

VINH LONG OUTLAWS NEWSLETTER

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(VLOA)

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National Director's Corner By Frank Estes

There are a number of things covered here that will bring you up to speed on VLOA activities during the past three months. Some of these are: nonprofit, tax-exempt status; preparations for the Outlaw Roundup; need for Silent Auction items; unpaid dues; search for "lost Outlaws;" and updated roster.

We have received IRS approval of our application for 501(c)19 nonprofit, tax-exempt war veterans' organization status. This process began in November 2009 with a search of records, completing the required forms and attaching a boat-load of information, and filing the application with the IRS. We submitted our application to the IRS on January 27, 2010, and received our IRS determination letter dated April 30, 2010. This letter specifically states: "We are pleased to inform you that upon review of your application for tax-exempt status, we have determined that you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(c)19 of the Internal Revenue Code." and, "Based on your representation that at least 90 percent of your members are war veterans and that you are organized and operated primarily for purposes consistent with your current status as a war veterans' organization, *donors can deduct contributions made to or for the use of your organization* (italics added)." This IRS approval gives us essentially the same status and benefits as a 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax-exempt status.

As I write this, we have 82 individuals registered for the Outlaws' Nashville Roundup being held at the Radisson Hotel at Opryland during October 7 - 11, 2010. That is a good number, yet we had hoped for many more. All the arrangements, actions, and suspense dates are on track. Ann and I look forward to seeing all the Roundup attendees at the reunion.

Tom Anderson will begin fretting over the Silent Auction in about another month (if he hasn't already started). You can help keep his blood pressure and stress levels to the lowest possible by helping him come up with variety of items usable for the Silent Auction. As you will recall, the Silent Auction is one of two key ways we raise funds to keep our website, quarterly newsletters, and administrative costs on sound financial footing. (cont'd on Page 2)

National Director's Corner By Frank Estes

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Please help him out, whether you are coming to the reunion or not.

We still have many people listed on our roster that have not paid their annual dues. This is beginning to cause a small level of concern because the dues are the principle life-blood for financing our website, quarterly newsletters, and administrative costs. If you have not paid your dues, please do so by completing the form on the back page of this newsletter and sending it with the \$20 annual payment to Charles Bouton, Treasurer at the address shown. Dues are to be paid each January. We sincerely need your help in keeping our association on sound financial footing.

Our search for "lost Outlaws" has resulted in finding about 20 former members of the Outlaws, Mavericks, Roadrunners, 28th Signal, and 25th ID doorgunners. A few of these have registered for the reunion. Thanks go to the search committee members and Al Iller for their continuous efforts at locating former members and obtaining their information for our roster updates.

A copy of our current roster is included in this newsletter, *FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY!* Release of any information contained in the roster is not permitted without the expressed written consent of the named individual AND the VLOA. We will not put this roster on the website when this issue of the newsletter is uploaded to the Newsletter Page.

In closing, you can see that we have a number of things working to better the VLOA and keep it moving forward. However, the Directors can't do it alone; we need your input to make things better and ensure the VLOA remains responsive to your needs. So, please let us know your thoughts.



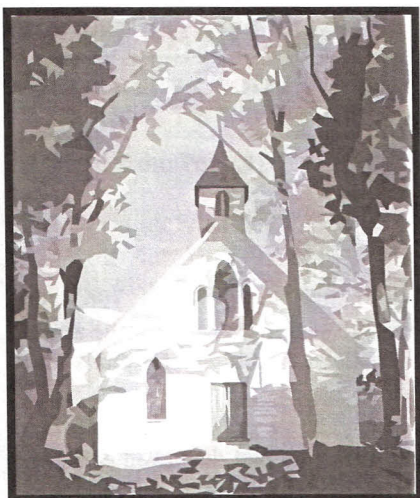
Right: "Maverick" aviators at an ARVN awards ceremony – front row, left to right, Ernie Isbell, Jack Sanford, Tony Clemente, Frank Estes, Bob Bergquist, second row, John Sedan, Charley Wren, Don Newman and back row, Charles Dominy, Bob Morgan, Tony Wotkyns, Bob Rausch and Les Haverfield. Missing from this group photograph are Ken DeLozier, Jim Coleman and Jim Bright.

