



# VINH LONG OUTLAWS NEWS



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Reunion 2002 (R2K+2)

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## SEE YOU IN SAN ANTONIO? OF COURSE!!!

What is San Antonio? So many things! San Antonio is fiestas, freeways and basketball; tourists and conventions; opera, theater and art; symphonies and sunshine; beauty and bustling big business; pageants, parades, and pictures out of the past.

San Antonio is the gaiety of the Paseo Del Rio on summer evening — cafes, shops, paddle boats and barges; Dixieland jazz, flamenco rhythms, strolling singers and mariachi guitars. San Antonio is the soft sounds of Spanish together with a Texas twang; as American as the cowboy is, as continental as a quaint European village.

San Antonio is the look of leafy pecans along the river, the beauty of blue bonnets in the spring, the feel of the first "norther" in the fall. San Antonio is a special place. A place of which the residents are fiercely proud and a place with which all visitors fall in love.

Founded in 1718 by Spanish missionaries and settlers from the Canary Islands, San Antonio has lived under six flags. It was the scene of historic battles of great significance to our country. Its past was one of a roisterous "Wild West" town where drovers assembled for the long dangerous Chisholm Trail ride to Kansas. But, despite its romantic, storybook beginnings, San Antonio has always been a regional center of culture. Along with Boston, New Orleans and San Francisco, San Antonio is considered to be one of America's four "Unique Cities." Today, it is the 10th largest in our country and each year, tourist and convention activities attract millions more to explore its beauty. It is an ever-growing medical and educational center, an international gateway for travelers and a market terminal for the great southwest.

Cooled by gulf breezes in summer, the city is lush with palm fronds, banana leaves and mesquite. Stately, ancient live oaks stand a hundred feet tall or hug the ground in serpentine fashion. Gardens are a sea of color where zinnias, marigolds, and roses bask in the sun and share honors with tomato plants, okra and parsley. With the advent of fall, the first "norther" blows in, bringing chilly mornings, sunny days and crisp, clear nights. Chrysanthemums bloom and hunting season gets underway. Nature's traditional red and green of Christmas time heralds the arrival of winter. Pyracantha bushes are laden with bright red berries, and poinsettias — as tall as trees — are topped with their own Christmas ornaments.

San Antonio stands today as a magnificent blend of colorful history and diverse cultures. Each gave its best to her heritage. The Alamo symbolizes that great heritage with the past, present and future are linked together. The old stands by the new and even the most casual observer will feed the silent dramas of history joining the modern march of progress in a great metropolis.

Come join the fun for our reunion this October in San Antonio. Discover your own special treasures in this unique City.

*Contributed by Dale and Dian Sherrod*



**River Boat tour, Mexican food, River Walk, Cattle Ranch BBQ dinner, Historical tour, and much more!**



# VALOROUS UNIT AWARD

This article is a continuation of information regarding the Valorous Unit Award (VUA) in Vinh Long Outlaws News, January 2002.

Background. Through the diligent and exhaustive research by Roadrunner Therman "Shorty" Farley, he obtained a copy of DAGO 34, dated 3 August 1966 which awarded the VUA to A Company, 502D Aviation Battalion, 150<sup>TH</sup> Transportation Detachment (CHFM), 28<sup>th</sup> Signal Detachment (Avionics) and Door Gunner Platoon for "extraordinary heroism while engaged in military operations 4, 5, and 6 April 1965 in Chuong Tien Province, Republic of Vietnam". Shorty, concerned that some of the former members may not ever have been aware of this award, passed on this information to several of us some 15+ months ago. Unfortunately, the possible importance of this discovery to perhaps many was not initially recognized, and admittedly placed on the "back burner".

Recently, when the subject of the VUA again surfaced, some checking was made to determine whether Outlaws, Roadrunners, Mavericks and those attached units who served during the referenced period had, or had not received this deserved recognition by appropriate entries on their military records. Querying a small number of our members, it was quickly determined that many were both unaware of this VUA and that their records (DD 214, Report of Separation from Active Duty) did not reflect such. An individual separating or retiring from the US Army on or before the date of the DAGO probably did not receive credit for the VUA on their military records may be understandable. For others this may have been due to an oversight or failure by the personnel office responsible for their personal records at the time the VUA was disseminated through channels, to properly notify the individual and annotate their personal military record file. In either case, we may have significant number of former members whose records do not to reflect this VUA.

