



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dennis Crouch, FAC Assn Pres.



Dennis Crouch

Hello my fellow FACs! As your new FAC Association president, I get the opportunity to write this column for the July Newsletter. It's only been a month since the reunion in San Antonio, and all the feedback I've gotten says it was great. Unfortunately, family matters caused me

to leave the reunion after the welcoming get-together on the 5th of May. FACNET postings and conversations I've had with several FAC Association members indicate a good time was had by all. I understand the stories are continuing to improve with time!

I am looking forward to the next couple of years with the Association and I'm very pleased with the members who have stepped forward and accepted both Board and Committee positions. The previous Association Leadership, starting first with Toby Rushforth, did an excellent job in moving the Association forward. I want to thank Toby for endorsing me as President....or was it because I was absent when the election was held? Previous boards and committees have done a super job and I'm sure you can expect the same in the coming months. If you would like to get involved, please let me or other board/committee members know by phone or email.

I cannot imagine the incredible number of hours that went into the production of the FAC History Book-CD. but the entire editing team did themselves, and every FAC, very proud. What a GREAT job! Copies were provided to everyone at the reunion. If you are a paid up member who did not attend, a copy should be in the mail to you. I've barely scratched the surface in reading the rich stories of our FAC legacy. For additional copies contact Al Matheson who is handling CD distribution and sales. I'm confident that many museums such as the USAF Museum will be selling the FAC History Book CD in the future. Thanks again for all those who contributed to this project. A special thanks to Charlie Pocock, our Chairman, and Bob Gorman, who put the CD together and made it "user friendly" in the process, and lastly to our TASS and Section Leads.

One of the agenda topics at the San Antonio reunion (FR2004) was a discussion of future reunion options. Before FR2004, I had proposed Dayton, the Birthplace of Aviation, as one of the locations for FR2006 after a meeting with other FACs in the Dayton area. The other prime location for FR2006 was the Fort Walton Beach area. It was decided at the SAT reunion that Dayton would be the first choice for FR2006 if the necessary support was available. I can assure you that the proposal to have the reunion in Dayton was not taken lightly. We Dayton FACs

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# FAC NEWS

## TREASURER'S REPORT

**George Ferkes**  
 FAC Association Treasurer  
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The new Board of Directors. Front: Ned Helm, Tim Eby, Cal Anderson. Rear: Byron Sutton, Fred Pumroy, Ken Blutt, Cal Alexaitis, Skip Smothermon, ?, Darrel Whitcomb. Missing: Dennis Crouch.

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have had a couple meetings since the SAT FR2004 to ensure we can take on this important task. I'm happy to report that the Dayton area FACs are committed to hosting FR2006, and we are already getting a head start in the planning for this event to take place in late September 2006. We will enjoy great weather, moderate temperatures and low humidity...a super time of the year. The Dayton Aviation Trail promises to be an important part of the Reunion and will include the following attractions and activities:

- The USAF Museum will be a prime attraction and it has continued to expand. It has added a Cold War exhibit in 2003. Of particular importance, it's added a much more human flavor to the exhibits then existed previously and gives a feeling of who the people were....it brings it alive! Maj Gen Metcalf, USAF, Ret., the Museum Director, and his staff continue to work to improve this important legacy to our aviation history. Gen Metcalf said that he has brought the O-1, O-2, OV-10, A-1 as well as the H-3 and the Huey into the same area of the museum.
- The National Aviation Hall of Fame, Carillon Historical Park, Wright Brothers Memorial, Huffman Prairie Flying Field, the Wright B Flyer, to name a few. Who knows, part of the venue may be to get an opportunity to fly the Wright B Flyer in addition to our Vietnam era FAC aircraft. Lot's of possibilities here.

