

# USAF

## Combat Camera



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### From the President and Board of Officers

Another successful reunion in the photo album. If you didn't get to come, you missed out. The Colorado Springs area, beautiful. Hotel and hospitality room were great. Much thanks to Joe Coleman for the great job of getting us the all the things we needed to have a great reunion. Special thanks to all who helped prior to, and after the festivities. Sorry I don't have a handle on all the helpers, but honorable mention Barb and Renee, Mario and Dee, Mike Daniels and the other Judges for the active duty folks who did a great job of showcasing their story telling talent once again this year.

The board of Officers is planning on a conference call before Thanksgiving to wrap the Springs reunion up and get out a report on the annual meeting, and finances. Our treasurer Pat Nugent is still on the mend from some surgery, so hope all is going well with the recovery.

We would like to send a special thanks to Col. Jim and Ruth Elmer, and Pat Nugent who could not make the reunion but made generous donations of \$300. and \$200. respectively to our funds. We missed you all.

Keep an eye out for the Heritage series interviews this year. Interviews with a few of the active duty troops should be refreshing. We had a replacement interviewer this year due to Jim Pearson not being able to attend.

Thanks a lot to Nick Pitch for taking up the challenge and getting the interviews.

Plan now for San Diego Sept. 20-23, 2018

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 2018 Reunion is in San Diego, California, Thursday, September 20 through the 23rd.

Best Western Plus Island Palms Hotel & Marina on Shelter Island.

2051 Shelter Island Dr., San Diego, CA 92106

Our room rate is \$150/night, and includes complementary parking, Wi-Fi and breakfast.

Located on San Diego's beautiful Shelter Island, just 3 miles from the airport, the hotel is surrounded by the deep blue waters of San Diego Bay. Nestled among nearly 6 acres of lush tropical landscaping this spectacular setting overlooks a private yacht marina, La Playa Cove, Point Loma, and San Diego's largest yacht basin. Fisherman bring your gear because there's a pier right across the street.

Other features include 227 beautifully appointed guest rooms, suites, and waterfront villas, two heated waterfront pools and spas, health club, waterfront restaurant and bar, and 24 hour room service.

Choose from the many attractions San Diego has to offer including it's renowned Zoo and Safari Park, Sea World, Balboa Park, Air and Space Museum, Flying Leatherneck Aviation Museum, Museum of Photographic Arts...

Stroll through Little Italy during one of its many festivals, walk in Wyatt Earp's footsteps at the whiskey bar in the Horton Hotel in the Gaslamp Quarter, cheer the Padres at Petco Park, check out the USS Midway, Star of India,

or just relax aboard a harbor cruise.

Feeling lucky?... Valley View Casino.

Thirsty?... over 100 working breweries with Stone Brewery only a few miles from our hotel on Liberty Station, historic site of a former naval training center.

Had enough? The list of attractions goes on and on.

Call early and request your room preferences (first floor, refrigerator, disability equipped...)

You can always cancel up to three days before your reservation date without a penalty.

Book under: US Air Force Combat Camera Reunion.

Call them at: (619) 222-0561 for your reservation.

See you there!

D. J.



## **Carl Steven “Steve” McGill & Dennis Martin delivered a presentation for “Project Outreach” at this years Combat Camera Reunion.**

**In a nutshell:**

Do you know of physical media – such as prints, tapes, slides, film or negative – that were produced by Department of Defense personnel? If so, do you know what to do with it?

Look no further – contact the Defense Imagery Management Operations Center (DIMOC).

DIMOC's mission is to manage and preserve the DoD's visual history, and we do most of the work for you or your unit.

As the DoD has moved in to the digital era, many military units and organizations, as well as individuals, remain in possession of physical DoD visual information (VI) from the pre-digital era. Physical media stored in warehouses, offices and closets is at risk of degradation to unauthorized disposal – leading to the loss of significant documentation of American military history.

In many cases, individuals have stored DoD VI on their own in an effort to prevent its loss or destruction. DIMOC can help with this content as well.

DICMOC is the DoD's official pipeline to the National Archives and Records Administration, the preservers of American history. Our staff ensures historic VI is properly assessed and handled for preservation according to federal laws, regulations and DoD polices.

Outside of assessing and inventorying your physical VI and shipping costs, there is very little cost to your unit. In short, we do the work for you.

For more information, please visit

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Contact our archival team at [DIMOC-Archivist@mail.mil](mailto:DIMOC-Archivist@mail.mil)

# AAVS HQ Complex begins to VANISH

October 4, 2017



The shields are gone.



Building 227 now has temporary picture windows.

October 22, 2017



Building 227 is gone.

