

Tom Nurre

21/4/2015, 17:21

Hello. Welcome to the new Guestbook feature that you have asked to be included in our website operations. The primary purpose of this Guestbook, in addition to signing up for the Newsletter, is to let everyone know you are alive and kicking . . . maybe with less impact than younger years, but nonetheless. . . Remember this is a public forum, so please mind your manners. Tom Nurre, NKP 1970-71.

James C. Wheeler

22/4/2015, 16:50

Well I see I didn't make first but second is a great place to be in this guestbook. In case you do not recognize the name, I am the one who first started this Web-Site in 1997 and last year had to turn it over to Tom Nurre (above) and Joe Martin. I was in the very early stages of the EC-47 Mission under Project Phyllis Ann and I believe was on the crew to deliver the 4th aircraft arriving at the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut on Sept. 10th, 1966 then me and my crew went on up to Nha Trang and the 361st flew 114 missions as a crew and came home together, I believe the only crew to do so.

James C. Wheeler MSgt Retired

STEVE BAUDOIN

23/4/2015, 15:05

alive and kicking here in the deep south of Louisiana where the weather is hot and humid. like the new website and have enjoyed it.

Richard W. (Dick) Meyers

23/4/2015, 17:52

This is the second time I have checked out this site and like it. However, where can we go to read the guestbook postings? Retired after 21 years' service, most of it in USAFSS and was in the original cadre at Pleiku.

Tom Nurre

23/4/2015, 23:13

Hey J.C., Welcome aboard. Steve and Dick - the comments left on the Guestbook will "stack" just like you see here. Be sure and Click additional pages on the bottom of the frame when there are multiple pages. We are still working on the SEARCH function for these entries which will be helpful once the string gets very long. If you wish to read comments from the previous website edition, CLICK the J.C. Wheeler archive site button and enjoy scrolling through all those files once again too.

Newspaper Story - Tom Nurre

2/5/2015, 14:13

Here is the newspaper article about the Commander's Public Service Awards to Nita and Paul Clever. They worked so very long and hard to bring some closure to the CAP-72 EC-47Q ARDF mission crewmembers. It is a fairly accurate accounting . . . too bad the article writer thought she had to ad lib that about the mission callsign. Oh well, those that know better - know better. Copy and paste this link in your browser. Enjoy.

http://www.gosanangelo.com/news/local-news/couple-who-found-remains-of-missing-vietnam-war-crew-receive-goodfellow-public-service-award_93680720

Jim Cook

24/4/2015, 8:32

360th TEWS pilot from Nov.'70 to Nov '71. Would like to connect with squadron mates.

Dale Julien

28/4/2015, 13:08

6994th security squadron Morse operator 1971-1972.

MSG Russell Willard USAF (Ret)

15/5/2015, 21:02

was an FE with the 361 TEWS 1966 - 1967

sgt john folsom

14/5/2015, 23:04

Worked phase dock 360 tews tan son nhut 71-72

Jim ("Stan") Stanfield

13/5/2015, 11:30

Nice article! Found it through the newsletter the 6994th newsletter (and a little Googlin'). Shout out to Bill and Conrad ^ and the rest of the gang!! 6994th Det 2 (Da Nang) Sep 71-Sep 72, SP got out, finished school, came back in as a programmer, then a commission, retired '93.

Bill Francis

7/5/2015, 16:54

J.C., Tom, Joe. Tks for all ur hard work in keeping "The EC-47 History Site - A Legacy Preserved" alive and well. Getting better each day. Tom. A special tks for recognizing Paul and Nita Clever's efforts in the CAP-72 story. Best to all TEWS and 6994th SS personnel. BF (TSN 67-68).

conrad a mejia

5/5/2015, 9:26

6994th det 2 DaNang linguist on goonie 70-72

Bill Doolittle

21/5/2015, 16:37

6994th Scty Sq (67-68) NCOIC Material Admin, Supply and Maintenance on flight line..

Sgt. Thomas M. Giblewski

20/5/2015, 18:52

In my comments on Tuesday, May 19th, I forgot to include that my squadron was 360 TEWS. Please add. THANKS.

Sgt. Thomas M. Giblewski

19/5/2015, 22:33

Tan Son Nhut July 70 - July 71. I worked at the phase dock. Some of the other guys were, Jones, Drakes, O'Conner, Posey, Edwards, Roby, Higby, Saxe, Allen, big Ski and little Ski that's me. Great bunch of guys.

Thomas M. Giblewski

19/5/2015, 18:35

I worked phase dock at Tan Son Nhut July 70 - July 71

thong phan

17/5/2015, 21:51

I was 2nd Lieutenant, 360 TEWS copilot at Tan Son Nhut Air Base during 06-1972 to 01-1973, and then, transferred to 718 Squadron of VNAF until 04-30-1975. I missed it.

Dave "Britt" Brittingham

29/5/2015, 20:35

6994 Det ! July69-July 70 Started out in Nha Trang we got moved to Phu Cat in Sept. I spent 2 months TDY NKP (Nov & Dec) returned to Phu Cat. Lots of memories good and bad. Great bunch of guys to work with, I just want to thank you guys for putting this together. It is nice to see some of the accomplishments we were able to create over there.

SMSgt Darwin Bruce, USAF/ANG (Ret'd)

29/5/2015, 18:23

Drill Press AMS Apr 1966 to Apr 1967. Good job on the new site, Joe and Tom. If any Drill Press'ers are out there, call me or e-mail me. E-mail address is on the FTVA site.

Don (Doc) DiBello

28/5/2015, 0:34

Vietnamese Linguist 5/68 - 5/69 Det 1 6994th (TDYs to Det 2 and 6990th Kadena) 5/69 - 12/70 Det 2 6994th

Richard Ice
26/5/2015, 22:14
Det 2, 6994th 69-70 Pleiku

G. Allen Cummings
24/5/2015, 18:11
I was the crew chief of EC-47N tail number AJ300 (42-24300) Tan San Nhut 1970-1971.

Bob Boucher
7/6/2015, 15:15
I just found this site and was interested to see if any of the pilots and crew I flew with are here. I was in the 361 TEWS at Nha Trang in 1968-1969

Don Dickson
7/6/2015, 1:16
67-68 Tan Son Nhut 360 TEWS.
I'm looking for any info on the EC-47 that I was the Asst. Crew Chief on - 43009 was named Patches. Any info would be appreciated.

Ed Bendinelli
6/6/2015, 17:24
Nha Trang (66-67) RO/IRO/SEFE & Tan Son Nhut (71-72) IRO/Aircrew Scheduler.
Thanks to J.C., Tom and Joe for keeping the story of the EC-47 Experience alive and in color. Kudos to you guys for a great job. My regards to all of the EC-47 veterans out there.

Bill Carns
5/6/2015, 7:58
I would like permission to link to your page and possibly use a couple of photos involving the G-133 (Collins 51S-1 converted) receiver on our website at collinsradio.org. You have a very nice website. Congrats and very informative.
Bill Carns, Past CCA President, Historian and Editor, The Signal Magazine.

Response:
Bill: yes, use this email as your authorization to link to ec47.com. Thanks for asking. Please credit the website with any photo's used. We appreciate your comments about the website construction. We are hard at it.... Tom Nurre & Joe Martin info@ec47.com

From: Bill Carns
Sent: Thu, Jun 4, 2015 5:31pm
To: info@ec47.com

Well, first thanks and then, we would certainly give you credit. I am enjoying the site – Well done...and I know what that takes. Bill

Ted Neher
1/6/2015, 14:01
Good to see the site back up. Is JC still working with you on this? I guess this is the work of Joe Martin, thank you. Will this involve all the EC-47 or just security group?

ANSWER: JC is still involved with us, but not so much due to some health issues. This website will continue to serve everyone who touched the EC-47 ARDF program. Our emphasis is on "the EC-47 mission" and it's history and legacy. Those aircraft didn't just fly on their own...everyone was involved. Joe Martin is certainly the expert and architect of this website. He is working diligently to produce updated histories and new information as it becomes available. Remember - this website will further mature based on your interests, and the interests of all our viewers that provide feedback. Thanks for contacting us. (Tom Nurre sends)

Richard "Dick" Graham, LtCol (Ret)

2/7/2015, 22:05

Pilot 362nd TEWS, 1971-1972. Lots of memories of Da Nang and EC mission. Later flew RC-135's from Offutt with Security Service personnel. Thanks for remembering the men and mission of the Electric Goons.

Gerald Bradley "Jerry"

16/6/2015, 14:17

I was a pilot in the 362 TEWS at Pleiku and DaNang from September 1969 - September 1970. I just found this site. I was previously listed on the EC47 history site. Great to see all of the information.

Leon "Lee" Heying

11/6/2015, 16:55

Was interested to see the "conversation" between Bill Carns and you guys regarding the Collins Radio 51S-1 (G-133). Collins also manufactured the R-390 that many of us twisted the dials on at ground sites throughout the world. I retired from Collins Radio in 2001 after ~30 years. At one time about 50% of Collins business was for the military. Don't know what it is today.

RESPONSE: Lee, the HF transceiver on the EC-47 was also a Collins product...the very common 618T SSB equipment. I am not sure if it was ever set to anything other than the HF Guard frequency of 8364.

Wondering if any Avionics guys had much experience with the 618T on the Gooney. . .

Tom Nurre

Leon "Lee" Heying

11/6/2015, 11:34

Pleiku Det 2, Jan 1968-Jan 1969. Got there about 3 weeks prior to TET. Wondered why the hell did I volunteer for this assignment. Really like what you guys did to the new site. Great job Tom & Joe. See you all in August at Gettysburg.

Danny Pugh

11/6/2015, 3:57

I was a 202 with the 6950th Security Squadron 1968-1971. This is a wonderful site. Kudos to all who put it together. Still love the EC-47 . I truly enjoy reading all the comments and stories. Thanks from "The Last Sgt."

Jon Davis

12/7/2015, 18:05

Member of the 362nd TEWS at Pleiku from Oct '67 to Oct '68

Michael Groves (son of Lt Col Richard T. Groves, Sr.)

10/7/2015, 22:19

I came across this site while researching a plaque presented to my dad when he left Tan Son Nhut. He was a pilot on the EC-47 during his tour in Vietnam, TSN Oct 72 - Mar 73, 377 ABW. Would love to hear from anyone who worked with him during that time. He passed away in November 86.

Howard "Stan" Poyas

6/7/2015, 22:23

I was a 32873 wire bender and was with Det 2 6994th at Pleiku. Spent 18 months with Det 2, 1969-1970 and moved to DaNang in June 1970. Loved the job and the crews I worked with, flying and on the ground in the shop. The photos of the last days flying, I provided to JC for the website.

Ernest Chamberlain

4/7/2015, 23:40

Hi Guys,

An ex-SIGINTer/Int Offr/Vietnamese linguist (36 years' service in Australian Army), I write histories of "enemy units" that we faced (placed free-to-read on the Internet - eg for 33rd NVA Regiment see: <http://www.scribd.com/doc/217396459/The-33rd-Regiment-North-Vietnamese-Army-Their-Story-and-the-Battle-of-Binh-Ba>). I am currently writing about the Australian Task Force's "iconic" Battle of Long Tan (18 Aug 66) and noting 6994th's pre-battle ARDF contribution. Would appreciate any recollections of such - am in contact with Joe Martin. Best wishes, Ernie Chamberlain - chamber@pipeline.com.au

George Jernigan
4/7/2015, 19:27

Jerry Bradley and I were at Pleiku pretty much the same time, although I arrived in country in July and only spent about a month at Da Nang. From a supersonic T-38 to the super subsonic EC-47 was quite a switch! The Gooney Bird is still my favorite with the B-727 right behind. I really learned to fly that year in Nam. Still have my 362 TEWS yearbook!

Bob Crane
15/7/2015, 21:25
PLEIKU 66 67

Mike Self
15/7/2015, 4:52
Squadron Intel Officer, 362 TEWS, DaNang, Nov 70-Nov 71. Our shop operated 24/7/365 with three personnel--myself and two NCOs. Busy times--but we didn't lose a single aircraft on my watch, for which I'm still grateful!

Bob Poole
14/7/2015, 9:01
The "unidentified Bravo tech at work" in the electronics page 5 picture is myself, Bob Poole. The photo was taken mid to late 1969.
http://www.ec47.com/storage/ImageCache/350_200/Z2_Bravo_Maintenance_Shop_TSN-288_02b33707d4.jpg

Richard (Rick) Paul
13/7/2015, 12:59
FM at 362nd 1967

Clark Gerhardt
12/7/2015, 21:37
I was a pilot with 362TEWS from Nov 69 - Nov 70---great experience.....love the Goon. I have recently been in touch with Tom Helwick. We searched for Bob Shannon (my roomie in Da Nang) only to find out he passed away about 3 months ago. Shout out to George Jernigan!! Good job on the new website.

Rick PAUL
28/7/2015, 18:37
FM 362 1967/1968

Robert (Bob) Harper
22/7/2015, 19:47
Navigator 68-69, 361st Nha Trang and Phu Cat. I flew 153 missions and have great memories of the crew members I flew with, the villa, the cheap drinks at the O-club, etc.

Larry Schaarschmidt
21/7/2015, 15:53
Nha Trang, 68-69, Crew Chief, EC-47 Sick Sick Eight - last three 668
Gary Gardsy
19/7/2015, 16:33
C/C 730 '69

Peyton Northern
18/7/2015, 21:40
Was a 202 with Det 1, 6994th, Nha Trang and Phu Cat RVN, 1 Aug 69 - 1 Aug 70...Great site...

Lex Cole
4/8/2015, 22:57
TSN 6994th ARDF operator, 70-71. 140 missions. still remember a lot of things but can't forget sitting on the run-up ramp midday waiting to take off. Man was it steaming !

Ed Petersen
4/8/2015, 16:41
Flying the C47 again with the WWII Airborne Demonstration Team out of Frederick Oklahoma

Chuck Semich
1/8/2015, 2:57
RC-47D backender. Brought AD919 down from Korea and flew COMINT missions out of Danang and Saigon in early 1964.

