



Vinh Long Outlaws Association (VLOA)

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## National Director's Corner

By- **James Donnelly**

Meet the New Director, Jim Donnelly.

First, thanks for allowing me the honor of representing you for the next two years. I hope to make our 2018 reunion a great one following our tradition and standards. The Branson reunion was our largest to date and was a complete success from my perspective. Thanks to Larry and all who made it possible.

A special thanks to all of those who stepped up to accept a position in the VLOA for the next two years. Your support is priceless and a gift to us all. THANK YOU!

I became an Outlaw in 1971, serving as a gunner and briefly as a Crew Chief in the First platoon, before the unit ceased flight operations in December 1971 and was finally completely packed up and sent home by March 1972. I returned home to Virginia and after leaving the Army in September 1973 I started college. Shortly after that I joined Company A, 2<sup>nd</sup> SF BN, 11<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group (ABN) Reserves. After two years I resigned over problems obtaining my second primary training to become a Combat Medic and so that I could finish my college degree. I worked full time in a coin operated amusement arcade while attending college. I earned a Bachelors of Arts degree in Philosophy in 1978 from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia.

In 1979, I moved to Florida and joined the Fort Myers Fire Department. Fourteen months later my father suffered a massive heart attack and I returned to Virginia to help him run his businesses. In 1981 I joined the Virginia Beach Fire Department and served proudly for the next 25 years. During that time I spent 19 of those years as a Station Captain. During my service I was awarded the department's Medal of Honor for rescuing three people from drowning in storm waters off Sandbridge and nearly drowning myself. I also received various Medals

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of Merit, Life Saver Awards and Certificates of Appreciation over the years for actions to save and improve the lives of the citizens and guests of Virginia Beach.

While in the Fire Department I returned to school part time and earned a Masters of Arts in Humanities with a concentration in the Philosophy of Law in 1983 from Old Dominion University.

Along the way I met my wife Vickie in 1977 in undergraduate Organic Chemistry Class and we have one son born in 1986. Sean is an attorney) with KPMG in Washington, DC and lives there with his wife Becki and their two pugs. No grand children yet but we keep hoping.

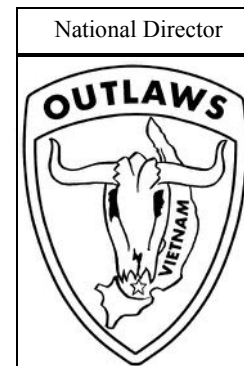
My wife retired in 2012 from Sentara Health system and we are now hobby people, we do stained glass art and several other crafts. Our travel lately has been confined to our three week winter trips to Cancun and Playa del Carmen in Mexico to get a break from the cold.

In 2006 I retired from the Fire Department and shortly after that started wondering about those I served with in the Outlaws. I decided to start a history project to try to gather accounts/stories, pictures and documents related to the Outlaws eight years in Vinh Long, Vietnam. Those efforts lead me to Tom Anderson, the first Commanding Officer of the Outlaws. After a lovely day with him and his wife Pat, I was off to scan the treasure that his materials represented to the history of the Outlaws. This also lead me to join the VLOA and to the creation of a historian position which I have held since its creation. I call this effort to gather the history: The Outlaw DVD Series History Project. It has expanded to include the Outlaws of B-troop who served in Germany and Iraq. Ten years later the history has expanded to include 16,900 pictures, 1678 document pages, 82 audio files and 24 video files. If you haven't become a part of the project please contact me to get your own named folder in the project. This material will be sent to several military installations and universities when the VLOA is dissolved many years from now. Don't let your history be lost.

At the 2014 reunion I was elected the Deputy Director. The main duties of this position are to assist the director and to locate missing Outlaws. I personally spoke to 240 former Outlaws, Mavericks, Bushwhackers and support element personnel not on our roster at that time. Many of you reading this were among those contacted and asked to join the VLOA and informed about the Branson reunion. To those who have joined, thank you and to those who have yet to join, what are you waiting for? This is a great organization with very affordable dues, the bulk of which go to providing the quarterly newsletters you are reading now.

Until our next newsletter, that's it from me. Stay safe and well.

Jim Donnelly. (National Director)





VLOA.

Members in attendance outside our hotel at the Reunion in Branson, Missouri.



**VINH LONG OUTLAWS ASSOCIATION  
BRANSON, MISSOURI - SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**

Flank Photo



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The Maverick Platoon.  
Outside our hotel, waiting to board the buses to one of the great shows we attended.





The VLOA Members, spouses and significant others.

What an awesome group.

The VLOA Ladies.

I saved the best for last. Thank you all for your un-ending support.

It would not have been possible without you.

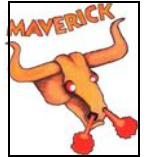






## INDUCTION OF NEW OFFICERS & DIRECTORS

By Frank Estes



During the Saturday General Membership business meeting at the 2016 Outlaws Branson Roundup, a slate of nominated officers and directors was proposed and discussed by the General Membership. Prior to the election, a change to the Constitution and ByLaws was approved that increased the number of Directors-At-Large from two to five, giving the VLOA Steering Committee representation from all year-groups that served with the Outlaws in Vietnam and immediately afterwards. The following reflects the VLOA Officers and Directors elected by the General Membership.



Jim Donnelly, National Director,  
Virginia Beach, VA

Bert Rice, Deputy Director  
Odenton, MD

Doug Wilson, Secretary  
Costa Mesa, CA

Frank Estes, Treasurer  
Ozark, AL [Appointed]

Jim Donnelly, Historian  
Virginia Beach, VA [Appointed]

Bill Hensinger, Member-At-Large 1964-64  
Palmyra, PA

Irwin Katz, Member-At-Large 1966-67  
Buffalo Grove, IL

Eric Ragsdale, Member-At-Large 1968-69  
Mesa, AZ

Bob Allen, Member-At-Large 1970-71  
Piqua, OH

Vacant, Member-At-Large 1972-75  
[National Director will appoint]

Bob Sharp, Newsletter

Albert Lea, MN [Appointed]

Phil Van Alst, Web Master

Hau'ula, HI [Appointed]

Vacant, Chaplain [Appointed]

Vacant, Distaff Advisor [Appointed]

Tom Anderson, Permanent Advisor  
Springfield, VA [Appointed]

The Mavericks



Richard, Cheryl Keltner



Marty Roberts Lopez Presentation



## Roster Verification PLEASE!

If your reading this your mailing address is correct, but what about your phone number and email address. If you have changed them in the last few years would you be so kind as to send me an email at [jcdonnelly1@cox.net](mailto:jcdonnelly1@cox.net). No internet, call me at 757-481-6196 and let me know the changes.

