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National Director's Corner

By- James Donnelly



Well, hello to all. I am excited that we are around four months away from our next reunion. The Gatherings Plus website is up and running. The password is “voutlaws”. They have the downloadable registration page and the itinerary on their site under Military Reunions. Scroll down to the Outlaw symbol and enter the password.

I am happy to report that we have over sixty attendees so far. My thanks to all of you who have signed back up for this second try. I am sorry for those of you who could not make the new dates, you will be missed. A big “see you there and thank you” to the new attendees who are just now signing up. I know for some of you this is your first reunion and I know you will enjoy the pure comradery that sets the tone for the entire event.

The itinerary and the cost are the same as they were in September. We have some good activities planned and of course some down time to hangout in the Hospitality room and enjoy a beverage and snack while reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.

Thanks to Tom Anderson for his tireless work on the silent auction. He reported to me that the vast majority of contributors have agreed to once again take part with their donations. That is great news. It is not too late to add your treasured items to the silent auction collection. It is always a very well received part of the reunion and the cause of some spirited good-natured competition.

If you have not received a requested refund from Gatherings Plus just email me (vinhlongoutlaw18@gmail.com) and I will intervene for you. I hope all who wanted one have it in hand by now. I know there was some confusion and the process suffered. My apologies for that.

Well, time for me to hunker down for winter and dream of warmer spring days in Charleston with all my Outlaw, Maverick, Bushwhacker, Road Runner, Maintenance and support unit Personnel friends.

Stay Safe and Well,

James Donnelly

Countdown— 30—

Days and Counting!

Charleston, SC.

Here we come!!!!

Reunion # 10 !!!!!

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OUTLAWS ASSOCIATION

Welcome to Roundup Charleston 2018

Vinh Long Outlaws Association (VLOA) Treasurers Report (Condensed)

Balance effective 01/01/2018	\$35,377.44
REVENUES:	
Dues - Annual	\$275.00
Dues - Lifetime	\$500.00
Bank account close-out from prior Treasurer	\$390.08
Sales, Silent Auction, & Miscellaneous	\$2,446.00
	TOTAL:\$3,611.08
EXPENDITURES:	
Newsletters, website mgmt, admin, supplies, bank acct, misc.	TOTAL: \$8,969.10
INCOME (LOSS) - 12 months ending 12/31/2018	-\$5,358.02
<u>CASH BALANCE</u> - as of 12/31/2018	\$30,019.42

From the Editor: Hello and greetings to you all !! We have another wonderful holiday approaching when we can recognize and thank our significant other / Sweet-heart on their special day —VALENTINES DAY! We want to thank you all for the special attention and all the help that you provide us each and every day of the year. One day of recognition hardly seems appropriate, so I think it that we need to tell you that we need and appreciate you all EVERY day of the year. So again, HAPPY VALENTINES DAY and we love you!!

We are fast approaching the upcoming VLOA Reunion and so looking forward to seeing you all and must say that we will surely miss the ones of you that are unable to attend. The years pass more quickly as time goes on and I pray that you all can stay healthy so that maybe in the future we can get together again. God Bless you all.





Vinh Long- Itinerary Charleston Reunion March 14-18, 2019

THURSDAY 14	FRIDAY 15	SATURDAY 16	SUNDAY 17	MONDAY 18
 <p>Check in at North Charleston Marriott HOTEL Check-in: 4:00 PM</p> <p>12:00 Noon Hospitality Room Open</p>  <p>7:00 p.m. WELCOME DINNER at Hotel</p>	<p>Breakfast 9:00 a.m. City Tour/ Lunch on own</p> <p>Return to hotel at 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Group Photo 4 p.m. Outside Hotel</p> <p>Hospitality Room Open</p> <p>Evening Free</p> 	<p>Breakfast 8:00 a.m. Executive Meeting</p>  <p>9:00 – 11:00 a.m. VLOA General Membership Meeting</p> <p>Group Photo Pickup</p> <p>12:00 a.m. Boone Hall Plantation Tour</p>  <p>Return to hotel at 4 p.m.</p> <p>Free Time Before Dinner 7 p.m. Carolina Queen Dinner Cruise</p> 	<p>Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Chapel Service</p>   <p>12 p.m. Patriots Point Tour: Includes USS Yorktown, Medal of Honor Museum/ Lunch on own</p> <p>Return to hotel at 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Hospitality Room Open</p> <p>6:30-9:00 p.m. Farewell Banquet at Hotel Last Silent Auction Item Pickup</p> 	<p>Breakfast Depart</p> <hr/> <p>FULL PACKAGE</p> <p>Single: \$1070 Double: \$ 748 Triple: \$ 642 Quad: \$ 589</p> <p>Includes: Hotel Stay Hospitality Room Chapel Service Meals Listed Events Listed Transportation Reunion Website All Taxes and Gratuities</p> 



