



# REVETMENTS

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## A SPECIAL REQUEST

**From:** Peter Davies <[aardvarkd@msn.com](mailto:aardvarkd@msn.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 2, 2018, 3:26:54 AM CDT  
**Subject:** RF-101C book

Dear Sir,

I am an aviation author with 35 published titles, many concerning the Vietnam War. At present I am working on a book covering the operations of the RF-101C in Vietnam, from TSN, Udorn and Phu Cat. I wonder if it would be possible to contact through your site any persons who flew, maintained or provided photographic service for those units? I would be very glad to hear from any one who would like to be included, even in a small way. Full credit will be given and proof copy could be made available for inspection.

Your help would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Peter E Davies

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Some people have asked me: "Are we rewarded for our prayers for others?" For an answer to this question, I need only to look to Chronicles 1:11,12 in the Bible. "And God said to Solomon: Because this was in thine heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, nor honour, nor the life of thine enemies, neither yet hast asked wisdom and knowledge for thyself, that thou mayest judge my people, over whom I have made thee King: wisdom and knowledge is granted unto thee and I will give thee riches, and wealth and honour such as none of the kings have been before thee, neither shall there any after thee have the like."

All of this followed when Solomon simply asked the Lord, "Give thy servant an understanding heart..." Perhaps our own prayers should be as unselfish. Why don't we pray the same prayers?

I would ask all my Brothers, and Sisters to keep in mind that there is a time to shorten our individual petitions, and lengthen our praise of God. We now live in such a time. Praise God for our graces, and blessings bestowed on us.

Through His Grace,

Associate Chaplain Paul A. Subbie

## WE WERE THERE

We were there, so long ago,  
To fly our mission, low and slow.

Our mission to others, was unknown,  
We flew unarmed, and all alone.

Both day and night, we would fly,  
To locate Charlie, so our men won't die.

Of our mission, we dared not speak,  
Big ears were listening, the prying sneak.

On each other, we did depend,  
So all would come home, in the end.

Yet big guns shooting, from below,  
Some would take, someone we know.

When we returned, few would care,  
While others cursed, yelling how you dare.

For we were sent, by our nation,  
We did our job, without hesitation.

We did our job, We did it well,  
So long ago, only now, can we tell.

James C. Wheeler MSgt USAF Retired  
(See also [EC47.org](http://EC47.org))

(Used with permission of Sgt. Wheeler. Found on Facebook, "Tan Son Nhut Veteran's Forum")

## NOTATIONS FROM APPLICATIONS

Originally assigned to Tuy Hoa for 20 minutes before being reassigned to Tan Son Nhut. Worked in Computer Room located in the back of Finance Building. Other one-half of building was BX.

Lived in 700 area. Extended 2 times.

Refereed basketball games for Base Intramural League.

Also assigned to Base Disaster Response Team for NBC (Nuclear, Biological, Chemical) attacks versus being Security Police Augmentee.

Ran Disaster Recovery Mission to other bases. Bien Hoa, Phang Rang AB when the computer broke endangering the creation of paychecks.

James D. Marshall  
377th Combat Support Group, & Air Base Wing Hq. Sq.  
Feb 70 - Mar 72

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TSNA Annual Reunion  
Sep 20 – 23, 2018  
Wright-Patterson AFB OH

## Wednesday, Sep 19, 2018

09:00 – 17:00 Setup Hospitality room  
17:00 – 21:00 Early registration Hospitality room

## Thursday, Sep 20, 2018

09:00 – 22:00 Registration Hospitality room

## Friday, Sep 21, 2018

06:00 – 09:00 Breakfast Hotel restaurant  
09:15 – 10:00 Memorial Bench rededication ceremony NMUSAF Memorial Gardens  
10:15 – 12:00 Museum Tour (self-guided)\* NMUSAF  
10:00 – 16:00 "Veterans Voices"\* Location TBD

(\*Note: These items overlap. Attendees have their choice of which they want to participate in. Transportation arrangements being worked out.)