Doug Wilson and I are in the process of verifying the VLOA's current roster and I have been sending out emails asking you to verify the information enclosed. If you receive one of these emails please respond. The roster serves several purposes and its accuracy is paramount.

Thanks, Jim Donnelly.

## Want a Branson Reunion Shirt?

by Jim Donnelly

Several individuals who attended the 2016 Outlaws Roundup in Branson, MO requested information about how they could order one of the Reunion shirts. Here is the information so you can order your own:

WORKS OF ART EMBROIDERY, LLC

1280 E State Hwy 76 Suite A

Branson, MO 65616      417-334-9595

Men's  
Shirt.

They  
are very  
nice and  
comfort-  
able.



XS=32-34  
S=35-37  
M=38-40  
L=41-43  
XL=44-46  
2XL=47-49  
3XL=50-53  
4XL=54-67

Ladies  
Shirt.



XS=0-2  
S=4-6  
M=8-10  
L=12-14  
XL=16-18  
2XL=20-22

## The Back Pew



### VLOA Seeking A New Chaplain



The Vinh Long Outlaws Association Constitution and Bylaws were drawn up and adopted more than 16 years ago. The documents identified, and included descriptions of various positions which would comprise the Steering Committee. We recently realized that the position of the VLOA chaplain had been overlooked in the list of Steering Committee positions. The omission will be remedied in the near future.

The VLOA has always prided itself on having a Chaplain included in the governing body of the organization. Even without the formal designation of a Chaplain, we have looked to our Chaplain for ministerial and spiritual support to our members. Over the years, the VLOA Chaplain has played a prominent role on the Steering Committee. The Chaplain monitors and has input into the website Prayer List. He writes a Chaplains Corner for inclusion into the Outlaws Newsletter. He sends condolence messages to the families of deceased Outlaw members. But his primary role is to conduct a non-denominational Sunday morning service for attendees at each biennial Outlaw reunion.

The first VLOA Chaplain, John Doyle, held that position since the VLOA was founded. When John asked to be relieved of his ministerial duties last year, Paul Martin offered to take on the Chaplains role on an interim basis. Family health concerns have now made it difficult for Paul to continue in that role on a permanent basis and he has indicated he would like to turn the position over to another VLOA member.

The ranks of our VLOA membership have always provided talented and dedicated people who can be called on to fill every vital position. The VLOA Steering Committee is, therefore, now putting out a call for any member with the background, education, experience and interest, to volunteer to fill the non-denominational Chaplain position vacancy. A background of spiritual guidance or ministry to a recognized religious group of nearly any faith or denomination would be desired.

If you have a calling that could be extended to a group of "old soldiers" and their families, your spiritual talent would be sincerely welcomed by serving in the appointed position of VLOA Chaplain. Please contact the VLOA Deputy Director, Bert Rice, and offer your services. Bert can be reached at [bert07@comcast.net](mailto:bert07@comcast.net) or 410-507-3366.



### REUNION ARRIVAL & CELEBRATION







## *Outlaws Awards Ceremony* *During Outlaws Branson Roundup*



The **Directors' Award** was given to Jim Donnelly (**left**) for his long-term and thorough work as VLOA Historian to convert and store more than 16,900 photos and 1700 documents of the Outlaws time in Vietnam. Additionally, he led a huge effort with support from Doug Wilson to find over 300 former Outlaws that were not on the current roster, get their personal information, and convince them to join the VLOA as dues paying members and attend the Outlaws Branson Roundup.

The **Special Directors' Award** was given to John Doyle (**not pictured**) for his work to form the VLOA and initially search for former Outlaws members. For the last 16 years, he has served the VLOA as its Chaplain by giving the non-denominational service at each of the biennial Outlaws Roundups, and provided devotionals for each of the quarterly *Outlaws Newsletters* and quarterly devotionals for posting on the Outlaws website. Tony Clemente will deliver the award to John since he was unable to attend the Branson reunion.

Special **Master Bounty Hunter Awards** were awarded to Jim Donnelly and Doug Wilson (**right**) for their search for "lost Outlaws" during the past two years, resulting in them finding over 300 former Outlaws who were not on the roster. They were able to get many of them on the roster and some attended the 2016 Outlaws Branson Roundup.



The **Outstanding Outlaws Award** was given posthumously to Joe Clelan who was a VLOA Charter Member since 1998. He served as a prior VLOA National Director and the Reunion Coordinator in 2008. He was a stalwart supporter of the Outlaws beginning with his days as the first 28<sup>th</sup> Signal Detachment Commander in 1964-65 and continuing as a leader, National Director, and Steering Committee member who rendered wise counsel and outstanding leadership. His award is being presented to his surviving children.



The **Outstanding Outlaws Award** was given to Larry and Polly Jackson (**left**) for their leadership while Larry was serving as the VLOA National Director and Reunion Coordinator during 2016. They were the most traveled National Director team that has ever led the VLOA. Their efforts reflect they were well-organized, take charge leaders who brought great credit to the VLOA during 2014-2016.

The **Outstanding Outlaws Award** was given to Jack and Fran Konopka (**right**) for their dedicated work on the Silent Auction and bringing it to a higher level of refinement and increasing proceeds there from. They have been a tremendous Silent Auction team and strong supporters of everything VLOA. The results of the Silent Auctions at each of our biennial reunions speak for themselves.



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The **Outstanding Outlaws Award** was given to Bob and Gloria Sharp (**left**) for their work as the *Outlaws Newsletter* editors, bringing it to a new level of professionalism and content. Their efforts in keeping the membership informed are unequalled and keeps the membership eagerly seeking the next issue of the newsletter.

The **Outstanding Outlaws Award** was given to Emmadell Voisin and Patty Theriot (**right**) for their eager spearheading the chance drawing, administration, and reunion operations from 2004 to the present while increasing the funds received therefrom and increased participation by VLOA members. They epitomize the spirit of organization, and add levity and success to an otherwise arduous task.



The **Outstanding Outlaws Award** was given to Chester Voisin (**left**) in recognition of his six par excellence years as VLOA Treasurer. Chester is everyone's favorite banker. His often dour expressions conceal his heart of gold and banking expertise, with the VLOA treasury uppermost in his mind.

The **Outstanding Outlaws Award** was given to Doug Wilson (**right**) for assisting Jim Donnelly in finding over 300 former Outlaws, Mavericks, Roadrunners, Bushwhackers, and others for entry on the VLOA roster, and contacting numerous former members and notifying them of the 2016 Branson Roundup. All the new members present and those who couldn't attend the reunion are the results of many hours of effort by Doug supporting Jim Donnelly.



