

Vinh Long Outlaws Association (VLOA)

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## Vinh Long Outlaws Winter 2020 Newsletter

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The VLOA is a 501(c)(19) nonprofit, tax exempt war veterans' organization.

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## National Director's Corner

By- **Bert Rice**



I hope this newsletter finds each and every one doing well and staying safe. With that being said, I wish you all a very Happy and Healthy 2021! Like many, I am rather glad to see 2020 come to an end. I am certain that we will never forget last year!

After reviewing my comments in the last newsletter I could almost say "Ditto" and be done with it. But, of course, I won't do that! Aren't you pleased! HA!

In my last comments, I encouraged everyone to remain safe and follow guidance from various sources. I reiterate those comments here. Having said that, yes, my companion Pat and I got the virus in early November. We still are not certain when, where and how we caught it but I think Pat's assessment is probably correct. We always wear our masks, try to distance as best we can and use hand sanitizers often. Pat believes we might have caught it after shopping at grocery store in Yuma, AZ and failing to use hand sanitizer right after returning to our car which we normally did. In any case, my stint with the virus was mild, lasting about three to four days. Pat's case was much worse where she lost her appetite, had very little energy and just felt listless for about eight days. During this period, she got approval from her Doctor to get tested which was positive. We quarantined for ten days after which Pat was retested and received a negative test result. So this virus is insidious and seems to be everywhere – be careful!

I remain in contact with Armed Forces Reunion, Inc (AFR). regarding our reunion in September 2021 to be held in San Antonio, TX. As of my last communication with AFR, they are updating the registration form, schedule of events and tour information. I am hoping to include those items in this newsletter. With Christmas holiday activities there is a slight delay in finalizing these documents. I do want to get the information to you as soon as possible so you can make plans to attend the reunion. After such a long delay in having our reunion, we will try to make this one of the more memorable!

On a personal matter, I had left knee replacement surgery on December 11. Surgery went well and recovery has gone along about as I had expected. Others who have had knee surgery advised that I do the physical therapy that follows. That is very good advice and I feel that I am making fairly good progress. Hopefully I will be back doing a full range of activities soon. Pat has been my caregiver during this ordeal and she has gone above and beyond – my angel!

Again, take care and stay safe – oh, and get the vaccine as soon as you feel comfortable in doing so! I look forward to seeing you all in San Antonio, TX next September! Hooah!

*Bert Rice*

God Bless each and every one!

**OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

- Bert Rice, - National Director  
Odenton, MD.
- Irwin Katz,- Deputy Director  
Buffalo Grove, IL.
- Doug Wilson, -Secretary  
Costa Mesa, CA
- Frank Estes, -Treasurer  
Ozark, AL
- Jim Donnelly, -Historian  
Virginia Beach, VA
- Bill Hensinger, -Member-At-Large  
Palmyra, PA.
- Irwin Katz, Member-At-Large  
Buffalo Grove, IL
- Eric Ragsdale, Member-At-Large  
Mesa, AZ.
- Bob Allen, Member-At-Large  
Piqua, OH.
- Fred Rosenberg, Member-At-Large  
Leesburg, FL.
- Bob Sharp, -Newsletter Editor.  
Albert Lea, MN.
- Phil Van Alst, -Web Master  
Hau'ula, HI..
- Ernest Isbell, -Chaplain  
Highland Village, TX..
- Terry Khachadourian, -Distaff Advisor  
Lilburn, GA.
- Tom Anderson, -Permanent Advisor  
Springfield, VA.
- Ernie Isbell, -Ex Officio (2002-04)  
Highland Village, TX.
- Tim Bisch, -Ex Officio (2004-06)  
Huntsville, AL
- Joe Clelan, -Ex Officio (2006-08)  
Mechanicsburg, PA. (deceased)
- Frank Estes, -Ex Officio (2008-10)  
Ozark, AL.
- Bob Koonce, -Ex Officio (2010-12)  
Tacoma, WA.
- Angelo Spelios, -Ex Officio (2012-14)  
Weatherford, TX.
- Larry Jackson, -Ex Officio (2014-2016)  
Hilton Head Island, SC.
- James Donnelly, -Ex Officio (2016-2018)  
Virginia Beach, VA..

**Vinh Long Outlaws Association (VLOA)  
Financial Statement - 2020**

**Balance effective 01/01/2020** \$35,307.74

**REVENUES:**

<b>Dues - Annual</b>	<b>\$300.00</b>
<b>Dues - Lifetime</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>
<b>Dues - Patriot Lifetime</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b>Sales - reunion shirts</b>	<b>\$1,562.00</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<u><b>\$5,462.00</b></u>

**EXPENDITURES:**

<b>Newletters, bank statements, postage, purchase reunion shirts, and webhost &amp; domain name annual renewals</b>	<b>\$3,922.40</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<u><b>\$3,922.40</b></u>

**CASH BALANCE - as of 12/31/2020** **\$36,847.34**

**Details: 12 months period ending 12/31/2020**

**Revenues Detail**

<b>Sales - reunion shirts</b>	<b>\$1,562.00</b>
<b>Sub Total</b>	<u><b>\$1,562.00</b></u>

**Dues: - 2020**

**Annual Memberships (AM): - 2020**

<b>John Diamond</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Frederick Jacobs</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Norris Marshall</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>George Storer</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Joe Gossum</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Armand Constantine</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Ernest Shreve</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Bill Gregoricus</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
<b>William Quinn</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>William Cothan</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>John Elsea</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Sub Total</b>	<u><b>\$300.00</b></u>

**Lifetime Memberships (LM): - 2020**

<b>Greg Wordman</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Harold Feathers</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Walter Bogdanowicz</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Mark Fontenot</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Roger Foust</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Angus Desveaux</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>James Tornillo</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Gregory Lightner</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Matthew Fleming</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Robert O'Brien</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Timothy Murphy</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Charles Phillips</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Andrew Hoder</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>William Barmore</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>William Moraski</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>

