

# USAF

## Combat Camera



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### From the President and Board of Officers

We are down to the last two weeks until our get together.

It's not too late to get your reservation, but if we miss you this year, hope you can make San Diego next year.

To all who are coming, a reminder that we will have a general membership meeting on Saturday 9am. All who attend have a vote.

The board of Officers are still looking for nominations or volunteers to fill officer vacancies, work with the San Antonio museum exhibit, and volunteer staff to assist during upcoming reunions, so please consider this opportunity to help our organization.

Any issues from the general membership may be addressed to me at [gppjk.8@gmail.com](mailto:gppjk.8@gmail.com)

Thanks to all  
Pat Knowles  
President

### The 2017 USAF Combat Camera Reunion

It's exciting another reunion is just around the corner. Looks like we have about 38 attendees this year ready to party and have fun.

Joe Coleman has worked hard and has a lovely agenda set forth. Still looking for volunteers to help out a smidge this year... I also wanted to take a moment to remind you that ALL are invited for the annual meeting on Saturday morning at 9am.

We would like to discuss some major changes and Pat Knowles will have an agenda at registration table to get you thinking about some of the proposals.

The sit down dinner choices are: Steak, Chicken or Veggie Ravioli. **Plz let me know this week.**

Zimm ([barb@mycactusproperties.com](mailto:barb@mycactusproperties.com))

### 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](mailto:barb@mycactusproperties.com)

### Kim Haggerty

Does anybody need a ride from the Springs airport on Thursday? cell is 502-377-7445

# 2017 Combat Camera Schedule of Events

## Thursday October 12<sup>th</sup>

Hospitality Suite will open at noon.

Registration will start at noon.

There will be an AV Presentation by Steve McGill in the Lounge adjacent to the main bar from 5 to 6 PM.

Icebreaker will run from 6 to 9 PM.

## Friday October 13<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM to 11:00 AM: Full Breakfast Buffet in the Hotel Dining Room.

8:30 AM: Bus departs hotel for the Air Force Academy Tour.

9:15 AM: Bus arrives at Academy Visitor Center.

9:30 to 10:30: Tour and Group Photo at Air Force Academy Chapel.

10:45 to 11:30: Tour Vietnam Museum.

11:45 to 12:45 Lunch

1:00: Depart Academy for Garden of the Gods.

1:30 to 3:00: Arrive and tour Garden of the Gods.

3:00 Depart Garden of the Gods.

3:30: Arrive at the Hotel

## Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>

7:00 AM to 11:00 AM: Breakfast Buffet in the Main Dining Room.

9:00 AM: Meeting and Discussion adjoining the Main Banquet Room. All are invited to attend.

11:00 to 12:00: Lunch

13:00 Caravan departs for Peterson AFB tour of the Air and Space Museum and the WWII Museum.

3:30 Arrive Back at Hotel.

6:00 PM to 6:30 PM Cocktail reception adjacent to the Main Bar.

6:30 PM to 9:30 PM Banquet Main Banquet Room.



## Carl Steven "Steve" McGill Multimedia Management Specialist, Riverside

Retired U.S. Air Force Photojournalist Carl Steven McGill will make a dynamic in depth presentation for "Project Outreach" at this years Combat Camera Reunion.

Project Outreach initiated by the Defense Imagery Management Operations Center (DIMOC) to recover media from individuals and organizations throughout the Department of Defense (DoD) Visual Information (VI) community.

Thousands of historical photographs, films and videos, have been rescued thanks to DIMOC's efforts.

They ensure its mission to receive, manage, digitize, preserve; and transfer this media to the National Archive and Records Administration (NARA); the nation's record keeper.

Steve's presentation will be at the Lounge adjacent to the main bar from 5 to 6 PM on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

# Final Flight

## *Farewell to a Legend*

*CMSgt Douglas W. Morrell*

*May 15, 1919 - September 2, 2017*

*Riverside National Cemetery  
Riverside, California  
September 29, 2017*



*Pastor  
Armando Garcia*



*Eulogy  
Ken Hackman*



*Son  
David Morrell*



*Transporting the Urns*



*three-volley Salute*



*Final Salute*



*Presentation of the Flag*



## A small sampling from Facebook:

**Al Spath:** A Chief's Chief with tales and stories no one could imagine, but he experienced them all. What a loss for our community and history linking the past with the present.

**Tom Sentman:** I am saddened to learn that Doug Morrell passed away. He brought in-depth knowledge and experience to the world of motion picture and video documentation over many decades. He will be missed but I am sure we all will see him again one future day. I don't consider it a loss...to never have known him would be the loss.

My condolences to his wife Julie and their family.

**Stan Meidich:** Thank you for the message. I'm grateful for having known Doug. He was someone special to all of us Combat Camera folks. I'm struggling with my health (heart and spine). I'm 88, might reach 90, much less 98, but grateful for all the time I've had already.

**Larry Blanford:** Wow...sorry to hear that bit of news. I'll be there on Friday for the memorial.

**David Young:** We lost a legend and we've all lost a mentor and friend. I enjoyed working with Doug. Every day I spent with him he inspired me or made me laugh (often at the same time). This is a real loss for the Combat Camera family

**Bob Brown:** RIP Doug, you may be gone but not forgotten. Truly, the face of AAVS and Combat Camera for many years.

**Dan Ashley:** R.I.P. Chief Morrell, you were my inspiration for the last 21 years of my career. I feel privileged to have known you and I'm thrilled to have told your story. We developed the Combat Camera Heroes and Legends sports card in your honor and I'm proud it's part of your legacy. Thank you, for

inspiring generations to come. I'm a better storyteller thanks to you. I enjoyed our talks and your first hand accounts of your experiences.

**Connie L. Gouge-Evans:** RIP. I had the great honor to spend time with this hero and even have him in my home. Thank you AAVS for capturing his legionary stories for all to enjoy. Sending my prayers to his family.

**Clyde D Kramer:** I remember when Doug critiquing some 16mm film I had shot. "Clyde, have you ever heard of a light meter?" Doug was always the diplomat on such matters.

**Terri Johnson:** Keith and I are so very sorry to hear of Doug's passing. He was an amazing guy and he will truly be missed. Our condolences to Julie and his family.

**Jim Council:** Sad to lose a truly historic figure representing the best in our small family. Swell guy and good friend.

**Bob McKenzie:** Our sincere condolences to Doug's family and friends. He is in our prayers as a true hero and legend in the Combat Camera sphere.

**Michael Schlatter:** So sorry to hear about Doug. I was privileged to know him and serve with him while he was still on active duty. He was one-of-a-kind. He leaves a legacy that is unmatched. RIP, Chief.

**Ken Hackman:** Doug was a true legend and deserve ably so. He was always larger than life but humble about his many exploits. I shall miss him, I truly loved this man.

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