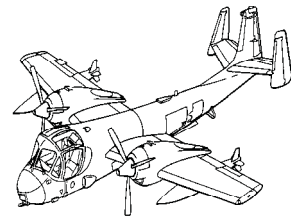




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Reflections on the memorable Vegas reunion

By Chris Walker
Reunion Director

Let me start by reminding everyone of the need to be kind to your friends and fellow members with regard to annual reunion activities. If you find that you are unable to fulfill the plans you had to attend a reunion, please notify the Reunion Director prior to calling the hotel to cancel rooms.

We had several who wanted to attend but could not find a room for the full reunion period at the Golden Nugget, while at the same time we had other members who were cancelling out their reservations because they found they could not come after all.

This year, the problem was compounded by the number of weddings that were scheduled for the date 11-11-11; there were at least 18 weddings performed in our hotel, one of them

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In services Nov. 30 at Arlington National Cemetery, Lt. Col. Glenn David McElroy and Capt. Mike Nash were honored for their ultimate sacrifice in Viet Nam.

Solemn farewell to lost Mohawkers McElroy, Nash

This article appeared in The News-Gazette of Champaign, Ill.

By Nora Maberry

The McElroy family has a lot to be thankful for this holiday.

The family is finally getting some closure.

It has been more than 45 years since former Sidney

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The Mohawk contingent marches in the 11-11-11 Veterans Day parade in Las Vegas.

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being a Mohawker marrying his sweetheart. Terry Barr married Donna during our Friday night banquet in the Bel Air Room with everyone witnessing the ceremony.

In addition, we had some at the reunion change their plans mid-stream and inconvenienced many others by not telling anyone that they were not going to ride back to the hotel on the buses that brought them to the air show at Nellis AFB. Please remember to respect others and look out for your fellow Mohawkers when changing plans.

If you were with us in Las Vegas, you know that this was one of the largest groups at a Mohawk reunion in history; we had over 300 people at the Golden Nugget.

The vast majority had pre-registered to attend, but a surprising few just walked in and said they wanted to participate.

A few of these folks were not, and had never been, members of the OV-1 Mohawk Association. I guess word gets around.

I managed to get all of these signed up as new members and we made room for them as best we could.

Thanks to the generosity of your membership director, Mark Nestor, we were able to accommodate several due to his giving up two seats at the Thursday and Friday night meals.

Please remember: If you are going to encourage your non-Mohawker friends to come to a reunion, then list them as your guest or have them join the Association prior to showing up at the reunion site. It makes life much simpler for all concerned.

Also please pre-register for the reunion, since we cannot make space for you at events if we do not know you are coming.

Non-stop action

This reunion was tightly-packed and non-stop action, due to the parade on Veterans Day, Friday, 11-11-11, and the air show the following day.

This schedule required that we hold the welcoming mixer on Thursday night, the annual membership business meeting Friday afternoon and the annual banquet Friday night. It all worked, but there were a few anxious moments along the way.

As a special treat this year, we were joined by our friends in the YO-3A Quiet Aircraft Association.

The TO's who crewed this, the first truly-stealthy surveillance aircraft in history, were all Mohawk-

trained crew members and some of the pilots were also dual-trained in Mohawks.

Several of the YO's became members of the Association and all agreed it was great getting to know our fellow brothers-in-arms a little bit better.

It was noted in the business meeting that, as our ranks dwindle due to age and attrition, we will see the need to reach out to other groups to find potential new members to keep this Association viable and strong.

It seems the parade on 11-11-11 was the highlight for most people who came to Las Vegas.

There were many comments overheard about the emotions of interacting with the very appreciative spectators along the parade route who gave all veterans a big group hug that day.

We also heard a very dynamic speaker at our annual reunion banquet, who gave all of the Vietnam veterans a real, heartfelt message of appreciation for the sacrifices made on behalf of the Vietnamese people.