Subsequently, Military Personnel Records (MPR), National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St Louis was contacted to determine the proper course/procedure to follow in order to correct military records either by individual or by group submission. In either case, a Standard Form 180 (SF 180), "Request Pertaining to Military Records" will be required. These forms may be obtained from the nearest military installation, VA, NPRC or electronically: <http://www.nara.gov/regional/mprsf180.html>. The SF 180 is self explanatory. In Section II, Item 2, OTHER INFORMATION AND/OR DOCUMENTS REQUESTED, the following should be inserted: *REQUEST Valorous Unit Award based on service in UNIT NAME (unit name as it appears on DAGO) during the period from 4-6 April 1965 as stated in DA GO 34, dated 3 August 1966. In Section II, Item 3, PURPOSE, the following should be inserted: REQUEST DD Form 215 "Correction to DD Form 214" be issued.* The completed SF 180 together with a copy of the individual's DD Form 214 should be forwarded to:

National Personnel Records Center  
Military Personnel Records  
9700 Page Avenue  
St Louis, MO 63132-5100

NOTE: You should allow 30 weeks for a reply. The 1973 fire at NPRC in St Louis destroyed a number of records stored there. Should an individual know, or later determine that their records were lost in that fire then some additional documentation may be necessary to substantiate individual was a member of the unit/attachment during the time period for which the award was made.

For those planning to attend the San Antonio Reunion (R2K+2), October 4-7, 2002 bring a copy of your DD 214 with you and SF 180s will be available there to complete and be sent in as a group submission.



# MORE ON AWARDS & DECORATIONS

## VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM

*Stumbling through the labyrinth of the internet and web pages occasionally one picks up an item of interest to them or others. Somewhat dated, but nevertheless interesting, something did pop up recently which led to further working through the cyberspace maze and finally leading to a bit of information obtained from the U.S. Army Military History Institute, Carlisle Barracks, PA. That bit of information was a DAGO, that's short for Department of the Army General Order for us old soldiers whose memory may be fading a bit. Specifically, DAGO 46, dated 3 September 1968. Paragraph 9, of said DAGO reads as follows:*

*"9. The Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm awarded by General Cao Van Vien, Chief, Joint General Staff, Republic of South Vietnam Armed Forces on 25 October 1965 for outstanding service to the Republic of South Vietnam during the period 21 January 1965.*

### COMPANY A, 502D AVIATION BATTALION

*The citation reads as follows:*

*Company A, 502D Aviation Battalion disregarded the Communist's heavy antiaircraft fire during the TIEN GIANG 2/65 operation of 21 January 1965 and, with their determination, timely executed troop transport, evacuation and fire support flights for infantry units of the Republic of South Vietnam's Armed Forces. Although their aircraft were hit by fire many times during four troop transport flights to the battlefield, flight crews exhibited determination and a courageous fighting spirit. The crewmembers disregarded all hardships and dangers while flying at low altitudes to attack sustained enemy defense positions. Because of this, the combat situation turned in favor of the friendly forces. Under the above difficult conditions, the air support executed by personnel of COMPANY A achieved the following glorious victory: 51 Viet Cong killed in action, 60 Viet Cong captured and a large quantity of weapons confiscated. With their enthusiastic combat spirit and determination in the face of enemy pressure, the members of COMPANY A again upheld their noble tradition and won the admiration of all of the personnel participating in the operation.*

*This Meritorious Citation for COMPANY A, 502D AVIATION BATTALION is to include the Cross of Gallantry with Palm."*

*By Order of the Secretary of the Army:*

*W. C. WESTMORELAND  
General, United States Army,  
Chief of Staff.*

*As noted in the DAGO preface, "Vietnamese unit awards may only be worn on the uniform by personnel while assigned to the unit, unless the individual is specifically named in the citation."*

## COLD WAR RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

Another bit of cyberspace info comes from: <http://coldwar.army.mil/> . This site indicates : "In accordance with section 1084 of the Fiscal Year 1998 National Defense Authorization Act, the Secretary of Defense approved awarding **Cold War Recognition Certificates** to all members of the armed forces and qualified federal government civilian personnel who faithfully and honorably served the United States anytime during the Cold War era. Which is defined as **Sept. 2, 1945 to Dec. 26, 1991.**"

More information on how to receive a *Cold War Recognition Certificate* may be obtained from the referenced web site.

