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Vinh Long Outlaws Association Copyrights

Throughout the period 2000-2004 during which three reunions were held and Vinh Long Outlaws Association (VLOA) became a legally established entity, a great deal of effort has been expended in replicating and preserving the original artwork designs of the patches and logos associated with the Outlaws and attached detachments. At the Ft Rucker 2004 reunion, during the VLOA annual business meeting there was discussion regarding the advisability to copyright the original 1964 designs of the Outlaws patch (62d Aviation Company and Company A, 502d Aviation Battalion), 150th Cargo Helicopter Field Maintenance Detachment patch, 28th Signal Detachment patch and the Maverick and Roadrunner logos. It was agreed that the copyright issue should be investigated and a recommendation made to the VLOA Board of Directors.

Subsequent to the 2004 VLOA reunion, the copyright issue was evaluated and a recommendation made to the VLOA Board of Directors that it would be both feasible and advisable to forward an application for copyright of the five patches/logos designs to the U.S. Copyright Office. The primary purpose of the copyrights would be to preserve and protect the original 1964 designs of the patches and logos created by members assigned and/or attached to those units and derivative works based upon these artworks. Also, it would be a preemptive effort by VLOA to preclude the possibility of these designs being copyrighted by others solely for commercial purposes and/or for financial gain. The wearing, display, reproduction, use, etc. by any former members of the 62d Avn Co, Co A, 502d Avn Bn of the 1964-1965 era, the follow-on 175th Assault Helicopter Company and all their attached units/detachments, throughout their service in the RVN, of these original designs and derivatives thereof would not be infringed upon nor inhibited in any way by reason of VLOA holding the copyrights to the original designs. Reproduction of these copyright patches and logos, and derivatives thereof by anyone for commercial purposes and/or for financial gain will not be allowed without prior express authorization by VLOA.

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With the above purpose and understandings, application was forwarded to the U.S. Copyright Office in September 2005 for the original 1964 designs known as the Outlaws patch, 150th CHFM Det patch, 28th Sig Det patch, Maverick and Roadrunner logos. The VLOA copyrights to these designs were approved in August 2006 as of September 2005. Announcement of the copyright approvals was made at the September 2006 VLOA reunion at Pigeon Forge, TN. There a discussion was held with the member attendees present again emphasizing the primary purpose of the copyrights and understandings regarding the wearing, display, reproduction, use, etc. of the designs and derivatives by former members of the above units and their attachments. All attending members were in full and total agreement.

(Submitted by Al Iller)

CORRECTION!!

In the last VLOA Newsletter I made an error in Jim Longhofer's name. I had it as "David", I sincerely apologize for that mistake.

NOTE

If you have not received your lifetime membership card, we will get them all out in the next few days.

ATTENTION:

Dues are due in January. The address of our new Treasurer is:

**Charles Bouton
2013 S.W. Providence Pl.
Port St. Lucie, FL 34953
PH: 772-345-3553**

Please send your dues to him if you have not already paid for 2007.

Lifetime Membership is now available to our members. The price is \$100...contact the Treasurer for more information.

Current Lifetime Members are:

**Bob Michalic
Leon Osterland
Robert Sharp
Paul L. Martin
Jim Longhofer
David Logan
Milton (Skip) Frontera
Melvin E. Anderman
Duane Truman
Phil Horne
Frederick (Tim) Bisch
Kenneth H. Booze
Charles Bouton
Jack Dunaway
Ernie Isbell
Linda Isbell
Michael Madigan
Al Moist**



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"The Back Pew"

From our VLOA Chaplain: John Doyle

"Go Climb a Mountain"

While planning for the VLOA Reunion last September, we decided we would take a trip we had been planning for some time, and incorporate it into our itinerary. Our trip took us by Auto Train from Florida to Virginia. There we had breakfast with Tom and Pat Anderson, then headed for Shenandoah National Park and the Skyline Drive. From there, we would join the Blue Ridge Parkway to its terminus at The Smokey Mountains National Park, then on to the Reunion.

