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Reunion Pensacola, FL 1997

As we crossed over the bridge to the island in Pensacola and started to look for the hotel where the reunion was going to be held it was not hard to find, there on the hotel marquee were the words - "Welcome Vietnam Security Police Association." The first impression of the great planning by Mickey Reade was carried out through the entire weekend, from the beautiful beach front hotel to all of the activities he had lined up for the reunion. After checking in our rooms we ventured to the hospitality room to meet fellow VSPA as they too began to filter in from New York, Texas, Wisconsin, West Virginia and other points around the country. The feeling of meeting new people who were far from being strangers cannot be explained by words.

Thursday started out bright and early with breakfast with the troops of the 16th Security Forces Squadron at Hurlburt AFB, morning chow was never like this when we were in Nam. After breakfast we all loaded on one of those famous blue AF buses and went out to the firing range where Capt. Layne Tapper, SMSgt Paul Cisco and the staff put on a fantastic demonstration of the new weapons now used by the Security Forces, new name for Security Police/Air Police. SrA Dwayne Turner started the program off by demonstrating the new FATS system, a sophisticated video arcade, that is used for training using real weapons and targets on the screen. We were able to try

our hand at showing our marksmanship. After we finished this, we proceeded to the range where we had a live fire demonstration. The new weapons were beyond our wildest dream when we in Vietnam. They also put on a K-9 demonstration, showing a different type of working dog than we knew. Even though there was not a lot of loud barking alerts, they showed that they still could be aggressive. The best part of the demonstration was when we were afforded the opportunity to actually fire those weapons, it is surprising that when you start firing the M-60 you automatically fire three round burst.

We returned to the Soundside Club to have lunch with the troops and listed to MSgt Paul Sikora deliver a speech that outlined the history of Security Police in Vietnam as well as where the career field has gone since. We were looked upon as the trail blazers who helped the career field get to where it is today. It was interesting to watch the faces of young airmen when they told us that their fathers had been in Vietnam. They seemed to want to learn about whom we were and what we did. After the meal we loaded back on the bus and went to the AF Armament Museum so we could look at a history of the armament used by the Air Force for the last 50 years, including the bombs that were used to penetrate the underground bunkers in Iraq. As the day drew to an end, we returned to the hotel and more fellowship.

We woke Friday morning to wind and rain but that never slowed a SP down so we headed out to old Ft. Pickens where Mike Amons showed us around. It was quite interesting to look at the contrast in weaponry and defense tactics then and what we are used to. We did learn that the beehive round and the claymore concept were used back then as a defense. Mike made that old fort come alive as he explained its history and answered our questions.

After another good meal at a place that Mickey had set up for us we went out to the Naval museum to get a look at

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Annual Meeting 1997

The annual business meeting of Vietnam Security Police Association was held on October 25, 1997 at Pensacola, Florida. The following are the minutes of that meeting.

Elections: Mike Daoust, vice-president, automatically moved up to the office of President as agreed upon at the 1996 election and John Langley automatically became a member of the Board of Directors. Ted Janiak was elected Vice President. Terry Morris (Membership Chairman), Steve Ray (Secretary/Treasurer), Steve Janke (Chaplain), and Vaughn Hull (Historian) were reelected into their respective offices. A new office was opened, Vice Membership Chairman, was created to assist Terry and Dale Terrell was elected into that position. If anyone desires to run for an office let Steve know as soon as possible.

1998 Reunion: The 1998 reunion will be held in Washington DC, October 9 - 12, 1998 with members arriving on the 8th. Mike Daoust is heading the reunion committee.

Causalities: The membership is asked to review the causalities list for missing names. This project will be on going, however, it is desired to be completed by October 1998. We will have a wreath laying ceremony in Washington. The list includes all losses in SEA, not just KIA's. The list will be published in the *Guardmount*, please review and provide Steve Ray with the names of anyone lost for any cause.

Louis H Fischer Award: This is the most prestigious award given at the Security Force Academy at Lackland AFB, Texas. The first award was presented by Owen Lamb Sr, VSPA member and VSPA member Robert G. (Skip) Tullgren presented the second one on November 5, 1998. Pictures on page of this *Guardmount*.