Pending before Congress is an amendment to Title 10, United States Code, to authorize the award of a Cold War service medal to members of the Armed Services who served honorably during the Cold War era.



## VANITY PLATE

Ever wonder if there is a story behind a personalized license plate ? 6PK2GO, FORE PAR, I H8 MY X. Attached to a Roadrunner's 2000 Mercury Sedan, the words DOLL DR appear. Knowing there may be an interesting story, and being just a little curious, we talked with the owners of that automobile to get the inside story.

Jack and Shirley Lane, originally from Shawnee, OK and where they now reside are the owners of that Mercury with the DOLL DR license plate. Jack enlisted at 17, finished a 25 year career in the US Army retiring as a W4 in 1982. In 1962, Jack and Shirley married and reared 3 daughters during their years in the service which included both accompanied and unaccompanied tours in VN, Germany, Korea, Okinawa and Hawaii. After retirement from the Army, Jack completed college followed by 13 years of teaching high school math. Now retired, Jack still teaches part time adult education classes.

So much for Jack. This story is really about his talented wife, Shirley. In earlier years, Shirley's folks were involved in ceramics as a hobby which piqued her initial in-



terest. At their encouragement, Shirley advanced and took classes in porcelain process, specifically the crafting of dolls and doll parts. Now married and an Army wife, Shirley continued her hobby in ceramics volunteering at post craft shops and instructing. She continued to develop and refine her talents in the art of porcelain doll making, a very specialized process requiring sculpting of the various parts, painting and firing. Not only did Shirley craft the many parts for porcelain dolls she painstakingly assembled and clothed them in period style dresses she had researched, designed and sewed. In Germany, Shirley continued her research into the art of porcelain doll making by visiting many of the famous artisans and factories in that country noted for their work. She used her talents locally in statue restoration. Involved in service community work Shirley worked closely with the Girl Scouts, as Scout Leader and instructor in ceramics and porcelain doll mak-

ing passing on her acquired knowledge and talents to the younger generations.

On their retirement from the Army, Jack built a special workshop for Shirley's porcelain doll making. Here she fabricated complete dolls ranging from three inches to as large as thirty-two inches tall and repaired and restored many dolls brought to her. She opened her workshop as a classroom where she instructed and passed on the talent and traditional art of porcelain doll making to others. To market her product of completed dolls, Shirley and Jack traveled to many specialized craft shows throughout the country selling her dolls at these events. Adding to Shirley's already noted talent has been her ability to write articles about her craft. Two of which were published in "DollCrafter" magazine and she being featured on the cover in one of the issues.

Understanding the complexity of porcelain process and doll making gives one an appreciation of Shirley's talent. Beginning with the raw clay requires sculpting of the various parts, heads, torsos, feet, arms, legs and hands, prior to initial firing. After initial firing, each part is hand cleaned and sanded smooth, painted and then re-fired. Depending on the detail required some parts require additional painting and firing, often as many as twenty separate paintings and firings.

Shirley, friendly, outgoing, interesting lady is retired from the porcelain doll business, but continues to keep her hands busy with making dolls for family. As might be expected, Jack and Shirley enjoy their five grandchildren and two great grandchildren often taking them on their travels whenever possible. Branson, MO is one of their favorite spots, close by and full of fun things to see and do.

Oh, almost forgot. What about the DOLL DR ? One day, a friend of Shirley's while visiting her and the workshop, noted all the doll body parts laying about and a finely finished beautiful doll admiringly remarked, "Shirley, you're really a doll doctor !". So the title stuck and thus the license plate.