Bill DeCamp
1/8/2015, 0:49
I was at Phu Cat from Nov 69 - Oct 70. Worked in Ops Control Center (OCC), did flight scheduling, and flew 86 missions as RO. Most personally rewarding assignment of my career!

Ted Neher
29/7/2015, 14:30
I am one of the few in the maintenance group that keeps up with this site. I was in the 360th TEWS from Jun 1967 - Jun 1968 and was the Crew Chief for # 300. My close friends were Don Jones and Don Conklin. Glad to see this site continue. Thanks to JC for all the work he did in the past. Keep it going guys.

Paul A Brady
12/8/2015, 2:17
I was an A202 at the 6994th; started off at Phu Cat in Feb 70 and went to NKP in March where I spent 4 months; finished up at DaNang in Feb 71. I can't believe how low and slow we flew. It was quite the experience with a bunch of great guys.

Jim Carnahan
12/8/2015, 1:57
Was assigned to 460th FMS Structural Repair Shop Aug 1968 and was then sent out to the 360 TEWS to work full time afternoons. Worked out of a little shack at the back of one of the revetments. Was out there for about 9 months before they pulled us all back to the main shop. Left TSN in Aug 1969. Got to know a fellow by the name of Jim Face. I remember him to be a crew chief. Went to visit him in Monroe, Michigan in the late 70's sometime then lost track of him. Enjoy the site and hope to get to one of the reunions someday. I did get to the last day of the TSN reunion in Chattanooga, Tn.

John L. Hurst
9/8/2015, 3:17
As SSgt, I was with the first group of AMT's assigned to Det 1, 6994SS, Nha Trang RVN, Oct 66-Oct 67. Retired at Offutt AFB as E8 in May 1980 with Senior Aircrew Wings.

J.C. Wheeler
8/8/2015, 17:36
Name: J.C. Wheeler
Email: jc@ec47.com
Phone: 479-754-0404

Message: Hey guys I just had to drop a note to say Hello. It has now been close to a year since I turned the "EC-47 History Site" over to Mr. Tom Nurre and Mr. Joe Martin. Although there is no way I could still maintain the site I just wanted to tell everyone how much I miss it. It kept me very busy, often late at night. My tour with the EC-47's in 1966/67 was the highlight of my 20 year career. And as you may or may not know, I was, I believe, on the crew of the 4th aircraft to arrive in country in early September 1966 and flew with this same crew for the entire year we were there and came home together. I honestly believe this was the only crew to do this and it made me so proud. And of course now, I am the sole survivor of that crew but even today as every day, I go back in memory of the times we shared and the mission we flew. Every morning as I have my 1st cup of coffee, I am on the site trying to find if anyone else has added their "EC-47 Story" to the site. I will keep looking and hope to see yours soon. Maybe someday we will have another get together and a beer or two.
Take Care, J.C.

Ed Petersen

5/8/2015, 14:22

Was with the 361st TEWS at Phu Cat 69-70 as AC, IP , FE, Safety Officer. 45 years later I am a pilot of a C-47 with the WWII Airborne Demonstration Team at Frederick, Oklahoma. Our aircraft "Boogie Baby" participated in the Normandy Landing.

Karl Hammerle

12/8/2015, 17:12

Thanks, I appreciated the newsletter.

Lloyd "BUTCH" Barton

12/8/2015, 14:24

EC-47 front end crew member 362nd TEWS Pleiku: July 1969-November 1969. NKP: Nov. '69-July '70. Roomate: Ron Shillcut-Stan/Eval. Hootch mates: Pleiku: Joe McNabb. NKP: Mike Boots, Bryce Deffendahl (CC), Ted York (CV) Tito Howard (Nav). Gil Chabola. Retired 0-6, 29 years..Currently Hood County Commissioner, Granbury TX.

George Sloan

12/8/2015, 13:59

Nav with 362nd TEWS at Pleiku May '67 thru May '68

Stephen Brady

12/8/2015, 4:16

I was a 207 in the Det 3 6994th, in NKP 1972 -1973. During my tour spent a good number of RON's in DaNang, RVN as well as an interesting TDY to Kontum, RVN in 1973. I flew 79 missions as an ARDF operator and ground training instructor for Ron Schofield. Kudos to Joe and Tom, as well as all others who assisted in building the new website. WELCOME HOME BROTHERS!

Ron McKee

12/8/2015, 3:43

Still in Nome, Alaska for the summer so will have to miss the reunion. Have fun.

Cynthia Jelley Allcorn

14/8/2015, 13:20

My father, LTC James D. Jelley, was the commander of the 360th (66-67). Sadly, we lost him in 2010.

Harry R Gage, MSGT Ret USAF

13/8/2015, 16:19

FM at 360TWES 1967-1968 I love the Gooney Bird. I fly with the Microsoft Flight Simulator X and my son painted an EC-47 up in the 360 TEWS tail number and painted it in the Vietnam camouflage colors...I fly it all over the country. Love the new site. Keep up the great work

J.C. Wheeler

13/8/2015, 13:39

"Dagwood", it was not an option to quit the site, it was that I could no longer do it. My memory is failing fast and it got to where I could NOT do the updates for lack of memory. Reunion 2012 also had to be cancelled for this reason. It was not a want to, it was a have to or just let it die when I turned the site over to Tom and Joe. In town last week and the wife said she needed to go by "Fred's" a store right on Main Street and I asked her where it was, she replied rather roughly, it is where you buy your medicines. I often tell folks the old memory is so bad, I sometimes can't seem to remember what I get up and go to the bathroom at night. Take Care My Friend,
J.C.

Tom 'Dagwood' Rinderle

13/8/2015, 3:25

Joe, thanks for the newsletter and reminder to check out the site. I get 'computered out' at work and it's a struggle to sit down in front of one when I get home. Thanks to both Joe and Tom for taking over the site. It

was a shame to see JC decline after all his efforts to stand up this site and provide the impetus for you and Rick to stand up the '94 site. Again, thanks for your efforts.

Lee R Pearson

12/8/2015, 18:34

X1 Pleiku Mar-Jun 70, then to TSN till Oct 72. Worked with Joe in the VIM program. Also with Tom in the PI.

Dan Loomis

17/8/2015, 18:28

Bravo Maintenance DaNang 70-71, Airborne Maintenance Technician. Our Aircraft were ALR-35, and ALR-38. We did our best to provide the best equipment for the Operations folks so they could do their job. I flew over 50 missions in Vietnam. Glad to see the EC-47 site back on the air.

Fred Lewis

16/8/2015, 2:19

Nice to see J C Wheelers mission will carry on. I was at Danang and NKP with the TEWS and love the old goony bird.

Steve Rogers

15/8/2015, 11:08

J.C. glad to see your work has not been lost, thanks for all you have done. A big thanks to Tom and Joe for taking on the task of keeping the site alive for those of us who love the excitement of being involved in a unique part of history. I will be uploading some of my experiences when I get time. I worked in the Doppler Shop at NKP and I only flew a few times on the aircraft as a system engineer to gather information on a navigation error we were trying to solve.

STEVE BAUDOIN

15/8/2015, 3:04

IT IS GOOD TO SEE MORE PEOPLE SIGNING IN, ESPECIALLY YOU JC.

J.C. Wheeler

14/8/2015, 14:32

Dagwood, I think I owe you an apology. Reading your comment again this morning, I believe you were referring to my health in the decline statement and I just read it incorrectly. I do still remember how to make an apology, PLEASE ACCEPT. J.C.

James C. "J.C." Wheeler

25/8/2015, 13:44

Hello to all those who sign in or read the Guestbook, I have a special request for you. I know I am very proud of my tour with the EC-47's and love to tell and re-tell the stories of the Missions and my Tour. I did and still do say that my tour (Sept 1966 to Aug 1967) was the best of my 20 year career. I was hoping (and still am) that you would have a story that would be of interest, and post it on the site under "Tell your EC-47 Story". I know I have heard many many stories that should be preserved here for our own crew members, visitors and Preserved in History. Please help Tom and Joe. I know they will appreciate the help in this effort..
Thanks, J.C Wheeler Sept 66 to Aug 67

Danny Pugh

20/8/2015, 23:12

Enjoy the site. I was with the 6950th Security Squadron '68-'71 RAF Chicksands. Always like to drop by the site to see what's going on with the 6994th EC-47 Group. Glad to see you guys are back in the air again.
Regards from "The Last Sgt."

Tom Hutchings

20/8/2015, 15:06

RA29251 at Tan Son Nhut, Feb 70 to Aug 71. It's heartening to see that Joe and Tom have taken on the task of the EC47 site and preserved as much as possible from J.C.'s website. Those were remarkable times and these pages document and preserve those times for us veterans who flew on the venerable EC-47s.

Richard Kale

19/8/2015, 21:39

Assigned in 70-71, had a shortened tour due to problems at home, but still spent most of the tour as SEFE. I was also one of the first instructors to teach the Vim program. I still managed to get in 149 missions. It's a tour I will never forget. Great pages.

Bill Francis (TSN 67-68)

18/8/2015, 16:06

Joe. Good job on the "Almost Finished--Nitty-Gritty Details of the EC-47." Tom. Tks for the newsletter and ur hard work on the "Vietnam War Commemoration Commemorative Partners" and the recognition of Paul and Nita Clever by the AF.

Lee Croissant

4/9/2015, 22:45

Pleiku, Danang and NKP EC-47 Pilot

P. W. Elliott

3/9/2015, 5:40

I miss the "overhead pass" audio from the old site.

Greg Caron

1/9/2015, 3:10

361 TEWS Phu Cat Aug 70-Aug 71

J.C. Wheeler

29/8/2015, 16:54

Thanks Frank, good to read such...it is much appreciated. I only wish I was still able to participate in the activities. J.C.

Franklin L Bowlby

28/8/2015, 2:38

Just enjoyed browsing through the new EC-47 History Site. It is looking good! I know that much of the original effort and information was put together for many years by J.C. Wheeler, and he did a fantastic job of it! We are all having memory lapses as we get older, but we must never forget all of his hard work and dedication in making this site possible. Thanks J.C. !

John Watson

1/10/2015, 20:51

Pilot 360TEWS TSN 67-68

Geoff Davis

25/9/2015, 6:02

Pilot with 362 TEWS DaNang in 1971. I can never thank the maintenance and support people enough for their dedication, long hours, and expertise that kept us in the air and kept us coming home mission after mission. I will be eternally grateful!

Fred Ziemer (292X1 & 202X0)

22/9/2015, 20:59

Great looking website Tom and Joe. Flew out of Danang in 72 and Ubon in 72-73 time frame. Flew as a A202 out of Da Nang and as the 202 SEFE in Ubon. With my 292X1 Search and Development (MSD) background, flying airborne missions was made a heck of a lot easier. Keep up the GREAT WORK! (2nd input - Don't believe 1st one was accepted) *///Got them both, Fred. Will just post this one for record.///Tom///*

Richard Brewer

9/9/2015, 13:09

I was at TSN Dec 68 - Dec 69. I was also TDY to NKP Apr 69 - Sep 69. I flew 142 missions over SVN and Laos.

Fred Sanders
7/9/2015, 23:46

I was on the crew that made the film for the 360th. Am 83 years old living in Destin, Fl. Retired out of Hurlburt as a SMSgt in 1977. Great to learn JC is doing better. Was at TSN Aug 67 to Aug 68. Thanks Joe and Tom for keeping the site up and running. *Note: Fred, thanks for signing in on Guestbook. Please check this link for the most recent information about other "stars" in the film. <http://www.ec47.com/antique-airlines-videos> Please send us any photos of yourself during your stint at TSN, and a more recent photo (sorta like the Jimmy Terrell input in the above link). We would sure like to print your story about the making of the video and any of your other EC-47 stories. Contact us directly at: info@ec47.com We will do the rest.*
Best,
Tom & Joe
info@ec47.com

Tim Ketterson
9/10/2015, 20:54

Wonderful website about a historically-significant aircraft. I enjoyed perusing it and reading about the history of your work and experiences. Thank you gentlemen...Godspeed.

Johnny R. Jones
9/10/2015, 4:46

Crewed 491 at Danang 1971/72. Anyone out there knowing anything on Pugh or Puckett?

Terri W
8/10/2015, 17:15

Looking for anyone who may have known my uncle CMSgt James Robert "Bob" Line. Would love to hear any information regarding his service. As expected he didn't share anything. He passed in 2002 before his great niece and nephew were born. Trying to record his and my father's military service for future generations. Thank you all for your service. Please email ninjajill01@yahoo.com.

Dennis Adolph
6/10/2015, 22:50

Was on Project Hawkeye at TSN in May-July 1964 after which the aircraft was sent back stateside for repair and modification. The X and Y positions worked as advertised but maybe 25% of the time there were radar/doppler issues. Myself, Raymond Smith and James Horton (all 292X1's) were TDY to TSN from the 6988thSS at Yokota AB, Japan. I came back for a full tour at Nha Trang in 1968. I've lost track of Smith and Horton, last I know they were both with Security Service stationed in Bangkok, Thailand. Great site, it gets better every time I check.

Bill Francis (TSN 67-68)
6/10/2015, 14:59

Tom & Joe. Tks for the documents pertaining to "ARDF History from 1968 ..." and "Snippets." Good reading and informative. Also read "AP Alley" and "Flyboys, Round Engines, and Spooks." Not bad read's. Keep up the good work. BF.

Janet Anduss
19/10/2015, 16:54

The Pleiku Air Base Association is trying to locate relatives of fallen heroes who flew out of Pleiku. We want them to know that their loved ones are remembered every year at the Pleiku reunions. Can you help us locate relatives of the EC-47Q, 45-1133 that was shot down Feb 5, 1969? Those on board were: Capt. Walter F. Burke; T Sgt. Louis J. Clever; S Sgt James V. Dorsey, Jr.; M Sgt Wilton N. Hatton; S Sgt. Rodney H. Gott; Maj. Homer M. Lynn, Jr.; Sgt. Clarence L. McNeill; Lt Col. Harry T. Niggle; Maj. Robert E. Olson; S Sgt Hugh L. Sherburn. Their sacrifice for those they left behind is not forgotten. Janet Anduss.
janduss@yahoo.com

Administrative Note: We do not provide personal information from this website. Anyone wishing to assist the Pleiku Air Base Association regarding this request should contact Ms. Anduss directly at the above email address. ///Tom

Roger E. Fowler
16/10/2015, 0:42

I was a 292 backender in Det. 1, 6994th SS at Phu Cat from Dec. '69 to Dec. '70. I flew 155 missions and received the DFC, 4 Air Medals, RVN Cross of Gallantry w/palm and usual unit awards. I keep in correspondence with Mike Homcha. After my tour, I went into the Army and did a tour in 'Nam seeing the war on the ground and occasionally, seeing EC47s doing their job and helping to save our butts on the ground. So I can appreciate it, having seen it from both ends.

