

Editor's note: The text here was cut and pasted directly from J.C.'s "EC-47 Crewmembers, Front End and Back End" listing. Address info known to be outdated has been deleted. Otherwise, except for an occasional spelling correction (if it was handy) the verbiage is just as it appeared "back when."

James C. Wheeler, SSgt, Flight Mechanic with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut for about 6 weeks, and 361st TEWS at Nha Trang in 66/67. Was Standboard Flight Mechanic with the 361st. Was a member of a ferry crew bringing one of the first of these aircraft over from New Hampshire in August 1966. I flew with this, the same crew for the year. Despite being temporarily back in the states for 30 days, (I was in the states when Tide 86 was shot down) I did get 114 missions. Frank E. Hinkle, Lt. Col., A/C, Harold R. Lagasse, Major, Pilot, and Robert M. Harris, Captain, Navigator. This entire crew were Standboard Flight Examiners for their respective crew position. I am sorry to have to say that I am the sole survivor of my Mission Crew. Maj. Harold R. Lagasse passed away of natural causes on April 17th, 1998. Lt. Col. Frank E. Hinkle passed of natural causes July 15th, 2002. Lt. Col. Robert M. Harris was killed in an automobile accident on April 5th, 2004. All are listed in the Ours Gone Page of the site. Hinkle and Harris were with me at the first reunion in San Antonio in 1999. Harris and I kept pretty close contact from 1986 after running into each other in Little Rock. I missed Lagasse by one year.

David Steiner, Major, Instructor Navigator with the 361st TEWS at NKP, March 73/March 74. Mentioned his roommate Bobby Wright Major Navigator. If you know the whereabouts of Bobby Wright, please let David know via e-mail. David was the first to be added to "The EC-47 History Site".

Marvin Howell, Captain, Standboard Navigator, 361st TEWS at Phu Cat AFB, RVN Mentioned Dave Brooks, Don Featherstone and Gary Fagerberg, all 3 were Navigators. Also mentioned aircraft 668 (sick sick eight), and the faded one the Pink Panther. Marvin was the second to be added to "The EC-47 History Site". Marvin's email address is: marvh(at)cox.net. Address: 1305 Red Fern Circle Pampillion, NE 68133. Phone: (402) 592-2054

Charles L. (Chuck) Miller served with the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang, March 1967 to February 1968. Says, I was a Capt. First Pilot ferrying the 37th airplane from N.H to Vietnam (#0065) with Acft Commander Maj Frank Foreman, 1Lt Dave Dollahite, 2nd Pilot, 2Lt John Hansen, Nav & SSgt James Cavin, Flt Mech. We arrived at Nha Trang on Mar 11, '67 on the day that Tide 86 was confirmed shot down and all crewmembers killed. He served as Squadron Flying Safety Officer with the 361st. I flew 115 missions and left Nha Trang with the DFC, Air Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters and the AF Commendation Medal. I had nearly 2000 hours in the Gooney Bird and was an Instructor Pilot when assigned to the EC-47 mission but was relegated to permanent co-pilot at Nha Trang due to the squadrons overabundance of Lt. Col pilots (37 of 49 on board). Being, until then, an all-jet UPT career Gooney Bird pilot, I declined another C-47 assignment on departure and ended up (with all my special clearances) as a SAC aircraft commander flying KC-135Qs in support of SR-71 operations at Beale AFB, CA with 1/3 of my time spent on TDY at Kadena. After 5 years at Beale, I was selected for NATO Exchange assignment with the Canadian Armed Forces developing their inflight refueling capability with the Boeing 707-320 modified with Beech hose/drogue refueling pods on each wingtip. After three years in Canada, I completed my 20 year career by spending 5 years as the AFLC C/KC-135 Weapon System Manager and 707 Presidential Fleet Manager based at Tinker AFB, Ocala, OK. Added - February 8th, 2004 Charles (Chuck) L. Miller Capt.-[LtCol. (Ret)] 361st Nha Trang Pilot, Flying Safety Officer 1967-68 Ferried #37 RC-47N, T/N 00665 (subsequently redesignated EC-47N) from Grenier Field, N.H. to Nha Trang Feb '67, with Maj. Chuck Foreman and crew. Arrived with almost 2000 logged hours in C-47/TC-47 and instructor rating. Crewed with LtCol Crozier, Maj Ayala, Maj Gallion. In the EC-47 I flew 115 combat sorties, and 999 flight hours. I also served as Squadron Flying Safety Officer during my tour. Through the course of the tour, I was awarded the DFC, 7-Air Medals, and the AF Commendation Medal, plus the usual Vietnam ribbons and Squadron recognition medals. More of my experiences and photos can be found detailed on this website. Chucks Email Address is: av8or@eos.net. Postal Address: 7271 West Hartford Ct. West Chester, OH 45069

Timothy G. Michaud, Sgt, Morse Intercept Operator, worked X and Y positions. Det. #2 6994th SS Danang, April 72/December 72. Some guys remembered, Steve Larson, Dave Langely, Steve Makela, Al Roney, Jerry Dun and Barney. Friends Lost, Joe Matejov, Pete Cressman, Todd Melton and Dave Brandenburg.

David M. Brooks, Captain, Navigator/Intelligence Officer with the 361st TEWS at Phu Cat 1969/70 I believe he said he was a friend and roommate of Marvin Howell while at Phu Cat.

Bob Batchelar, SSgt, Airborne Mission Supervisor, AFSC 20270 was with the Detachment of the 6994th SS at Tan Son Nhut in 1966/67. Some 130 missions were flown on operation Drillpress aircraft. A few names that came to mind included Bob Lovett, Byron Boeckel, James Cotton, Ken Dezotel, Kirkpatrick, Major "Crash" O'Malley, Lt. Fink, Lt. Almquist, Lt. Finkel and Col. Wallender (spelling ??). He remembers he had a good pinochle partner but can't remember his name, was it you? Also shares a memory I have of the mortuary at Tan Son Nhut. It was not right behind my barracks but I do remember the fluids running down the ditch. He remembers living on canned hash and Louisiana Hot Sauce.

John P. Baskin, SSgt. John was assigned to the 6994th SS, at this time, I do not know which Detachment nor where he was stationed. He was in country in 68/69 I hope to have this soon. John was a 3rd cousin to me and I had never met him until about 3 years ago. He was the DAV Service Officer for Johnson County, Arkansas. John was on a routine visit to the VA Hospital in Little Rock when he had massive heart failure and passed on, July 7th, 1997.

Ken Versele, Served with the 6994th SS from July 66 to August 67. Flew primarily out of Tan Son Nhut but also flew out of Det.1 at Nha Trang and Det.2 at Pleiku. Ken sent me the three photos with the Drillpress and the Antique Airlines signs. Received this from Ken May 27, 98: SSgt Kenneth J. Versele says, I was in 6994th SS at Tan Son Nhut, "backend" ("x or y" - q and z was way after my time), Airborne Mission Supervisor from middle of July 1966 to about August 1, 1967. It's been almost 32 years now, so most of the details are a little fuzzy. I was on active duty from December 1960 to Jan 10, 1969. I vividly remember most of the guys and experiences, but for the life of me, Can't remember names. My Supervisor was a TSGT Thompson. When I arrived in- country, the squadron wasn't but 2 months old and the whole unit had less than 2 dozen personnel. I believe there were 3 aircraft at the time, and one of those was being sent to Nha Trang to start Det1. Does anyone remember Balls Niner (tail #009)? One aircraft commander I'll never forget was Lt. Col. Lauderdale. What a character! Remember those 3 or 4 day TDY's to Da Nang, He'd help us close the NCO Club, then tell us to tell Base Ops we couldn't go out today (for a 5 AM frag time) because his "rheumatism" was acting up! (Ha!) But we were there and he was always sharp as a tack. I can't begin to tell you how much I thoroughly enjoyed the history project written by MSGT Bruce Nelson. It really sums up ARDF and "Phyllis Ann". It's a document I'll always treasure and something to pass along to my kids and grandkids. After leaving "Nam" in Aug '67, I was also one of the original

instructors of ARDF at Goodfellow until I took my discharge in January, '69. I even went back in March/April 1968 (TDY) to follow up on our effectiveness with the school at Goodfellow. Instead of it taking the guys a month to become proficient with OJT, they became operational faster being trained in the states before they went over. It was sad reminiscing about the crew that was shot down 9 Mar 67. I knew those guys and had flown with them. I was stationed with some of them at Kelly. In fact I had played cards with Dan Reese in the barracks at Tan Son Nhut just a few days prior to the tragedy (they were there TDY from Nha Trang). It was a real shock, because it is the first time a "292" (one of us) was killed in combat. You asked if I had any more pictures. Well, I dug back in the box and found a few personal shots. Not very interesting to anyone else, but they take me back. Once again, I really enjoyed finding you and your web site. I'll monitor your progress and try to keep in touch. Good luck, Ken Versele. Ken's Email Address is: [versele\(at\)wowway.com](mailto:versele(at)wowway.com)

Robert Wilhelm, Served with Det.2 6994th SS at DaNang as an Analyst 20250 on the EC-47's flying out of Danang, arriving in August, 1972 and Det. 3 at Ubon, Thailand in 72/73. The first EC-47 he saw was what was left of 009 sitting in a revetment damaged by the fire and explosion of the bird in the next revetment. Remembers 645 with the shark mouth and 702, "Margaret Ann". A few folks he remembers are Joe Matejov, Todd Melton, Pete Cressman and Dale Brandenburg. Also Steve Michael, Paul Amato, Kevin Merriman. MSgt George Payne, Sergeant Schmidley, Fred Ziemer, Tom Perdue, Pat Kious, Don Iszler, John Foxworth and Capt. William Shea and Lt. Lionel Blau and many faces with names now faded. Robert was on duty the night Baron 52 was shot downm February 5, 1973, Robert's Email Address is: rjwilh@gmail.com

Fred Lewis, an E-4 at the time, provided the following information. Served in the 362nd TEWS as a Crewchief on an EC-47 at Da Nang and also worked out of NKP Thailand. He was there in 1972/73. Fred says he remembers doing the pre-flight inspection, speaking to Capt. Spitz, and watch them taxi out. His next memory is of the long wait for its return that never came. Fred says, "I don't believe we were ever told it went down, but after a while they advised us there was no need to standby any longer. It seemed like we waited forever. I've been to the WALL and have Capt. Spitz bracelet. Fred was a Crewchief. A couple of weeks ago, I received, verbatim, this e-mail with no name, it read, "I read the analysis on the loss of BARON 52. I think I was the crew chief that launched the bird for that mission. I remember the pilot was a Capt George Spitz. I remember him because he was a go by the book pilot. I still have Capt. Spitz bracelet. I will always remember the helpless feeling waiting on the flight line for the plane to return from the mission. I will NEVER forget it....." -- Fred's Email Address is: [dogcop29\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:dogcop29(at)comcast.net)

Rick Davis arrived at Nha Trang in November 68. Served with Det.1 6994th Security Squadron and was there when they were relocated to Phu Cat in August 69. Rick had been at Grenier Field New Hampshire during the flight testing of the Aircraft and Equipment prior to its delivery to the Air Force. He also supplied me with quite a number of names of those folks that did not make the return trip home as did we, the fortunate. Rick is also the one that provided me with the Research Paper on the operations of the 6994th and the EC-47. This research paper is available elsewhere on this site. Rick's Email Address: [rick46\(at\)tx.rr.com](mailto:rick46(at)tx.rr.com)

Jim Hart, Brenham, Texas. SSgt Jim Hart, served with Det.1, 6994th Security Squadron from Sept. 1970 until Sept. 1971. Jim was a backender with about 150 missions. Some of the other backenders from that time he remembers are Joe Martin, Stan Long, Leon Wilson Greg Shake, Guy Fox who later served at NKP, Harvey Goldstein, Tom Glass, Charlie Wright, John Lloyd James James and Larry Guise just to name a few. You will probably see some of Jim's photos on this site soon.

George B. Montague, TSgt, Flight Examiner. Flew on birds from all sites mainly giving check rides for the local SEFE's. Arrived at TSN 6994th in November 1967 as a SSgt after spending a year at Danang, and flew my first mission on the 21st of that month. Spent the next few months in Awards and Decorations as an extra duty, then I became an IRO in July 69 and in the same month I was appointed as a Flight Examiner and worked for Lester Kimball. Stayed as a Flight Examiner the rest of my time at TSN. When Lester left to set up the unit in Korea, I became NCOIC of the Squadron Stan/Eval Section and when I left in September, 1970 turned the job over to Charles McFarlane. When Det.3 was established at NKP, I flew the first mission bird up there from TSN and stayed just over 30 days getting the Det. operational. If I wasn't at TSN I would have loved to have been at Na Trang. I was up there several times. I finally flew my last mission in September 1970 and finally left the country after 4 years. I retired in July 1971 and came to Australia to live and have been here ever since. Updated, 11 August, 2007: George was a TSgt and NCOIC Stan/Eval with the 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut in 1967-1970. Flew missions out of all sites. I was part of the crew that flew the first mission bird into NKP when we started permanent operations there.

Jon C. Ohman. Jon was an aircraft Crewchief and only flew on functional check flights. Jon was a Sergeant with the 362nd TEWS starting out at Pleiku April 1970 and then moving to DaNang in May of 1970, staying there until April, 71. I assume Jon was Crewchief on tail number, 570 because he included in his information, " By the way, I called for the whereabouts of my old bird just as you did. To my surprise, I received an e-mail from Bob Wilhelm, including a picture of 570 sitting on the Ubon flightline in 1973. Good to know she was still flying two years after I last saw her". March 2000, Jon added the following. Jon C. Ohman - Sergeant - 362nd TEWS - Pleiku/DaNang - 1970/1971. My experience with the gooney bird started at England AFB Louisiana (4412th Combat Crew Training Squadron). I guess all of us who worked on reciprocating engine aircraft at England were destined for a tour in the Nam. Arrived at Pleiku in April of 1970. I remember well the nights we lost aircraft due to incoming rocket/mortar fire. I still have a tape recording (friend was taping a letter to his wife when the GIANT voice sounded the attack) in which you can clearly hear the incoming rounds and shrapnel raining on the tin roof of our barracks. The following June the unit was transferred north to DaNang. My first aircraft was the unit's only nonEC-47. I believe her tail number was 773. She was used to ferry personnel/equipment from place to place. I dubbed her OVERBOOST because her smaller engines were constantly on the mend (I will send you a picture.) Later, I crewed EC-47 acft. #570. Don Klatt (my roommate) had her before me and Louis Gonerovsky before him. She was a delight. Hardly ever out of commission. A real work horse, so it comes as no surprise to me that she flew the last mission for TEWS operations in SEA. I still remember her white and black braided control yokes! My worst recollection is the day we witnessed a Marine Corps Chinook helicopter crash behind our phase dock hanger. Prior to the crash, the helicopter was hovering at a very low altitude, directly above our flighline. Chief Master Sargeant Auchanbach (forgive a misspelling) was on the line trying to wave off the copter (our birds were bouncing at the tail from the down drafts.) I recall looking up and seeing the face of the rear door gunner just before the chopper flew off just over the roof of the hanger. Seconds later, we heard a loud explosion followed by a large fireball. The flightline was peppered with debris including a large portion of a propeller. The helicopter had crashed just off the perimeter road and was burning intensely. As I recall, there were no survivors despite the efforts of rescue personnel. My best memories are of the acquaintances I made while in country. TEWS types were special people. Pilots, backenders and ground crew personnel were dedicated professionals

who worked under difficult and dangerous circumstances. They can all be proud of their contributions in service to their country. I know I am! Jon's Email Address is: jcohman@verizon.net

Jim Trozzo (Troz) Flew EC-47 Antique Airlines Electric Goons from December 1970-71 as a Backend Crew Intel. Analyst. Flew from Saigon and DaNang, with the 360th TEWS/6994th and 362nd TEWS/Det.2 6994th. I would like to connect with others from old Squadron or others whom this airplane brought back many times. Flew 122 missions over Southeast Asia. Many fond memories. Jim's Email Address is: trozzphoto(at)zoominternet.net

Allen Simmons says, I was a 1st Lt. in the 361st TEWS at NKP, Thailand, from April '73 to April '74. Started as a copilot with Maj. Ray Marquez and later Capt. Mark Race. In February 74, completed his upgrade to Aircraft Commander (as a 1st Lt.) and flew until April, 74. While flying as Aircraft Commander, his copilot was 1st Lt. Terry Crist, and his Navigator was Lt. Col. Clyde Hollingsworth. He flew 115 missions in the EC-47N,P& Q. In April 74, returned stateside to Blytheville AFB, Arkansas, to fly KC's. He continues, "My father also flew C-47s in WWII -- 94th Troop Carrier Sq. 439th TC Gp, 9th TC Command in the European theatre, participating in all the airborne operations from Normandy through the Rhine Crossing. According to Col Charles H. Young, 439th commander, my day and Phil Hecker are the only 439th pilots to have flown every operation the 439th was involved in. I've also flown ('81-'89) N710Z, ex-USAAF C-47 s/n 44-76582, for the Combat Air Museum, Forbes Field, Topeka, Kansas. We're currently getting "Kilroy," as it's called, back up to flying fettle and plan to have it in the air in the not-too-distant future.

Paul A. Brady, SSgt Served with the 6994th SS at DaNang as a 20250. Flew his last mission in February, 1971, Photo on Photos page. Hope to get more on Paul shortly, don't know how I have overlooked him. Paul's Email Address is: pabrady(at)hal-pc.org

Bob Bonn was a young 1st Lt. Pilot flying EC-47's with the 360th TEWS out of Tan Son Nhut from March 71 to March 72. Says "It was my first operational tour out of Pilot Training-- I volunteered to go to Vietnam, and never regretted it. Best tour of my career. Also says, "I witnessed the Vietnamization of the EC-47 squadrons. It was a great experience for a young man. Made Instructor Pilot over there. Came back and flew HH-43s, C-141s, T-39s and C-21s. Am now living in Montgomery Alabama.

David Piper was stationed at DaNang and flew with the 362nd TEWS from September 22, 71 until August 31, 72. David was a Pilot and a Captain. As the year passed, became an Instructor Pilot and finally a Flight Examiner. Says, "My name in the Air Force was Waringpiper, because that's what was on my birth certificate, even though my family had and has not used that name for generations. Says, " I remember fellow pilots John Soule' from Louisiana(?) who was the Aircraft Commander of the bird that lost an engine shortly after takeoff right after I got to DaNang, and who saved our butts with a masterful flying job down one valley and up another as we found our way to recently closed Phu Cat, where he put us down safely in a strong crosswind. Remembers Burt Jones from California; Randy Bailey from Washington, (Randy, did you ever open your restaurant?); squadron Flight Surgeon Sid Schwab from Oregon, and wild man Flight Mechanic, Billy Schlafke (did you stay a free man?). Also remembers a John, Gage and Dave. Finally, although there little interplay - between the 6994th SS folks and the non-Navigator TEWS folks, I remember the professionalism and dedication of the SS people. Many of them seemed to love their mission, while most of us TEWS people were just doing our jobs. David would like to hear from anyone there during this time.

Bruce Obermeyer. I just found out you were looking for former EC-47 folks. After USAF UPT, I flew C-119s for 18 months at Richards Gebaur, AFB in Kansas City, Mo. My experience flying the DC-3 came after my assignment to C-119 gunships was cancelled when the C-130's took over that role. I was assigned to the 362nd and the 361st Tactical Electronics Warfare Squadrons from November 1972 through November 1973. I was stationed at DaNang, RVN and at NKP and at Ubon in Thailand as an instructor pilot in the EC-47N, P and Q. I held the rank of Captain. Thank you for hosting a web site preserving the memory and the history of this fine aircraft and for helping those of us who flew it to reminisce. Bruce's Email Address: bobermeyer(at)cox.net

James Line (Bob) Served with the 6994th SS at Tan Son Nhut in 1966-67. Says he missed the The Phyllis Ann missions but flew as a Backender on the Compass Dart and Combat Cougar missions. Knows a Pilot, Captain Harold Businger and a Navigator Major Dave Eddy.

Charles Van Zandt. Says "I was stationed in all 3 locations (I assume by the date involved he meant Tan Son Nhut, Nha Trang and Pleiku) in 1968 as a Radio Operator". "I flew mainly out of Nha Trang and Pleiku. I believe the EC-47 #681 is the one plane I flew on a lot, the name was Big Jean". Says he has a few pictures that he will try and dig out. Says he would like to stay in touch as this represents a big part of his life and that he is still very proud of the 6994th. Ended his tour with 107 missions, the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals. Charles Email Address: cvanz61072 (at) aol.com

Bill Boltinghouse writes, Welcome home! I found your web page today and I really appreciate it! I noticed that these were some of the earlier models with the AN/LR-34 systems. The Navigator did stand or sit on a stool as you described. However, on the N, P and Q's the Navigator had a console with his navigational equipment mounted in it. It was located just in front of the jump seats on the port side and he faced forward. The ARDF was the AN/ALR-35 system. We had two aircraft at Pleiku which had the AN/ALR-38 Mini system. One A/C was 208, but I cannot remember the other tail number. The aircraft lost out of Pleiku from the shot down on April 22, 1970 was 402. I was "Bravo" maintenance and 402 was always having problems. I was supposed to go with it that morning but at a later time. Aircraft 133's engines would not start as usual so they moved 402 up almost an hour early. The guys could not come get me in time to go with it! So, I was spared! I had more flights than most other electronics guys. I had 38 missions and was awarded the Air Medal. I got my second and third clusters from flights on the RC-130's and RC-135's. Bill's Email Address is: bill-boltinghouse@cox.net Postal Address: 242 Bennett Ave. Apt 3B Council Bluffs, IA 51503

John Hockemeier, says, I was at NKP from Aug 72 to Aug 73. Flew as a Navigator on the Electric Goon. I can update one aircraft loss at NKP. The Aircraft crashed during touch an go. Co-pilot was making the approach. The Aircraft struck structure between the runway and taxiway, bending the propeller. The Pilot took over control and told the Co-pilot to feather the engine with the bent propeller. The Co-pilot feathered the good engine!! The Aircraft went down just off base facing opposite direction from approach. One backender, (name unknown) and the Pilot were killed. The Pilot was my next door neighbor in the hooch. His name was Captain Robert A. Kohn, a 1969 graduate of the Air Force Academy.

Thanks for making this site available. It is well really well done!! (Thanks for the compliment, J.C.) This Crash Information is located on the page with the other losses also. Thanks again John.

Bob Lung says, I was a back-ender in the EC-47 and was stationed with Det. 2, 6994th Security Squadron at Pleiku. I was in Pleiku from March 1969 to March of 1970, but during that time I had also spent 3 months or so TDY at NKP because they desperately needed instructor radio operators when they opened Det.3. It was actually a labor of love because not only did I enjoy my 3 month tour there, but I spent some fun times with buddy, (Ken Stengel) that I was stationed with at Misawa prior to that. Also says, "Wouldn't it be great if a bunch to us, regardless of whether we were in the front end or back end could have some kind of reunion?" Bob's Email Address: rlung(at)q.com

Kenneth Batson says, I was a SSgt with the 6994th SS at Tan Son Nhut and Hue Phu Bia from September 1967 to September 1968 and flew over 200 missions in the various EC-47's. Received the Air Medal during my service there. Says "Nowhere have I found reference to the 19 or so Airmen who served with me a Hue Phu Bia. The base came under almost daily attack from mortars and 122 rockets. We came under heavy ground attack during th Tet offensive of 1968 and had to evacuate to Nha Trang. Says he would appreciate it if anyone can identify the other guy in the photo with him on the 'Photos Page'. He has some duty rosters assigning crews to flights and areas from his time at Tan Son Nhut. Is also very interested in finding out the name of a Captain who worked there in Squadron HQ (located inside the 5th AF HQ). He had crew cut blonde hair, about 6ft tall and he had Jump wings as well as Air Crew badge and pilots wings. If you can help, let him know. Kenneth now lives in Denver Colorado and would welcome contact from any of the crewmembers, front and back.

Stan Poyas says, I served with the 6994th in Vietnam in 1969/70 at Pleiku, DaNang and at PhuCat for 18 months. I was in Bravo Maintenance and also flew mission in the area. Returned again in 1973 to NKP, Thailand for another tour and moved to Ubon until we quit our operations in May of 1974. Stan has some photos of the last flying day on the Silent Warriors Website created by Airlee Owens Sept. 97. There is a link to this site on my links page. Stan's Email Address: stanp74@comcast.net

Col. Paul Arnett says, I was the Aircraft Maintenance Officer for the 361st TEWS from March of 1968 to October of 1969. I think he is going to provide some photos soon. And I am sure a little more information for this block. I believe he is still on active duty and presently teaching at an ROTC unit, I will not mention here. Paul's Email Address is: parnett1(at)cox.net

Bill Gucciardo had a unique tour with the 361st TEWS. Bill was a Crew Chief and says his father was a Bombardier in WW-2 in Italy. The Pilot his father flew with actually ended up as a Pilot in teh 361st. Says they had many good times together.

Fred E. Sanders says, I flew with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut for about a year beginning in August 1967. He was the Wing Flight Examiner. Fred says he remembers a couple of the fellows from the 361st. One by the name of Jim Stoke, and another, last name Smith but says he cannot recall his first name. Fred is now a retired SMSgt living in Destin Florida, just outside Eglin AFB. I am sure glad he showed up, now I know I am not the only Flight Mechanic that is still around. Just joking, but I was beginning to wander where they were. June 8th, 98. More information from Fred. Says he knows 2 more of the guys living in the Destin Area from the 67/68 era. a James R. Kesterson and a Joseph Snodgrass, says also there are several from later groups. I feel better already. J.C.

L. Gordon Bassett, Says he served as a Pilot/Aircraft commander as a Lieutenant with the 362nd TEWS at Pleiku from June 68 to June 69. Had several TDY's to NKP and Ubon Thailand and flew missions over the northern parts of Laos. Gordan's Email Address: gbassett(at)tampabay.rr.com

Bill Petrie says, I was a Buck Sergeant, AFSC A43151A, A Crewchief/Mechanic with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut in 1968. He says he spent most of his time up in Hue/Phu Bai attached to the Army's 8 R&R (Rock&Roll) Radio Research Company on the RU-8 aircraft. This unit flew missions similar to the missions of the TEWS. Bill is responsible for some of the nose-art on the EC-47's. The "Pink Panther", "Snuffy Smith", "Arkansas Razorback", "Buzz Off" and "Patches" were some of his handy work. Says he remembers a SSgt or TSgt Booker. Bill Retired a CMSgt. See The War Story Page for a little more from Bill. Bill's Email Address is: retcmsgt(at)cox.net

Dave Abel provided the following today, 26 June, 98. Dave says, I was assigned to Det. 2, 6994th Security Squadron at Da Nang from January 71 to January 72. He was an Airborne Electronics Warfare Repairman with the AFSC 301x5. Says he flew 50 missions. His maintenance shop was called "Bravo Maintenance". Thanks Dave, good to have you join us.

Joe Martin, a source of much of the information on this website. How could I have overlooked him as being one of the EC-47 Crewmembers. With all the data he has supplied, Joe I am truly sorry it took me so long to wake up. This is Joe's block. Joe say's, I was a 292X1 Morse Intercept Operator with the 6981st Sct Gp (Elmendorf AFB) from Dec 1967-Nov 1969 and after TDY to Goodfellow, survival schools at Fairchild and Clark AFBs, served with the 6994th Scty Sqn (Tan Son Nhut) from early Feb 70 to 11 DEC 71 when I returned to CONUS for discharge. I was also TDY to the detachments at NKP and Phu Cat. During the last months of my VN tour I was an IRO in the 6994th group charged with "Vietnamization" of the ARDF effort, orienting ARVN [not VNAF] Morse operators to take over our mission. I've been a Quality/Manufacturing engineer for the past 20 years or so and currently work at AlliedSignal Engines (formerly Garrett AiResearch) in Phoenix.

Harold R. Lagasse, Deceased. Major Lagasse, retired in 1969 as a Lt. Col. He was my Pilot in the 361st TEWS. We crewed up together in New Hampshire in August 1966, ferried an EC-47 to Tan Son Nhut then moved up to Nha Trang. We flew together as a crew the entire year. I had not seen him since our return in 67. I did locate him via Lt. Col. Hinkle, our Aircraft Commander, in Scottsdale, AZ. Joe Martin, who lives in Pheonix looked up Lagasse's phone number for me an emailed it to me about an hour ago. I called, but I was a couple of months to late. I had learned he had been diagnosed in November with cancer and through his widow just a few minutes ago that he passed away on 17 April, this year, 1998, at the age of 69. We had a good visit lasting about 25 minutes and she approved of me putting this notice on the website. This was the hardest personal data block I have had to do yet, even more so than that of my cousin, John Baskin. J.C. 26 June, 1998

Frank E. Hinkle, Lt. Col. Arrived at Tan Son Nhut in early September, 1966 after crossing the Pacific in an EC-47, ferried from Grenier Field New Hampshire. He remained at TSN in the 360th TEWS for about 6 weeks then moved up to Nha Trang to help set up the new squadron, the 361st TEWS. He took along with him, Maj. Harold R. Lagasse Pilot, Capt. Robert M. Harris Navigator and SSgt James C. Wheeler Flight Mechanic, all members of his Ferry Flight Crew. He would spend the remainder of his tour as Stanboard Pilot and Aircraft Commander, with the 361st and keep his crew intact, fly together and come home together. He is now retired, living in Arizona. No E-mail address.