The dedication of a FAC memorial at the USAF Museum will certainly be one of the centerpieces of the reunion....The museum has from one to two million visitors annually and I can't think of a better place to have an enduring memorial to the FAC mission. Precisely what

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We have funded some part of two reunions, paid for FAC history booklets and the mailing of it, funded the front end of the CD purchase, sent the newsletter both by bulk mail and first class depending on the circumstances and have sent the newsletter to all FAC's we have addresses for. The point being that we have been pretty much all over the board.

### FUNDS BALANCE

**10 APRIL 2002.....\$7260.00**

### REVENUE

DUES.....\$28780.00  
 DONATIONS.....60.00  
 TRIVIA BOOKS.....570.00

**TOTAL..... \$29,410.00**

### EXPENSES

NEWSLETTER.....\$6073.31  
 FAC HISTORY BOOKS...2981.57  
 REUNION.....1385.00  
 DATA SEARCH .....527.00  
 ADMINISTRATIVE .....487.10  
 CARE PACKAGES  
 TO TROOPS.....1000.00  
 FAC HISTORY CD.....3451.00  
**TOTAL..... \$15,904.98**

### FUNDS BALANCE

**30 APRIL 2004.....\$20,765.02**



Please mail in your dues to Treasurer George Ferkes today. Use the form on page 9 of this issue of the FAC Newsletter.

## IN MEMORIAM

Marvin Larson June 2003  
 Ed Woelfel 18March 2004  
 Larry Sanborn 1May 2004  
 J. K. Hall 8May 2004

"Marvin never took part in any FAC Assoc activities, but we had known one another since before we were FACs. He flew for Delta for 29 years, passed unexpectedly of a brain aneurism. Was the last generation of US O-1 drivers."...Tim Eby

**Ed. Note:** Please submit names and dates of passing to the editor. Short commentary or obituary is welcomed.

## FROM YOUR DATABASE MANAGER

Whether you're a paid member or not, if you change address, notify me of your new info: **Ken Blutt, FAC Assn Data Mgr, 18040 Bankhurst Ct, Monument, CO 80132-2299. Email <kblutt@csc.com>**. Even if you're not a member, we want to know who and where you are.



BANQUET ENTERTAINERS LET LOOSE



## Minutes FAC Association Meeting San Antonio, May 8, 2004

### Presentations:

1. Dr. Richard Verrone of Texas Tech presented an overview of the "Vietnam Project" hosted by Texas Tech and introduced their website [www.vietnam.ttu.edu](http://www.vietnam.ttu.edu)

2. Aussie FAC Ken Mitchell told the association that Australia has acquired an OV-10 for their air museum. An appropriate celebration and ceremony will be announced later.

3. Lt. Col Buddy Sims (sleepytime 16) and Lt. Col Bill Jankowski (Bilk 34) presented "Operation Iraqi Freedom" a briefing on the use of B-52's and other USAF assets in close air support in the middle east.

4. Darrell Whitcomb spoke on present day personnel recovery units (some embedded in forward units) and the importance of winning the war against violent Islamic Fundamentalists.

### FAC association Agenda:

The meeting was opened by President Toby Rushforth with an introduction of current board members present.

Treasurer's report: Presented by Ken Blutt due to the absence of George Ferkes.

News letter report: Hen Min Hiu described cost of production and distribution of the newsletter and announced that Tim Eby will be the new editor.

FACBOOK CD Update: Given by Al Matheson with numerous compliments and several ideas.

1. providing free copies to museums and other outlets as a means of advertising and spreading the word concerning FAC history.

2. dedicating the second FACBOOK CD to a pictorial history of the FAC mission.

Historian Report: Darrell Whitcomb stated that there was a continued request for written input, recommending we "Start putting out markers" by giving our CD to museums, libraries, USAFA, etc.

### Membership Report:

1. Ken Blutt noted that we currently have about 1900 members and that the biggest problem is keeping a current address list.