## WE WERE UNIQUE!

Our tour together in 1964-65 was more unique than any of us realized at the time. Our little helicopter company, with all its affiliated support units, was truly the vanguard for the huge US buildup in southeast Asia.

Think about it. Other than Special Forces detachments, only seven US combat units were in place in South Vietnam when we arrived in Vinh Long in September 1964. All seven were helicopter companies formed into three Battalions assigned solely to support the ARVN. Our Battalion was still so new that it was still known only as the "Delta Battalion" but soon to become the famous 13<sup>th</sup> Aviation Bn.

The 62d Aviation Company was quickly pulled together in Ft. Benning from assets in the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Assault Division and rapidly deployed to Vinh Long. When we arrived, there were no US divisions. There was no Long Binh support base. There was no 1<sup>st</sup> Aviation Brigade. There was no US infantry to provide airfield security. In the Delta we found two other helicopter companies, the 114<sup>th</sup> (our sister unit at Vinh Long) and the 121<sup>st</sup> at Soc Trang. Delta Battalion in Can Tho was our link to higher echelon support, i.e. USARV and MACV. It was clear we had to be extremely self-reliant, self-sufficient and self-supporting.

When the 62<sup>nd</sup> Avn Co. left Fort Benning, we were the very first unit moved to Vietnam to begin the massive US buildup! None of us realized that, in less than a year, the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Assault Division would become the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Cavalry Division and be locked in combat in the highlands in central Vietnam. By mid-1965, five other US combat divisions were either in or

on their way to Vietnam as well as thousands upon thousands of support units.

But, we were good, and we led the way! We brought with us experience gained from tough training with the 11<sup>th</sup> Air Assault Division and, upon arrival, we acquired the experience of combat tested people who transferred into our unit from other in-country units.

We took pride in our growing accomplishments. We named our company the "Outlaws". The Mavericks (and what a great name that was!) provided gun support for our slicks. "Road Runner" (beep-beep) people pulled us out of one tight situation after another with their maintenance skills. The 28<sup>th</sup> Signal Det., always behind the scenes but out front with their avionics support kept us communicating with each other. We picked up door gunners from Hawaii because our TO&E didn't provide for that critical support. Our unit had cooks, supply people, ammo specialists, medics and countless others who contributed to our success in many unsung ways. Together, we made one great team during that first year and we had much to feel proud about during those days so long ago.

Now it is nearly four decades later. The 2002 Outlaw reunion in San Antonio is one more chance to reinforce the feelings we found with each other nearly 40 years ago. Sign up for the reunion! Send in that Registration Form. Come to San Antonio and share the pride you so deservedly earned with others who were there with you.

Contributed by Tom Anderson

## YOUR NEWSLETTER – YOUR VLOA

This Newsletter exists for only two reasons. One, it provides a vehicle to announce and promote the biannual reunion of the VLOA (see other articles herein) and, second, it serves as a bulletin board to keep us informed about each other.

I know many of you also belong to one or more military-related organizations, particularly groups relating to Vietnam service. And, this little group called the Vinh Long Outlaws Association (VLOA) may not rank high against some of those, but it represents a group that YOU helped form nearly 40 years ago in Vietnam.

This Newsletter is a critical component in the continuation of the fellowship most of us have found by being affiliated with the Vinh Long Outlaws Association. The friendships made decades ago, and perpetuated through our VLOA group, have become even more significant to us as we enter into our senior years.

We need your help in keeping the Newsletter coming to you through your \$10 per year membership fee. All the time-consuming tasks of putting the Newsletter together is done through volunteer work. Your dues pay for the printing and postage costs that we can't avoid. If you have not already done so, send in your membership fees to Chuck Wren today.... Please!!!