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Andrew Keeney	\$100.00
Douglas Armstrong	\$100.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>
<b>Patriot Lifetime Membership (PLM) - 2020</b>	
Josiah Austin	\$500.00
Bill Hensinger	\$400.00
Frank Estes	\$400.00
Tom Anderson	\$400.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,700.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	
Donation - Angelio Spelios	\$100.00
Donation - Anonymous for a friend	\$100.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>
<b><u>Total Revenues - 12 months period 2020</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,462.00</u></b>
<b>Expenses Details</b>	
Bob Sharp - 4th Qtr 2019 - Newsletter	\$638.01
Bob Sharp - 1st Qtr 2020 - Newsletter	\$646.22
Bob Sharp - 2nd Qtr 2020 - Newsletter	\$646.22
Bob Sharp - 3rd Qtr 2020 - Newsletter	\$631.60
Paper bank statements	\$16.50
Purchase reunion shirts	\$936.87
Annual webhost fee	\$239.88
Website domain names annual renewal	\$95.90
Reimbursement for postage	\$71.20
<b><u>Total Expenses - 12 months period 2020</u></b>	<b><u>\$3,922.40</u></b>
<b>INCOME (LOSS) - 12 months period ending 12/31/2020</b>	<b>\$1,539.60</b>

**42nd. Anniversary of "TET-68" Battle of Vinh Long Airfield. It began at 3:00am on January 31st, 1968. Vinh Long Compound lost 3 seriously WIA and 9 KIA. Sadly 1 of the KIA was my Company Commander and pilot who I crewed for when we flew for the Vice-President of the United States, Hubert H. Humphrey, upon my return to the States in late 1965. A proven patriot who lost his life in his third war. WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Please, anyone who was there at that time, would you care to write an article for the upcoming Spring -2021 Newsletter. Thank you in advance. Bob Sharp, Editor.**





## Volunteers Needed to Fill Positions for the Future

by Tom Anderson and Frank Estes

The primary reason why the Vinh Long Outlaws Association (VLOA) exists is to get together, every two years, to renew the bonds of friendship that were formed half a century ago in a land far away. The reunion event itself is the culmination of the efforts of a number of Outlaw volunteers, volunteers who, year after year, keep the wheels turning to make the reunion happen. Unquestionably, every reunion we have had over the past two decades has been a success! A secondary reason for our existence is to provide mechanisms for keeping our membership informed during the intervening months between reunions. We do this via our quarterly *Outlaws Newsletter* and Outlaws website, [www.vinhloutlaws.com](http://www.vinhloutlaws.com).

Currently, we're hoping that we'll be able to hold our Outlaw reunion in September. There are still a lot of "ifs" in play before we'll know for certain. But the Reunion, newsletters, and website don't just happen. As you will read, this article is an appeal to all members to consider volunteering their aptitudes, interest, and willingness to more personally participate in the VLOA structure.

The VLOA began to take form in mid-1998 when a few of the original 1964-'65 Outlaws "found" each other 35 years after the Outlaws arrived in Vinh Long. That small group of nine old soldiers (+ ladies) got together in Branson, MO, and had such a GREAT time that they felt they should try to locate as many of those early Outlaws as possible and possibly have just one real "reunion"!

For the following year, members of the group, using old roster orders, crew orders, AC orders, awards orders and other assorted documents spent countless hours finding names and building a list of their old friends. They combed internet web sites, made phone calls, wrote letters, etc. searching for those now-old soldiers who once called themselves "Outlaws". The result was that over 100 stray Outlaws were located.

John Doyle (RIP) **volunteered** to coordinate the initial search effort. With that success, the group began planning for what was termed R2K (Reunion 2000). Al Iller, living near Branson, MO **volunteered** to be the reunion planner. After group members donated seed money to start a bank account, Ernie Isbell **volunteered** to be the first Treasurer and set up our first bank account and tax ID number. Because the word needed to get out to those 100+ strays to come to R2K, Tony Clemente **volunteered** to take on the job of editing the first Newsletter.

When R2K became a reality, attendees approved the name "Vinh Long Outlaws Association (VLOA)", approved a draft Constitution and By Laws, and agreed that we should have additional reunions.

Today, all those old soldiers have "matured", and so has the VLOA. For example, several years ago, Travis Wilson (RIP) **volunteered** to set up the first Outlaw web site. Communication Director-Website Phil Van Alst is now our **volunteer** web site manager. Phil monitors our website every day, to include ensuring that inappropriate messages are not inserted into our show-case site. Additionally, Phil keeps the website updated with important notices, status of all memberships, prayer list, obituaries on Outlaw deaths, posting Minutes of business meetings, posting copies of current *Outlaws Newsletters*, and reunion information as well as pictures after each reunion. As you can imagine, managing the web site is a time-consuming effort.

That early Outlaw roster of about 100 names has now grown to over 510 member names plus deceased Outlaws, surviving spouses, honorary members. etc. Secretary Doug Wilson **volunteers** to maintain the roster, a vital but another extremely time-consuming task, making changes, often on a daily basis as new information becomes known.

Our *Outlaws Newsletter* is one of the most important functions of the Association. Communication Director - Newsletter Editor Bob Sharp has **voluntarily** prepared, edited, printed, and mailed out our first-class Newsletter for over eight years! AND—

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AND!, he mails it to EVERY active name on Doug Wilson's roster, whether the member is dues-paying or not (well, for as long as there are funds available for sending it to non-dues-paying members)! The *Outlaws Newsletter* is a tremendously time-consuming and demanding operation which is well-received by every member.

Several years ago, Frank Estes **volunteered** to take on the task of registering the VLOA with the IRS and obtained approval of the VLOA as a tax-exempt, war-veteran's organization, 501(c)(19). That exemption now allows members to deduct "...any contribution made to and for the use of the VLOA...", including membership dues and the cost of donations made to our vital reunion's Silent Auction! In addition to his Treasurer's duties, Frank prepares and submits the required annual IRS report which allows us to retain that exempt status. Frank also prepares, and forwards, a quality membership card to every dues-paying member. Finally, Frank monitors VLOA operations and updates the Policy Files for presentation during the General Membership meeting at our biennial reunions.

