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Date: 10/25/2001 12:25:05 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: (Peterson, Gordon)

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Norfolk.

Bill: May I count on you to get me some "eyewitness" information on the induction and, hopefully a photo or two with Jim's family, you, and other Seawolves? We need to get something in the next Wolfgram.

All the best, Gordo (Seawolf 27)

W:

H:

Combat Aircrew Roll of Honor

In lasting recognition of the gallantry and self sacrifice displayed by the many enlisted combat aircrewmembers who teamed with their pilots, to whom they entrusted their fate, to engage the enemy in the air, on land and on the sea, no matter the odds.

The enlisted combat aircrew roll of honor is dedicated this day to ensure forever that their valiant deeds are neither diminished nor lost in the annals of naval aviation history. The exploits of those hereon identified best exemplify the countless acts of courage under fire performed among the many who have served, and will serve their nation as Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard enlisted combat aircrewmembers.

Proclaimed and dedicated 10 October 1996 onboard the aircraft carrier USS YORKTOWN (CV-10), the national memorial to carrier aviation, by enlisted combat aircrewmembers representing each of the nation's sea services. Sponsored in lasting admiration and gratitude by the pilots, to whom they entrusted their fate.

—Original Message—

From: William Rutledge [mailto: |]
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2001 7:45 PM
To: Peterson, Gordon
Subject: Fw: viet nam vet Profile and Honor Roll details

Gordo , Great talking with you as always, Info on Patriots Point. 8 Nov 6pm-8pm , Get together aboard Yorktown, food ,open bar \$25,,, 9 Nov 10- 12 AM induction Ceremony. at sometime we will be holding a memorial for All of our KIAs , trying to see if we can have it at the Naval Tactical Base on the grounds at Pat. Pt. Many of us will be staying at the Days Inn in Mt. Pleasant where the Yorktown is,Phone # unknown. It would be great if you and others could make it ,,,Click on website listed in Ken Arnolds message below ,when the first page comes up go to bottom of page, click on Seawolves , read and then click on names in middle of page. Mine is almost complete with the story of Jim and his picture at the end. It would be

great if you would respond to Ken Arnold, website owner and do your profile
, Thanks Bill

—Original Message—

From: ken arnold < >
To: William Rutledge <
<mailto: >
Date: Sunday, September 23, 2001 2:50 PM
Subject: Re: viet nam vet Profile

<http://www.geocities.com/capecanaveral/runway/9601>
<<http://www.geocities.com/capecanaveral/runway/9601>> click on that one
and let me know if you can get to the page. ...working on a 5th AAF page at
the moment.

ken

— Original Message —

From: William Rutledge <mailto: - - >
To: ken arnold <
Sent: Sunday, September 23, 2001 6:02 PM
Subject: Re: viet nam vet Profile

KEN , SEVERAL MONTHS AGO I THOUGHT ONE ONE GUNNER AND ONE PILOT RESPONDED, I
WILL GET ON IT AGAIN. I KNOW HOW OTHERS HAVE WRITTEN THIER PROFILES FROM
YOUR SITE , WHAT EXACTLY WOULD YOU LIKE FROM CHILD HOOD AND TILL NOW OR HIGH
SCHOOL THROUGH VIETNAM . GIVE ME YOUR SITE AGAIN FOR I HAD A COMPUTER VIRUS
AND LOST A LOT OF THINGS INCLUDING ADDRESSES, IF NO WILL COME FOWARD , I
WILL DO MINE THANKS FOR GETTING BACK TO ME. BILL R.

—Original Message—

From: ken arnold < >
To: William Rutledge <
<mailto: >
Date: Sunday, September 23, 2001 2:13 PM
Subject: Re: viet nam vet Profile

Evening Bill

No volunteers as yet. Any interest personally?

Ken

— Original Message —

From: ken < > amold
To: William Rutledge <
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2001 12:32 AM
Subject: Re: viet nam vet

Evening Bill

1 pilot and 1 gunner.....I'm doing a lot of traveling right now, Just
got n from Huston and its about 12:15 am, have a 8:00 am meeting in the
morning or I'd bag work tomorrow.

It would help if they have e-mail and a scanner. Send them the web site addy below and they can take a look see.

Thanks

Ken

— Original Message —

From: William Rutledge <
To: ken arnold
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2001 3:30 PM
Subject: Re: viet nam vet

Ken , how many would you like to do profiles on from HELICOPTER ATTACK (LIGHT) SQUADRON THREE , the Navys only Gunship Squadron in Vietnam , Pilots and Enlisted Gunners. I need the Number you want before I put out the call for them to come forward. Bill.

—Original Message—

From: ken arnold <
To: ken arnold < >; William
Rutledge <
Date: Thursday, June 28, 2001 7:29 PM
Subject: Re: viet nam vet

Evening Bill

My e-mail ws fouled up and I'm not sure you ever got the message. Anybody there who might be willing to be a profile for the web site?

Regards

Ken

— Original Message —

From: ken arnold
To: William Rutledge <mailto: >
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2001 8:13 PM
Subject: Re: viet nam vet

Evening Bill

If you have someone who might be willing to be a profile...you've seen the examples, let me know their e-mail addy and if you can give them the web page to review and an introduction I'd be happy to have them as a profile on the page.

I have found the Vietnam vets still to be a bit reluctant to talk and never found a gunship crew member to correspond with.
I've been focusing on the WWII side as I have lost a few contacts of late to illness.

Regards

Ken

— Original Message —

From: William Rutledge <mailto:
To: ken > amold
Sent: Tuesday, May 29, 2001 12:31 AM
Subject: Re: combat wings

Ken, thanks for the response, I went to your site and read for several hours. I really like the profiles. I made it one of my favorites. Check out our site, we were the only Navy Gunship unit in NAMS, and the most decorated in history, If you ever want to do a profile on someone Enlisted or Pilot from the Seawolves let me know . Bill R.

—Original Message—

From: ken amold <
To: > <

Date: Saturday, May 26, 2001 5:54 AM
Subject: combat wings

Bill

Question for the Patrol page

I know that the cruiser float plane scouts at least on the Denver CL-58 were issues these wings. I am finishing a profile on one of them ARM1C Travis Ivy from VCS-12

site is at <http://www.geocities.com/capecanaveral/runway/9601>
<<http://www.geocities.com/capecanaveral/runway/9601>> under VCS-12

regards

Ken

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