Quang Nguyen, who emigrated to this country in the mid-1970s as a young boy, spoke about his life and what it meant to him and his family in

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Vietnam for the American fighting men and women to try to win freedom for his countrymen.

Quang's family was also in attendance and everyone enjoyed meeting Mai, his beautiful wife who grew up in Orange County, California, and children Casey and Sarah, two very well-behaved and lovely children. They currently live in Prescott, Arizona, and Quang is a much-sought-after and busy motivational speaker when not conducting his own marketing and design business.

Reunions ahead

For those wondering about where the Association will go for the reunion in 2013, you will be pleased to know that Savannah, Georgia, was the overwhelming favorite site chosen.

Branson, Missouri, will be our host city in 2012 and planning will soon begin for the reunion. Please

Check out video from Las Vegas

This in from Steve Easley, an OV-1 Mohawk Association member from Las Vegas, who was instrumental in our Veterans Day parade organizing. He is interviewed by media covering the event.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hxaZ-UKGy1s&feature=youtube_gdata_player

George Coleman has also posted it on the Mohawk website at: <http://www.ov-1mohawkassociation.org/>

stay tuned to these pages for updates on Branson and what is in store for those who can come to the wonderful city in the Ozark Mountains of southern Missouri.

It is becoming more of a tourist destination and more crowded as time goes on, since the completion of the

nation's only privately-built commercial airport. BKG is served by Southwest Airlines, which bought Air Tran, one of the original carriers serving Branson. Frontier is also one of the featured airlines serving Branson at present.

The Branson Regional Airport was constructed with the help of the son of a long-time Mohawker. Gene Conrad, son of the late Eugene "Blair" Conrad, was one of the crew who designed and built this privately funded, public-use airport.

Once he was finished in Branson, he moved on to Lakeland, Florida, where he is now the airport manager at Lakeland-Linder Airport, the home of the annual springtime event "Sun 'n Fun" International Fly-In. He will be one busy guy come March 27, 2012, when they kick off the next one.

Branson promises to be a laid-back, family-oriented fun time in the Fall with lots of activities for grandkids, if you choose to bring them to the Mohawk reunion.

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From the Executive Director

Reunion sum of many efforts

We have completed another successful reunion thanks to Chris and Beth Walker whose tireless efforts and attention to every detail produced another memorable one, their FOURTH. Did I mention that this was our most ambitious reunion, ever?

Think about it ... two buffet dinner events, a parade, and an air show with transportation provided. Plus record sales of Mohawk jackets, shirts, hats, etc. Then, add in a last-minute wedding at the banquet ... a first for the Association ... and an eloquent guest speaker, topped off with dozens of door prizes.

If you did not get a chance to thank Chris and Beth, please take a moment to send an email thanking them: bcwalker01@earthlink.net. By the way, Chris has agreed to help organize the 2012 Reunion in Branson, MO, 11 – 14 October, 2012.

We are looking for a member to step forward to learn the ropes and take the post of Reunion Director for the 2013 Reunion in Savannah, GA. Please contact Chris or me if you are interested in the job.

The wedding ceremony was well done. Terry Barr and his bride, Donna, came forward and were married in a ceremony performed by a military chaplain. It was a remarkable moment and I believe everyone enjoyed it. 11-11-11 was a very popular date ... there were 18 other weddings in the Golden Nugget that day.

This year, members of the Quiet Aircraft Association (YO-3A) joined with us to celebrate Veterans Day. Many of their members trained in Mohawks and they enjoyed sharing experiences. This unique opportunity added measurably to the success of our reunion. Next year, they will hold their reunion in Washington, DC, while we will be going to Branson, MO.

Most of our members participated in the Veterans Day Parade. A very special thanks goes to Steve Easley, who organized our participation in the parade. As a result, we had a great position in the parade and Steve provided small U.S. flags for members to hand out as they walked the route. Many of our members were moved by the warm welcome from the large number of people who came out to view the parade. But most memorable was the moment our members met two WWII veterans. That was very emotional for some, actually meeting these two remarkable veterans. Ed Rohner provides an eloquent description of the encounter in his article. Clearly, that was a highlight for our members.