During each Outlaws Roundup, **volunteers** organize and set up our Silent Auction and sell the 50/50 tickets for the raffle. For many recent reunions, Jack and Fran Konopka **volunteered** to run our Silent Auction. Bob Allen **volunteered** for the Silent Auction job during the upcoming Outlaws Roundup in San Antonio, September 23-27. There are lot of details relating to organizing the Silent Auction area, setting up tables, bid sheets, accounting for winning bids, and assisting the Treasurer during "settle-up time." A couple of **volunteers** are needed to sell the 50/50 raffle tickets during the Roundup and draw the winning tickets during our Sunday evening Farewell Dinner.

You've obviously noticed that the word **volunteer** has been highlighted. This is to emphasize the fact that our existence has always depended on dedicated **member-volunteers, who** continue to provide the leadership, support, and guidance to maintain the VLOA as a first-class veterans' organization. Gratefully, many of these critical VLOA **volunteer** positions have continued to be filled, year after year, by the same people.

That's a look at the past and how we got to where we are as an organization. But what about the present.....and, more specifically, the future. Now, some of these "same people" are getting "long in the tooth" and might want another **volunteer** to step up and replace them.

We know that the VLOA is, as are all Viet Nam veteran membership organizations, a "last man standing" group. At some future time, there won't be enough members to sustain the continuance of the VLOA. The money needed for the quarterly *Outlaws Newsletter* preparation and mailing, annual payments to retain domain name, annual webhost fees, admin costs, some reunion expenses, postage, and supplies will slowly, but inexorably, dry up as members make their final approach to their mortal touchdown.

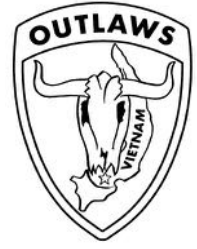
Although our extensive VLOA Policy Files make provisions for that future day, it will still be some time before we have to face that fact. The VLOA has the membership base to sustain itself for at least ten years, likely more, and to continue to have reunions, maintain the roster, publish the Newsletter, keep our website active, and sustain the comradeship and bonding that has been the hallmark of the VLOA for over two decades. Someone who might want to volunteer, might be fearful of what that particular **volunteer** position is supposed to do. The VLOA maintains a set of **Policy Files** that discusses just about every activity the VLOA undertakes, with detailed descriptions of just about every volunteer's position, duties and responsibilities. Plenty of guidance is available; have no fear!

In closing, it is vital to the VLOA's future that those who have the aptitudes, interest and willingness to fill the roles described above, make that willingness known to the VLOA. If you would like to discuss filling any of the volunteer positions outlined herein, and reflected on our website's Membership Page, make your interest known by contacting National Director, Bert Rice or any of those who currently fill the supporting roles for the Association. Please, support the VLOA by volunteering to fill one of our key positions.





## September 23-27, 2021 San Antonio, TX Schedule of Events.



<b>Thursday, September 23</b>			
1:00pm	-	7:00pm	<b>Registration Open</b>
			Hospitality Room Open
			Silent Auction Open
7:00pm	-	9:00pm	Welcome Buffet Dinner
<b>Friday, September 24</b>			
9:00am	-	2:00pm	CITY TOUR
2:00pm	-	11:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
2:00pm	-	11:00pm	Silent Auction Open
6:00pm	-	10:30pm	RIO CIBOLO RANCH TEXAS BBQ DINNER
<b>Saturday, September 25</b>			
8:00am	-	9:00am	Executive Committee Meeting
9:00am	-	11:00am	VLOA General Membership Meeting
1:00pm	-	3:00pm	RIVERBARGE SIGHTSEEING CRUISES
3:00pm	-	11:00pm	Hospitality Room Open
<b>Sunday, September 26</b>			
9:00am	-	10:00am	Non-Denominational Church Service
			Hospitality Room Open
			Silent Auction Room Open
10:00am	-	3:00pm	EL MERCARDO & TEXAS RANGER MUSEUM
11:00am			Silent Auction Closes
6:00pm	-	7:00pm	Cash bar and social hour
7:00pm	-	9:00pm	Farewell Banquet
9:00pm	-	11:00pm	Hospitality Room open after Farewell Banquet
<b>Monday, September 27</b>			
			Farewells & Departures

### **CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.**

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the final payment date (8/19/21), Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$15 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after 8/19/21 will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 4:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.**

Please call (757) 625-6401 to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.



### **CITY TOUR Friday, September 24**

From the earliest Spanish Missionaries in 1691 to today's traveler, San Antonio's appeal continues to draw attention. Relax and enjoy a fully narrated tour of San Antonio's unique blend of rich heritage, traditions and natural beauty. Points of interest include stops at the San Jose Mission which is still an active church and is part of the National Park service, the largest of the missions; San Fernando Cathedral, the original church of the Canary Island settlers; From there you'll enjoy some time at the San Antonio River Walk or River Center Mall. Enjoy lunch on your own, possibly at Casa Rio, the first Mexican Restaurant on the River Walk. Its beautiful location and colorful umbrellas have come to symbolize the serenity and romance of the San Antonio River Walk.

**9:00am board bus, 2:00pm back at hotel  
Includes bus, guide and admissions. Lunch on your own.**

### **RIO CIBOLO RANCH BBQ DINNER Friday, September 24**

Head out for some Western-style Texas hospitality in an authentic ranch setting. The Rio Cibolo Ranch is a working Longhorn cattle ranch and pecan orchard located a short 25 minutes northeast of downtown San Antonio. Family owned and operated, Rio Cibolo Ranch provides unparalleled Texas Hospitality along the Rio Cibolo with horses, cattle, wild game, and wide-open pastures interrupted only by three miles of winding river and century old pecan trees – not to mention a host of fun-loving people! Barbeque is the Ranch's specialty with plates piled with mesquite smoked beef brisket, chicken quarters, and smoked sausage, beans, salad, homemade breads and condiments galore. For the sweet tooth how about some fresh baked pies, cakes, and cobblers? There's plenty of room to dance to your favorite country tunes.