17:00 – 18:00 Welcome Cocktail Reception (Cash Bar) Hotel Ballroom  
18:00 – 22:00 Banquet Hotel Ballroom  
Welcome remarks Association President Randall Brown  
Dinner  
Guest Speaker To be announced  
"Pinning" Ceremony

## Saturday, Sep 22, 2018

06:00 – 09:00 Breakfast Hotel restaurant  
09:15 - 09:30 Bus loading Front of hotel  
10:00 – 12:00 Local tour (Tentative) TBD  
12:00 – 13:00 Lunch Attendee's choice  
13:00 – 13:30 Guest Speaker 1 TBD  
13:30 – 14:00 Guest Speaker 2 Cdr. Joseph S. Stewart II, USN, Ret.  
14:00 – 18:00 Free Time  
16:00 – 17:00 Board Meeting Board Room  
18:00 – 19:00 General Membership Meeting Hospitality Suite  
Officer's & Director's Reports  
New Officers/Directors swearing-in  
2020 Reunion Location Announcement  
Officer's & Director's Q&A  
19:00 – 19:30 Door Prize Drawing Hospitality Suite  
19:30 – 20:00 Silent Auction Hospitality Suite  
20:00 – 22:00 Free Time  
22:00 Hospitality Suite Closes

## Sunday, Sep 23, 2018

0600 – 10:00 Breakfast Hotel restaurant

Note: Items in red are tentative.



# TAN SON NHUT ASSOCIATION REUNION REGISTRATION

- USA
- USAF
- USCG
- USMC
- USN
- CIV

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
TEL: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_  
SPECIAL NEEDS? \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION FEES

Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$75.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Pre-Order Reunion Video: QTY: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Remittance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT MUST BE MAILED NO LATER THAN: August 31, 2018**

Mail check to: TAN SON NHUT ASSOCIATION  
P.O. BOX 236  
PENRYN, PA 17564-0236

Note: If not paying the full registration (\$75.00) then the following fees apply:

Access to hospitality suite (includes snacks & beverages): \$12.50 daily  
Friday Banquet Dinner: \$37.50/person (Cash Bar not included)  
Additional charges (TBD) for tours; transportation; outside activities; etc.

## HOTEL INFORMATION

HOPE HOTEL & RICHARD C. HOLBROOKE CONFERENCE CENTER  
Bldg. 823, Area A, Gate 12A  
Wright-Patterson AFB, OH 45433-5000  
(937) 879-2696

Reservations must be made by telephone. Mention "TSNA" when making reservation.  
(Please note: Military ID not required to access the hotel)

Room Rate: \$109.00 + Tax (includes breakfast)

NOTE: This special room rate is available three days prior and three days after the reunion  
**ALL HOTEL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY: AUGUST 27, 2018!**

All questions should be directed to:

**Joe Kricho**

Director of Reunion Planning

[67vietvet68@gmail.com](mailto:67vietvet68@gmail.com)

Please put: "TSNA Reunion" in the Subject Line

## Nominate a Deserving Member for a TSNA Award

We are looking forward to an eventful reunion in September at the Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH. One of the highlights of the reunion banquet is the bestowing of awards on deserving members and select others. 2018 will be like previous reunions.

The officers and board members of your Association do not choose award recipients from behind closed doors while ignoring input from the membership. One of two awards committees, each composed of Association officers, board members, and an association chaplain, evaluates persons nominated to receive any award. The proceedings of the committees are confidential, and voting tabulations are not published or made public. In fact, one awards committee is not privy to the deliberations of the other.

Any Association member in good standing may nominate a person for consideration. A listing of the TSNA Awards and criteria for each may be viewed on our website at [tsna.org](http://tsna.org).

If you nominate someone, be specific and document the attributes and achievements that make 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 tantamount to 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](mailto:browncigar1965@yahoo.com). Award Committee 2 chairman is Vice President Richard Carvell at [rcarvell@astate.edu](mailto:rcarvell@astate.edu). You may also send your nomination to me, the TSNA Secretary, at [dale.bryan@gmail.com](mailto: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 a member of that committee or a relative of a committee member, that nominee will then be considered by Award Committee 2. Composition of the awards committees may be found on the TSNA website. 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 on the envelope, 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, 2018.

Dale Bryan, TSNA Secretary



## 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 2018 in Dayton, OH. 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 terms of Gary Fields, TSNA Director of Communications and Larry Fry, TSNA Director of Membership end this year. The incumbents of these two 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 TNSA 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: [mailto:jim1c21@aol.com](mailto:mailto: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, 2018. 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 2018 issue of Revetments.



## I Will Stand on That Wall

By Allen Chandler

19<sup>th</sup> SOS, 1966-1968;

17<sup>th</sup> SOS 1970.