Robert M. Harris, Capt. Arrived at Tan Son Nhut in early September, 1966 after crossing the Pacific in an EC-47, ferried from Grenier Field New Hampshire. He remained at TSN in the 360th TEWS for about 6 weeks then moved up to Nha Trang to help set up the new squadron, the 361st TEWS. He became Standboard Navigator, flew with the same crew the entire tour. He retired a Lt. Col. and is now retired and living in Arkansas. No E-Mail address.

Darwin R. Bruce, SSgt was assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut in 1966-67. Says I Flew the JC-47D (43-16254) (Drill Press) with "crash" O'Malley Lt Col John Brotherton, Maj Weathersby, SSgt Jerome Cotten (deceased), SSgt Joe Dennison, SSgt Byron J. Boekel, A1C Eugene Ross. I can't find a record of the Lingy on our flight. I learned my RA202X0-L trade from Carroll (Chief) Miller (deceased). Chief and I remained in touch until his death. Col Robert L. Wallander was the first full time commander of the 6994th. He and I still correspond. Maj Fisher (deceased) was the Ops Officer. MSgt Tony Z. Odom was the NCOIC after "Chief" Miller transferred back to AFSCC. Here's a few more names I remeber from the Drill Press Project: A1C Ed Klem, TSgt Troy Little, TSgt Johnston (Turk) Claire, SSgt Bob Lovett, A1c Ken Klann, A1C Russ Raymond, A1c Dave Sothard, A1C John Fitzpatrick. That's all I could find from my old records. Darwin's Email Address is: bruced(at)embarqmail.com

Jim Kesterson, says I was assigned to the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut from July 4, 1967 until July 1968. I was an Instructor Flight Mechanic and spent a lot of time with the 362nd TEWS at Pleiku and even more time up country, at Hue PhuBai. Returned to Scott AFB, Illinois and flew the DC-9 Air Evac. Later went in to the First Sergeant Field. Am now living in Destin, Florida. No E-mail address.

John Fuertinger writes, In July 1969 I was sent to Eglin AFB to fam school for the Douglas A-1E Skyraider. But in true military fashion when I arrived in Viet Nam in Sept 1969, I was a bit supriised to be assigned to the 362nd TEWS at Pleiku and that I would be working on EC-47's. For the first few months, I was assigned to the flight line crew. Later I was assigned to the Phase Dock crew. During a phased inspection, the aircraft is given a very thorough going over. All access doors and panels are opened and things that are not normally checked during pre and post flight inspections are addressed. Things like flight control rigging, landing gear wheel and brake assemblies were taken apart and checked, the floorboards were taken up, and the control wires given a liberal of dose of CPC (corrosion preventative compound, a black foul smelling gunk that looked like tar). The best thing about the phase dock was that we worked under a roof. One of the more unusual duties I was subject to was Security Police augmentee. All of the lower enlisted grades (E1 thru E4) had to pull this duty one or two nights a month. At 2100 hours, we reported to the SP compound, drew a M 16, got on a flatbed truck and were dispersed to sandbag bunkers around the perimeter of the base. It wasnt very heartening to be told "Dont worry, the VC won't try to kill you on their way in, but they will on their way out!" Around 0600 we were picked up. At least we were given the next day off. About June or July 1970 the squadron was moved to DaNang AB. I liked DaNang much better than Pleiku. It was a much bigger base, with better facilities, both for maintainance work and off duty hours as well. I also felt much safer there too because of a large Marine base that was nearby. All in all, as I think back about my tour, I feel honored and fortunate to have been given the opportunity to have worked such a classic and beloved airplane.

William W. (Bill) Watters had the following SEA tour data to share. I was stationed with the 6994th Security Sq. at Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Saigon from Jan. to Dec '72 as a young SSgt. Flew over 150 combat missions in the EC-47 Combat Cougar/ Combat Cross as an Operator, Instructor (IRO), Airborne Mission Supervisor (AMS) until the program was turned over to the VNAF/ARVN. It was the most challenging and rewarding assignment in my 24 year 3 month Air Force career. I was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals along with some unit awards. Most of my tour in Vietnam is etched in my memories; however, some names have faded. Lt. Col. McMakin was the 6994th commander when I arrived and Major Dave Eddy succeeded him a few months later. MSgt Bill Marshall, NCOIC of Airborne Ops, a friend named Frank Adams, a few others were the last 94th personnel to leave Saigon in mid-December 1972 after the Headquarters was moved to NKP, Thailand. Several airborne ops and maintenance techs took follow on assignments to the 6990th Security Group in Okinawa to fly Combat Apple / Burning Candy missions. I'm very much appreciative of this website for paying tribute to those who flew and supported the little known "Electric Goon" missions in Southeast Asia during that war. It's nice to get however little public recognition. Bill's Web-Site is: My Air Force Experience

Robert (Bob) Patzelt says, I was a Crew Chief with the 360th TEWS, & Combat Cougar, February 1970-71. Attended the reunion at Andrews AFB a few years back. Bob's Email Address: patzelt(at)charter.net

David (Dave) Liebergot supplied the following information about his tour. I Found you by accident today while looking for some other AF info. I was assigned to the 6994th from Aug 70-Aug 71 as an Intercept Analyst. While I was there, analysts were added to the flying program, so I got to be in the initial group of trainees. By the way, Troz and I probably worked together while we were there. In addition to flying, I was a primary intel briefer when I was not flying and an instructor after about my 15th mission. Ended up flying 56 missions out of Ton Son Nhut. My memories of those times are very vivid to include the 360th mascot who attended all of our briefings and ate the crummy chicken the in-flight kitchen put in the box lunches, aircraft 009 clipping it's starboard wing on a take-off, one of my aircraft loosing an engine in Cambodia, then watching as the other started smoking when we neared the Parrot's Beak on the way back to Saigon. We landed that day at Tay Nihn AAF. Great hamburger lunch! By the way, the only front end guy I remember was 1lt Frenchie Rondeau. He was the pilot on the aforementioned emergency landing. My best friend from when we were stationed in Germany at the 6910th was MSgt Monte Pettit, who was at TSN with me. We were roommates there and flew a few missions together. He was a white knuckler but ended up flying over 150 missions if I remember correctly. One other note, Monte Pettit and I were stationed with TSgt Lou Cleaver at the 6910. Lou was on the flight that lost the wing, and nosed into the ground in the jungle. There is lots more in my memory but I don't want to bore you. I will stop by again. One last note, I am still on active duty (35 years in Sept) and assigned to the On-Site Inspection Agency at Rhein-Main AB in Frankfurt Germany. Great work you are doing here. Hope to see more.

Glen Germany sent this information in today, 12 Aug. 98. Says he was assigned to Detachment 2, 6994th Security Squadron at DaNang in 1971. Says he was a Sgt. at that time. He is interested in locating some of the folks he worked with. Glen's

Received from **Steve Sohn**, Sunday, August 16, 1998. Whoa! Knock me down! I left in Dec 69, and I remember many of the guys you have listed in the 362d. What a trip! Wish I could do much of it over again. I was the last guy to sleep in the RMK (alone) at Pleiku, since everyone else moved to the new quarters and I was derosing the next day. What a night. What a time! I arrived in country a First Lieutenant and flew as Co-Pilot. Passed my check ride for Aircraft Commander and got curtailed. Left as a First Lieutenant. The guy with me in the Typhoon Tess picture was Mike Lane, the Messhall Officer, whose stuff I was forever scrounging or swiping to cater our parties. It was rough when we invited him to the parties, and he asked where we got the food from because it tasted better than his. Steve also confirmed that the Photo of the EC-47 crash in the water was the one that lost an engine on takeoff from NKP Thailand. Co-pilot received a broken leg. <http://www.sohn.org/>

Bob Washburn sent in this information on his tour on Monday, August 17, 1998. As a Z-1 crew member on 128 missions out of TSN from January 20, 1971 until January 1, 72. I arrived as an A1c and left a Sgt (Maybe should read SSgt) I have a hundred or so photos of or from Electric Goons. A quick look through the album finds: Fini flight dousing 072 and 491 tail numbers unfortunately no clue as to crew members. 871 in flight including a great shot with foreground of unknown EC47 wing at sunset. 702 in flight - 814 on the ground TSN - 979 in flight and Phnom Penh Airport from air. We did an emergency landing and an overnight. Lost radar on a late evening flight. Storm between us and base, pilot reported low oil pressure #2 engine. Phnom Penh airport closes at dusk. We buzzed the runway and did a one engine landing. Pulled off the runway and waited. Eventually someone rode up on a bicycle. One of the Vietnamese trainees on the flight spoke to him in French and he rode off. Half an hour later a truck shows up with a homemade drag bar and pulled us over to the military side. Air attache was not happy to see us. Next day they brought in a recovery plane. Mechanics could not reproduce the low oil pressure condition and we flew back to TSN. I'll try scanning a few and see how they come out. Bob's Email Address: washburns(at)charter.net

Jim Lamont sent me the follow today, 21 August, 1998. I went to Tan Son Nhut (6994th) in June (I think) of 1968 and flew my first mission in Aircraft tail number "009" or "balls 9" as it was referred to. After passing my 10 flight orientation, went on to the norm of doing at least one mission every two days for the next 2+ years. I flew missions out of all of the Detachments (Pleiku - Phu Cat - NKP) and more than I can remember out of Saigon. For my last 6 months before leaving in October 1970, I was the Senior SEFE (Stan-Eval-Flight-Examiner) for the 6994th and did many a flight check out of all the Dets on other subordinate SEFEs. I flew many missions throughout III and IV corps and a few out of the corps assigned to Dets I and II. NKP was my favorite with the daytime missions into the Plain of Jars and Upper Steel Tiger. Clearly remember one mission when we had engine problems and got an escort back to NKP from the adversary (NKP units) Jolly Green Choppers and A1-Es who laughed us out of the club that night. Learned that day that a Jolly Green could out-fly us. Nobody wants to admit that a twin engine aircraft (with 1850 HP engines) couldn't keep up with a damn helicopter. I retired in 1981 (E-7) and now live in Las Vegas, Nevada. If there is anything I can do to add to your information gathering task, let me know. Your mention of the Q and Z birds sure brought back memories although I always preferred sitting X but I was good at all positions except, of course, the spot occupied by the happy language boys. I was also assigned to the evacuation effort of Saigon during the last 3 days working out of the old MACV gym processing refugees and others and could provide you with some interesting info if you are interested. I left at approximately 7:00pm the night before the fall (29 April 1975) on a C-130 loaded with 250 Vietnamese, 1 retired AF Colonel, myself, and the assigned crew of 4. The 4+ hour flight to Clark AB was more fun than I care to remember.

Tom Glass says, I arrived in Tan Son Nhut in July of 1970 as a 292x1 from RAF Chicksands. Served in TSN as a radio operator, AMS, and IRO during my tour. I ended up with 180 missions, the most "memorable" on being on May 16 71 when we lost the left engine, and the pilot feathered the right engine and couldn't get it started again. The words still live on, "Everybody get your damn chutes on and get ready to go!" Luckily we made it to Tay Ninh, and then TSN sent a bird to pick us up. A lot of good times and great people! Departed for home in June of 71. As I talk to more people, more names of friends keep coming back. Thanks for the memories!!

L. D. (Vern) Holm says I am from Parkersburg, Iowa. Was a Sergeant with Det. 2 of the 6994th SS (DaNang) from July, 1970 to June, 1971. Flew 126 missions. Arrived at DaNang about the same time as Todd Melton who was also at DaNang (he was just out of tech school). Played a lot of cards with Todd and others. Roommates were Jimmy Godsey (Kansas) and Phil Pratt (Muscogee, Oklahoma) now of Albuquerque. Hello to Tom Yunker, Tom Glass, Phil Pratt, Mel Saltz, Charlie McGee, Perry Kaupa, Hy Brock, Jimmy Godsey, Wayne Ricks and all my other friends from DaNang. If anyone comes across this, please correspond. For your info, my father was a Corporal with the 60th Coast Artillery (AA), Battery Chicago stationed on Corregidor, P.I. and was captured on May 6, 1942. He spent 3+ years as a POW at Bilibid (Manila), Camp O'Donnell and Palawan (all P.I.), and Funatsu, Japan. Your web site was passed along to me by Phil Pratt this evening in a phone conversation. We were roommates for 8 months at DaNang. Vern's Email Address: bluestemwine(at)mchsi.com

Bob Looney says, I was a pilot in the 360th at Tan Son Nhut from Mar 1971 to Mar 1972. Bob Bonn, Jim Lashua, and I arrived about the same time and were pretty close throughout the year (in fact, I named my #2 son James Robert after the two of them).

Phil Pratt says, I was an RO with Detachment 2, 6994th Security Service at Da Nang from May, 1970 until May, 1971, Phil's Email Address: phil53m(at)juno.com. Phil now lives in Norman Oklahoma.

Date: Sunday, August 30, 1998 12:58 AM **Al Jump** says, Howdy!! Great Site!! Was with Det 2, '94th at Pleiku. Have a few dozen (hundred) photos of mission aircraft, including what was left of Goonies after rocket/mortar attack in April/May. Knew Mike C. on a personal basis as he was dnif when I arrived (broke his arm). He was shot down (57 mm AAA) 13 clicks ssw of firebase Nancy in April of 70. Sure hated to lose him. I was the "last one to turn out the lights" at Pleiku after Uncle Charles let us know that he wanted the place more than we did. Ended up at ACC (Combat Cougar/Combat Tiger) with 509th Radio Research Group (ASA). I have buku slides gathering dust. BTW, would like to locate a friend of mine "J J" Pitrus (Rabbit Ears). He also at Pleiku in between two tours at 6921/89th at Misawa. (Goon best aircraft God ever built!!) Al Jump, AC4VC USAF, Retired Roseville, California. Al's Email Address: aljump(at)sonic.net

Don Dennis says, Excellent Web Page. Brought back loads of memories. I was an inertial/doppler radar tech on the EC-47's. I was also airborne maintenance along with SSgt Richard Williamson in Nam in 71 and 72 at Tan Son Nhut. I also worked the EC,s out of NKP in Ubon along with the AC 130,s in 73. The system we worked on was out of a 707 and put in a 47, where the ground speed was usually less than a 110 which was the landing speed of a 707. We got a lot of "Red Balls" for the EC,s for maintenance especially after they pulled the Americans off the birds and put Viet's in as crews. I

had 10 Viets to train and I had 9 of the best. I spent my first 4 years with USAFSS before I crosstrained into electronics. Keep up the good work and heres to all you EC-47 and AC-130 Spectre troops. I respect you all. Retired with 25. I'll definetly revisit. Take care. Don's Email Address: dondedon5 (at) myway.com

Henry Cremer in a letter this morning says, I was assigned to the 360th TEWS in 1966, before there were any aircraft there. He became the Crew Chief on the First EC-47 to arrive at Tan Son Nhut. Henry was a close friend of a friend of mine at Nha Trang, SSgt Prentice "Pat" Brenton, Flight Mechanic on ill-fated Tide 86 on March 9th, 1967. Henry's Email Address: bluemax2(at)comcast.net

Steve Transue in signing my guestbook today, left the following information. Steve says was a SSgt with 6994th SS. He flew aboard the EC-47's as Airborne Mission Supervisor and Instructor Radio Operator. His tour ran August, 1971 to July, 1972 at both PhuCat until it closed out then up to Det.2 at DaNang. Also flew a few missions out of Saigon and NKP. Flew total of 175 missions and had a few hair raising missions mixed it. Says he really enjoyed his tour. Steve's Email Address: pstran@frontiernet.net

J.D. Smith served a tour flying the EC-47's in the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut in 1970-71. Says he has some photos to share soon. Says I have a photo of my finni flite, that is an EC-47 with a drag chute. Says I had it tied on to the tail wheel an threw it out after we cleared the runway. We taxied all over Tan Son Nhut and stopped all work when we taxied thru the F-4 revetments.

Received 23, April 1999 from **Lewis B. "Lew" Davis**. Lewis B. Davis says he was a Flight Mechanic, stationed with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut from January, 1968 thru December, 1968. Lew says, I was a crew chief/Flt mech on 43-48158 at Maxwell AFB in 1962. I was part or the crew that ferried it to the bone yard (Davis Montham) prior to 1963 when I left for the Philippines. I was with the 360 TEWS from Jan. 68 to thru December 68. While with the 360th I was sent TDY to Pleiku, and sure enough one morning at preflight briefing found out the tail No. of our plane that day was 158. It had a one piece plastic windshield at the pilots side.

While at Maxwell I had started ordering parts to replace the plastic but it was still there when I flew it in 1968. I really love this web site and if I can ever get off my butt and go thru my fotos I might be able to get some pict for you. Sincerely, Lew Davis. Lew's Email Address is: Fortwaltonbeac8(at)aol.com

John Galleazzi says, I served as an EC-47 Nav and IN with the 361st TEWS at Phu Cat, RVN from august, 1970 through August, 1971. I enjoyed your site and am glad to see that some of what we did is finally getting recognition. I was particularly pleased to see the reference to "Project Phyllis Ann", as I am interested in compiling a "history" of the TEW squadrons and ARDF in the Viet Nam war. Any information you have would be appreciated. Thanks again for making this site possible. Email Address: jgalleazzi(at)verizon.net

James Dobbs was a 1st Lt. at the 362nd at Pleiku from February 68, just after TET, to January 69. He got almost 1000 hours flying the EC-47s as Pilot. Says some of those goonies were older than he, a 1st Lt. just out of flight school. Says, we lost one plane, with a crew of 10, and one got hit in the right wing by a 37mm. Says, I was the co-pilot on the one that crashed on take-off on December 31, 1968, because a halon fire extinguisher discharged into the cockpit which blinded the pilot an me when the tail wheel had just gotten airborne and he lost control. Continues, We departed the runway to the left, headed East, and went over the bank behind the tower. Crossing the road we made a convertible out of a pickup truck, and almost went through a warehouse. We all got out when the main gear hit a culvert, collapsed and spun the aircraft around, tore the right engine off and started a fire. I thought I was dead, but got out with only minor scratches as did everyone else.

Rick Hand writes, I really enjoyed your site. You've done a remarkable job gathering all the info and researching the history of the TEWS and USAFSS and their use of the EC-47. As a SSgt, I was involved in the Combat Cougar program from July 4, 1967 until mid-1968, then again From 1970 to Feb. 6, 1972. I began with the 6994th SS at Tan Son Nhut. I was a "lowly" ground support analyst. On occasion they would give us "ground pounders" thrill rides. My first ride was in "Balls 9," the bird who had run across the infield at TSN on takeoff and clipped it's wing off on a fuel truck - something about the locking the old tailwheel. After a month or so at TSN I got elected to go out and liase with the ASA. Kind of a permanent TDY to make sure the ASA ground sites were giving us "stuff." I was there with the 175th Radio Research Co. until late May of 1968. I left the 6994th one year to the day after I got there (I traded my helmet, army TA-50 gear and my flak vest to a clerk for a July 4 portcall. I eventually ended up at HQ USAFSS at Kelly working for Col. Pappy Wallander, Major Dave Eddy, and Capt. Harold Businger. Chief Carrol Miller was also in and out of USAFSS and he convinced me to go back to Vietnam with him (TDY to Det. 1 at Nha Trang) to work on some targeting projects that we had been involved with working with ASA troops while at Bien Hoa. (That whole ASA thing rose out of, I think, the ASA's preference in giving the ASA ARDF (aural null birds) better intell for targeting than we had...I may be wrong. I often am.) We went in March of 69. Carrol stayed there - Vietnam was his favorite place in the world. I came back to USAFSS in July of 69. One of the people I ran into there was the CG's aide, 1LT James Clapper. We spent some time talking about ARDF. He would eventually take the helm of Det. 3, 6994th at Nakhon Phanom. (He would later retire as LT GEN Clapper, Director of the Defense Intelligence Agency. In August of 1970 he invited me to join him there and I did - Aug. 4, 1970 to Feb. 6, 1972. I left USAFSS then to accept a commission in the Army Reserve. While undergoing infantry training at Ft. Benning, GA I would learn from "Major Clapper" that John Ryon, my replacement had perished in the crash of a goon out of NKP. John was a great guy who wanted more than anything to be a backend flying 202. He returned to the states, took the altitude chamber stuff, and survival school at Fairchild, and returned as a flying 202 at Det. 3. It was a very hard day rubbing his name on The Wall last December. Also injured in that crash was my best friend in USAFSS - Paul Weyandt. He was a super X operator who had flown about nine zillion missions at the 6994th and Det 3. He would survive only to die in an auto wreck in the PI. I've gone on too long. Again, I commend your work, your site, and the memories - wonderful and sad - of the goonie bird in combat in SEA. (I once told my wife that I never flew on a goonie bird that was younger than I was). Thanks for the memories. Rick Hand (TEWS/USAFSS people can join the Freedom Through Vigilance Association. Their email is ftva@netxpress.com Many ARDF types are in the assoc.

Nikali "Nik" Carl Boldrin, writes, I was an E-4 with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut. I was a Technician in the Radar-Nav shop on night shift from September 1967 - September 1968. Did a lot of work on the doppler systems. Nik has a couple of chapters of his book, Sitting Duck, in the war stories section.

Tuesday, September 22, 1998 7:45 PM. **Doug Milton** says; Hi, I served with the 6994th Security Squadron from June of 68 thru May 69, arriving at Nha Trang and ferrying to and from Pleiku, flying lots of missions as a 203 occupying the Z1

position. Many memories. I remember Sgts Gott, McNeil, Farley, VanZandt, Klemme, Al Martinez, and Koepke.

Doug Campbell says; I served with the 6994th Security Squadron from August of 66 to February 68. Says he arrived at Det.1 at Nha Trang before there were any aircraft there. Got his ground training at Tan Son Nhut. Says he and Jim VanScooter were aboard the first aircraft brought up from Tan Son Nhut to Nha Trang.

Richard J. Burda says, I was a backender at Tan Son Nhut and Phu Cat on the EC-47's in 1971-1972. Great mission, a great 30 year career and the highlight was the flying in Vietnam. Hope to have more on Richard soon, J.C.

Rick Yeh says, This site brings back a lot of memories and is a great source of information on our mission in SEA. I was a 207 AMS ditty bop at Det 3 in NKP from Nov 71/72, but was mostly known as "Ho Chi" (as I was christened by my IRO-- Skeeter Dickerson on my Cherry ride). I found this site looking for info on Baron 52. I had left NKP only a week before we lost the plane. As I surfed the site, I noted that you didn't have many pictures of Det 3, so I plan to send a couple of shots I have recently digitized. I hope you can use them. I think you've done a great job with this site, and I've downloaded a lot of your articles about the ARDF program and the Baron 52 shutdown, as they are excellent descriptions of what we could never talk about until now, and of course are a great part of my personal history. Hope to visit this site many more times in the future. Rick's Email Address: blk67cougar(at)comcast.net

Frank Dayton says, I served with the 6994th from Dec.'69 thru Nov.'70 as a 292. I started my tour at Pleiku and went to Phu Cat when we turned Pleiku over to the Vietnamese. I also spent a two or three week TDYat N.K.P., so I got to see a lot of the organization and meet a lot of great people during my 11+ months in country. I feel very proud of my service there and today it provides me some of my greatest memories and personal accomplishments. I'd really like to hear for some of the friends I made during that time. Don Adam, Dave "Hippy" Holt, John Callahan are a few of many. If anyone has info of their whereabouts, please contact me. By the way, you've really got a great website. Keep up the good work. Your efforts certainly show.

Chon T. Pham writes, I was one of the first six VietNameese Navigators who were sent to 360TEWS for training in early 1972. My IN name was Major Pannel and I wish to have a chance to talk with him again. I found out your web site by Mr. Joe Martin. I was really enjoyed every single page. At least I still have something to remember and to forget. Thanks and keep up the good work. PTC/Sky Dragon 718TEWS. Chon's Email Address: May718(at)netscape.com

Richard (Dick) Kale says, I was assigned to the 94th in 1970 & 71. When assigned, we were short people, so after my cherry flight, I was made IRO, one month later, was put in Stan Eval. Along with Capt. Collins, Bob Scofield, Homer D. Reynolds, and two other operators, we started up the Vietnamization program. I checked out the first of these flights, not only did we loose an engine, but the day before, we lost the other one, sort of hairy, but all turned out well. I was only in country 10 months, but did fly 149 missions. I was known as Kale and his munchkins. Tks Dick Kale

Ernest L. Short says, Great site. Your site brings back a lot of memories. As a Captain, I was assigned as the first Commander, Det 2, 6994th at Pleiku in the summer of 1966. Unfortunately when I arrived at Pleiku, I was the sole member of the Det. Thanks to Jack Crook (The only member of 362nd TEWS), who also had no aircraft, I felt right at home. I have a book titled "The Longest Year" which has all of the 362nd TEWS personnel during the 66-68 time period. Ernest also has a list of all the original members of Det. 2 Ernie's Email Address is: eshort1(at)satx.rr.com

Dick Aufiero says, I was a crew chief with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut and crewed the VC-47 number 44-77284. Great site, brings back lots of memories, keep it up. Dick's Email Address: DAA050(at)COMCAST.NER

Edward J. "Jim" Maloney says, I was a Lieutenant with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut from September, 1971 to September, 1972. Jim's Email Address is: jim(at)maloney.com

Robert Benzon, says, Whew! I was beginning to wonder if I ever did serve in a TEWS unit! Not much in the history books about what we did over there. I served as a 2nd Lt, then 1st Lt copilot in the 362 TEWS at DaNang AB during 1972 and 1973. We closed the unit down several months after the spring of 1973 cease fire agreement. Interestingly, we continued to fly missions from DaNang after the cease fire with South Vietnamese markings on the airplanes. I never did fully understand that little maneuver. I went on to fly as a copilot and aircraft commander in KC-135s, shot through the ranks to Captain, and went off active duty in 1980 or so. I'm now an aircraft accident investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board. Your web site is extremely interesting. It brings back memories, good and bad, and is teaching me things I never even really knew about the history of the mission and the mission itself. Please keep up the good work. I would be happy to hear from any old friends.

Walter Palmer say's I was stationed at Nha Trang, 1968-69 with the 6994th SS, Det.1 as the Operations NCO and flew 205 missions in the EC-47's. The commanding officer at the time was Lt. Col Raymond H. Rade. I would like to hear from anyone that worked for me at Nha Trang. They all were the finest bunch of NCO's and airmen that you will ever find. Would also like to hear from Lt. Col. Raymond H. Rade and Major Grover Jackson. Retired in 1970 and live in the Poconos in PA.

Mike Keller says I was a First Lieutenant and was a Navigator with the 362nd TEWS from November 1967 to November 1968.

Received from **Bob Brown**. During the year of 1969 I had the pleasure of flying with some great guys. Anyone who might remember me and would like to say hello please do by e-mail. So glad to see Walt Palmer is still with us! Teddy Costello and I are the only ones I know of in the Orlando, Florida area. Sure would be good to hear from y'all.

Michael D. Lee sent the following information on his tour in SEA. I Arrived RVN Cam-Ranh Bay, flew north to Phu Cat on C-123. First afternoon "Charles" welcomed me to Phu Cat with my first rocket attack. I was a Sgt and was Assigned to the Phase Dock of the 361st TEWS. On 16 Oct-71 I was flown north to Da Nang on advanced party to merge some of our "GOONS" into the 362nd TEWS. I remained in the Phase Dock at the 362nd TEWS until DEROS in 1972. The pride that I developed in these two squadrons is still with me in everything I do today.

Al Budington served with the 6994th as a 292x1, Morse Intercept operator on the "Back End Crew", can't recall the exact dates but late 72 to late 73. Should have a little more on Al soon. My AO is dated 03 Jan 1973, (cant find my original

assignment orders with RNLT date, so assume was December 1972 sometime), flew my first flight on 07 Jan 1973 on EC47N #665, as Radio Operator. Somebody made me Airborne Mission Supervisor in July of 1973, and I flew my 129th mission and my final flight on November 30 in EC47Q #087- don't have any harrowing tales to tell, I can remember a few IFE's, one in particular when we took off from NKP and the pilot got a landing gear light, didn't know if the wheels were up or down, circled the field and the tower told us they were up---pilot decided to land, and wheels went down, but had red light indicating not locked--I have never felt such a smooth landing, usually happy to get down on second bounce--and of course the moment of conservation on another mission when pilot pulled gear handle instead of flaps handle during pre-flight check.. picture on my page----take care my friend---Al

From **Richard L. Snook**. I was in Viet Nam from December 1967 until December 1968 and I was assigned to the 360th at TSN. I was an E-4 and a crew chief on the EC-47's and had a small crew of six men and six airplanes to maintain. We worked on the flight line from 3 PM to 11PM each evening. When the TET offensive hit we had just left the flight line for the barracks. It was a couple of days before the base was secure enough to return to the line to see our shot up airplanes. In a week or so, we had them back together so they could continue their flights. I have used my Air Force aviation experience to continue to work on DC-3's. I am president of a small mission/humanitarian effort here in South Florida called Missionary Flights International. I learned to fly after Viet Nam and I am now a captain on the DC-3. MFI provides air support to over 600 missionary families working in Haiti and the Dominican Republic. We have four DC-3's that we use in this service. We just returned from Honduras where we assisted in relief efforts due to hurricane MITCH. I was landing on 2500 foot grass strips with food, water and other supplies. It was a great experience to see the DC-3/C-47 doing what it was meant to do, reach out to people in need. It is a great OLE bird and my admiration for the airplane grows each time I fly it. After being around the DC-3's for over 30 years I can attest to the airplanes trustworthiness. I am sure they will be flying long after I hang up my wings. I am grateful the Lord gave me my basic training on the EC-47's in Viet Nam. I have used it for His glory ever since.