2. The Board proposal of Lifetime membership dues received considerable discussion with a vote in favor of -

- a. Under 56: \$225
- b. 56-60: \$200
- c. 61-65 \$175
- d. 66+ \$150

### Nomination/Election of New Board Members:

Nominated and elected were:  
 President Denny Crouch

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Vice President Fred Pumroy

Secretary Skip Smothermon

Treasurer George Ferkes

Director Cal Anderson

Director Ned Helm

Director Ken Blutt

Historian Darrell Whitcomb

Chaplain To be appointed by the President

Future Reunion Site Options were presented as:

2006 1st choice - Dayton Ohio (Air Museum) pending completion of planning

2nd choice - Fort Walton Beach as a popular backup

2008 Colorado Springs

There was some discussion of broadening the pool of voting on proposing new sites.

New business/ Other items

Terry Tabor presented a summary of the FAC museum in Ft. Worth and thanked the association for the \$1000 grant given to support the museum.

Close of meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Skip Smothermon



## FAC REUNION 2004

### The De-Brief

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### MISSION DEBRIEF FOR THE THIRD FAC REUNION, 2004

The setting was perfect. Looking out the window from the 11th floor of the Hyatt Regency, you could easily view the Alamo as well as a great waterway and waterfall scene. Walking out the rear door, you were on the beautiful Riverwalk of San Antonio. I must proclaim the 2004 reunion a great success. As Crew Chief Bob put it, "I've been to a few minor

FAC reunions...and a few singular hook ups too...however, not in my wildest dreams could I have anticipated an event like the one that just unfolded in San Antonio."

Great moments, Special occasions and some statistics.

**Attendance:** FACs - 201; Spouses/guests - 113; Band and **Speakers** - 9: Total = 323

**Reception:** A good showing with over 200 people, great food, and super company.

**City Highlights Tour:** About 50 attendees signed up for the bus tour of San Antonio and the outlying areas. The visit to the Alamo and many other historical sites and missions was very well done under the stewardship of an excellent tour-guide. All enjoyed a terrific box lunch and got to meet more FACs and their ladies. Others bought "hop-on-the-trolley" tickets and completed a self-guided tour of SAT. Many also did the Boat tour of the waterways of the River Front walk.



**Group Meetings (Tactical Call Signs):** The meetings were staggered every 25 minutes which allowed FACs with two or more call signs to attend other call sign meetings. This seemed to work very well and all got to introduce themselves to other call sign members.

**Thursday Dinner:** The La Villita was an event that one should have not missed. Superb Tex-Mex cuisine, cooked and served hot at some five stations as the mariachis strolled playing songs of Spanish heritage. The weather cooperated and the margaritas, beer and wine made for a great evening. Over 200 people attended this great event.

**Golf Tournament:** All had a good time and the weather was ideal-cool and dry. As I recall, all the winners of money-prizes donated the funds back to the reunion committee to help with expenses. Les Hodgwood did all the hard work in laying out the Tournament.

**Memorial Service at Randolph AFB Chapel:** A large number of FACs, wives, and guests attended the Service.



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I think John Kerr summed-up our feelings and emotions best, "My toughest time was during the memorial service ...It seems that I didn't do a very good job of getting the words out during the first hymn....'Lord, Guard and Guide the men Who Fly,' I guess it was because so many of us were there to pay homage to those who aren't with us anymore. The feeling that the gathering



represented...really got to me." John Hanna really did a super job on the Memorial Service.

**Thursday Dinner/Dance:** The food was great!! Our speaker, Gen. Tony McPeak gave a presentation on the Misty Fast FAC mission. Not too many danced and because all the preceding events took way too long, the music closed out too early (IAW our contract.)

**Fly-in at Stinson Field:** Pete Conforti reports that, "...we flew around 38 folks both former FACs and wives in the three 0-1s and Karin Brinkley's 0-2 in the 3 ½ hours at Stinson Airport. ...we flew one of the bus drivers who was shot down 3 times as an Army grunt in Hueys and he said he remembers

the 0-1 circling until he was rescued." We lost the T-6, T-28 and A-1 due to Friday night and Saturday morning weather. All had a great time and wanted to stay longer, but the schedule



precluded that! Pete was assisted by Ed Gunter who also flew folks in the 0-1.