**VINH LONG OUTLAW ASSOCIATION  
INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT  
1st Quarter (1/1/02 to 3/31/02)**

**Beginning Balance    \$2,504.46**

**Income**

Dues Collected	\$380.00
Reunion Deposits	\$2,100.00
VLOA Hat Sale	\$110.00
Dividends	\$1.90
Total Income	\$2,591.90

**Expenses**

Embroidered Images-Hats	\$72.98
Total Expenses	\$72.98

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
— FRED JACOBS!**

Also, included in the prior edition of the newsletter was an article with good news Shaky Jake had reached the age of 71. The article had been initiated and forwarded to me by Shorty Farley for inclusion in the newsletter. I didn't know it was Fred's birthday so I couldn't have originated or written the article. I did make minor changes to the article but didn't say I was the author when I submitted the article to the editor. I didn't stipulate that Shorty Farley was the actual author either; that should have been done.

*Contributed by Tim Bisch*

**THE MARINE**

The nurse took the tired, anxious serviceman to the bedside of a patient in the VA Center, Biloxi, Mississippi, June 5th, 2000.

"Your son is here," she said to the old man. She had to repeat the words several times before the patient's eyes opened. Heavily sedated because of the pain of his heart attack, he dimly saw the young uniformed Marine standing outside the oxygen tent. He reached out his hand. The Marine wrapped his toughened fingers around the old man's limp ones, squeezing a message of love and encouragement. The nurse brought a chair so that the marine could sit beside the bed.

All through the night the young Marine sat there in the poorly lighted ward, hooding the old man's hand and offering him words of love and strength. Occasionally, the nurse suggested that the Marine move away and rest awhile. He refused. Whenever the nurse came into the ward, the Marine was oblivious of her and of the night noises of the hospital—the clanking of the oxygen tank, the laughter of the night staff members exchanging greetings, the cries and moans of the other patients. Now and then she heard him say a few gentle words. The dying man said nothing, only held tightly to his son all through the night.

Along towards dawn, the old man died. The Marine released the now lifeless hand he had been holding and went to tell the nurse. While she did what she had to do, he waited. Finally, she returned. She started to offer words of sympathy, but the marine interrupted her. "Who was that man?" he asked. The nurse was startled, "He was your father," she answered. "No he wasn't," the Marine replied. "I never saw him before in my life."

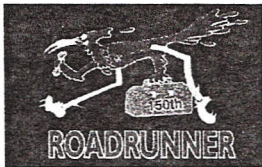
"Then why didn't you say something when I took you to him?" "I knew right away there had been a mistake, but I also knew he needed his son, and his son just wasn't here. When I realized that he was too sick to tell whether or not I was his son, knowing how much he needed me. I stayed."

The next time someone needs you...be there. You'll be glad you did.

From General James Jones, Commandant of the USMC



# 150th TRANS DET (CHFM) - R2K+2 REUNION



Returned yesterday from an enjoyable trip during April 3 - 24 to Germany to visit oldest son and family assigned at Baumholder in a scenic area of Germany. They live in a fine home at Neubreucke, a small German village located nearby provided by Base Military Housing. Visited London and Paris. Paris was a pleasant surprise compared to my prior visit to their Air Show in 1961. This time it was clean, attractive, and less hostile. Good to be back home to prepare for busy summer and fall seasons ahead. As we have during the previous two summers, Mitzi and I will live on our small farm at Baraboo, Wisconsin. Our land is rented as cropland but we stay busy making improvements on the house, buildings, and yard. Both of us have family in the area so it has

been good reuniting with them.

Will leave for southern living earlier than usual to enjoy the scenery and charm of San Antonio during 4, 5, and 6 October. Look forward to renewing old acquaintances from Branson, and making new ones. Dale and Dian Sherrod, together with other R2K+2 Reunion Committee members, have made extensive arrangements for our stay at Woodfield Suites Hotel with continental breakfast and free parking, reservations for San Antonio River Boat Tour and Mexican dinner, Cattle Ranch BBQ dinner, farewell dinner at Ft. Sam Houston Officer's Club, visits to the Alamo, and Sea World. All we have to do is tag along and enjoy the fun. Don't postpone submitting your reunion registration form with payment.