Ernest L. Short, Jr. Ernest was a Captain at the time, and served as the First Commander, Detachment 2, 6994th Security Squadron at Pleiku from 31 August 1966 through 25 July, 1967. Ernest had a listing of the first folks to be assigned to the 6994th Det 2. and that list is posted elsewhere on this site. I thank him very much for this important listing. These folks were among the Pioneers of the EC-47 Operations in SEA and helped set the high performance standards of the operation became known for.

Thursday, 10 Dec 1998 From **John J. (J.J.) Moore**. Fantastic web site regarding Air Force ARDF Mission in Viet Nam. Your tribute for our fellow airmen who did not make it back is a reminder that they should never be forgotten and how fortunate we came back to our love ones. I was a Flight Commander in the 6994th at Tan Son Nhut from 8/70-8-71. Col Inge was our Commander, Lt. Col McMakin (sp) was Deputy. SMgt Jerry McKee and MSgt Buddy McGuire were also Flight Commanders (USAFSS) JC you're doing a great job with the web site, giving us a vehicle for networking with old friends and acquaintances from our EC47 days. Your name is not familiar to me, I don't know if we've ever crossed paths. I imagine my tour was similar to most back enders, both exciting and quite frequently frightening. On my first flight seeing that old patched up second world war gooney bird with no door, to say the least, made me a bit apprehensive. However, after 182 missions like most of us I have survived to reminisce about the good times and bad times. I remember the scary missions being caught in heavy storms during the monsoons. I remember us being shot at during night flights as we took off from Tan Son Nhut. I remember my first combat takeoff----wheels up before we were airborne. I remember a mission when flying at 5000 feet and notifying everyone I observed heavy ground explosions. We had been flying under a B-52 arc light bombing mission. I remember when my roommate Red Scholander was on a mission which had to be aborted because the pencil flares exploded when he laid his flak vest on top of the radio equipment directly in back of the cockpit. I remember frequently holding onto the navigators legs as he peered out the side door between the webbing trying to get a dopler set for the computer. After leaving Nam in 1970, the family and I spent a tour in Augsburg, Germany and then back for another 3 yrs at Chicksands where I retired in 1977. Went back to my home in Philadelphia where I retired again in 1996 as a Tax Assessor. Now in Edinburgh, Scotland where my wife Margaret and I spend about 6 months a year. Hoping a reunion in San Antonio materializes. Will continue to check the site for further details. Good health to you and yours. Take Care J.J.

Received from Mt. Bethel, PA December 11, 1998. **Dave Felker** says, Great Homepage and brings back many memories. Served as a RO in NHA TRANG from 1966-1969. Flew 360 missions with 13 air medals and DFC. Hoping to find some of my colleagues from NAM through this page. Thanks

Received from **Joe Wesner**, December 11, 1998. Jim, ran across your website in FTVA magazine and thought I would submit an info item for it. Hope the information went through but am uncertain it did. I was there, in Da Nang from Mar 72 thru Feb 73 and was an A20270. Ran flight ops for 202s for awhile then was SEFE for 202s for the remainder of my tour. I knew lots of people mentioned in your website, especially those that were there when I was. Knew Joe Matejov, Pete Cressman and Todd Melton who were killed on their fateful flight out of Ubon. I flew several flights with them when they were assigned to Da Nang. We closed Det 2, Da Nang in Feb, 1973. and I rotated back to the ZI. Fred Ziemer (SMSGT, ret) trained as 202 SEFE and transferred to UBON when we started flying out of there. The scariest part of my tour was at the end when they painted out the U.S. flag on the tail of the remaining EC-47s and replaced it with the RVN flag. If we had gone down and been captured, we had no cover story or any way to fool the NVN and would have surely been shot. Other than that, it was the best assignment (job satisfaction wise) I had in my career. I met and worked (played??) with some of the finest and most professional guys I ever knew. As time passes, my memory dulls but I have some vivid memories of some great times in both Swampy and Gunfighter villages on Da Nang AB, RVN. Warmest Regards, Joe Wesner CMSGT, Ret. 25106 S. 637 Rd. Grove, Oklahoma 74344

Received from Baltimore, Maryland on November 11, 1998. **Bill Christian** says, Spent 3 tours in Vietnam, Nhatrang 7-67 to 6-68, Danang 9-70 to 4-72, head SEFE in Danang, 376 combat missions, 2DFCs, many air medals. Responsible for testing 38 in Grenier after returning from Nha Trang (Major Eddy nav and myself the RO) in 1969 (give or take a year). Many memories and many happenings during that time. As time goes on I will try to relive some of those. I remember when I left in 1973 only a few had flown over 400missions, Mike Presslar, Art Silvin, Don Boston, and Mike Wilson. I never made that goal!! Received February 15, 1999. JC, I lived in NhaTrang with Fred Sebers at 8 LeeLai in beautiful downtown Nhatrang. I don't believe Fred was a part of the EC47s but he lived and hung out with us. I think he worked in supply or s/t like that. He was going to retire at the end of this tour and he only had a few months left. I had just gotten back from a mission and was tired and decided not to go to dinner with Fred and Dick Cheney at the Neptune club (a nice military club off base). Next thing I knew I was awakened and told that the VC put a claymore mine into the side of the club and when it blew up pieces of metal went into Freds head. By the end of the day he was pronounced dead, Dick and I believe Jim Ali

were lucky and only received several cuts and purple hearts. I also was lucky by not going to dinner with them. If you have or need any other info about that give me a shout. Bill Christian. PS: Looking forward to the EC47 reunion the end of May. Appreciate all ur efforts and everything you have done to bring us all together again.

Received from Bellevue, Nebraska on December 12, 1998. **John T. Shultz** says, I was stationed at Det 2, 6994th Security Squadron, at Pleiku, Republic of Vietnam, from 1967 to 1969. I worked as a 202. If anyone knows where Bill Hannon, Joe Stevens, Ron Gooch are please give me a call at, 1-800-246-2438. I also spent three years in CHIX in Berlin followed by a stint at Goodbuddy in the 202 school, then 14 years at Offutt, flying in the RC-135's where I retired. Once you get on it you can't get OFFUTT. Would love to hear from anyone at any of the above places.

Received from North Dakota, December 7, 1998. **Shorty Pettit Jr.** says, I was in the 360th TRW in 1967-1968 I am well aware of the missions of the EC-47 and outstanding dedication everyone in my outfit gave to the Nam. Out of all the aircraft I remember is balls 9. She was a good girl and gave her all for America. In the time I was there she never missed a flight. I am proud for what I did for my country in Nam.

Received From Lytle, Texas on December 6, 1998. **Larry J. Cromer** says, got your URL from Freedom Through Vigilance latest book and decided to check you out. I was in command from February 1955, (Ashiya, Japan) until I retired in 1977 from Kelly. I was a 292 then 202. In Viet Nam I was AMS on Drill Press and Phillis Ann. Was at Phubui when Tet came about. I got out as soon as we could and went to Pleiku and continued to fly our mission from there. I left there in 68. The name of one of our gooneys was BIG JEAN last 3 digits were 068 I think.

Received December 13, 1998. **Orvin Copeland** says, I was a TSgt and was assigned to the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut. I arrived there in July of 1967 for a years tour. Says most of his tour he was flight examiner, (Had to have been a flight mechanic.) but did not specifically say so. Wishes to hear from anyone who read this that may have known and worked with him. Gives his phone number as (334) 693-3626. Orvin did not leave an email address and I think submitted this via a friends system.

Received: December 15, 1998. **Dave Eddy** says, Hi Jim...great page. I have a lot to review yet, but have seen some familiar names and pics. You have done a great job. The EC-47's did a fantastic job in Nam and should be remembered. This is one super way of doing that. I was with the program from it's inception, flying the first prototype (Hawkeye) out of TSN beginning in Sep 1965. That tail number by the way was 50925. The prototype system was the ARD-18, and 50925 was sent back to Sanders Assoc to be modified and outfitted with the ALR-34. Missing from your list is 49268 (can't recall the year, but I think a 43 model) which was the first ALR-34 delivered in April of 67. Our crew Businger, Line, and others I can't recall, were the first to fly that one and started the training of the 6994th Operators and the front enders on the system. I need to do some digging to pull up more information, but those two tail numbers stick in my mind. Have long since lost or retired my Form 5 and the memory is not what it used to be. There was a second Hawkeye ...and I want to say that it was 703. Maybe Bob Line can help with that. I was also fortunate to start training for the TEWS on the ALR-35 and the ALR-38 system. Ended up several years of ARDF fun by closing TSN in Dec of 72. Again. ...thanks for your page. It is, and will be, a great memory maker for us that spent time in the Goons.

Received From Spartanburg, SC on December 15, 1998 **Melton L. (Randy) Francis** says, I was with the 360th TEWS from Nov. 1968 to Nov. 1969. I remember having a hell of a time replacing the heat exchanger on "Balls Nine"! It is great to see these photos and see this history. I have always said the Gooney Bird is the best aircraft the Air Force ever owned!!

Received on 16 December, 1998 **Clifford N. Craig** say, I served with the Detachment 2, 6994th in 1970-71. Hope to get more on Clifford. 7 July, 2001. Clifford added this information. I was a Sgt and served as an RA292x1 Airborne Intercept Operator. 28 Feb. 2006. Clifford's Email Address: cliffcraig@earthlink.net. Postal Address: 227 N. Pintado Dr. Diamond Bar, CA 91765. Phone: (909) 861-7008

Received December 17, 1998 from Minneapolis, MN. From **Gregory Smith** who says, I served in 360th TEWS from Feb 71 to Feb 72 on Flight Line. Like to hear from fellow buds who worked there the same time I did. Also wondering if anyone remembers TDY to NKP Thailand on 30 day rotations from 360th TEWS. It was Detachment 1 360th aka. Commando Forge. I was there May/June of 71. Can't forget those guys in Det 1. either. Im also looking for a close Line buddy I served with, Michael Martin. Jul 70/71 from 360th. He left Nam for Malmstrom AFB. Mont. Can't find him. Gregory's Email Address: smithhouse2(at)comcast.net

Received December 17, 1998 from Plattsmouth Nebraska. **John L. Hurst** writes, James, I flew with you on the EC47's while assigned to Det 1, 6994SS at NaTrang, RVN from the earliest flights in 66' until I PCS'd in Oct 67. I was an AMT (Airborne maintenance Technician). I only flew 18 missions for 104.6 combat hours on those Gooneybirds. I was a brand new SSgt when I got to VN, but stayed in until I retired as SMSgt in 1980 after flying on EC130A&B's in Germany, and RC135S/D/M/U's in Alaska and at Offutt AFB, Ne. Ended up with more than 3,000 hours in the airborne recon program. When the traveling wall visited Omaha I took my two sons and we looked up the names of the guys I remembered from the aircraft we lost in 67. . It really gave them a better sense for what we experienced and the price our comrades paid. My address is 1309 Cambridge Court, Plattsmouth, Ne 68048. Found you in the Guestbook. Happy Holidays! John Hurst

Received from Petersburg, Michigan on Saturday, December 19, 1998. **Thomas V. Cutcher** writes, I Served in the Air Force Security Service from March of 1968 to July 1972. I was an analyst (202). Basic at Amarillo, training at Goodfellow. First assignment 6981st at Elmendorf AFB Alaska, then to Danang AFB 1970 6994th Det 4, next to Tan son nhut AFB 1971 6994th as liaison with 509th Army Radio Research Grp Saigon. My last assignment was with the 6948th Goodfellow. I left with the rank of SSgt. Tom says he would be glad to hear from any of you. This added November 21, 1999 Thomas says, I a SSgt with the 6994th and was a 202 (analyst). I was stationed at Danang at the end of 1970. In early 1971 was transferred to TanSonNhut where I worked as a liaison with the Army 509th Radio Research where all the Army and Air Force missions were coordinated.

Received, Saturday, December 19, 1998. **Gary D. Letterle** writes, A quick note from another old crew chief. I was the crew chief of aircraft number 668, WATZAMATTAU, in 1968 at Pleiku air field in Viet Nam. An EC-47N model. In my opinion the most RUGGED, DEPENDIBLE, HEAVY DUTY, MUSCLE Airplane ever made. A tear comes to my eye every time I think about Her. THANKS for keeping the tradition of the ultimate in no frills flying alive.

Received Sunday, December 20, 1998 From **Dave Kettenhofen**. Dave writes, I was a Sgt and was stationed at TSN AB from May 1970 to May 1971 as a Radio Operator with the 6994 SS. During my tour I flew approximately 130 EC-47 missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and 3 Air Medals. I would like to hear from anyone who remembers me from that period. Some names I can recall are Bill Wooten, Rick Heilman, Roy Jordan, Gary Graeber, Brent Spoelstra, Hank Cravens, Nolan Pressley and a guy called "Stumpy". How many of you remember the trips down good old Plantation Road?

Received from Warner Robbins, Georgia, Tuesday, December 22, 1998 11:36 PM. **Jim Luther** writes, Found the EC-47 web-site earlier in the day. I have been retired for the past 19 years and have had a computer and E-mail access for the past 3 or 4 years. It just dawned on me to search for "USAFSS". I did and I found the EC-47 site you put together. Right away I found a long lost friend, Walt Palmer. You have done an outstanding job. I spent from November 1971 until August 1973 with the 6994th SS. Started out in Tan Son Nhut from there I went to DaNang and later, moved over to Ubon, Thailand. Was Chief of SEFE at Danang and Ubon. Was there thru Baron 52 and lots of other things. All those on Baron 52 except Dale Brandenburg worked for me in Stan Eval. I will sign your guestbook as soon as it lets me in. I couldn't get it up this afternoon. Any way, you have a nice site here and I am going to make good use of it. Am also a ham, WB4SXR, (been at it for 25 years) 73 and hope to hear from you. Jim Luther, TSGT Ret. PS, a reunion is a great idea.

Received Wednesday, December 23, 1998 From **Don Line**. Don writes, I first served in Vietnam at Phan Rang with a C-123 unit and after about two weeks, was sent to the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut. I was a Sgt and served in the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut in 1971-1972. I worked night shift on the flight line as a Crew Chief on EC-47 number 43-48767. I believe this plane was transferred to Tan Son Nhut from Pleiku in 1971.

Received from **Bob Irving**, Andover, MA December 28, 1998. Bob writes: Very nice job. Thank you for putting all of this information together. I served as a Navigator in the 362nd TEWS at Pleiku from September 1967 to September 1968. Would enjoy hearing from anyone who recalls hanging out at Del-Mac's... the unofficial R&R center (bar) in RMK area. Mike Keller and I were proprietors for the tour. You were all a really great bunch of guys. I've always been very proud of the job that we all did. Thanks, JC, for the history and wealth of detail about our mission. Bob's Email Address: rhirving(at)gmail.com

Received from **Mark Broswick**, Virginia December 30, 1998. Mark writes: I was assigned to Det 2, 6994th Security Squadron at DaNang in 1972 as an airborne radio direction finding specialists.

January 3, 1999 Received from **Mike Kahley**. Mike writes, Great website! I found the loads of data very interesting and it brought back many memories. I remember people like Herm Smitley, Mike Kaiser, Fred Ziemer, Jim Luther, Paul Weyandt, Mark Morris, Lionel Blau, Brad Howell, Ralph Jasper, Ron Schofield, Carl Nevin, Wildman (can't remember his name, but he was an X1 that later became an officer), Lt MaCaulley (sp), Tom Rinderle (Dagwood), and Joe Matejov (who I used to work with in Misawa and where he was known as Kiwi). Also, there were the aircraft, like tail number 570 that gave me and the crew two sorties in the same day, due to an unsked stop. There was another time when we crashed on our return to Ubon, when the newly qualified pilot bounced and caught a cross wind that threw us off the runway into a barrier shack and collapsed the landing gear, providing us with the ride of our lives, Not sure of the date and tail number, would have to try and figure it out from the records I still have. According to my records, it happened on Oct 3rd 1973 and involved tail number 208, which was later put together by the maintenance crew so that they could fly it out. I don't know if it was ever used for later missions, as it had damage to antennas and who knows what else. Anyway, after I left the 94th, I went to Crete, than Thailand again, back to Kelly in San Antonio, a second tour to Misawa (the original tour was my first tour in the AF), to Fort Meade, than to Japan for a tour with a Navy Unit supporting 7th Fleet, than back to Fort Meade where I retired. I now work for Harris Corporation as a system administrator and facility manager. Keep up the good work on your website and I can assure you that I will be checking it out frequently. Mike Kahley, MSgt, USAF (Ret) Mike's Email Address: mike94th(at)comcast.net

Received January 4, 1999 from **Dave Mace Masson**. Dave writes I was a Sgt Squadron 6994th Base Tan Son Nhut & NKP Year 1971-1973 What I remember most of my fantastic tours in the 6994th is the comraderie and long lasting friendships made during these trying times. The gooney bird quietly ruled the skies. So many missions so many dedicated people. People like CMSgt Paul Weyandt Col Eddy CMSgt Sherwood CMSgt Dagwood Rinderle and truly the list could go on forever.

Received from **Marsby E. Warters**, Fairhaven, MA January 4, 1999. Marsby writes, Hi Jim, Great to find this page. I've seen one name I think I remember -- Dave Felker. I served at Nha Trang from Feb 69 to Apr 69 then NKP May-Sep 69 and finally Phu Cat until Feb 70. I was a 292 ditty bop with the 6994th. Landed in NAM after 18 months at Clark AFB, RPI. Ended my 4 year career at Kelly AFB, Medina Annex. Marsby's Email Address is: jmwarters (at) comcast.ne

Received January 7, 1999 from **Larry Pius**. Larry writes: I was with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut from May 1969 to May 1970. Thank you for taking the time to put this outstanding site on-line. I have some pictures at home that I'll send in to you in the next few days.

Received January 8, 1999 from **Fred Ziemer**, Severn Maryland. Fred Writes: Great Homepage. Brings back alot of memories. I was a member of the 6994th Det 2 at Da Nang in 1972 and a member of the 6994th Det 3 at Ubon in 1973. During this period I flew as an Airborne Analyst and Flight Examiner (was a prior 292) working with Jim Luther at both locations. You have a great site and will review it weekly for old friends. Fred's Email Address: fhziemer(at)pa.net. Postal Address: 6899 St. Annes Drive, Fayetteville, PA 17222. Phone: (717) 352-7780

Received January 9, 1999 from **Rodger Curnow**. Rodger writes, I'm just writing to say that I'm so grateful to you for the web page on the EC-47!!!! I served as a navigator with the 362nd TEWS at DaNang between 28 September 1970 to 27 September 1971; was a 2nd, then a 1st lieutenant and was 22 years old when I went over. Now I'm a lawyer in California. I'm planning to attend the reunion this May and will talk it up with my old TEWS buddies! Rodgers Email Address: dodger82(at)SBCglobal.net

Received January 10, 1999 from **Merle Vernone**. Merle writes, I saw an entry in the Chicksands page run by the Bedford County people about a reunion for ec47 folks. I was the commander of Det 1, 6994th at Nha Trang and later at Phu Cat July 1969-1970. I would be very interested in any particulars that are available or in the works.

Received 12 January, 1999 from **Norm Taylor**. Norm says, HI I got your e-mail/web sites from Joe Martin. He and I flew together in Vietnam. I was with the 6994th at Phu Cat and flew with the 361st TEWS. Photographed almost all of the EC-47s during my tour Jul70-Jul71. If you know of anyone wanting to purchase photos, have them get in touch.

Received January 13, 1999 from **Charles Haram**. Have really enjoyed your site on the EC's. I spent a year (Jan 72 - Jan 73) on the EC-47's at NKP. Was in maintenance and ran the night shift for the whole year. When I found your site I started looking for photo's I have somewhere of the operations at NKP during that year. Will e-mail some to you when found. I remember I spent most of that year in the 362 TEWS and shortly before I rotated maintenance was put under the 56th OMS. I noticed you spent 66-67 at Nha Trang. I did my first tour in SEA at Nha Trang also, was on the C-123's however. Anyway, I have enjoyed your site, it brought back some good and not so good memories but that's what makes life life. Keep up the good work! Email Address: haramc(at)gmail.com

Received: January 13, 1999 from **Michael W. Vanandre**. I was in the 362 TEWS from 8/72 thru 1/73 when we were moved to NKP. I ended up in C-141s (FE) and left the service at McChord in '77. I have been working for Boeing 21 years. There's talk of a reunion? How can I help? I have lost touch with everyone. So glad I found your pages, great job!

Received from **Ed Benningfield**, San Antonio, Texas, January 15, 1999. Ed writes: Congratulations on an excellent WEB site. It provides a great place for former EC-47ers to reminisce, stay in touch, share experiences and possibly renew old acquaintances. I was at Pleiku and DaNang 70-71 - a Morse Backender and, on occasion, an AMS. Hello to Bill Christian and Dick Burda. Keep up the good work and stay healthy - we need and appreciate your continued support. P.S. I have several in-flight (formation) pics of the beloved AN Balls 9 with AN681 (out of Da Nang). I'll send them to you if interested.

Received January 21, 1999 from **Neil Sides**. Neil Writes, I was with Det 2, 6994th from Sept 70 to Aug 71 and ran the scheduling section. A brief history of that time frame follows: Col Blackwell was the commander, Chief Naylor (in cypher) was NCOIC of ops. Bill Christian and Mike Wilson ran the training and evaluation program. Art Silvn and Don Boston were two of our mentors and really good people. Todd Melton arrived shortly before I departed and I only flew with him once. (He was the Linguist on the last bird we lost in Laos) Bill knew him quite well and always spoke highly of him. When I get the time, I will look for some pictures and get them to you. I have requested an E-MAIL list of FTV members and when it arrives I will start contacting others that flew the Goon and start promoting a good turn out for our first reunion. Bill and I for two are really looking forward to it. Also, on the history, some of front end people I remember are Lt Ron Sergot, Lt Steve Stahl, and Lt vatali. Three good men that was always fun to R.O.N. with in Thailand. Keep in touch. Neil's Email Address: refsides@aol.com

Received January 21, from **Roger Hubert**, San Antonio, Texas. Roger writes, J.C., I just signed onto AOL and was looking for a history assignment for college and stumbled on to your excellent page. It's great to find familiar names (Dave Eddy, Ed Benningfield, etc.) I flew with them as a 202 at Ton Son Nhut from July '71 to May '72. It was the best assignment of my 25 + years in the Air Force. I saw Grover Mc Maken at this years FTV (USAFSS/ESC) association reunion in Oct 98. Does the 6994th EC-47 group have a separate reunion? I thought about joining the S.O.B. Society of Backenders in San Antonio, Texas. It has been great to find your homepage. look forward to hearing from other "Combat Cougars". Thanks for a great job!

Received January 22, from **Joe Simpson**. Joe was a Navigator with Chuck Miller and his crew with the 361st at Nha Trang, 67/68. Somehow I lost him, I assume when I had a hard disk problem. I appologize to the oversight. Joe says he will have the tour data back to me, probably this weekend. J.C.

Received January 23, 1999 from **James A. Jones**, Dover Delaware. James writes, I was at Danang Feb 71 Feb 72 with the TEWS. I crewed 43-49771 "Crackers" MSgt Bard was my boss. Pete Randolph crewed 4349570 "Judy in da sky". Best web site I have found about the goons. Will try to send photos later. I am looking for more photos of Danang, Gunfighter village ... welcome home bros. Jim

Received January 25, 1999 from **Henno Uus**. Henno writes, Please add my name to the "crew roster". I was a Navigator in RVn with the 362 TEWS from May 70 to March 71. (Pleiku AB and Danang AB)

Received January 27, 1999 from **David Bassett**, San Antonio, Texas. David writes: I was a navigator in the 362nd TEWS at Pleiku and Danang starting in March 1970 and was turned onto your very informative web site by Rodger Curnow. I would appreciate your adding me to your mailing lists.

Received, January 28, 1999 from **Joe. E. Hogg**. Joe writes, Helped set up the Det. 2, 6994th at Pleiku in 1966. I was a SSgt and worked as standeval for X1's. Completed @ missions before rotation. Capt. Ernie Short was the CO and CMSGT A.C. Chamblee was NCOIC OF OPS. It's been over thirty years - time to get back together. Joe's Email Address is: hogg3792(at)gmail.com. Postal Address: 400 Heartland Dr. Russellville, AR 72801. Joe left a Phone number, (479) 880-1561.

Received February 1st, 1999 from **Charlie Martin**, Fond du Lac, WI. Charlies says, I was a 203 with the detachment of 6994th SS at DaNang from July 1970 to February 1972. Todd Melton of Baron 52 was my first student, my roommate and my friend. 209 Missions. Balls 9 sucked. A previous reunion was held in Seymour, IN in 1986. We had about 22 former 203's and many family members. Another one is tentatively scheduled for Monterey, CA in August of 1999 - thirty years after we graduated from language school. Maybe we will reconsider and go to San Antonio.

Received February 2, 1999 from **Jack A. Brown**, Port Arthur, Texas. Jack writes, I taught EC-47 aircrew familiarization and EC-47 ground maintenance, plus Flight Engineer familiarization at England AFB LA. Was transferred to Tan Son Nhut and the 36th TEWS in 1966-67. Was on flight line ground crew. Returned in 1969-70 to Phu Cat and the 361st TEWS, was assistant phase dock chief. Finally retired in 1975.

Received February 6, 1999 from **Walt Suksta**, San Angelo, Texas. Walt says, I'm a "Dogger" that is, a Vietnamese linguist. 175 sorties from Tan Son Nhut & NKP with the 6994 SS in '71 & '72. I remember returning from a mission and seeing '937 is the grass between the runways at TSN. Lots of was stories (of course!) but will save them for another day. Really appreciate the time & effort put into this, especially the "Baron-52" data. Todd Melton was a close friend and a classmate of mine in Vietnamese language training. Also taught Matejov & Cressman at the ARDF class taught at Goodfellow AFB (Where I spent several years). Made the trip from San Angelo, TX to Arlington a few years ago for the

internment of the "remains". (Also know several of the guys on the Joint Casualty Resolution Team - including one who participated in the on-site excavation/examination - really glad the lay those ghosts to rest!). 6994SS was my first operational duty station. Another 225 missions in RC-135's/130's, retired happily as a CMSgt in 1992. Keep in touch!

Received February 2, 1999 from **Bill White**. Bill writes, Thanks, JC, for the invite and adding my name to your addressee list. Can't promise will be in S.A. in May, but certainly will look hard at calendar and see what's available. Was in S.A. in Oct 98 for "washed out 50th reunion"; missed a lot of the side reunions that always take place. At '97 gathering signed a 6994th and Dets member book...don't know what was done with all those names. I was assigned TSNhut July 68 to Feb 69. Most of tour was TDY to Pleiku. Punched holes in sky on Combat Cougar and Sentinel Sara missions, escaping to Kadena for pleasure trips aboard Combat Apple RC-135M birds from Feb 69 thru Sep 72. Spent entire AF career in USAFSS/ESC (30 yrs 1 mo 26 days...who counts!) Enough jabber...thanks again and plan on visiting EC-47 site soon and often.

Received February 8, 1999. **James L. Rogers** of Colleyville, Texas was a navigator with the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang in 1968-69.

Received February 8, 1999 from **Art Silvin**. Art writes, I heard about the EC-47 reunion scheduled for 29-31 May, 1999. I heard about the reunion from Neil Sides out in California. He said you might be interested in my involvement with the program. I was an AMS/IRO at Pleiku and SEFE at DaNang during my 5 consecutive tours. I flew mini-mod and maxi-mod tests on the AN-ALR-38's at Pleiku, flew 635 missions, and re-enlisted during a mission on my 500th mission.

Received 07/25/00 from: Art SilvinUrl, Stewartstown, PA. Art says, I was Stationed at Pleiku and DaNang with Det 2, 6994th as an AMS/IRO/SEFE. I was in Southeast Asia in 1969, 70,71,72. Comments: With fondest memories of a very significant time in my life and an association with the finest men the AF had. My special best wishes to "Wee Willie" Christian, Neil Sides, Don Boston, JJ Pitzeruse, Mike Wilson, Ron Swan, Hy Brock and many others too numerous to mention. Health and business kept me from the last reunion but I am trying hard to clear the way for this years'. Would like nothing more than to renew old friendships and pay respect to our fallen comrades. Hope to see you in Texas the 28th, 29th, 30th, 1st.