Vinh Long Outlaws
 Registration Form
 Charleston, South Carolina **March 14th -18th, 2019**

Name _____ Name on nametag _____
 Mailing Address _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Name(s) Spouse/Guest (s) _____ Sunday
 Banquet Meal Selection Beef: _____ Chicken: _____ Vegetarian: _____ Fish: _____
 Hotel Room Choice: King: _____ Two Doubles: _____
 Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____
 List any Special Needs: Wheelchair Access _____ Dietary Restrictions _____

HOST HOTEL: North Charleston Marriott, 4770 Goer Drive, North Charleston, SC 29406
 Call Gatherings Plus at 417-338-4048 for room reservations and activity package and mention you are with the (Vinh Long Outlaws)

Reunion. Complimentary breakfast with hotel room. **For activity package only contact Jim Donnelly 757-481-6196**

REGISTRATION INCLUDES REUNION ACTIVITY PACKAGE:

Hotel room with Breakfast, Welcome Packet, Name Badge, Hospitality Room, Thursday Welcome Dinner, Shows and Attractions, Transportation and Taxes. See Itinerary
Registration Hotel Room Occupants & Activity Package

Single: \$1070.00 (Single Person)
Double: \$748.00 (Per Person)
Triple: \$642.00 (Per Person)
Quad: \$589.00 (Per Person)
Please Circle Which Package

\$160 Per Night with Breakfast at Hotel if staying Before or After Reunion Dates
Please Add \$10 Per Person if paying with a Credit Card

TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

A 50% deposit is requested by Jan 1st, 2019 and final payment must be received by February 1st, 2019. To guarantee reservation for tours/meals you MUST register by February 1st, 2019. We cannot "add-on" at the reunion. No refunds on activity package after February 1st, 2019.

MAIL REGISTRATION & CHECK PAYABLE TO:

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TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD PLEASE COMPLETE BELOW:

I authorize Gray Line Gatherings Plus to charge \$ _____ on my card
 Account # _____ Exp Date _____ Security Code _____



417-338-4048

Visit your website home page at gatheringsplus.com to register online Click "MY EVENT" then on your logo or name enter vloutlaws for your password



A Look at the Huey, From Concept to Phase-out.



It really doesn't matter which numerical identifier of the Outlaws you served under, (62d, A/502d, 175th) the common denominator of the Outlaws, from 1964 through 1972, was our ubiquitous aircraft the UH-1 (Huey) helicopter. We all took the Huey for granted while in Viet Nam because of its dependability and by being the backbone of the military effort during the war. Moreover, as we have heard many times over the past years, the Viet Nam war has become known as the "helicopter war".

So now, half a century later, it might be time to look at some of the interesting, historical facts about the background of the Huey.— When and where it came to life. —How it was developed. —The multitude of uses it served. —Its life-span.— Plus, some statistical facts about the Huey itself.

In 1952, the Army identified a requirement for a new helicopter to serve as a medevac, a trainer and a general utility aircraft.. In February 1953, the Army selected Bell Helicopter to build three copies of the aircraft which would become the Huey.

In 1956, Bell Helicopter, in Fort Worth, Texas began the design and testing of the first prototypes, designated the XH-40 and YH-40 aircraft. On October 22, 1956, the Bell SH-40 became the first model to be flight-tested. The Huey has the distinction as being the first turbine powered aircraft purchased for the Army. Production began in 1959 and the Army received the first HU-1A helicopters later that year.