Combat Infantrymen's Badge Association

By Frank Estes

The Combat Infantrymen's Badge (CIB) Association asked that we include this information in publications to our members. You are eligible to be a member if you have earned a CIB. An application form is included elsewhere in this newsletter. The CIB Association is an IRS approved nonprofit, tax-exempt organization.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

"The Back Pew"

From our VLOA Chaplain: John Doyle

What if?

Do you remember when, as a kid, you would enjoy playing "What if?" You would ask yourself, "What if so and so?", and then enjoy whatever answer came to mind. For example, you might ask, "What if I were rich?" Then you would relish all the things that you would buy if you were rich.

What if we played that game today? Suppose, you asked yourself, "What if I used some of my retirement for the benefit of others?" What kind of answer do you think might come to mind? Most of us might say, "I don't have the time or resources to help people," or, "I would like to help people, but what can I do?"

Jesus said "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you." (Matthew 7:12a NIV) Think what you would want, if you were in need. For example: What if you were unable to afford food? You would want someone to feed you. So, volunteer to work at Meals on Wheels or the Salvation Army meal kitchen, etc. Identify a need, and be a part of meeting that need.

John

Treasurer's Quarterly Report – 2Q 2010

Account value at start of 2Q (checking account)	\$ 18,694.51
Income from dues (annual & lifetime)	\$ 400.00
Quartermaster Sales	\$ 39.56
Shirt Sales	\$ 210.00
Reunion Deposits	\$ 22,763.00
<u>Total prior to expenses</u>	\$ 42,107.07
Quarterly Newsletter	\$ 316.61
<u>Checking account value as of 6/30/10</u>	\$ 41,790.46
<u>Total VLOA funds</u>	\$ 41,790.46

Charles F. Bouton
Treasurer, VLOA

In MEMORIAM

Hal Larry Scott

May 23 1936 - May 18 2010

Hal Scott served with Company A, 502nd Aviation Battalion, the Vinh Long Outlaws as pilot before September 11, 1965. On that day, he was injured in a crash of the UH-1B he was flying near An Khe in mission support to secure the area for the arrival in country of the 1st Air Cavalry Division. He was medically evacuated to CONUS and remained in military hospitals until medically retired from military service more than a year later.

I did not know him then, but I later learned that he set out to repair his body with the same effort he had displayed earlier in training to become a helicopter pilot. His injuries were basically spinal cord and nerve related. Due to his own desire to walk again, and the encouragement of his wife Ann, he was able to walk with a walker and later with forearm crutches.

I first met him eleven years later, and at that time, he could still get by with forearm crutches. He had returned to college and achieved a Masters Degree by then, and was in fact County Manager of Alamance County, NC, the county next to mine. He had re-qualified for his pilot's certificate for fixed wing aircraft and was doing some flying. He coached little league baseball, along with the other sports, and raised two fine sons.

Using his arms to do the work of his legs gradually caused shoulder problems for him though, and he had to rely more and more on walkers and the eventual transition into wheel chairs. During the late eighties, the Army started bailing used up helicopters to some organizations, and the NC VHPA obtained five, mounted them on trailers to be used in parades and for displays to mostly elementary school students. Hal and I visited many schools in North Carolina and talked to the kids about helicopters and what makes them fly. During this time, he was confined to a wheel chair, but would always wear his military flight suit for these occasions. I rode in many parades first with him in pilot seat, later as his problems grew, with Hal in a wheelchair facing out. With the helicopter, we actually participated in the Clinton/Gore Second Inauguration Parade in Washington, DC during January 1997. Outlaw Joe Armstrong ('70-'71) was with us then and is now.

Despite his physical condition and recurring pain, this great American seldom complained, never blamed his suffering on anyone else, and was an inspiration to veterans with far less problems than his own. He was always helpful to other veterans when he could help, but could be a bit stern at times when someone was asking for too much.

Later, Hal volunteered at the VA Hospital in Durham, NC and saw the need for Veteran Service Officers to aid veterans in filing claims for service connected disability and other VA related matters. He enlisted Harry Karnes (114th Avn Co, '64-'65), Dale Herron (1st Cav Div, '65 - '66) and me as volunteer Veteran Service Officers. We must have done very well as volunteers, as Hal later became a Special Assistant to the Director, Durham VA Hospital, and later Harry Karnes took over the Veterans Service Office. For years, Hal was the bell ringer for the American Legion and Alamance County Memorial Day ceremony, a well attended ceremony where the names of newly deceased veterans from the county are honored with a single ring of the bell for each death. Once again, Harry Karnes stepped forward replacing Hal as bell ringer for these ceremonies.