Received February 8, 1999 from **Paul Kirkwold**. Paul writes, I served from 1970-71 at DaNang and I am interested in hearing from anyone who flew as an X-1 during the period. Received February 12, 1999 more, from Paul Kirkwold of Starbuck, MN. Paul writes, Just wondered on in to see if anybody recognizes my name. If so anybody that want's to talk with fellow "back-ender", or so we are called now, call me up on my E-mail. I was also in the P.I. from 1968 to early 1970 before my tour as an X-1 from 1970-1971. I've got some fond memories and some not so fond memories (namely the time "someone" got us 25 miles into North Vietnam when Mig's were scrambled and the race between the Phantoms and the Mig's was the only thing that kept us from biting the dust.) But I've gotten past that now and have enjoyed your page and the memories that it brought back. Thanks to my son I found this page and was able to recognize a couple of names. So don't hesitate to write in. Thanks for the generous amount of interest in the page. Let's keep a good thing going.

Received February 9, 1999 from **John A. Ritner** Jr. of Columbia, SC. FINALLY, a tremendous link with the past! Thanks for setting this up. Went through Goodfellow AFB and graduated from class 690730 in December 1969. Served at the 6949th at Offutt from Jan 70 through April '71. I was the Operations Officer at Det 3 in NKP from June '71 to Dec '71 and then PCS'd to Danang @ Det 2 from Dec '71 to Jun '72. I saw Dave Eddy's entry and also saw references to Todd Melton. Both familiar. Todd was at Danang with me as was "KIWI", both of whom I understand were on Baron 52. Came back to the HQ USAFSS Command Post from Jul '72 - Mar '74. Then cross-trained into the transportation career field. I've been wondering if the 6994 ever had any reunions -please let me know. Other names I recall: Skeeter @ NKP, Bob Sherwood, Kermit Wegner, LTC McMakin, Art Silva, "JJ" Pitzeruse, Junior Barnes. I've got a picture of the "Moon Goon" somewhere here at the house. Thanks again.

Received February 13, 1999 from **Ed Bendinelli**, San Angelo, Texas. Ed writes, Flew out of Det 1, 6994th (Nha Trang) from Sept 66 to Dec 67 and then out of the 94th at TanSonNhut from 71/72. Was there when both Ray Leftwich and Fred Sebers were killed out of Det 1. Fond memories of both tours. The site is great and I'm sure I'll be visiting it again now and then to check out your guest book. Fascinating stuff and I'm so glad someone out there is keeping these memories alive. Regards-Ed.

Received February 14, 1999 From **Ed Bendinelli**. J.C.-Your message was appreciated. I arrived in Nha Trang in September 66. The Det commander was a captain named Lester Mellott. He put on major several months after I arrived; we made him an oversized pair of Major's leaves and he wore them all over the base that day. I'm going to have to put my brain in high gear to try and remember some of the names you dropped. I remember a lot of things from those days but names of the front-enders isn't one of them. I do remember that in those early days, all our cockpit crews were Majors, LtCols or Colonels; when I went back to Nam in 1971, the majority of our pilots were 1st or 2nd Lieutenants. They had little experience in flying goons; after an unusually bumpy landing now and then, I used to ask the pilot how many landings he wanted to log for the day. Be that as it may, I do remember several of those early pilots quite well. One's name was John Gray (sp); he had a snow-white crew-cut and had quite the history in goons. Another pilot was Major John Ayala, aka "Shaky John", who always looked like Don Knotts on the ground but was as solid as a rock in the cockpit.

The first front end crew I ever flew with was Major Bohrer's crew, the one lost over BongSon on March 9, 1967. I vividly remember my mission with him, not only because it was my "cherry" flight but because we had a near miss with an Air Vietnam Goon. I can still hear Major Bohrer's voice talking, so calm and cool after the incident while the rest of us were trying to scrape ourselves off the goon's walls. The tribute to the crew of 201 was touching, believe me. Ray Leftwich, the NCO on board that day, wasn't even supposed to be flying that day. Dan Resse, the junior RO on board, was having difficulty mastering the "X" position so Ray went on board to help. The rest is history. Ray was one of the NCOs who lived with us at 8 Le Lai, one street over from the main drag in downtown Nha Trang. 201's loss was a blow to everyone. I still remember the memorial service held in the base's open air theater --fly over and all. Over the years, I have spoken at a number of NCO Academy graduations and almost always talk about Ray's crew and about Fred Sebers, another member of the 94th who died as the result of wounds received in a terrorist attack on the Vietnamese NCO club on the beach road. I had known Fred for years. Fred drove landing craft in WWII, was in Korea and although he could've retired, he once said that he couldn't see leaving the Air Force while it was involved in Vietnam; he felt he had to be part of it. It cost him his life! In 1975, now Colonel Lester Mellott arrived at Misawa AB, Japan as the new Wing Commander. One of his first actions was to contact me and we began work on memorializing the backenders of 201 at Misawa AB. Months later, all three were memorialized in formal ceremonies. One of those in attendance was the USAFSS Senior Enlisted Advisor, CMSgt Tom Echols. Back in 1967, Tom, then a TSGT, was one of the two men from the 94th to go out to the crash site to recover

the remains. I came to San Angelo in 1978 from Japan and as things would have it, I met Ray's wife, Betty; she worked at the local BX. She passed away a number of years ago, but not before Ray was again memorialized, here at Goodfellow AFB. A new student dorm was named Leftwich Hall. Another dorm is named after Jock Ryon who was killed in the crash of a goon later in the war. Several years later, I was attending a Boy Scout dinner with my wife one night and sitting directly across from me was Ray Leftwich, Jr. One other bit of irony. About a year ago, I met a Vietnamese gentleman who lives here in San Angelo and attends my church. Found out he grew up on Le Lai street in downtown Nha Trang, not many doors down from where I lived while I was there. Sadly, Colonel Mellott, who was retired and living in Colorado Springs, passed away quite unexpectedly this past January. He was a remarkable man, one of the great influences on my life, and I will miss him. Well, enuf is enuf. Again, I appreciate the personal touch and I hope I didn't bore you with all this. Just felt like writing down a few memories.

Received February, 13 from **Roger Hartman**. Roger writes, I flew the EC-47 out of DaNang during Oct 70-Oct 71. It was quite an experience. Started out as a brand new 2Lt right out of pilot training and left an instructor. I've been looking over your web site and thinking about the reunion. Thanks for putting this together. I know it's a lot of work.

Received February 17, 1999 from **Bob Graham**, Satellite Beach, FL. Received letter re EC-47 reunion, San Antonio in May. Flew with the 360th September 1966 to October 1967. Jim Jelley was our Commander followed by Bill Horn. Have lists of most of the Crew members who were assigned to the 360th during that period of time. Would be happy to furnish if you need it. Designed the original insignia of the Antique Airlines.

Received February 19, 1999 from **Mike Hornbrook**. Mike writes, Just wanted to say thanks for the memories. I was stationed in I corp with the 6994th (HUE-PHU-BAI). There wasn't many of us then, and most likely fewer now. I was a ditty chaser and without doubt HUE was the most rewarding job ever. I was there throughout 1967, and left just before the TET offensive started. If anyone has any knowledge of the guys who flew out of HUE, it would be nice hearing from you. Received February 21, 1999 Hi JC Good hearing from you. I was indeed a part of the 94th. I was a Morse Operator and like I said in my first message, never had a job that was so rewarding and I know I never will again. If my memorie serves me correctly, we had the only two EC-47s in the 6994th designed for collection only. I've heard conflicting reports over the years as to the number of aircraft the 6994th lost in SEA, can you give me the correct figure? I'll look forward to hearing more about the reunion, please keep me posted.

Received 1, March, 1999 from **John M. McBride**. Was at TSN 1968-69, Hello to all crewmembers. Prior to Nam, 6921st Sec. Misawa, Japan. Trick 3. Received 28, February, 1999 from John M. McBride. In response to a question on John's Guestbook entry, John writes, To begin with, I received my VFW magazine today. Once after reading the interesting stories etc, I usually turn to the reunion section in the back of the magazine. I noticed EC-47 right off and then 6994th SS which I was a part of. I have a friend in New York state that served with me in Misawa, Japan and at Ton Son Nhut. When we converse we usually talk about the things we did as well as the people we met and to this day can't find. The field that we were in, doesn't command a lot of advertisement or national noteriety. Only to ourselves. I noticed your e-mail address and decided to give it a shot. From reading your history, I assume you were a flight mechanic. Sorry if I'm wrong. Your name sounds familiar but as you know there wasn't alot of contact among crews because they were always different and not a chance to get to know someone serving in a different capacity. I think your site is a great idea and a good chance for old friends to link up again. May I make a suggestion? On your guest book, have a party give their name, what unit, when and any questions they might ask to locate someone. Just an idea. I have looked through old records and out of the scores of names, the people I knew have relocated. The internet is a great device for searching for names and a chance to talk to an old friend or buddy. They are hard to find. Anyway I got to Nam in Sept 68 and left in Aug 69. I flew 132 missions. I thought it was a better tour than the one I had in Japan. I got the DFC after one year of being out of the service. My final rank was E-4 Sgt. Although compared to nowadays I think that would be equivalent to a chief the way they hand out rank now. This is in short my history of "what I did in the war daddy." I am bookmarking your site to refer to often and tell others of its whereabouts. Thanks for having the initiative to start it. Oh yeah congratulations on your retirement and a job well done for us all. Sincerely, John M. McBride. John's Email Address is: mjwmcbride (at) sbcglobal.net

Received 1 March, 1999 from **Gary Gardsy** Newfoundland PA. Gary says, I was a crewchief with the 362nd TEWS at Pleiku from January 69 to January 70 and was assigned to aircraft 730 a Q model. Gary's Email Address is: gardsy(at)verizon.net

Received a phone call 1 March, 1999 from **Craig Hinton**. Craig was needing information on the upcoming reunion and we had a good visit on the phone. He was Navigator on one of the early ferry flight crews, taking the 4th EC-47 from New Hampshire to Tan Son Nhut in 1966. He spent his tour with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut August 1966 to August 1967. During our conversation, I ask him if he recalled a flight mechanic by the name of Mike Mineau and this brought the comment that his flight mechanic was Bill Pigg. I jumped in here and said I remember Bill, he was also from Arkansas and I had forgotten about him. Email Address: c.hinton(at)hotmail.com. US Postal address is: 2668 N. Riviera Dr. White Bear Lane, MN 55110 [J.C. adds] After the phone conversation with Craig Hinton, I got on the internet searching for Bill Pigg. Bingo, first try by phone to Ft. Smith Arkansas just 50 miles west of me, Bill answered the phone. Bill was in the same group as I as we prepared for our tour in Vietnam. We went through Swamp Rat and Water Survival School at Hurlburt together. He was flight mechanic on the 4th EC-47 ferry flight crew taking a bird from New Hampshire to Tan Son Nhut in 1966 and completed his tour there in 1966/67 with the 360th TEWS. Bill also requested reunion information, so hopefully he too will be at the reunion. Bill has no E-mail address, but if you need to contact him, I will send you his postal address. J.C.

Received 2 March, 1999 from **Joe Freedman**, of Ithica New York. Joe says he was informed about the EC-47 History Site by a friend, John M. (Mike) McBride. Says that he and Mike served together in the 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut in 1968/69.

Received 2 March, 1999 from **Ted Hedrick**, Tabernacle, NJ. Responding to the Reunion Notice in the VFW magazine Ted writes, Saw the latest VFW magazine and thought I'd write for some info. My name is Ted Hedrick and I was with the 361st TEWS from Aug 71 to Oct 71 (Phu Cat) and the 362nd TEWS from Oct 71 to Apr 72 (DaNang). I was in maintenance and worked the phase inspection docks at both locations. I've only seen two guys I was with since then. They were MSgt Richard Garbett and MSgt Hultz. If you have Garbett's location, please let me know. Thanks!

Received via Phone call 2 March, 1999 from **Silas W. Smith**. Silas was requesting information on the reunion and offered the following, He was with the 362nd TEWS at Danang and worked in aircraft maintenance. He has no email address but said I could list his postal address on this page should any old friends come across this. Silas's Email Address: silasair(at)sbcglobal.net. Silas W. Smith 96 Coppermill Road, Wethersfield, CT 06109

Received 3 March, 1999 from **Joe Steingasser**, Austin Texas. Joe says, I was a pilot and aircraft commander with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut in 1967.

Received via Phone call 3 March, 1999 from **David Lott**. David called requesting reunion information. Turns out he is just down the road from me about 100 miles in Jacksonville, Arkansas. David was a flight mechanic with the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang from November 1967 to November 1968. David also has the distinction of being among the lucky ones. He was flight mechanic on the crew of Robert Dobbins on March 11, 1968 and was shot down and the entire crew was rescued by helicopter. This was Brew 41, the story is elsewhere on the site. David does not have an Email address but his US Postal address is: 25 Del Tara Jacksonville, AR 72076

Received via Phone call 3 March, 1999 from **John R. Holland**. Like David, John was inquiring about the reunion. He was on the EC47 History Site as we were speaking.(And I failed to get his Email address.) Maybe he will leave it on the site for me. John was a 20 year old flight mechanic, that arrived at Nha Trang before they had any aircraft. He flew with the cy-war birds for a short time until the 361st got a few planes. He arrived at Nha Trang in Sept. 1966 and left in December for Pleiku and the 362nd. He was given his check-ride in the EC-47 by SSgt Prentice F. Brenton, the flight mechanic on the first EC-47 to be shot down and all the crew lost on 9 March, 1967, Tide-86. John's US Postal address is: 230 Raleigh Dr. Vacaville, CA 95687 Should have an E-mail address soon.

Received 4 March, 1999 from **Ed Miller**. Ed writes, I was stationed at Tan Son Nhut AB with the 6994th SS from August 1970 to August 1971. My primary duty was as Operations Officer.

Received via Phone call 4 March, 1999 from **Warren Kreger**, Lebanon, Illinois. Warren was seeking more information on the reunion and says he was stationed at Nha Trang with the 361st TEWS as a Crew Chief on the aircraft known as "Henrietta Hog". He was there from July 1968 to July 1969. Warren has no email address, but his US Postal address is: 10332 Short Street Lebanon, Illinois 62254

Received Email 4 March, 1999 from **Charles Kelly**. Charles was a Flight Mechanic with the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang in 1966/67. Don't have an email address as yet for Charles.

Received via Phone call 5 March, 1999 from **Stan Schloesser**, Belleville, Illinois. Stan was seeking more information on the reunion and says he was stationed at Pleiku with the 362nd TEWS as a Maintenance Officer in 1969/70. Stan has no email address, but his US Postal address is: 33 Sir Lawrence Drive, Illinois 62221

Received 5 March, 1999 from **James M. Coffman**. James was seeking more information on the reunion and says he was stationed at Nha Trang with the 361st TEWS as Flight Mechanic on Major Jacobson's crew. He shared a Villa with George Cupp, John T.B. Doss and James Cavin. James was there from February 1967 to November 1967. Jim's Email Address: jc30(at)woh.rr.com

Received via Phone call 6 March, 1999 from **Ron Aungst** of Altoona PA. Ron was seeking more information on the reunion and says he was stationed at Tan Son Nhut with the 6994th SS a backend specialist in 1968/69. Ron has no email address, but his US Postal address is: 5416 Colclessor Altoona, PA 16601-1034

Received 7 March, 1999 from **Yates W. White**. Yates says, I was a TSgt stationed at Tan Son Nhut with the 6994th Security Squadron in 1967/68.

Received 7 March, 1999 from **Joe Einig**. Joe says, I was a stationed at Tan Son Nhut with the 6994th Security Squadron in 1971/72 and with Det. 2 at DaNang in 1972. Was a backend FE. I loved that airplane. It saved my backside once. Thanks for a wonderful site. Email Address: jeinig42(at)hotmail.com. Address: 4595 Shamrock Dr. Frisco, TX 75034. Phone: (972) 668-5857. Joe is an Amateur Radio Operator: Callsign is WA5QAF.

Received 7 March, 1999 from **Orvin T. Copeland**. Orvin says, I was a Flight Mechanic, stationed at Tan Son Nhut with the 360th TEWS from July 1967 to July 1968. Orvin has no E-mail address but his US Postal address is: Rt. 3 Box 26A Headland, Alabama 36345.

Received 5 March, 1999 from **Alan H. Strauss**. Alan says, I was a crew chief in the 360th TEWS from December 1966 to July of 1968, at Tan Son Nhut.

Received 7 March, 1999 from **Keith Enstad**. Some information on when I was there and some memories; I was with the 362nd TEWS maintenance crew from Nov. 1968 to Nov. 1969 at Pleiku Air Base. I was an A1C and worked the flight line, mostly on the swing shift. We recovered the Goonies and got them ready for the next days mission. I remember flying into Pleiku the first time and seeing an EC-47 in the ditch on the base side just off the runway. When I reported to the Squadron, they said it was my aircraft. I think they said that to all the Crew Chiefs when they signed in. I did help move that aircraft to the line and helped the Lockheed crew from Georgia get that aircraft up and flying. Also, I remember the hoppy shot got blown up. It was across the lot from our barracks. One of the best C-47 mechanics I ever meet was SMSgt Weatherall. He stuttered, but when you got him mad, he talked very well. The only other mechanic I met after Pleiku, was Doug Pell. I saw him at Mather AFB, CA. in 1992. He retired from the Air Force and was working for the Postal system in Sacramento, CA. I also ran into Jim Hatfield in 1971 at Ellsworth AFB, SD. He was a 1st Lt. and maintenance officer for the 362nd TEWS. In all my years as an aircraft mechanic, the 362nd TEWS had the best maintenance people I ever saw in the Air Force -- Bar None. The Flight Crews were very lucky to have them.

Received 7 March, 1999 from **Kenneth "Ken" Slagle**. Ken was a Flight Mechanic with the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang in 1966-69. Ken was there at the time I was there, J.C.

Received 7 March, 1999 from **James C. Temple**. James says he was stationed at Tan Son Nhut in 1967/68 with the 360th TEWS. Says he worked flightline maintenance. James does not have an E-mail address but his US Postal address is: RD#2 Box 1055 Milton, PA 17847

Received 17 March 1999 from **Ken Mire**. Ken says I served with DET 2, 6994th Security Squadron out of Da Nang from August, 1970 to July 1971. I was a Sgt in the Air Force when I got out in 1971. I was a Airborne Radio Directional Finding Specialist and Radio Intercept Operator (29251) We did mostly directional finding of the enemy and intelligence gathering. We flew to the DMZ and over to Laos and Cambodia. We flew into Thailand from time to time and I was able to visit there 3 or 4 times myself . I flew over 100 missions in the EC-47 out of Da Nang.

Received 8 March, 1999 from **Bob Iguo**, Florida City, Florida. Bob says, I was stationed at Pleiku with the Det. 2, 6994th SS from February 1968 to February 1969 as an Airborne Mission Supervisor, (RO).

Received 8 March, 1999 from **Ed Langhorst**, Fults, Illinois. Ed Says he was assigned to the 362nd TEWS maintenance in 1969/70 His maintenance officer was Stan Schloesser. Ed does not have an e-mail address but his US Postal address is: 2264 Kaskaskia Road Fults, Illinois 62244.

Received 9 March, 1999 from **Mike Mineau**. Mike responded to the Reunion Notice in the VFW Magazine. I had been trying to locate Mike for a year. He and I were at Sheppard together for 4 years, went through Swamp Rat and Phase 1 Training together at England AFB and both ferried aircraft to Tan Son Nhut from Grenier Field New Hampshire. He called me and said "as soon as I saw that name, I knew it had to be you". Mike is in the process of moving from south Texas to Michigan. Mike stayed on at the 360th for his tour as a Flight Mechanic. He was a member of the crew to deliver the 3rd EC-47 (RC-47 at that time) to Tan Son Nhut. I think mine was about the 6th. I think Mike will make the reunion. Mike does not have an E-mail address but his US Postal address is: 10845 South River Lane Cornell, Michigan 49818.

Received 9 March, 1999 from **Ed Puzach**, Lake Mills, Wisconsin. Ed was also responding to the reunion notice in the VFW Magazine. Ed was a Flight Mechanic and also ferried an aircraft from Grenier to Tan Son Nhut in August 1966. Says he thinks he was with number 5 to arrive, just ahead of me. He spent his tour with the 360th TEWS from August 1966 to August 1967. Ed does not have an email address but his US Postal address is: 763 Cherokee Path Lake Mills, Wisconsin (I have to get the ZIP)

Received 9 March, 1999 from **Greg Higgins**, New Orleans, LA. Greg, responding to the reunion notice in the VFW Magazine for more reunion information. Greg was with the 362nd TEWS in 1970. Hope to have more later.

Received 10 March, 1999 from **Ron McKee**, Cheyenne, WY. Ron is seeking information on the Reunion, and says he was with Det. 3, 6994th SS at Danang from November 1971 to November 1972.

Received 10 March, 1999 from **Karl Hammerle**. Karl was a ground 202 with the 6994th Detachment at Pleiku and DaNang from February 1969 to November 1970. He was back again with the Detachment at NKP as an airborne 202 from June 1972 to December 1973. Karl's Email Address: khammerle(at)msn.com.

Received 10 March, 1999 **Roger Garland**. Roger was a Pilot with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut from January 1972 through Dec. 1972. Roger's Email Address: rroger45(at)aol.com. Postal Address: 23799-925 North Avenue Tiskilwa, IL 61368-9416. Phone: (304) 586-4133

Received 10 March, 1999 **Nicholas Hannibal**, of Fair Oak Ranch, Texas. Nicholas was a Navigator with the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang. Nicholas ask that his email address be removed from the address book so I no longer have this information on him. J.C.

Received 10 March, 1999 **Bill Francis**. Bill was with the 6994th SS at Tan Son Nhut in 1967-68. Email Address: shirleyf836(at)aol.com. Postal Address: 9111 Timber Ranch, San Antonio, Texas 78250-2103.

Received 11 March, 1999 **Thomas W. Craig**, Hobert, OK. Thomas says he was assigned to all three of the TEWS squadrons at one time or another. Last I believe he said was Pleiku in 1969/70. Thomas says he was a qualified Flight Mechanic on the C-47 but they put him in Maintenance. Thomas does not have E-mail but his postal address is: 220 North Park Road Hobert, Oklahoma 73651.

Received 11 March, 1999 **J.D. Joyce** from All over Texas. J.D. says he was stationed at Nha Trang from September, 1967 to August, 1978 with Det. 1 6994th SS as a 292 and 202.

Received 12 March, 1999 **Dan Foster**, from Summertown, TN. Dan says he was stationed at Tan Son Nhut with the 360th TEWS from January 1969 to December 1969. Was a Flight Mechanic. Would like to hear from other EC-47 Crewmembers. Do Not Have Dan's E-mail address as yet, but his US Postal Address is: 1500 Turnpike Summertown, TN 38483.

Received 12 March, 1999 **Brian D. Cornett** from Idaho. Brian was seeking info on the reunion and says he was with Det. 2 6994th SS as Commander in 1969/70.

Received 12 March, 1999 **William C. "Bill" Sommer**, Harrisburg PA. Bill was station at DaNang with Det.2 6994th SS and flew airborne radio direction finding and as a morse intercept specialist. He was there fro January 1971 to December 1971.

Received 12 March, 1999 **Raymond C. Wrobel**, Great Falls, Montana. Raymond says he was assigned to the 361st at Nha Trang from August 1966 to November 1966 then was transferred to Pleiku with the 362nd TEWS and remained there until March, 1968. Crewed VooDoo Woman, tail number 146. Ray's Email Address is: elkhunt (at) live.com. Postal Address: 2808 1st Ave. S. Great Falls, MT 59401. Phone: (Cell) (406) 788-2537.

Received 13 March, 1999 **Pete Riegel**. Pete was seeking more information on the reunion. Says he was with the 362nd TEWS in 1969/70. To give you a bit of information about myself, I was drafted in June 1941. Qualified for cadets and moved to the heavy aircraft (B-24s & B-17s). Flew two tours out of England, recalled for Korea, got a regular commission

and retired with 30 years. Us older guys were taken off of flying status but retrained for Vietnam. Assigned to Pleiku with some older pilots (that made me one of the oldest) and completed the tour. That makes me in my 80s now.

Received 13 March, 1999 **John W. Hickok**, Rice Lake, WI. John, looking for more information on the reunion, says I was stationed at Tan Son Nhut with the 360th TEWS and Was NCOIC, Flight Mechanics.

Received 13 March, 1999 **John Ehrlich**, Wayne New Jersey. John, looking for more information on the reunion, says I was stationed at Phu Cat and DaNang in 1971/72 as a Pilot.

Received 13 March, 1999 **Dick Oxford**, Citrus Heights, CA. Dick, looking for more information on the reunion, says he was a Pilot with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut and the 362nd TEWS at Pleiku in 1966/67. Was on one of the Ferry Flight Crews that took an aircraft to Tan Son Nhut in the winter of 1966/67. Dick does not have an E-mail address but his US Postal address is: 6862 Olive Tree Way Citrus Heights CA 95610.

Received 14 March, 1999 **Miller King**, Little Rock, Arkansas. Miller was looking for more information on the reunion. He says "I was a Pilot with the 361st TEWS At Nha Trang from February 67, to February, 68". Said his Flight Mechanic was SSgt Star. He was also on one of the Ferry Flight Crews that took an aircraft over in the winter of 1966/67. Miller does not have an E-mail address but his US Postal address is: #9 Skyway Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207.

Received 15 March, 1999 **Gerald 'Jerry' Myers**, San Antonio, Texas. Didn't get much from Jerry, but he signed the guestbook saying he got 273 missions out of NKP and Ubon. Jerry's Email Address is: jerrymyers(at)netscape.com

Received 16 March, 1999 **John E. House**, San Angelo, Texas. John says I was stationed at Phu Cat with the 6994th Security Squadron from September, 1971 to December 1971 then went to Tan Son Nhut and completed my tour there in September 1972. Flew 178 missions and was awarded the DFC.

Received 17 March, 1999 from **Tom Anderson**, Eagle River, Alaska. Tom says he was assigned to Det.2 6994th SS in Bravo Maintenance at Pleiku, 1969/70 and at Danang 1971/72.

Received 17 March, 1999 from **Edmond Goins**. Edmond says he was stationed at Tan Son Nhut assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron, from September 1968 to September 1969.

Received 18 March, 1999 from **H.W. Fields**. Horace called requesting information on the reunion and says he was stationed at Tan Son Nhut assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron, from September 1972 to 1973. His U.S. Postal is: 771, Swanson Ave. Charleston, S.C. 29412.

Received 18 March, 1999 from **Wayne B. Kendall**, Morrow, Georgia. Wayne sent in his reunion registration and added the following, I was told of the EC-47 Reunion by Dave Lucus who had heard from Rick Hand, who saw it on the Web-Site. I was a 202 with the 6994th SS, out of NKP, one year on the ground and one year flying. Looking forward to the reunion. Wayne has no email address but his U.S. Postal is: 6705 Charles Drive, Morrow, Georgia 30260-3109.

Received 18 March, 1999 from **Elden Teal**, Hale, Michigan. Elden called requesting information on the reunion, says he was assigned to Det. 1 6994th SS at Phu Cat from September 1970 to September 1971, was a MSgt and Chief Air Operations. Elden does not have an e-mail address but his US Postal address is: 8904 West Esmond Road, Hail Michigan, 48739.

Received 19 March, 1999 from **Marv Ressimann**. Marv says, I a SSgt and was stationed at DaNang in the 362nd TEWS from August 1970 to August 1971. Started out as the crew chief on 208, and then worked in the phase dock. Someone sent me a flag of Texas and left it with Dan Flores. He passed it to someone else. I was supposed to get it back at the end of the war, but never did. Does anyone know where it is? I remember standing in the NCO club getting a cup of iced tea on the 4th or 5th of July 1971 when the rocket hit the barracks across the street. The most beautiful sunrise I ever saw was on Aug 29, 1971, as I was headed for the pax terminal to board the "Freedom Bird" What a year! What a waste! 2 friends lost and lots of beer an Seagrams drank. Marv's Email Address is: dalefan141@netzero.com

Received 19 March, 1999 from **Frank A. Kreiger**. Frank says, I was assigned to the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang and at Phu Cat as Intelligence Officer, 1969/70.

Received 20 March, 1999 from **Mark Morris**. Mark was inquiring about more information on the upcoming Reunion. Mark says, I was assigned to Det.3 6994th Security Squadron at NKP December 1972 to October 1973. Mark does not have an email address, but his U.S. Postal address is: 117 1/2 Washington Street Beaver Dam, Wisconsin 53916.

Received 20 March, 1999 from **Ted Duncan**. Ted says he was a Sgt and was assigned to Det. 3 6994th Security Squadron. He was a ground 202 and was stationed at Tan Son Nhut, Pleiku and NKP during his tour, June 1969-July 1970.

Received 23 March, 1999 from **Ted Cummings**. Ted says he was assigned to the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut and was an aircraft mechanic, from September 1967 to September 1968.

Received 29 March, 1999 from **Truman Kent Berge**, Marco Island, Florida. Truman says he was a pilot, stationed with the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang in 1967-68. Was the editor of the 361st TEWS Yearbook 66-68 and was one of the 5 to make Colonel on the same cycle. Truman has no E-mail address but his U.S. Postal address is: 2376 Marco Island, Florida 34146-2376.

Received 29 March, 1999 from **Leroy Mulch**, Citrus Heights, CA. Leroy was a pilot with the 362nd TEWS at Pleiku from December 1966 to December, 1967. Says he enjoyed his tour in the Goon.