Kelly R Zadakaus
15/10/2015, 17:19

Det 2, 6994th at Pleiku, April 67-July 68, IRO, SEFE. Logged 215 missions. Had the pleasure of working with and meeting some of the finest people on God's green earth. Many great memories and numerous "close calls".

Alan "Gaylord" Parry
13/10/2015, 23:24

Pleiku, March 1968 - March 1969 - Instructor Radio Operator. Now retired from 108th Communications Flt., McGuire AFB, NJANG. Love the site!

Julanne Allison
11/10/2015, 23:30

362nd TEWS-- Pleiku, . My father, Col. John Allison, was commander of 362nd TEWS, April 1967--April 1968. I would like to email with anyone who knew my father. He died in September 2013 in Charleston, SC. I went to the reunion of the 362nd TEWS in Branson last week (Oct.6-8, 2015)--they welcomed me and told me many stories. I just read the posts on this site, and I have met several of you from the Branson reunion. Some of the other names sound very familiar. My email is julanneallison@gmail.com.

Andy Ferris
31/10/2015, 12:10

JC Wheeler asked if I would pass this information on. I was a pilot assigned to Detachment 1 at NKP from June 1970 to December 1970 after having served six (6) months with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut. Lt. Colonel Diefenbaker was our commander at NKP. What I recall is that he was going into retirement once his tour was up and returning to his family in San Diego.

Don Mosher
31/10/2015, 5:44

Thought you could use this link: <http://www.virtualwall.org/dr/RansomBR01a.htm> I was a 43150 @ Antique Airlines (360 TEWS) '68 - '69

Kelly Molnar
30/10/2015, 20:19

NKP, Oct 71 to Oct 72, acft crew chief.

Art Cole
29/10/2015, 18:11

Pilot, Det 1, 362nd TEWS. DaNang from Oct 1971 until November 1971. NKP from December 1971 until September 1972. Now in Brevard, NC, where I'll stay. Great site. Thanks. "Once a Baron, always a Bast-rd." The Det 1 guys will get it.

Steve Kettells 2T SSGT
26/10/2015, 22:19

I "flew" the MC88 in Bremerhaven in 65 and Shu Lin Kou in '66 and '67, went to Kadena to prepare to join the EC-47 mission but never made it. Reading this makes me almost wish that I had reuped to fly with you guys.

Lenard Wahlert
9/11/2015, 18:51

I was assigned to the 360th TEWS - Flying Tigers. June 1969 - June 1970. Tan Son Nhut AFB - Saigon

Tom Rinderle
7/11/2015, 20:51
Love what you've done with the site!!!!VR Dagwood

Charles Capshew
5/11/2015, 23:01
Pilot 362nd TEWS, May 1970 - May 1971: Pleiku and Danang.

Mike Miller
4/11/2015, 19:59
Pilot, 362 TEWS and Det 1, 362 TEWS, Sept 71 to Sept 72. Great people, great airplane! Living in the Seattle area.

Curtis Mann
2/11/2015, 16:38
Worked in the phase dock until I had it out with TSGT whatever his name was that talked funny and they transferred me to the flight line and gave me tail # 0-77284 (the VIP bird) to crew chief. Best thing they ever did for me.

Roger V. Pratt
28/11/2015, 23:29
Arrived at 6994th, Tan Son Nhut, May 1968 from 6918th USAFSS in Japan, as a 292. Sat X, Y, and Z pos's. PCS'd to Pleiku Det 1 in Feb '69 and was there 'til May 69. Was there when 45-1133 went down with good friends aboard, and was pulling CQ when one of the families called in the middle of the night (VN time) to see if there was an update. My most, um..., exciting happenings when onboard one of the EC-47s were when at TSN. At Pleiku, we were getting mortared one evening from behind the berm on the far side of the runway. Two Cobra gunships came in and were kind enough to vaporize them for us. Was at Pleiku when lightning struck the barracks next to ours belonging to the SPs and lifted the roof off cleanly. No one hurt then.

George Branigan
22/11/2015, 19:04
I flew two tours in Vietnam, both were with an Army Air Cav troop. I was a scout crewchief/oscar/gunner, in the OH-6A Cayuse. Our job was low and slow over the treetops looking for Charlie, trying to draw fire. Yep, that was the job. I went down twice and am here by the grace of God. I knew you Air Force guys were flying some sort of 'spook' stuff up over us, but that's it. Thanks guys for doing a dangerous job, and helping the war effort. A slow hand salute to all of you, and my thanks.

Franklin L Bowlby
22/11/2015, 7:11
Was at Pleiku & DaNang May 1970 - May 1971. Flew into Cam Ran Bay for my 1st night in Vietnam, and then on to Pleiku. Actually had orders for Pleiku, but when I arrived there, I discovered that our operations at Pleiku was in the process of closing down and moving to DaNang. I stayed overnight at Pleiku and was put on a flight (my 1st EC-47 flight) the next morning to DaNang to help set up operations there. I just noticed on the above Guestbook signings that I was in Vietnam during the exact time frame as Charles Capshew (pilot), who was also at Pleiku and DaNang. He was a pilot and I remember flying with him at DaNang. I am hoping someone will be able to help me discover the whereabouts of Issac (Ike) Ware, who was also an operator flying out of DaNang. I have searched the Internet endlessly to find him (or his status) with no luck. I had many friends at DaNang who are no longer with us and am hoping he is not one of them. Would greatly appreciate any information anyone may have on "Ike" Ware. Although I cannot say that I was not happy to leave at the end of my tour (very excited to get back with my wife and daughter), I have always been proud to have served there. I will never forget all my friends and co-workers there. I have always had the highest respect for everyone involved in our operations - a group of really professional personnel !

Richard E. Kane

17/11/2015, 3:12

Bravo Maint Mar 71 72 at TSN, Phu Cat, Cam Ranh Bay, NKP. Flew on 112 missions. Worked on all the Back End Stuff. Someone mentioned the G-133, I fixed a whole bunch of them. Fixed the ALR 34, 35, and the 38. All of those antennas on the 38, yuck. I retired as a Capt. in '89. I am healthy and wish the same to all my comrades.

Al Karp

13/11/2015, 1:30

I was assigned to the 360th TEWS - June 1968 - June 1969. Tan Son Nhut AFB - Saigon

Ed Parker

12/12/2015, 0:38

I left a comment regarding my time with the 361st at Nha Trang Dec.-67 through Sep-69 1st as a crew chief and then 8 months as a flight engineer. I noticed Larry Schaarschmidt's post and hopefully he will see this and respond, maybe if I call him a "chicken plucker" he will remember. :)

Ed Parker

12/12/2015, 0:25

I was a crew chief then a flight engineer with the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang from Dec-67' through Sep-69'.

Gary Ringert

5/12/2015, 5:40

I served at Pleiku as a pilot in 69 and 70.

Willard E. Johnson

4/12/2015, 19:25

My father, Herman Willard Johnson, was a precision jig-borer machinist for Douglas Aircraft during the 1943-45 period when the Tinker AFB defense plant (southeast of Oklahoma City) turned out 5,354 C-47s for the U.S. Army Air Corps. He helped build many of the jigs and fixtures used to stamp out aluminum parts for the C-47 and assemble them into airplanes. This plant built 50% of all the C-47s ever produced ! I later served in the USAF as a Forward Air Controller with the 22nd Tactical Air Support Squadron out of Binh Thuy AB, South Vietnam (1968-1969) and every time I climbed aboard a C-47, I wondered if it contained parts my father helped produce ! It was always FUN riding in a C-47 (I think they're going to last forever.)

Tom Helwick

30/11/2015, 19:41

I was a pilot at Pleiku and Danang from Dec 69 to Dec 70. I recently was asked to do an interview with the Billings Gazette for their series 'Vietnam Voices' last September. An old airline good friend Rand Peck put the links to the interview and also a narrated slide show of those 6 months at Pleiku which I made for my kids. I still have some contact with other pilots during that era. Here's the link to Rand's Blog.

<http://www.randpeckaviationphotography.com/> Tom Helwick, Livingston, Montana

Paul Brady

22/12/2015, 21:08

I was wondering if any of you have a copy of Air Medal orders. I was a foster child in 6994th. I arrived at Phu Cat in Feb '70 only to be told they don't fly with 202s; so I was sent TDY to NKP. A picture of me is on that site with a rookie Captain named James Clapper, who managed a promotion or two during his career. While at NKP I had to go home on emergency leave in July '70 and while there I was informed that I was transferred to Da Nang, I flew out of there until my DOS in Feb '71. I never knew about air medals or how to get them. My DD 214 doesn't mention any. I'm curious if my name shows up on anyone's orders. I flew with Neil Sides, Don Boston, and Art Silvin (we were all on Baker flight at the 6987th) and I flew with Skeeter and Jerry Payne. Stephen Brady and I are friends but not kin and we live near each other.

Any help would be appreciated. Thank you and Merry Christmas. Contact Paul directly at:

brady2615@gmail.com

Howard Lowdermilk
20/12/2015, 1:07

I just read that Larry Schaarschmidt posted a recent comment. I followed Larry as crew chief of aircraft 933 at Nah Trang in the 361 TEWS from July 1968 until July 1969. I named aircraft 933 Miss Carolina since I am from the great state of North Carolina. Galen Suiter was my bunkmate until I moved off base. I remember that Lt. Arnett was in our squadron administrative office along with Sgt. Galen Suiter. I also remember Airman Boynoitt who was at Nah Trang most of the time I was there. One memory that comes to mind was being sent TDY to Nan Kam, Thailand for 30 days.

Jesse Greene
18/12/2015, 23:07

What another outstanding display Tom. I can really share this with my family and give them a great understanding of what we did in Vietnam. Thanks and God Bless.---

Tom says: Thanks Jesse. . .we were all in it together! Merry Christmas, my friend.

Charles E. McCully
17/12/2015, 0:56

Check in at the web site and read each page. Enjoyed (again) the information from everyone...I served as ARDF operator at Phu Cat Sep 70 to 71 and flew 127 missions. I also worked for Tom in the Ground Training office. Following tours in Italy, Germany and Turkey, I retired out of Elmendorf AFB, AK in 1981.

Linda Radtke
12/12/2015, 16:39

My husband is Richard A. Radtke. He retired in 1989 from Edwards AFB, CA. after 23 years in service. Richard served in Pleiku from Nov. 1968 - Nov. 1969. He worked Phase Docks, and was crew chief of Olive Oil. He has 2 pictures of his Gooney Bird with nose art. On one side was Olive Oil with a coolie hat; on the other side, no hat. He says he doesn't really remember names well but does remember incidents. He was on perimeter guard duty some.

Linda, we have a slideshow in the ARDF History Exhibit that features the nose art of the Gooney Birds. We do not have photos of Olive Oil. Please contact me via info@ec47.com if it is possible for us to get copies of those photos. Tell Richard "Hi" from all of us. Thanks in advance. Tom Nurre info@ec47.com

Clifford Cheney
3/1/2016, 22:42

We were first sent to Nha Trang and then on up to Pleiku. I went up just after the dirty dozen got there, the base was new....I was the one who drew the patch of the gooney and did the art work on the Newsletter. I also taught karate there in the handball court.....still have my patch and yearbook.. would love to hear from any of you ... reverendcliff@comcast.net

Ed Parker
2/1/2016, 4:22

Howard, I also spent a TDY in NKP helping get ground crews up to speed on basic airframe maintenance on A26's. I was with the 361st with Larry and knew Paul Arnett very well.

Jerry Darr AZASAA.ORG
27/12/2015, 1:15

Joe and crew; What an outstanding job you guys have done on this website. As a fellow "spook" in the ARDF world, I really like what you guys have done with displays, photos and story links. *Tom says: Thanks Jerry. I have visited your website and enjoyed looking around. Joe always speaks well of you guys. Viewers should note your Arizona Army Security Agency Association web link in your name line. Stay in touch.*

Willie E. Jones
23/12/2015, 23:34
Glad to be here.

John Folsom, Sgt

23/12/2015, 3:53
360 TEWS phase dock, 1971-72, Tan Son Nhut AB

DAVID M. BROOKS, COLONEL, USAF, RETIRED
21/1/2016, 22:20

Sorry we lost the former site and its contents. I was an instructor navigator and Intel officer at Phu Cat, 1969-1970. Now we live at the Army Residence Community in San Antonio, a great military location.

Gene Felisiano
12/1/2016, 23:26

I was at the Cat Nov69 to Apr70. I worked in Maintenance Debriefing then was assigned as the Launch Team Chief. If you were at the Cat there is a Facebook site for alumni at Phu Cat please come and join.

Craig Williams
8/1/2016, 3:46

My Dad flew the C47 and other C aircraft for the Army Air Corps and USAF MATS. I grew up around all the old birds.

STEVE BAUDOIN
7/1/2016, 16:32

JUST WANT TO SAY AMEN TO VERNON'S COMMENT ABOUT GETTING OUR ASSES BACK IN ONE PIECE AND REST IN PEACE TO THOSE WHO DID NOT GET BACK IN ONE PIECE.

Vernon Brown
6/1/2016, 15:30

Back end ditty bop. Nha Trang, Nov 67-Nov 68. Thanks to the wrench heads and front end crews for keeping the birds flying safely and getting our asses back in one piece.! vernon200@hotmail.com

Steve Jenkins
28/1/2016, 18:26

Was with the 361 TEWS in Nha Trang '68-'69 crew chief of 43-49126

Bob Kapalo
28/1/2016, 15:52

I discovered the EC47 operation through a ham radio web site, QTH.com where there is for sale a Collins radio used in the program (Collins/LTV G133F). I served on the ground in VRN from the end of Jan '69 to near the end of May '69 as a grunt with the 1st Cav Air Mobil, but find this very interesting stuff. My thanks and appreciation for your service goes out to you guys.