When it came to what to name the helicopter, the Huey nickname followed an informal Army pattern of using short, unofficial, name identifiers for both its people and equipment. For example, during WWII, **G**overnment **I**ssue service members became merely **GI's**. Because of its initials, the Army's new, small **G**eneral **P**urpose vehicle became the **Jeep**. It followed that the verbal sound of the model designation **HU-1** easily became the **Huey**.

Army helicopter aircraft have traditionally been given Native American names When Bell produced the Huey, the Army formally designated it as the Iroquois, but that name was almost never used in practice. (The Cobra has been the only exception to the using Native American names.).

Although in the early days of Viet Nam, the Army pressed into service some H-13s, H-23s, H-34s and the H-21 Flying Bananas, these aircraft were ill-suited for the combat requirements in Viet Nam. In March 1962. the 57th Medical Detachment received the first Hueys in Viet Nam.

In late 1963, the Utility Tactical Transport company, known then only as the UTT, was the first Army helicopter company in Viet Nam to receive UH-1B Hueys to replace its original "A" models. The UTT pioneered the tactical use of gunship helicopters in Viet Nam. The result was that Viet Nam helicopter gunships, affectionately known as "hogs" when fitted with rockets, were primarily "B" and "C" models.

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Because the original HU-1A had proved to be under-powered, and combat requirements became more demanding, the Huey morphed through a series of model improvements and variations from the original HU-1A. The B model had a larger engine, larger rotor blades, a 13 inch higher rotor mast and a larger cabin space. The "B" model, however, lacked enough power to carry weapons and ammo and to keep up with the slicks.

The "C" model, initially intended strictly for the gunship role, was again a major step up for the Huey. It had a larger engine, larger blades, longer boom, dual hydraulic control system among other features. With increasing requirements for additional payload capacity, larger engines, improved rotor blade efficiency, etc. Bell improved on the "C" model with introduction of the "D" model. Continued upgrades ultimately led to the "H" model.

Bell produced A, B, C, D and H models for the Army. The UH-1E (USMC), F (USAF), L (USN), N (twin engine-USAF & USN) and P (Special Ops), models were all non Army.

Between 1957 and 1975, Bell Helicopter built 10,005 Hueys. Over 11,827 helicopters, of all types, models and all military services, saw service in Viet Nam. Of that total, 5085 were destroyed. Most were U.S. Army. Between Oct 1962 and end of 1975, Hueys compiled over 7,531,955 flight hours in VN. One estimate is that nearly 40,000 helicopter pilots saw service in Viet Nam. 4096 helicopter crewmen were Killed In Action in Viet Nam. Over 10% of all combat deaths in VN occurred in helicopter operations. VHPA records show that 7013 Hueys served in the VN war.

Over 45,000 US military patients were airlifted, primarily by Hueys, in Dustoff aircraft and other divisional and non-divisional helicopter units. Because of the Huey, the average time between field wound to hospital was less than one hour. During the Korean and WWII wars, this time was measured primarily in days, not hours.

A Huey side-effect is that many crewmen have experienced hearing loss. An army report showed that a Huey noise level of 102.9 decibels is experienced even with doors closed. With an M-60 machine gun, a level of 155 decibels is experienced.

The image of troops disembarking from a Huey became an iconic image of the Viet Nam war. However, with the introduction of the UH-60 Blackhawk, the Huey has been gradually phased out of service.

As Outlaws, we were all a part of the Viet Nam war effort. We relied on the Huey to fulfill our missions. But, the Huey was only the visible component of our missions. We were critically dependent on crew chiefs, door gunners, sheet metal workers, hydraulic mechanics, armament specialists, avionics people and a myriad of other specialists, normally behind the scenes, but all of whom were vital to our mission but rarely received the recognition and accolades they were due.

The Huey has now been retired from active duty Army service. But the "whup - whup - whup" of those Huey blades will stay with us forever. Many VN veterans have described the flapping of the HUEY blades as the "sound of our war".