Security Police Museum: Several problems were discussed with the museum (1) who is on the Board of Trustees, (2) why AP's who received the Soldiers Medal (given before the Air Medal) were not included on the Scroll of Valor and (3) why was there not a list of AP/SP's

who have received the Purple Heart. Steve Ray was unanimously given permission to address these questions and try to get a member of VSPA on the board. Steve contacted Retired Colonel Albert Feldman by letter and he called Steve on the phone to discuss these issues. All of the current Board of Trustees are Vietnam veterans, the Soldier Medal recipients will be added to the Airman's Medal Scroll and Colonel Feldman agreed to put up a list of Purple Heart recipients. If you know of anyone who received either a Purple Heart or Soldier's Medal let Steve know so he can compile a list to forward to the museum.

Correspondence: A letter was sent to General Coleman, VSPA member, requesting his attendance at the 1998 reunion. A follow up will be sent four months prior to the reunion.

A letter from VSPA Johnnie Beasley requesting to be allowed to do the Charter Member certificates for VSPA. It was voted to allow him to do so.

Treasures Report: As of October 21, 1997 the organization had a balance of \$3927.34

Non-Profit Organization Status: It was discussed and decided that two legal opinions would be obtained by Mike Daoust and Olbert Hiatt. Their reports would be forwarded to Steve Ray for further action.

Gifts to Active Duty Squadron: It was decided to give the units that host our reunions \$200.00 to be for what ever they want. A check was sent to the 16 SFS Unit Morale Fund.

Supporting Members: It was decided to offer Supporting Memberships to family members of VSPA. It is our desire to strengthen the ties of the Association. Supporting Members will be non-voting members. Only family members may be Support Members. We have only one Associate Member who is conducting historical research for the Association. Associate members are non-voting members and are not automatically renewable.

Life Membership: It was voted to continue to allow only two year advanced memberships, no life membership.

VSPA History Book: This was discussed and tabled as a good idea to be considered at some future time.

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President's Corner



As I sat down to write this article for Guardmount there was so much I wanted to say but I started to think and that can be dangerous. I was thinking where I was thirty years ago, January 1968, a place called Vietnam, nineteen years old and not knowing what was around the next corner. I had just come from a place called Minot AFB, N.D. and when we landed at Cam Ranh Bay Air Base had no idea what was going on. Went from 20° below zero to 110°+ in the shade and this Staff Sergeant says all Air Force S.P.'s with orders to the 12th SPS come with me, we are in Red Alert and two days later this thing called Tet begins. So much for history. Today I thank God that I made it back and the honor to serve as your President for the coming year.

I want to thank John Langley, if not for him and his efforts the Vietnam Security Police Association would not be what it is today. And a special thanks to two guys who are the everyday backbone of this Association, Steve Ray and Terry Morris. These two guys are the SAT Team.

Also a special thank you to Ted Janiak, our new V.P.; to Dave Dobson, editor of Guardmount; Chaplain Steve Janke and Historian Vaughn Hull and Don Poss for putting our web page together. With these guys and each and everyone of you we will become a strong team together.

I do not want to forget Larry Breazeale and the rest of the guys in California for the great job they are doing at Air Shows and other events recruiting new members. Keep up the good work guys, "Aim High." Also I want to thank a close friend and fellow Cam Ranh cop, Mickey Reade, for his efforts on the great reunion he put on in Pensacola. Mick what can I say, it was great.

Guys the Association works, if not for it I would not have found two very close and dear friends and former booch mates of mine, Steve Gattis and Brian Thorne. To have made contact with them twenty plus years later, words can not express my feelings.

In closing if there is anything I can do or any questions you may have if I don't have the answer I will get you one. Please contact me. Just got a new computer so I haven't got on line at home yet. But have e-mail at my office ios@PINELAND.Net Phone (912) 876-4729 Address 187 Crosby Dr., Hinesville, Ga 31313.

Welcome Home

Mike Daoust

12th SPS, Cam Ranh Bay 68-69



I Need a Uniform!!