**6:00pm board bus, 10:30pm back at hotel  
Includes bus, escort, dinner, and entertainment.**



### **RIVER BARGE SIGHTSEEING CRUISE Saturday, September 25**

Step aboard a River Walk barge for an exciting and entertaining narrative of the rich history of the San Antonio River Walk. The cruises are about 35 minutes long and cover one and a half miles of the beautiful San Antonio River Walk. The River Walk boat tour connects you to the city's timeless charm! The enthusiastic, knowledgeable boat captains will share fascinating stories about the city's culture, history and architecture during your 35-minute tour along the San Antonio River. The barges will pick up right at our hotel.

**1:00pm board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel  
TIMES WILL VARY BASED ON # OF PP**

### **TEXAS RANGER MUSEUM AND EL MERCADO Sunday, September 26**

Enjoy lunch at El Mercado, the largest Mexican marketplace outside of Mexico. It occupies three blocks of plazas and historic buildings full of shops, restaurants, art galleries, and more! The shops feature a wide range of products including leather goods, piñatas, jewelry, Mexican dresses, stained glass, art, pottery, and blankets. There are also authentic Mexican restaurants, many with open air patios. The plazas are alive with music, dancing, mariachis, and other entertainment. After lunch we'll head to the Texas Ranger Museum which contains priceless artifacts documenting the history and lore of the Texas Rangers. A Must-See Museum!

**10:00am board bus, 3:00pm back at hotel  
Includes bus, escort, and admission.**

*Please be at the bus boarding area at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time. All tours require a minimum of thirty-five people. Driver and Guide gratuities are included in tour prices.*

*NOTE: There is a limit of one hydraulically lifted scooter or wheelchair per handicap accessible bus. If you use a scooter but can climb the steps to board the bus, either you and/or a person traveling with you must be able to put the scooter in the bus's luggage compartment. Due to liability issues, drivers and tour guides cannot assist with scooters.*

# Registration Form—VLOA, San Antonio, Texas Reunion. Sept. 2021.

## VINH LONG OUTLAWS ASSOCIATION – SEPTEMBER 23-27, 2021

Listed below are all registration, tour, and meal costs for the reunion. Please enter how many people will be participating in each event and total the amount. Send that amount payable to ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC. in the form of check or money order. Your cancelled check will serve as your confirmation. Returned checks will be charged a \$20 fee. You may also register online and pay by credit card for 1<sup>st</sup> deposit at [www.afr-reg.com/outlaws2021deposit](http://www.afr-reg.com/outlaws2021deposit) and then to make final payment at [www.afr-reg.com/outlaws2021final](http://www.afr-reg.com/outlaws2021final) (a 3.5% convenience fee will be added each charge).

**Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.**  
**322 Madison Mews**  
**Norfolk, VA 23510**  
**ATTN: VINH LONG OUTLAWS**

### OFFICE USE ONLY

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Date Received \_\_\_\_\_  
 Inputted \_\_\_\_\_ Nametag Completed \_\_\_\_\_

<b>FINAL CUT-OFF DATE IS 08/19/21</b>		Price	
<b>All registration packages include 4 nights lodging (September 23-27, 2021), Buffet Breakfast every day, Welcome Buffet Dinner, 4 Tours, Farewell Banquet, and Hospitality Room expenses</b>			
Double Occupancy (2 people)		\$1411.00	\$
Single Occupancy (1 person)		\$1011.00	\$
<b>50% of Registration Package Deposit due by 6/4/21 Payment #1</b>			\$
<b>50% of Registration Package Final Payment due by 8/19/21 Payment #3</b>			\$
<b>PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR BANQUET DINNER ENTRÉE FOR EACH PERSON</b>			
Grilled Sirloin Filet		#	
Chicken Piccata		#	
Vegetarian Option		#	
<b>Additional Nights at the Hotel beyond 9/23-27/21 (optional)</b> <i>Additional nights at hotel will need to be paid in full with registration</i>			
Double Occupancy (2 People Price per night)		\$172.50	\$
Single Occupancy (1 Person Price per night)		\$162.50	\$
		<b>Payment # 2</b>	\$
<b>Hotel Arrival Date:</b> _____		<b>Hotel Departure Date</b> _____	
Room Type <input type="checkbox"/> One King Bed <input type="checkbox"/> Two Beds			
Hotel Special Needs? (Handicapped accessible?) _____			
<b>50% Deposit paid by 6/4/21 ** Payment LINE # 1 + Payment LINE # 2</b>			\$
<b>50% Final Payment paid by 8/19/21 **Payment LINE # 3</b>			\$
<b>Total Amount Payable to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.</b>			\$

PLEASE PRINT NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAMETAG

FIRST \_\_\_\_\_ LAST \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE NAME (IF ATTENDING) \_\_\_\_\_ 1<sup>st</sup> TIMER?  YES  NO

GUEST NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, ST, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PH. NUMBER (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DISABILITY/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

MUST YOU BE LIFTED HYDRAULICALLY ONTO THE BUS WHILE SEATED IN YOUR WHEELCHAIR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN BUS TRIPS? YES NO (PLEASE NOTE THAT WE CANNOT GUARANTEE AVAILABILITY).

### CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

Visa /MC/ Discover Card/ # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_



## Membership

by Frank Estes

Membership in the Vinh Long Outlaws Association (VLOA) is a pivotal part of our organization. Here are a few ways it impacts us:

► Provides the basis for being an IRS approved non-profit, tax-exempt war veterans organization [...all contributions made to and for the use of the VLOA are tax-exempt...." IRS letter, 30Apr2001].

► Membership dues provide one revenue stream that helps keep the VLOA financially sound.

► Provides a forum and biennial reunion for former Outlaws, Mavericks, Bushwhackers, Roadrunners and allied/attached units' members to keep up-to-date with their comrades.

► Provides input for and maintains a history of our heritage: the 62<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Company, A Company 502<sup>nd</sup> Aviation Battalion, 175<sup>th</sup> Aviation Company, B Troop 1<sup>st</sup>-158<sup>th</sup> Aviation Regiment, and 175<sup>th</sup> Aviation Company (Europe).