Received 29 March, 1999 from **Owen Costello**, Port Washington, NY. Owen says he was stationed at DaNang with Detachment 2, 6994th Security Squadron from September, 1971 to October, 1972. He was a 1stLt and then Captain and worked in the Maintenance Area. Says he has contact with Bill Shea, Dave Stamps and Lee Jewitt.

Received 29 March, 1999 from **Jimmy R. Terrell**. Jimmy says he was a TSGT Morse Sys and ARDF operator stationed at 6994thSS, Tan Son Nhut AB June 67-June 68. Worked "X" "Y" & "Z" positions...TDY enroute to Sanders Assoc, NH. Helped develop and testing of the "Q" systems (which we never was allowed to use in Nam). Others TDY on this project: Julian Timberlake, Craig Donald, Jackie Pope, Willard Sudds and Kenneth Corbin. Was at Tan Son Nhut during the TET Offensive when a Navy dude shot up a bunch of our EC-47's (claimed he was shooting at charlies) Remember 056 took 110 hits.. Flew a lot on balls nine (009), 112, 646, and others. 1039hrs, 165 missions.. Came home with the DFC, Bronze star, and 9 Air medals.. Also helped construct the Cougar Den between our barracks. Names remembered: Bill Francis, George Montague, Yates White, Bill Belcher, Les Kimball, and of course Mike Presslar.. Retired Dec 81 as CMSGT at the 207X2School in Pensacola , Fla.. E-mail Add: CTEX2@AOL.COM.

Received 1 April, 1999 from **Roy L. Gentry Jr**, Little Rock, Arkansas. Roy says he was part of a ferry flight crew, taking one of the birds over to SEA. Says he departed the CONUS in January, 1967. Was stationed at Tan Son Nhut with the 360th TEWS, January to March of 67 then went TDY to Commander of Detachment at Hue Phu Bai, April to September 67, then back to Tan Son Nhut October through December 1967. Departed on January 8th, 1968. Roy does not have an email address. His U.S. Postal address is 3106 Hinson Road, Little Rock AR 72212 He said it was okay to put his phone number here, so here 'tis (501) 228-4412.

Received 1 April, 1999 from **Harvey Burniston**, Mountain City, TN. Harvey called requesting reunion information. Says he was with the 361st TEWS Maintenance at Nha Trang from August 1967 to August 1968. Harvey does not have an email address. His U.S. Postal address is 219 W. Hillcrest Street, Mountain City, TN 37683.

Received 2 April, 1999 from **Ben Pennell**, Manila Philippines. Ben writes the following, I was just a E-6 AMS/IRO flying out of Da Nang, Phu-Cat when we closed that place and Saigon during the An Loc Time. When I returned to Nang we had to have our last flight due to so many new guys, some of which were with Todd on the ill-fated bird. When I was AMS on that smoker every tape of my briefing heard me say "If we took a round don't wait to hand out chutes just hit the red button and go". Also chutes were to be kept tight and worn - not hung over the seats. I still think the four taken up trail were the back end crew. Nothing was found to prove anyone but the front enders were still on board and it was upside down. So in June 72 before we moved to points west, we all had to have our last missions in a few days. Steve Transue and myself both were AMS's and were dunked in the going away beer bust at the barn and also tossed in our new commander who we had just met after the last flight. Still looking for Wee Willie (Christian) as we took leave in San Angelo Christmas time and got stuck close to Loake Inn. So I only retired as an E-8 with heart problems, I think due to the first Larson ladie Ops Officer. Taught the Sigint search and Development Course from Shu Lin Kou for many years till Nixon messed that up and had to be assigned to the 6990 at Torri Station. Was at Trabzon TUSLOG det 3-1 in 57, Italy, Crete, back to Turkey, Nam, Taiwan, Okinawa, Philippines, 20 radar for a while, ATC Instructor for a while but, ended up head of the flights in 6922. Guess everyone knows we lost Jim Cobble a few years back. I flew out of Siagon with Jim while I was there, he was 202 type. Of course the guy with the most flights was lost in a car accident while on leave in the US from the 6922 in the 80's. Think I'm glad I don't have a before and after picture. Whew! time really zips when ur having fun for sure. Think the PI is the best place to be. Age means nothing. When flying out of Siagon, Col. Mac. came up to me and told me I was so maxed out in hours that I would have to return to Da Nang however he heard I had a kid brother in the Army there so Just get lost for two weeks. Which I did. That's the kind of guy Col. Mac was. Well enough of that stuff and see you on the 28th. 73's Ben Pennell (4F2BP) Ben's Email Address: 4f2bp(at)comclark.com

Received 3 April, 1999 From **Thomas V. Slater**. Thomas says, I was a 292 with 6994th SS at Ton Son Nhut. DFC plus 4 air medals. Aug 68 through Aug 69. Says "No special message except to say 'Hi' to everyone and if someone remembers me I'd love to hear from them and some stories to refresh the gray matter."

Received 3 April, 1999 from **Kenneth R. Schapendonk**. Kenneth says, I was a 292 with 6994th SS at Ton Son Nhut. DFC plus 4 air medals. 68/69 Went by the nickname of "Moose." No e-mail yet, but His U.S. Postal address is: 17637 South 70th Court, Tinly Park, Il. 60477.

Received 5 April, 1999 from **John Doss** of Ft., Walton Beach, Florida. John say's I picked up my aircraft in New Hampshire in Jan 1967. Flew cross country to McClellan AFB, Ca. On to Washington State. From there to Elmerndorf, Alaska. We took off from McClellan at about 33,000 gross. I think we landed at Elmerndorf at about 40,000 gross. It seems we turned on the wing de-icing boots too soon and had ice build up on the wings that we could not get off. When we landed everyone was surprised that we were able to stay in the air. But knowing the Goon, everything is possible. 10 days at Elmendorf then on to Adak--that's where the fun began. We landed that night and had winds of 80+ mph. It collapsed both main gear struts, lost control locks, broke rudder balance cables and ripped holes in rudder and left elevator. As you know, the Navy runs the show at Adak and they had no fabric. So after we constructed balance cables for the rudder I asked the Navy guys for some duct tape. It's like WD 40--good for everything. We got a ground heater and heated the fabric on the elevator and the rudder and applied the duct tape. I told Maj. Cervantes, my A/C, what I had done. The crew discussed it and we decided to continue on to Midway, Guam and then the Philippines. That's where they removed the ferry tanks and replaced the rudder and left elevator before proceeding on to Vietnam. It just goes to show you can't keep a good Goon down. My second tour in Vietnam was 1970 also on C-47's, the Phsy-birds, out of Bien Hoa with the 9th SOS. But that's another story where I almost met my Waterloo. I cannot say enough about the old Goons. They took me through two tours and brought me home. J.C.'s website is just fantastic and I am enjoying it more and more every day. Keep up the good work.

Received 8 April 1999, from **Ernest L. (Larry) Melin, Sr.** Isle of Palms, SC. This information was relayed via David Brooks, Thanks David. Larry says he spent a tour, 1962-65 with the 6988th Security Squadron at Yokota AB, Japan as a crew member on the RC-130 "Sun Valley II" 1965-66 was spent with Headquarters USAFSS, San Antonio, Texas. 1966-67 was spent with the 6994th SS at Tan Son Nhut, Vietnam and he retired from Beale AFB, California as a MSgt. No E-mail address as yet, his U.S. Postal address is c/o E.L. Melin, Jr. - 10 Intercoastal Ct - Isle of Palms, SC 29451.

Received 9 April 1999, from **Bud Allison**, Alexandria, VA. Bud says, I was stationed at DaNang from September 1970 to September 1971 with the 362nd TEWS as a Navigator. Retired in 1983 as an O-6 and am still involved with the National Air and Space Museum. Bud's Email Address: budallison(at)cox.net.

Received 9 April 1999, from **Jim Smith**. Jim say's hello fellow ditty boppers, PhuCat Aug - Oct 71 worked with Jack Kludge in scheduling got assigned to base X (Det 2 6994 DaNang) when we closed PhuCat. Worked in training at DaNang, if I'm not mistaken "balls nine" bit the dust on 13 Apr 72, left RVN July 72 with an assignment to the "Sands"

Trying to locate a bud of mine, Cyde Pennell, heard he was in an accident after I left. I still find myself doing over the wing checks on commercial flights.

Received 13 April, 1999 from **Jack Draughn**. Jack was inquiring about the reunion and added, I was a Navigator with the 361st at Nha Trang beginning in October, 1968. Was there for the move to Phu Cat where I completed my tour in October 1969. Jack does not have an E-mail address but his U.S. Postal address is: 74 Old Rawls Springs Road - Hattisburg, Mississippi 39402.

Received 18 April, 1999 from **Joseph E. Snodgrass**. Joseph says, I was a TSgt and a Flight Mechanic, assigned to the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut 1967/68 and served as NCOIC Flight Mechanics Section.

Received 23 April, 1999 from **Bob Holston**. Bob says, I was trying to find some aircraft pictures when I found your EC-47 site. I served in the 362 TEWS at DaNang from 1971 to 1972. While reading some of the entries in your visitors book someone referenced " Balls 9 " I worked on that aircraft. I was crew chief on tail number " 313 ", I believe that was the tail number. Anyway I painted sharks teeth on the nose and gave it the name "Captain America". I loved that old plane. It was a mini mod and had the R1830 engines, I believe that the maxi mod had the R2000. Anyway it was a pleasure to work on and I was always proud of that aircraft. If anyone reads this who was stationed there at that time please contact me. Thanks for creating this site, it really brings back memories. Bob Holston. Bob's Email Address: jr7695(at)sbcglobal.net

Received 23, April 1999 from **Lew Davis**. Lew says, I was a crew chief/Flt mech on 43-48158 at Maxwell AFB in 1962. I was part of the crew that ferried it to the bone yard (Davis Montham) prior to 1963 when I left for the Philippines. I was with the 360 TEWS from Jan. 68 to Nov.68. While with the 360th I was sent TDY to Pleiku, and sure enough one morning at preflight briefing found out the tail No. of our plane that day was 158. It had a one piece plastic windshield at the pilots side. While at Maxwell I had started ordering parts to replace the plastic but it was still there when I flew it in 1968. I really love this web site and if I can ever get off my butt and go thru my fotos I might be able to get some pict for you. Sincerely, Lew Davis. Lew's Email Address is: Fortwaltonbeac8(at)aol.com.

Received 27 April, 1999 from **Galen (Mike) Hoar** Omaha Nebraska. Mike left the following information in my guestbook and says, I was in the 6994th. Security Squadron, Det. 3 Pleiky AB RVN (Sept. 1966-Sept. 1967). First Airborne Maint. Personnel to arrive at the Det. Renovated buildings built generator pads put up security fences etc. The Aircraft had not arrived yet, nor the operators, so we got our flying time on AC-47 Gunships(Puff The Magic Dragon). Enjoyed the experience but, sure was glad to leave.

Received April 27, 1999 from **Peter Good**, Rochester, New York. Peter says, I served as R202 6981st 70-72 and 6994th Det 3 72-73. Trained by John Ryon. Worked with Ed Flinchum and Bob Dunbar.

Received April 29, 1999 from **Lee Johnson**. Lee says he was a Pilot with the 362nd TEWS at Pleiku in 1967.

Received 3 May, 1999 from **James Wilhelm**, Pace Florida. James says he was assigned to the 362nd TEWS at DaNang from February 1972 to February 1973. James is to send me a boi of his tour with the EC-47 and I hope to have it on in about a week. James does not have an e-mail address but his US Postal address is: 4820 Longleaf Drive Pace Florida 32571.

Received 4 May, 1999 from **Leon B. "Buck" Webber**, Ft. Worth Texas. Just got off the phone with Buck. He plans on being at the reunion. Say's he was Commander, 362nd TEWS at DaNang. I should have a bio from Buck soon to add to this block.

Received Wed, 5 May 1999 from **David Lloyd**. David says, I was reading the latest issue of my AF magazine and happened upon your notice of the EC-47 meeting. it's the first i've seen and am happy to know that after 30 years there are still a few of us around. I was fresh out of pilot training and the 360th was my first assignment. I arrived the 1st week in 1968 after snake school and lived in the famed "horny" hall until TET and then on base only to be sent tdy to Pleiku for 6 weeks. Back to Tan Son Nhut until rotation back to the states in late December 68. 117 missions (and my own crew after 6 months), great friends and a feeling that i'd done something to help our war effort. little did i know the kind of greeting I (all of us) were to receive upon return. Lived thru the tough times and did 30 years--great flying and jobs (base/cc,wing/cc etc.) and it all started with the EC-47. It will always have a special place in my heart. Hope you have a great get together. Wish I could attend. If anyone from my time frame is in attendance please pass on my best. I hope to make one of the future events. This added May 25th, 1999. David writes, I was at TSN from May 68 until Feb 69 when I was transferred to Pleiku. I was an X1 and flew with a couple of great guys named Mark Sklennar and Al Kinter. I've searched the WEB for them with no luck. If anyone knows of their whereabouts please let me know. We'd only been in Pleiku for about a week when the bird went down. Hadn't even flown a mission there yet. That first one was pretty tense up there. David's Email Address is: galloyds(at)hotmail.com.

Received Wed, 2 May 1999 from **J.V.O. Weaver** (Sorry for being Late, J.C.) J.V. says I was assigned to the 360th TEWS as an instructor navigator at Tan Son Nhut in 1967/68. Says he stumbled across the web-site and was flooded with memories. Says he can't make the reunion due to previous commitments and wishes everyone well. Added September 23rd, 2001. I enjoyed my 168 missions/1016 combat hours in the EC-47. I also enjoyed working with the professionals of the 6994th. Great people! I am looking forward to the reunion and hope to see folks I flew with those many years ago. Regards/JVO Email Address: jvo243(at)cox.net. Postal Address: 243 Windward Way Niceville, FL 32578. Phone: (850) 897-5464

Received Wed, 6 May 1999 from **Aaron Staats** 360th TEWS added to the EC-47 Crewmembers Page. Aaron, dropped me a note requesting further information on the reunion. He did not leave much information as yet except that he was with the 360th TEWS, 1969/70. Received Wed, 7 May 1999 from Will Sudds, San Antonio, Texas. Will called requesting information on the reunion. Says he was with Det. 2 6994th SS at Pleiku in 1967/68. Will does not have an E-mail address, but his postal address is: 6031 Ridge Pond San Antonio, Texas 78250.

Received Wed, 7 May 1999 from **W.A. Steele** Helotes, Texas. W.A. called requesting information on the reunion. Says he was with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut. W.A. does not have an E-mail address, but his postal address is: 13259 Cepeda Road Helotes, Texas 78023.

Received Wed, 7 May 1999 from **James D. "Jim" Jelley**, Howe, Texas. Jim was the first Commander of the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut, and was there when I first arrived in Vietnam, ferried I believe about the 6th EC-47 to arrive in country, again I think it was 12 September, 1966. He writes, Dear J.C. Received your mail while on a trip to a Bus Conversion Convention. I cannot attend the EC-47 convention the last part of this month. I have two conflicts that must be attended. Appreciate your letting me know but have had plans for those dates since way last fall. Say hello to all the people I know and tell them if they are up around Dallas to be sure and call me. My phone is in the Sherman phone book. (903) 892 6608. It is just 60 miles north of Dallas on freeway. Will try to attend the next one. Postal address: 523 Jelley Road Howe, TX 75459.

Received Wed, 7 May 1999 from **Douglas Clifton**, Covington KY. Received Douglas's reunion registration fee. He was assigned to Det. 3, 6994th SS from August 1970 to September, 1971. Douglas does not have an E-mail address, but his postal address is: 128 E. 5th Apt #1 Covington, KY 41011.

Received Wed, 7 May 1999 from **Jim Phillips**, Georgetown, IL. Received a check for Jim's reunion registration fee. This was sent by Jim's wife. She is SURPRISING Jim with a trip to the Reunion, so don't let the cat out of the bag. Don't know yet which unit or when Jim was in the EC-47 Program, but will find out at the reunion. Jim does not have an E-mail address, but his postal address is: 8159 N 2100 E Road, Georgetown, IL. 61846-9622.

Received Wed, 7 May 1999 from **Dave Lucas** of Port Charlotte, FL. Dave called about the reunion. Says he was stationed with the 6994th SS at NKP, Thailand 1971-72. He will be at the reunion. Dave's Email Address is: dalucas (at) frontiernet.net

Received Wed, 7 May 1999 from **Lew Bird**, Huntington Beach, CA. Lew called about the reunion, but said he was unable to attend this one. Ask if he could get a roster of those attending, which I told him I would get him one. Received this in December, 2001 from Lew. Lew was with the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang, 1968/69 as a Navigator. I flew out of Nha Trang, accumulating 129 combat missions. I enjoyed the comradery and the feeling that we were doing something important, regardless of reports from home. But my most persistent memory is a sad one: the crew I flew with was lost just a month after I left. The pilot was Ron Knight, a former Peace Corps volunteer and a good man. I'll never forget him.

Received 8 May, 1999 from **Luther Tarbox**, San Antonio, Texas. Lu writes, I live just off Wurzbach Road about one mile from Oak Hills Inn which I am familiar with. My tour in SEA in EC-47's was Feb 1968 to June 69 First at Pleiku(362 Tews), and after six months went to 7th AF to Replace Bob McCully as EC-47 Mission Fragger where I stayed with slight extension to keep my kids in school in HNL until June 69. I flew with 360th at nights and weekends due to DORC leadership requirements tying me to the desk. Returned to San Antonio, and USAFSS Hq in DOR as Dep until June 1970 when I volunteered to go back to NKP as Sq CC of the 6908 SS. Then back to USAFSS until Jan 1973 when I retired and went to school teaching. I am sending message to Larry Tart who controls distribution to all the old PROP WASH GANG and EC-47 Ra-ops for him to notify the gang. Let me know if I can help.

Received May 8, 1999 from **John Ekwall**, Riverside California. Jim. This is John Ekwall, former 361st TEWS Phu Cat AB RVN 5/70-5/71. Read your announcement in AFA magazine about reunion -- what a great idea and undertaking. Would love to attend if schedule permits. I have contact with a couple of guys I served with and will alert them. I left Phu Cat and was assigned to SAC as KC-135 pilot. Over the years I filled the right squares on the road to Colonel. Was Dep Dir of tanker operations at SAC when SAC closed then took all KC-135/KC-10 ops to the new Air Mobility Command at Scott AFB. Retired from Scott in 1994. Currently living in Riverside CA and enjoying retirement. Your name sounds very familiar and I'm sure our paths have crossed. Write back if you have a chance -- maybe we can figure out where we served together. John Ekwall, Colonel, USAF (ret) Received Nov. 15, 99 from **John Ekwall**, Riverside, California. Just an update to let JC know that I am enjoying the EC-47 website and fantastic response from all the 361st TEWS at Phu Cat. Hopefully you will get my e-mail address this time around! Again, if any of the 1969-70 'goonie bird' crews were with me I would appreciate hearing from you. This was one year that I will never forget along with the Goonie that has a life of its own and is still the best in the air. John's Email Address: spaatz1(at)cox.net

Received May 8, 1999 from **Terry C. Hall**, Highland Village, Texas. Terry left a note in the guestbook, says, I did not know there was such a site. I was a pilot with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut, November 71 to November 72. Please add me to the Crewmembers list and to your mailing list. Email Address: terryhall(at)msn.com

Posted on the BBS, by **Steve Meyer** on May 08, 1999. I was working at HQ USAFSS when the PA project was announced and managed to wrangle an assignment as a 292 on flight status. After Basic Aircrew Training I arrived in RVN at 6994th, TSN in September 1966, ultimately flew over a hundred missions. Have a black out for the names of the crew lost in early 1967, memory says I traded with one of the ops killed in that crash but cannot recall anything substantial. Was a ham operator so some of you guys may recall "bootlegging" my amateur call K0MZV "aeronautical mobile over the South China Sea" -- I actually got a QSL card. Jeeze this brings back memories of things I had forgotten. More Received from C. Stephen Meyer, July 1999, 6994th SS at TSN. Stephen says, I was an A1c and one of the early 292s assigned to the 6994th at TSN, arriving in country in September 66. Initially we had few (read "no") aircraft and I recall getting OJT ground training from Sgt's Verselle, Odom and Duke Thompson before finally starting to fly any missions. My partner for most of these was SSgt Al Roy from San Antonio. Ultimately I flew 117 missions. I still hold the same ham callsign that I had in those days: K0MZV; and I can be found frequently in the cw portion of 80 meters.

Received May 8, 1999 from **Trip Lapham**. In the latest Air Force Times I saw in the Unit Reunion section the news about the EC-47 reunion. I was with Det. 3, 6994th Security Squadron at Nakhon Phanom RTAFB in 1971-72. Can you send me some more information about the reunion? Thanks! Additional Information received on Trip Lapham on May 09, 1999. What a great web site. I was at Det3, 6994th Scty Sq from February 1971 to May 1972. Flew 160+ missions over Laos. Awarded DFC and five Air Medals, plus the "being there" medals. I have an album full of photos of Electric Goons and other squadron personnel. In a box in my attic I have a few thousand feet of super 8mm movies I shot at NKP and on board a few missions - I haven't looked at these in over 20 years! Some of the folks I remember from my days at NKP are Bob Sherwood (last I saw him was 1988-89 and he was ESC Command Chief), Jerry ("JC") Payne, Ron Schofield. A few more names may come to mind if I would go through my photo album. I retired in 1989 and now live in Northwest Arkansas. I haven't had time yet to go through all the postings on this web site, but I'm working on it. Edward continues with a bit about Pete Cressman saying, Pete was the last guy I "jeeped in" at the 6981st (Elmendorf AFB, Alaska) before heading to SEA to fly EC-47s. I heard a few years later that Pete had followed me there (a different detachment) and had

been killed when his plane was shot down. I never heard the full story until I found the report on the EC-47 web site. I'd appreciate any information you can provide.

Received May 9, from **Bob Garlits**. Bob writes, I was at Tan Son Nhut from May 68 until Feb 69 when I was transferred to Pleiku. I was an X1 and flew with a couple of great guys named Mark Sklennar and Al Kinter. I've searched the WEB for them with no luck. If anyone knows of their whereabouts please let me know. Thanks so much, Bob P.S. We'd only been in Pleiku for about a week when the bird went down. Hadn't even flown a mission there yet. That first one was pretty tense up there. This information added 29 October, 2000. Bob adds, I was an Airborne Morse Intercept Operator with the 6994th. Other tours include, San Vito 6917 66-67, 69-71; Crete 6931 73-75; Misawa 6920 76-79; TSN 6994 68-69; Others included Hq at Scty Hill and 6948 at Goodfellow; Tour in recruiting before OTS Retired after 25 years in 1990. Bob's Email Address: grarlets(at)adelphia.net

Received May 9, from **Joseph C. Wheeler**. Joe says, I arrived in Pleiku in April 1967 and flew with the 362nd for six months when I was promoted to colonel and transferred to Cameron Bay as Deputy Base Commander. At Cameron, as one of only a few pilots current in the C-47, I flew support missions all over Vietnam and frequently got back to Pleiku. Interestingly there are two other pilots from the 362nd only a few blocks from me here in Fair Oaks. They are Lt/col John Devit and Lt/Col M. Lee Johnson who told me about your web site. I have in formed Devit and he may have already been in touch with you. Good luck, you have a great web site by the way. Joe Wheeler.

Received May 8, from **Raymond L. JAY**. Hi Jim, My name is T/Sgt Raymond L. Jay (Retired) I was in the 362TEWS in 1970 at Pleiku AB and then we moved to Da Nang . I was asst. NCOIC of the Phase dock. I would like to hear more about the reunion and if is the first reunion that the TEWS have had. I'll be waiting to hear from you. Thanks for the heads up. Postal Address: Raymond L. Jay P.O.Box 1786 Woodinville, Wa. 98072-1786

Received May 10, 1999 from **William H. Wyatt**. William is looking for an old friend and says, hae anyone see Ned Y. Pickenpaugh? We were at Nha Trang with the 361st TEWS and helped form this outfit in 1966/67. Haven't seen Pick since we left in 1967. Hope to hear from him soon. Received 23 July, 1999 from Bill Wyatt. Bill writes, I was SSgt and a Crew Chief with the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang in 1966/67. My aircraft was tail number 882 and it only missid one (1) mission during his tour. Says he got there before the EC-47's, and it was just him and a guy named Ned Y. Pickenpaugh. Said they became close friends during that year. Bill also says, I was a Flight Mechanic for several years prior to going to natrang. Adds, My thanks to you guys for this site, I will be back many times. Bill's Email Address is: flightmech (at) charter.net

Received May 10, 1999 from **Jim Willis**. Jim was seeking information on the upcoming reunion. Says he was stationed at Nha Trang and Tan Son Nhut with the 6994th SS in 1966/67. Received May 11, 1999 from Jim Willis, Waldorf, Maryland. Jim writes, will try to send some photos. I have some of the 6994th, 1st year anniversary dinner at Nha Trang. I think it was around July 1967. I came up from Ton Son Nhut for the evening. I started my tour in Nha Trang in Sep 66 and was transfered to Saigon in Nov. It was nice to get your e-mail. But not sure if I will be able to make the trip to San Antonio this year. I was one of those back-enders x-y operator. I really got a kick out of your MIG-21 shoot down..... you did a good job on it!! I too have a few nicknames.... and we share one "speedy"; AKA - "beachball". "jim", "random".

Received May 10, 1999 from **James Guy "Willie" Wilhelm**. Willie says he was stationed at Da Nang as a navigator with the 362nd TEWS in 1972/73. Do Not have an Email address for Willie. His U.S. Postal address is: 4820 Longleaf Dr. Pace, FL 32571

Received May 11, 1999 from **Dave L. Bush**, West Virginia. Dave writes, Great site - brought back a lot of good memories from Nha Trang and Phu Cat. We were there in '69. Also involved in testing the computerized navigational system with Sanders in 1968 before it was introduced in the theater. Hope to hear from some folks we haven't heard from in a while. Received May 11, 1999 from, Floyd (Red) Harrison. Floyd says, Hi JC I was first NCOIC in Nha Trang with Col Les Mellott and company. I am intersted in the EC 47 reunion that I have heard is planned for the end of May. Would appreciate any info regarding this. I am in touch with Bill Marshall weekly, (we play golf in same foresome) and would be happy to pass on anything that I can.

Received May 11, 1999 from **John J. Kohout**, Alexandria VA. John says, I saw your reunion notice in Air Force and wanted at least to respond. Unfortunately prior family commitments will keep me from attending, but I wish everyone who makes it the very best. I was in the 360th TEWS at Ton Son Nhut in 1969. Then a Captain, I served as an Instructor Pilot and Squadron Flying Safety Officer. I retired from the Air Force nine years ago and am now Vice President of the National Institute for Public Policy, a small think-tank doing defense-related strategy and policy research. Also says, My mailing address is John J. Kohout III, 824 Waynewood Blvd., Alexandria, VA 22308-2606. Phone numbers are (H) 703-799-1182, (O) 703-698-0563, Fax 703-698-0566.

Received May 12, from **Walter (Walt) L. Futch**. Walt says, I was in the 360th TEWS Sep 1968 - 1969. I will be unable to make the reunion. However, if you plan another one, please let me know.

Received May 13, 1999 from **Carl J. "Rusty" Hubbard III**, Ft. Walton Beach, FL. Rusty says, I was a EC-47 navigator with the 361st TEWS, Nha Trang, RVN, from Oct 68 to Oct 69. Lots of memories from my fist operational assignment out of navigator school at Mather AFB, Ca. Retired at Eglin AFB, Florida, 1988 in the RF-4C Test Tactical Air Warfare testing business. Looking for my 361 TEWS squadron buddy and roomie, Chip Forsythe if anybody knows his whereabouts.

Received recently from **Al Mattei**. Al was one of the Navigators on our crew for the ferry flight from New Hampshire to Tan Son Nhut, 1966. Al would stay with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut and complete his tour, from arrival on/about 12 September to August 1967. He writes, Dear Jim et al, I was half positive I was going to attend the gathering in San Antonio but since we last chatted I have had an indication of medical problems ahead...after considerable thought I have opted for surgery..and guess what..the best knives available want to do me on May 27... (watch those PSA's guys)..So I'll be passing on this one but if you decide to do this again..count me in. It was only a little over a year but I consider my time with the gang at TSN and the ferry flights there one of the finest associations of my life.....a class bunch from top to bottom...Have a great reunion and lift a margarita for me..best to all ...al mattei

Received May 16, 1999 from **Arnold Y. Yuen**. Hi, James Read about this unit reunion in the AFA on May 29-31 in San Antonio, TX. Let me introduce myself. I'm Arnold Yuen presently living in Frisco, CO. I believe I was in the third cadre that

was selected for "Phyllis Ann" program and was TDY at Hulburt Field for Swamp Rat training then over to England AFB for flight training. Then to Hansom Field to get our bird. My ferry crew consist of LTC Russ Harmon, Major Larry Bonham and Capt Joe Snow (pilots) myself, Capt Davy Doyle (Navs) and Tsgt (Crewchief/FE) We finally reached TSN,RVN after two week flying the Pacific on Nov 1, 1966. Later with Russ Harmon was sent to Det 1, 361st (Pleiku) with the first operational EC-47 which was commanded by LTC Jack Crook. Left Nam for the Hickam AFB in Oct of the following year. Would it be possible to get a list of attendees? I still have a "yearbook" of the first year guys at Pleiku which included all the personnel of the newly created 362th TEWS and needless to say old unofficial SQ patches. Thanks for organizing a reunion for the EC-47 guys, Arnold Yuen

Received May 16, 1999 from **Pappy Wallender**. Am interested in further information of the EC-47 reunion in San Antonio later this month, also how and where the Web Page is listed. Ernie, please let me know if you may attend . I hope to check with Lou Coira to see if he would like to attend.