Tom Anderson.



A look back at Vinh Long and Viet Nam and our small part in the history of the country.



For most Outlaws, the name "Vinh Long" is synonymous with a sometimes dusty, sometimes soggy, little Army airfield in the middle of Mekong Delta. We learned that Vinh Long was a major city and the Capital of a Vietnamese Province in the Delta with the same name. We may have had occasion to go off-base and see a little of the city itself, but for the most part, we lived, ate, slept and worked at the Vinh Long Army Airfield. When we were there, we had neither the time, nor the inclination, to learn much more about Vinh Long itself. The city was there but we were focused on our jobs at the airfield.

Vinh Long Army Airfield was initially constructed in 1963 when our sister unit, the 114th, arrived. One year later the base was expanded to house and support the Outlaw unit which arrived in September 1964. We all remember the water channels that paralleled the runway. These came about when engineers dredged the earth from those channels to construct the build-up for the runway itself. Pierced Steel Planking (PSP) was laid the length of the runway to provide a solid base for fixed wing aircraft operations. The Vinh Long Army airfield would become a strategic US base in the Mekong Delta during the war

Today, however, Vinh Long city is a major, international tourist destination. Our airfield all but disappeared many years ago. Satellite photos show where the airfield once was, but none of the buildings remain. Who knows what the materials from our barracks, mess hall, theater, offices, etc. are being used for today? Even the PSP runway has been taken up and is likely being used for other purposes somewhere in the Delta area. The runway and taxi ways have now been paved and are now part of the street system of Vinh Long city while the area that was once our home is now an expansion area for the growing city of Vinh Long.

Tourists can rent a car, with a driver, in what we knew as Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City), and easily drive on a major highway to Vinh Long. Buses also make regular runs from the Capital to Vinh Long, or, if you prefer, you can rent a motorbike and take a few hours going to Vinh Long. In the city, you can visit the old market place and/or take a river cruise on the adjacent Mekong river or stroll the docks on the city waterfront. As of 2009 the city had a population of approximately 150,000 but has grown tremendously since that time.

We spent a year in Vinh Long. We knew little or nothing about Viet Nam before we arrived. Moreover, hardly anyone in the US even knew the name "Viet Nam" and even fewer could locate the country on a map. Therefore, a little digging into the past of Vinh Long and Viet Nam might bring out some interesting (and probably boring) historical periods of Vinh Long and Viet Nam as a whole.

Mythical and recorded history of Viet Nam goes back over 2000 years when a kingdom known as Van Lang emerged. In the 2d century BC, the Chinese conquered the area and ruled for more than 1000 years. In 40 AD, the Trung sisters organized a rebellion and formed an independent state. However, in 43 AD, the Chinese crushed the rebellion, the Trung sisters killed themselves, and Chinese rule continued.

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In the 13th century the Mongols invaded Vietnam only to again be routed by the Chinese. In the continuing story of Viet Nam, the Chinese were once more driven out in 1428. By the 1770s, three Nguyen brothers controlled the whole of Viet Nam. Once again, the Chinese attempted a comeback, but one of the brothers raised an army and, repeating history, once again pushed the Chinese out of the land.

In the late 19th century, the French turned Viet Nam into a French colony. The French established the first real infrastructure, building railways, roads and bridges. To do this, the French imposed heavy taxes on the population, which led to the movement for independence. The Communists spearheaded the struggle for independence. Ho Chi Minh founded the Revolutionary Youth League and in 1930 it became the Vietnamese Communist party, also known as the Viet Minh. As the back and forth struggle for control of Viet Nam continued, in 1954 the Viet Minh won an historic and decisive battle at Dien Bien Phu. The Geneva Conference to end the war led to the division of Viet Nam at the 17th parallel.

Thus began another period of political changes which ultimately led to how you and I wound up being in Viet Nam. Ho Chi Minh ruled the north while a "democratically" elected President Ngo Dinh Diem ruled the south. The North Vietnamese began a long guerrilla war to reunite Vietnam under Communist rule. We knew these guerrillas as the Viet Cong. United States involvement began when, after an attack on an American ship in the Tonkin Gulf, Congress passed the Tonkin Gulf resolution, which allowed President Johnson to retaliate against the attack.