A **Special Outstanding Outlaws Award** was given to Frank Estes (**left**) for his continued outstanding service to the VLOA "above and beyond the call of duty" in service to all aspects of VLOA endeavors.

Offering a heart felt thank you and congratulations to all of the award winning members and thank you all for all you do for the VLOA.











**Minutes - General Membership Meeting  
September 17, 2016**



National Director Larry Jackson called the meeting to order at 9:08 AM and welcomed all attendees to the 9<sup>th</sup> Outlaws Roundup. He gave a brief overview of reunion activities and turned the podium over to Frank Estes to discuss administrative items and provide updates concerning a number of VLOA policies, procedures, and actions.

Frank Estes stated that the minutes from the 2014 General Membership meeting have been posted on the VLOA website since the prior reunion, and available for all to review. A motion was made and seconded, and the members unanimously approved the 2014 Minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Frank Estes discussed a number of Old Business items:

Provided the current status of the VLOA website; a recent upgrade cost the VLOA \$2000 and markedly improved the look and ease of maintaining the website; cost to operate is \$240 per year to the webhost and \$39.99 for three domain names; anticipated future updates/maintenance will cost about \$100 per hour; website started 2008 with 19,000+ hits and passed 500,000+ during the week of the reunion.

Called on Chester Voisin to report the status of the treasury: currently stands at about \$32,000-\$33,000 with quarterly report ending September. Chester will end his tenure December 31, 2016 and Frank Estes will become the VLOA Treasurer on January 1, 2017.

Called on Bob Sharp to give a current status of the *Outlaws Newsletter*. Bob reported on the progress made to date in reducing costs to produce and mail an increasing quantity of newsletters, from 328 when he started to over 528 now.

Called on Jim Donnelly to report on the status of documenting Outlaw's history. Jim reported that he has amassed more than 16,900 photos, 1678 document pages, 82 audio files and 24 videos.

Spoke on the importance of participating in the Silent Auction and 50/50 efforts because the funds raised are key to supporting the quarterly newsletter and annual website costs.

Discussed the documentation of one hard copy of the Policy Files that goes to the National Director and DVD copies being provided to each Officer/Director at the end of the Business Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frank Estes discussed a number of New Business items:

Changes to the Constitution and By Laws were posted in the Hospitality Suite for the duration of the reunion for attendees to review. Motion was made and seconded to approve the changes to the Constitution and By Laws, and members unanimously approved the proposed changes.

Discussed the primary duties of the Secretary.

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Reiterated the appointment of the new VLOA webmaster, Phil Van Alst and discussed the process the two have followed for the last two months to ensure Phil is up to date on managing the website.

Provided an update on the status of changes to the Policy Files to mainly incorporate policies and procedures already in place by not institutionalize in the files, adding Bushwhacker information, updating history files, adding color logos to files, updating unit designations, updating committee purposes/structures, updating reunion processes, how to search for "lost Outlaws," updating the website, and appointment of the new webmaster Phil Van Alst. Motion was made and seconded, and attendees unanimously approved the changes.



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Updated attendees on the status of Sanford Hall on Outlaw Street at Fort Rucker, AL and need to continue visiting the building to ensure that history of Jack Sanford (the first Maverick Lead who was killed in June 1965) continues to be displayed in that building.



Discussed the future of the VLOA. Attendees unanimously agreed the VLOA needs to continue as an organization. Attendees unanimously agreed the VLOA needs to continue having biennial reunions. When asked to name future reunion sites, attendees suggested:

Niagara Falls, NY; Savannah, GA; Colorado Springs, CO; Las Vegas, NV; Indianapolis, IN; Branson, MO; New Orleans, LA; and Fort Rucker, AL. Jim Donnelly stated that an article would be placed in the next issue of the *Outlaws Newsletter* requesting input on potential locations.

Discussed IRS rules for disbursement of VLOA records and funds if/when the organization ceases to exist. One copy of the records will be sent to the Army Aviation Museum, Fort Rucker, AL and one copy will be sent to the Texas Tech University Vietnam War Project. Any funds remaining in the treasury will be dispersed to nonprofit organizations selected by the VLOA Steering Committee.

Discussed the type of awards (Directors' Award and Outstanding Outlaws Award) presented to deserving VLOA members and costs to purchase each award. A discussion ensued on awarding multiple statues, smaller trophies, teak Huey model helicopters, or just dog tags. It was moved and seconded to keep the current set of statues but that only the dog tag be presented to the person receiving the second award of the Outstanding Outlaws Award in order to reduce costs, and attendees unanimously approved.

#### OTHER BUSINESS:

It was suggested to raise the 50/50 drawing amount for the first two nights of future reunions from \$50 to \$100.

Motion was made and seconded, and attendees unanimously approved.

Question arose as to why the VLOA has three domain names (.org, .net, and .com). Estes discussed it was to protect the VLOA from another organization for getting one of those domain names and confusing site visitors concerning what the site was about. An attendee suggested that the webmaster link the three together so that any visitor to one would be routed to [www.vinhloutlaws.com](http://www.vinhloutlaws.com).

Estes called attention to the printed list of nominees to fill upcoming VLOA officer/director positions.

Jim Donnelly, National Director, Virginia Beach, VA

Bert Rice, Deputy Director, Odenton, MD

Doug Wilson, Secretary, Costa Mesa, CA

Frank Estes, Treasurer, Ozark, AL [appointed position]

Jim Donnelly, Historian, Virginia Beach, VA

Bill Hensinger, Member-At-Large 1964-65, Palmyra, PA

Irwin Katz, Member-At-Large 1966-67, Buffalo Grove, IL

Eric Ragsdale, Member-At-Large, Mesa 1968-69, AZ

Bob Allen, Member-At-Large 1970-71, Piqua, OH

Vacant, Member-At-Large 1972-75

Bob Sharp, Newsletter, Albert Lea, MN [appointed position]

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Phil Van Alst, Web Master, Hau'ula, HI [appointed position]

Chaplain, Vacant. To be Determined. [appointed position]

Distaff Advisor, Vacant. [appointed position]

Tom Anderson, Permanent Advisor, Springfield, VA [appointed position]



Chester Voisin moved the nominations be approved, Norris Marshall seconded, and the attendees unanimously approved. Estes reminded attendees that the National Director has the authority to appoint persons to fill vacant positions.

CLOSING: Larry Jackson, outgoing National Director made brief comments about his time as National Director and thank all who supported him during his tenure. Jim Donnelly, incoming National Director made brief comments about the honor of being elected as the National Director and asked for support during his tenure. There being no further comments from the floor, Bert Rice moved the meeting be adjourned, Allen Theriot seconded, and the attendees unanimously approved.