Received May 16, 1999 from **David D. Davidson**. Dave writes, I am interested in attending the EC-47 reunion. I was in the 360 TEWS April 67-April 68 as a Flight Mechanic. Can You Please send me more information about the event. Thank You David D. Davidson Ssgt then, Retired Chief now.

Received May 18, 1999 from **Robert J. Cashatt** of Rancho Cardova, California. Robert says, I was Chief of Maintenance, a Major with the 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut from November 1970 to November 1971.

Received May 18, 1999 from **Frank A. Cross**. Frank says, I was a Major with the 362nd TEWS at Da Nang as a navigator and Squadron Exec. Officer in 1972-73. His last two missions were flown after the 1973 Truce, orientating the SVNAF on the mission and areas.

Received May 19, 1999 from **Richard "Dick" Graham**. Dick writes, I saw the notice for the EC-47 reunion in the AF Mag. I was a pilot in the 362nd TEWS Oct 71 - Sep 72 at Danang. I will not be able to attend, but I just wanted to say best wishes to all the former Gooney Bird pilots and crews. Have a great time at your reunion. Cheers, Richard "Dick" Graham, LtCol (ret)

Received May 19, 1999 from **John Bradley**. John called to say he would not be able to attend this years reunion but to be sure and put him on the mailing list for the next one. John was a Crew Chief and Assistant Flight Chief witht the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang and Phu Cat in 1969/70. John does not have an email address but his U.S. Postal Address is 780 Oak Grove Road - Apt #A214 - Concord, CA 94518-2704

Received May 22, 1999 from **Alan Brack**, Evansville, Indiana. Alan writes, I was a radio operator with Detachment 2, 6994th Security Squadron at Pleiku from March 1969 to March of 1970. Great web-site, wish I had found it earlier.

Received May 22, 1999 from **Carl J. "Rusty" Hubbard III**, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida. Rusty says, I was a EC-47 navigator with the 361st TEWS, Nha Trang, RVN, from Oct 68 to Oct 69. Lots of memories from my first operational assignment out of navigator school at Mather AFB, Ca. Retired at Eglin AFB, Florida, 1988 in the RF-4C Test Tactical Air Warfare testing business. Looking for my 361 TEWS squadron buddy and roomie, Chip Forsythe if anybody knows his whereabouts.

Received May 24, 1999 from **Bob Burns** of San Antonio, Texas. Bob just found out about the reunion and was requesting information. He says, I was an IRO (292) with Detachment 1, 6994th Security Squadron at Nha Trang in 1968. "ADDED INPUT" Received 24 August from Bob Burns. Bob says he was a SSgt with Det. 1, 6994th SS at Nha Trang in 1968, and sent this information on the crewmembers of Brew 41. After reading the Brew 41 articles I was reminded of several incidents/stories about its crewmembers. Some are a little sad, others a little funny. As the incident occurred over 31 years ago the complete accuracy of these true stories may be lacking in the finer levels of detail.

Editor's note. The following paragraphs are continued from Bob Burn's comments above.

KEN CORBIN. Ken Corbin lived in the same hooch as I in the Old Cantonment area on Nha Trang AB. Our hooch was primarily a series of bunk beds separated by lockers with a small area in the front that contained a small table and chairs, a refrigerator , a small TV (for AFRTS), and our own home made bulletin board (That contained mostly pictures, jokes, etc - nothing official was allowed). When we heard that Brew 41 was shot down it was after the fact so that we already knew that they had safely bellied into a special forces camp, no one was hurt, and that they would be heading back to Nha Trang the next day. We were all genuinely relieved. After a while, however, our evil twins, the crazy, reckless GI's side of us took over and we decided to play a joke on Ken. One of the guys was artistic so we had him draw a gooney bird flying in dark clouds with a lightning bolt hitting the goon. Written above the scene were the words "Corbin, Stay out of My Sky!" When Ken finally arrived we proudly displayed our art and all (including Ken) got a big laugh. The next day (or maybe day after that) Ken was again scheduled to fly with Lou Stennes and the same front end crew. That was the way it worked over there. Ken seemed to have no problem with it and we all thought "no big thing". Well, as happened too often, the aircraft lost power on one engine during takeoff roll and was aborted. Standard practice in this situation was to find another airworthy, non-committed aircraft and proceed with the mission. I guess two incidents in a roll were just too much for Ken. A standby was put in his place and, as far as I remember, he never flew another mission.

LOU STENNES. Lou Stennes and I were good acquaintances at Nha Trang and socialized a little off duty. We never flew together however. When I left Vietnam (Nov 68) I went through transition training into RC-135's and was assigned to Offutt AFB, Nebr. After flying about six months, I was approved for "Bootstrap" to finish my degree. After completing college, I went back to flying and applied for a commission. Meanwhile, Lou had extended in Vietnam and had gone the transition route into RC's as well. On one of Lou'a Offutt missions, the aircraft went into an area that although in international waters, had (unknown to the crew) been declared a "closure area" by the bad guys. As they entered the area, they were intercepted by adversary Migs who attempted to persuade them to land. After wagging their wings etc. the Migs finally fired a warning volley across their bow. Fortunately, they were headed out of the area and no further action was taken. They returned to base safely albeit a little shook up. A few months after the incident, I was approved for OTS and my fellow X1's and I decided to celebrate. We were all having a good time when Lou turned to me and, in all seriousness said: "Bob, we've known each other in Vietnam and now here at Offutt but we have never flown together. Wouldn't it be neat if we could fly together before you leave?" Remembering the past I replied: No! Stennes, you're a Jinx! When you fly in airplanes, bad things happen!" We never flew together.

LTC DOBYNS & MAJ POLITES. *I had flown a few missions with Lt Col Dobyms & Maj Polites who were not only professionals but had a very good sense of humor. I will never forget my first flight with them and especially the pre-mission briefing. After the standard intelligence, weather etc. portion, the AC always gave some mission specifics and reviewed safety procedures. Lt Col Dobyms favorite thing to do during the bailout procedures was to remind people that if they hesitated too long at the door that they might find themselves as the new AC. As soon as this remark left his lips, Maj Polites said: "You're not going to pull a Tommy Harmon on us are you?" Lt Col Dobyms laughed and said "NO" and we all proceeded out of the briefing room. Not being familiar with the significance of the exchange, I stopped Maj Polites and asked him what that was all about. He proceeded to explain: During WWII, Tom Harmon, the famous football player and west coast sports announcer was an AC on bombers that flew missions over Germany. On one such mission the aircraft got hit pretty badly by AAA, so much so that Harmon felt he couldn't keep it in the air. So he ordered the crew to bail out. Whatever his motive, Harmon stuck with the ship and even managed to get it back to England. His entire crew were captured by the Germans.*

Received May 24, 1999 from **Larry J. "Skip" Johnson**. Larry just found out about the reunion and says he will be there. He says, I was with Detachment 3, 6994th Security Squadron in 1970/71 with a Commander, a young Captain named James Clapper. Skip's Email Address is: mayorjohnson (at) suddenlink.net

Received May 25, 1999 from **Ross Day**, San Antonio, Texas. Ditty-Bops, unite! This is Ross Day, TSN 70-71. You could usually find me putting Jim Pearson to bed after his fifth cup of VO. I was also the AMS on Red Scholander's famous flare flight. Walt Suksta, that was me on 937 in between 25 left and 25 right at TSN. It was a copilot landing. They sent him to Pleiku the next day. I also watched 009er bite the wing tip of a C-130 and its resulting drunken drive toward the revetments. Funny thing about RVN, sometimes you almost died laughing. Sometimes you just died.

Received May 29, 1999 from **Harry Patterson**, Charlotte, N.C. Got your web site from Revetments Magazine, and decided to take a look. Most of the guests who signed in with you were in TEWS long after I was. Got there in November, 1966, after a 31 day flight from Manchester, N.H., because of a 17 day delay for an engine change at Elmendorf, Alaska. We were mortered on December 4th, which was our welcome to TSN. Had 129 missions, flew flight test several months, but had to come home early. Our son was stationed with the 173rd Airborne at Ben Hau, and was killed in a chopper crash after taking groundfire. I had just taken off from TSN, and saw a chopper go down. Called in to Rescue, but didn't learn till months later that it was his chopper. Came home to bury him at Arlington, and was not sent back. Retired from the Air Force in 1970, and have settled in N.C., my original home. Keep up the good work, and I'll keep checking your site.

Received June 1, 1999 from **Horace Hopper**, San Antonio, Texas. Horace writes, I was introduced to your 'memory provoking and most excellent' site today by Dave Brooks, Col USAF (Ret) after hearing him talking to the EE / Proj Mgr in the next cube (HQ AFCEE/DCM [Dsgn & Constr Directorate, Medical Division], Brooks AFB, TX). I have seen or heard from another PRONG or DACRON call sign since Oct 71. I read a guest e'mail from John Ekwall, Col USAF (Ret) who was a fellow pilot at Phu Cat during my Oct 70-71 tour. I have been unable to reply to his AOL Email address (see his memo 5/20/99) in response to his request (something about an URL difficulty). Perhaps this memo will be visible to him. Unfortunately, I was unaware of the 'EC-47 Reunion' in S.A., this past week-end. Per D.B., I understand the next event will be in the fall of 2000. Perhaps I will be able to attend. Note: I have a last flight photos and aerial view slides of "tall, multiple cascade waterfalls", etc. -- Horace Hopper, former 1LT 361 TEWS 'Goon' driver- Asst Vehicle Ops Officer - Awd's & Decs Staffer, Oct 70-71. PS: "Any van with less than 90-degrees of play in the steering is fully operational." Memorable event: I was awarded the infamous "WALKING PRONG" as the last pilot to arrive Phu Cat in Oct '70. John Ekwall, Remember the name, but not yet the face (need to view the photos again) -- but, I was a 1LT (co-pilot, first pilot, & A/C) at Phu Cat from 29 Oct 70 thru early Oct 71, before departing for Sheppard AFB TX (2 B A C-54 1st pilot ... then a C-118 1st pilot -- can U say DOUGLAS AIRCRAFT career with ATC, '71- Jun'74). Now a Civil Service Architect (since Nov '75) with AFCEE/DCM, Brooks AFB (SE San Antonio) TX. My work takes me to Beale, Los Angeles, Luke, McChord, and Travis AFBs where I am managing Medical MILCON projects. Expect to retire in a little over one year. Well, you have my address -- so let me know how things are with you. Per info from D. Brooks, I may soon be visiting the VA doctor who wants to check on past Viet Nam tour folk (Agent Orange) to have him look at or refer me to a throat specialist. I do not and have not ever smoked and swallowing some types of food has recently become somewhat difficult. D.B. said the EC-47 site will have more info on that survey in addition to the first 'reunion' notes from the past weekend.

Received June 1, 1999 from **Lloyd 'Jiggs' Watnee**, Citrus Heights, California. Lloyd called after the reunion as he had found out about it over the week-end while the reunion was in progress. He says he was an Instructor Pilot with the 361st and the 362nd TEWS during in 1967/68. Lloyd does not have an email address but said to put on his US Postal address and phone number. Lloyd can be reached at 5656 Timmerman Way Citrus Heights, CA 95621 His phone is: (916) 965-3824

Received June 9, 1999 from **David Usher**, Bentonville, Arkansas. Mr. Wheeler, my name is David Usher and I just noticed, in the Air Force Magazine, the reunion in San Antonio. I was stationed at Danang and was assigned to 362 TEWS. I was a Tech Sgt. at the time and was flight chief. I wanted to make contact with you and see if this is an annual reunion and perhaps I could make one of the reunions. I currently reside in Bentonville Ar. Please contact me with any information you might have. Thank you. David Usher.

Received from **Joel Blackwell**, Alexandria, VA. What a surprise to see myself in a picture from Nha Trang. I knew Doug Campbell was in the first bunch sent in 1967. We built a lot of barracks until our aircraft came. I have some good shots or aircrews. Would you like to see some and if so, what format. I think I can probably scan and send them as an attachment. I was not really cut out for military life and was quite vocal about it. At a party the squadron gave me a plaque, which I still have, awarding me the title of "Most Optimistic." They also gave us a little card with an outline of a C-47 recognizing when we flew over 100 missions. Joel is the fellow who provided the white photo album that was on display at the reunion. Thanks Joel.

Received June 7, 1999 from **Bill Sommer**. Bill left the following in the Guestbook. Thank you for the site. Am enjoying the information and hope to touch base with long-lost friends. Was at Da Nang from 1/71 to 12/71 as intercept and direction finding specialist. Thanks again.

Received June 10, 1999 from **David C. Cotton**. David writes, I saw your EC-47 unit reunion notice in the May issue of Air Force Magazine. In 1968 as a fresh out of tech school young airman I was assigned to the 14th FMS Doppler Nav Shop

at Nha Trang. We had 18 Ec's that we were responsible for. Don't see much published on them. I hope the re-union went well. Please feel free to contact me.

Received June 14, 1999 from **Doug Anderson**. The Information was relayed to me. Doug was with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut in 1968 and was, I believe, a Navigator and wanted to be included in the EC-47 rosters. Doug does not have an email address but his U.S. Postal address is: 301 3rd Ave. NE, Staples, MN 56479 Phone is: (218) 894-3080

Received June 14, 1999 from **Larry Eshleman**. Larry was not actually a part of the EC-47 operation, he was our Predecessor. Larry says "Your Elder Brothers Live On"! I Just became aware of your site; beautifully done! I was one of the MB/MD 203's selected for the hearability tests ("Project Sour Grapes") run from Tan Son Nhut and Da Nang in '63-'64 which were the forerunner for the EC-47 program in SVN. Lead A/C was (then) CAPT Bernard "Robbie" (Robson/Robeson), ret as O-6, ca. 76-77 2nd pilot: CAPT ((UNK)) Co-pilot: 1LT Wayne Kinney NCOs TDY from 6929th: MSGT Carl Taylor, NCOIC (MB) SSGT Charles "Chuck Semich" (MD) Crewmembers from Det 2, 6925th (DaNang): A1C Larry Eshleman (SELF) A1C Thomas O'Connor (former "Blue Sky", 6929th - 1960) A1C William Sealover (ditto) Radio Maintenance: A1C Delano Jolly A1C ((UNK)) There were several others whose names escape me. I'll look at my old orders and see if I can ID more. We went TDY to Yokota for the chamber in Nov '63 and got our "OJT" from the maintenance men. Our "HQ" at TSN was a white trailer in a compound behind HQ, 2d ADVON (forerunner of 7th AF). at DaNang (then Phuong Hoang AB), we worked out of the Det 2 compound, because our real duty station was up on Monkey Mtn. I have very few, if any, pics, because that was a no-no, and I canned my old flight logs when I retired - sorry! I still have an old clipping of me, Tom, and Bill getting our first AM for that project after we'd PCS's to the 6948th at GAFB in '64. If you want to get in touch with Semich, O'Connor, and Sealover, they all have e-mail addresses. I went on to fly with the 6988th and 6990th, went Bootstrap/ACP in '71, and spent the next 15 years as an Intel Off, retiring as a MAJ at Hickam AFB in '86. I stayed on in Hawaii and am now a Foreign Affairs Off (DA civilian) at HQ US Army, Pacific, at Ft Shafter. Hope this is all of use.

Received 22 June, 1999 from **William E. Flinchum**, Winchester, KY. William says, I was also known as "Billy Ed". I got this nickname immediately upon arrival at NKP. The nickname came about because I'm from Kentucky. I was stationed at NKP from June of 71 until April of 73. I had 183 missions over Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. I was an AMS for the last year I was there. I've been talking to my friend Rick Yeh and it sounds like you guys had a great reunion. My wife and I are going to try to make it out there next year. I remember lots of trying and good times during my 1 1/2 years in Southeast Asia.

Received 27 June, 1999 from **Bob Graham**, Melbourne, Florida. Bob says, I flew 112 missions with 360th TEWS. Helped create squadron emblem - Antique Airlines. Crew members Jack Cummings and Andy Anderson, Navigator. Was Chief of Standboard for 360th. Helped form 361st and 362nd TEWS during tour at Tan Son Nhut. Jim Jelley was Commander 360th, succeeded by Bill Horn. Served from September 1966 to October 1967.

Received 27 June, 1999 from **Charles A. (Chuck) Sutton**, Arlington, Texas. I was one of the original test pilots that set up the TDY Squadron at Grenier Field in Manchester, NH. The purpose of this Squadron was to calibrate the EC-47 with its classified equipment, assemble crew and send them on their way to Tan Son Nhut. The Squadron was formed in the spring of 1966 and after 6 months TDY, I went back to my home base at Hill AFB to find I had orders, along with several of my fellow engineers/pilots, Al Reeser, Joe Steinguesser, and Roy Gentry, to pick up a Gooney and take it to Tan Son Nhut. I was the last of the Hill AFB guys to pick up a crew and plane and head west. We left Grenier Field in January 1967 and after 33 days enroute made it to Tan Son Nhut. The 33 day trip is another story that would take too much space. I flew 120 plus missions at Tan Son Nhut, mostly with the 360 TEWS. After a few months, I became the 460th Recon Wing EC-47 Standardization Pilot and kept this job until leaving in January 1968. Thanks J.C. for a wonderful vehicle to renew memories and friends.

Received 29 June, 1999 from **Roy Sherrett**. Roy writes, I was a Major Squadron 360th & 362nd TEWS at Tan Son Nhut, and Pleiku Year 1966-67. Early arrival July 66. Spent about 5 months at Tan Son Nhut and then transferred to Pleiku. 140 missions.

Received 2 July, 1999 from **Bobby D. Johnson**. Bobby writes, I was a TSgt with the 6994th SS at Danang in 1970/71. Have some photos of EC's and the compound/quarters at Danang and a lot of memories. Share any and/or all. It was definitely a period in my life but many other periods have been more memorable.

Received 7 July, 1999 from **Chuck Trout**. Chuck says, He was a Captain, a Pilot with the 361st TEWS and was stationed at NKP and Ubon in 1973. I flew the last EC-47 (and the last US aircraft) out of Cambodia on the last day of bombing. The ABCCC EC-121 (call sign Disco) signed off with me. The day started off with so much chatter on the radio you could hardly give a position report but gradually became eerily quiet. Lt Col Howie Pierson (Mr Clean and Nail 01) relayed a message over the radio from a ground commander thanking us and pledging to fight on. One of the saddest days of my life. The Q model had an additional fairing to close the gap between the leading edge of the aileron and the wing for streamlining. One of our Q models at NKP was hit in the left wing by ground fire. Maintenance replaced the wingtip with the wingtip of an A model--obviously they were unaware of the fairing. I was the first pilot to fly this Q model after this "fix" and it almost did an aileron roll on takeoff due to the difference in lift between the two wings--it took a significant amount of right aileron (and rudder) to keep us from rolling over. I entered, in the 781, the number of degrees of trim required to keep us flying upright so maintenance would have some idea of the severity of the problem. The next time I flew the bird there was a note in the 781 to, before takeoff, set the aileron and rudder trim to the values I'd given them. To my knowledge this Q model flew this way (in a significant slip) from then on. Chuck's Email Address: cgtrout(at)gmail.com

Received 8 July, 1999 from **Christopher Koch**. Chris says he was an A1c assigned to the 460th AMS at Tan Son Nhut in 1970/71 and helped to maintain our C-12 compass systems. Christopher's Email Address is: cckoch(at)roadrunner.com

Received 8 July, 1999 from **James R. Brown**. James says I was in the 6994 Security Squadron (USAFSS) TSN 10/66 to 10/67. Air crewmember on EC47 with DF equipment at TSN, EC47 with standard intercept equipment flying out of Phu Bai. The Air Medal - 2/15/67. The Distinguished Flying Cross - 10/1/67 James also supplied the following information via the guestbook and added to this entry also.

: Source Special Order P-18, 2 June 1966 HQ 6950th : Security Wing (USAFSS)
: These are the 292x1 reassigned to the 6994th SS.

: TSGT Walter C Palmer, AF12329171
: SSGT Thomas J Buckley, AF12508907*
: SSGT Robert E Dwyer, AF12444921
: SSGT Joe E Hogg, AF19523792*
: A1C James R Brown, AF12688467 (me)
: A1C Jackie M Lavigne, AF19769580
: A1C Jeremiah W Nutt, AF16764490*
: A1C Danial D Richard, AF14829403
: A2C James T Cardwell, AF14818397
: A2C Frederick W Hammond, AF13795010*
: A2C William J Laverty, AF11417713
: A2C Dale L Zoebisch, AF19782405*

These are the airman released from the 6950th (Jul/Aug 66) for survival school and then the 6994th Security Squadron (*) in the fall of '66. I flew the EC47 as SS crewman out of TSN and Phu Bai - 11/66 to 10/67.

Received 9 July, 1999 from **Lucky Truong**. Hi, Thanks for the memory, well set site, sharp pictures. I just sign a check to order your book. I was South Vietnamese Pilot with USAF 360th squadron 's training program in Tan Son Nhat Air Base during 1972. After that, we formed the South Vietnamese 's 718th squadron to replace the 360th and other squadrons. It was 24 1/2 years to see our 718th squadron 's EC47 again (in your site), I told my wife !!! Thanks again, be back! Lucky Truong

Received 10 July, 1999 from **Willie E. Jones**. Willie says he was a MSgt with the 6994th Security Squadron at Nha Trang, in 1967/68.

Received 12 July, 1999 from **Kenneth "Wilco" Wilkerson**. Mike McBride supplied the information on Kenneth as Kenneth does not have internet access. Kenneth was a backender with the 6994th Security Squadron in 1968/69 and would like to hear from any/all of his old friends. He supplied his U.S. Postal address which is: 815 Pennsylvania Ave. Apt 1, Uniontown, PA. 15401.

Received 13 July, 1999 from **Richard J. Guertin**. Richard writes, I Crewed, Aircraft Tail number#882 to Nha Trang, March 1967, Arrived in April 67, return to the States in late March, early April 68. Ferry'd a second aircraft over in late 69 or early 70. Getting Old, can't remember the dates, but I do remember that an aircraft crash landed on the ice near Vancouver. All aboard OK, but the powers to be decided only Instructor personnel could ferry over the rest. God Bless Jim, you are doing one outstanding job. Thanks for the all out effort. We made history and you are now the keeper of the keys. Thank You!

Received from **Eugene D. Rossel**, 14 July, 1999. Eugene writes, I was with the original test of the system which was brought from Gen Lemay's workshop on the 5th floor of the Pentagon, the MARS station. He and some half-wit Maj. wanted to hook up a R-390 HF receiver to the ADF antenna to go out and listen to the bad guys with their little transmitter. I flew in the Commandos C-47 which we installed Lemay's R-390 and technically it wasn't going to work. No one down at Gen Anthis shop would listen, they were terrified of Lemay. I was told to get it to work which was an impossibility. Later they spent millions to get the EC-47 to work but it really took a lot out of me while I was the project officer. Eugene has a website at: <http://home.earthlink.net/aircommando1/>

Received from **Duane Wiskus**, 17 July, 1999. Duane sent this in via U.S. Postal Service. Hello! former Nha Trang resident. Received your information from Dick in Arlington, Texas. Just to let you know I was at Nha Trang, August 1968 to August 1969. Was Crew Chief on 668, Also worked launch crew which included 668 and helping others. A few close friends included Steve Jenkins, James Atterberry, and Benton (first name??). Duane would like to hear from any of his old friends, address is below. Also would like to find a copy of the 361st TEWS Logo, of the Turtle. Duane does not have an email address, but his postal address is: Duane Wiskus, 19011 Morrissey, Elkhon, NE, 68022

Received from **Mitch Cooper**, 20 July, 1999. Mitch left this on the Guestbook. I flew aboard the EC-47's out of Tan Son Nhut and the 6994th SS as an X-1 Operator in 1966/67. Logged 177 mission and have many memories. Received Sept. 3, 1999 from Mitch Cooper, Leander, Texas. Mitch was an A1c with the 6994th SS at Tan Son Nhut, 1966/67 and writes; I had the privilege of being among the first to fly these missions. I ended up with 177 missions (almost one every other day) in the 13 months I was in country. Despite the time that has passed since my tour, I remember it like it was yesterday. I remember the sweltering heat inside the goon as we sat in line for what seemed like hours prior to take off. I remember the combat assault landings when there was artillery fire around the base. I remember the 50 caliber bullet that went through the bottom and out the top of the plane and creased the navigators forehead. I remember the R and R's to Bangkok and Hawaii. Most of all, I remember the people I flew and worked with. I only remember a few names, but I haven't forgotten the faces, especially the faces of those we lost in 1967 (one of which I helped train). At the age of 20/21, I had no fear. Years later, one of my daughters was sent to Saudi during Desert Storm as a member of the Army's 82nd Airborne. My, how your perspectives change when it's your kid and not you.

Received from **Mike Rooney**, 2 August, 1999. Mike didn't say much, just that he was SSgt and a Backender with the 6994th SS at Tan Son Nhut in 1969/70.

3 August, 1999 Received from **Russell L. Strickland**, Tennille, Georgia. Russell left the following information in the EC-47 Site Guestbook. I was the Crew Chief on A/C 980 at Pleiku. Her name was "Ring Dang Doo". I was stationed at Pleiku from Nov. 67 thru Nov. 68. It is good to hear that someone remembers us for what we did. Would like to hear about the next reunion for our squadrons.

Received 11 Aug, 1999 from **Frank Bowlby**. Great site. I have bookmarked it and put it at the top of my listing. I just posted my information on your site, then this popped up. So will send it again, just in case it didn't make it. I served as an RO, SRO, and AMS at Det 2, 6994th SS (Pleiku & Danang) from May 70 to May 71. One of the most interesting assignments I had during my 27 year AF career. Many great AF people involved in the mission, performing in a highly professional manner. Great to see so many names on your site roster. I recognized many of them from my tour there as well as other tours during my AF career. I have quite a few good photos taken in and around Danang, many of them are

airborne photos, if you would like some more for you site. Even have a couple of a Phu Cat bird flying in formation with us when we met up one day on our respective missions. Couldn't make the recent reunion, but hope to make the next one. Keep up the great work! Sure brings back a lot of memories!

Received from **Bill Pickard**. Bill left this in the Guestbook. I was stationed with the 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut from July 1966 to July 1967.

Received 12 August, 1999 from **William T. Ballard**. William is a Retired Col, and was assigned TDY as the first Commander, 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut. He was to start the organization, get some real estate, get established with 7th AF, the Army and the NSA Office in Saigon. Also write some ground rules and trying to get along with the Army etc. He continues, Having been in Saigon earlier as the first SS Liaison officer to 2AD/7AF, it was not too bad as I still knew many of the players.

Received 12 August, 1999 from **Curtis Parker**. Curtis left this in the Guestbook. Curtis is from King George, VA. Says he was station with the 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut from October 1966 to June 1968 and again from October 1969 to October 1970. Received 31 August, 2000 from Curtis A. Parker, King George Virginia. Curtis writes, I was a MSgt assigned as an Airborne Mission Intercept Operator with the 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut. I arrived at 6994th, TSN AB, RVN, in Oct 1966. I did my year then extended for 6 months, departing in June 1968 for the 6949th, Offutt AFB, NE. Returned to TSN in Oct 1969, departing in Oct 1970.

Received 12, August 1999 from Eugene "Ick" Mattke. Eugene writes, I was in Saigon, Tan Son Nhut, with the 6994th Security Squadron from Jan - Nov, '72. I flew 92 missions on such memorable birds as 009, 013, 158, 703 and 980. I lived in air conditioned comfort, took 3 showers a day and "vacationed" in the PI. Rank was SSgt. At least that's the way I remember it - my memories of those days are a bit hazy (if you remember me you know why!). It was the guys there that made it tolerable: Bill Watters, Frank Adams, Bill Schroeder, Rick Summerour and many more whose names are locked in my memory banks but beyond retrieval. Loved the cargo net doors, but you can keep the honey buckets! Wouldn't have traded the experiences for anything - we did the job and I am proud to have been a part of it. If you remember me, feel free to e-mail me. (eugenekm@netnet.net).

Received 15 August, 1999 from **Mike Staggs**. Mike says, he was an E-3/E-4 stationed at Tan Son Nhut in 1971/72 with the 6994th Security Squadron.