Bob Kapalo
"Kap" when with A/2/12th Cav in 1969

Bruce Cullen
26/1/2016, 17:39
Pilot 361st TEWS, Phu Cat 1970-1971
Retired airline pilot, California.

William S. Nibblett
26/1/2016, 1:10
Served with the 6994th Dec 70 to Feb 71, Det 2 Feb 71 to Dec 71. Analyst.

Donald Collins
23/1/2016, 18:31

I am the nephew of SSGT Prentice Fay Brenton, KIA March 9 1967, Tide 86. I would like to see any photos of my uncle or see the after action report of the crash. donaldr56@yahoo.com

Ronald L. Fluitt

9/2/2016, 6:36

I was with the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut the second half of 1970 and the first half of 71. I had been a copilot at Travis in C-141s previously. Stopped at Clark AB for a very short version of jungle survival school and then "in-country." Somewhere en route I made Captain. Despite having been in and out of Vietnam in 141s I had a mental picture of arriving in country, running down the civilian carrier ramp and diving into a bunker, while under fire. What can I say. It was the "young, dumb and stupid" phase of my life. The officers in the unit were generally from three groups. 2nd Lts right out of UPT (Undergraduate Pilot Training), senior officers who had been flying desks for a period of time and an assortment of guys somewhere in the middle of the first two groups. One of the navigators had been working as a physicist for a Dr. Teller prior to getting his turn in-country. It was a fairly quiet year while I was there and that was fine with me. We occasionally flew a plane up to NKP and brought one of theirs back for scheduled maintenance. We used the call sign "steel" during our normal missions and made an hourly "ops normal" call to let our unit know we were still alive. We flew around at 7000 feet, supposedly out of small arms range. There was a "story" going around that one of the younger guys father (WWII era) remembered the serial number of one of the planes we had there. It's hard to believe it has been about 45 years. I hope my memory is reasonably accurate. Maybe more later.

Carol J Kurth

8/2/2016, 14:48

Very interesting

James C. Wheeler

6/2/2016, 15:28

So glad to see others who believe their tour in Vietnam was the best year of their 20 year career. I have now been saying this for over 40 years and will continue to say it. J.C.

Vernon Brown

1/2/2016, 15:48

I must have had an oldtimers attack when I originally posted, My time at Nha Trang was Nov 66-Nov67 Actually was the most interesting assignment I had during my Air Force career. Also did tours in Scotland, Pakistan, Germany, and that other country I love dearly-Texas. ..

Doc Afton

30/1/2016, 3:06

360th TEWS, Jan 68 - Jan 69, Tan Son Nhut

Pam Thompson

19/2/2016, 13:45

My father, retired Colonel Robert I. Thompson, Jr, who served as a pilot for 360th TEWS July 68 to Aug 69, passed away Wed 2-17-16.

John Schmid

18/2/2016, 16:52

Pilot in 360th from June 66 - May 67. With Lt Col Jim Jelly and Capt Bob Blackburn, ferried one of the first three birds to Saigon/Tan Son Nhut.

Ron Gill

17/2/2016, 23:31

I flew with many former EC-47 pilots as a tanker nav in SAC. Most had just returned from the year in Vietnam and were cross trained into KC-135s Gary Smith, Chris Ordway, both at Loring AFB, and Jerry ? (flew with him at Tenn Air Guard in Knoxville.) Enjoyed their flying stories.

Tim Thomson

15/2/2016, 4:36

As an Instrument Tech at Phu Cat 1970-1971, the ECs were my favorite aircraft to work on. Simple and rugged.

ROLLY DAVID GROUNDS

9/2/2016, 22:31

PHU CAT. JUNE 70 TO JUNE 71. SAW LOTS OF CAMBODIA AND LAOS IN 71. BOLVENS PLATEAU CAMBODIA/LAOS IS BEAUTIFUL, WATERFALLS EVERYWHERE. 1044 HOURS. 361ST AT PHU CAT WAS THE BEST GROUP OF TOP TO BOTTOM MEN I SERVED WITH IN 8.6 YEARS IN USAF. THE GOON TAUGHT ME TO REALLY FLY.

John Drost

13/3/2016, 11:24

June 69 - Sep 69, Intel analyst at NaTrang. Then moved to Phu Cat until I exited in Jun of 1970.

Buck Gross, Major, USAF Ret

12/3/2016, 20:15

I was with the 362nd at Da Nang AB in 1972. It was great to talk to others at Officer's clubs at Kadena and Clark and convincing them that the engines were run by electricity. Alone, Unarmed and Afraid, Ruptured Duck, and many more patches were associated with us. 1940's aircraft with 1970 plus avionics was a hard thing to deal with. Everyone hated and loved the Gooney at the same time.

K.Wayne McGaha

12/3/2016, 11:27

Served as a crew chief on EC47 at Danang air base during 1972 through moving the unit to NKP, Thailand.

Norm St. John

4/3/2016, 22:34

(I tried to sign the guestbook, but could not get the comments section to verify. This is an admin input.) I served with the 360th from 5/68 thru 5/69. I saw Doc Afton had signed the guestbook and I tried to find a way to contact him, but could not come up with an email address or phone #. We were friends during our tour at Tan Son Nhut. Glad to know you are alive and well, Doc. Norm nst7421676@aol.com

Ed Parker

1/3/2016, 1:01

Pam, I am so sorry for the loss of your father and while I didn't know him I share your loss.

Ron Goins

27/3/2016, 11:07

360 TEWS EC-47 Flight Line Mechanic 67-68. Was working on aircraft 009 (Balls 9) the night of TET. Is this the Don Dickson that was from Houston,TX ?

Sean Wampole

27/3/2016, 5:35

My father was on based at NKP.

Paul Engle

25/3/2016, 19:39

Flew as TO with 138th Avn Co (RR) out of Phu Bai '71-72 . "The Record Breakers". we had the most ARDF hits of all units in RVN '67-72. Flying U8's (Beechcraft Barons and Queen Aire's) , U 21's. Lost highly classified JU21A over the DMZ in Mar '71 due to SAM 2 fired from Route 9.

Tom Buckley

15/3/2016, 18:02

Served in Security Service from 1957 to 1967, in Misawa, Bremerhaven, the Intercept Operator School (instructor), RAF Chicksands, and VietNam. Flew out of Tan San Nhut primarily, with a few short stints at Hue/Phu Bai.

J.C. Wheeler

13/3/2016, 15:37

Hello again folks, I know there many, many good and true stories out there to be told on this Web-Site by the members who were a part of the Mission we flew from 1966 to the end of the Mission 8 years later. I am still

hoping you will share your story/stories and help preserve our place in history. I myself was in very early and brought over the 4th Aircraft of which became a total of nearly 60 aircraft. Email: jc@ec47.com

Peter Good

31/3/2016, 17:58

R20250 assigned to NKP May 1972 - May 1973.

Provided support to the ARDF mission. Worked with MSgt John Ryon who was killed when his aircraft crashed. Also worked the reporting desk when Baron 52 when down. Worked with Skeeter and Flinchum and many others.

Kenn

29/3/2016, 17:49

Don't know if anyone here has heard of (or if this gentleman was a member here) but another hero has passed on. Douglass Raymond Hoadley (1935 - 2016)

<http://obits.al.com/obituaries/birmingham/obituary.aspx?n=douglass-raymond-hoadley&pid=179146966&fhid=5979>

His last air station was at Da Nang AFB, Vietnam, where his crew performed radio intelligence the old fashion way - flying an EC-47 at low altitude and listening to the bad guys. "Low and Slow", the goal was to draw enemy fire so they could call in the "Big Boys", F4's and B-52's. The EC-47's were responsible for 75% of the target intelligence in the Vietnam War. He flew in over 200 sorties over bad guys' territory and over 3 years' active duty.

NOTE: Guestbook postings from 01 April 2016 forward are listed in the order received.

Ed Parker

2/4/2016, 20:43

What happened to the link to the old JC EC47 site? I really enjoy going through all the old pictures.

RESPONSE FOR ALL

I noticed yesterday that my desktop McAfee security software Firewall is blocking the archive.ec47.com website. Please check your own computer and see if your security program is also doing the same. I just double checked the link and it is working fine. Drop us all an update in another Guestbook follow-on entry. Thanks. Tom Nurre.

STEVE BAUDOIN

3/4/2016, 15:11

I JUST CHECKED IT AND IT WORKS FOR ME

Ed Parker

4/4/2016, 2:13

I have tried everything and I can't get back to it. Really depressing since I had been logging on to it for over 7 + years. Thanks for the responses and hopefully this site keeps on FLYING!

RESPONSE: Ed, Please try another system...even a smart phone or something with a different operating system or virus/security program. The link is correct and is working. There is a software glitch in your system that is preventing access. Good luck, we are making sure this site keeps flying, especially for guys just like you! Thanks - let us know when you get back on archive.ec47.com Tom Nurre 325 450-4476 info@ec47.com

Ed Parker

5/4/2016, 14:42

Tom, what is your connection to the EC47?

RESPONSE: Ed, I was assigned to Nakhon Phanom, Thailand (Det 3, 6994th Security Squadron) from 1970-1971. I was a Morse code radio direction finding/communications intercept operator with additional duty as the Ground Training NCO, Instructor Radio Operator, and Airborne Mission Supervisor. NKP was my

6th assignment with USAFSS and I went on to do 33 years total active. In late 2012 I got involved with the MRSEA group and we worked together and built the EC-47 ARDF History Exhibit at Goodfellow AFB which opened in 2014. Also in 2014, Joe Martin and I took over management of ec47.com from J.C. Wheeler - and here we are today. Thanks for asking.

Tom Nurre
NKP 1970-1971

Clifford Cheney
8/4/2016, 23:30

Do any of you remember the Dog we called "Shit Head"? He was hurt and got patched back up. Is there anyone out there that took my class in Karate ??? Am looking for a Sgt named Bob. He was from New York I think...if so, let me know please....

reverendcliff@comcast.net

Chuck Miller, Lt Col, USAF Retired (1981)
9/4/2016, 7:46

I was 1st Pilot (then Capt, with over 2,000 pilot and IP logged C-47 hours, and assigned from a TC-47, AF Reserve Nav trainer support Detachment at O'Hare Airport, Chicago). I was crewed-up, on aircraft #00665, with Maj Chuck Foreman, Aircraft Commander (former CIA pilot, now deceased), Capt Dave Dollahite, 2nd Pilot (also deceased, post-war), 1st Lt. John Hanson, Nav, and Sgt James Cavin, Flt Mech. Ours was the #37 (of 45) of original Phyllis Ann aircraft to be ferried from Grenier Field, Manchester, NH to Vietnam. We departed Grenier Field on 19 Feb '67 with destination to be determined enroute. We arrived at the 361st TEWS, Nha Trang 22-days later on 12 Mar '67 after being diverted there from Clark AFB, Philippines, while island-hopping the Pacific (for an initial anticipated destination of 362nd TEWS, Pleiku) just one day after Tide 86 out of Nha Trang was reported lost. Tide 86 crash site was located the day after our arrival.

The story of our ferry flight can be found on the original EC47.com archive-website, and I had included many great stories and color photos of the island-hopping trip. (I have since compiled more). I also had additional duties as the 361st Flying Safety Officer, and completed my tour in Feb '68 after accumulating 105 combat sorties, shortly after the ending of the infamous Tet Invasion by the VC and NVA.

After completing my EC-47 assignment, with a current Top Secret Clearance already in hand, I was assigned to SAC in the KC-135Q tanker, involving the special operations of the newly operational Top Secret SR-71 "Blackbird", where I spent another 5-years of flying in the SEA theater supporting its operations out of Okinawa and elsewhere.

Years after retiring from the USAF in 1981, I was instrumental in convincing (and assisting) JC Wheeler to expand his personal USAF career website to a main focus on the EC-47 mission. Great kudos are due to him, and to Joe Martin & Tom Nurre for picking up the baton and carrying on development and expansion when our "warhorse webmaster", JC, became unable to continue his gallant early efforts! Thanks guys -- job well done and on-going!

Email: av8or@eos.net

J.C. Wheeler
9/4/2016, 13:58

I would like to take this moment to sincerely thank Chuck Miller for the very nice comments he left of me in his guestbook entry just prior. THANKS SO MUCH CHUCK.

jc@ec47.com

Charlie Phippin
9/4/2016, 21:32

First time on Guestbook. Was a backender at Nha Trang, '66-'67. Came from San Vito Italy with 8 others headed by Sgt Bendinelli. Enjoyed the professional attitude & friendship of all I worked with there. Flew many times with TSgt Morse but with many others as well. Nice to see posts from Vernon Brown, Bendinelli. JC has my gratitude for starting this process and Joe & Tom for carrying on. Excellent job. See you at the reunions.

Chuck Burford
10/4/2016, 15:07

I was Front end Flight Engineer at 7406, Sun Valley Airlines, 556TH Recon, Yokota, Japan and Det #1 at Sand box and Det at Suwon , Korea. Started out at Kelly AFB in 1956 with "Mudcat Grant" as my instructor. Had back enders from 6916th and Darmstadt, Germany. Had Larry Tart in back years ago.

Dan Fink
13/4/2016, 2:30

I arrived at Tan Son Nhut on 17 April 1966 direct from the 6921 Security Wing, Misawa, Japan, as the first permanent duty officer of the 6994 Security Squadron. At the time we didn't have any airplanes yet. At the time I was a 1Lt. *RESPONSE: Congratulations...thanks for sharing this information, especially as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the squadron start-up this month. See what you started! :-)* Well done - Stay in touch. Tom Nurre NKP 70-71

James "Barry" Turman
23/4/2016, 19:39

361st at Phu Cat 1970-71. C-141 Robins AFB GA 1968 - 70 and Charleston AFB SC 1971-73. Pilot.

Ed Parker
8/5/2016, 15:04

James, I was at Nha Trang with the 361st from Dec-67 through Sep-69 initially as a line mechanic and then 8 months as a flight mechanic. When I left in Sep-69 I had not even heard the 361st was headed to Phu Cat. Welcome Home brother!