Hal's funeral was Saturday, May 22, 2010, he was honored with a full military funeral with seven riflemen, six pallbearers, a bugler, NCOIC and officer escort. Members of the NC VHPA served as honorary pallbearers, including Harry Karnes, Joe Armstrong (17th AHC, '70-'71) representing the Outlaws and myself. After presentation of the flag to Ann, two Blackhawk helicopters appeared in the marginal IMC sky and flew in formation over the small church in the rural setting some ten miles south of his home near Graham, NC. A fitting final farewell to this Army aviator and Great American.

This Memorial Day 2010, Harry tolled the bell in remembrance for Hal.

Please keep Hal's wife Ann and son Greg in your prayers.

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In MEMORIAM

Hal Larry Scott

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By: David M. Shanklin,
1st Air Cav Div; 117 AHC; 221 RAC; 164 CAG ('65 - '66)
101 Abn Div ('68-'69)

A Postscript **"Hal's Apple Dumpling Gang"**

When Hal attended two of the Outlaws Roundup Reunions, some may recall he often spoke fondly of the "Apple Dumping Gang", a group of his old Army Aviator friends and soldiers who met each Wednesday for coffee and apple pie.

Here, Dave Shanklin reminisces about the "Apple Dumpling Gang":

"We had somewhat common concerns in the early ninety's, and at first just Hal and I would meet on Wednesday each week at Hardy's in Graham, NC. I remember we chose it because it had a ramp that would accommodate his motorized wheel chair. The apple pies were hot items on the menu. We changed the meeting place a couple of times, now it is McDonalds in Mebane. We were soon joined by Dale Heron, my friend from flight school days. Later Hal talked about Harry Karnes, and invited him to join us.

We became American Legion volunteers trained to become veteran service officers at the VA Hospital at Durham. The "helicopter pilots on the eighth floor" kept us busy for several years, during which we rotated days, with each of us working one day a week. I must say we were very effective service officers, and had some very good years.

The Wednesday meetings served us well by giving time to compare notes and keep each of us on the same page. We filed claims for veterans who could not do it on their own, and had a high success rate. Dale Herron is now almost blind, and we do not get to see him as much. Hal's condition kept getting worse and finally did not call to say he could not make it. I would call and badger him into making an effort if we had something for him.

The other person who helped us at the VA Hospital, Alex Sykes a retired Army E7 (Korea '51; HHC 1st An Bde '67-'68), started meeting with us, and in the last year or so, it has been just Harry, Alex and me. We also retired from the VA a couple of years ago, and now just talk about whatever comes up, yesterday it was the Braves ball game.

The Old Aviators weekend at Fort Rucker is this weekend, none of us plan to go although Harry and I went last year. Saw Jim Kirley, I think you (VLOA) know him.

The meetings never had a name other than, "Are we going to meet this afternoon" until Hal dubbed it as "The Apple Dumpling Gang" and in describing it during his trips to VLOA reunions. First person to arrive at the fast food place would order apples pies and either coffee or cold drink for all those expected that day. Other helicopter pilots who knew of us would stop by on occasion.

Dale Herron retired as W3 Senior AA about 1970, Harry Karnes retired as a W4 Senior AA, Hal was retired as a W4 AA, and I as W4 Master AA in 1975. At our Wednesday meeting we usually would wear a cap with our rank and wings, but not to work at the VA. I suspect the little bit of work we did at the VA is repeated all over the country by veterans who have a little time on their hands and can fill a need. We claim no special recognition for that."

Contributed by: Dave Shanklin

(See Pictures of Hal on Page 12)



Hal Scott



Hal Scott 1965 - Outlaws

SILENT AUCTION NEEDS YOUR HELP !

As this is written, Charles Bouton has just reported that we have well over **80 registrations** for the Nashville 2010 Outlaw Reunion ! WOW ! Hopefully we'll have several more latecomers register in the next few weeks to make the Reunion even more special.

Much of the first-class feeling of every reunion is dependent on all the "extras" paid for by the VLOA Treasury. These "extras" are not charged to the attendees in our registration fees. But, such costs as postage and mailings to VLOA members, colorful signs depicting our patches, VLOA banners, libations and refreshments for the hospitality suite, gratuities, recognition mementos for outstanding service to the VLOA and dozens of other items are all underwritten by the VLOA Treasury.