Along the way, we spent the night in Ashville, North Carolina. While there, we visited the Mast General Store, which is an outdoor outfitting store. There, I saw a T-Shirt I just couldn't resist. On the back it says, "Take a hike in the mountains". This is exactly what Ruth and I have planned for this year, so I bought it.

I really don't know many people who have any interest in hiking in the mountains. Some would even say it is something they would never do. However, life is full of mountains that we must climb. Loved ones die. Marriages end. Children disappoint. Health fails. And mountains we have never thought existed, intrude into our lives. We are left with no choice other than to "hike in the mountains". We may not find this to our liking. We might even try to avoid taking the hike and hope the mountain will just disappear. It won't. There is no plan "B".

What is important to know is that you never have to "hike in the mountains" alone. God will provide for your success. He will take you to the "mountain top", walking hand in hand each step of the way. Trust Him. He will not let you fall. The climb may not be easy, but God will see you safely reach the top of your mountain.

God Bless.

John

Cherish Your Blessings

Those of you who know me, even slightly, know how emotional I can get when it comes to the people with whom I served in the Army. If you've been to an Outlaw reunion, you've probably seen me choke up more than once as I attempt to describe my feelings toward the people who were part of our Outlaw group in Vietnam. And, when we lose one of those people, it adds even more emotion to the memories and it becomes more difficult to verbalize.

I have been to Arlington National Cemetery four times in recent months to say a last "goodbye" to an Army friend. The solemnity of these visits is always poignantly enhanced by the dignity of the military ceremony presented by the soldiers of the 3d Infantry Regiment, "The Old Guard". Those awesome young soldiers, who carry out these emotional and heart-rending rituals, perform their duties not only with absolute precision but with genuine care and tenderness. Family and friends leave each ceremony filled with pride knowing that the Army recognizes, appreciates and honors the service of their loved one.

I come away from each Arlington ceremony with a renewed sense of pride in the young men and women who serve our country today. They are awesome soldiers! Whether we lived our lives with a military or civilian career, we all know how dedicated our professional military has always been. And, everyone who served in our Outlaw organization contributed to that professionalism.

I doubt there are any of you reading this who have not also attended a final service for an Army friend in the past few years. When we do, I think we all feel a sense of gratitude for the fact that we are all still here to reflect on the friendships of those we knew who shared our year of service together in Vietnam over four decades ago.

We now have a wonderful little organization in this Vinh Long Outlaws Association. The people who served with us in '64 and '65 were SPECIAL people. Although we were different ranks, different ages, different backgrounds and different jobs, we were a fabulous team that wrote a small, but unique, chapter in the history of that conflict. The VLOA has been formed and become stronger over the past decade because of the contributions of many of those original Vietnam Outlaws.

My point is this:

Cherish the memories. Whatever your job in '64-'65, it was an integral part of a larger effort. Tell your children what you did. If you don't tell them, they'll never know how you felt about your tour with the Outlaws. Give them a chance to know some of the memories that meant so much to you.

Cherish the friendships. Whatever position you had with the Outlaws, there were friends who were very meaningful to you. Come to the reunions. Stay in touch with those who were special to you then. Make it a point to call one or two of them regularly. They'll appreciate your call, more than you'll ever know.

Cherish the years! Every year we lose a few more of our group. How we miss them! You have been given all these added years since Vietnam for a reason. We should all feel blessed to have been given these added years to live with our families and friends. Express your appreciation to whatever Higher Being you acknowledge as part of your life.

When we dedicated the Outlaw Memorial at Fort Rucker in 2004, I ended my short talk at the ceremony with these words. *"Let everyone who pauses to view this memorial reflect on the devotion to duty it represents from a small group of soldiers who know that they helped make a difference in future of our country".*

That small group of soldiers is the VLOA, and that is YOU! And you did make a difference!