Martin J Ford
10/5/2016, 21:49

I was at Saigon from Oct 1968-Oct 1969 flying in EC 47's.. I was a navigator.. went to Norton AFB til I got out July 22,1972.. navigating good old C141's . those were some good times in the 363rd wing.

Major Alan B. Taylor (USAFSS Dependent)
21/5/2016, 20:24

Wow, I love this site... so full of information and you guys totally rock and thank you for your service! I'm curious about my father's USAFSS assignments and was wondering if anybody here remembers my father SSGT David E. Taylor from Springfield, Ohio? Still to this day he doesn't go into any details but nonetheless, I'm very proud of his AF service... He was backend on EC-47 with DET-3, 6994th/NKP RTAFB from 1972 to 1974 and served other USAFSS assignments and locations such as Korat, 6908th TFA, Germany, Turkey, etc. I do know he flew 100+ missions during SEA with DET-3 according to his Century Club card (signed by MAJ Bill Graham) so I'm hoping somebody here must have worked with him at some point. Please contact me at fet12sw@yahoo.com. Great site and keep up the good work!

Howard Wright
29/5/2016, 17:30

Aircraft Maintenance Specialist, Electric Goon, Dec 1973 thru May 1975, Nakhon Phanom RTAFB.
howard.c.wright@gmail.com

Gene Felisiano
29/5/2016, 23:34

I was at Phu Cat Nov69 to Apr.70 with 361st TEWS. I did not get to meet a lot of people as I was on the Launch Crew NCOIC. We came to work very early in the morning to Pre Flt the planes and launch them. Among our duties were refuel and general maintenance. I came to the Cat from Cam Rahn Bay after 6 months. I was working C-123 AR shop. Prior to that I got out of the AF coming from Phu Cat where I was a FE with the 537th TAS. I have more to look at on your site. It looks great. I would like to invite you and anyone else that was at Phu Cat. We have a site on Facebook just for Phu Cat people. Just mention Gene Felsi, that is my FB handle.

Ed Parker

19/6/2016, 16:01

Its too bad there are not more people aware of this site and more comments posted. I have been trying to figure out how to post pictures. I have a few scanned photos from Nha Trang, 68'-69' time frame of shots around maintenance barracks area and a couple flight line shots.

Daniel Briggs

28/6/2016, 19:28

During my recent family reunion I was able to sit down with my Uncle Tom Nurre and I was amazed with his passion and knowledge of the Air Force. He taught me so much about Air Force traditions and even some of his own Air Force stories with the EC-47. He told me about this site, but, he understated how entertaining it is. Great Job to everyone that put all this together. I'll be back again.

USN FC1 USS Constellation CV-64

Bob Johnson

3/7/2016, 11:52

360th TEWS from Feb.'69 to Feb. 70. Aircraft mechanic. Went on to work for the AF for 37 years.

Galen Suiter

4/7/2016, 10:59

Aircraft Mechanic 361st TEWS Nha Trang 68-69

Gregory Smith

5/7/2016, 13:07

Was crew chief from Feb. 71/72. Also went TDY to NKP in May/June of 71 to the 360th TEWS Det 1.

Carl Wilks

18/7/2016, 13:29

362 TEWS navigator, Danang, 1970-1971

Bruce Garner

19/7/2016, 1:56

Pilot 360th TEWS TSN Mar'67-Mar'68. Also TDY Pleiku and Hue Phu Bai for a total of about 6 months.
bjgusu@yahoo.com

Charles R Andreas

19/7/2016, 19:40

I was stationed at Pleiku, Vietnam from Oct 1967 to Oct 1968. Col John Allison was the Commander of the 362nd TEWS during part of that period. He was a fine Commander and respected by all. I hope to contact his Daughter Julianne in this regard. Have a Good One = Charles R Andreas CMSgt Retired
chuckvirg@bajabb.com

Ray Parker, SMSgt, USAF, Ret.

1/8/2016, 15:26

Assigned to the 6994th as an X1 from 1968 to 1969. Instructor Radio Operator and trained many new personnel when they arrived in-country; best tour of my Air Force career. Noticed Lt. Martin J. Ford posted on page 3, flew many missions with him and even hung out with him when I was assigned to March AFB, CA. Martin, if you read this post shoot me an email at: rayparker007@gmail.com

W.D. Milton

4/8/2016, 2:48

Galen Suiter: Do you remember landing at Phu Bai on one engine, from a mission somewhere along the DMZ? A one shot landing or in the junk yard for us.

Steve Cox

6/8/2016, 20:42

NKP 1971-1972 was my tour as pilot.

William Hollenbeck
10/8/2016, 23:01
Det 1, 6994th - Phu Cat 70-71.

Steve Henrichs
13/8/2016, 15:08
360TEW - Tan Son Nhut. Ditty Bopper 1970-1971.

Doug Davis
16/8/2016, 2:17
I was fresh out of pilot training when I arrived at Da Nang in Nov 1970. Then on to NKP until Nov 1971 as an EC-47 IP. Three months later I was back at Udorn for another 1,000 hours in C-47's for 7/13th Air Force. I became quite familiar with operations in Northern Laos and got re-interested in that war after Gen Vang Pao and USA Col Harrison Jack were arrested in Sacramento in 2007. I have since been to Raven FAC and Air America reunions and would love to attend one of yours. It is great to reminisce with the old war fighters, especially those of us that "weren't in Laos".

Richard A Pare'
3/9/2016, 19:23
Da Nang - Apr 71 to Mar 72. Flight Line Expeditor/Line Chief. "It was the best of times, It was the worst of times."

Francis K. (Frank) Peluso, LtCol USAF (Ret)
15/9/2016, 21:42
I flew with the 361st TEWS out of NKP and Ubon, 73-74. I was on one of the last missions on May 15, 1974. I later went on to fly C-141s at Travis and Altus. I had several assignments in Russia including one at the U.S. Embassy Moscow, and as an arms control inspector at Votkinsk. I retired in 1999 and went to work for the FAA in Washington DC. I am now retired from FAA, living in Fredericksburg VA. I am on Facebook as Frank Peluso.

GARY MCPHERSON
20/9/2016, 21:27
Drillpress Jan 1966 to April 66l..Pre 6994th. Great newsletter...would like to know how JC Wheeler is doing as he started the EC47 site.

Steve Fontaine
22/9/2016, 5:11
Was Radio Maintenance in 6924th @ DaNang - 68 - 69, then Darmstadt.

MSgt. Eric Geier (Ret)
2/10/2016, 23:11
Just a fan of the C-47 and Air Force History. I did not know about the mission of the EC-47 until now. Thank You for your service and the information about the aircraft and missions.

MSgt Ken Flood
6/10/2016, 16:13
I was assigned to the 360th TEWS Nov 68-69 as an E3 Aircraft Mechanic.

Robert Baker
14/10/2016, 2:19
I flew out of DaNang as an Intelligence analyst in 1972.

SSgt Ken Carlock
20/10/2016, 10:01
Electronic Warfare
6994 Squadron, Det. 2 at Pleiku
6/68 - 6/69

Dennis Rasmussen
20/10/2016, 20:33

I use your website frequently to research ARDF history information in support of the FTVA newsletter. Thanks to your hard work, I have been able to easily and quickly find just the information I need to edit many items of interest for our membership. Thanks a lot for all you are doing.

Orvin Ramlo
24/10/2016, 7:17

Message: Some of your members may recall Bill Horton. Bill flew EC-47's in Vietnam. He survived that experience, and went on to fly C-130's with experimental drones for several years afterwards. He then went on to support many classified DoD programs. I'm sad to pass along that Bill succumbed to cancer in October 2016.

Leo Barnard (SSgt)
5/11/2016, 7:44

I was the NCOIC of the 6924th Squadron at Nha Trang 1968-1969 and flew 57 missions on the RC-47's stationed there and at Tan Son Nhut. "Doc" DiBello, Don Coleman, "Boone" McNeill, Jim Ditch and John Price all worked for me in that time. "Boone" was transferred to Pleiku when the squadron was closed down in mid 1969. The rest of us were returned to Okinawa to the 6994th and RC135 missions. I flew in excess of 100 missions by the time I was rotated out in November 1969. Great site, great to know that "Boone" has been repatriated and returned to his family. I had dinner with him in Saigon just before we broke up the squadron. Keep up the great work, Regards to all, Leo. drleobarnard@msn.com

Russell Gianni
6/11/2016, 18:18
6994th Sec Sqn Det 2 Pleiku
Dec 1966 - Dec 1967
150 Missions Flown

Gregory Shake
13/11/2016, 14:51

Was in country 1970 to 1972 and flew approx. 200 missions. Crashed August 19th 1971. Based at Tan Son Nhut. Love to hear from anyone from the old unit. Can reach me at gregshake@att.net

Sgt W. Doug Milton
16/11/2016, 5:09

Went to language school with Jimmy Ditch, 1967/8 and whilst at casual barracks in San Angelo I reqstd info on deployment to VN from Kelley AFB, they gave us a choice of which bases we would like to go, I remember Jim Ditch chose Tan Son Nhut, while the others chose Nha Trang and Pleiku. I chose Nha Trang and flew one mission then was sent (TDY) to Pleiku, along with Sgt AL Martinez. So much for the sun, sand and beach, now the red dirt/clay of Pleiku! Would fly about 20 missions there then returned to Nha Trang. After another 20 missions was sent back to Pleiku. In Nha Trang we were hit with mortars almost every night, but at Pleiku they used the big stuff. That's where I met AIC Boone McNeill, we were in the same barracks and used to play cards often. One time I received a Care pkg of cookies and about 8-10 nips, I ate the cookies, Boone finished off nips! God bless Boone and R. Gott, whom I was on the survival training with. A nice kid. Both lost their lives on Feb 5 1969 on the shoot down in Laos.

W. Doug Milton
16/11/2016, 5:12

SSgt Barnard did we ever meet? Your name sounds familiar as well as Sgt Price???

Gregory Smith
27/11/2016, 0:39

Was crew chief on flight line from 1971/72 at TSN. Also did TDY to NKP May/June 71. Great to hear from line guys from same time at TSN.

Theodore Henke

30/11/2016, 0:05

Aging ever so slowly as all Old "Silent Warriors" do. Served with the Best at Det 2 (Danang) and Det 3 (NKP). Surfaced just to say "Welcome Home"

Jerry Dennis

30/11/2016, 11:45

Det 2, 6994th Security Squadron, DaNang Air Base, December 1972-1973

Det 3, 6994th Security Squadron, Ubon Royal Thai Air Base, 1973

Sgt. Curtis Mann

10/12/2016, 5:52

Worked the phase dock with John Folsom and Richard "Tirebiter" Firebaugh until the boss falsely accused me and I called him out on it. The next day I was told to report to the flight line. Best thing they ever did for me. While the phase dock was a kind of cushy job, usually worked 3 days a week, Out on the flight line nobody screwed with you and there was no "brown nosing" crap which was rampant in the dock, and I ended up as crew chief on tail #0-77284 the VIP bird. Got her all fixed up and looking pretty and got a free three day trip to Thailand.

Michael Cimino

19/12/2016, 4:22

I was a front ender out of NKP in 1974. We flew missions in Cambodia from Ubon RTAFB. Our mission briefings included rescue provisions exactly as described in the 25 Dec 15 newsletter. Not sure we ever thought it would happen, but it was a standard part of the mission briefs.

Hugh "Boo" Sinnock

24/12/2016, 21:31

Pilot at DaNang and NKP ('71-'72). Great to see our history being preserved. Would love to hear from Baron's Bastards crew. hughsinnock@yahoo.com

Paul Regan

31/12/2016, 10:14

292X1 Morse Code Intercept Operator - 1971

paul.regan7671@gmail.com

Michael Cimino

31/12/2016, 18:11

Those who served in NKP may remember Joey, a young Thai boy who was sponsored by the TEWS. He lived with us, ate with us, and attended school in town. Joey was a smart kid who was particularly good at games and math. What you may not know is that Joey made it to the states, finished schooling, did a tour in the US Navy, and is doing well living with his wife in Oregon.

Albert H.(Herb) Francis

2/1/2017, 14:18

Bravo Maintenance 6994th, Det-3, NKP, 69-70, room mates were Carl Ramey & Matt Geiss.

urbanjudy2@juno.com

Donald Cohee

8/1/2017, 14:46

6994 Security Squadron, Det 1, Nha Trang 68 - 69. Served with a great bunch of guys - Tree, Leggs, Bowinkle, Gogue, and Gary...lost track of most but met up with Leggs (nickname) as he was passing through Portland. Shared some great memories.

Ken Wootten

14/1/2017, 0:20

I was not a crew member, just ground crew maintenance. Knuckle dragger, but we kept them flying. Danang, and Pleiku 70-71.

Johnny Jones
20/1/2017, 20:57
Crew Chief 491, 1972

Tony Richards
25/1/2017, 21:43

Ground Crew, I was TDY from Yakota AB, Japan. I was at Tan Son Nhut in July '72, NKP Thailand, 361st Baron group in August '72, then back to Tan Son Nhut by October '72. It was a life experience never to be forgotten. At NKP I walked past the Jolly Green Air Rescue choppers at 0dark30 to preflight check the EC-47s for their daily electronic surveillance missions. I was there and saw the white chalk circles marking the bullet holes in the AC-119 Shadow gunships on my way to the flight line. I was there and watched the St. Elmos fire dancing on the prop tips of the USAF Sandies, fully loaded, at 0dark30 flowing back across the fuselage and off the tails while running up the engines for checkout for their mission. I was there to greet the pilots and crews ready to go off on missions over combat zones in unarmed WWII transformed cargo planes to get targeting info for the B-52 strikes. I was there when at night the sky was lit up by parachute flares during the "Condition Yellow" alerts. I was there on graveyard shift refueling these old birds and had to reach into the full tank to free the gauge float stuck on the foam used to keep a wing from exploding from a direct hit. I was there having to scurry to a bunker when a sapper hit an ammo dump. I was there in my bunk with the ground shaking from B-52 strikes in the distance counting 1-2-3 as each of the 3 Leviathan's released its load. I was there to help open a closed Thai Airbase from where the squadron took off on the mission to mine Haiphong Harbor in North Vietnam. After getting a duty station back in the World, I worked with a buddy who I served with and we received word that one of our EC-47s had gone down. I think only one back end crew member survived. Very sad news seemed to hit close to home even if on the other side of the world. Glad to have served with all of you!