Other than our annual membership dues, the VLOA does not ask for monetary donations from the members. The Treasury does, however, depend on the generosity of those who attend the reunions by participating in the Silent Auction (and the 50/50 program), both by donating items as well as purchasing various "treasures" from the Silent Auction tables. In previous years, the Silent Auction has been a treasure-trove of eclectic and interesting items donated by both attendees as well as those who cannot attend but want to support the Association. The cost of attendance has been decreased because we could not use the originally-planned Gaylord Opryland hotel. That should certainly have freed up some loose cash that can be used at the Silent Auction !

So . . . as in previous years, we're appealing to all VLOA members, both those who will be in Nashville as well as those who cannot make it this year, to contribute some item of value to the Silent Auction. Several members have already notified me of items they will be bringing to Nashville for the Silent Auction. In addition, Frank Estes has written to 27 nationally known companies asking for donations of items, gift certificates, or products for the Silent Auction table.

But, the Auction needs more items !

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In Memoriam
John C. "Jack" Moodt
May 31, 1934 - April 26, 2010
(Submitted by Tim Bisch)

Jack Moodt, an original member of the 150th Transportation Detachment (CHFM) died April 26, 2010 at his home in Muskegon, MI after suffering for many years the ravages of hairy cell leukemia. His wife of 54 years, Hallye Ray was with him at his side. Other survivors are Michael R. (Betty) Moodt of Harker Heights, TX; Joseph P. (and former wife Grace) Moodt, CSM(Ret) of Clarksville, TN; two granddaughters, Sara Marie (Jeremiah) Doherty, Ft. Rucker, AL and Michelle Grace (Sean) Spears, Hunter Army Airfield, Savannah, GA (Sean is currently in Afghanistan flying UH-60 Black Hawks); one sister Phyllis Humphrey, Muskegon, MI. Definitely a military family, Michael is an air traffic controller at Ft. Hood, TX airfield having learned his skills with the Army. Joe retired from the U. S. Army as a Command Sergeant Major.

A 30 year veteran of the U. S. Army, Jack retired July 31, 1979 as Chief Warrant Officer-4. He served as a paratrooper, aviator, maintenance, and safety officer. He served in the Korean War and completed two tours in Vietnam. Other overseas tours include three years as aviator and maintenance officer at Wertheim, Germany, two years at Tehran, Iran as aviation maintenance officer. After retiring at Ft. Rucker during 1979, he continued to serve as an instructor pilot. His position before he finished his aviation career during August, 1997 was Director of Safety, Ft. Rucker Flight Training Program.

During the summer of 1964, selected with Jack were several key NCOs as initial members of the 150th Transportation Detachment (CHFM) activated at Ft. Eustis, VA on August 11, 1964. They administratively accepted assigned personnel and equipment from various units. Jack served as the advance party heading to an "unknown location". Ten days later, other unit personnel departed from Langley AFB, VA September 24, 1964 arriving at Saigon and then Vinh Long, Vietnam on September 30th. Jack had made provisions for messing and billeting of our personnel and made arrangements for 150th hangar and operating space on the flight line so we were ready to begin.

Jack's talents as maintenance officer and test pilot came to the fore especially during our first month on site. Higher headquarters had assigned UH-1 aircraft from a variety of units, locations, and condition. These aircraft required an inspection of records and flight condition in addition to a maintenance check flight prior to return to Vinh Long. There, technical inspectors, maintenance personnel (with tools borrowed from the 114th Avn Co and 544th Trans Det) and technical supply personnel were challenged to get these aircraft ready for mission ready status. By October 20th, only 20 days from arrival in country, the Outlaws and Mavericks were operational and ready to go. To accomplish this mission/ maintenance readiness objective no one worked harder than Jack leading and achieving maximum output despite continuous pressures of time and lack of tools and/or parts. Roadrunner mechanics dreaded his butt chewings more than try to explain why they didn't do it right the first time. Although he was seemingly a strict hard nosed boss, he had a good sense of humor and concern for his crews. Always ready to provide liquid beverages for promotion parties, he was also likely to break out in song with his version of "In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree". Uncertain who it was that wisely advised him to place his singing career on hold until he finished with the military. Jack would often treat newly assigned 150th members to scenic tours of nearby rice fields and jungles. He described his aerial maneuvers as "showing-people-a-good-time" but they were often interpreted by passengers as "scaring-the-hell-out-of-us" tours. Comments from fellow Roadrunners regarding how he is to be remembered include "fondly and with respect".