I also want to recognize other member who contributed to the success of the reunion: Noble Atkins, who handled all aspects of the design and production of the jackets, Mark Nestor and Jill Lewis, who arranged for the T-shirts and special memorabilia and then volunteered their time to handle sales in the merchandise room. Sales set a new record this year and will help offset our reunion costs. If you want a jacket or T-shirt, you can still order them through the website.

In the last issue of the newsletter, we featured Keith Towler. Keith designs all of our artwork for jackets, shirts, caps, mugs and is working on designs for a set of coins that promise to be very popular. The jacket and T-shirt designs for this year's reunion were the best yet. We are very fortunate to have Keith as the artist for our Association. We hope he and his family will be able to attend the 2012 Reunion in Branson as guests of the Association so all members will have a chance to meet Keith and his family.

During the annual membership meeting, Mark Nestor reported that we have had some net gains in our membership numbers but still need to reach out to others who were associated with the Mohawk in one way or another. There are still many out there who don't know we exist. So, we plan to get more creative and aggressive in our marketing efforts.

Gordy Darragh was re-elected as Secretary and Dave Hannuksela was elected as Treasurer. Both have served the Association with distinction. We will be looking for a Legal Director, however, as Bill Kleinkauf decided to step down from that post. We will be conducting a search for members who have legal skills to fill out Bill's term.

We are also looking for a Reunion Director for the Savannah Reunion in 2013. The idea is to have that person work with Chris and Beth to learn the ropes and be prepared to assume the Reunion Director's duties after Branson.

Paul Jacobsen, member number 1, and author of our constitution and by-laws, spoke about the early days of the association and why he chose an open membership format instead of limiting it to specific groups. This was a stroke of genius because it means anyone who is interested in the Mohawk may join and be welcomed as a member. That, my friends, is the key to sustaining our Association.

We voted on the location for the 2013 Reunion and the winner was Savannah, GA. Chris and Beth Walker have agreed to organize the Branson Reunion. This time we are retaining the services of a Military Reunion Planner to pro-



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Touched by a WWII veteran's salute

I had a great time at the Las Vegas Reunion. The highlight for me was the Veterans Day Parade.

As we were waiting at the staging area, I noticed an elderly gentleman in a wheelchair. He was sitting across the street from our staging area with someone who I had presumed to be his daughter.

I thought he had to be a WWII veteran. I decided to go over and thank him for his service.

He was wearing a black cap that had "China, India, Burma" written in yellow letters. As I extended my hand to thank him for his service, his daughter told me he was one of Merrill's Marauders. He beamed with pride.

Shaking his hand was an emotional moment for me. As I walked back across the street I thought to myself, "My God. I just shook hands with an honest to God American hero."

When I got back to our group of Mohawkers, I pointed across the street and told them who was sitting there. As I expected, our guys responded.

There was a steady stream of Mohawkers going to visit him until it was time for us to "Form Up" for the parade. But that set the tone for the day.

The greeting we received from the crowd along the parade route was very emotional for me. At times I was only able to put my hand to my heart and then wave it to the crowd.

Handing out the flags was also very touching and filled me with pride for my country. I know the other Mohawkers shared my feelings of pride for our service to our country.

For those who did not make the Reunion or the parade, I am sorry you missed out on the wonderful welcome home we received from the folks in Las Vegas. It was a wonderful feeling. To Steve Easley, who organized our participation in the parade, I say, "Thank you, my friend." You did a hell of a job.

Another hit for me was being able to "give away the bride" at Terry and Donna Barr's wedding. That was special. As Dave Olney mentioned, it was definitely a first for a Mohawk Reunion. We may have started a tradition. To Terry and Donna, we wish them only the



Terry Barr shakes the hand of a World War II veteran prior to the Veterans Day parade in Las Vegas.

best.