Les Skews
26/1/2017, 3:03

Some may remember one of the originating members of the 362nd TEWS - Lt. Col. Leslie K. Skews. Les loved flying Gooney Birds and was very proud of the units he served with in VN and the missions flown. Sadly, Les passed away peacefully at his home with his family on 5 January 2017 after battling a short illness. Les was 91 years old.

http://www.beallfuneral.com/memsol.cgi?user_id=1901276

If anyone has any memories or stories they would like to share, we as a family would love to hear them. Kind regards to all.
teskews@gmail.com

John Cordova
28/1/2017, 1:16

I was with 6994th and in 1967 while I was stationed at Pleiku VN I got sent TDY to Hue Phu Bai VN. Lt. Col Skews was the pilot for our crew. I flew a number of missions with him, sorry to hear of his passing.

James C. (J.C.) Wheeler
3/2/2017, 18:08

I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Joe Martin for his time and effort in keeping this web-site up and growing. Not meaning to forget Tom Nurre, he too is working hard. If you did not know, I started this site in 1997 (20 years ago) but because of health conditions had to find others to continue with this work. I honestly believe I could not have found a better pair for the job and in August, 2014 signed the site over to them. One of Joe's examples can be found below, please click on The History of the EC-47. Thanks so much for reading this. J.C.

STEVE BAUDOIN
5/2/2017, 15:49

WE ARE ALL WITH YOU J.C. FROM DOWN HERE IN CAJUN LAND. HOPE AND PRAY YOU ARE DOING WELL.

Capt. Allan Newsom

6/2/2017, 19:21

Flew 140 sorties out of TSN with 360th in 71-72, leaving as Capt and IP training some of the Vietnamese pilots to take over our mission. Shared my Q room for a short time with George Spitz (Baron 52) before he went to the 361st. RIP, George and crew. Landed on one engine at some Army strip to southwest of Saigon on one of my first flights as an AC. Thankfully most of my flights were uneventful! Flew for 37 years between AF and airlines. Now retired in Texas hill country outside San Antonio. Thanks to those who put this site up & keep it going!

Martin Owens

12/2/2017, 1:43

Assigned to 360th TEWS from Nov. 1968 - Nov 1969. Worked Acft. maintenance night shift. Prior assignment was to 4412 CCTS England AFB from Feb 1967 - Nov. 1968. Worked C-47 acft. the whole time. Have many fond memories working the Goonies.

John E. Brunk

3/3/2017, 15:55

Updated email from original in the archive. Still in Colorado Springs, CO. Assigned to the 361 TEWS 29 Apr 69 to 20 Apr 70. Email: brunkje@gmail.com or john.brunk@cp-resources.com
Home office phone: 719-599-4670 cell & text: 719-440-9411

James (Jim) Clement, Col, USAF (Ret)

13/3/2017, 17:19

Hello, I really enjoy your newsletters and information. I arrived late in the Vietnam War (1972) and was assigned directly out of UPT to the 360th TEWS at Tan Son Nhut AB as a squadron copilot. I flew the squadron "fini-flight" with Col Griffith, Squadron C.O., on Nov 06, 1972, in tail number 15112, and was then transferred to the 361st TEWS at NKP, Thailand where I flew until I returned to the USA in April 1973. I am interested in information about the 360th and 361st TEWS and any information on upcoming reunions if you are aware.

Thanks much, Jim Clement

jameslclementhome@yahoo.com

Phone: 713-679-9026

Curtis D. Dale

26/3/2017, 14:22

Right to the end! Major Frank Cross and I got off a C-130 at DaNang in June 72, flying up from Saigon to check in to the 362TEWS. We would depart together, again sitting together, as we flew out of DaNang on the next to the last Freedom Bird leaving DaNang, 23 Feb 1973. The last 362nd CC and his Exec would leave the next day. My first impression of Vietnam, at least DaNang was "rust." Seemed everything was rusty. It was actually my third tour flying combat missions in the Vietnam War, but the first two were flying a total of 29 recon missions in B-47s, going out of Clark AB, PI, to go ahead of the Buffs. Well, coming to the Electric Goon was a big "comedown" for me--from flying RB-57Fs out of Kirtland often above 70,000 feet and wearing the Dash 2 thence Dash 6 spacesuits. But I loved flying in the EC-47. I was a Nav and did 124 missions in it while there plus a couple of other non-combat missions between Clark and Okinawa and back when we took a goon there for IRAN. Memories are of Lt (later Captain) Art Bollinger whom I instructed as an IN through his checkout and who worked for me in the OER/APR and Award and Decs office which were my two additional duties. Colonel Herman found I'd done both of those in the past over the years, as additional duties, so he gave me both jobs. I remember him so well, may he rest in peace. Anyone remember some of the "antics" of Lt Colonel Lewis Stumbaugh? What an amazing pilot. Had about 20,000 hours in C-47s, disdained any checklists he was required to use, and ignored most of the admonitions of IPs and FEP, haha. I recall him getting a no notice check one day when I was aboard. The FE was obviously there to try to get Lew to do it by the book. Not gonna happen! haha. As we came back from the mission, I'd been told to reserved enough time for the approach work at DaNang at the end of the mission. Coming into the pattern, Lew was told to do a short field landing. Well, it was like no short field landing I'd ever seen, and the FEP probably "begaImed" himself. Lew stayed at pat...

Dick Aufiero

26/3/2017, 22:36

Tom, Joe -- Just an FYI ... Not sure if anybody would be interested in the Breitling DC3 World Tour. In 2010, I went to Oshkosh for the 75th anniversary of the DC3 / C47. This is my favorite aircraft.

Dick Aufiero 360th TEWS '71 - '72

<https://www.breitling.com/en/airtime/breitling-dc-3/>

James C. (J.C.) Wheeler

27/3/2017, 15:58

Thanks to Dick Aufiero. Your comments and U-Tube are now in my book to try and follow up on and enjoy. It reminded me of a trip I got to make some 4 or 5 years with Missionary Flights International after their President (one our ex-mechanics) to come to Florida and join him in flight. Loved the trip but one thing could have made the trip better and that would have been the old R-1830's providing the power instead of the Turbine Engines, the sound just was not right for me.

Jim Hart

30/3/2017, 3:02

To Allan Newsom's post of 6/2/2017. Was the base you landed at Soc Trang after losing both engines and regaining the use of one? If so, please contact me at khartj3@yahoo.com. If it was, I was the AMS of the backend crew at the time. I believe the date was July 14, 1971.

Regards Jim Hart 6994th 70/71

Samuel V. Camden

5/4/2017, 18:24

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Guestbook manager comments: Attempted to contact visitor to possibly clarify some of the dates, but received no response. This is the original entry. Tom N. 2017-04-08

Dick D Brashear

12/4/2017, 2:30

Maintenance Officer, 360th TEWS, Tan Son Nhut, Aug '69-Aug '70

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Victor Albertini
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361st TEWS NKP 1973/1974, Instructor Pilot

Ed Diehl
3/5/2017, 16:22
Aircraft Maintenance supervisor, March 70- March 71. Pleiku and DaNang.

Sam Camden
8/5/2017, 22:46

Admin note: Sam & Tom exchanged emails and the following is an update from Sam's previous entry, same subject. The changes were in bold font in his email, but this Guestbook does not support that feature. Here are Sam's revised comments:

I hope this puts any confusion to bed. I don't where I pulled up that '66 and '67 stuff. I was stationed on a radar site at the Wasserkuppe AS in 616th AC&W at that time.

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Sam Camden

Thomas
11/5/2017, 21:28

How do I post an inquire about some of VNAF c-47 during the VN conflict?
I had a picture and I want to verify a picture but I didn't know for sure that an EC-47 of what type of this aircraft? can you help!

Jim Temple
16/5/2017, 16:48
360TEWS 67-68

John Brink
25/5/2017, 2:59

I have a photo of a Gooney Bird "Lynda" I took at Udorn RTAFB in 1967-1968. I would appreciate any information or history that could be provided.

Thanks, John
amidol1891@yahoo.com

Admin reply: John, we confirmed that your Lynda is not one of the EC-47 fleet. Also, the tail number is obscured, so we are unable to provide any added identification. Thanks for the great photo and for reaching out to us. Best, Tom & Joe

Steve Slater
13/6/2017, 8:13

Very interesting and informative site. I am retired now but flew Dakota's back in my younger days in the UK and would take this opportunity to thank all servicemen and women for the sacrifices they made in order for the rest of us to live in relative peace.

Admin Response: Mr. Slater, thank you for your comments. We appreciate that our service could also prompt some good memories for you as we all look back every now and then at the good ole days. Best, Tom Nurre - info@ec47.com

Franklin Bowlby
16/6/2017, 4:39

Still trying to determine the whereabouts and/or status of Issac (Ike) Ware. He was a SSGT at the 6994th, Det 2 (DaNang) during my tour there (May 70 - May 71). Have searched the internet relentlessly, but have not been able to locate him or determine his status. Thanks!

Alan Strauss
19/6/2017, 19:51

360th Tews, aircraft mechanic, 66-68. Ron Goins, you lived at the other end of the barracks of 360th near Frank Walker, I have addresses for Frank, Rick Miller and Tim Keiser if you remember them.
chainsaw681@gmail.com

Danny R Henderson
23/6/2017, 23:16

I am the son of Basil L. Henderson who served in the 6994th in Vietnam. Thanks for putting this website together.

Admin response: Danny, I look forward to meeting you. Your dad and mom graciously took my call yesterday, and we had a very nice conversation. Welcome to San Angelo...the first round is on me! Tom Nurre, info@ec47.com

Alan H. Brown
2/7/2017, 15:39

I just visited the guest book and saw a post by Ron L. Fluit on 9/2/2016. He was in the 360th during my tour there from Nov 1970-Sept 9171. He was correct in our personnel make up. I was a young (3 and a half years in) SAC KC-135 pilot flying the same EC-47s that my dad flew in the Berlin airlift. I recall flying a plane to CCK for IRAN (Inspect Repair or Replace as Necessary?) and remember that after landing even before we finished the aircraft paperwork, local workers were already removing floorboards from the aircraft. I actually saw flour and coal dust underneath the flooring that had obviously been there since the airlift. I mentioned that to my father and gave him a list of our tail numbers and he said he actually remembered some of them. We flew a refinished plane back to Saigon and it was like a brand new one; it even smelled new and flew great. Some things you never seem to forget and I vividly remember the afternoon "jungle rules" volleyball games (more injuries there than combat related), the early pickups with the 5 or 7 hr missions, "Sux", the mascot, "Fini" flight celebrations and parties and being thankful that my Vietnam tour was with the 360th, "Antique Airlines". By the way, that Antique Airlines, plaque and memento is on the mantle in my office as I write this and still brings back memories. My email is alanb767i@aol.com and would like to hear from guys who were there with me.

Bruce Schafer
2/7/2017, 18:41

DaNang 70-72. 292. 225 missions. Second tour SEFE with Bill Christian, Art Silvin, Tony Novalis, Mike Wilson, Don Boston, and Hy Brock. Best duty ever!

STANLEY W. STATES
3/7/2017, 3:34

Navigator 360th TEWS 1/30/67 to 1/30/68. Rotated on TET Day 1967. Good day to leave!

RICHARD P HALLION
5/7/2017, 15:19

This is an outstanding site! Congratulations for all those who have put this together for making a real contribution to SEA history!

Note: Dr. Hallion was The Air Force Historian, 1991-2002.

Bill Ash
7/7/2017, 23:19

Thank you for keeping memories alive through your EC 47 web site. I am looking forward to my first 6994 Security Squadron reunion in August.

Admin comment: You are sure welcome...Joe and I love it! We both enjoyed meeting you at the Heritage Day 2017 event at Fort Meade in May...we will see you next month in Ohio. Salute. Tom

Rodney Grounds
11/7/2017, 2:32

EC47 Friends of David Grounds,

David Grounds, Vietnam Veteran and EC47 Pilotm, passed away at 5:15AM on July 10, 2017. His passing was somewhat of a shock as he had just relocated from Denton, TX to Hoschton, GA to live with his son and his son's family. David is now enjoying a great reception in Heaven. The funeral will be held on Saturday July 15th 11:00 AM. Viewing preceding services from 10:00AM -11:00AM.

Best regards,

Rodney Grounds
rgrounds727@gmail.com

James C. (J.C.) Wheeler
15/8/2017, 13:44

Good morning again everyone; well as every morning, here I sit with my morning coffee and yep still looking for your stories in the Tell Your Story Section of the site as well as any new members we have maybe found.

Folks I don't know how long we will have folks to Collect and Cover our part of the history we were a part of but I sure hope you can provide Tom and Joe as they are working hard to insure we have our spot there in the future. Please, take a few minutes and send them about your tour with this Mission and the men who performed it. I am sure your decedents will appreciate your efforts in the times to come. A few more years and we who know will all be gone to another world. I know myself, I was 28 then and will be 80 my next birthday. And again, Tom and Joe, Thank you so much. J.C.

Lewis Foster
9/9/2017, 17:57

I enjoyed my second 6994th reunion in Dayton, OH last month. Being a part of this group is a blessing and honor. I have been working on a manuscript about my experience in SEA and the process of getting there for several years. Yesterday I submitted the manuscript to the publisher (Squadron Books). I guess now the real work begins. Anyway, I've secured a website for the book: www.performanceof-duty.com. It is under construction. I've enjoyed this web site very much. Thanks for all you do.

RON HANSON
23/9/2017, 22:08

I was a pilot with the 360 TEWS, 1969; flew with Patterson and Hardy. Trained at Laredo and England AFB with Bob Boucher, pilot with the 361st. Had a career with FAA, and am still flying in AZ, 50 yrs after solo.