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SILENT AUCTION (cont'd from Page 12)

I'll be personally contacting everyone who has signed up for the Reunion to ask your help in providing some item of intrinsic, memorable or sentimental value to the Silent Auction. Please consider helping the VLOA Treasury through a thoughtful and generous contribution.

As I read this over, I'm suddenly struck by the thought that I might be sounding a little like Pastor John Doyle appealing to his parishioners from the pulpit. With that thought in mind, if I don't hear from you soon, regarding the Silent Auction, I might have to enlist Pastor Doyle's help. . . . and, be assured, John is much more persuasive at arm-twisting than me. So, let me hear from you before I have to bring in the heavy-hitter!

Please contact me (Tom Anderson) by phone (703-451-4015), email (teander@cox.net) or mail (7880 Rolling Woods Ct. #308 Springfield, VA 22152) and let me know what you will be contributing as well as a description of the item(s) for inclusion in the Bid List.

Many, many thanks for your help.

See you in Nashville !!!

In Memoriam

John C. "Jack" Moodt

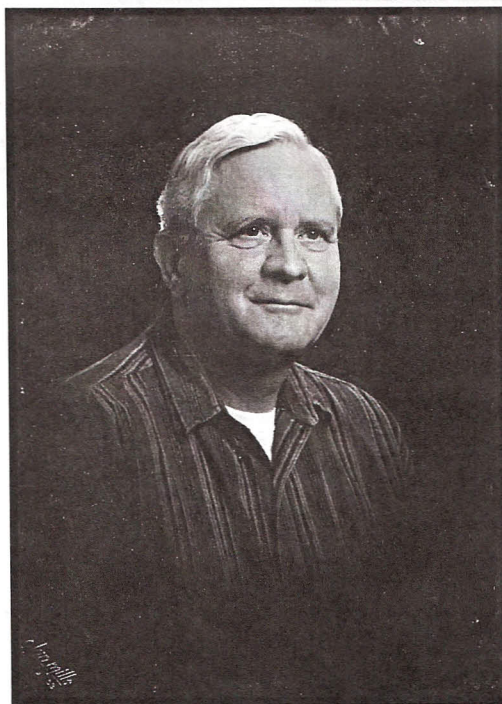
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Due to the unexpected departure of CPT Tim Bisch during mid-June, 1965 Jack was well able to continue directing the effort/successes of the 150th in performance of their maintenance and technical supply support mission for 25 UH-1 helicopter and six O-1F observation fixed wing aircraft of Company A, 502nd Avn Bn. To acknowledge the imminent departure of our Commanding Officer, MAJ Tom Anderson for Command & General Staff College during late June, 1965 Jack was able to provide him a 100% operational aircraft report, an outstanding accomplishment by Jack and the 150th Roadrunners.

Jack's passing was a special loss for me and my family. Jack and I were geographical bachelors assigned to a cargo helicopter company at Wertheim, Germany during early 1960. We remained family friends when our wives each with two sons about the same age arrived for the remainder of our three year tour. Things were different then. There were no annual trips back home, telephone calls or TV, much less email communication. Close friendships formed there often remain for the rest of your life. After our tours ended we both returned to Ft. Eustis, VA. About 15 months later, Jack was alerted for assignment to one of two Transportation Detachments being formed "most likely" for the build-up in Vietnam. I had been selected for permanent assignment to the Transportation School Staff & Faculty, normally a three year assignment. The axiom "Nothing is permanent except change" applied here. Something happened to the officer(s) supposedly designated to be Detachment Commander. I was informed by the Assistant Commandant, Transportation School I was being transferred to Post HQ for re-assignment. The rest is history. We enjoy our close friendship with the Moodts.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Muskegon, MI at Prince of Peace Catholic Church on April 30, 2010. He was laid to rest with full military honors at St. Mary's cemetery. Jack, rest in peace.

Note: In addition to Jack's obituary, information was used from "The History of the Outlaws! 62nd Aviation Company - Co A/502nd Avn Bn, The First Year" and "A History of the 150th Transportation Detachment (CHFM) Roadrunners! The First Year", August 1964-September 1965 edited from the original by Therman "Shorty" Farley.



Jack Moodt

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Thanks, Al & Nell Moist