# The Shields



by Robert Edwards (Bob), President, Board of Directors, Norton AFB Museum

The large logo shields that occupied the exterior West wall of old SAGE / Combat Camera Facility at the now closed Norton AFB were recognized by the current building owners, the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians as historic in nature.

Their representative approached the Norton AFB Museum (NAFBM) to see if the Museum would be interested in having all the logo shields donated to the NAFBM.

The entire Sage / Combat Camera Facility is currently being totally demolished.

Today, these shields are in the possession of the NAFBM and efforts are underway to have each of them restored to their original condition for display at the Museum.

Funding for this restoration appears to be the next hurdle for the NAFBM to overcome and efforts are underway to find sponsors to help defray these undetermined costs.

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If you'd like to contribute to this endeavor, send your contributions to: Norton AFB Museum 1601 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, San Bernardino, CA 92408. In the memo line designate the donation "for the Combat Camera Eagle shield." The contribution is tax deductible.

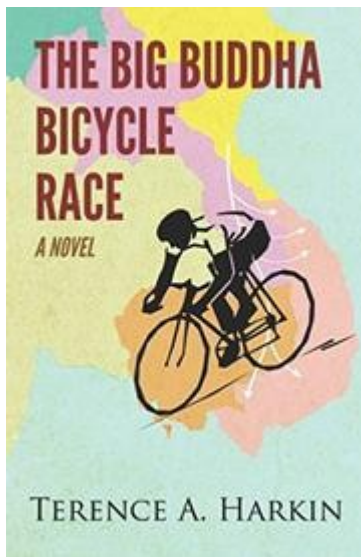
The actual cost for restoration of the shield is not known, but we should have that information by the time the December e-Blast is sent out.

## Authors in our Group

### The Big Buddha Bicycle Race

*The Big Buddha Bicycle Race* has been nominated for the 2017 Kirkus Prize. Latest news is that *Big Buddha* and the next two books in the trilogy are being picked up by Ohio University Press for proper American distribution.

Thanks for the support you and so many other veterans have given me (especially Ubon Vets at Facebook).

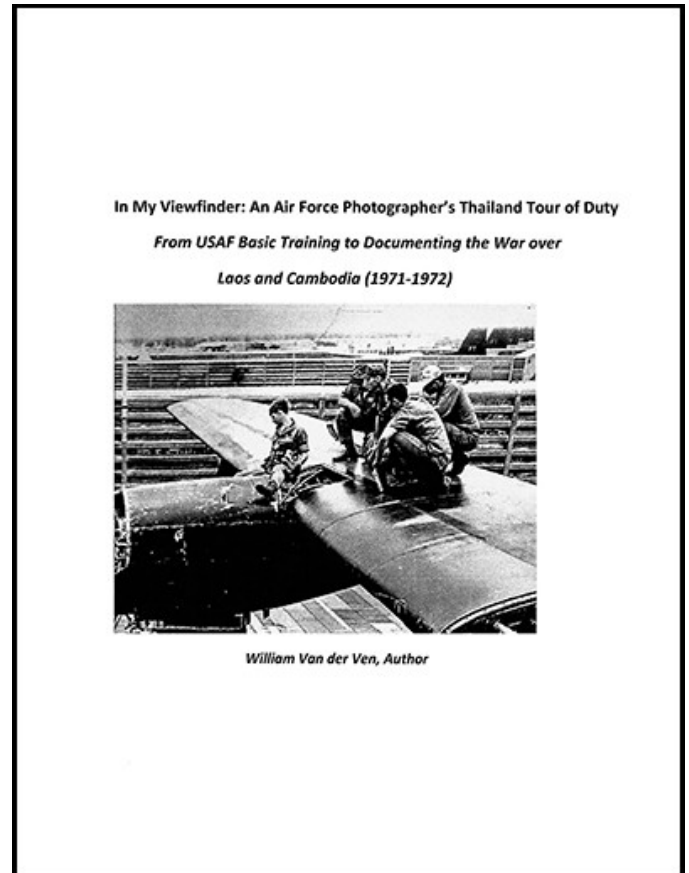


Best--Terry

Terrence Harkin

### In My Viewfinder: An Air Force Photographer's Thailand Tour of Duty From USAF Basic Training to Documenting the War over Laos and Cambodia (1971-1972)

by William Van de Ven



A narrative of a young man from Basic Training to duty as an Air Force Still Photographer at Det 3, 601<sup>st</sup> Photo Flight, 8<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Wing, 7/13<sup>th</sup> Air Force, Ubon RTAFB, and beyond.

Seems to be a self-published book by the author. Available from W. Van der Ven, 84 Clementine Dr., Atoka, TN 38004 or contact at [williamvanderven@gmail.com](mailto:williamvanderven@gmail.com)

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