William Moore
4/10/2017, 4:20

I was with the 360 TEWS, Aug 69-70. I worked with a MSgt Weiss (?) in the Bench Stock Inventory shack. In my "spare time" I cleaned a lot of maintenance stands used to service the EC-47's, especially after an oil cooler change out. Thank you all for your Service to our Country.

Anthony Lawrence Figallo
5/11/2017, 5:50

In Ray Rhodes story he says the 362nd TEWS moved from Pleiku to DaNang in mid-1971.....I flew the first 362nd aircraft into DaNang from Pleiku (the Squadron Commander's bird aborted its mission) and it was in 1970!

Admin comment: Thanks for the note. I believe you are correct, sir. I can only say for (99%) sure that Det. 2 of the 6994th officially moved from Pleiku to Da Nang on 18 June 1970, which must be within a day or so of the 362nd's move. If you happen to have any photos of that move--or anything else related to the EC-47--we'd sure like to post them on the site.

William Van der Ven
1/12/2017, 13:12

I was stationed at Ubon 71-72 as a still photographer with Det 3, 601st Photo. Although I flew back seat with several of the units stationed at Ubon and was part of the documentation of the 16th SOS Spectre gunships, I regret leaving just prior to your unit's arrival at Ubon. Would have loved to wrangle a means to fly with you guys. Enjoyed reading the history of your proud and very important Squadron. SAWADEE KHARP.

9/12/2017, 13:54

To Lewis Foster: I have just completed a book on my time at Ubon. the hard copy is in print and the Ebook is in process of being formatted. Hang in there and don't let those days of staring at the Computer screen get u down. You were a part of history and the story needs to be told. i salute your efforts Brother.

James Lamb
16/12/2017, 0:00

6994 Security Squadron, Det 1, Nha Trang 66 - 67. I flew 120 combat missions as Radio Operator Instructor. I hope you all have a great Christmas. Thanks for this web site.
james.lamb2@frontier.com

Danny Johnson
18/12/2017, 17:55

Wishing all my fellow flyers from TSN 68-69 a wonderful Holiday Season. I remember flying a mission along the Cambodian border on Christmas Eve '68, and watched a wonderful show as the ground artillery shot off round after round at midnight...I think about those we lost every day...God Bless Us All.

Bruce J Garner
23/12/2017, 17:08

TSN, Pleiku, and Phu Bai - Mar 67 to Mar 68

Thai Nguyen
25/12/2017, 18:02

Comments regarding Thomas' question related to the VNAF EC47: The VNAF PD716 (not 718) had two of these birds, one in natural aluminum and white paint finish, the other was SE camo. They were used in conjunction with the South Vietnamese Navy in coastal patrol to monitor the enemy's infiltration route. Joe is right those were not the same breed of birds.

John J Moore (JJ)
26/12/2017, 14:14

I was a flight Commander at Tan Son Nhut from 8/70 to 8/71, flew 180 Missions. Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and most importantly a Healthy 2018.

Bill Kaelin
29/12/2017, 15:26

Interesting reading. I was part of the crew that originally built the consoles, checked out all the old equipment, wired the consoles, etc., for the Drill Press aircraft. We did all the work at Goodfellow AFB, installed it and flew a few test flights. Then we removed it, boxed it up and sent it all to Yokota. The guys at the 6988th re-installed it and took it to VN. Apparently the mission did some good work. Proud to have been involved.

Jack A. Wilt
17/1/2018, 1:51

I was an aircraft radio repairman at TSN in '71, worked on several of these EC-47s.

William "Barney" Barnhart
20/1/2018, 17:05

Was on the startup for "Sentinel String" at Osan A. B. in 1969 until 1970. Have been in contact with a few of the airmen who flew this mission. Steve Mobry, Cris Seva Jr., Tom Matotek, Clarence "O 5" Erickson, Linguists for our group. Tom "Master" Bates, Wayne "Montana" Reichelt, Larry "Creekbed" Daniels and myself X 1 Ditty Boppers. We have had a couple of mini roll calls, with one in Chicago and the other in Las Vegas. I can be reached at wwbarnhart@sbcglobal.net

Robert (Jerry) Baker
29/1/2018, 3:59

Trying to contact Tom Perdue. We were roommates at Danang in 1972. jerrybaker1948@yahoo.com. Phone 850-832-1426

G.Dean
9/2/2018, 16:04

Would like information on what my father's service was; he never spoke about what he did! He was a pilot with a squadron of "Old Tigers' Antique Airlines" and at one time was at Phan Rang. He was there in 1970-1971. At the time he was a Capt. and had promotion. His name was Grant G Dean and after his service in Vietnam, went to Wright Patterson and was flying B-52's. Went on to Robbins AFB (and) retired. Passed away in 1983. Any info would be appreciated. Thanks

James C. aka "J.C." Wheeler MSgt Retired
10/2/2018, 21:53

Just a note on what my wife and I did on the 50th anniversary of the return stateside of my crew and I. I live in Clarksville, Arkansas and had looked up the burial site of my A/C Lt. Col. Frank E. Hinkle and my Co-Pilot Major Harold R. Lagasse. Both being buried in the same National Cemetery in Phoenix Arizona I decided to make a trip. The last weekend in August we departed on the 2500 mile round trip for the sole purpose of placing One Dozen Roses on the grave of each of these two men that I had crossed the Pacific and flown 114 of the ARDF Missions. May they Rest in Peace

Hal Weiland
25/2/2018, 13:16

Thanks for keeping the memories alive. I was a pilot in the 361st TEWS at Phu Cat AB in 1970-71.

Jon Ohman
7/3/2018, 17:52

Just stopped-in to take a look at what is new. Really liked the story of how two of our 362nd TEWS birds earned shark paint jobs. Especially 570, as I was the crew chief of that bird the last half of my tour at Da Nang. She was a well-built aircraft. Rarely broken and seldom grounded for long periods of time. Donald Klatt had her before me and I turned her over to Pete Randolph when I left. Take care all.

Mary Stuart
9/3/2018, 16:34

The only thing my Dad ever said was that he flew the C-47 electric goon. Other than that he refuses to discuss it. He was Capt. Robert L Stuart. Now he's just Bob...which is a-ok with me.

Jim Stanfield
14/3/2018, 1:39
March 12th, 2018:

Tess Pennell informed our 6931st Iraklion AS Facebook family of Ben's passing yesterday at 1520. His remains are in the care of Holy Mary Chapel in Angeles City. You know what I know. Ben was a friend of mine at Da Nang, but like so many, we lost track as paths wandered away from the Intel world. RIP Benny.

James C. (J.C.) Wheeler
15/3/2018, 20:36

Folks I hate to keep bugging you but I will be 80 years old in just under 3 months and was on I believe the 4th RC-47's (later changed to EC-47's) to arrive in country and would guess that at least 50 percent of you are my age some even older. Memory is getting worse every day and I would guess too that yours may be too. Soooo Please join me and about a dozen others who have posted a memorial moment with your EC-47. We are all, like it or not growing older every day and we need to leave our memories for our family and those in the future visit this Historical Web-Site. You can do this by Clicking on the appropriate block in the front of this site. Thank you so much for reading this and hope you can help out. J.C. Wheeler Flight Mechanic Flight Examiner 1966/67 361st TEWS Nha Trang

Mogens Stender
16/3/2018, 8:40

I have just finished reading Secret War by Billy G. Webb and I live VERY close to Ramasun, I have read a lot about -69,-72 and what was going around here at that time. For those not know, we have now an Ramasun historic museum here.

Jim Coffman
26/3/2018, 13:14

Was at TSN 69-70. Looking for a couple of guys that were there the same time. Ken "Stumpy" Johnson and Bill Grady. If anyone can help please email me at jcoffman4@hotmail.com. Thank you. Jim

Mike Miller
18/4/2018, 19:50

Sep 71 to Sep 72, DNG and NKP. Great to relive memories through all the comments here. Cheers to the Tacos and Baron's Bastards !!

Ed Christie

22/4/2018, 17:21

Arrived TSN April '66 waiting for the first bird. Asst. crew chief. Days later arrivals began. Spent 45 days TDY Danang late '66. Lone bird sat all by itself at the north end of the taxiway. Learned the first night there in a tent to tuck the skeeter net under. Woke up to the rats climbing up. lol Returned England AFB. Great guys, many great memories.

Jerry Baker

24/5/2018, 17:58

Trying to contact Tom Perdue. Any help would be appreciated. Phone. 850-832-1426

Richard Haas

28/5/2018, 21:51

In 1966-1967 I flew with the 6994th SS out of TSN as a ditty bopper and ARDF.

James C. (J.C.) Wheeler

27/6/2018, 0:47

Just wanted to again say Hello to all. To let you know I still try to keep up and to express my Thanks to Joe Martin and Tom Nurre for their dedication to continuing the site. Take Care All, J.C.

Dwight Hartung

6/7/2018, 20:06

Flew out of TSN with 6994th, 69/70. Ditty Bop. Great bunch of guys all around. I went by Ike in the USAF. Like some that were there, I haven't talked much about the experiences. Great reading from the guest book. Memories galore.

Mike Miller

6/7/2018, 20:38

Would be great to hear from any Taco's or Baron's Bastard's. I was a pilot from '71 to '72, DNG and NKP. mmiller7474@yahoo.com Keep well, old buddies !!

Lewis Foster

7/7/2018, 15:37

I recently read "Facts and Fears, Hard Truths From A Life In Intelligence," by James R. Clapper. I enjoyed his insiders view from the top of the intelligence community and processes involved in working with government systems. Fondly I enjoyed his mentioning survival school, the 6994th and the EC-47 missions over Laos and Cambodia that he participated in while he was the commander of the 6994th at NKP. Near the end of the book he focuses on Russia and disinformation. He addressed the question of his honesty during a congressional hearing to my satisfaction and shared thoughts about the agencies and presidents with which he worked. Having heard him speak at the San Angelo reunion and meeting him enhanced my reading experience. Read the book, you'll be glad you did.

Kelly R Zadakaus

9/7/2018, 3:01

While I was assigned to the 6910th in Darmstadt, Germany, USAFSS deployed an EC-47 to Weisbaden AB, Germany in 1970 or 71. The aircraft was part of the Creek Rail testing; ARDF of targets located many miles inside East Germany. The tests lasted 30 days. The ground component was in a mobile hut located outside the Ops building at the 6910th. I flew about 15 missions on the test bird. Our assigned altitude was 19k. The crew utilized an oxygen bottle located in the rear. I was wondering if any other crew members remember the Creek Rail missions. My email is: kilfreeze@msn.com

Robert W Roshak

24/7/2018, 22:17

Served as an EC 47 pilot in the 361st TEWS at Nha Trang, Phu Cat and NKP in 1968, 69. I remember the name Bob Boucher. Hope all is well.

Jack Neelis
30/7/2018, 1:58

My father by the same name (Jack Neelis) was a pilot USAF I believe with TEWS at NKP around 1971. Looking for anyone who can confirm this?

Jack - here is a copy and paste from the archive website: "Jack Neelis September 22nd, 2004 - Received from: Hugh Sinnock via Lewis Vincent. Word received is that Jack Neelis a Pilot with the TEWS Unit at NKP for most of 1971 had passed on in 1996. Jack was from Bossier City, LA and left his wife Debbie. Gone but not forgotten. May he forever rest in peace." You might care to also look around using the Advanced Google Search on the website homepage (top right) as it will search the old and new sites.

*Tom Nurre
website admin*

Peter Nelson
9/8/2018, 3:52

I enjoyed the EC-47 site. I was a pilot at DaNang and NKP from Oct 1972 to Oct 1973. Great to see the names of people I flew with.

Chuck Gibbs
23/8/2018, 23:13

Was at Tan Son Nhut/360th from Jan. 72 - Nov. 72 as a CP/FP. Recognize my old Sq. C/O, Col. Griffith here. Enjoyed pickup basketball, tape library, photo lab, CTF, and intramural sports. Great bunch of guys to fly with. Didn't live in the "nursery", but envied those guys.

James R France
20/9/2018, 22:31

Flt Engineer 361st TEWS Nha Trang, Phu Cat and NKP 1968-1969.

Gene Swain
20/10/2018, 18:22
Det 2, 6994th, 1967-68.

Kelly R Zadakaus
14/11/2018, 3:29

For Gene Swain. I was at Pleiku March 1967 - July 1968. Good to know there are a few of us from Pleiku still around.

John Cordova
15/11/2018, 22:25

For Kelly Zadakaus and Gene Swain. I was in Pleiku 1966 to 1967 lived on the bottom floor of the barracks that was across the street from the club. I remember you both.

Harry R Gage Jr.
19/11/2018, 2:27

On March 29th, 2016 Ret MSgt Harry R Gage Sr passed away. I have all his AF records and a lot of his old pictures from his AF days.

Guestbook Admin footnote: Here is a comment from the EC-47.com archives that JC uploaded circa 2004. Also added link to Ferry Flight crew listings; SSgt Gage was assigned to crew #51. <http://archive.ec47.com/fc34-54.htm> "Harry was a Flight Mechanic with the 360th Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron at Tan Son Nhut in 1967/68. Says he was part of a Ferry Flight Crew on an EC-47 from Miami, Florida to Tan Son Nhut via Hawaii, a 13 day trip. Says the trip, the aircraft and the crew were all GREAT." For Harry Jr.: Please contact Joe or Tom at info@ec47.com if you are interested in donating documents, photos or artifacts to a growing collection at our local university in San Angelo, TX. We send our sincere condolences.

Henry Cremer
24/11/2018, 15:13

I was assigned to the 360th TEWS in 66-67. I was a crew chief and the third person to sign in to the squadron. I knew Sgt Wheeler. My best friend who I was stationed with in Canada from 62-64 was Pat Brenton, who was shot down on call sign Tide 86. I went back to Nam in 70-71 on the C-7A as a flight mech / load master. I retired as a Master Sergeant in 1980.

