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Combat Camera



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May 2017

From the President and Board of Officers

The Board of Officers will have a teleconference on May 25th. Agenda items will include new Officer nominations, Budget, and preparations for the October reunion.

Members who have concerns that should be addressed in this forum may contact me.

Pat Knowles

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Time to nominate and volunteer new officers.

by: Barb Eagan

Before making a nomination please ask the person, that if elected, would they accept and participate actively. The positions that need new officers are two members at large, a secretary and Vice President.

Current Combat Camera Board Members thru 2019

President: Pat Knowles

Treasurer: Pat Nugent

Member at Large: Renee Tyron

Member at Large: Zimm

Current Positions held by those below and the positions are up for re-election this summer.

Current Board Members thru 2017

Vice President: Mario Candia

**Secretaries: Marge Barshaw &
Susan Diomedes**

Member at Large Mike Potochik

Member at Large James Pearson

Look for the Ballot in June

In June we will send out a Special e-Blast Ballot to elect Nominees into office. We may have more volunteers by then.

Current Nominees:

Joe Coleman, VP and/or Member at Large.

Mike Sklack, VP and or Member at Large

James Pearson, Member at Large

Renee Tyron, Secretary

We now have a board that will only change half the members at one time.

The 2017 USAF Combat Camera Reunion

**Registration:
\$175.00 per person**

(Includes Icebreaker, Hospitality Room & Banquet)

Registration for our 2017 reunion is \$175.00 per person for the full event.

This fee pays for the food and drinks for the hospitality room, the Thursday night "meet and greet" reception, the Saturday night banquet and other reunion expenses. Click on the Registration button above to pay via PayPal (you don't have to have a PayPal account). There are several other options available, listed below.

You can also MAIL a check or money order made out to **USAF Combat Camera Association** (Please **DO NOT** make them out to Pat). If you want immediate acknowledgment of receipt of your payment, include a valid email address or give it a week and then check with Pat by e-Mail at usafcca.treasurer@gmail.com (**Please use this e-Mail address for all non-personal, Association-related matters only**).

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2017 Reunion

by: Joe Coleman

The 2017 reunion dates are 12-15 Oct 2017. It will be at the Hotel Elegante Conference and Event Center in Colorado Springs. The room rates are \$149 a night for both a king size bed and 2 queen double beds. Breakfast will be included in the room rate.

Individual Reservation: Each individual guest can make their own reservation by calling (800) 981-4012 by Monday September 11, 2017. They must identify themselves as members of the Combat Camera Reunion or refer to Group #1643557. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

Or click on the button to register via their website:

[Hotel Reservations](https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1410&skipfirstpage=true&page=1643557)

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Joe Coleman is setting an awesome agenda for the Colorado Springs Reunion.

Tentative schedule for Friday:

Garden of the Gods
The Academy Tour
Possible lunch with the cadets
Olympic Training Center
Photo in front of the Chapel

On Saturday we are looking for Volunteers.

Those who are driving to the Reunion and are willing to drive fellow attendees on an informal tour, after the 9 AM Annual Meeting, to the Pete Field Museum and WWII Museum. If you want to Volunteer please e-Mail Barb Eagan at: barb@mycactusproperties.com

Combat Camera Display at Norton and March Museums; and FUTURE museum displays

by: Ken Hackman

We now have very good displays of Combat Camera, what we do, who did it, and some of the equipment we used at the Norton and March Museum displays. We are now trying to get a museum exhibit for the expanding USAF Airman Heritage Museum at Lackland AFB. This is a great venue, the newly inducted Airmen, their families, and friends will be touring this museum. We want to put together an informative and entertaining Combat Camera exhibit at this museum. To do that; we need you all to go into your closets, garages, etc. and dig out all those items you put away, like many of us, for the future! Well the future is here! Let's face it, and I'm speaking from personal experience, what will happen to those "treasures, memories" you have when we all get together in the great party above? We need your help, lets make an exhibit that will make those future airmen want to continue our legacy."

We still need the photographic, and other items, that we used in the Air Force while doing our jobs.

We want to acknowledge and thank George Driskill, motion picture cameraman in the 600th Photo Sq., for donating a Spectra Light Meter that he has used during his Air Force and post-Air Force career.

Perry Heimer a Syracuse-trained photojournalist donated a 4x5 Speed Graphic for our next museum exhibit.

BUT!!! We still need more still, motion picture, video and any ancillary items that we used. And we could sure use the Kodak/Nikon backpack camera – remember that hi tech cutting edge camera.

Send an email to Ken Hackman at kenhackman@att.net Let him know what you would like to donate.

Airman's Museum Update

by Pat Nugent

We are currently working on the proposal for the museum staff, equipment list and a slide show.

