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Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 2:03 PM
To: 'Super.Jodie'; 'Don & Gail'; 'Fred Hewitt'; 'Glenn Goodman'; 'Bobby Skimmerhorn'; 'Bobby Skimmerhorn'; 'Byron Martin'; 'Charles Hansen'; 'Dennis Purpura'; 'Don Fuqua'; 'Don Poss'; 'Donald Insley'; 'Herb Norfolk'; 'James Clevenger'; 'Jerry Horton'; 'Johnny Fox'; 'Marc Hampton'; 'Neil Ford'; 'Pat Saldivar'; 'Roy Martin'; 'Vance McCrumb'; 'Walt Reimbold'; 'Steve Jantz'; 'Clem'; 'Worsham, John'; 'Russ Freeburg'; 'Vince Burns'; 'Sherry (Miller) Huber'
Subject: RE: Gary Knutson's Health Status

I'm always straight! Don however is another issue. I mean what do you expect? He lives in Salinas, wears his wife's clothes, and does who knows what when the sun goes down. Plus he likes cats!!

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From: Super.Jodie [mailto:super.jodie@att.net]
Sent: Wednesday, July 25, 2018 9:39 AM
To: Don & Gail; Greg Dunlap; Fred Hewitt; Glenn Goodman; Bobby Skimmerhorn; Bobby Skimmerhorn; Byron Martin; Charles Hansen; Dennis Purpura; Don Fuqua; Don Poss; Donald Insley; Herb Norfolk; James Clevenger; Jerry Horton; Johnny Fox; Marc Hampton; Neil Ford; Pat Saldivar; Roy Martin; Vance McCrumb; Walt Reimbold; Steve Jantz; Clem; Worsham, John; Russ Freeburg; Vince Burns; Sherry (Miller) Huber
Subject: Re: Gary Knutson's Health Status

The other night I called Gary and had a pleasant chat with Gary. Gary told me to try and do the impossible and keep Don and Greg straight. Tall order!

A few years ago Gary mailed me a movie of his K9 days on a DVD. I got his permission to convert the movie to a .mp4 format and put it on my Youtube channel.

Please watch this awesome video of a real American Gary Knutson. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dt3J7ITSxFU>

On 07/24/2018 03:31 PM, Don & Gail wrote:

All,

I've previously sent this email to some of my Cannon AFB and RVN associates as an update on Gary Knutson's health status. I hope to reach other Cannon alumni who served with Gary, and who may remember him back in the day. I've shown at the bottom of this email

Gary's recent email to me, and to several others in our RVN group. I've also shown Greg Dunlap's and my reply to Gary's email.

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I'm sending this email to others from Cannon AFB who I've not been in contact with for a long time, and to others who also know Gary from our RVN group. I hope this reaches all of you who may remember Gary. If you would like to call Gary on his phone, I've noted his phone number below. I'm sure Gary would much enjoy hearing from you.

Don

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Gail and I called Gary this evening and had a nice talk with him. His blood platelets are running very low now. He'll be getting a transfusion next week. He said a Hospice nurse will be visiting him next week also, so I don't know if transfusions will continue beyond next week.

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Gary and I go back before Danang to Cannon AFB, NM. He is one of my oldest and best friends from the USAF. Jodie Seaborn also is a great friend from Cannon, and is also a good friend of Gary. Gary, Joe Amadei and I arrived together at Danang, RVN in Nov 1965. After our tours at Danang, Gary, Gail & I, moved to Long Beach, CA. Gary was married to Connie and we all had fun in southern CA back in the day. After about a year I took a position in Salinas, CA and we've been living there ever since. Gary is one of the friendliest people I know. He was always friendly to everyone.

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Several friends from our era at Danang have passed, some from complications from Agent Orange. I remember Tom Baker, Gary Eberbach, Phill Norwich, Tony Hinson, and there may be others who I don't know of at this time. I've survived two cancer conditions linked to AO myself. Don Poss from my tour, and Greg Dunlap later on, have gone on to do an excellent job preserving our RVN history through VSPA, and through the 366 SPS K-9 website. Steve Luz has supported our RVN group as head of the our 366 SPS K-9 group. As some of you may know, I took the attached photo of Gary and Eric 218E on our last night on post at Danang in Nov 1966.

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I also fondly remember George Vobornik from Cannon AFB who was Gail's and my best man when we were married, back at Cannon AFB in 1964. I'm sad to say that George passed away about two months ago, in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

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Gail and I will continue to call Gary frequently going forward to support him through this difficult time. If anyone would like to call Gary his phone number is (253) 350-5327.

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Don

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From: Greg Dunlap [<mailto:blackey@sonic.net>]

Sent: Sunday, July 22, 2018 7:59 PM

To: Gary Knutson; Don Jones; herbnofolkshr@gmail.com; Jodie Seaborn; Byron Martin; VSPA LM37

Subject: Re: Short Timer

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When that happens to us, we want to slide in bruised, bandaged, and lifting a glass toasting all who tried to follow us.½ Your doing that my friend.

See you on the other side of the rainbow bridge walking with Eric.½ Tell Blackie to be patient in waiting for me to join him.

On July 22, 2018, at 2:30 PM, GARY KNUTSON <gary_knutson@comcast.net> wrote:

I want to thank½ all my great friends of the 366th and Vspa and Cannon AB for putting up with me thru all these years. I love all of you. July the 16th VA told me my AML was back and I have 2 to 3 month to live (more or less). God bless you all. Don I've been saying prayers for your daughter

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