

## James Hall

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**From:** S Govin [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2007 10:17 AM  
**To:** James Hall  
**Subject:** Re: 121st Reunion

Jim, darn yer hide, I've been going to write a personal to you for some time now. I looked for you and did, about six months ago, find that you were born and raised in the Morgan County (Versailles to be more accurate) area of MO. Don't ask me why or how but I have a copy of your orders sending you state side circa Aug 1963 (SO 192, Hqs 45th Trans Bn dtd 28 Aug 63). I thought I wouldn't bother you as I was thinking you were probably pulling you hair out during the book writing periods. I believe Frank Baldwin told me of your writing...

I retired at Ft Hood Jan 69. Came back here to WI and fished untill I didn't care to look another one in the eye and went to work for the Post Office. Retired from there in Feb 92. Had a good but trying job as a POOM (don't ya love that acronym). How about Post Office Operations Manager. Had 168 offices in the western third of Wisconsin at retirement and yes, that makes me one of those dastardly double-dippers and love it.....

I don't think I'll be going to Lubbock either Jim and will instead go to Rucker later in June to the "Old Aviators Reunion" that Tom Barnes is pushing. My opting for Rucker really comes from the difference in the people who may be attending either one of them, both in June. Those going to Lubbock always seem to be those that went to Vietnam along about 1966 or later and are still not convinced that there was a war prior to that. It's understandable that they may feel that way because it really coincides with the BIG buildup. I have pointed out to them that those who died prior are just as dead. They do agree on that point.

I have so often thought about your experience when Sgt Gray was killed.....one of those tragedies that should or could have been prevented but did happen and we no longer speculate on how it could have been avoided....one of the vagaries of war time conditions.

Your in luck for I was just informed by my wife, Grace, that she is going to be late for an appointment if I don't get my ass in gear. She was going to go alone but it's snowing like crazy. I'm not able to convince her that she would probably be better off going alone.

Later

Steve

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**From:** "James Hall" [REDACTED]  
**To:** "'S Govin'" [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2007 10:48 AM  
**Subject:** RE: 121st Reunion

> Hey buddy Steve,  
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> First, thanks for the things you forward. I always enjoy getting them;  
> particularly Shift Happens, and World Perspective (as well as news, and  
> the  
> snow pictures). I have received the mailing about the Lubbock reunion, but  
> won't be there. If you go, please let me hear back all about it. As I may  
> have mentioned (I find myself repeating myself a lot now), I have finished  
> writing the first draft of my Soc Trang story, but have set it aside to  
> rest  
> before I do a final draft. Will let you know when I finish, for sure. It  
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