Beyond the foregoing, the following will discuss the status of dues paying, what the dues and other revenue streams are used for, and the new Patriot Life Membership.

Well, it's that time of year again when we remind you of your duty to renew your annual membership or join as a Life Member or Patriot Life Member. Our active roster shows:

- 12 Regular members (2%) with paid up due,
- 40 Regular members (8%) who have paid dues in the past but are not current,
- 238 Regular members (46%) who have never paid any dues,
- 220 Life Members (43%), and
- 4 Patriot Life Members (<1%).

Over half of the members listed on our roster are not paying dues, with less than half financially keeping our VLOA afloat. If you are one of the members on our roster who is not current in paying dues, we ask you to be a part of the supporting members by joining us as an annual or lifetime dues-payer. Doing so will help ensure a financially sound future for the VLOA as our membership numbers will continue to decline. The last page of this newsletter contains a membership application form or you may download one from [www.vinhlongoutlaws.com](http://www.vinhlongoutlaws.com).

We often hear the question: "Well, what are our dues used for?" Please take a look at our annual financial report contained in this newsletter and you will quickly see the variety of expenses we incur: quarterly newsletters to everyone on our active roster (including Honorary Members), purchase reunion shirts, biennial reunion preparations, annual webhosting, annual website domain names renewals (we pay for five even though we only use one in order to block attempts by someone to use a website name similar to ours), postage, supplies, bank statements, and sometimes administrative support.

During our reunion years, we experience other expenses that quite often are not covered just by our annual and lifetime dues payments. In turn, we conduct two revenue generating events during the reunion to help cover annual and additional expenses. These are the "Silent Auction" and the "50/50 Drawing." The Silent Auction contains items donated by our own membership or items donated by someone who wants to help in this event. Therefore, the Silent Auction costs us virtually nothing and is a 100% income-producer. The 50/50 Drawing is where we sell tickets during the Annual Roundup and then split 50% of the income for the event with members whose winning tickets are drawn. The remaining 50% goes into our general fund for payment of expenses.

Finally, our last Outlaws Newsletter contained an article about the new lifetime membership category our National Executive Committee approved for those who desire to provide a greater financial contribution to the VLOA; the Patriot Life Membership. The applicable membership card is shown below.



The Patriot Life Membership is given to anyone on our VLOA active roster or former Outlaws member not currently on our roster who desires to contribute a one-time minimum of \$500 to our treasury. Current VLOA Life Members may upgrade their membership by making a one-time donation of \$400 or more, and will be awarded the Patriot Life Membership card.

In closing, membership in the VLOA is pivotal to the successes we have had and helps provide a financially sound base for continuing our heritage into the future. Please consider paying your annual dues or join as a Life Member or Patriot Life Member. Further, you can also help financially by registering to attend our next Outlaws Roundup in San Antonio, TX during September 23-27, 2021 and/or donate an item for the Silent Auction. Hopefully by that time, all of us will have had the opportunity to take the Covid-19 vaccine and are healthy. COME AND LET'S CELEBRATE OUR OUTLAWS' HERITAGE!!!!!!

## The Sound that Bonds

By Tom Anderson



I think we would all agree that those who served in Vietnam with the Outlaws developed a bond between each of us, that has never been able to be replaced by any other life experience. The years away from “the unit” have not changed our internal feeling about having been part of that great company. Some of us had second tours, with different units and missions. But the kinships we developed as part of the “Outlaw company” has stayed with us forever.

It’s not possible to try and articulate that feeling, that bond, to someone who did not share the experience. But, **WE** know the feeling! That bond developed, from a multitude of factors, each individually not of much consequence, but collectively they morphed into a feeling of kinship, mutual respect, shared experiences and bonding memories that have been part of our lives ever since our Outlaw tour.

However, if you had to ascribe one factor that, above all else, that is unique, and common, to everyone who served in the Outlaws, it would be our **Huey helicopter**. The Huey was our reason for being in Viet Nam. The Huey was a part of the daily routine of every soldier in the unit regardless of job title. The Huey was the common denominator that united us then and remains with our memories today.

The first US helicopter unit, consisting of 33 H-21 helicopters, arrived in Vietnam on December 11, 1961 and was assigned primarily in the Mekong Delta. Their mission was essentially the same as when we were in the Delta, i.e. to airlift South Vietnamese troops into combat. In those early days in Viet Nam, the Huey was not yet available for service. However, for many reasons, the H-21 was ill-suited to the Army’s mission. It was bulky, underpowered, difficult to fly, too complex to maintain easily and had limited capability. (Of note: The first helicopter lost in combat was an H-21 on February 4, 1962 near the Mekong village of Hong My.)

The first Huey’s arrived in Viet Nam in 1962 and, in short order, the Army found that the Huey was a far more versatile and capable aircraft. The Huey quickly morphed into becoming slicks, guns and medevacs and became one of the most recognized helicopters in the world. Moreover, it was one of the most attractive aircraft, both for those who flew it as well as those who were saved by it.

There are still Hueys flying today. As the years have passed, the Huey has become central to many civil aviation requirements. Forest management, law enforcement, civil transport, etc. etc.

But what is it that we most remember about the Huey? **It’s the sound!** The Huey produced a distinctive sound - straight and level – decelerating - hovering, that still lives with us today. That unique sound, made by those Huey blades, is immediately recognized and is embedded in our memories. No other helicopter has ever duplicated that distinctive “whop-whop-whop-whop” sound.

What is it that makes that sound??? It’s simple. As the helicopter flies, a vortex forms at the tip of each of the blades. Because there is a difference in pressure between the areas above and below the blades, the sound is caused by blades hitting the vortices created by their opposite blade.

And so it is that, as the years pass, every time I hear that sound from the past by an overflying Huey, I still reflect on that Huey sound as the principle source for the bonds we established between each other so many decades ago – over there.





## 2021 reunion Shirts Order Now!



When we first put out the request for 2020 Reunion shirt orders, we could not have anticipated that the reunion would soon have to be pushed back a year. Nevertheless, within a few weeks, we did receive quite a number of orders for the good-looking Reunion shirt. That initial order consisted of 29 shirts. Some individuals indicated that they would not be able to attend the reunion but would still like to have the shirt. We asked that those who ordered shirts to be mailed to them, also include \$5 for postage. (Most did – some did not).

