision for the future of TSNA and how they would help achieve that vision by serving in any one of these positions. *Nominees running for reelection must submit a summary of their achievements during their term of office.* The announcement of the upcoming election and a listing of all nominees, with their vision statement, will appear in the August 2017 issue of Revetments.

Award Nominations

We are looking forward to an eventful reunion in September in Colorado Springs. One of the highlights of the reunion is the bestowing of awards on deserving members and selected others at the banquet. 2017 will not be an exception.

The officers and board members of your Association do not unilaterally choose award recipients. One of two awards committees, each composed of Association officers, board members, and a chaplain, evaluates persons nominated to receive awards. The proceedings of the committees are confidential, and voting tabulations are not published or made public.

Any Association member in good standing may nominate a person for consideration. The TSNA Awards and criteria for each may be viewed on our website at tsna.org.

If you nominate someone, be specific and document the attributes and achievements making your nominee unique and deserving. What has this person done to further the goals and ideals of our Association or, in some cases, their community or the nation? Nomination is not automatic selection for an award. Of course, persons may not nominate themselves.

Please send your nomination to the chair of one of the awards committees. Award Committee 1 chairman is President Randall Brown at browncigar1965@yahoo.com. Award Committee 2 chairman is Vice President Richard Carvell at rcarvell@astate.edu. You may also send your nomination to me, TSNA Secretary, at dale.bryan@gmail.com. It should go without saying that one does not submit their nomination to the person you are nominating. Most nominees will likely be considered by Award Committee 1, but if the nominee is on that committee, that nominee will then be considered by Award Committee 2. Composition of the awards committees may be found on the TSNA website at tsna.org. If you must send your nomination by surface mail, send it to Tan Son Nhut Association at P. O. Box 236, Penryn, PA 17564-0236. In the address block, add Attn: Randall Brown or Rich Carvell or Dale Bryan. The unopened letter will then be sent to that person.

Deadline for nominations is **June 30, 2017**.

Dale Bryan, TSNA Secretary

DARLINGTON MEMORIAL

By Buddy Hill
8th Aerial Port Squadron
July 70 - July 71

Here in our small town of Darlington, SC, we have a veteran's memorial that is really something to be proud of. It is a memorial that was built with honor and respect to each branch of the military.

As other towns around Darlington were building veteran's memorials, folks around here began saying we needed one too. This idea was the subject of many conversations among some of the vets around here. A committee was formed and the ball started rolling. After discussions of design, fundraising and locations were talked about, a star was born in Darlington.

While searching for a site, a downtown disaster occurred one night. A huge fire destroyed a building on a corner in downtown. After several months, once the building owner had everything settled, he made the decision to donate the now vacant lot to build the memorial on. It became a project that literally rose from the ashes. It wound up being the perfect spot for our Veterans Memorial.

Entering the park you will see a walkway that has the names of all the wars in our history. As you walk along you will see two black granite memorials to two special veterans of distinction. One is WWII veteran William "Billy" Farrow. The other is Korean/Vietnam veteran James Elliot Williams.

William Glover Farrow was a lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps who participated in the Doolittle Raid. In February 1942, Farrow volunteered to participate in the Doolittle Raid. Farrow was captured by the Japanese after the completion of his bombing mission. He was tried and, along with two other crew members, sentenced to death and executed by firing squad. Farrow was posthu-

mously given multiple awards. These included the Order of the Sacred Tripod of the Republic of China, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Purple Heart, and the Prisoner of War Medal.

In July 1947, at the age of 16, James Elliott Williams entered the United States Navy. He was the most highly decorated enlisted man in the history of the United States Navy. He would receive the Medal of Honor for actions in Vietnam on October 31, 1966.

Williams also received the Navy Cross, Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Navy and Marine Corps Medal, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon, Navy and Marine Corps Presidential Unit Citation, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal.

His foreign decorations include the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, United Nations Korean Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Korean War Service Medal.

James Elliott Williams retired from active service in 1967 and was appointed U.S. Marshall in 1969.

Looking out over the park, you will see several walls of bricks. Each one is inscribed with the names of veterans from Darlington.

Walking along, you will see a very special monument dedicated to the fallen heroes of all wars up to that date.

Last, but not least, looking skyward, there are flags dedicated to all the branches of the military.

If it sounds like I'm bragging, it's because I am so proud to have a memorial like this in our town. It truly serves to pay honor and respect to all our veterans.



Tan Son Nhut Association 2017 Reunion Registration

September 14 – 17, 2017

OPEN TO ALL INTERESTED IN THE HISTORY AND LEGACY OF TAN SON NHUT AND THE VIETNAM CONFLICT

NAME _____ BRANCH OF SERVICE _____

ADDRESS _____

CELL PHONE # _____ EMAIL _____

NAME OF YOUR GUEST(S): _____

IS THERE ANYONE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS? **YES/NO** (Please circle one.)

REGISTRATION FEES

Number of Persons Attending: _____ x \$75.00 = \$ _____

Pre-order Video of 2017 Reunion QTY: _____ x \$15.00 = \$ _____

PAYMENT to TSNA MUST BE MAILED NO LATER THAN Aug 31, 2017.

PLEASE MAKE PAYMENTS PAYABLE TO THE “TAN SON NHUT ASSOCIATION” AND MAIL TO:

TAN SON NHUT ASSOCIATION

P. O. Box 236

Penryn, PA 17564-0236

ACTIVITIES (No Extra Cost) WITH FULL REGISTRATION FEE

(Please circle which activities that you are paying for separately, if you are not paying the full fee.)

Access to the TSNA Hospitality Suite (drinks, snacks, and war stories!) (\$10.00 daily if purchased separately.)

TSNA Friday Banquet Buffet Dinner. (\$35.00 if purchased separately.)

Friday morning tour of the Air Force Academy (no extra charge)

(Please indicate how many people will be taking this tour) = _____.

Saturday morning tour of Peterson AFB (no extra charge)

(Please indicate how many people will be taking this tour) = _____.



HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Marriott Colorado Springs, 5580 Tech Center Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80919

(719) 260-1800 www.marriott.com

Room with breakfast buffet for two: \$114.00

Room without breakfast: \$104.00

Rate does not include tax, which currently is 9.63%. The special room rate is available three days prior and three days post the reunion. Included are free in-room Wi-Fi and free parking.

Please hold “Ctrl”, and click on the following link to make your hotel reservation:

[Book your group rate for Tan Son Nhut Association Military Reunion](#)

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