**Saturday Night Dinner and Entertainment:** Again, the food was superb!!! The entertainment was beyond belief. The guys and gals really bought into this group. Singers; Dick Jonas, Irv LeVine, Jim Roper, Jonathan Myer, and Ron Barker, with picker/player of the mandolin/banjo, Rudy Corbett. And, we cannot forget Lydia Fish who helped me set the entire event up, as well as Gary Lee who did a professional recording of the entire night of singing and "carrying-on affair." Although we did comp singers with rooms and meals, all paid their own airfare to entertain us. Is that a great group of guys!!

**The Hooch:** The Presidential Suite served as the "hooch" and under the guidance of Ron Van Kirk: assisted by Les Hodgood and Jack Lobo, we all had a super time. It was great to see a "big" 0-2 hanging from the ceiling, other FAC "memorabilia" and lots of noise and cool stuff to sooth our thirst. Some great times, only too short. We were all reasonably civil as we only got two warnings from the hotel to "cool it." The Hooch started with \$200 seed money, purchased over \$600 in goods and turned a profit of \$213, which went back into the reunion kitty. Thanks to the generous tips from all the FACs and guests.

**Awards Presentation:** A very solemn and formal presentation of long overdue awards of the Silver Star was made to Mike Wilson and Ron Van Kirk. Thanks to all who made this happen.

**A Salute to the Enlisted Troops:** An emotional, powerful and from-the-heart presentation on behalf of the enlisted troops that served and supported the FACs by our own Crew Chief Bob (Robert Green). You had to be there to appreciate

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Crew Chief Bob

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the deep emotion, the courage and dignity of Bob's words—a standing, tremendous ovation can testify to the tight bonds of loyalty and true affection that has evolved among all those associated with the FAC mission in Southeast Asia.

My thanks to all who made this reunion a success. I know that I will probably miss someone who supported the reunion—but, I need to try and recognize as many as I can. First, the guys in SAT who did the hard work in making it happen: John Hanna, Mike Lovelace, Les Hobgood, Ron Van Kirk, Jack Labo, Pete Conforti, Ed Gunter, Jim Mitchell, Ron Patterson, Randy Leavitt, and Ed Waggoner. Thanks to Hen Min and Claude Newland who passed me some great tips on doing a reunion. Thanks to Lydia Fish and Gary Lee for their help in getting the entertainment together and putting together a super show!!!

I must say thank you to Carolyn and Ben Petty and Steven Fortunato of EEM Tours who went over and beyond the normal booking agent in providing me and the guys in SAT with super help in making this reunion a great success. And finally, thanks to my wife Dolly for her support and indulgence..

Gratefully,  
Cal Anderson—Covey 62

AMERICAN VOLUNTEER RESERVE  
RECRUITING MEMBERS

Joe Potter, BG, AVR

Fellow FACs: There is another group that I would like to invite the good citizens and patriots of the FAC communities, anywhere in the U.S. to consider: the American Volunteer Reserve (AVR). This national uniformed volunteer non-profit organization has two missions: Homeland Security & Defense and providing "final honors" for veterans of all services. These are accomplished with the dignity and military protocol

required for our veterans and their families. There are over 5,000+ members in the AVR and are FEMA trained to serve their communities as "first responders," backing up police lines and fire perimeters, help citizens evacuate, back up National Guard troops at checkpoints, water resources, electrical grids, etc., in case of any emergency or terrorist attack. Anyone interested in checking into the AVR may go to: [www.avrcontinuetoserve.org](http://www.avrcontinuetoserve.org) or contact BG Joe Potter, AVR. Email: [JPotterCS@aol.com](mailto:JPotterCS@aol.com)



**SILVER STARS** presented long after the fact to Ron Van Kirk and Mike Wilson (above) by out-going FAC Association President Toby Rushforth.