When our Outlaw unit arrived in Vinh Long, in late 1964, there were approximately 13,000 Americans in Viet Nam, primarily helicopter companies, Special Forces detachments and logistical support units. By December 1965 there were 183,000 Americans in country which rapidly grew to nearly half a million by the end of 1967.

And, the rest is history. A continuing history of geographical and geopolitical machinations, military actions, international jousting and, always, the inevitable, centuries-old continuing changes. We were there at the beginning of the current changes in the country. We could not then foresee, or even imagine, the changes which have occurred in the war-torn country we left behind. Yes, we were a part of all that Viet Nam has become today. For good or bad is not ours to judge, but rather to be proud that we served our country when we were needed and, indeed, played a small part in the historical changes currently at play.

Submitted by:

Tom Anderson

This is something that happened at an assisted living center. The people who lived there had small apartments but they all ate at a central cafeteria. One morning one of the residents didn't show up for breakfast so my wife went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was OK. She could hear him through the door and he said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so she went back to the dining area.

An hour later he still hadn't arrived so she went back up towards his room but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the stairs but was having a hard time. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work right. She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him the rest of the way down the stairs and he had his breakfast.

When he tried to return to his room he was completely unable to get up even the first stair step so they called an ambulance for him.

A couple hours later she called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist there said he was fine, he just had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts.

I am sending this to my children so that they don't sell the house before they know all the facts.

The Back Pew

By: Bert Rice



Challenges to One's Faith

Prepared by Bert Rice



All of us have experienced impactful losses of one type or another during our lifetime. It could be any number of different things such as the loss of a job, promotion or a cherished friendship. In my experience, it is the loss of a loved one that is most devastating. The passing of my Father, Mother, sister, brother, niece, aunts, uncles, cousins and many dear friends come to mind. However, for me, the recent passing of my wife has been the most challenging.

My message on this occasion relates, in part, to the passing of my wife, Deanna. My intent is not to seek sympathy but to share a personal experience in hopes it may be of some help should you have or have had a similar experience.

While I have long felt that my faith in God has been strong, it was tested with her passing like no other. So, you may ask, "What did you learn or conclude from this sad, tragic experience?"

With the support of family and many wonderful friends, I have been sustained by their caring and love, prayers and encouragement. Never forget just how important family and friends are in your life. And, I have learned that a better understanding of and stronger belief in what the scriptures tell us have sustained me as well as helping me make sense of it all.

I want to share three of my favorite passages from the Bible that have been very helpful during my recent down moments. They remind us of Lord's greatness, his power and love for each one of us.

Psalm 121: 1-2 1. *"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my helps. 2. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth."*

Philippians 4:13. *"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."*

Isaiah 40:31. *"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and shall walk, and not faint."*

I have faith and a belief that our Lord God cares for us when we have both highs and lows. It has been helpful for me to spend time in quiet contemplation, prayer and reading scripture and to spend with family and friends. Your way in dealing with tragedy may be different than mine. But please — remember this, God is always present and waiting to hear from us.

A THOUGHT: Sharing God's love, caring for others.

God Bless.

Bert Rice

??? Anyone recognize these three handsome young soldiers? September 27th, 1964



Left to right:
 SP-4 Jimmy Ray King
 (Pryor, OK.)
 SP-4 George (Bud) Allie.
 (CA)
 SP-4 James Koeppelle.
 (Buffalo, NY.)
 Hickam Army Airfield, Hawaii.

Photo taken by Robert J. Sharp.
 (Lake Crystal, MN.)