The remainder of those first orders were from those who indicated at that time that they would be willing to wait for the Reunion and would pick up their shirts at that time. When we realized that the Reunion would be a YEAR later, we decided to go ahead and have the shirts made up and mail the shirts to the requestors, even though we had not asked to have postage included in the orders. (Your VLOA treasury ate this cost.)

Based on the shirt-order article in the last Newsletter, we assumed that we could still solicit shirt orders, but the push-back of the Reunion date changed that. However, by that time we had already received orders for 17 more shirts. Some of these orders are now a few months old. Your checks have been deposited, but the shirts still had not been ordered. However, good news is here!

Originally, our supplier indicated that they would require a minimum of 24 shirts in order to set up their embroidery line. But, with a little pleading of our case, the company relented and has indicated they will go ahead and make up these 17 shirts. When they are received, they will be mailed out to everyone who is still waiting for their “pre-paid” shirt.

However, because we are still a YEAR away from the ~~2020~~ – 2021 Reunion, it’s doubtful that we could accumulate enough orders in the near future to make it feasible to again ask the supplier to set up a line for the few orders we would receive this far ahead of the Reunion. Therefore, we will wait until the April or May 2021 Newsletter to solicit more orders for shirts. I feel certain that those of you who have received the earlier order of shirts are very pleased with them.

However, the Shirt Order Form is again included with this Newsletter. Copy it or clip it out. If you are so inclined to order a shirt now, be forewarned.... We will deposit your check into the VLOA treasury (with postage please) and hold your order in abeyance until sometime early this spring, 2021.

A picture of the Reunion shirt is on the VLOA website ([www.vinhloutlaws.com](http://www.vinhloutlaws.com)) under REUNION.



**2021 SAN ANTONIO - OUTLAW ROUNDUP**

**SHIRT ORDER FORM**

The official **2021 Outlaw Roundup** shirt is likely to be the most appealing reunion shirt we have ever had. The colors were selected to match the authorized Army Aviation branch colors, ultramarine blue and golden orange. The polo shirt is a polyester micropique sport-wick t. To accentuate the vivid shirt colors, the Outlaw patch will also be trimmed in gold.

**Cost for each shirt again starts at \$30.** (NOTE: Additional cost \* for sizes 2XL = \$32 3XL = \$34 4XL = \$36 men's or women's.) Please pre-order your shirt(s) on the form below. Shirts ordered by Reunion attendees will be in each welcome bag at the VLOA registration desk. If you cannot attend the reunion, but would like a shirt, see info below \*\*.

**Please Indicate Quantity Desired by Size**

**MENS' SHIRT SIZES:**

	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL*	3XL*	4XL*	TOTAL#	COST
	32-34	35-37	38-40	41-43	44-46	47-49	50-53	54-67		
Qty	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**LADIES' SHIRT SIZES**

	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL*	TOTAL#	COST
	0-2	4/6	8/10	12/14	16/18	20/22		
Qty	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

\* Note: Cost for sizes 2XL - \$32 3XL - \$34 4XL - \$36 Men's or Women's

For Reunion attendees, please indicate name(s) and sizes needed, below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

(Use the reverse side of this form for any additional information or comments)

**\*\* Note:** If you cannot attend the Reunion and would like to order an Outlaw shirt, please fill in the information above, add \$5.00 for postage and packaging costs and provide the following information:

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Phone #) \_\_\_\_\_

**ALL ORDERS ARE PRE-PAID AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 31st, 2021!**

Send this shirt Order Form, with payment – made payable to VLOA, to :

Tom Anderson

7880 Rolling Woods Ct #308

Springfield, VA 22152

**Make checks or money orders payable to: VLOA . . . . not to Tom !**





## The Back Pew

By: Ernest Isbell



Given the events that have occurred and continue to occur for 2020 and into 2021 I am addressing some things that I believe are rather pertinent to our current situation as a nation.

Want to get depressed in a hurry? Just turn on the TV to any news story and almost every other subject refers to the Covid-19 Pandemic or politics or distrust among our citizens in some fashion or another. Should I take the vaccine or not? What will be the effects on me and or my loved ones if I skip the vaccine? What will the Biden administration do to fix the nations problems? How will their actions affect me? Where do I go for guidance and support?

First, take actions to help yourself. Linda and I will take the vaccine and it can't be done soon enough to suit us. We encourage everyone in our age group to take the vaccine unless you have a doctor's advice not to be vaccinated. Study the consequences of getting the virus and staying alive versus not taking the vaccine and being protected to the extent possible. We owe our families the best protection and staying healthy that we can manage. Avoid things that are dangerous and do the following: 1) Wear a mask as much as you can to avoid contamination from others. 2) Avoid crowds wherever you can. 3) Take advantage of medical advice such as being vaccinated. 4) And certainly not least, pray.

I believe firmly that prayer helps and God hears our prayers. Trust in what you know to be helpful actions. Trust God and things will be better for everyone.

2021 is a new year and we should all look forward to a better situation for everyone. Regardless of your political preferences, let us all be thankful for what we have and support our leaders in whatever positive way we can. Elections come around every two years. So, do as we do. Vote early and often. Regardless of your political leaning, things change every day. Be positive.

Ernie Isbell, Chaplain, December 2020





## BURY ME WITH SOLDIERS

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I've played a lot of roles in life; I've met a lot of men  
 I've done some things I'd like to think I wouldn't do again.  
 And now I'm sure I'm old enough to know someday I'll die  
 And think about what lies beyond, beside whom I would lie



Perhaps it doesn't matter much; still, if I had my choice  
 I'd want a grave 'mongst soldiers when at last death quells my voice.  
 I'm sick of the hypocrisy, of lectures by the wise  
 I'll take the man, with all his flaws, who goes, though scared, and dies

The troops I knew were commonplace; they didn't want the war  
 They fought because their fathers and their fathers had before.  
 They cursed and killed and wept – God knows they're easy to deride  
 But bury me with men like these; they face the gun and died



It's funny, when you think of it, the way we got along.  
 We'd come from different worlds, to live in one no one belongs.  
 I didn't even like them all; I'm sure they'd all agree  
 Yet I would give my life for them, I hope. Some did for me.



