

Hey Detra!

You really missed a trip memorial day weekend. Maybe next year. I enclosed some pictures of the place we stayed, where we fished, some of the fish and the new chopper at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

The Memorial is awesome. You've got to go there someday.

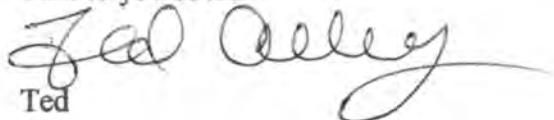
I also found an old picture of me and the Smoke Ship. Had you a copy made to see what a real smoke ship looked like!

You can see under the seat the oil tank, pump, tubing and wiring. There was a button like a mike button hanging down for the pilots to use to activate the smoke. The solid gun mounts were removed, and the back side seats. We put the little short doors back on to knock off some of the wind on the gunners.

This aircraft was 66-16155, which was Jack Johnson's "Black Widow 6" when we were at Dau Tieng.

A few things I noticed were, I was about 60 pounds lighter then. Also we had the smoke grenades hanging everywhere, and I'll bet you \$50.00 that's a can of ham & lima beans on that 60. I have a bracelet on my left hand made out of a tail rotor control chain linked together with safety wire. I wore it for a month or two after I got back to the world. Guess I've lost it now.

Anyway, thought you would like to see the working parts of a smoke ship.
Talk to you soon.


Ted Alley