The air show on Sunday was well attended and enjoyed by many of us Mohawkers. There was a mix-up with the transportation schedule and we had to sit a bit too long waiting for the bus to leave and get us back. But we still enjoyed the air show.

Just a reminder, I am ordering more DVD's of the Memorial Day activities at "The Freedom Rock" in memory of Jackie Dehart. I will have them available for sale. If you would like a copy the cost is \$15.00, including shipping and handling. You can order by calling me at: 712-830-9658 or by email at: cyclebear@rocketmail.com

The video from the banquet Sunday night was not usable. But the Memorial Day events all came out pretty nice.

Needless to say, I am looking forward to Branson, Missouri next year.

Ed Rohner, T.O. From Hell

Ed "Cycle Bear" Rohner 73rd SAC "Uptight" Vung Tau, South Vietnam 10 Jan '69 - 10 Jan '70

Mohawk website has new features

If you have visited your Mohawk website recently you will notice the website has been updated with new information from the Las Vegas reunion, our new Mohawk jacket design, a link to Mohawk videos and more links to other websites that may be of interest.

There is now a "Have you seen my buddy" page for anyone searching for a friend from the past, as well as links to the newsletter editor for timely NL inputs and a link to the webmaster for suggestions and contributions

for your website.

Please keep checking your website and let me know what you would like to see in the future. Check it out at the following:

<http://www.ov-1mohawkassociation.org/>

Thanks!

George Coleman

Website Administrator

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Even if you come without youngsters, you will find many things of interest in the way of water activities on Table Rock Lake or Lake Taneycomo, sightseeing in the Ozarks, interesting crafts and rides at Silver Dollar City theme park and a whole lot of other stuff to do in the area.

Not to mention the shows that Branson offers; there are more stage shows in Branson than on Broadway or in Las Vegas, and you can take your pick from a wide spectrum of entertainment. Visit www.branson.com to get an idea of what to expect when visiting Branson, Missouri.

If you are a golfer, bring your clubs because there are several beautiful courses from which to choose. There are a few challenging hiking trails in the area, if that is your idea of fun. Zip-lining through the Ozark hills and dodging the big oaks is also available.

Probably one of the best things about Branson is the people who populate the area and how friendly and inviting they are, especially to military veterans.

You will not find a town which appreciates more what we veterans have done for the country than those you will meet in Branson.

I'm sure you will be acknowledged and thanked many times when wearing any article which denotes you as a vet.

I was privileged to attend the original "Welcome Home" in Branson several years ago and enjoyed the many professional acts and accommodations provided the Vietnam Veterans by such contributors as Anheuser-Busch and others who welcomed us home, finally.

There was even a Mohawk flying in the show!

"Easy" Ed Bearden flew ol' 631 over the Ozark hills as part of a re-enactment of Vietnam battles as demonstrated by the SkySoldiers of the Army Aviation Heritage Foundation from Hampton, Georgia, who operated the aircraft at that time.

Branson will have something to offer everyone who plans to come. We will attempt to schedule the reunion in September or early October so that weather is still great



The Mohawk contingent passed out hundreds of American flags during the Veterans Day parade in Las Vegas.

and rates are lower than the peak summer rates.

Finally, we all owe a great big thank-you to Steve Easley for his efforts and planning which made the big Veterans' Day parade such a success in Las Vegas this year.

There is YouTube video of the Mohawkers walking in the parade available at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-tBdG4KrHs&feature=share>, courtesy of Dave Stroud.

Also, I want to mention the extra-special efforts of Noble Atkins, who took on the awesome responsibility of making sure the jackets were all correct as ordered and got them distributed when you checked in at the Golden Nugget, and the herculean efforts of member Jill Lewis, who managed the sales for several days.