The long way around in a "borrowed uniform"

It was the last day of my R&R in Sydney, Australia, in late 1969. I had been up all day and had gone back to the hotel at about 3:30 A.M. with the intent of getting a little sleep before going to the R&R center at 6:00 A.M. to catch my flight back to Tan Son Nhut. I asked the desk clerk to give me a wake up call at 5:00 A.M.

I woke up at 10:00 A.M. with the phone in my hand. I guess I had answered the wake up call and gone right back to sleep but I don't remember answering the phone. I got dressed and grabbed my suitcase and rushed to the R&R center. Needless to say I missed my flight and there were no other flights that day going to Vietnam. The guy there told me that I could get a flight the next day as long as I was there at 6:00 A.M. So I had another day in Sydney.

The next morning I got to the R&R center on time but I was told that there were no flights going to Tan Son Nhut that day but I could get a flight to Cam Ranh Bay. Since I was already a day late I figured I had better take the flight.

I arrived at Cam Ranh Bay, after a long flight from Sydney, sometime in the late evening. I went to the "In Country" flight counter in the terminal to find out about getting a flight to Tan Son Nhut. I was told that there were no flight until morning and that I would have to be in uniform. The uniform thing presented a problem within itself. I had gone on R&R without bringing a uniform with me. So, now I'm back in Vietnam, a day late and without a uniform that was needed to be able to travel on an incountry military flight. I stayed in the terminal area for the night trying to get some sleep and trying to figure out a way to get a uniform.

Sometime during the night an Airman going home had taken off his fatigues and thrown them into the trash can in the latrine. I took them from the trash can. When my flight to Tan Son Nhut was called, in the early hours of the morning, I took those fatigues and put them on.

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the weaponry used by that branch of service. They had a special attraction in the form of a giant screen theater which presented a history of flight. We drug our self back to the hotel to catch some rest and get back to our fellowship with our Nam brothers.

Saturday morning we went down to the Wall of the South for the celebration of the 5th anniversary of its dedication. Seeing it for the first time with the helicopter mounted above and behind it was impressive, it had the same effect on people that the big one in Washington, D.C. has. The ceremony was moving and since we were there in mass with our banner and some of us were in uniform it seems that the press took notice. A young reporter came up to some of our members and began asking questions, it was not the same type of questions asked of us in the 60's and 70's. The article that appeared in the Sunday paper was quite complimentary and supportive of the Vietnam Vets and scolded the parents of the children who took part in the opening then took their children home before the ceremony was completed. It was a far cry from what we had witnessed in the press a few decades earlier. We returned to the hotel and held our annual meeting that afternoon. A great deal was discussed and new officers were elected and installed.

The dinner that evening was followed by two impressive speakers, Capt. Al Grady and Dr. Carol Law. Capt. Grady is a retired Naval officer who was shot down over North Vietnam in January 1967 and spent six years as a POW. He explained the communication system the POW's developed and gave us a brief description of life as a POW. Dr. Law, who was a USO director at Vung Tau, had been back to Vietnam with other women who had been there and they planted a tree brought from this country to be a living memorial. Her videos showed some of the way things look today. Jack Roberts had met her there when he had been stationed there. Awards were presented to the officers and those who had coordinated this outstanding reunion. Out going president John Langley was presented with "Reflections" and a copy of the "Three Soldiers."

Sunday morning came all too quickly and thus the end of an outstanding weekend. People who had to leave did not seem in too much of a hurry to get on the road but finally goodbyes were said and people began to head home with a head full of fond memories. For me the reunion continued for one more week and possibly one of the high points of this reunion was a phone call from Medical Lake, Washington and a voice I had not heard in 26 years. My Flight Chief, Jim Worsham; we had a real good reunion on the phone thanks to Tom Baldwin. It is this type of interactions that go a long way in making our organization

Dave Dobson, MSgt, Ret. USAF

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Edwards AFB Recruiting Campaign

Members of both the Vietnam Security Police Association and the Inland Empire Chapter of the Air Force Security Police Association, manned a joint association information booth at the October 18-19, 97 Edwards AFB Air Show. The booth was located in the large space shuttle hanger, #1600, along with a parked U-2 and B-2 bomber. Needless to say, we had hundreds of people pass our booth and stopped to inquire.