Received from **Ken Clark** from Mt. Vernon Ind. I was a 202 assigned to the ACC from Nov 67 to Sep 69. Going thru this site brought up a lot of buried memories. Also, recognized quite a few names but was more surprised that there are lots of names missing. One fond memory is of the great sandwiches made by the hootch girl across the street from the 6994th barracks/hootch bar. Does anybody remember Banger, our little crippled mutt, and all the times she met the crew bus and the beers she put down. A few of the names I remember are: Don Stagg (202), Ken Abernathy (292), Ray May (702), Ray Parker (292), Ken Harris (292), and CMS Walter Hunt (Ch of Maint). I was at NKP with May in 72-72, LinKou with Harris in 69, Don was a classmate at Goodfellow. I remember playing ball with Rick Hand at TSN. Les Kimball was our 1st Sgt, I've got pics of Mike Pressler leaving (lei around his neck on the steps of a 727), and Paul Weyandt and I had more than a few of the local brews at both NKP and Clark (one hell of a man - he was far to young to go). I traveled around quite a bit in 20+ years (San Vito, NSA, Vn, Thai, Laos, Taiwan, Oki, P.I., Korea, March AFB, Wright-Patt, Fairchild, and Scott. The most memorable times are the ones I spent with the 6994th. Drop me a line or two and rekindle old memories and friendships. Information below was received in March, 2002 and added. Ken says he was with the 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut as an Analyst (202) from November 67 to September 69. Assigned to ARDF Coordination Center (joint 6994th SS/509th RRG) on JGS Compound and with 174th MI Det (173rd Abn Bde) at/around Bien Hoa. Holed up at the ACC during Tet 68 and got sweaty, dirty, and scared with the Sky Troopers in their AO around Bien Hoa. Great tour, lots of memories. Also did time in Vito, NSA, and SLK in USAFSS and tours as 204/201 at Wright-Patt, NKP, Laos, March AFB, Kadena, Fairchild, PI, Korea, and Scott AFB. Retired in '86 and now hiding out in USPS (as all good retirees do). See you at the reunion.

Received from **Bob Hotaling** from Altamont Springs, Florida. Greetings to all fellow TEWS folks. I was pleased to find this site while "surfing" this morning. I was a pilot with the 360 TEWS in Saigon from April 1970-1971. The Y2K Reunion will be on the list of "gotta' do's." I often wonder whatever happened to "Lady Sux".... I do know where the CTF (Crew Training Facility) bell is from Saigon however. It will make it to the reunion!! Bob's Email Address is: Bob(at)miata.net

Received from **Tom Duncan** from Tulsa, Oklahoma. I was really surprised to find a site dedicated to the EC-47 and its mission in Viet Nam. I was a Life Support Specialist, 360th TEWS, Tan Son Nhut AFB from 9/68 to 10/69.

Received from **Robert R. "Carp" Carpenter**. Robert was an E-4 and writes, I was a 202 with USAFSS at DaNang, April 1965 to December 1965 and again in Saigon at Tan Son Nhut, August 66 to April 1967. Worked between 6994th and Army Security Agency/Davis Station at Tan Son Nhut in setting up mission targets. Flew various missions on EC-47's.

Received August 28, 1999 from **Charles 'Chuck' Greenwood** of Grants Pass Oregon. Chuck says, My tour ran from August 67 to August 68. I Arrived in country in Aug. 67, spent about a month with 362 TEWS at Pleiku. Was then moved to the 360Th at TSN. (aircraft commander) Flew out of TSN but also had TDYs to Pleikue and Hue Phu Bai. Was at TSN during TET and was there for the move from Horn Hall to on-base at TSN. Left in Aug 68, retired in Aug 79 as a Lt/Col after tours at the Pentagon, AFROTC (Central Washington U.), Extension Course Inst.(Gunter AFB Ala.) Taught high school math and was freshman football coach in Grants Pass, Or. before retiring for good in 1994.

Received from **Duane L. Duvall**, St. Louis, Minn. Duane writes; I was in Pleiku Vietnam from September 67 to September 68 with the 362nd TEWS. I was sent to was sent to Nha Trang, but the first day of briefing I was sent to Pleiku. I liked the weather better. Was a Flight Mechanic on the EC-47. 816 Berea St. St. Louis, Minn. 48880.

Received from **Jerry E. Marshall**. Jerry writes: In 1968-69, I was the Chief of Standardization for all of the EC's stationed at Tan Son Nhut but giving check rides at Nha Trang and Pleiku and opened up the operations at NKP. Was the co-pilot on the Q model that crashed in Alaska on the ferry flight over. No Email address for Jerry but his U.S. Postal address is: 4110 Mt. Laurel San Antonio, TX 78240

Received from **Bill Duvall**, San Antonio, Texas. Bill writes: I was assigned to the 362nd TEWS in May 1969 as an EC-47 Navigator and departed in May of 1970 just before the 362nd moved to Danang. We covered I and II Corps. During that period we lost Cap 52 to 37mm fire in the Au Shaw Valley area. The round came thru the floor in the vicinity of the Navigators station and cut the elevator cables. They flew for about 20 minutes with the crew running up and down the aisle to level the plane. But as it slowed to touch down at an abandoned Air Field in the Au Shaw Valley, the nose came down and they hit hard, killing the Aircraft Commander Lt. Wall. The Co-Pilot was scalped by the top of the windshield frame but survived. Another lost was at Phu Bai as one of the Cap birds was taking off, a double bladed Chinook banked on take-off and blew the Cap bird upside down on take-off roll. Others lost in the revetments by 122 mm rocket attacks. My Aircraft Commander was the infamous Bull Durham of SAC bomber fame. Bull wrote songs, sang and played the guitar. Had several records produced about life in SAC. I was the Information Officer and we turned out a great yearbook. No Email Address for Bill but his U.S. Postal address is: 11507 Whisper Breeze San Antonio, TX 78230.

Received from **E.J. Ledet**. E.J. writes: I was Detachment Commander Det. 2 6994th SS July71-Apr72. Twenty years in USAFSS, ex-morse operator/traffic analyst first six years, then to OCS and back to USAFSS for tours in Far East and Europe; flew RO position on missions; retired Goodfellow AFB February 28, 1973; living in San Angelo. E.J.'s Email Address is: ejledet(at)suddenlink.net

Received from **Tony Lucas**, Hobart Indiana. Tony writes: I was an E-4, assigned to the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang in 1966/67 and worked on the AC-47's and EC-47's. I am proud to have served with some of the best guys I have ever met in my life.

Received from **Jerry Douglas Dennis**. Jerry writes: I was an E-4, assigned to Det. 2, 6994th Security Squadron, DaNang RVN from approximately 12-12-72 to 02-28-73. Transferred to Det 3, 6994th Security Squadron at Ubon RTAFB, Thailand. Left Ubon in August 1973 on Emergency Leave. Received from Jerry Douglas Dennis, Albuquerque, NM He writes: Just relocated to Albuquerque, NM. Your site is an inspiration to the memory of not only those whose lives were lost in SEA, but to those of living who returned with the memories and valor and honor to carry to the next generation of airman. A20331 - Det 2 6994th SS (12/72-03/73) - Det 3 6994th SS (03/73-08/73) From May 14, 2000 from Jerry Dennis, Albuquerque, NM I find your site very beneficial and informative to those of us who served with the 6994th Security Squadron. In October 1972, I was given the choice to fly the Electric Goon at Danang, RVN, or be sent to the 6908th Security Squadron at NKP, Thailand. I'm happy to say that I chose the Det 2, 6994th SS (and later transferred to Det 3, 6994th SS, Ubon RTAFB, Thailand. Over the past twenty-five plus years, I have given serious thought to my role in this unit. Every day, my memories give rise to the pride and honor felt as a result of my participation with this unit. I have a display of my awards and decorations resulting from this participation. At the top of the display is a picture of me in my flight suit in front of the tail section of one of the EC-47's at Ubon. Below it is my Combat Crewmember Wings, which I feel great honor to have earned. I feel a part of history. May each person who participated in this unit also feel he is a part of a unit which "flew unarmed and alone" and contributed his own part to this mission. Jerry Dennis. March, 2001
Received from Jerry Douglas Dennis, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Jerry Writes; I was assigned to Det. 2 and Det. 3, 6994th Security Squadron. I was Stationed at Danang in Vietnam and Ubon Thailand. My duty title was, Voice Processing Specialist. I was in Southeast Asia in 1972 and 73. J. C. Keep up the good work! I'd like to build yearbook for the period of time while assigned to the 6994th. Can you offer some advice and suggestions? Jerry's New Address: 3602 Rolling Green Drive, Apt #417, Abilene, TX 79606. Phone Number: 325-668-1872. Email Address: emmaandjerry@att.net

Received from **Thomas J. 'Rusty'Mulligan**. Rusty writes, I went TDY from Kadena/6990th to Det 3, 6994 in Ubon in April/May 1973. I flew as a Cambodian linguist. After flying the goons for six months I was PCS'd to Ubon, which by that time, I believe, was the 6994th, having moved down from NKP. I was "Z1" on acft 049570 on 15 May 1974. 570 along with 76304 flew the final combat missions of the war on that date. The dates of my TDY and PCS are approximate. If you need exact dates I'll have to do a lot more digging. Rusty's Email Address is: tmulligan(at)hughes.net. Postal Address: 3002 Jamaica Drive, Apt. # 39 Corpus Christi, TX 78418.

Received from **L.C. Cooley**. L.C. writes: Arrived at Pleiku AB RVN in Jan 1969. I was assigned to Det. 2, 6994. I Flew approximately 140 mission with Antique Airlines. Made some good friends while there, Don Boston, JJ Pitzeruse, GG Gore, Joe Madden, just to mention a few. Also had the pleasure of going TDY (about two months) to Det 3 (NKP). All in all, it was a year that I will never forget. God bless you all. Would like to hear from old friends. LC sends from Carolina.

Received from **Denny Taylor**, Lake Toxaway, NC. Denny says, I arrived in country June 1970 as a ground analyst. Was one of a group of analysts already in country selected to attend survival school in PI and go airborne, Jan 71. Great group of individuals both 94th and 360th. Would like to hear from old members.

Received from **Harry Frye**, Odenton, MD. Harry writes, I was a Dogger TDY from the 6990th from Jan to Apr 70 and PCS's until Dec 70. Left command for next 17 years and returned as the Ops Officer of the 6994th at Ft Meade with the Comfy Levi until going to Japan and then to Thailand to run JCRC's Bangkok Liaison Office working the POW/MIA issue. Email Address: harryfrye(at)comcast.net.

Received from **Milton Buck** of Niceville, Florida. Milton served with the 361st TEWS as Line Chief at NKP, Thailand in 1972/73 but cannot recall the exact months. He would like to hear from anyone from that time period. He does not have an email address but his Postal Address is: Milton Buck 501 McKinney St. Niceville, FL 55122. Phone Number is (850)-678-4332

Received from **Michael L. Moriaty**. Michael writes; I was a 1lt. assigned to the 361st TEWS as a Pilot. Was stationed both at Nha Trank and at Phu Cat in 1969. Michael's Email Address: mlm847 (at) verizon.net

Received from **Orrin J. Olson**. Oly writes; I was a Capt. I was assigned to the 362nd TEWS as an Instructor Navigator. Was stationed at DaNang from Sept 70 to Sept 71. Oly's Email Address is: skyking9@pacbell.net

Received from **Charles E. Capshew**, Bartlesville, OK. Charles writes; I was a Pilot assigned to the 362nd TEWS from May 70 to May 71. Says he and Rodger Curnow flew together and keep in touch. Charles Email Address: cecapsh@cox.net

Received from **Earl S. Leffew**. Earl writes, I worked as an instrument repairman, in the 366/362 AMS. Maintained EC-47's, AC-119 Stingers, A1H's and anything else with a recip. engine. Came to DaNang after the close of Phu Cat AB in Oct. 71.

Received from **Butch Guerra**. Butch says, I was a Pilot with the 361st TEWS at NKP Thailand, May 1973 to May 1974.

Received from **Gary Hunley**, Gary writes, I was a 292 aboard the EC47's out of NKP from August 1970 thru feb 1972. I flew 210 missions out of NKP. The only tail numbers that I remember are 636 and 970. I have been all over the internet trying to find information on any of my fellow crewmembers. Some of their names were Guy Fox, Monty Hargraves, Skeeter Dickerson, Jim Iannuzzi, Jack Clancy, Ben Dorn, Kulik, Dave Healey, Richard Derrick, Ed Flinchum to name a few. Anybody remember of these men?????

Received from **Steve Baudoin**. Steve writes, great site, we need to make an effort to contact more men who served. If I can be of help let me know. Steve was an E-3 with Det. 2, 6994th Security Squadron at Pleiku in 1968/69. Duties as a Radio Operator on the EC-47.

Received from **Alex Canterbury**. Alex writes, I was stationed at 6994th Det. 1 Nha Trang beginning 5 Nov 68. That was election day for the Presidential Election, and the day I also turned 21. I was going thru my schooling, getting ready to ship to Viet Nam, so my Dad had to get my absential ballot. Because I wasn't yet 21 at that time, he had quite a bit of trouble getting it for me. All in all, quite a memory for my first day in country. I can still remember the blast of heat that hit me in my face as I left the plane after arriving at Cam Rahn Bay. I also was involved in the move from Nha Trang to Phu Cat. I don't remember the month but it was about August of 1969. In Oct 1969 I took my R&R in Sydney. Upon my return to Phu Cat, I noticed that all the men were bummed out. That is when I found out that we had lost an EC-47, all crew lost. Sgt Stiglich and Sgt. Hall were the RO's on that flight. I was told that Sgt. Hall had replaced another RO on that flight. I don't remember that man's name. Also, I was told that they had thought that the plane had taken ground fire that hit the generator, located in the tail end, and the resulting fire had burnt through the control cables controlling the rudder and tail flaps. Anyway, that was the scuttle butt. I have enjoyed viewing the web site. It has brought back many memories that had been buried for many years. I have a few pictures. Some of our barracks in Nha Trang, and a few pics of our barracks in Phu Cat. Also a few last mission pics on which there were 3 last mission flyers on the same mission. Alex's Email Address: m.a.canterbury (at) sbcglobal.net

Received from **Bruce R. Schafer**. Bruce was with the 6994th Security Service and was stationed at Danang from July 1970 until mid February 1972. He served as a 292, an RO, an IRO, an AMS and as SEFE. Bruce's Email Address: beermanbruce(at)att.net

Received from: **David L. Benson** from Houston, TX. David writes, I served in the 6994th all over Southeast Asia (Detachments in Thailand and Vietnam) between April, 1967 and July, 1969. I flew as a RO on EC-47's out of Nha Trang and Pleiku from July, 1968 - July, 1969. This is a great page. It is a treasure of information. It's about time that the world was told about the importance of our mission in the war.

Received from: **Robert Ambrose**, Allenton, MI. Robert says he was an A1c/Sgt with the 6994th Security Squadron at Phu Cat in 1969/70.

Received from: **Roger V. Pratt** Orlando, Florida. Roger writes; Great Site! My particulars: AFSC 292 in Japan, '66-'68. Then, Fairchild AFB Survival School, Eqmt Tech school at Goodfellow AFB March ? '68, Jungle Survival Clark AB, Philpp., Tan Son Nhut May '68-Jan'69, Pleiku Jan. 69-May'69. 133 EC-47 missions -- saw many of the planes I flew on. Was at Pleiku on Feb 5 69, when we lost the gooney with Rodney Gott and James "Dot" Dorsey (ROs). Although plane was lost in the morning, it wasn't 'til very late afternoon before we in the brks. knew about it. I was pulling the overnight CQ at the Ops bldg and answered the phone when Rodney's family called from the States to see if we'd heard anything. No, we hadn't at that point...tough call to take. I saw and spoke to his mother at the dedication of the chow hall in his name across from (now) AIA at Kelly AFB, San Antonio. Do any of these names ring a bell to anyone: Jim Osbourne, Bill? Lowmueller, Ed Sumner, Al Kinter, Bill Duffy {prob. was in Thailand}, Larry F., "Banger" the puppy? Roger's Latest Email Address is: kokoro (at) zma.attmil.ne.jp Tks agn for the great site.

Received from **Tom L. Kersey**, Valley Springs, California. Tom writes, I was in Da Nang with 362nd TEWS from Jan '72 until June '72 when we were downsized and at that time transfered to NKP. I was part of the group that joined the TEWS about half way through the one year tour as the result of the sqd of 123's being closed. Great birds - great site.

Received from **Richard 'Dick' Hunt**. Dick says, I was a Sgt with Detachment 2, 6994th Security Squadron at Pleiku and DaNang in 1969/70. Dick's Email Address: gold.coast (at) prodigy.net

Received from **David A. Williams**. David says, he was with the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang from July, 68 to July 69. Was the Crew Chief on EC-47 number 45-0925 with nose art name 'Wendy'.

Received from **Ron Moring**, Petersburg, Virginia. Ron writes, I was a Sgt and assigned to Det 2, 6994th Security Squadron at DaNang from June 1970 until Feb. 1972 as an R/O 29251, flew 100 missions plus one month crew 'Metro' truck driver, NKP overnites, upstairs in 1st barracks, China Beach USO, Freedom Hill, Monkey Mountain, late flights, box lunches, briefings, recognize lots of names and reunion faces, R&R to Sydney, Midnight the dog, getting short, flying, flying, flying. Thanks for a great site. I Visit often.

Received from **John Hornecker**. John writes, Got there late, but served in Ubon, RTAFB from October 73 until the unit closed in May 1974. I was fortunate to have been picked to be part of the crew on the second to last mission, and was on hand when the last mission landed shortly after we did. Therefore the picture on the cover of the book means a lot to me. It was a very special day. TSgt Paul Weyandt was the AMS on the last flight. (He came to Misawa as a 2 striper while I was there). Don't remember anyone else. He went on to become Chief Weyandt and the NCOIC of Operations at Clark. He survived hundreds of missions in Southeast Asia, but was later killed in a car accident while on leave in Pennsylvania, a great loss to Security Service and the Air Force. Perhaps you already knew this. I had an uneventful tour in Ubon, but was probably one of the most nervous crewmembers they had there. If anything happened in the air, everyone would look my way to see if I was okay or not. I also worked Mission Management when not flying. I managed to get through

everything okay, and must say that earning and wearing my crewmember wings was the proudest thing I accomplished in my 22+ year Air Force career.

Received from **Paul Siler**. Paul writes, well it was just your normal 1 yr tour, I think from Nov 69 to Nov 70. Flew about 50 missions and then got a job in Ops working for CMSgt Franklyn K. Brown. He was a great guy, haven't seen him since 70. He was going to go back to Japan and retire with his old girlfriend. At Pleiku a lot of us used to go to what we affectionately called the Green Box, which was a small building where you could get beer and whiskey. Did a couple of RON's to NKP. Nothing special. Was glad to leave and get back to family. Did 6 months at Pleiku and then we moved to Danang. 6994th SS Det 2 69-70 Service 54-75. Paul's Email Address: psiler136 (at) aol.com Postal Address: 30 Brian Ct. Troy, NY 12182

Received from **Russ Mullen**. Russ was stationed at DaNang in 1971 with Detachment 2, 6994th Security Squadron. Was and E-4 at that time.

Received from **Richard I. Koeteew** "K-2" Since "Koeteew" is so hard for most folks to spell (even fellow "Dutchmen"), I always abbreviated it in service as "K-2". I was in the 362nd TEWS at Pleiku AB from about Aug 69 to 4 Mar 70. I was one of the bunch of AC-47 naves & pilots who were transitioned to EC-47's with an "in-country checkout program" as they phased out the AC-47's from the USAF & gave that mission to the VNAF AC-47's ("Vietnamization" was the buzzword of the day). Our EC-47 instructors kept the mission so secret from us that we REALLY didn't know what the mission was until we were almost checked out (had flown at least half the checkout flights). I flew I Corps, II Corps, DMZ & Tiger Island (NVN), & over Laos (Ho Chi Minh Trail) to land at Naked Fanny for an RON. I had about 90 missions in AC's and 90 missions in EC's. I forget how many hours but between 600 and 800, I think -- not bad for having been PCS'ed to Nha Trang then Binh Thuy then Bien Hoa and, finally, Pleiku all within 5 months! I worked civic actions as additional duty: At Binh Thuy (IV Corps), it was with Vietnamese nun-run orphanage; at Pleiku (II Corps), it was with Montagnard villages. There is an EXCELLENT site an SF friend has dedicated to the CURRENT Montagnard plight -- especially if anyone would finally like to get a Montagnard bracelet! See I have never run across anyone I knew from Vietnam but heard about one of our Pleiku country singers, (Lt Col) Bull Durham, who was albumizing some of our AF Vietnam songs for TV's Austin City Limits 5 years ago and a professor at SUNY-Buffalo named Lydia Fish (Anthropology Dept's Vietnam Oral History Dept). I look forward to spending time on The EC-47 Site and will forward copies of my reply to friends who might also be interested in checking it out. You said the website is at URL , right? I'll find it -- sure wish we had one for AC-47 gunships too. Do you know about Hurlburt Field's (Ft Walton Beach, FL) Air Commando Association for all former members of Special Operations Squadrons and the Spectre Association for former members of all side-firing gunship outfits? Linking your site to any of theirs would be a powerful historical archive although I don't know that they even HAVE sites yet. Your query to them could be an inspiration -- also Eglin AFB has a fairly new AF Armament Museum just off-base & open to the public and free (somewhat like a smaller version of Dayton's Air Force Museum). The ACA has broken ground for an AF Special Operations Museum at Hurlburt (near Eglin in Florida's panhandle) but that will be awhile in building. Of course, Ft Bragg has their Special Forces Museum, Ft. Rucker has its Army Aviation Museum, and the Navy Seals (secretive as they are) must have something somewhere, too. It would be very handy to have a listing of all the websites and physical locations of all the air/military/naval museums in the country (or the world). Pensacola's on-base Naval Aviation Museum is superb and is the equivalent to Dayton for the AF and open to the public for free. GUESS I got off on a little historical tangent here but if you know where there are other museums (ANYONE?), please e-mail me the info, and I'll eventually get an info list on the web or e-mailed back to you. Richard's Email Address is: RichardKatu(at)aol.com

Received from **Benjamin L. Stewart**. Ben writes, I was at Det 2 6994 in Jan 73 until the cease fire. Spent time at DaNang, NKP and Ubon. In Feb 73 on to NKP. Somewhere around May or June 73 I went to Ubon. I was an AMS on one of the fini flights on 15 May 74.

Received from **Charles Brown**. Charles say, I was a Captain and was a Pilot with the 362nd TEWS at Pleiku from 4 April, 1967 to 4 April, 1968.

Received from **Ron Garland**. Ron says, I was a crew cheif on a c47 at Danang from Feb. 1970 until Feb. 71 with the 362nd TEWS. I'm looking for anyone that might remember me. I'd like to find Dale Turner he was my roommate, also TSgt Scott.

Received from **Richard (Rick) Boyer**. Rick writes that he was with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut in 1967. Says After spending a month in the Phillipines going to school on the C-123 I was rather stunned to find that I would be working on the C-47 when I arrived. My first thought was the gun ships, not knowing about the EC-47 models at the time. I'm glad that I was part of the mission. I was lucky to leave on 17 Feb 1967, we were shelled heavily the night before. Rick's Email Address is: boyer(at)clearwire.net

Received from **Robert "Scott" Lingo**. Scott was with the 6994th SS in 1973/74 and says, I was then Sgt Robert "Scott" Lingo AMS on 304 the last day. I am now a retired Lieutenant Commander Supply Corps, US Navy. I really enjoyed finding the Web Site and seeing the last day photos. Please add me to the e-mail list.

Received from **Bruce W. Huester**. Bruce says, I was a 1st Lt. with the 361st TEWS at NKP in 1973/74. He flew one of the last missions flown by the EC-47's on 15 May, 1974 and then ferried one of the EC-47's to Bangkok Thailand in June of 1974.

Received from **Peter K. Cocolis**. Peter didn't leave much info. Says he was a Captain in the 362nd TEWS at Danang in 1972/73.

Received from: **Tom Nurre**, San Angelo, Texas. Tom says, he was a SSgt assigned to Det. 3, 6994th SS at Nakhon Phanom in 1970-71. Arrived NKP in Aug 1970 following survival school in the PI. Bill Schaule was Ops Superintendent; Capt Clapper was Det Commander followed by Capt DeLaura. Ended with 140+ missions as RO, IRO, & AMS. Organized the "Action Crew" around new guys (Tom Nurre, Ernie Woods & Charlie Bibbs) and loved challenging the old guys (Bob Sherwood, Paul Weyandt, Skeeter Dickerson, Ron Schofield, etc) to most targets in area. Always thought we stacked up fairly well. Went on to complete 33 years in AF, retired in 1994 at MPC. Now own and operate an antique furniture reupholstery business here in San Angelo. Love the site and plan to visit often. Hi everybody! Tom

Received from: **Bob Weber** King George, VA. Bob writes, I was a SSgt assigned to the 377th CAMS at Tan Son Nhut in 1972-73. Was a Doppler Tech...worked the C-130s too. About last ten months was an Advisor to the Vietnamese Air Force. Bird was old... but good. How many of you guys remember Frantic Goat missions?

Received from **Donald D. Minnish**, Goldsboro, NC. Hi Guys, I just ran across your website while browsing on my webtv and thought I would respond. I was a crewchief on EC-47P 43-49603 at TSN AB from Nov. 69 to Nov.70. I plan to order your model soon. So long for now, and always remember the "Old Tiger"

Received from **George Dye** Crestview, FL. George spent his tour with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut, May 68 to May 69. He sent me a few sets of orders naming the Crew Chief of the birds of the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut in 1967/68. George was a TSgt and worked as a Flight Chief and then Training Ground Safety, etc.

Received from **Michael Barnett**. Michael writes, I was a 203 "backender" NKP during 72-73 with over 100 missions. Just got a call from an old language school member and thought I would take a look. I remember "Baron 52" as well as the one we lost off the runway at NKP. Brings back lots of memories.

Received from **Son Le** of Shreveport, LA. I would like to let you know about myself, I was one of a person flew in that mission, I still remember the signal name of the aircraft is Legman 31. Based on my memory, I was trained by 360th TEWS in squadron 6994. In 1970, I still remember our advisor commander is Colonel Collins, and one of a MSG is Reynold, and Schofields who usually give me a big cigar for each mission, and he made a good coffee at 7000 feet. Well, I can't wait to see all of you. Once again, I'm very appreciate you have accepted me as a part of our EC-47 mission in VN. I was trained in the 3rd class of ARDF in 1970, and I wonder that I was in VNAF, so I don't know that I will be eligible to join the ring with your members or not? I have been in this country for 12 years, I became an US citizen, and my current position is software engineer for a major fast food cooking equipment at Louisiana.

Received from **Thomas H. Pearson**, Waldo, AR. Thomas didn't leave much information. He was a TSgt with the 6994th Security Squadron at NKP in 72/73.

Received from **L.C. Cooley** of Greenwood SC. L.C. writes, I am a retired MSgt and spent a tour with Detachment 2, 6994th Security Squadron at Pleiku in 1969/70. L.C. was an operator at the "X" and "Y" positions.

Received from **Chris Jones**. Chris says, I Arrived in Viet Nam on 7 December 1970, Pearl Harbor Day. Was assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron and Flew 171 missions out of Ton Son Nhut and Phu Cat. As an X1, I performed duties as an RO, IRO, and as an AMS. Email Address: cwjones@yahoo.com

Received from **Steve Kavanagh**. Steve writes, I was stationed at DaNang from August 1970 until August 1971. Was with the 6994th Security Squadron. Roommate was Paul Kirkwold. Steve's Email Address is: kavy1 (at) net

Received from **William S. Nibblett**, Center Point, Texas. William left this information in the guestbook. I was assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut from December, 1970 until February 71 and flew 11 missions here then to Detachment 2, 6994th from February 71 until December 1971, flew 18 missions here. Retired as MSgt with 21 years. William's Email Address: dnibblett (at) csimilwork.com

Received from **John Tagnesi**. John says he was a Capt. assigned to the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut in 1970/71.

Received from **Charles T. Hickman**, San Angelo, Texas. Charles writes, I arrived in country around 21 March 69 and served as RO with 6994th. flew 183 missions, logged 1082.5 hours on tour. Was awarded DFC, Air Medal w/3 clusters. Received the usual medals for just being in South East Asia. Flew with guys like Guy McClain Jr. of South Carolina, Paul Jagelovicz of Wisconsin, Frank Houldin of Pennsylvania, Alan Bouchard of Maine, Roland Vigenault of Jersey?? New York??, Pennsylvania??. I was at TSN with Lester Kimball, George Montague, Mike Christy (OIC-Opns) Frankie Dever (analyst) I became and IRO probably in June of 1969, took i think 8 or 10 students thru their intro flights. i enjoyed that work. Mike Presslar and I flew a mission that netted us a letter from the commanding general of the 9th Infantry Divison. found some NVA army group that had been lost for 3 mos. and that was a SEFE IRO no notice ride!!! I achieved a level of satisfaction with my job over there that has seldom been equaled in the civilian life i have led. I spent 30 years with the state of Texas after i got out of the Air Force, 12 with the department of public safety, 2 of those as a morse relay operator. i retired from the office of the attorney general of texas in Feb. 1998. took a job with northrop grumman in san angelo texas helping set up and run a data center serving the agencies of the state of texas. plan to stay here until i reach age 60. Goodfellow has changed tremendously. Bigger-better. hardly recognized the place when i came back here. I was surprised and thrilled to find your website. lots of good memories have resurfaced.

Received from **Larry Eavey**. Larry says, I was an E-5 assigned to Det.2, 6994th Security Squadron at Pleiku in July 1968 to July 1969 as a 292, Morse Operator.