US INFANTRYMEN CREATE AWARD FOR AUSSIE HERO (a real one)

The 5th Battalion, 60th Infantry (5/60) of the 9th Infantry Division (Old Reliable) had their annual Vietnam reunion on 17-20 June 2004 in Dallas, Texas. Some 160 members and their wives attended. The climax of the reunion was honoring **Flt Lt Garry Cooper, a Royal Australian Air Force Officer**, who flew USAF O-1, a single-engine light aircraft, as a Forward Air Controller (FAC) for their infantry unit in combat in 1968 near Saigon, Vietnam during the mini-TET. Cooper had been denied the Congressional Medal of Honor and/or the Victoria Cross because of bureaucratic technicalities.

Due to his schedule Flt Lt Cooper could not attend the reunion and one of the soldiers that owed Flt Lt Cooper his life accepted the citation and plaque. Excerpts from the citation for Flt Lt Garry Cooper (RAAF & Vietnam Veteran) read as follows:

"There are a lot of genuine heroes in this room, men who did

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extraordinary things under extraordinary circumstances. I don't have the time to tell you all of their stories but tonight I am going to take the time to tell you one.

This is the amazing tale of our Australian friend, Garry Cooper.

Garry arrived in Vietnam in 1968 as a member of the Royal Australian Air Force. He was a Forward Air Controller (FAC)....

In May of 1968 elements of the 5th/60th found themselves just on the southern edge of Saigon at a fight which came to be known as the Battle of the Y-Bridge....

In addition to bringing in effective supporting fire, his actions irritated the enemy soldiers enough that he started to attract his usual amount of heavy fire....Directly due to his actions, the tide of battle was shifted. The beleaguered companies were able to break the ambush and route the enemy. Many wounded men were able to be medivac-ed instead of being stuck on the ground through a long, long night.

Garry, this award is not the Victoria Cross or the Congressional Medal of Honor but neither is it being given to you by the stuffed shirts in Washington or by the bureaucrats in Canberra. It is being given by the ground-pounding, grunt soldiers who were there, who saw and know what you did. There are men in this room this evening that are alive today because of your bravery. We thank you and we honor you."

The plaque read as follows:

The 5th Battalion, 60th Infantry Association Present this Distinguished Service Award to Garry Cooper for Extraordinary Heroism with the Profound thanks of the many men whose lives you saved. Presented June 19th 2004.

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## "Air Force Print News"

5/12/2004 - **WASHINGTON** – A former Forward Air Controller who began his military career as a Marine Corps rifleman in 1962 is retiring for the second time.

Lt. Col. Theron Sims, who is on terminal leave, rejoined the Air Force on May 15, 2002, as part of the Rated Officer Recall Program. Colonel Sims was the service's senior lieutenant colonel, with an Oct. 1, 1983, date of rank.

The colonel originally retired from active duty Jan. 1, 1989.

He returned to the Air Force following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"We asked what we could do to help," he said.

The answer came in the form of an e-mail from the commander of 8th Air Force at Barksdale Air Force Base, La.

"He said he was having a pilot shortage, that he didn't have enough pilots and navigators to man the combined air operations center," Colonel Sims said. "He said if I'd come back and work in the CAOC, he could take a pilot out and put him back in the cockpit."

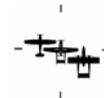


Lt Col Buddy Sims brings old FACs up to speed at FR2004

Colonel Sims spent six months as the CAOC's chief of the time-sensitive targeting branch. One of the operations he "pushed" was the first combat strike using a new automated deep-operations coordination system.

Colonel Sims is one of 208 former active-duty officers who returned to duty through the recall program.

"It's been a hoot; it's been a great two years, and I wouldn't trade it for anything," he said. "But now I'm going home, back to Vail."