I was going through some things last week and came upon this picture of three of my good friends that I took at Hickam Army Airfield, HI on Sept. 27th. 1964 at one of our refueling stops on our trip to Vietnam. Those of you that were on that flight remember that we rode the blacked out buses out of Harmony Church, Ft. Benning, GA to Warner-Robins AF Base, Macon, GA where we boarded MATS planes at sunrise and chased the sun all day to Travis AF Base, CA, slept over and departed for Hawaii, and disembarked while they refueled. Anyone remember that inside the terminal we were held in a cordoned off area and not allowed to leave and while we were there Mike Moritz's Grandparents hugged him and said goodbye to him for the last time. At least that is who I was told they were. We proceeded to Wake Island where the runway went from the water's edge to the water on the other end! We laid over and departed in the am and headed for the Island of Guam. Refueled and departed for the Philippines and arrived well after dark and laid over. They stuck us in an abandoned hospital where the a/c was stuck on cold and no bedding. We departed mid-day and arrived in Saigon where we got our in-country briefing and then loaded on C-121 a/c loaded with barrels of av/gas and headed to Vinh Long. What a ride! I was soon separated from my friends and assigned to the 121st. AML at Soc Trang along w/ SP-4 Martin Schroeder CE, WO's Billy Hampton, and Angelo Spelios .

All three of my friends in the picture have passed, along w/ WO Billy Hampton. I never saw any the three in the picture again until my now deceased wife Bonnie and I located Jim and Linda Koeppelle and went to Clearwater, FL to visit in 2002. I got to see Bud Allie and Jimmy King in Branson at the Reunion 2000 and at the many following reunions. For all the members of the VLOA that have been fortunate enough to be able to attend all or most of the reunions, you understand how very important that it is to be able to reconnect with your friends and fellow soldiers. I can only urge the rest of you to join and attend. You owe it to yourself!!!!

This page is usually saved for the most solemn of news, the obits. But thankfully I have none to include and no articles. So I am going to use this space to bring some humor into your life, I hope! Bob the Editor.

Last year I replaced all the windows in my house with those expensive, double-pane, energy-efficient kind. Today, I got a call from Home Depot who installed them. The man complained that the work had been completed a year ago, and I still hadn't paid for them.

HHHelloo.....just because I'm blonde doesn't mean that I am automatically stupid. So, I told him just what his fast-talking sales guy had told me last year... that these windows would pay for themselves in a year.

Hellooooo, it's been a year, so they're paid for, I told him. There was only silence at the other end of the line, so I finally hung up. He never called back. I bet he felt like an idiot!!!

Perks of reaching 60 or being over 70 and heading towards 80!

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
4. People call at 8 PM and ask: "Did I wake you?"
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat supper at 5 PM .
9. You can live without sex but not your glasses.
10. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to manageable size.
11. You can't remember who sent you this list.
12. And you notice these are all in Big Print for your convenience.

Forward this to everyone you can remember right now! And remember, Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night!

A cabbie picks up a Nun. The cab driver stares at her. She asks him why he's staring and he says, "I've always had a fantasy to kiss a nun." She says, "I'll kiss you if you're single and Catholic." The cab driver says, "I'm both!" The nun says, "Pull into an alley." The nun then kisses him in a way that would make a hooker blush. Back in the cab, though, the driver starts crying. "I lied. I'm married and Jewish." The nun says, "That's OK. My name is Kevin and I'm going to a Halloween party."

A pirate walked into a bar and the bartender said : 'Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened? You look terrible.'
 'What do you mean?' said the pirate, 'I feel fine.'
 Bartender: 'What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before.'
 Pirate: 'Well, we were in a battle and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now.'
 Bartender: 'Well, ok, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?'
 Pirate: 'We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook. I'm fine, really...'
 Bartender: 'What about that eye patch?'
 Pirate: 'Oh, one day we were at sea and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up and one of them shit in my eye.'
 Bartender: 'You're kidding, you lost an eye just from bird shit?'
 Pirate: 'It was my first day with the hook.'

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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 62nd Aviation Company, A Company 502nd Aviation Battalion, 175th Aviation Company, B Troop 1-158th Aviation Regiment (Iraq), 150th Transportation Detachment (“Roadrunners”), 28th Signal Detachment, and 25th 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 donation. Higher levels of Lifetime Memberships are available; contact the National Director at: fbi_jim@hotmail.com. 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) _____ to _____

Unit/plt/sect/position _____ Radio Call sign _____

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