Signed,  
Doug Wilson  
VLOA Secretary



## “Are you a Viet Nam Veteran?”

By: CWO-3 Bobby E. Scott, Ret.



I was sitting in church one Sunday morning when a lady in front of me turned and asked if I was a Viet Nam vet. My response was yes and she then asked if I would come to their school and relate some of my experiences to her class. I then told her that I would do one better than that as I had about 600 slides of my two tours and would edit out about 100 and do a slide presentation.

When I arrived at the school instead of one class, I was lead to a large auditorium equipped with a large screen and podium to carry out my presentation. Before the program I had talked to all the teachers of the nearly 700 students that would attend and all agreed that the students write a one page essay about what they liked, or what interested them about the slides and speech. About a week later I was surprised with an envelope in the mail with over 600 graded essays and boy were they ever interesting and some quite funny with what they got out of the presentation.

Somehow my granddaughter found out about the presentation and had told her teacher about it as they were studying about the “Boat People of Viet Nam”. Long story short, They asked if I would do the same for them. I consented and to my surprise it started at 8:00 am. and continued one class after another for 5 hours.

I must say, that after all that, I have been able to talk about Viet Nam and my experiences. One young boy asked me about the hat that I was wearing and what was the Distinguished Flying Cross Society and also why there was the little oak leaf cluster on it.

I must add that their essays were very enjoyable to read and it was satisfying to have been able to help educate the students on a subject that is not normally taught now days.

*Bobby E. Scott. CWO-3 Ret.*



**2016 BRANSON OUTLAWS ROUNDUP ATTENDEES**

By Frank Estes

Here is a listing of those who attended the 2016 Outlaws Branson Roundup during September 15-19, 2016:

Bob Allen  
 Gregg and Be Biggins  
 Danny Hudgins and Judy Birdwell  
 David Amason and Gary Blackmon  
 Carl Milko and Malcolm Campbell  
 Lynn Chadwick  
 Wally and Cindy Cieslak  
 Tony and Rose Ann Clemente  
 Bill and Diane Coleman  
 Sherry, Scott and Dahlia Davis  
 John and Sherry Diamond  
 Dick and Donna Donahue  
 Jim and Vickie Donnelly  
 Frank and Ann Estes  
 Marti Roberts Lopez and Rita Ezell  
 "Tex" and Maxie Fair  
 Harold "Feathers," Marilyn & Ezra Feathers  
 Skip and Bev Frontera  
 Michael Hershey and Kay Frost  
 Lanny and Lynn Fudala  
 Dan and Katherine Greve  
 Jim and Marsha Harris  
 Wayne, Christine, Ryan and Patricia Hawthorne  
 Gary Hennessy  
 Bill and Grace Hensinger  
 Dennis Hiemstra  
 Virg and Sharon Hoff  
 Phillip and Lynn Horne  
 Dave and Diane Hosford  
 Tim Hostetler  
 Al Iller  
 Larry and Polly Jackson  
 J. Irwin and Eileen Katz  
 Richard "Lightnin" and Cheryl Keltner  
 Tom and Ingrid Kennedy  
 Harry and Terry Khachadourian  
 Jim and Sharon King

Phillip and Ellen Kirk  
 Bob Kelly and Gary Kluting  
 George Kokendoffer  
 Jack and Fran Konopka  
 Jack Lane and Charli Withey  
 Rick and Christine Lecinski  
 Michael and Robert Madigan  
 Norris and Ellouise Marshall  
 Paul and Carolyn Martin  
 Larry and Vicki McAhren  
 Rick Meana  
 Larry Miller  
 Al and Amy Moist Strawn  
 Hans-Peter Naegele  
 David Naylor  
 OB and Susan O'Brien  
 Leon and Virginia Osterland  
 Lyle and Christina Perry  
 Chuck and Lori Phillips  
 QB and Mike Quattlebaum  
 Rags and Bonnie Ragsdale  
 Bert and Deanna Rice  
 Dale Roland  
 Neil and Patti Schmit  
 Marty and Christine Schroeder  
 Bob and Gloria Sharp  
 E.P. and Angela Shreve  
 Dick and Linda Simmons  
 Melvin and Margaret Simpson  
 Jeannette Smith and Mary French Gatipon  
 Michael and Susie Southard  
 Bob and Dale Stephens  
 Jan Truman and Robbie Taylor  
 Allen "Frenchie" Theriot  
 Patrick and Patty Theriot  
 Sheila Kendall and Cinda VonRotz  
 Tony and Cathy Villarruel  
 Chester and Dell Voisin  
 Bob, Dixie and Sousa Williams  
 Gary and Debbie Williams  
 Doug Wilson  
 Phillip Van Alst

**SPECIAL THANKS**

We would like to give special recognition and thanks to the following who supported our 2016 Outlaws Roundup:

- **Ken Barber, Arrow Technologies, for printing and shipping the Silent Auction booklets, dinner programs, ballots, schedules, and Missing Comrades boards.**
- **Jim Spiers, Harry Khachadourian, and friends for donating the Outlaws landing zone painting by Joe Kline for the Silent Auction bidding.**
- **Sousa Williams, daughter of Dixie & Bob Williams, who purchased the dozen roses; one used in the Missing Comrades Ceremony and the others given to attending Missing Comrades' spouses.**

Thanks.

Frank Estes.

## SILENT AUCTION & 50/50 RAFFLE

Those of you who have attended prior Outlaw Roundups know the joy we get from and importance of the Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle to our biennial Roundups. The important part of conducting these two activities is that they usually raise enough funds to offset the costs of the quarterly *Outlaws Newsletter* and operating the Outlaws' website on an annual basis.

Jack and Fran Konopka start working on the Silent Auction about six to nine months prior to the Roundup and spend a lot of their Roundup time administering to the Silent Auction while the rest of us are off doing our own things.

Emmadel Voisin and Patty Theriot are spending a lot of their Roundup time during the reunion, squeezing you to buy more 50/50 raffle tickets; not just once a day, but usually hour after hour of shaking you down. Emmadel says they didn't frisk anyone, but politely and tactfully demanded attendees open their wallets and buy more raffle tickets. If they had something on you, I'd suspect they would be blackmailing you into donating more of your wealth to the VLOA by purchasing more raffle tickets. Only kidding!

Thanks go to these four stalwart Outlaws members for their dedication, unselfishness, and pride in what they do for the VLOA. The Silent Auction and Quartermaster items brought in about \$4000 and the 50/50 Raffle brought in a total of \$2450, of which \$1225 was given back to VLOA members through six drawings, two for \$50 each and four for \$282 each. Winners of the raffle drawings were: Robbie Taylor, Maxine Fair, Bert Rice, Linda Simmons, Marilyn Feathers, and Marty Lopez.