I was 18 and I stepped forward. I said I will stand on that wall and protect you all.  
I will guard my family and my friends and my country from all those who threaten us.  
The only thing I asked was that my leaders choose wisely.

I was 18 I said I will stand on that wall and protect you from whoever came to do harm.  
I will stop the evil people whoever they might be. I will protect my family, my country.  
The only thing I asked was that my leaders choose wisely.

I did not ask for cheers or awards. I said I will stand here because it is the right thing to do.  
I said hot or cold, day or night, at home or overseas, I will be on that wall.  
The only thing I asked was that my leaders choose wisely.

I was there for over 20 years. I stood on that wall.

I tried to protect my family, friends, and countrymen from all who would cause them harm.  
I served in every one of our 50 states, in over 20 countries, in over 20 time zones around the world.  
The only thing I asked was that my leaders choose wisely.

I stood on the wall from the North Pole to the equator and tried to guard our country from those who would try to harm it.  
I stood on that wall. I saw my friends die. I killed. I came close to dying and was prepared to die to protect our way of life,  
to protect our families, to protect our country.  
The only thing I asked was that our leaders choose wisely.

I stood on that wall because this country is still 1,000 times better that whatever is in second place.  
I stood on that wall for just under 8,000 days with the men and women who became my brothers and sisters.  
The only thing we asked was that our leaders choose wisely.

You will never know the expression "I've got your back" till you stand on that wall.

We stood on the wall in warm weather and cold.

We stood on that wall at the DMZ in Korea, the secret bunker in England, and three floors underground in Omaha, Nebraska.

The only thing we asked was that our leaders choose wisely.

We stood on that wall at three in the morning when the Claxton sounded for a drill, a training session, or the real thing.  
We stood on that wall in the icy cold in Greenland, the balmy seas of the Mediterranean, the waste of the driest desert,  
and the downtown streets of the world's largest cities.

The only thing we asked was that our leaders choose wisely.

There are over 2 million men and women standing on that wall today and the only thing they ask is that their leaders choose wisely .

### NOTATIONS FROM APPLICATIONS

I was first assigned to the 3rd SOS at Bien Hoa flying the AC-47, Puff The Magic Dragon Gunships. In early 1970, our AC-47's were given to the South Vietnamese and I transferred to the EC 47 based at TSN. It was not quite as exciting as flying the Gunships but it was a very important mission. Plus, TSN had a lot of advantages over Bien Hoa. I was even able to get off base and see a few parts of Saigon, something I would have never done at Bien Hoa.

William R. Moebes

360th Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron

FINDING A FATHER

By: George Croft  
Nov 66 - Jun 68  
AAFES Exchange Manager

From: Nelson Mai <nlsnmai@gmail.com>  
Date: Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 11:42 AM  
Subject: looking for Timothy, Vietnam Vets, Tan Son Nhut, Saigon 1967  
To:

I'm looking for my real father and/or mother. What I know his name is Tim or Timothy, a white tall handsome American soldier, who served in Vietnam and possible in Air Force branch base in Tan Son Nhut Air Base between 1966 to 1967 when Tim was about 20-24 yrs old, he dated my real mother name Phuong (from Hue, reside in Phu Nhuan close by to Tan Son Nhut) and left Vietnam after March 1967 (base on my birth certificate), possible going back home in Massachusetts, without knowing that my mom pregnancy. Tim is now about 70-74 yrs old.

I was adopted since birth. I do not know neither my real mom or dad. I came into US as AmerAsian kid alone at 19 yrs old in 1986.

Now both my adopted parents had passed away in VN. I would like to search for my blood father & relatives, regardless of alive or not. If anyone know or have any info about Tim, please contact me at my other significant email at [nlsnmai@gmail.com](mailto:nlsnmai@gmail.com) since I do not speak much English. Thanks.

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On Fri, Sep 29, 2017 at 4:02 PM, GEORGE R CROFT <[georgercroft39@yahoo.com](mailto:georgercroft39@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
29 September 2017

Sorry I can't help you but there are several other sites that may help. Try Vietnam Veterans websites because there are many veterans who are registered and many looking for their buddies from the same time period. Do you have any idea where he worked? Try TSN Association there are quite a few listed there.

God Bless and hopefully you will find him.