## RUSTIC REPORT

by Claude Newland, President

Rustic FAC Association

**2005 RUSTIC REUNION:** The next Rustic FAC and Friends reunion will be 22-25 Sep 2005, at the Ramada Plaza Beach Resort, Ft Walton Beach, FL. Serious reunion planning begins this later this summer. The hotel and hootch are already reserved. Make plans to attend. This will be the first opportunity for many of you to see the new FAC Memorial at Hurlburt Field. We look forward to having another great Rustic gathering on the sugar white beaches of the Emerald Coast. The target is marked. Get your ordnance on board and prep those engines! See you in 2005!

**SILVER STARS AWARD TWO RUSTICS:** Thanks to the

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we are going to memorialize is an issue that I expect to take to the FAC Board. Our Dayton group is working on it now and as Zot Barazzotto stated, "What is the memorial a memorial to?" A very good question...Do we limit the memorial to the Vietnam War or should it be broadened to recognize the entire legacy of the FAC mission, to include its future evolution? I'd like to hear what all of you have to say on this score. If you have other options you'd like the Board to consider you're cleared in hot!! Let's hear from you and make your voices heard on the FACNET or e-mail me or a Board member. Ideas?!

Also discussed at SAT FR2004, was the creation of a "Lifetime Membership" category. The Lifetime Membership dues that were proposed were discussed and the final dues were approved. Here they are.

- Under 56 years of age: \$225
- From 56-60 years of age: \$200
- From 61-65 years of age: \$175
- From 66 years and up: \$150

I encourage you to join me in subscribing to this option by sending your check to Treasurer George Ferkes today.

It's only been a short time since our 40<sup>th</sup> President passed from this earth. He was a great Commander-In-Chief and I feel compelled to comment. President Reagan became a beacon of hope, not only for our country, but the world. He returned self respect to the American people, and made us believe in ourselves again. His actions returned the deserved respect back to the military and again made us proud to serve our great nation. His major contributions to ending the Cold-War and his ability to connect with all of us are well known. He believed in a strong military and "Peace through Strength" was not only a motto, he made it happen....and we were part of his instrument. God Bless President Reagan and the United States of America.

A final thought to all my fellow FACs. This Association is yours and your Board and committees have volunteered to serve and make the association even better. All of us want to hear from you and hear your thoughts on issues and ideas that you believe we should consider. Let us know and we'll prioritize the issues, as we see them, and work in the Association's behalf to tackle and resolve the issues. Let's hear from you!

Cheers and my best regards to you all,

Dennis Crouch



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efforts of Don Mercer, our resident Rustic Awards and Decs Guru and many of you who provided supporting documentation, Ron Van Kirk and Mike Wilson were both recently awarded Silver Stars for FAC missions flown in SEA. The awards were presented by Toby Rushforth, FAC Association president, in a formal ceremony at the Saturday night banquet during the recent All-FAC Reunion in San Antonio. Congratulations Ron and Mike! It's about time! And a BIG thanks to Don Mercer for making it happen!! (See picture on page 6)

RUSTIC WAR BIRD, OV-10 # 639, TO BE PRESERVED; ITS HISTORY RECORDED: (by Darrel Whitcomb, FAC Historian): Great news OV-10 drivers! The Aussies just announced at the San Antonio FAC reunion that OV-10 tail number 67-14639 is going to be placed in the Australian National War Memorial in Canberra. What a great place to preserve this venerable war bird. As FAC Historian, I would like to build a history of this aircraft as we did for the bird at Hurlburt and the one at the AF Museum. The aircraft was built in Aug 1968 and flew in Vietnam, Thailand, Germany, Korea, and at Shaw AFB. It was decommissioned in 1991. If you flew any missions in this bird, please provide me with the details.

Here is what I need from you: Date you flew it. Assigned to what unit. Your call sign. Something about the mission. Any pictures you have!

