

USAF

Combat Camera



E-Blast

January 2016

SAVE THE DATE!

The 2016 USAF Combat Camera Reunion dates and location are set!

When: 13 - 16 October 2016

Where: Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Airport Hotel & Convention Center

5055 International Boulevard

North Charleston, South Carolina 29418

Make your reservations soon at the following link:

[http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CHSEMES-AFC-20161013/index.jhtml?](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CHSEMES-AFC-20161013/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

[WT.mc_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CHSEMES-AFC-20161013/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG) or call 1-843-747-1882 and use Group Code AFC. If you have any problems making reservations, please contact Renée Tyron @ combat.camera2015@gmail.com

Reservations must be made by September 24th, 2016 to guarantee our group rate

Hotel Amenities:

2-Room King and 2 Double-Bed Suites are available @ \$167 per night for 2.

Additional \$10 charge per night for additional guests.

Hotel features the best complimentary made-to-order breakfast buffet and a complimentary evening reception

Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the event!

Hope to see you in Charleston!

Project Updates

Combat Camera Display at March Field Museum and beyond.

We've expanded our presence in the Inland Empire! In addition to the space at the March Field Museum we now have a space at the Norton AFB Museum.



In this shot the lower right corner is all that represents Combat Camera. We will get the whole case and a monitor above the case (not shown).

Will provide more details and images of the Norton location in the next e-Blast.

Your donations will find a home in one of these two locations in the Inland Empire.

Bill Thompson is working on the Airman Museum in San Antonio. Also checking a possible permanent location at Lackland AB.

Combat Cameramen in Action Images

Still looking for images of us in action. Just need the basic information: Who shot it, Who is in it, The event - exercise, real world event, training, etc.

So far only 37 images and they're mine and Hack's. So lets look in our stashes and send them in to: <mailto:josepj@earthlink.net> for a wide representation our people in the field. See our last e-Blast for details.

600th & 601st Photo Squadron veterans; here is your opportunity to tell your stories and have them published in the Smithsonian's "Air & Space" magazine.

David Freed contacted me through my friend Peter Seel. He has been contracted to write an article for "Air & Space" with the goal of chronicling the 600th Photo Squadron's efforts in Vietnam. According to David the story will be told in anecdotal fashion, using 6-8 photos taken by Air Force photographers and others who were there. Each photo will tell its own stand-alone story. While it's no doubt true that each picture is indeed worth a thousand words, for his purposes, each picture will be worth about 400 words. In essence, he is looking for great stories to go along with a handful of outstanding photos. His goal is to interview the photographers who took the pictures, to profile them as well as their work. Those of you with stories, serious and or humorous, to tell can contact David directly with their shots and stories at suspectfreed@gmail.com.

Some background information about David: I was born on an Air Force base (Turner AFB, Albany, GA). I'm an instrument-rated pilot and aircraft owner, produced screenwriter and a former investigative journalist for the *Los Angeles Times*, where I shared in a Pulitzer Prize and reported from the Middle East during Operation Desert Storm. My work appears regularly in national magazines, including Smithsonian's *Air & Space* and *The Atlantic*. I'm an adjunct journalism instructor at Colorado State University, but reside most of the year in Santa Barbara. My day job is writing novels. I am the author of the aviation-themed Cordell Logan mystery-thriller series published by The Permanent Press. If you're so inclined, you can learn more at David-Freed.com.

I'm excited to be working on a story that will give long-overdue credit to those photographers who risked their lives to record the Air Force's efforts in Southeast Asia.

This is a great opportunity to recognize some of "our" heroes from the Vietnam War. Please respond to David and please send me, kenhackman@att.net, a copy of what you provide him.

Ken Hackman