So bury me with soldiers, please, though much maligned they be  
 Yes, bury me with soldiers, for I miss their company.  
 We'll not soon see their like again; we've had our fill of war.  
 But bury me with men like them 'til someone else does more.



**Outlaw– 25.****A Milk Run.**

The Time: Summer, 1970

The Place: 'The Mekong Delta, RVN

The Event: **A Milk Run**

It was the hot months of summer and the Vietnamese farmer was burning the stubble from his recently harvested rice crop. This he was doing in the year of 1970, and had been done by his father, his fathers father and all that proceeded him.

The mission this day had been a "milk run". We had flown fresh troops out from their garrison to relieve other troops who had been holding what was now a secure position. The days flying had been long, hot and made more difficult due to the ever present smoke. We were all happy to hear we would be released to return to base after we dropped off a last bunch of troops at their encampment.

The flight of five UH-1D helicopters was smartly lined up behind one another in a trail formation turning onto base leg to the little landing strip at the Green Beret camp near Kien Long, when a small group of black clad figures jumped out onto a rice paddy dike and systematically raked us with automatic weapons fire. I was flying the last of the five ships and started yelling to my gunner just as he opened fire with his M-60 machine gun. Hans was normally a very alert gunner, but that afternoon he really earned his pay. His first burst knocked down one or two of the bad guys and scattered the rest long enough for us to get clear. The gunships would get what was left, but for now my ship was safe.

The rapid radio traffic from the rest of the flight spoke a very different story.

The lead ship had to pull out of formation because he was practically flying blind. Blood from some of the wounded troops sitting on the edge of the cargo area spewed into the rushing air and was whipped forward into the cockpit, splashing and coating the interior of the windscreen, making it impossible to see out. Number two ship tried to take the lead but was losing his hydraulics and ability to maneuver. Number three was starting to trail a thin wisp of smoke from his engine, signaling leaking turbine oil and the threat of fire. Number four had wounded on board as well as failing systems.

My aircraft commander, CW-2 Cunningham, waited till all the cripples staggered onto the little strip then landed to see how we could help. None of the crews had been hit, yet all were splattered with the blood of the wounded which had sprayed into the tumbling winds of flight. (Cont. on pg.15)

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Most of the wounded were found to be treatable at the Green Beret camp, but two troopers were hurt badly enough to need evacuation to a full-scale hospital. They were carried back to us, screaming from the pain of their wounds. We were told that their survival depended on our speed and ability to get them to Vi-Thanh, about 20 flying minutes away.

Flying at only 100 feet, the ground was still hard to see. The fog like smoke blinded your eyes and enshrouded you in a white haze that played with your senses. The good part was the enemy couldn't see us. The bad part was we couldn't see any on coming aircraft and this was a commonly traveled route. At 120 knots only 100 feet above the ground and flying in smoke, successfully dodging another aircraft became real "iffy".

Just as I was filing that thought away, a helicopter shot by us to our right, missing us by about 100 feet. With wide eyes we looked at each other and slowly pulled the stick back to climb.

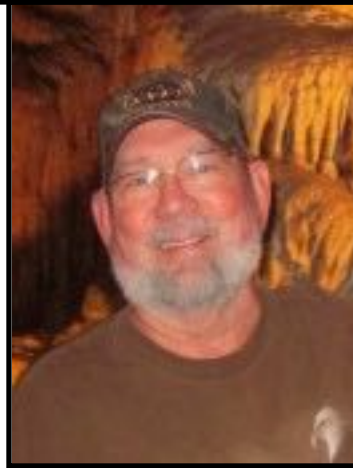
One of the wounded screamed, thrashed about, then appeared to die. We looked at each other again, pushed the nose of the ship down and pressed on. We finally got to the airfield and it's waiting ambulances. The rest was up to the medics.

There was blood all over the aircraft floor by time we got back to base. It was thick and crusted by time I washed it off. As it dripped off the aircraft it formed small crimson rivulets that lazily flowed away. I told myself my tears were only from the smoke.

Chief Ed  
"OUTLAW 25" 1970  
Xenia, OH



**Alvin  
Richard  
Moist**



**10-14-1937  
To  
12-7-2020**

**Alvin Richard Moist, Sr.**, 83, of Marianna, FL, passed away on Monday, December 7, 2020 at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, AL.

Alvin was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania on October 14, 1937. Alvin joined the Army after graduating Tyrone High School in 1955. He married his beloved bride, Myra Nell Smith of Dothan, Alabama in 1959 and were married 56 years at the time of her passing in 2014. They are survived by their three daughters (Lori, Tina, and Amy), and honorary son, Tracy.

Al took great pride in his 24 years of service with the United States Army and subsequently served three tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a talented crew chief in Army Aviation for 17 years and then served with the Military Police for the remainder of his Army career. Alvin's lifetime spent in Service allowed him to hunt and travel the world extensively. He was always encouraging his children to try new foods and cultures and experience the country around them.

After his retirement from the Army, he worked with the Oklahoma and Florida Departments of Corrections for an additional 20 plus years. He and Nell retired in Marianna, Florida and loved his friends and family deeply. Alvin loved the outdoors, and was an avid sportsman. His travels allowed him to hunt big game in Germany and throughout the United States. Alvin will be greatly missed, but extraordinary stories will live on forever.

Alvin was preceded in death by his wife, Myra Nell Smith Moist; son, Alvin Richard Moist Jr; and parents, Alvin Noah and Mary Weston Moist.