Thanks go to everyone who purchased raffle tickets, and all who contributed something for the Silent Auction tables. Your involvement ensures we continue having enough funds to run the VLOA. THANKS!

## **2018 Reunion Location Selection**

The Steering Committee is seeking input on the 2018 VLOA reunion location. We need to think about the availability of attractions and activities and ease of transportation to local shopping and attractions. Security is also a consideration which must be taken into account.

Below is a list of cities that have been suggested. Please pick one and tell why via email to me at [jcdonnelly1@cox.net](mailto:jcdonnelly1@cox.net) or call me at 757-481-6196 by December 15, 2016. From your input the Steering Committee will pick a location for the 2018 roundup. We need to decide on a location fairly quickly so please take a few minutes to help pick the location that all will enjoy.

San Antonio, TX	San Diego, CA
Charleston, SC	Colorado Springs, CO
Washington, DC	Jacksonville, FL
Las Vegas, NV	New Orleans, LA
Tucson, AZ	Norfolk/Virginia Beach, VA

The Steering Committee would also like to know what we can do better to make the 2018 Reunion more appealing to you. Again contact me at the above with your suggestions.  
Thanks, Jim



### REUNION AWARDS & FAREWELLS



## A letter from our retiring National Director– Larry Jackson.

The VLOA's 9<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual reunion was held in Branson, Missouri from September 15<sup>th</sup> to the 19<sup>th</sup>. Pam Brown, our GatheringS Plus reunion coordinator and I spent about a year planning this very special event. Polly and I spent a few days in August, 2015 in Branson to review a number of shows and to visit various hotels to make sure that they would meet our requirements and expectations. We had the largest turnout we've ever had with 150 Outlaw's, spouses, children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters, and friends. This included over 60 who were first time attendees. I think that everyone who attended really enjoyed the chance to catch up with each others lives and to continue the bond formed during combat in Vinh Long. The following covers some of the activities that we shared.

The registration area was manned by Polly Jackson and Vickie Donnelly who handed out a welcome bag with name tags, a coffee mug for each attendee, a cap and Vietnam Veteran's pin for each veteran, a Carolina blue monogrammed shirt to those who had ordered them, an umbrella for each lady, and 50/50 tickets for each attendee. Emmadel Voisin and Patty Theriot greeted each attendee and offered to sell them additional 50/50 raffle tickets. They raised \$2,450 and half was paid out to winners during the reunion and the other half was donated to the VLOA treasury to go toward reunion expenses.

We started out Thursday night with a cash bar and a buffet dinner with barbecued brisket, ribs and chicken and all of the fixins. This was our first chance to meet and visit with comrades that we had not seen for many years. After dinner, we retired to our hospitality room which was stocked with beer, wine, sodas and snacks. Jim Donnelly brought a flash drive with over 10,000 pictures that were taken by our members during their tours. They were projected as a slide show on a large screen TV. Jack and Fran Konopka displayed the 102 silent auction items that they had cataloged around the outer walls of the hospitality room. There was about anything you could imagine that was available to bid on. The auction raised about \$3,700 which was used to help fund the reunion.

We had a hot buffet breakfast each morning that helped to get us going. We boarded buses about 1:30 to go to our first show which was the #1 Hits of the 60's (and 50s too). The cast touched over 100 songs from the great artists of the period-Elvis, The Beach Boys The Supremes, Paul Anka, Buddy Holly, Petula Clark, The Beatles...and the list goes on. Add over 100 costume changes, fun videos from that era, and a talented cast of seven which resulted in the show dubbed "The Most Fun You'll have in Branson." After a lunch break, we again boarded the buses to attend the Clay Cooper Show. Clay Cooper has been performing for Branson audiences since the age of 16, originally coming to Branson to perform with a kid's band known as the Texas Goldminors. Clay loves singing, playing bass and meeting new people. His show featured live music, singing, dancing, comedy and more. Clay and his cast of 24 entertainers brought a high energy performance filled with variety-country, gospel, patriotic and more. Johnny Lonestar, New York's number one cowboy, performed trick roping and gun-slinging. Eleven amazing dancers led by Clay's talented wife, Tina, a 7 piece band and Branson's funnier than funny comedian, Matt Gumm. Our final show was Saturday afternoon on the Branson Belle, a paddle wheeler, where we cruised around Table Rock Lake. Our cruise included a 3-course meal and the All-New Show-Celebrate featuring music, comedy, magic and more.

Saturday morning, we held our bi-annual business meeting. We approved changes to our Constitution and by-laws. Details of this are outlined in the meeting minutes. The membership approved the continuation of the VLOA and decided to continue the reunions. There will be a vote to determine where the next reunion will be held. Details for this will be covered in the newsletter. A slate of nominated officers and directors was proposed, discussed and elected by the General Membership. A listing is detailed in an article by Frank Estes. Following the business meeting, Marti Roberts Lopez made a slide show presentation about her quest to find information about her father, Lieutenant Jerry Roberts, who was KIA on July 5, 1966. It was a very moving presentation as each of us were thinking of our fallen comrades who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.

Sunday evening began with a cash bar and the chance to meet and greet the attendees. Following this, was a call to order. Bert Rice offered the Invocation and Frank Estes and I made opening remarks. We then held our Missing Man Ceremony. The Vietnam Veteran's of America Post #913 provided an Honor Guard to post the colors for our Missing Man Ceremony. Frank Estes and Tony Clemente performed the ceremony. It was concluded with the playing of taps by a bugler from Post #913. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance and the New Jersey Knights Quartet who perform at the King's Castle Theatre sang God Bless America. Dinner was served following the ceremony. The evenings entertainment following dinner was provided by Brenda Meadows, a very talented singer. She had performed for the USO during Vietnam and then enlisted in the US Army prior to the ending of the war. Her singing and story telling was enjoyed by all.

We concluded the evenings festivities with the recognitions and awards ceremonies. I was invited to make a few remarks so I started out with my birth in Kansas in 1940 but after a few gasps from the audience, I decided to cut it short. I thanked the members for the opportunity be the Director of such a special group. It was an honor to have served with The Vinh Long Outlaws and to be associated with the VLOA. Frank Estes then recognized the incoming Steering Committee Members. They are recognized in Frank Estes' Induction of New Officers & Directors article in the newsletter. Frank Estes' article in the newsletter, "Outlaws Awards Ceremony During Outlaws Branson Roundup," recognizes all of the members who received awards.

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A special Outstanding Outlaw Award proposed by Tom Anderson was awarded to Frank Estes. The following remarks were the ones that Tom had planned on talking about if he had been able to attend the reunion. I talked about these attributes but I'm sure that Tom would have done a better job of presenting them. These are the notes he sent to me.