The display included a six foot tall AFSPA memorial wreath, with a placard listing all the names of Security Police killed in the line of duty. Including Security Police killed in Vietnam, the USS Mayaquez rescue attempt, world wide and stateside duty.

Next to the booth was a display of Security Police memorabilia, and a very special section devoted to the, "Vietnam Security Police Association," (VSPA). There were enlarged photo copies of back issues of the 'Guardmount', a list of VSPA officers and who to contact, a map of airbases in Vietnam with the S.P. units assigned, two enlarged pages from 'Stars and Stripes' describing the Security Police defending air bases, an article on Capt. Massey (hero of Bien Hoa's Bunker Hill 10) and numerous articles on K-9's. Another display board promoted the book *Battle of Saigon*, by William Keith Nolan. This book tells the story of Air Force Security Police in Vietnam. Within this special Vietnam display section was the VSPA logo, QC Star with two crossed pistols was clearly displayed. The AFSPA banner, AFSPA memorial wreath and the VSPA display seemed to really draw past and present Skycops from the huge passing crowds visiting the hanger.

Mike Kennedy and Larry Breazeale, both with 3rd SPS at Bien Hoa, were delighted to meet Bill Cox and his family who came up to look at the VSPA display board. Cox acted like a man who found a long lost friend. All people inquiring about the Association were given recruitment brochures and sighed a roster to be used for call back contact. Thirty-six people signed the roster, four

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Breakfast with the troops. the dining hall in Nam was not like this



One of the latest training tools, weapons without live rounds.



Steve Ray with a little live fire with M-16

Reunion 1997



There is a Peace Keeper behind that crowd.

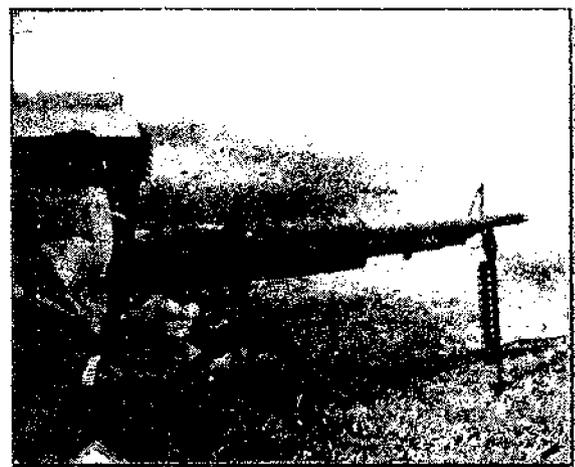
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Officers for 1998 (left to right) Mike Daoust - President, Thaddus Janiak - V.P., Steve Ray - Sec/Tres, John Langley - Trustee, Terry Morris - Membership



Old troops looking over the young troops new "toys" or tools of the trade, really something, could have used in Tet '68.



Terry Morris shows his technique with the M-60, still had the old rhythm of 3 to 5 round burst, never loose it.



Wall South in Pensacola which celebrated it's 5th Anniversary. we attended as a group and were recognized for our presence.



Mike Daoust tries his hand with a grenade launcher, did rather well.

Pensacola, Florida

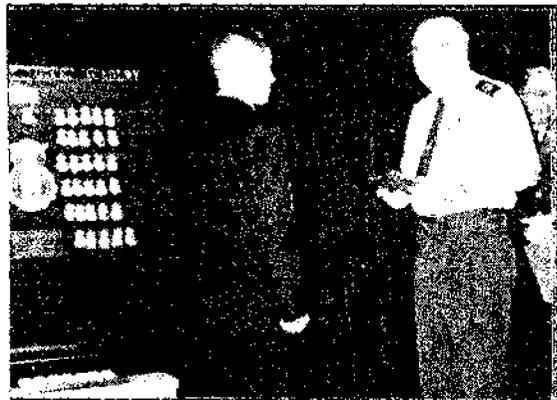
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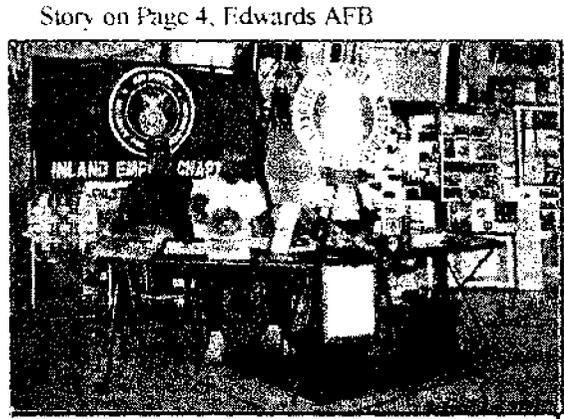
KC (K-9 Cop) catches a bit of rest during the meeting. after a big morning at the ceremonies at the wall