Robert N Hudak
9/12/2018, 9:02

From Bob Hudak, Det 2, 67 - 69 Pleiku. For Kelly Zadakaus, Gene Swain, and John Cordova. Kelly, you were my IRO and one of the great ones. I really learned. Gene, I remember you well, you were a 202 and lived ground floor of 229. John, I don't think I met you, but my good friend CK Davis talked favorably about you when we were together after VN. Best regards to all of you, and have a long life. I never left SEA and live on Panay Island, a short hop to VN, Laos. If you have time come for a visit. [signed] Bob

Aaron Murphy
15/12/2018, 11:29

I was wondering if you could help me out with something. My father always told stories about how he worked on EC-47's installing and maintaining the weather radar in the nose. Unfortunately, he never kept any records or pictures. Is there any way you can see if there are any records of him? His name was James David Murphy. He passed away on the 12th of December this year. Thank you.
murphs.models@gmail.com

Admin note: Forwarded from the website Contact Us email. Please help out Aaron if you knew or knew of his dad and his work with the EC-47s.

JJ Pitzeruse
26/12/2018, 21:22

Been off site for a while. I Flew 352 Combat missions out of Pleiku, Danang and NKP while I was TDY helping set up Det 3 operation.

Bart, Kurt D
7/1/2019, 12:43

Y'all got a raw deal from America

Ed Christie
24/1/2019, 12:49

I arrived Tan son Nhut 360th May 1966 before the first aircraft arrived. I worked flight line., but until the first ac arrived I was assigned to supply driving a truck. Upon AC arrival I was an asst. crew chief. If I remember correctly MSgt Matthews was our temporary 1st Sgt but was with 6994 until Sgt Lester Layman arrived and he took over as 1st Sgt. Slowly pilots, crew and ground troops arrived. I believe it was an E3 last name Magerl who designed the "Antique Airlines" logo. First barracks was across the street from the medivac landing pad. Missions day and night. Regularly slept in a cot covered with grit from prop wash. Later we relocated other end of base. Late '66 I was TDY with a lone AC on Danang. We parked all alone at the far end of a taxiway. Between missions I'd sit under the wing and watch battle damaged AC hit the emergency stop barrier. Usually Navy fighters. We lived in a tent on Danang next to the pilots' trailers and we had a poster above the entrance that read "Phyllis Ann ----- of the Orient. Base Commander noticed it and had us take it down. Back on Tan Son Nhut we adopted a dog, named him I.W.Harper. Kept him fed for weeks until ordered to give him up. Vietnamese family on the other side of the wire said they'd keep him. They ate him. Late April '67 I believe I was the first enlistee to rotate back stateside. Went to England AFB La. 4412th CCTS. One day I'll digitize my 200 slides and post them. By the way.....I forgot to add the fact that upon arrival we were the 360th Recon. then changed to TEW Sq. Later arrivals may not know that...

John Martens
28/1/2019, 23:27

362nd, from Jan 70 to Jan 71. Crew chief, made the move from Pleiku to DaNang. This site, along with the 362nd reunion site, are bringing back so many memories, I see a lot of names that I served with, and can still see a few faces as well. Electric goons forever! Contact info-jmrtns6922@aol.com Phone-360-273-3992

Mike Stafford
3/2/2019, 21:12

I was in Vietnam Feb 70 to Feb71. I was assigned to 633rd CAMS at Pleiku. Aircraft electrician. Maintained EC-47s and other aircraft. Then summer of 70 was sent to DaNang to the 366th FMS. The EC-47s went there also.

Robert Dilworth MSgt. retired
15/2/2019, 23:32
Flight eng. DaNang, SVN

Walter Duke Jr.
7/3/2019, 13:36

I served with the 3rd RRU/224th Avn. Bn. from 6/65 to 6/66 the Army's ARDF operation at Tan son Nhut, we were also involved with the Phyliss Ann Project, also participated in the comparison operation of the Army System in the RU-8D and the AF EC-47 in Puerto Rico, March 67.

Alan Williamson
28/3/2019, 0:20

Spent July, '69 to June -70 in Pleiku and then we moved to Danang my last month there and I went home for discharge Aug 3rd. Worked the rear of the EC-47. Enjoyed our trips to NKP about once a month. If you read this J.C., I talked to you on another site, I think, and it was a site about Pleiku as well but I don't remember what it was. If possible, let me know if that rings a bell-thanks!
peddlerone@zoominternet.net. Home:740-886-5085

William (Bill) Beecher
30/4/2019, 15:49
6994th Saigon 1967/68

Allan Brem
3/5/2019, 2:44

I was assigned to the 6988th RSM/SS in 1963 - 65 and participated in the TDY assignments to Bangkok and Da Nang. Two of my IFEL friends were assigned to 6929th RSM/SS at Osan AB. I am studying the history of USAFSS, especially ARCP and ASCP

Kelly R Zadakaus
31/5/2019, 2:30

Reply to Robert N. Hudak comment. Thank you for the kind words and for contributing to remembrances of fine people doing difficult tasks. CK Davis retired from the AF in San Antonio. We were in the 6948th, Kelly AFB (Medina Complex). He took his own life shortly after he retired. I accompanied him home for burial in North Carolina; full military graveside services provided by folks from Seymour Johnson AFB, NC. CK was a one of a kind and a great friend. I live about 100 yards from the Tennessee River in Middle Tennessee and usually stay pretty close to home.

JOHN E. VERNON
16/6/2019, 23:23

I was assigned to the 361st Tactical Electronics Warfare Squadron at Nha Trang as a 1st Lt Aircraft Commander in 1968/1969. I served with Col. Dobyys whose story appears in the Shoot-down area. I recall him telling me the story and showing me on a flight as his Co-pilot, his EC-47--(BREW-41)-- which was left behind a year previously at a deserted Special Forces Runway. COL. DOBYNS was quite a Character! Many good memories of serving with a great bunch of dedicated USAF/SS people. Found: "Rusty" Hubbard my Navigator after 39 years thru this site.

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Phone: (864) 415-9738

Russell Gianni
22/6/2019, 20:23

I was assigned to 6994 Det. 2. Pleiku and arrived in December 1966. Went back to the States in December 1967 for separation. I remember when I arrived we had only one aircraft. I spent the first days there tiling the floor of our barracks. Second floor across from the snack bar as I recall.

John Baggaley
1/7/2019, 22:34

I was one of the early ones . I flew a C47 over from Manchester NH in Sept of 1966 and flew 116 missions.

Jason Nicholas Moore
14/7/2019, 18:54

As an air historian (four books published and counting) I find this site to be fascinating and very informative. I've always been interested in the more esoteric versions of the C-47. Excellent work!

Ron Ward
25/7/2019, 19:47

I wanted all of you to know that my father, TSgt Leslie W. Ward, passed on 13 April 2019. He didn't talk much about you guys (because of the nature of your work) until just over the past 5 years. But he talked about you guys like you were family to him. He died in Cripple Creek, Colorado and was buried with full military honors provided by the Peterson AFB, Honor guard. From one veteran to another...thank you for your service,

Sincerely,
SMSgt Ronald Ward, Ret., USAF.

Added from the archives: Leslie Ward, Cripple Creek, Colorado, was assigned to the 6994th Security Squadron at Tan Son Nhut from October 66 to September 67 as an Instructor Radio Operator. RIP Brother.

James C. (J.C.) Wheeler
27/7/2019, 23:02

I keep looking daily, finger crossed, that I might find another Personal Experience Story in the Tell Your Story Section of the Web-Site. In 2014 I had to turn the site over to others to maintain because of my rapidly deteriorating Short Term Memory. Even if I can't maintain it I still check it every day for any new events. Now at 81, I am still hoping we have our friends and crew members from 50 plus years ago interested in this Site. Take Care and let me and others Hear from you. J.C. Wheeler (Site Originator 1997)

Rich Koivisto
30/7/2019, 19:24

Had a ride in a C-47 from Tan Son Nhut over Cambodia to Don Muang AB Thailand in May/June 1963 . We got into a Hellacious Thunderstorm over Cambodia with constant Lightning out the windows. It bounced us around pretty bad. Was lucky to get through that flight !

Richard B. Paul
12/8/2019, 17:26
362 TEWS flight mechanic, 1968.

Alan Williamson
13/8/2019, 3:30

1969-1970 Pleiku and was in the crew that went down to Danang to get it ready for the rest of the 6994th personnel to move down there. Went back to the world soon afterwards to become a "civilian" again! When I got there, I was ready to go back. A lot of punks looking for trouble and I actually enjoyed putting them in their cowardly place! It seemed like I left one area that wanted to kill me and went home where they seemed to want to do the same thing when they know you just came home from Nam. Oh well, that was a long time ago. At least people have enough sense to honor our vets today, which they deserve! Before Nam, I spent 2 years at Clark AB, PI. Got to enjoy playing two years of football at the Bamboo Bowl. Those were fun days!!!

Ed Parker

31/8/2019, 14:36

Reply to John Vernon, I was with the 361st Dec 67 Sept 69 and was a line mechanic for a few months and then transitioned to a flight engineer position. I had the privilege to fly with Col Dobyns several times, he was the most laid back relaxed pilot I ever flew with. I got a lock of stick time flying with him, if you know what I mean?

Ed Parker

31/8/2019, 14:40

To Kurt Bart, Too bad you feel that way Burt.....I spent 21 months and I am so proud to tell everyone I know, I SERVED!

Rick Davis

5/9/2019, 19:20

What was the AFSC of the X Operator?

Admin response: Hi Rick. The X Operator AFSC was 292X1, Morse Systems Operator. The Y and Z2 operators were also X1's. The Z1 operator was a 203XX linguist, mostly Vietnamese MD's or Doggers. //Tom

MSgt James C. (J.C.) Wheeler 361st TEWS 1966/67

5/9/2019, 23:31

The name of the author of the writing below is unknown but should be very honored for his work. J.C. Wheeler jc@ec47.com

"We are a group of rapidly aging and steadily disappearing veterans, of a war that was fought with skills and talents not normally associated with the military, nor understood by the general public. Our pride is in accomplishments that are often secret, and memories are about things that happened, but will be officially denied".

Admin response: According to 6994th.com, the words came from Bill Mahan (FTVA), 15 June 2008.

Henry M Kaczynski

24/10/2019, 20:52

Det 1, 6994th Scty Squadron, Nha Trang Aug-66-67. AFSC 20270. I was there when we lost the first EC-47.

George Davies

1/11/2019, 12:24

Stationed at NKP Apr 73 - Mar 74 as A/C, IP, in the 361 TEWS. Great experience in a awesome aircraft - super memories!!

Tony Witzel

12/11/2019, 2:27

My father, Lt Col Robert B. (Bob) Witzel was an A/C in the 360th, 1968-69, Pleiku and NKP. Would play handball with Lt Col John Morasch. Please post a reply if you have info about them to share. Dad passed in 2011 but his grandkids would be thrilled. Many thanks to Joe and Tom (and J.C.) for a terrific way to keep this history alive.

Arthur Brown

18/11/2019, 20:37

I also served with 360 TEW at TSN, 68-69 as a maintenance crew chief, couple of tdys' to NKP, also. Hope we kept the Birds in the air. What a ride!!

Edwin Johnson

7/12/2019, 14:33

I served with the 360th as an FE from 69-70 at both Nha Trang and Phu Cat. Probably my most memorable non-flying experience was about the move from to Phu Cat from Nha Trang. A new brown Bar and I were "volunteered" to escort our equipment on a U.S. Navy LST. It was manned by a crew of Korean Contracted

civilians. The LST was loaded at Nha Trang and we overnighed on our trip to Quinion. We were listed as crew members rather than passengers, something to do w/Geneva Convention Rules. The crew took good care of us and fed us a good breakfast of sausage and eggs, thankfully not kimchee. Over the years I have given some of my Navy retired pals a tough time whenever I have need to let them know I spent a night at sea as a crewmember on a Navy Ship in a combat zone, and many of them hadn't.

James C. (J.C.) Wheeler

17/12/2019, 15:27

Good Morning All, I just wanted to Wish a "Happy New Year to ALL". I am sure there are at least a few others that will celebrate their 81st or better Christmas in a few days. Folks we are all getting along in years and I feel sure there is a lot of our History at WAR that needs to be "Recorded and Preserved". As you probably know I started doing this with this Web-Site Twenty Four (24) Years ago in 1997. Please Join us in this project. J.C.

ANTHONY "FIG" FIGALLO

12/1/2020, 21:50

362TEWS, PLEIKU AB, 69-70, DA NANG 70

TOM TUTT

26/1/2020, 23:36

Saw couple of you "Baron Pilots" on this site. Hey to Moose, Boo, Moo, and Cox. Still alive and in Seattle

Dick Watson

22/2/2020, 21:30

I was a lieutenant-pilot in the 362d TEWS from 11/67 to 11/68. Flew with USAF and SCANG for total of 20 years. mansionrw@bellsouth.net

Danny Johnson

23/2/2020, 16:35

127 missions in EC-47 during 1968-69...would like to get a proper photo of the old bird flying a mission, one suitable for applying to a sweatshirt...I remember many friends who didn't survive the tour, and try to keep up with those who did...greatest airplane ever invented...would fly her again any day...my email contact: wordsofmine01@gmail.com Thank You Very Much...if any of you recognize my name, give a shout out...God Bless Us All and the Gooney

LAWRENCE E STRASZEWSKI

14/3/2020, 14:25

Det 1, 6994th SS, Phu Cat AB, 70-71. Flight Operations NCOIC of Administration,. Served with Capt Ray Pritz, Maj Berg, CMSgt Charles Scott, 1st Shirt Vince Cooper, Eldon Teall, just to name a few. Regards to all Brothers and stay safe during these Coronavirus Days. "Ski Out." (eyezman6215@gmail.com)

Leo Abate

27/3/2020, 15:47

Crew chief 361 TEWS Phu Cat March 1970 -1971

Neil Solomon

29/3/2020, 17:42

I was a member of the activation team that came from the 6922nd Wing at Clark AB, under the command of (then Maj) Bill Ballard for a 59 day TDY at TSN. During that time, we worked with the ASA 509th RRU on concepts, etc. After the TDY was up, we all returned to Clark. I attempted to PCS back to the 94th after my tour at Clark, but had already been assigned to the 6924th Sqdn at Da Nang.

Michael W Murray

2/4/2020, 12:52

X1 backender..DaNang, Vn and Ubon Thailand. Served as radio op and AMS during my tour. Was at Ubon when we lost the last bird after the cease fire.

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