Army Aviation motto “ **Above the Best**”

I'm going to tell you some things about him that you'd never hear from him.

1<sup>st</sup> Tour **Maverick Lead**

2d our **CO Chinook company**

Proven leader of men in VN

Picked up **two purple hearts** while flying with the Outlaws/Mavericks

Maverick in more ways beyond being a member of that fabulous group

Army Pentagon Senior staff while assigned to the Department of Army Staff

Hand-picked to be one of **key decision makers** in a high-level committee which resulted in the Army **establishing a separate Aviation Branch** ....

**Retired with distinction**

Active in his local **Boys and Girls club**

Key member of his **church hierarchy**

**Campaign Manager** for retired Army officer running for Mayor of Ozark

Every organization always has a “behind the scenes” leader.

Vinh Long Outlaws Association formed in 1998

Participated in drafting of **VLOA Constitution & Bylaws**

Served as **National Director**

Financial posture doubled by his innovative and logical recommendations

**Deputy Director**

Member at Large

Defined specific **duties for all Steering Committee members**

Some functions, which HAVE to be done, don't always lend themselves to fitting into a neat organizational structure.

Communications Director **Website**

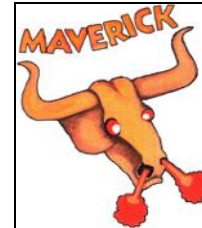
Installed new data maintenance technology

Updated new procedures

Established sound **management procedures**

Innovations

Monitors website for inappropriate entries



Maverick Lead– Vinh Long 1965

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Transfer of responsibility

Communications Director – **Newsletter**

Edited-- Printed- Addressed-Distribution procedures

Recognized need for various **categories of membership**

**Historian** until permanent historian stepped forward

**Reunion Coordinator** (2) Fort Rucker & Nashville

Wrote the **Articles of Incorporation**

Worked the process through State governmental agencies leading to **IRS approval**

Established the VLOA **tax exempt status** 501c19

Primary **editor of the Steering Committee Policy File**

Personally Transfer **Policy files to DVD**

**VLOA is now in a transition phase**

Frank is key player in planning for the **future of the VLOA**

Think of the Vinh Long Outlaw Association as “The Best”.

**Frank Estes is truly, “ABOVE THE BEST”**

Following the closing remarks, we adjourned to the hospitality suite to enjoy our continued camaraderie, a chance to quaff a beer or two, to bid on every loose item including our reunion banners, to pick up the silent auction items that had been purchased, and to say good bye until 2018.

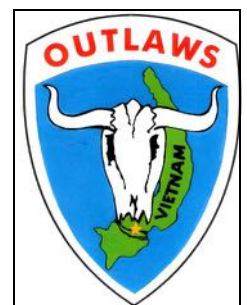
God Bless each and everyone of us over the coming years and we will look forward to the next reunion.

Your retired National Director,

Larry Jackson



## Thanks from the First Outlaw 6



I would like to thank all of my fellow Outlaws and their ladies for the deeply appreciated outpouring of letters, cards, phone calls, emails and other forms of friendship I have received following the death of my wife Pat. The week before the Branson reunion she fell and broke her hip. During her hospital stay she developed severe pneumonia in her lungs and passed away on October 8, 2016. Pat was my constant joy for 62 years. During the past 16 years she was at my side as we helped make the Vinh Long Outlaw Association the dynamic and friendly group that it has become. At every reunion she made new friends and renewed earlier friendships with so many of our members and their ladies. Again, my heartfelt thanks to all of you for the friendship you showed to her, and me, following her passing. Tom Anderson





Letter to the Editor:

From VLOA member, Don Sharp.

My background: After flight school I joined the 7<sup>TH</sup>-1<sup>ST</sup> Air Cav forming up in FT. Knox, KY. I was the Rifle Platoon Cmdr. Until late May, early June of 1968 in country. The TO&E called for a rated aviator, and I spent the first 6 months doing ground operations. Finally I was sent to the 175<sup>TH</sup> o/a June 1968. I took over the 1<sup>ST</sup> Platoon from Capt. Green and remained so until I returned to the states late January. We had a great crew and did the mission as required. I'm including a story in hopes some of the crew will contact me at [dsharp929@yahoo.com](mailto:dsharp929@yahoo.com).

As I remember; some time maybe late Oct. we joined a flight in Soc Trang for troop insertions. I believe it was one of the unit's out of Soc Trang.

We returned to Soc Trang and were in trail formation, I was about chalk 7. Tower instruction was move the flight and park on the white squares. As usual we were home free and relaxed. As we were moving to the white squares I noticed the aircraft in front was lowering to park on the white square. Problem was another helio was running up in the revetments next to that square. Not good, as I was trying to land as fast as I could and I almost made it. The two aircraft overlapped about 7 feet of blades and that's when everything happened. One complete rotor head separated and landed across the runway in the billet area. The other one lost one rotor blade and the transmission fell forward. All in all only one crewmember was injured with a cut on his neck.

My problem was before I could land, the pitch control rod was severed and the blade went wild and cut the tail boom off. I thought that we were going to roll but I managed to get the engine shut off. I had my hands full as the aircraft was rocking so bad that I had a hard time reaching the throttle detent. Good news, no one was injured although the windshield was shattered. The harness's were locked and face shields were down-saved the day.

Included is a picture of the aircraft involved. You can see the two main aircraft and I'm walking in front of mine. Look on the right side and notice the severed control rod.

If anyone has more details or comments please respond. Again, I would like to hear from anyone who may have been there that day. My memory is bad and I can't remember the names of my crew.

Verdis D. (Don) Sharp

CPT, USA (RET)



## VLOA CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHANGES

### **CONSTITUTION:**

#### **Article II – Objectives**

A. Adds these words at end of paragraph: *To further this objective, a reunion will be held at specified intervals.*

#### **Article III – Operation**

B. Rewrites paragraph to read: The VLOA will operate as *an IRS approved 501(c)(19) war veterans' tax-exempt, non-profit organization. The VLOA will ensure it continuously meets the IRS requirement that more than 90 percent of its membership is composed of former members who were assigned or attached to the original 62<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Company or successor organizations.*

D. Adds these words after "...shall be donated to the U.S. Army Aviation Museum at Fort Rucker, Alabama," *with a copy provided to the Vietnam War Project, Texas Tech University.*

#### **Article V – Membership**

Clarified classifications.

Changed unit classification.

Deleted Steering Committee discretion.

D.1. Clarified dues paying Active status.

D.2. Clarified dues paying Active status.