Olbert Hiett shows his expertise with an M-16 and won a shoot off between Steve and Himself.



SMSGt Tullgren, USAF Ret, VSPA member presents AB Jeff Smith with the Louis H. Fischer Award



VSPA/SPA display at Edwards AFB Air Show, Oct. 18 - 19, 1997



Chaplain 's Corner



It's hard to believe the holidays will soon be upon us. This issue I'd like to share a few thoughts from the Bible with you.

TAKE TIME TO LIVE

What is our life? It is like a vapor, that appears for a short time (a term we can identify with) and then vanishes away. (James 4:14) In being so busy sometimes we fail to enjoy the things that are most rewarding.

I. TAKE TIME TO LISTEN (Isa 55:3)

Listen to others, everyone needs a listening ear at times listening encourages, solves problems, brings comfort and healing to those in grief or sadness.

II. LISTEN TO GOD

We receive help from Him when we hear and heed his words, we get comfort and council when we take time to listen.

III. TAKE TIME TO LAUGH (Prov 17:22)

We can laugh at ourselves, enjoy others, rejoice in God's blessings.

IV. TAKE TIME TO LIFT (Mark 9:27)

Christ wasn't too busy to lift, taking time for others helps us as well.

V. TAKE TIME TO LOVE (I John 4:16)

Share a smile, kind work, helping hand, and if you know him, share Christ.

VI. TAKE TIME TO LEARN (Psalms 119:105)

Learn from God, reading and meditating on his work and faith, we get wisdom from above.

Learn from people.

Happy Holidays
Steve Janke
Chaplain

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Now, try and picture this: I was 6 feet and weighed 145 pounds. The guy who had these fatigues must have weighed 220 pounds because I was just swimming in them, they were so big. The only shoes I had to wear were a pair of brown Hush Puppies shoes and I had no hat to go with the fatigues, not to mention that the name on the fatigues was not the same as the one on my ID card. As sloppy and funny as I must have looked I was allowed to board the flight and I made it back to Tan Son Nhut safe and sound.

The day that I was late getting back was my regularly scheduled day off so I did not miss any work; therefore, I was not really missed by anyone except my cubie. That was a nice piece of luck!!

When I got off the flight at Tan Son Nhut I went to the S.P. in the terminal and had him radio for a patrol to take me to the Squadron area. I had enough time to get unpacked and get ready to work my regular afternoon shift and no one was the wiser.

Patrick R. McKinney

Tan Son Nhut

8/68 - 3/70

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were Security Police in Vietnam.

Our coming here with this display booth was a real success, we made some excellent contacts. Both associations can help each other grow in membership. Tell every Skycops, past and present, about the organizations so we may promote and protect our Security Police Heritage. Air Shows, Gun Shows, Veterans events, Memorial Observation and National Police Week observations are good places for such a booth.

According to Carl Olson, the booth drew the crowd like a magnet. Some of the local news media also stopped by. James Brockway, an Air Force Vietnam veteran, with a local cable station, affiliate of CNN and Troy Watson, a TV talk show host, both from the Modesto, California area, were covering the Air Show and General Chuck Yeager's final military flight. They both came by the display booth and talked about their desire to cover a story on the two associations. James Brockway was assigned to a Recon Photography unit out of Bien Hoa. He worked closely with the Air Force cops during his Air Force career. Both associations will be contacting Mr. Brockway and Mr. Troy Watson.