We could not have done it without Jill, Mark Nestor and Noble being there and working so hard.

As always, I welcome your comments, suggestions and questions at 660-351-2132 or via email at bcwalker01@earthlink.net.



Sharing memories

These photos were shared by Forrest S. (Sam) Irwin, who is now a lead design engineer for Boeing. He can be reached at forrest.s.irwin@boeing.com



Farewell

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resident Army Lt. Col. Glenn David McElroy was last seen entering the cockpit of an OV1A Mohawk with Capt. Mike Nash to do intelligence work for the United States Army in Laos.

"It was a surprise to the family after all this time," said McElroy's niece Tiffany McElroy-Smetzer. "It is an honor that we are very happy will be bestowed on David."

The Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office recently announced that the remains of McElroy and Nash had been identified. The remains of both officers were jointly recovered Nov. 11, 2008 and identified on Feb. 5, 2010.

A funeral was held on Nov. 30 at the Old Post Chapel in Ft. Myer, Va.

A burial service was then held in Arlington National Cemetery.

McElroy-Smetzer said the service has provided the family, who will travel to Washington, D.C., for the burial, with a sense of relief and pride.

"We feel that everything possible was done to bring us some closure," she said.

David's niece, Amy McElroy, agreed with her sister and said that while the burial does not provide the family complete closure, it does provide some relief.

"It means a great deal to many of us that the government didn't give up and has gone back so many times trying to find anything to tell us if he died or not," she said.

The family is glad that David will be laid to rest in Arlington — an appropriate resting place for a soldier who paid the ultimate sacrifice for serving his country.

"Our only regret is that it is 45-plus years after he was shot down," McElroy-Smetzer said. "So many people that David was so important to have passed or are too ill to attend. This would have meant so much to them."

More than 45 years ago, on March



Relatives of Lt Col Glenn David McElroy and Legion members sit with a photo of McElroy (left) and his father Glen McElroy at the American Legion Post 433 in Sidney on Wednesday. Family members left to right: Amy McElroy, niece; Marissa McElroy great-niece; Carla McElroy, sister-in-law; Shelby McElroy, great-niece, Ethan McElroy, great-nephew; Dan McElroy, nephew-in-law; Braden McElroy, great-nephew; Mark Krewson, brother, Ross Smetzer, great-nephew; Colton Krewson (seated) nephew; Remy Smetzer, great-niece; Tiffany McElroy, niece. Photo by Darrell Hoemann of The News-Gazette of Champaign, Il.

15, 1966, McElroy, who went by David, and Nash were assigned a photo reconnaissance mission along Route 91 on the west side of the Se Nam Kok River Valley northwest of Tchepone, Laos.

According to military reports, there were a large number of North Vietnamese soldiers in the area, maintaining a truck park along the Ho Chi Minh Trail as well as six gun emplacements.

At about 1 p.m. a plane piloted by Air Force Capt. David Holmes was shot down in the valley. Aircraft dispatched to the scene saw Holmes sitting unconscious in the cockpit of his plane. At 2:35 p.m., McElroy and Nash were also shot down. It is believed Nash ejected from the aircraft.

Because of the plane losses and the discovery of the troops and gun emplacements, additional military personnel were called in and the ensuing battle raged for four to five hours that afternoon.

On March 16, a search and rescue team flew to the crash site of Holmes' plane and found the plane was empty.

Their report states that he was either removed from the plane or left under his own power. Emergency radio signals were heard four times in the next six days, but it was thought that the signals were initiated by the enemy as voice contact was never made.

In 1973, 591 Americans were released from prisons in Vietnam. Nash, McElroy and Holmes were not among them, nor were nearly 2,500 other Americans who went missing in Southeast Asia. Of the 2,500, nearly 600 were missing in Laos. The first annual Army review board concluded that all available evidence indicated all three had died in the incident and recommended they be declared dead. The Secretary of the Army concurred with the board's findings, and Presumptive Findings of Death were issued on March 16, 1967.