Contacts have been made with Clayton Stolte and Richard Charette. Richard was a transferee from the 544th Trans Det (CHFM) shortly after we arrived at Vinh Long during September 1964. Clayton, an original member of the 150th at Ft. Eustis, VA, was a fixed wing repairman. Hope to see them both but fully expect to see Clayton, who lives in Marion, TX and works in San Antonio. At Vinh Long, Clayton maintained fixed wing TL-19D aircraft on the flight line where he was often associated with Patrick Theriot, Chester Voisin, and Rossie Harris. They subsequently served together at Ft. Hood, TX.

Based on our experience at Branson everyone will enjoy seeing, visiting, and having fun with fellow Roadrunners and Outlaws. Hopefully more of our fellow veterans will attend and join our group of Fred Jacobs, Keith Ohm, ten couples (Bisch, Bouton, Frontera, Grandstaff, Koonce, Lane, Osterland, Prescott, Theriot, Voisin). Look forward to seeing everyone.

Contributed by Tim Bisch

## ROSTER CHANGES

### Additions:

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## VLOA MEMBERS' DUES PAID

<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Dues Paid For</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>Dues Paid For</u>
Dennis N.	Akkola	2002	Frederick W.	Jacobs	2002
David W.	Amason	2002	Jimmy R.	King	2002 & 2003
Tom	Anderson	2002	George	Kokendorfer	2002
Barbara J.	Armentrout	2002	John	Konopka	2002
Berkley	Badget	2002	Bob	Koonce	2002
John B.	Bellochio	2002	Bryce R.	Kramer	2002
Tim	Bisch	2002	Jack	Lane	2002
Charles	Bouton	2002	Myles D.	Lappin	2002
James A.	Boyer	2002	Richard	Leister	2002
William J.	Campbell	2002 & 2003	David W.	Logan	2002
Tony	Clemente	2002	Paul L.	Martin	2002
James P.	Coleman	2002	Charles B.	Matlock	2002
Armand J.	Constantine	2002	Joe	Moffett	2002
John E.	Doyle	2002	John	Moodt	2002 & 2004
Wesley A.	Dunn	2002	Keith D.	Ohm	2002 & 2003
Harold	Earwood	2002	Don S.	Palmer	2002
Dave	Eastman	2002	Floyd J.	Parkinson	2002 & 2003
Richard Lee	Eskey	2002	Floyd	Parkinson	2002
Frank	Estes	2002	Charles R.	Poulton II	2002
Milton	Frontera	2002	George	Prescott	2002
James L.	Grandstaff	2002	Joe	Reece Jr	2002 & 2003
Raymond	Hall	2002	Hal	Scott	2002
Billy J.	Hampton	2002	Robert M.	Sharp	2002
William	Hensinger	2002	Dale	Sherrrod	2002
Cullis	Holub	2002	Jeanette	Smith	2002
Phillip	Horne	2002	Patrick M.	Theriot	2002
Daniel M.	Hudgins	2002	Duane	Truman	2002
Al	Iller	2002	Chester P.	Voisin	2002
Ernie	Isbell	2002	Robert M.	Williams	2002
Larry L.	Jackson	2002	Travis	Wilson	2002
			Charles C.	Wren	2002

Thanks to all the above named VLOA members for keeping the VLOA financial underpinning on solid ground. With the assistance of many others, we will be able to keep the VLOA an active, viable organization. If you have not paid your dues, please use the form on the last page and send in your \$10 dues today. Continued production of this newsletter for all former members depends on three things: (1) dues to defray quarterly production and mailing costs, (2) VLOA members and friends who provide pictures and articles for the newsletter, and (3) someone willing to spend the time it takes to put the newsletter together and get it in the mail. Please send in your \$10 dues if you have not already done so. *Contributed by Frank Estes*

### COLD WAR RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES

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## SADEC OPERATION, 1964

**Mavericks ( 1st row, L to R)  
Ernie Isbell, Captain Jack Sanford,  
Tony Clemente, Frank Estes, Bob Ber-  
quist; (2nd row, L to R) John Sedam,  
Chuck Wren, Don Newman; (3rd row, L  
to R) Chuck Dominy, Robert Morgan,  
Tony Wotkyns, Jim Rausch, and Les  
Haverfield.**

Notice, that once again, Tony Clemente ends up in the front row and the very center of the picture. How does he do that?