Received from **Roswell (Mace) Mason**. Mace writes; I was a Sgt assigned to Det. 2, 6994th Security Squadron at DaNang and NKP in 1971-73. I extended my tour in SEA for six months for which I was entitled a 30 day free leave in the states. On my return flight across the Pacific I was seated next to Todd Melton, who had re-enlisted and was returning for an extension of duty in SEA also. He'd just been promoted to SSgt. On my first flight out of NKP following my return from leave, as the AMS I was instructed to go to the scrambled frequency before we were out of sight of the flightline (right at sunrise). We were Baron 52. On that frequency I was instructed to change our call sign to Baron (something else) because yesterday's Baron 52 had not been heard from since late in the night. We were also instructed to go to another territory. Todd, I had only met on the flight back from the states, Kiwi I knew from Misawa, and the others I'd flown with on TDY missions. Thanks for this web site. It's fun to revisit the past. Our time in the SS was fun, and we were treated like kings. I couldn't believe that when I first arrived in DaNang, I was not allowed to fly because all of the airconditioned housing was full. I Lived on the flightline in an unairconditioned barracks the way everybody else did for two weeks before airconditioned space became available for me. My roommate and R&R companion to Bangkok on every break we got was Jim Collins. We had lots of fun and made lots of memories. Our motto if we didn't get back from Bangkok on time was "What are they gonna do, send us to Veitnam?" Jim, Ken Seals, and I were sent on that TOP TOP TOP Secret mission to monitor a pinging device that was planted on a ship in Bangkok. I think that we were down there for 2 weeks listening to the PING as it sat in port loaded supposedly with drugs. The CIA wanted it to get into international waters before it was seized. It finally left port and grounded on a reef before it got anywhere! Anyway, we sure had fun in Bangkok, and while

we were there we read about our 'secret' mission in "The Nation" newspaper purchased at our hotel! Thanks again for a great site!

Received from **Don Mosher**. Don writes, I Served with 360 TEWS (Antique Airlines) Tan Son Nhut 10/68 - 10/69 as Aircraft Mechanic (43151). Arrived as Airman Left as Sgt TDY to NKP Thailand to new EC-47 Detachment 9/69. Primarily worked Flight line Spent a little time scheduled maintenance. Lost most of my Photos and "junk", Would appreciate anything that could be sent E-mail.

Received from **John Shultz**. John writes, Please include my Email address in you EC-47 listing, I served with Det.2 6994th Security Squadron from AUG-67 to May 69.

Received from **Ed J. Johnson**. Ed sent me the information via email then we had a good phone conversation. Jim, I served in the 361st from July of 69 to April of 70 as a SSgt Flight Mech. I served at both Nha Trang and Phu Pussy. I noticed in the web site you mentioned Lt Col "Chick" Preston. I was the Flt Mech assigned to Col Preston's crew. One unusual event that happened to me during my tour was related to our move from Nha Trang to Phu Cat. Myself and a pilot 1stLt by the name of Gene Bankoski, were volunteered to escort all the squadron equipment from the harbor at Nha Trang to QuinNohn. I can always say I spent a night at sea on a US Navy vessel in a combat zone. Another interesting part of that trip was driving the equipment from QuinNohn to Phu Cat. What was very unusual about the boat trip was the fact that the LST was a US Navy ship that was being operated by a Korean crew under contract to the US. I was also part of the many search flight that took place to locate our crew that was lost in the Oct 69 crash. Redman lived in the room directly across from me. I still remember having tears in my eyes as we gathered his personal effects. I have an aerial shot of the PhuCat Barracks area, I'll try and get it scanned and send it to you for the web site. Although I was already gone when the year book was put together, I did notice a lot of guys that were in the squadron when I was there. Bob Trescott and Bert Parrish were roomies in the room next to me. Curt Willoughby, Brownie, Al Wynn, and Proffitt showed up just about the time I was getting ready to leave. Willoughby, Brown, Wynn and I had already served together at Andrews in years prior to Phu Cat. I'm very much looking forward to reviewing the website in more depth. Keep in touch. I'll be retiring from my Navy job and going to work outside the gate for a contractor. Ed's Email Address: edcarole659(at)yahoo.com

Received from **Greg Higgins**. Greg writes, I was a SSgt assigned to the 362nd TEWS at Danang in 1970. I worked as an aircraft maintenance technician during my tour in DaNang. Also worked as NCOIC of squadron supply for a while.

Received from **Scott Raiskup**. Scott writes, I was assigned to Det. 1, 6994th Security Squadron at Phu Cat in 1971. I arrived at Phu Cat in February of 71. Most of my missions were in the central highlands and around the tri-border into Laos. I pulled out my old black and white photos and negatives to refresh my memory only to find that I can remember nicknames for all of the faces but not everyones actual name ---- In any event, I became an AMS in June of 71 and hit my 100th mission sometime in late September or early October. Phu Cat was closing down and being given over to the ARVIN I believe. They were not assigning new people to the squadron so they had to lift the monthly hour limit to accomplish the mission --- we flew a lot of hours!! I had extended my tour for a second year and was about to move to Da Nang when my father was found to be terminally ill. I returned to the States and ultimately was re-assigned to a SAC base near home. One of my big regrets is that I left Nam so quickly that I never got to say real goodbyes to my buds there. Things were bad at home because of my dad so I kind of just lost track of them. I think I ended up with about 111 missions. I loved the goonies - but my closest calls came when an engine would let go. Worst case - we lost the right engine bottom cylinder head in some valley in the highlands. White smoke - in parachutes at the back door while the front end is on the intercom arguing who would stay at the controls while the other bailed - real fun day! They finally got it shut down and feathered only to find the best we could do is lose 100' per minute on one engine. We were at treetops coming out of the valley and then downhill back to Phu Cat. Best damn pilot/co-pilot around - landed with the right gear covered with oil, slide right - goose left engine to catch up, slide right - goose, slide right - goose, etc... You had to be there I guess. Interesting side light, this was the 10th mission for the junior rdf operator - he thought it was a joke until the navigator and I dawned chutes and headed to the back door ---- Must be over 400 words - sorry. Look forward to reading/sharing the site - thanks for putting it together. Have some black and whites of goonies/last mission washdowns and general life at Phu Cat.

Received from **William E. Standing**. William writes, I was a SSgt assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut in 1966/67.

Received from **Paul Pittman**. Paul writes, I was a TSgt assigned to the Detachment of the 6994th Security Squadron, assigned to airborne maintenance at Danang and transferred to NKP about half way through my tour in 1972.

Received from **Paul Culligan**, Paul writes, I was a 1st Lt. assigned to the 361st TEWS at NKP in 1973.

Received from **James (Jim) Huff**, Jim writes, I was a TSgt assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut in 1968.

Received from **Mike Cimino**, Mike writes, I was a Lt. with the 361st TEWS at NKP in 1974. In 22 years I was on 3 operation aircraft, the EC was the best time.

Received from **Stan Rokosz**. Stan says, I was an E-4 assigned to Det. 2, 6994th Security Squadron at Pleiku and Danang fro July 1969 to July 1970. Stan's Email Address: ButchandLu@comcast.net

Received from **Robert L. Lovett**. Robert says, I was a SSgt assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut in 1966/67. Was a member of the Backenders as an AMS on the Drill Press and Phyllis Ann missions.

Received from **George M. Sledge**. George say's he was assigned to the 361st TEWS at Phu Cat in 1970/71.

Received from **Edward J. "Jim" Maloney**. Jim say's, I was a Lt. assigned to the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut in 1971/72.

Received from **Ken Dziejewski**. Ken says, I was an A1c with the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang in 1967-69. Retired as Capt.

Received from **Roger Buffi Bernard**. Roger says, I was a Sgt. with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut. I was in country from May of 68 Thru June 69. I work the night shift most of the time. What does the volunteer need to do. I would be interested in helping if I can.

Received from **Dale Emberton**. Dale says I was a Tsgt assigned to the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang and at Phu Cat from May, 11969 to May 1970. After spending 4 days at Camron Bay, finally got a hop to NaTrang on a Huey. Experienced my first rocket attack while looking out the ops window showing a newby around the 361 building; we both got some bunker training! I was orderly room clerk working with TSgt Milo Dago, 1st shirt. Heard from him a year or so ago. He lives in Ft Worth and is retired with poor health. Talked to Cajun Prevost some time ago. He called from the pentagon.. was a col at the time. Was involved in the move from NaTrang to Phu Cat; can still remember loading up the C47 with everyone's records and flying to Phu Cat...what a place! Spent a total of 363 days then back to the world.

Received from **James R. Kesterson**. James say's I was assigned to the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut from 4 July 67 to 4 July 68 Flight Mechanic on Maj Steingasser crew also Lt Col Hastey. Jim's Email Address: toby_boy(at)bellsouth.net

Received from **Robert S. 'Bobby' Chew**. Robert was a real early bird with the EC-47 program. He began in June 1965 and ended in May, 1966. He was a 292x1 and was at Tan Son Nhut, Danang and Pleiku and worked with Drill Press and Phyllis Ann. Robert has no Email Address.

Received from **Alan B. Thomas**. Alan writes, My experience with the EC-47 was from Nov. 1967 to late Sept. 1968. I was a member of the 360th TEWS, "Antique Airlines" at Tan Son Nhut and flew some 155 missions. Several of those were from the other two EC bases. While there, I helped produce and appeared in a Top Secret training film of the mission. In later years it was declassified and clips from it were included in other historical films of the DC-3, C-47 and Dakota.

Received from **Thomas Fitzgerald**. Enlisted 10/70 basic at Lackland AFB TX following this I was assigned to Keesler AFB MS for tech school training for (dittybop). After tech school I got my first overseas assignment which was to San Vito de Normani AS in Brindisi, Italy. Approximately 14+ mos later, I got (so I thought) the flying job that was my true focus. The orders were for Da Nang preceded by much more training. After a short trip to Aviano AFB in northern Italy for the flight physical it was back to Brindisi to pack up and await return to the "World". After some leave at home it was off to San Angelo TX for more tech school work, ARDF school etc. This was followed by water survival school at Homestead AFB FL., only a 200 mile jaunt from my hometown of Orlando, FL. From Homestead off I went to Basic Survival at Fairchild AFB WA. As I was born at Madigan Army Hospital, Ft. Lewis, WA., I once again felt a homelike presence. As it was by then January, that homey feeling was short-lived. Then it was shipout for the PI and there to enjoy contact near instantly with the term "stealie-boys" but the real reason was for Jungle survival school. This is where things temporarily came apart. The Da Nang orders were red-lined and replaced with Ton Son Nhut in Saigon. Never made that either; on the shipout day these orders too were redlined. After cooling my heels a couple days, new orders were cut. These relegated me to the outback! Assignment to Nakon Phanom RTAFB, Thailand. For the five months stationed there I was mostly placed in charge of a small "trailer" operation which worked in conjunction with a remote platform that gathered the information we worked with. I was able to favorably impress the HMFVIC who knew that what I really lived for was to get my wings. To that end he vigorously aided my dream and finally what I trained for and wanted so much was granted. This resulted in an in country transfer to the 6994th at Ubon Thailand. In the months left of my tour in S.E.A. and despite 2wks DNIF for the less than more successful removal of my wisdom teeth (all 4 simultaneously --the doc was getting out soon and wanted practice---serious ouch!) I was able to garner permanent aircrew member wings, complete 72 missions and log over 1200 combat hours. Convinced that flying was over for me and being sent to Kelly Field in Tx; I opted for an early out and was separated in April of 74.

Received from **Dale L. Zoebisch** Dale writes, I was a SSgt with the 6994th SS at Pleiku, 1966-68. Memories. I was one of the early ones at Pleiku. Memories of sitting on the barracks steps watching the gunships firing into the adjacent fields, drinking martini's during the incoming mortar attacks (no respectable airman would go in the bunkers with the rats), painting the support columns in the barracks white so they could be seen at night but adding polka dots and flying over some of the most beautiful country anywhere.

Frank I. Elam, Charleston SC writes: Imagine my surprise when I found this site. I was Commander of the 361 TEWS detachment at Ubon from May 73 to Apr 74. When our hootch was closed I was presented with the bar bell that hung on the wall. I still use it daily. Hope to hear from some of the old gang. I think the front enders can still whip the tail enders in soft ball any day.(I was our catcher) – Frank

Fred Smith, Memphis, TN writes: Jim Lashua and I arrived at TSN in June 71. We had orders for Da Nang. However, when we checked in with the 360th on our way through, they decided they could use two 2LT pilots so we went no futher. Actually, they needed a LT to give Lady Sux her baths. My wife is in the AF historian course at Maxwell. I asked her to check the AF Archives for info on the 360th. She found your site. A great site it is. Thanks so much for putting the site together. It was great to turn through the guessbooks and see the names of guys you flew with. I am currently TDY at Kirtland. As soon as I get home,I will e-mail my pictures from TSN. I noticed in one set of pictures of 360 aircraft that the black belly C-47 was referred to as an administrative aircraft. Actually, it was the "b.s. bomber" that was moved down from Phu Cat. Many may remember hearing this aircraft playing "ice cream man" music as it taxied in. Also the white top Scatback C-47 can be seen in the background. Fred's Email Address is: fred(at)wizardsofque.com

Received from **Hal Weiland**, Seattle, WA. Great site! I flew Electric Goons with the 361st TEWS at Phu Cat. Your site brings back a lot of memories. Thanks!

Received from **Alfredo 'Al' M. Martinez** Austin, Tx writes: I flew in EC-47's out of Pleiku and Nha Trang sitting in the USAFSS seat.

Received **John W.O. 'Bill' Ash** Louisville, Kentucky writes: Just found your web and I am so very impressed. Thanks for so much hard work for us... Arrived in Saigon in September 1966. The 6994th Sq Sq at Tan Son Nhut became home for the next year. I was a 292 and some very familiar names are beginning to surface; Billy Pickard, Bill Marshall, Richard (Duke) Thompson, Ken Balog, Tony Odom, Hal Reynard Ken Versele, Robert Bertrand, Ron York, Troy Little and many

others that I'll have to think about. Sorry I was unaware of the 1999 reunion but I won't miss any more. Thanks for bringing back some fond memories.....

Received from **Dave Thomas** Indiana. Dave writes: 362 TEWS Jun 67 - Jun 68 Thanks for the site.

Received from **Terry McNeil**, Novato, CA he writes: I flew with the 6994th Security Squadron from July of 1969 to July of 1970. I flew mostly out of Pleiku and DaNang, but also flew several missions out of other detachments. I was an Airborne Voice Intercept Operator - Vietnamese Linguist.

Received from Vaimili Tuialuuluu, American Samoa. I am a former 6994 crewmember, serving in Danang from 71-72, then reassigned to NKP on 72-73. It was nice to see some of my friends in your photo displays. It sure brought back fond memories of the good old times especially flying in that WWII aircraft.

Received from **Carl G. Corvin**. Carl writes: I at TSN and was assigned to the 460th AMS, part of 377th CSW. I worked the Navigation systems (TACAN, Radar, ADF, VOR/ILS) on just about every EC-47 aircraft there from 05 Sept 1970 until 05 Sept 1971. That time is now viewed as a page from another happier era, regardless of the war situation. This from the perspective of almost 30 years! I retired from the Air Force in June 1987 as a SMSgt. I was proud to serve and time has not dimmed that PRIDE! The C-47s were and still are beautiful airplanes. Thank You,

Received from **John R. Devitt**. John writes that he was a Lt. Col and Chief of Stan/Eval with the 362nd TEWS at Pleiku from 20 September 1966 to 14 September 1967. Updated, 7 July, 2001. John says, I was assigned to the 460th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing at Tan Son Nhut beginning in September, 1966. I was then assigned to the 362nd Tactical Electronics Warfare Squadron at Pleiku from December, 1966 to September 1967 as Chief of Stan/Eval. John's Email Address: john.devitt@sbcglobal.net

Received from **Keith W. "Bud" Langley**. Bud writes, I was part of a crew to pick up an aircraft at Grenier Field New Hampshire for the trip over, one of the last to the squadron. Bud flew 153 missions with the same Front End Crew. He is also responsible for the poem, "TEWS TIGER" in the first 361st yearbook, 1966-68. Thanks Bud.

Received from: **Lester C. Layman Jr.**, San Antonio, Texas. Les writes, I was assigned to Det 1, 460th, TSN in Apr 66 to be the first 1st Sgt of the 360th Recon Sq from May 66 to Apr 67 (Later it became TEWS). We were given barracks space in the "800" Area - next to the flight line area where helicopters used to land with wounded crew members or "pickups" for immediate transfer to the local 92d military hosp. The 2 story barracks were designed for 50-60 men - we had 40 to a floor and sometimes more. Memories include getting beds and mattresses from the old French Theater off of Lei Tai Do (first right after 100 "pee" alley as it was commonly called), and the wall lockers were at various Army "Dumps" around Saigon (those "mothers" came in two boxes (box 2 contained all the screws, nuts and bolts, keys and drawers) and weighed a "ton." We set up a production line on the barracks floors and had "specialists" working on each part of the locker. No aircraft (other than the 2 Det 1 Drill Press EC-47s) so the maintenance guys had nothing to do. The latrine area for 8 barracks had 10 showers, 14 sinks, 6 toilets - all for 640 enlisted plus!! Water would go off for days at a time and you had to find secret places to "do your business" (I had a key to the bathroom in the Hq460th Bldg). You could always tell a new guy in the showers - he would lather his whole body with soap!! We later would use the latrines of the 460th CES - they had hot water and allowed us to use their facilities from 1am to 5 am. When the acft started arriving, we got their landing times in the clear from the PI - then met them with cab trucks to take them to the parking area. Jim Jelley and I hunted for hotels to bed down the officers arriving - found one being built just outside the main gate on Lei Tai Do and Col Jelley worked with procurement to line it up to be the 360th Officer Qtrs. We had "Nung" guards on top of the hotel all night to protect the facility. Their furniture (chairs, desks etc, were made for "little people" and didn't hold up very well. Of more interest was the fact that the Secty of Defense said we had no 50 yr old pilots in "Nam - We had 4 of them in the 360th. Our Ops, Maintenance and Orderly room were on the active taxiway and we used to have A1Es turn around on the PSP in front of the buildings. Our latrine facilities consisted of outhouses set over a ditch adjacent to the Ops Bldg. We got toilet seats from Supply and put them over the round holes to give everyone that "hometown" feeling!! You have a great site and I could go on and on about the bedding down of the 360th, briefing incoming crews, sending crews to set up the 361st and 362d, etc. Only E-5s and below could eat in the Mess Hall and the NCO Club would take you hrs standing in line to eat, so We used to eat over at the USAFSS area (they had a club set up and the best food on TSN!) I ended my career as the Exec to the DC/Intel in USAFE - retired in 1977 and went to work for the 7113th SAS in Weisbaden. Would enjoy hearing from old original 360th folks. Some belong to the TSN organization.

Received from: James Padgett (via Fred Sanders) James was a Flight Mechanic with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut in 1967-68. He also spent some time at Pleiku and Phu Bai. James does not have email and is living in McConnells, South Carolina.

Received from **Billy J. Stahl**, New Braunfels, Texas. Updated July 16th, 2008. Billy writes, I was a navigator in the 360th TEWS at Saigon. I arrived in country during the TET of '68. The web page looks great. See you at the reunion in September. Bill's Email Address is: bstahl001 (at) satx.rr.com. Postal Address : 511 Gatewood Circle New Braunfels, TX 78130-2566. Phone: (830) 632-6711.

Received from **Charlie Zychalski**, Scott AFB, Illinois. Charlid writes, I was a co-pilot assigned to the 361 TEWS at NKP from Feb 73 until Dec 73 when about 20 of us were roll backed. I am currently stationed at Scott AFB with 3 other folks who were at NKP/Ubon at the same time..we are all colonels approaching 30. I will retire 23 May 2000 with 29 years and move to Sacramento Ca. There are not too many of us left on active duty...the folks at Scott are Rick Fitzhugh, Bill Schless and Dave Zielger. Someone may remember Bill Schless and his crew when they took a 37MM in their left wing tip that put about a 6 foot hole in the wing around March of 73...I believe Maj Martinez was the AC. I know Bill has pics of that. Also, Mark Pillar was there at the same time...Mark just made BG in the Reserves.

Received from **Michael 'Mike' Murray**, Magnolia, Delaware. Mike writes, I was a SSgt and an AMS at Danang and Ubon from June 1972 to June 1973. Says he flew 200+ missions on the EC-47's and worked in the Day shop with TSgt John Stroud. He was at Ubon when Baron 52 went down. Received 07-25-00, from: Michael W. Murray, Magnolia, Delaware. Mike says, I was Stationed at DaNang and Ubon with Det, 6994th and Det3, 6994th. I was in Southeast Asia in 1972 and 1973. I was Airborne Mission Supervisor. Great memories. Retired from Ft. Meade (ran the CY200 Cryptologic Supervisors Course at the fanex and am retiring to Double dipper status from Post Office 1 Aug. Plan to make trip to Texas in September for EC47 reunion and rededication. Mikes Email Address is: SmsgtMike(at)aol.com

Received from **Earl L. Fischer**, Tacoma Washington. I was in the second ground school class [May 66] to join PHYLLIS ANN at Hurlburt. I became a member of the 360th at Ton Son Nhut July 5, 1966. This is a great website. Was hoping to find something like this but had no idea so much effort was put into it. Anyone out there who was in the 360th at the same time I was? If so please reference 360th in your email greeting.

Received from **Ed Christie**, Lakeville, CT. It's hard to believe I've found a web site from Project Phyllis Ann. A pilot from the 361st steered me here from another web site. I arrived Tan Son Nhut April 15,'66. Assigned to 360th Recon Sq., later changed to 360th TEWS. Was assigned to supply for a couple weeks because we didn't have any aircraft. I remember Tsgt Mathews, Msgt Layman, Art Kelly, Joe Schuster, Hank Pratt, Wesley Pichler, Robert Hooks, Watkins, Jessie Nicely who fell off a motorcycle in Saigon returning back to the base. I visited him in the Hospital & rotated U.S. the next day. Who was the flt mech we called Ho Chi Minh? He kept extending. Remember the dog we had named I.W.Harper? What a group! We spent many nights sleeping on the PSP waiting for the returns. Dec.4th'66 was a black day. Then we got mortared Dec6'66. Spent time TDY at Danang. Remember the rats that ran under the wooden pallets in the tent? We had the first mascot sign over the tent entrance. I haven't even finished reading the site info yet. Saw something about a re-union. When, when, when, I'll be there. Looking forward to talking over old times with ya'll.

Received from **Alan D. 'Al' Forbes**, North Augusta, SC. Hi. I was at Danang with the 6924th in 65-66 and went back and served with the 6994th at TSN/NKP in 72-73. I worked with the ACC at MACV HQ with Stoney, Joe Mudd, Willie Irizarry, Joe Dykes, etc..... Have lost touch with most of the people I knew there and would like to hear from them (not just the ACC'ers, but the backenders too). After I retired from the AF in 79, I went to school for 3 years and then worked for NSA until my retirement in Dec 98. I was still in Saigon, waiting for clearance to go to NKP, when Baron 52 was downed. We finally made it to NKP Feb 10th, in time for the memorial services at the base chapel. I did not know Dale, Todd, Pete or Joe personally but we had a lot of mutual friends (to include Ron Myott and Ron Schofield). I continue to wear a POW/MIA bracelet with Todd Melton's name on it. The reason I am signing the guestbook is that I am looking for information. My son-in-law is an artist and I am trying to get him to do a picture for me in memory of Baron-52's backenders. My initial idea is to have a centralized picture of a camouflaged EC-47 and surround it with other bits of information. My one question is, I understand that the serial number of the aircraft was 43-48636 and am I correct in assuming that the last three digits were the ones that appeared on the tail of the aircraft????? Any additional information would be greatly appreciated. When/if the project is ever completed, I will get a picture of the final work and scan it into your website to be included in with the memorabilia, if you think it is appropriate. Thanks and take care. We seem to be fading into the past, I will turn the BIG 60 this year!!!! This is a great website that brings back a lot of memories (mostly good ones). CUL8R Al Forbes.
Al's Email Address: adforbe(at)bellsouth.net

Received from **Dwight Hartung**, Jefferson City, Missouri. Dwight flew with the 6994th SS at Tan Son Nhut, July 69 to July 70. Dwight's Email Address: ikeh9(at)embarqmail.com

Received from: **George C. Jernigan III**, Lawrenceburg, Indiana. George writes in the guestbook, Just wanted to say "Hi". I was in the 362nd TEWS, at Pleiku, from July 69, until they PCSed the squadron to Da Nang in May, or June, of 1970. I DEROSed in early July. I'm originally from Rector, Arkansas, but live in Southeast Indiana as a result of my work. I retired from the USAF in 1988. There are two more EC drivers working for the same company I work for. I believe OZ Ostrosny was in the 361st; while Don Brown was at NKP. I'll let them know about this site. I'll check in from time to time with an "Ops Normal". George Jernigan. Georges Email Address is: georon(at)suscom.net

Received from **Wayne H. Thompson**, Ottawa, IL & Pueblo, CO. A very good site. I was at Danang in the 362nd TEWS from 03/72 thru 01/73. Col. Richard Herman was the Commander and I was the Operations Officer. I flew 540 hours in 11 months and most others flew more. I spotted at least 6 people on your guestlist who were there when I was. We endured many rocket attacks and several of our people were air-evacuated to the Phillipines. Our Detachment suffered a fatality and is mentioned in the Guest comments as well. It took me about six months to stop reacting to noise after my return. I cannot help but wonder what the fate was for our Vietnamese employees. Maj Wayne H. Thompson (Ret) USAF

Received from **Bob Molder**, Severna Park, MD. I was stationed at Det 2 Pleiku and then Danang-- 70 & 71 as a 207x1, ARDF Operator. Great sight and brought back a lot of memories. It was interesting to see 2Lt. Stan Marks picture. I worked for Lt. Col Marks (one in the same) He retired in 1986 and took a job as a pilot for an airline. Bob's Email Address: mentor121@yahoo.com

Received from **Bob Dwyer**, Stockton, CA. Bob says, I was assigned to Det 2 6994SS at Pleiku from 2 Nov 66 to 31 Oct 67 as a 29271 E6. Flew my first msn on 26 Dec 66 and completed 131 missions. My X/Y partner on most of these were with Jeff Bols. Capt Short was the CO, Thad Wolfe was the Ops Officer and SMS AC Chamblee was the OPs NCOIC. We had a great bunch of guys initially assigned with a lot of experience in USAFSS operations. Despite a few missions running into ground-fire, we all managed to thankfully complete our tours in one piece. Until about March 67, Pleiku City was on-limits till 11pm with an abundance of cultural activities available including bars, temples, restaurants (?), bars, and MORE! Some participated and some didn't, to each his own. When the powers-that-be put the town off-limits, the partying either moved to the barracks, NCO club or "Irvings Inn (?)" across the street from the barracks. Many times I can remember the poker table set up on the 2nd floor day-room for a little diversion. Usually, these sessions included Archie Marsden, Ben David, Charlie (CK) Davis and Mike Wilson as regulars. Lots of partying but I cannot recall ANYONE ever missing a briefing including the 0400 missions. I retired in 1974 while stationed at the 6903 (Skivvy-Nine) SS at Osan and I will always regard the guys and our accomplishments at Det 2 as the highlight of my career. Running across your website on EC-47 ops was a complete surprise and jacked-up my morale tremendously. My thanks for your efforts and I'll be a regular visitor. Have hit some USAFSS sites but still looking for a few I haven't heard from in many years including Bob Tucker, JJ Pitzeruse, Johnny Resertar and Lee Heying. Any info would be appreciated. Tks

Received from **Thomas 'Tom' Pickett**, Auroro, CO. Thom was a Major, and a Navigator with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut from December 1969 until December 1970. He had additional duties as Instructor and in Scheduling. Tom's Email Address is: papapickett@yahoo.com

Received from **Dallace Meehan**, Lady Lake, Florida. Dallace writes, I served with the 362nd (Pleiku) from November 1966 - November 1967. Left without a scratch, but some hairy memories. I was a navigator, and flew with at least two regular crews the first of which was Lt. Col. Ken Rollins (The Ancient Mariner), with Major Rusty Keay as co-pilot. Best flight mech. ever, SSGT (later retired as CMS) Wayne Simmons was our mainstay. Went from Nam directly to Wiesbaden, Germany, where I continued to fly special ops of a different sort. Now retired in central Florida, and command the Retired

Military Family Group of The Villages. If this rings a bell, call me at (352) 750-0625 or e-mail. Also ran an unofficial tavern at Pleiku ... known as "DalMac's" named for myself and co-operator, Major Jim McGrath, pilot. No charge for drinks, but donations were graciously accepted. (As were left-over liquid supplies upon one's DEROS.) Cheers to all ... Dallace

Received from **Frank Bregger**, Austin, Texas. Frank left a note in the guestbook. He says he was in the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang from February 1967 until a few days after TET 68.

Received from **Russell Morrison Jr.** from Indiana. Russell writes, I flew EC-47 at DaNang Viet Nam and NKP Thailand in 1970-1971 as AC and IP. At one point I had the most productive mission ever flown from Thailand. Russell's Email Address: r-jmorrison(at)cox.net