More than 20 years later, the United States had the opportunity to examine and excavate the site.

There was no evidence that indicated anyone died in the aircraft. According to military records, during

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the three-month excavation Nash's dog tags were found 25 feet east of the plane's cockpit, where an American military boot, pocket knife, uniform fragments and pieces of aircraft wreckage were found. No flight helmets for either crewman were found. No human remains were found.

The site of the crash was excavated again in 2008 and 2009.

"The family knew that his crash site had been identified and investigated," said McElroy-Smetzer. "The Army has kept David's family apprised of all information about the investigations and subsequent findings throughout the years."

The repeated searches were a comfort to his family.

"He wasn't forgotten," McElroy-Smetzer said. "That was important to us."

Amy said she is glad the ordeal is nearly finished.

"I just wish my grandparents, my uncle Don and my daddy could have seen this," she said. "I know my daddy always thought of his brother that he loved so much and worried about what his fate was."

David is survived by his widow,

More about Glenn McElroy

He was born June 9, 1930. He graduated from Sidney High School in 1948.

He attended Eastern Illinois University for one year after high school and then joined the Army after doing a stint in the Air Force.

His last tour was to Vietnam and began Aug. 20, 1965.

He was 35 when his plane was shot down. He also served in the Korean War.

Although he was a major when he was shot down, he was promoted during his missing-in-action status.



Glenn McElroy, left, exchanging information with Martha Raye, right. This was on 15 March, on the evening before the mission over Laos when Glenn was shot down.

Beverly Healey, and daughter Susan Woodhams, both of Topsham, Maine; his son, Glenn McElroy of Canaan, N.H.; and four grandchildren.

David was the oldest of Glenn and Virginia McElroy's children. He was born June 9, 1930, in Sidney. His siblings included Don McElroy, Mary (Chuck) McDuffee of Sidney, Jim (Carla) McElroy of St. Joseph and Mark Krewson of Sidney.

Three of David's nieces still live in the area including Dawn McElwee, who lives in Sidney, while McElroy-Smetzer and Amy live in St. Joseph. His cousin, Jeanne Poole, resides in Champaign.

Poole fondly remembers the tall young man, who was 18 years her senior.

"When I was a little girl, I thought he was the biggest, strongest, greatest thing that ever lived," she said. "He was real special to me."

Tom Wilson, a Sidney resident, said he remembered McElroy fondly.

Wilson, who was four years younger than David, said they never attended the same schools due to school consolidations and their ages but he knew of David's parents.

Wilson said he and his wife Joyce will be attending the service.

"The fact that I knew his family better than him personally is enough



Major Glenn D. McElroy, Executive Officer of the 73rd Surveillance Airplane Company stationed in Vung Tau (Cap St. Jacques) Viet Nam. He was flying on a mission with the 20th ASTA over Laos when his OV-1 Mohawk was shot down. Glenn was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel posthumously.

reason for Joyce and I to go," he said. "I think closure like this is important."

Christine Walsh contributed to this report



Services for McElroy, Nash

Photos by Tiffany McElroy Smetzer,
David McElroy's niece, and Jess
Braudaway



Missing aircrew from Vietnam identified

Terry Love (#23) shared this report from Aero-News.net's "Propwash" Daily News.

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) says that the remains of two U.S. servicemen, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

Army Lt. Col. Glenn McElroy, 35, of Sidney, IL, and Capt. John M. Nash, 28, of Tipton, IN, were buried as a group, in a single casket representing the crew, on Nov. 30, in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington, D.C.

On March 15, 1966, the men were flying an OV-1A Mohawk aircraft that failed to return from a reconnaissance mission over southern Laos in Savannakhet Province.

An American forward air controller, operating in the area, reported witnessing the OV-1A aircraft crash after encountering heavy enemy anti-aircraft artillery.