Survivors include his daughters, Lori Poindexter and husband, Rick, of Sallisaw, OK; Tina Boyd and husband, Don, of Marianna, FL, and Amy Moist Strawn of DeFuniak Springs, FL; along with son of his heart, Tracy Hobbs and wife, Wendy of Enterprise, Alabama. Alvin leaves behind eight grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Graveside funeral service were 2 p.m. Thursday, December 17, 2020 at Barrancas National Cemetery in Pensacola, FL with Tracy Hobbs, U.S. Army Retired, providing a Eulogy; Marianna Chapel Funeral Home directing. Military honors were provided by the United States Army.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wreaths Across America at [www.wreathscrossamerica.org](http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org)

## **William Bill Ray Coleman**

**5-23-1949 -to -11-28-2019**



William Bill Ray Coleman passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, November 28, 2019, in Huatulco, Mexico. He and his spouse, Diane, were enjoying the final days of a trans-Atlantic cruise that had begun in Rome and was transiting through parts of South America and the Panama Canal.

Bill was born on May 23, 1949, in Vinton, Iowa, to Frederick Harold Coleman of Terre Haute, Indiana, and Phyllis Mae DuFresne of Mount Auburn, Iowa. He grew up in Longmont, Colorado, graduating from Longmont High School as a part of the Class of 1968. Bill was a brave, loyal, and honest man who possessed an incredible work ethic.

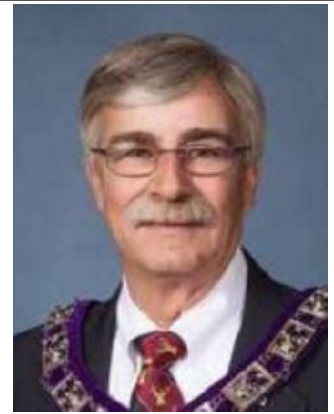
He dutifully served his nation in the United States Army for eight and a half years, during the height of the Vietnam War, and rose to the rank of Specialist 5. It was during those tough times that he forged bonds of brotherhood that have lasted a lifetime. He cherished the friends that he made and the friends that he lost - then and in the years that followed.

Following his military service, he returned to Colorado, married Sheree L. Johnson of Kearney, Nebraska, and then went on to work for the City of Lafayette for over 35 years where he was well-respected and loved by many. He will always be remembered for his love of family, country, cooking and the outdoors; his sense of humor; and his willingness to lend a helping hand. He was an avid traveler and scuba diver. In addition to these, he especially enjoyed helping his nephew, Todd Frank, with harvest every year.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his former spouse Sheree Coleman, his brother Dave Coleman, and his son Blake Coleman. Bill is survived by: his loving wife, Diane, and her family; his son Jeff Coleman, his wife Alison, and their children, Kaleb, Michael, and Nick; his daughter-in-law Lisa and her children, Maison and Shayla; his daughter Christina Lynch, her husband Mark, and their children, Caitlin and Sarah; his sister Kathy Frank, her husband Ervin, and their family; his brother Kevin Coleman, his wife Jeannie, and their family; his sister Sherri Smith; and his brother Dave's family. His life will be remembered and celebrated by family and friends on December 21, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. at Ahlberg Funeral Chapel in Longmont, Colorado. A reception will follow at the American Legion in Longmont. Visit [www.ahlbergfuneralchapel.com](http://www.ahlbergfuneralchapel.com) to share condolences.



**James Carrol “Jim” Stanley.**  
**12-8-1951 to 11-1-2020**



DOTHAN, AL.

James Carrol “Jim” Stanley, a resident of Dothan, died early Sunday morning, November 1, 2020, at his home. He was 68.

Graveside memorial services, with military honors, were held at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, November 4, 2020, in the Tolbert Baptist Church Cemetery, 4305 County Road 45, South, Headland, with Darden Kirby officiating. Holman-Headland Mortuary & Cremations is in charge of arrangements. The family received friends following the graveside services. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Wiregrass Humane Society, P.O. Box 1045, Dothan, AL 36302.

Jim Stanley was born and reared in Oak Hill, West Virginia, son of the late Warner Carrol Stanley and Edith Giammerino Stanley. At an early age, he enlisted in the U. S. Army and served his country in the Vietnam War. Jim lived in Dothan most of his adult lifetime. He retired as the Chief of Police from the City of Ashford. He was also retired from the City of Dothan Police Department as a Sergeant in the Criminal Investigations Division.

Jim was a member of the Dothan Elks Lodge where he formerly served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He was of the Catholic faith. Jim loved fishing and participated in charity cooking for local charities. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Stanley.

Surviving relatives include his wife, Susie Shelley Stanley; a daughter, Jessica Stanley (Craig Blocker), Ozark; a son, Mark Murphy (Christy), Headland; a sister, Teresa Pierce (David), Glen White, West Virginia; three grandchildren, Madison McDaniel, Justin Murphy and Brannon Murphy; sisters-in-law from the Shelley family, Allison Shelley and Julie Breckenridge (Mike) several nieces and nephews.

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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 “doorgunners.”

Active (with vote) or Associate (without vote) Membership is \$25 annually, payable each January. A Lifetime Membership (with vote) is \$100 one-time dues. A Lifetime Associate Membership (without vote) for spouses and relatives is available for a \$100 one-time donation. A Patriot Lifetime Membership (with vote) is available for a one-time \$500 or more dues. Current Lifetime Members may upgrade to a Patriot Lifetime Membership for a one-time \$400 or more dues. To pay initial or renewal membership dues for this calendar year, please complete and forward this form, with dues payment, to:

**VLOA Treasurer: c/o Frank Estes, 407 Country Club Drive, Ozark, AL 36360.**

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) \_\_\_\_\_

Unit/platoon/section/position \_\_\_\_\_ Radio Call sign \_\_\_\_\_

• Please initiate \_\_\_\_\_ or renew \_\_\_\_\_ my Active \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_\_ VLOA membership. **Make \$25 check payable to VLOA.**

• Please initiate my Lifetime \_\_\_\_\_ Lifetime Associate \_\_\_\_\_ VLOA membership. **Make \$100 check payable to VLOA.**

• • Please initiate my Patriot Lifetime \_\_\_\_\_ membership. **Make \$500 or more check payable to VLOA. Current Lifetime Members make \$400 or more 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/Bushwhacker/Roadrunner or other affiliated unit member and have indicated his/her name, address, and phone number on this form.

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