

MIKE!

HELLO AGAIN... WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR THE MEMBERSHIP DOES FOR 1998. ALSO WANTED TO COMMENT ON THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY... OUTSTANDING!... THE PHOTO'S OF THE AIR STRIPS WAS GREAT. THAT IS THE SORT OF THING THAT THE MEMBERSHIP IS LOOKING FOR. I KNOW THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF HAPPY PUPPY'S SAYING... HEY! THATS MY HOOTH, OR HEY... THATS MY BIRD PARKED THERE!... OR, HEY BABE... THATS WHERE I FLEW OUT OF FOR MOST OF MY TOUR... HOPE TO SEE MUCH MORE OF THIS IN THE FUTURE ISSUES. BE ADVISED THAT BILL GREENHAUGH COPIED THE 1968 SOUTH VIETNAM AERODROME DIRECTORY WITH OVER 800 AIRSTRIPS (PHOTO'S) WITH ALL FLIGHT INFO. (RUNWAY NO'S, ELEV. LENGTH, WIND DIR., UNIT OPERATING FROM, ECT) AND ADDED IT TO THE HISTORICAL ARCHIVES. I BELIEVE WE HAVE IT LISTED AS DOD FLIP ON THE HISTORICAL HOLDINGS LIST. ASK JAY ABOUT IT —

I'M WORKING ON THE 20TH AND 21ST SOSQ AS REQUESTED. WILL LET YOU KNOW WHAT I COME UP WITH. I'M ALSO ASKING SOME OF THE UHCUA MEMBERS WHO FLEW WITH 20TH OR 21ST TO FORWARD ANY INFO, OR STORIES THEY MAY WISH TO CONTRIBUTE. IN THE MEANTIME — YOU MAY WANT TO CHECK THE FOLLOWING TO SEE IF THERE IS AN AIR FORCE SOS ASSOCIATION;

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THE USAF, Bolling AFB IS AT THIS TIME DECLASSIFYING THE UNPUBLISHED PUBLICATION "A HISTORY OF U.S. AIR FORCE OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN LAOS" BY MAJ(S) ANTHONY AND SEXTON. I DO NOT KNOW WHAT INFO. IT CONTAINS, BUT WILL FORWARD TO YOU WHEN I RECEIVE IT. I ASKED FOR IT 9-DEC-96 AND

THEY RESPONDED WITH A LETTER 17-JUN-97. THIS WILL GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF HOW LONG IT NOW TAKES TO GET FOIA INFO. BY MAIL.

I SENT AN FOIA TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES ASKING FOR WITNESS STATEMENTS OR COMMANDERS REPORTS ON THE 20TH AND 21ST SOSG PERSONNEL KIA AS LISTED IN 97 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY. ALSO ASKED FOR UNIT CREST(S) FOR GREEN HORNETS, DUST DEVILS AND PONY EXPRESS, ALONG WITH ANY OTHER INFO. PER THE UNITS.

WROTE U.S. EMBASSY - SOUW PER THEIR ROK CONTACTS ASKING FOR A MAILING ADDRESS PER THE ROK PILOTS YOU MENTIONED IN YOUR LETTER.

AS YOU CAN SEE, I HAVE ALOT IN THE WORKS...

PER THE SEP/OCT NEWSLETTER... NO! I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE, BUT THAT IS BECAUSE MEMBERSHIP DUES WERE DUE IN AUGUST. I HAVE RECEIVED ALL UP TO THAT DATE. WOULD LOVE A COPY!!!

AS REQUESTED, I'M GOING TO WRITE A FEW ARTICLES ON RESCUES IN LAOS 1964 TIME FRAME, FOR THE NEWSLETTER. ALSO ABOUT A DOG FIGHT BETWEEN TWO AIR AMERICA H-34'S AND TWO NVAF BIPLANES USED ON A BOMBING MISSION AGAINST A USAF RADAR INSTALLATION. ONE OF THE H-34'S SHOT DOWN THE NVAF PLANE WHILE GUNNERS FROM THE RADAR INSTALLATION GOT THE OTHER.

GOT TO RON YOUNGSTER... WILL WRITE AGAIN SHORTLY AS I WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE DIRECTORY IN MORE DEPTH.

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John