D.4. Added length of Honorary status, and clarified voluntary dues payment.

D.6. Clarified Associate Life member may not hold office.

D.7. Clarified donation by Associate Life member.

#### **Article VI – Organization**

A.3. Clarified there are two Communications Directors.

A.4. Increased Directors-At-Large from two to five, one each for two-year year-groups.

#### **Article VII – Voting**

Clarified who may vote and hold office.

#### **Article X – Operating Procedures**

Added words re maintaining the Policy File, and requirement to provide a DVD containing Policy Files to all Steering Committee members.

### **BYLAWS:**

#### **Chapter 1 – Members**

*Clarified donation by Honorary Members and not able to vote or hold office.*

#### **Chapter 2 – Membership Dues**

1.&3. Clarified donation by Honorary Members to become an Associate Life member.

4. Clarified Steering Committee authorized to stop sending *Outlaws Newsletters* to non-dues paying members on the VLOA roster.

#### **Chapter 4 – VLOA Meetings**

4. Added requirement for written minutes to be taken and filed.

#### **Chapter 7 – Duties of Officers**

Added requirement for National Director to Chair the Steering Committee during all business meetings.

3. Added requirement to provide a copy of the Policy Files to newly elected/appointed Steering Committee members.

#### **Chapter 8 – Secretary**

Added requirement for resolutions to be sent in writing or email.

3., 4., & 5. Added three duties of the Secretary.

#### **Chapter 9 – Treasurer**

7.&8. *Added Treasurer duties concerning filing IRS Form 990E annually, and providing copies of dues payments to the Secretary for roster entries.*

#### **Chapter 10 – Communications Directors**

*Clarified sending of newsletters to roster named members with confirmed addresses, and authority to appoint one person to be the newsletter editor and website manager.*

#### **Chapter 11 – Quartermaster**

*Provides the rationale for not filling the Quartermaster position.*

#### **Chapter 12 – Historian**

*Clarifies years of history coverage for Historian, and deletes wording about the Historian being a new position.*

#### **Chapter 12 - Distaff Advisor (Without Vote)**

Clarifies who may fill the Distaff Advisor position, and performs without vote.



## **Colonel (Retired) Joseph R. Clelan -Obituary**

**December 24, 1932 - September 8, 2016**



**Joseph R. Clelan, age 83 of Mechanicsburg passed away suddenly Thursday, September 08, 2016 at West Shore Hospital. Born December 24, 1932 in Lewistown, he was the son of the late George J. and Isabelle Mae (Brown) Clelan.**

**Joe graduated from Clemson University in 1955 with a degree in engineering. He has been an enthusiastic Tiger's football fan ever since. Serving in the Army for 28 years, he retired at the grade of Colonel. Joe had a distinguished military career. He was a master Army aviator, served two tours in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot, commanded a battalion at Fort Bragg, and along the way was awarded the Legion of Merit, two medals of Valor, two Bronze Stars, a Silver Star, a Meritorious Service Medal, and twelve Air Medals. Following his retirement, he worked for the Pennsylvania Dept. of Veteran Affairs, as a budgetary officer. He was promoted to the second highest position in the DVA, The Deputy Adjutant General for Veteran Affairs. He was a lifetime member of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, an active member of St. Mark Lutheran Church, and longtime member of the Carlisle Country Club where he played golf weekly.**

**Joe was preceded in death by his wife Erline (Valentine) Clelan. He is survived by a son, Scott J. Clelan and wife Lori of Mechanicsburg; two daughters, Wendy C. Koering and husband Louis of Vineland, NJ and Carrie C. Celesky and husband Troy of Carlisle; a brother Gerald B. Clelan and wife Beverly of Lewistown; a sister, Martha J. Lynch and husband R. Thomas of Portland, OR; 8 grandchildren, Jeremy and wife Megan, Kevin, and Sarah Koering, Lydia, Ian and Max Clelan, Abigail and Molly Celesky and great-grandson, Griffin Clelan.**

**Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM Friday, September 16, 2016 at Malpezzi Funeral Home, 8 Market Plaza Way, Mechanicsburg. Viewing was held Thursday from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial will be at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.**

**Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark Lutheran Church, 117 W. Keller Street, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 or Camp Nawakwa, PO Box 459, Arendtsville, PA 17303 [www.lutherancamping.org](http://www.lutherancamping.org).**

Patricia Ann Anderson



03/05/1931-10/08/2016

Patricia Ann (Riley) Anderson, Tom Anderson's wife, passed into her Lord's hands on October 8, 2016 while in Hospice care in Arlington, VA. Born on March 5, 1931 in Great Falls, Montana, her father died when she was five, leaving her mother, Hazel Riley, to raise her and her brother Richard. After graduation from Great Falls, Montana High School, she attended Montana State University in Missoula, MT where she was a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

At MSU, Pat met her future husband, Tom Anderson. She pinned his 2d Lieutenant bars onto his Infantry officer uniform in 1952. In late 1952, Pat accepted Tom's proposal and they were married in February 1953. After a tour in Korea, Tom was transferred to Japan where she joined him in 1954.

Son Gregory Thomas was born to the couple on January 9th, 1956. Keeping her promise to her mother to complete her college degree, she completed her studies while in Japan and received her BA in Business Administration from MSU in March 1956. After a two-year tour in Japan, the family was next posted to Long Beach, California where son Mark Graham was born on October 8, 1957.

Pat was the epitome of a wonderful Army wife, who, for over 20 years, managed family finances, schooling, health care issues, auto repairs, doctors' appointments, pet crises, boys' team sports, etc. while Tom was away on assignments. Change of duty stations became routine with moves to Fort Campbell, KY, Fort Benning, GA, Fort Sill, OK, Fort Rucker, AL, Long Beach, CA, Fort Leavenworth, KS, Carlisle Barracks, PA, Washington, DC, and a wonderful three-year tour in Hawaii.

Pat had a very successful 25 year real estate career in Northern Virginia. In 2005, Pat and Tom moved to a senior condominium community in Springfield, Virginia where she loved the social interaction and friendships with her many fellow residents.

"Nana" Anderson was a devoted wife, a loving mother and a joy to her hundreds of friends. Pat will be held forever in the hearts of her husband Tom, her son Mark, his wife Caretta and grandson Riley Thomas of Springfield, VA, as well as son Greg, his wife Doreen, granddaughter Katherine Marie and grandson Michael Riley of Pompano Beach, FL.

A visitation was held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel 5755 Castlewellan Dr., Alexandria, VA on October 12, 2016 from 5 to 8 p.m. Arrangements are being made for a memorial service to be held at Fort Myer and interment at Arlington National Cemetery for January 6, 2017.