He saw one parachute deploy shortly before the crash but he believed the crewman descended into the ensuing fireball. Immediate search-and-rescue teams flew over the crash site but were unable to locate any survivors.

Twice in 1988, joint U.S./Lao People's Democratic Republic (L.P.R.D.) teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), surveyed the crash site and found OV-1 aircraft wreckage and crew-related equipment — including an identification tag bearing Nash's name.

Records indicate there was only one OV-1 loss within 18 miles of Savannakhet Province. Between 2005 and 2009, joint U.S./L.P.D.R. teams, interviewed witnesses, investigated, surveyed and excavated the crash site several times. They recovered human remains, more aircraft wreckage and crew-related equipment.

Scientists from the JPAC used forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence to identify the crew.





Hubert Flynn Shirley, TO, 245th Surveillance Airplane Company, died Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011 of acute myeloid leukemia. He was 64.

Shirley served as a technical observer Oct 1967- Sept 1968 at Marble Mountain Air Facility I Corps DaNang, Vietnam with 245th.



Mohawker Noble Atkins noted

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that he was his technical observer on many occasions and he always performed in a manner that was always above all expectations.

"He was one of the first TOs that I taught how to fly the aircraft in case I became incapacitated so he could take us on a route to RTB (return to base)," Atkins said. "He picked up the flying thing with ease and I never flew with another TO that approached his capabilities and professionalism."

Shirley resided in Lafayette, Ga. and had a love for flying and fishing. He owned and operated a tree service.



A private plane crash grounded him in 2003. He was an avid Mohawker with the Association.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Judy; sons and daughters-in-law Adam (Noelle) Shirley of Memphis, and Kevin (Amanda) Shirley of Rock Spring, Ga.; a sister, Polly Shahan of Lafayette; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Oct. 8, 2011 in Lafayette, Ga. with military honors from John Sparks (POW 1968-73) and the V.V.A. Chapter 203 of Chattanooga, Tenn.

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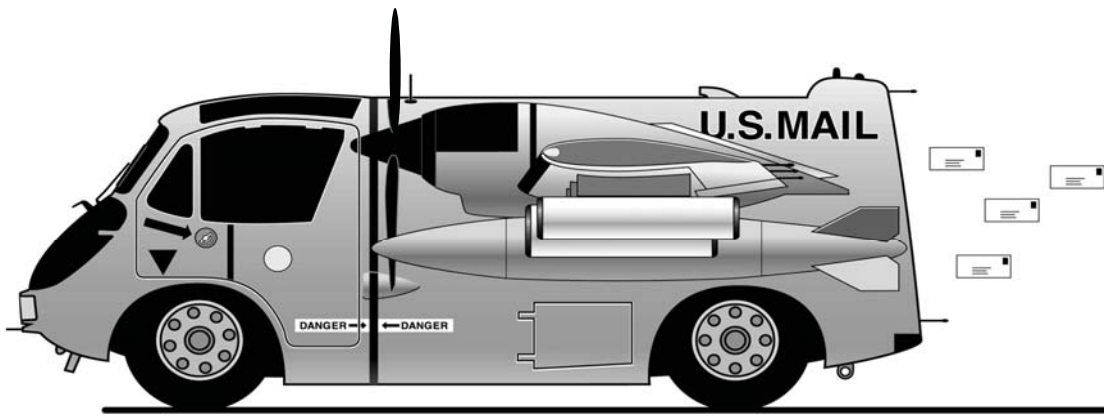
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OV-1 Mohawk Association represented at services for McElroy, Nash

Three individuals from the OV-1 Mohawk Association attended the Nov. 30 services for Lt. Col Glenn McElroy and Capt. John Nash: Jack Spiczak, Jess Braudaway and Burwin Reed.

During the visitation, the ceremonial lead opened up the floor for loved ones to speak. After several from both families talked, Jack had a chance to talk to them on behalf of the Mohawk crew/Association.