George R. Croft  
RVN 1966-1968

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**From:** Nelson Mai <nlsnmai@gmail.com>  
**To:** GEORGE R CROFT <[georgercroft39@yahoo.com](mailto:georgercroft39@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 12:20:43 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Re: Fwd: looking for Timothy, Vietnam Vets, Tan Son Nhut, Saigon 1967

Hello all,

I would like to share my Good news and Thank you all for emailing/helping/support me regards to my real dad's search. I was very lucky & fortunate to find Tim M...z and being contacting each other to the point that we both have very strong feelings to be related.

Just for your information that I found Tim with the below link and luckily the link had Tim's picture back in 1966 that looked resemble to my son.

I tried to locate Tim via TSN Association website and found only one Tim that meet my initial search from [http://www.377sps.org/bravo/in\\_dex.html](http://www.377sps.org/bravo/in_dex.html): M...z, Tim Utica, NY 04/66-04/67

Thank you very much for all your helps.

Nelson Mai.

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On Thu, Oct 19, 2017 at 3:36 PM, GEORGE R CROFT <[georgercroft39@yahoo.com](mailto:georgercroft39@yahoo.com)> wrote:  
19 October 2017

I am so happy for you and that you found your father. I worked with the 377 Security Police on several occasions while I was stationed there from November 1966 through June 1968. I was the BX Manager those years and I went back as a Aircraft Loadmaster and ended up serving another 42 months flying in resupply and then in Air Rescue, ending up flying the final 6 month and 19 days in resupply in Cambodia flying from Thailand.

God Bless and hopefully your future will be what you want.

God Bless

George R. Croft .

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**To:** GEORGE R CROFT <[georgercroft39@yahoo.com](mailto:georgercroft39@yahoo.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 04:22:49 PM PDT

**Subject:** Re: Fwd: looking for Timothy, Vietnam Vets, Tan Son Nhut, Saigon 1967

Thank you for special prayer with God Blessing my search. God has responded to your prayer by guiding me finding my (potential real) father after 50 years of unknown of my parents.

Thanks for your helps & supports & your services in protecting my country.

My God bless you and family always.

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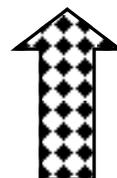
**TSNA REUNION  
MAY 3-6, 2007**

In reading the letters from Sharon and Janice, I was reminded of the first Tan Son Nhut Reunion I attended in Dayton years ago. Being in a large group of people I don't know has always been very uncomfortable for me, but in spite of that, I wanted to go with Bill. We arrived a day early as we always do, having to fly in from Oregon. As we waited for the other attendees to get there, I became increasingly more anxious. My anxiety was all for nothing. As people began arriving the next day, it felt like a homecoming event, where everyone was so glad to see you, and welcomed you with open arms. Though we didn't know anyone there, none of them were strangers--they were like family you hadn't seen for a long time. We haven't missed a reunion since that one, and it always feels the same. We look forward to seeing everyone again and catching up on their news, as well as meeting new people and welcoming them to our expanding Tan Son Nhut family. Without a doubt, one of the best things we have done is join this Association and attend its reunions. We have met some incredible people who have enriched our lives immensely. Please come and be with us in Dayton if you can. We'd love to personally say, "Welcome Home!"

Mary Ann Carlson  
TSNA Member since 2010  
(Wife of TSNA Member "Bill" Carlson)

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Five Year Membership: \$80.00  
Life Membership: \$180.00



### PLAQUE PRESENTATION

On behalf of TSNA I presented our plaque to our Blackford County Service Officer. We are the second smallest County in Indiana, but per capita we had the most Vietnam Veterans of any County. We only have 8000 in our county and had 158 Vietnam Veterans. Jon Oswalt is our service officer. He is a Marine Vet, retired teacher and a dedicated service officer who truly helps our county's veterans. The TSNA Plaque will now hang in our service office in the courthouse for everyone to see. This is first office you see when entering the county courthouse. I asked Jon to ask all veterans to donate toiletries and paperbacks for our collection to be sent to the troops overseas. Dayton coming soon!

Randall W Brown  
President-TSNA

### NEW MEMBERS

Joseph L. Richardson Indianapolis IN richardson.dl@att.net Sep 67 - Sep 68 377th Security Police - K-9  
James D. Marshall Alexandria VA marshall-james@comcast.net Feb 70 - Mar 72 377 Combat Support Group and  
Air Base Wing Hq Squadron

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