3rd. Qtr.- 2016- VLOA Treasurers Report by Chester Voisin



**Balance**  
**\$**

**Cash Balance - 01/01/2016** **30,951.59**

	<b>9 Months 9/30/2016</b>	
<b>Revenues:</b>	<b>\$</b>	
Dues - Annual	425.00	
Dues - Lifetime	2,700.00	
Dues - Associates Lifetime	100.00	
Sale of Reunion Shirts	2,932.00	
Silent Auction Receipts	3,356.00	
Sale of 50/50 Drawing Tickets	2,450.00	
Miscellaneous (Donations)	1,045.25	

**Total Revenues:** **13,008.25** **13,008.25**

<b>Expenditures:</b>		
Newsletter Costs	1,660.71	
Inventory purchases & costs	-	
2016 Reunion expenses	6,321.90	
50/50 Prizes	1,228.00	
Administration	103.15	
Miscellaneous	-	

**Total Expenditures:** **9,313.76** **9,313.76**

**Net Income (Loss) - 9 months 2016** **3,694.49** **3,694.49**

**Cash Balance - 09/30/2016** **34,646.08**

**Details: 9 month period - 1/1/2016 thru 09/30/2016**

<b>Revenues</b>		
Sale of Reunion Shirts	2,932.00	
Silent Auction Proceeds	3,356.00	
Ticket Sales - 50/50 Drawings	2,450.00	
Miscellaneous - Donations (Various)	1,045.25	
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,783.25</b>	<b>9,783.25</b>

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**Annual Dues (AD): - 2016**

John E. Doyle	25.00	
Dale A. Roland	25.00	
Harold E. Feathers	25.00	
Donald S. Palmer	25.00	
Frederick W. Jacobs	25.00	
Jon Elsea	25.00	
William A. Gregoricus	25.00	
Richard M. Dyer	25.00	
Norris T. Marshall	25.00	
Randall P. Smith	25.00	
Joseph J. O'Neill	25.00	
Ivan W. White, Jr.	25.00	
John W. Hughes	25.00	
Michael Colaneri	25.00	
Robert C. O'Brien	25.00	
Richard J. Lecinski	25.00	
Raymond S. Pyrcz	25.00	
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Total	425.00	425.00

**Life Time Memberships (LTM): - 2016**

Harold J. Dress	100.00	
John C. Irwin	100.00	
Edmund W. Hubard	100.00	
William J. Meehan	100.00	
Frederick C. Schattauer, Jr.	100.00	
Verdis D. Sharp	100.00	
Gary D. Williams	100.00	
Lyle E. Perry	100.00	
Friedrich K. Rosenberger	100.00	
William E. Sharpe	100.00	
Joseph F. Torre	100.00	
Robert W. Stephens	100.00	
Robert L. Fleming	100.00	
Eric Ragsdale	100.00	
Douglas G. Wilson	100.00	
Daniel M. Hudgins	100.00	
Richard D. Waldo	100.00	
Robert Allen	100.00	
Dennis L. Hiemstra	100.00	
Alfred J. Brown	100.00	
John R. Clausen	100.00	
Allen J. Theriot	100.00	
William R. Coleman	100.00	
Richard D. Meana	100.00	
Duwayne E. Liebe	100.00	
Terry S. Williams	100.00	
William D. Chambers	100.00	
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Total	2,700.00	2,700.00

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**Life Time Associate Membership (ALTM): - 2016**

Robert C. Madigan	<u>100.00</u>	
Total	100.00	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total Revenues - 9 month period 2016</b>		<u><b>13,008.25</b></u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Bob Sharp - 4th Qtr 2015 - Newsletter	539.27	
Bob Sharp - 1st Qtr 2016 - Newsletter	535.47	
Bob Sharp - 2nd Qtr 2016 - Newsletter	585.97	
Ticket Sales - 50/50 Drawings	1,228.00	
Administration - Postage & Deposit Tickets	103.15	
Reunion Expenses -	<u>6,321.90</u>	
Total	9,313.76	<u>9,313.76</u>
Total Expenses		<u>9,313.76</u>
<b>Income (Loss) - 9 month period ending 09/30/2016</b>		<u><b>3,694.49</b></u>

**2016 Reunion Costs (Details):**

Reunion Banners	253.40
Awards	1,695.28
Shirts & Caps	2,496.38
Mugs & Bags	505.06
Umbrellas	683.58
Hospitality	<u>688.20</u>
Total Reunion Expenses	<u>6,321.90</u>

**NOTE:**

The complete accounting for the 2016 Reunion is not complete -The complete accounting will be reflected in the 4th Quarter (FYE: 12/31/2016) Financial Report.

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**Vinh Long Outlaws Association (VLOA)**  
**Membership Application/Renewal Form**

Memberships in the VLOA is open to any person of any rank who served with any lineage unit known as the “Outlaws” (and “Mavericks” and “Bushwhackers” armed platoons) or any affiliated unit at any time between August 1964 and the present. These units include the 62<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Company, A Company 502<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Battalion, 175<sup>th</sup> Aviation Company, B Troop 1-158<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment (Iraq), 150<sup>th</sup> Transportation Detachment (“Roadrunners”), 28<sup>th</sup> Signal Detachment, and 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division’s “door gunners.”

Active (with vote) or Associate (without vote) Membership is \$25.00 annually, payable each January. A Lifetime Membership (with vote) is a \$100.00 one-time fee. A Lifetime Associate Membership (without vote) for spouses and relatives is available for a \$100 one-time fee. Higher levels of Lifetime Memberships are available; contact the National Director at: jcdonnely1@cox.net. To pay initial or renewal membership dues for this calendar year, please complete and forward this form, with dues payment, to:

**VLOA; c/o Chester Voisin, 1657 Dr. Beatrous Road, Theriot, LA 70397.**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_ Nickname \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse’s Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Rank (while assigned to unit) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Dates assigned in Outlaws/attachments (Mo/Yr to Mo/Yr) \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Unit/plt/sect/position \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Call sign \_\_\_\_\_

- Please initiate \_\_\_\_\_ or renew \_\_\_\_\_ my Active \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_\_ VLOA membership. **Make \$25.00 check payable to VLOA.**
- Please initiate my Lifetime \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Associate \_\_\_\_\_ VLOA membership. **Make \$100.00 check payable to VLOA.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Please do not renew my VLOA membership, but keep my name on the VLOA roster. I understand I may not receive any future issues of the VLOA Newsletter unless I am a current dues paying VLOA member.

\_\_\_\_\_ I know a former Outlaw/Maverick/Roadrunner or other affiliated unit member and have indicated his/her name, address, and phone number on this form.

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_