If you run across any items that are a part of your AAVS and Combat Camera experience they will be very welcome additions to our collection as we continue to place historical displays in museums.

If you have uniforms, patches and any equipment that you would like to donate please contact any board member, Ken Hackman or myself as we keep the imagery, film and video alive for the forth coming military and civilian generations.

The very exciting news are some of the current donations that we have received from Doug Morrell, Dennis Guyitt who sent in some digital cameras, Perry Heimer who gave a 4X5 Speed Graphic and George Driskill who gave a Spectra Light Meter and included a story highlighting the light meter history.

This Spectra Light Meter started its life with me when I was at the 1365th in Orlando in 1966. I had purchased it from Milner-Fenwick productions in lieu of pay for working with them in Florida on a Government film on visiting Thai ranchers. It followed me to the 600th and several TDYs across all of Vietnam and Thailand in 1967-68.. When I arrived at the 1369th at Vandenberg, it was with me on top of SLC-6 and filming many missile launches from the air.

In 1968, it made its way to Japan and Korea on three TDYs during the USS Pueblo Crisis as well. After discharge in 1970, it was there again during my short career making industrial and educational films in San Francisco, then on to Colorado Springs making TV commercials and documentaries. It had a rough experience on horseback following 2000 horses across the Rockies filming a documentary of the 1973 Chevy 4-wheel drive commercials, but it took off for Photo Research in Hollywood for repair and re-calibration and came back like new. It's been in a drawer since 1975, wrapped in a dust-proof bag and it still works like new.

“Thank You” for all the donations and especially the “Love and Desire” to keep our heritage alive!

Sharing Veteran Information that others may not be aware of...

by Pat Nugent

Below is the information and links if you are considering or would like to be buried in a National Cemetery.

Point of information - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has implemented this pre-need eligibility program so that Veterans, spouses and unmarried dependent adult children may better prepare for burial in a VA national cemetery prior to the time of need.

Pre-Need Burial Eligibility Determination

<https://www.cem.va.gov/pre-need/>

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) implemented the pre-need burial eligibility determination program to assist anyone who would like to know if they are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery. VA is promoting pre-need eligibility determinations to encourage Veterans and their eligible family members to plan in advance to use VA burial benefits that Veterans have earned through their military service. Planning in advance for a Veteran's or loved-one's final resting place can eliminate unnecessary delays and reduce stress on a family at a difficult time. Veteran families will have increased confidence that their loved ones are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery at their time of need.

Upon request VA will make eligibility determinations for burial in a VA national cemetery in advance of need. Eligible individuals are entitled to burial in any open VA national cemetery which includes opening/closing of the grave, a government-furnished grave liner, perpetual care of the gravesite, and a [government-furnished upright headstone or flat marker or niche cover](#) all at no cost to the family. Veterans are also eligible for a [burial flag](#) and [Presidential Memorial Certificate](#).

Form: <https://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-10007.pdf>

Headstone: <https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/index.asp>

Burial Flag: https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial_benefits/burial_flags.asp

Presidential Memorial Certificate: <https://www.cem.va.gov/cem/pmc.asp>

Last Flight

Isabella Dunham, died in Oakley, California at the nursing facility where she had been since before Christmas.

She was the contracting officer in Bldg. 248 from 1985 when we became DAVA, then the 1352nd AVS and then AFMEC. She retired a couple years after Norton closed and our unit moved to March.

She had been unwell for over a year, and suffered a number of strokes since Christmas.

She and Dennis had recently celebrated their 59th anniversary.

Art Kidwell

For Those in the Norton/March area this may be of interest:

An INVITE to all Norton AFB & March AFB/ARB Veterans!



**2017 NORTON-MARCH
ALUMNI REUNION**
May 18-20, 2017
March ARB - Riverside, CA

A 3-Day RON @ SBD - TEM - RIV

**Come and hang out with your fellow
Squadron & Alumni Members!**
Kick-back & rekindle those Old Friendships!

If you missed it in 2015, DON'T miss 2017!
**Golf - Wine Tours - BBQ - Ramp Tours -
Sally's - Museum Tours - Banquet Dinner
AND The After Party!**

Our Sponsors:



Golf Event & Lunch: \$45 March Air Museum & Luncheon: \$35 Sally's Alley Steak-out: \$25
Wine Tour & Luncheon & Transport.): \$89 - 109 Marriott Inn - Social & Banquet-Dinner Program: \$95

*** ALL former Alumni & current personnel stationed at
Norton AFB & March AFB / March ARB (Active or Reserves) are invited.**

Download Form or Register: www.norton-marchaircrew.org

NOTE: This is not a Mobile website or Mobile phone App.

10 - 15% Discounts provided for NMAA Members ... if you haven't joined, now is the time!

BTW Pass this e-Blast on to fellow Combat Camera members who do not use computers.