The funeral service was short but respectful. The formal graveside ceremony was well done with caisson, band, trumpets and 21 gun salute. Former West Pointers were present and rounded out the group.

Jess Braudaway

Salute to OV-1 heroes

By chance I happened across the news that Lt. Col. McElroy and his co-pilot, Captain Nash, were killed when their OV-1 went down over Laos in 1966.

Their remains were recently ID'd and returned for burial in Arlington.

McElroy was in my Infantry OCS class, which graduated January 1953.

G. R. Wiley
COL, AUS, Ret.
Monterey, Calif.

Long overdue welcome home

Ross Clark just sent me this, a long overdue welcome home to a Mohawker.

"McElroy was from Sidney IL. a little town 6 miles from where I lived when I was drafted. Small world."

Bruce Gaylord

XO Notes

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vide some relief to Chris and Beth. That arrangement looks like it could become the model for future reunions because the work is really becoming too much to ask of one member. Chris is negotiating the contracts but it looks like the Branson Reunion will take place the second weekend of October 2012. More information will be published as soon as we know the details. Again, we still need a Reunion Director for Savannah, GA in 2013.

The past year presented us with many challenges, but we have the right people in place to move forward in 2012.

Some of our goals include focusing on membership development to broaden our membership base, increasing branded product sales to generate more revenue for the Association, resuming the newsletter publishing schedule, adding more feature articles by members, continuing to develop our website and finding a good home for the archives.

In addition, we will be seeking opportunities to showcase our Association at museums, air shows, and at sponsored military events like AAAA and AUSA. Also, we are looking to engage members in more volunteer activities to improve the Association and ensure we have members prepared to take leadership positions going forward. If you are interested in getting more involved with the operations of the Association, please contact me or any member of the Board of Directors.

Finally, I want to state, again, that we seek transparency and accountability in our operations. I welcome feedback and suggestions from members. That includes any constructive criticism you may have. This is your Association. It doesn't work without membership involvement and it is interesting and rewarding work. You may contact me at: (480) 802-2061 or ovl-dave44@aol.com.

Best wishes for the New Year,
Dave Olney, XO

Membership Roster being set for April

By Mark Nestor
Membership Director

In mid-November, 307 OV-1 members received their OV-1 Association renewal letters for 2012.

As of Dec. 14, 142 members have paid their 2012 dues, with 165 members yet to pay for 2012.

Reminder letters will be sent out in mid-January to members who

have not renewed their membership. correspondence to me at:

It is important to keep the Association and Membership Director informed of any changes to your email, mailing or phones for the upcoming 2012 membership roster, which will be sent out in late spring.

Please send all membership information, dues and

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Thanks!

New Members for January-February 2012

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1433	Charlie Gossett	Pilot	Hendersonville, NC	(828) 698-8303
1434	Sidney Morrow		Alexandria, VA	(817) 528-5135
1435	Ruth Alton	Enthusiast (Wife of Gary)	Woodbridge, VA	(703) 670-9793
1436	Glen Noell	Observer, SLAR Maintenance	Orange, CA	(714) 289-8975
1437	Robert Rodenhouse		Grand Rapids, MI	(616) 293-7609
1438	William Neuman		Banks, OR	(503)324-9800
1439	Michael Conn	Observer / OV-1 B,C,D	Tracyton, WA	
1440	Kenneth Norman	Observer	Bradenton, FL	(941) 896-8198
1441	William Wilson	Crew Chief, Ground Crew	Bouse, AZ	(928) 851-2430
1442	Terry Carlson	Other	Las Vegas, NV	(702) 489-8523
1443	Jerry Stapp	Observer	Madison, GA	(706) 557-2144
1444	William Wall	Observer	Colonial Heights, VA	(804) 504-0679
1445	Henry Mohan	Observer	Bethesda, MD	

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Honorary Members: 5
Lifetime Members: 14

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