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President's Corner July Newsletter

Greetings to all. I sure hope that the first half of this year has treated you as well as possible.

I am still remembering the great time that was had in Colorado Springs last October and am looking forward to our final FACA reunion in Fort Walton Beach. Please stand by for more details from Claude Newland

about the planning his group is doing for this last big fling.

At our last meeting in C-Springs, your Board of Directors discussed at length the future of the Forward Air Controllers Association. Our conclusion was that as our group ages there aren't going to be as many folks able to attend gatherings in the coming years. We agreed that one last gathering at the 'school house' to put the icing on the cake was the way to go. Claude and his gang were willing to host the 'last hoorah'. It has been suggested that this one should be our opportunity to 'hoot and holler' that will outshine and surpass the reunions of the past. Additionally, this reunion has us unite with our brother warriors in toasting the memories of those who are no longer with us.

Currently, the Board is also working through the contingency plan to fold our association's tent. Several discussions were held about other options to meld our group into one of the other organizations like the Red River Rats or Air Commando Association. There were a lot of factors involved in doing that sort of thing and the bottom line in each was that the FACA would not exist as it currently does. We decided that the best option was to do a year-long review of our existing contingency plan (what we needed to do to dissolve FACA). There will be more to follow on specifics as we move through the plan.

I have held the office of President for almost 9 years at this point and will stay on through the end of 2024. All of the current board members have agreed to do the same. It has been an honor to serve this association both as a Director on the Board and as President.

As we move through the second half of 2023 and on into 2024, we will keep you informed via the FACNET and our newsletters on both the big finale and the dissolution of the FACA.

Cheers and cleared hot

Brad Covey/Hammer 251

TREASURER'S REPORT July 2023

As of the end of July 2023, our financial worth was \$112,957, a slight decrease from January 2023. Current balances include: Checking - \$5,735 (includes \$3,596 in the reunion account, and \$1,312 in our Utah historian account); Savings - \$3,311; CD - \$68,042; Investment - \$35,870. We made

our yearly donation of \$2,000 to the FAC Museum in March, but still have the \$1,000 to Home For Our Troops and \$1,000 to Fisher House Foundation to make later this year. We filed our corporate registration with Florida, as well as our IRS tax report.

Here are some interesting approximate numbers about our membership. We have 20 paid annual members, 795 life members, 746 non-current members, 3044 non-members and 1070 deceased FACs. Our first objective still needs to be to get the non-current members back in the fold. If you know some, work on them. If they are unsure of their status, have them contact me or Fred Pumroy.

We still have new FACA challenge coins. I am currently handling the sale while our historian is on active duty. They are \$5 (\$10 for non-members), plus shipping of \$5 regardless of the number of items purchased. I also have "Hit My Smoke" decals at two for \$5, as well as the original FAC History CDs at the same price as the coins.

To help the association save money, if you haven't already done so, consider switching your newsletter delivery to email. We still have more than 400 members getting the newsletter by snail-mail, costing us \$644 to print and mail the last newsletter. Just let me know and I'll make it happen.

If you do get a snail mail copy, you can also help by keeping track of your membership by noting your status on the first or second line of your address on this newsletter. The first number is the last year of your membership. If you get the newsletter by email notice, you can email me or Fred Pumroy to check your membership status. If your membership is due for renewal, consider becoming a life member. In either case, make your check to FACA, Inc and send it to me at PO Box 222, Polson, MT 59860.

I occasionally send emails inquiring about duplicate membership payments, most commonly from someone who has forgotten their LIFE MEMBER status. Unfortunately, I get very few answers back. I like to think it is because the email ended up in your junk folder. To help avoid this happening, please make sure the two addresses I use, factres@live.com and nail13zg@centurytel.net, are on your acceptable list. In the absence of a response, I consider the check to be a contribution to the Association.

Trey Moran, Nail 13



Links to some obituaries are located at <https://www.fac-assoc.org/flew-west/flew-west2022.html>. **Please** send additional information of a brother-in arms who has passed and not yet recognized by the association, to Bob Cohen bobcohenx@aol.com or Trey Moran <nail13@fac-assoc.org> or Harry Pearce <helix35@fac-assoc.org>

Note: Although the title to this section calls attention to those who have passed since the last newsletter, we have listed some outside that window because we have just learned of his passing.

In Memoriam - A tribute to those who have flown west since January 2023

Slow hand salute to these brothers-in- arms, American patriots all.

Last Name	First Name	Call Sign	Date Passed	Member
Brodale	Roger M.	Allen 02/07	27 Apr 23	
Hartsock	David C.	Covey 229/Dart 10	11 May 14	Yes
Knabe	Carl F.	Covey FAC	27 Jun 22	
Mc Caslin	Patrick D.	Nail 41	7 Apr 22	Life
Peffer	Stephen E.	Rustic Maintenance	27 Feb 23	
Pinsky	David H.	Cobra 04	9 Oct 20	Life
Pocock	Charles L.	Viper 07/Rod 07	14 May 22	Life
Potter	Joseph V.	Sidewinder16/Covey06/Jade06	17 Jun 22	Life
Richie	Stanley	CC	13 May 23	
Richmond	James A.	Nail 37	4 Apr 23	
Taylor	Michael L.	Nail 28/Spike 28	12 May 23	

THE FAC ASSOCIATION'S 2024 "FINI" REUNION, by Claude Newland.

The Forward Air Controllers' Association has decided its last reunion will be held in 2024 in Ft Walton Beach, FL. Most likely this will be in Oct 2024. Firm dates and initial plans will be made available in our December 2023 newsletter. The important thing now is for everyone to start setting aside funds so you can attend this historical event.

The Association's staff and Ft Walton Beach area FACs are working together to make this Sawasdee reunion one to remember. You don't want to miss it! Contact your FAC buds and encourage them to attend. For some this will be the last time you will see many of you.

We hope to have the reunion at the former Ramada Inn on Okaloosa Island, the site of our 2000 and 2014 reunions. This is a wonderful property, but it is now under new ownership, has been rebranded as The Island hotel, has been completely renovated and the cost has gone up accordingly. Clearly, our former Redneck Riviera has been discovered as we are now a "resort destination."

Major elements of the reunion will include mission briefings and a tour of the Eglin AFB Armament Museum. A sunset cruise from the nearby scenic Destin harbor will be followed by a seafood dinner. A nostalgic visit to Hurlburt Field will include a tour and mission briefing(s). This will be followed by a FAC memorial service at their beautiful air park and lunch at the Hurlburt Club.

An optional event will be a walk down the Col Bud and Doris Day Memorial Trail in Ft Walton Beach.

The reunion will conclude with a final business meeting and a Farwell Banquet of historic proportions. Come help us celebrate our association's many accomplishments and legacy. Cleared Hot!

If you have any suggestions for the reunion, please let me hear from you.

Thanks. **Claude Newland**, rustic19@cox.net, 850-582-1074.

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FAC Association Membership and Annual Dues Form

Last Name:	First Name:	Initial:
DOB (dd/mm/yyyy):	Spouse's Name:	
Address	Phone #:	
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email:	Send newsletter: <input type="checkbox"/> By Email <input type="checkbox"/> By Snail Mail	
A/C or Specialty:	Call Signs :	
Organization/Sqdn/TASS:	FAC Tour Dates:	
Locations:		
Comments:		
Enclosed is my check # _____ for \$ _____. Make me a member or continue my membership in the FAC Association. (Note: Your Dues Status can be found in the address block printed above.)		
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