<<< (Picture at left)

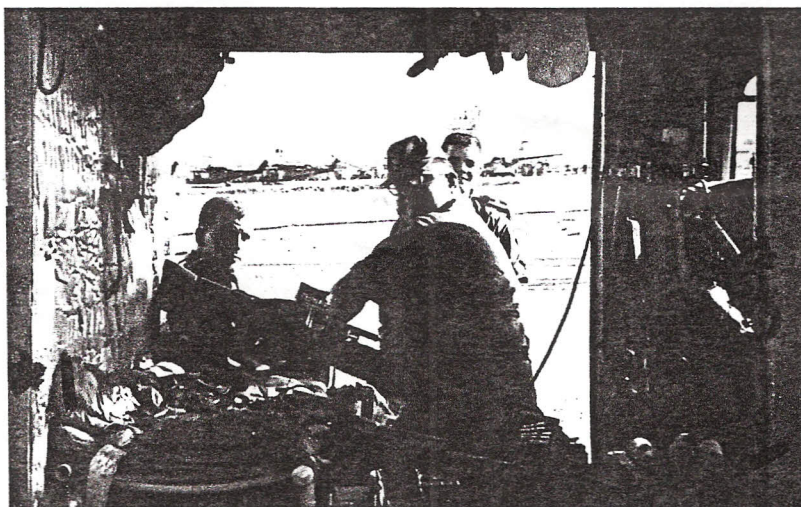


## ON THE GROUND AT CAN THO

(Left to right ) SP4 John Reynolds (crewchief), Plt Sgt Lewis Klinetob, and PFC Monroe (doorunner).

(Picture at right) >>>

Until I really looked at this picture, I didn't realize how much stuff we had in the back of one of the Maverick gunships: smoke grenades, armor plating, flack vests, life preservers, asphalt gloves for hot barrels, extra machine gun barrels, extra ammunition. I do recall we always had extra C-rations, because I never went hungry, thanks to our crewchiefs and door gunners.



## ALSO ON THE GROUND AT CAN THO

(Left to right) Chuck Wren, Jim Coleman, John Sedam, and Al Iller.

<<< (Picture at left)

## MAVERICKS ON STANDBY

(Left to right) Don Newman, Tony Clemente, Jim Coleman, Ernie Isbell, and Bob Berquist.

(Picture at right) >>>





## **MORE ROSTER CHANGES** (continued from page 8)

Amason, David: In addition to PO Box 1059, his address is 2483 Greenbriar, Ingleside, TX 78362, 361-776-3534.

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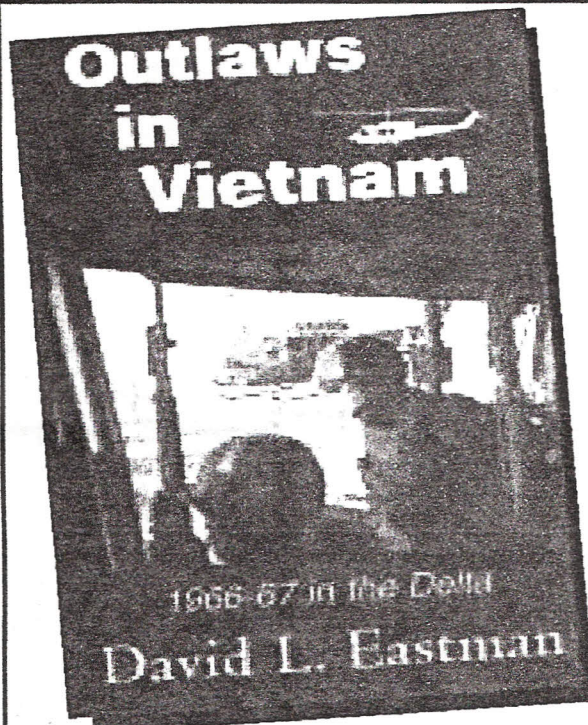
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