Tom Anderson

PICTURES FROM OUR "ROUNDUP" AT PIGEON FORGE

Submitted by Charles Bouton

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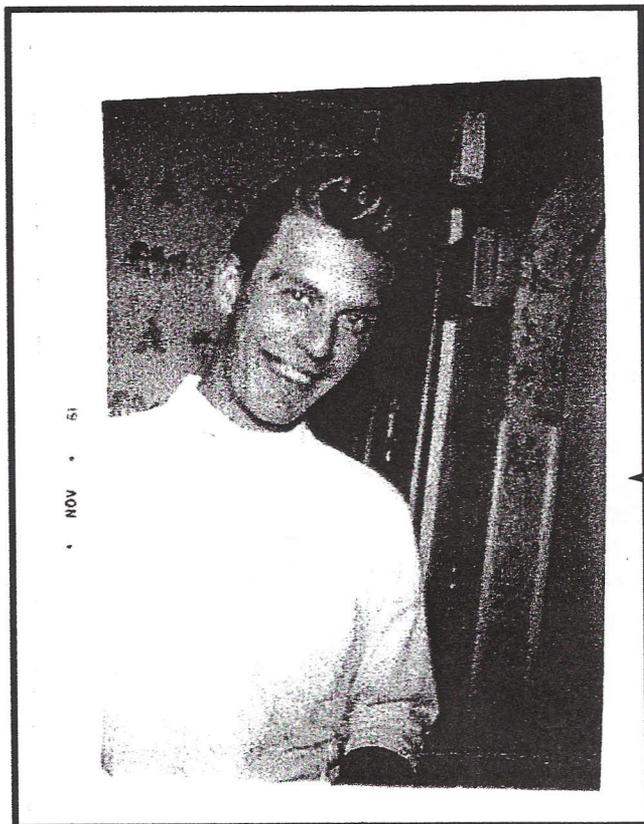
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Submitted by Charles Bouton

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"KOMICS BY KOONCE"



Can you identify our Mystery Person this time?? (Remember "no peeking" first).

Answer on Page 9

JUST FOR A SMILE

Below is a picture of Al's new hunting lease in GA.

(He DREAMS A LOT!!! Nell)



HAS YOUR ADDRESS OR ZIP CODE CHANGED?

It is very important to keep your mailing status up to date if you wish to continue receiving the VLOA Newsletter. If you know someone who has moved recently and not filed a change of address please have them contact us so we can resume sending the newsletter to them. We can be contacted by phone: 850-482-5605 or email: myranell@digitalexp.com or by the return address on the newsletter.

Al & Nell Moist

**List of Officers and Directors
(from Pigeon Forge "Roundup" Sept. 06)**

Director

Joe Clelan
Mechanicsburg, PA

Deputy Director

Frank Estes
Ozark, AL

Secretary

Larry Jackson
Hilton Head Island, SC

Treasurer

Charles Bouton
Port St. Lucie, FL

Director of Communications/Newsletter

Al & Nell Moist
Marianna, FL

Quartermaster

Jack Lane
Shawnee, OK

Member-at-Large

Chester Voisin
Theriot. LA

Member-at-Large

Philip Horne
Ranger, GA

Permanent Advisor

Tom Anderson
Springfield, VA

R2K+8 Coordinator (Las Vegas)

George (Bud) Allie
Riverside, CA

Roster Committee

Larry Jackson
Hilton Head Island, SC

Doug Wilson
Costa Mesa, CA

Jack Lane
Shawnee, OK

NEED YOUR INPUT...GET INVOLVED

We have been doing the VLOA newsletter since taking it the last quarter of 2004. We are very proud to do this and thoroughly enjoy putting it out each quarter.

It seems each quarter that we have to rely on the same people for input to us...not that we don't appreciate their time, great articles and assistance but we feel this newsletter belongs to the organization and that everyone should have some input. **Most** of you have done or do some **really interesting things!** Share your adventures! We know some of you do not have computers but you can mail us something (our address is the return address on the newsletter). If you have computers you can email us at the following **myranell@digitalexp.com** with any information or articles you would like to see published. Tell us what is going on in your life, new grandchildren, great-grandchildren, what you did on vacation, anything you read or saw that was interesting or what your favorite hobby is or just anything you might think would interest other people. Maybe you read a funny article and think others would enjoy it. Send us any pictures you might want included. If you send something and we can't fit it in the newsletter coming up we will include it in the next issue. Don't forget our "Mystery Person" article.

Thanks,
Al & Nell

AND THE ANSWER IS:

Bob Michalic at age 20