Please contact me at: [nail25@aol.com](mailto:nail25@aol.com) or mail me at: 5311 Lindsay St, Fairfax, VA 22032

*Thanks, Darrel Whitcomb*



Our "Down Under" friends: McEvedy's, Semmlers, Condons, and Mitchells at the Memorial Service at Randolph AFB Chapel

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STEVE HOPKINS HONORS RUSTIC KIA'S IN HIS "RUN FOR THE WALL" (RFTW)

A couple months ago, Steve Hopkins called me wanting to know where he could obtain a Rustic baseball cap and Rustic logo pin. He explained that he wanted them for his "Run to the Wall" ride. I can testify that Steve found a hat and pin! He also made it to the Vietnam War Memorial Wall.

I asked Steve to tell us more about his RFTW experience. Here's his reply. "Don't know if you have broadband, but check out www.rftw.org. It was absolutely awesome. We jumped off in LA with about 400+ bikes. About 2/3's do the central route and the rest were with us on the southern route. It's a 10 day ride, with 20 stops at VA hospitals, memorials, and schools. We talk to kids, vets, you name it. All along the way, people are on the overpasses with flags and signs, or just one vet in part of a uniform will be standing there holding a salute while we ride under the overpass. Not a dry

eye in the crowd. I can't begin to describe it. Last year I rode up to Chattanooga, TN and did the last 3 days, plus the Rolling Thunder Demonstration. Recommend that for the first time out.

All the info you need is on the web site. As a side note, Run For The Wall is a corporation, not affiliated with Rolling Thunder, which is a different national association of bike clubs who actually put on the Demonstration in DC (don't let them hear you call it a parade - it's meant to be in Congress' face to get accounting for all the MIA's). When we reach DC we become part of RT, but there are about 400-500,000 bikes total. We had about 700 at the end this year.

I hooked up last yr with an ex-Nail and an ex-Marine and we rode down the eastern seaboard together afterwards. They ride the full round trip every year. Both are retired AAL pilots. Hoppy"



FAC Association Membership Application, Membership Renewal, Database Update Form

2004

Yes, I would like to support the goals of the newly formed FAC Association to promote FAC Camaraderie and future FAC reunions.

Enclosed is my check for \$20.00 to make me a member of the FAC Association. (Add \$10 more if you want the FAC Trivia Book) For Lifetime rates, see President's Corner of the July 2004 FAC Newsletter.

Please make check payable to "FAC Association" & mail to: George Ferkes, 472 Parish Blvd, Mary Esther, FL 32569

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

FAC Call Sign(s): \_\_\_\_\_ FAC Aircraft: \_\_\_\_\_ TASS: \_\_\_\_\_

FAC Tour Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ Locations: \_\_\_\_\_

I'd like to work on the following FAC committee: \_\_\_\_\_

I plan to attend FAC Reunion 2006 in Dayton, OH: (please circle answer) Most likely YES Most likely NO

## MEMBERSHIP - The FAC Association Are YOU a MEMBER?

By Ken Blutt

Would you believe that of the close to 1900 FACs, FANs, maintainers, crew members, and other FAC support and friends that we send this newsletter to, only a third of us are actual members?

Some of us have joined other FAC groups, like the Coveys, Nails, Rustics, Bronco Assoc, and others - and maybe thought they were also joining the FAC Association. Yes, we're all one in spirit, but membership in one group does NOT make you a member of another.

**LOOK ON YOUR ADDRESS LABEL.** Your status will be reflected in the first line of the address. If you don't agree or still have questions, call or email me at 719-559-0557 (evening, weekends), 719-572-2573 (days/work), or kblutt@adelphia.net. I will be happy to do the bit of research needed to clarify your status.

In an effort to give you a better idea of who is where, with this fall's issue of FAC NEWS, I will send out an alphabetical list of the entire database - BUT ONLY to MEMBERS! In return, I will hope YOU WILL HELP the Search Committee identify and locate other FACs, FANs, and support personnel that have never been located.



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