

Letter from Nail 49, Colonel Dale Hill aka Boots

In 2002, I created what has come to be called the 'FAC Tribute'. Click on this URL <https://www.fac-assoc.org/notam-board/tribute-history.pdf> to read what Crew Chief Bob wrote describing how it came about and where the Tribute first appeared. The 'Tribute' has, for several years, been a part of what the FAC Association (FACA) has given to those members who make their 'final flight west.'

When I was the FACA VP, it was my duty (and honor) to represent my fellow FACs in sending condolences to those families, whose loved one (a comrade-in-arms to us FACs) made their 'final flight west'. Along with the nearly 100 letters I wrote during my tenure, I included a framed copy of the 'FAC Tribute' for the families whose loved one was a FACA member. A number of families have replied with letters and notes thanking us for remembering their loved one and what they did for our Nation. Some even noted that they didn't know exactly what their loved one did as a FAC, or in support of the FAC mission, because they rarely, if ever, spoke about their experiences.

Now that the FACA is holding its 'fini' reunion this fall, I would like to give those who either flew or supported the FAC mission in SEA the opportunity to have their own copy of the 'FAC Tribute' before they too make that final flight west. As you can see, there is a copyright © with my name on the Tribute, so it is mine to give to whomever would like to have one.

To get a copy without having to first make that 'final flight west', just click on <https://www.fac-assoc.org/notam-board/tribute.pdf> for a single-page copy suitable for printing and mounting in a 'diploma' frame. You can do this at home, but taking it to a Staples, Office Max, or Office Depot may be your best option to get a nice keepsake that is suitable for framing. WARNING, the file is BIG, so you can't e-mail it to anyone – it would be like trying to stuff a white rat down your telephone line! So, download it on a thumb-drive and take it somewhere to get printed. NOTE: If you ask them, Staples (or whomever) will print it on high-quality paper, which creates a very nice finished copy. Finally, go to Hobby Lobby, Wal-Mart, or a local 'art store' and purchase a 'diploma' or 'presentation' frame on which to mount your keepsake.

Finally, find a spot in your "I LOVE ME!" room and hang it up for your viewing pleasure. Also, if so moved, print as many copies as you like (or can afford – copies won't run more than a dollar or so each) and give them to your family (especially kids, grandkids and great-grandkids) as well as friends at the local VFW who know you were a part of the FAC mission.

Cleared Hot!

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