Larry Breazeale, Mike Kennedy, George Apker and together southern California area VSPA members are joining forces with Mr. Bill Scholtz in northern California to coordinate and organize activities for a Memorial Service at the California State Capital Vietnam Memorial this coming January 31, 1998. The California VSPA intends to erect a Vietnam Security Police Association memorial wreath during the ceremonies at the California Vietnam Memorial site on that date. Interested parties can contact Bill Scholtz, 5803 Bollock Pines, CA 95826, Phone 916-644-5030.

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Misc. Items:

- Jack Roberts suggested that larger print be used in ads we send out - when available VSPA will print larger ads.
- David Williams requested reunion programs be mailed out in advance to attendees. This will be done.
- Ted Marshall requested that members of VSPA hand out brochures and make personal contacts to attendees of the moving Wall when it is in your area. Contact any officer for brochures
- Mike Daoust requested that additional banners be made for members to take to veteran gatherings. Tom Payne is checking on it. Billie Fitts asked that Thailand and Vietnam be on future banners.
- Members of VSPA sent a Certificate to Betsy Bigbie, owner of Betsy's Flowers and Gifts, 147 E. Montgomery Cross Roads, Savannah, GA 31406, (912) 927-6764. She donated the wreath that we placed at Wall South.
- Olbert Hiatt suggested that the Safeside organization be contacted since they are eligible for membership, he will be contact point since he is also a member of that organization.
- Mickey Reade and Dave Dobson were recognized for a job well done on the reunion and newsletter respectively.
- Jim Murray requested a moment of silence be held for our fallen comrades. A moment of silence was held and the meeting adjourned at 1510.

Steven F. Ray
Secretary/Treasurer

30th Anniversary Tet 1968

In the early hours of January 31, 1968, NVA and VC forces began an attack on Bien Hoa Air Base aimed at driving the US forces from Vietnam. The men of the 3rd Security Police Squadron were determined that they were not going to achieve their goal. With their limited weapons and strong dedication these men ushered in the Security Police, with their advanced weapons that we know today. We need to remember these men, both living and dead, as we observe the 30th anniversary of that battle. (A personal account in the next issue)

Mail Call

On Ellsworth flight line the "Hawk" was a term used for the wind. "The hawk is out tonight," or "the hawk will get you if you don't look out," were common comments when you are waiting the red line on the leading edge of an alert tanker or bomber. Hypothermia and frost bite were something we were very careful about. The "hawk" was the wind at least at Ellsworth where the chill factor could reach sixty and seventy below. At thirty below the dogs were returned to the kennels, and then they posted the dog handlers alone at the tail section of the aircraft. There were no breaks for hot meals because we

didn't have the manpower to relieve sentries. This was the case in 1966 onward, because all of the manpower was in South East Asia. It was disheartening to see guys sitting on their B-4 bag on the redline trying to eat when the gravy was congealed and snow was blowing in their faces. They were good troops, and not many had been to Vietnam yet, but I'm sure they all made a tour if they re-upped.

I have 35 "14th Air Commando Wing" patches for sale. This was the wing at Nha Trang, with aircrews and SP's scattered all over country and Laos. \$5.00 each

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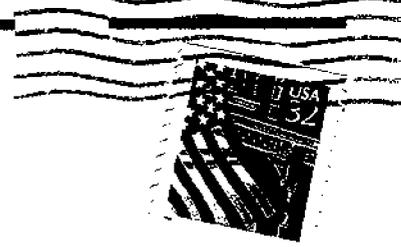


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You and your membership are important to the organization. And now your family members may be Support Members for \$5.00. They are real important to us so why not make them a part of our organization.

**MATERIAL
WANTED**

I may sound like a broken record but I have a constant need for material to fill these pages of your publication. There were some promises of pictures and written material at the reunion and so far I have only gotten material from one person. Please send your stories. I am sure that everyone has an incident like the "borrowed" uniform that appears in this issue. I am sure that you each have your memory jogged the same as I do when I read the material sent in.

Last month someone sent me an email concerning the pictures, I lost the address before I could answer it, please resend me that request.

*Next month: Jim Murray's Return to Vietnam
Dave Dobson*