



OUTLAW MONTHLY BULLETIN



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Distance and time may separate us

but friendship and memories won't

Dedicated to those who have invested their lives to the cause of Freedom in America! God Bless our Men and Women who are (or Have) in any way or manner served to protect our Great Nation and the freedom we have. **And God Bless the United States of America**



14th Year Edition

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924 Reunion/Fasching Party: Saturday 11 Nov

The annual Fasching/924 Reunion Party will be **11 Nov** this year with beer, brats, live music, and fun!

Time: All day

Location: 215 Spanish Oak Trail, Spicewood, TX 78669

Host: Charlie Torruella (512) 589-3817

924 Quarterly Luncheons:

Madelle Sherry is the organizer for the luncheons.

The luncheon will be on Wednesday **17 Jan 2018**

Golden Corral located at 12509 N Lamar Blvd. in Austin

From 12:00pm - 1:30pm.

Hope to see you there.

Thank you,



Walt Thompson health info: 01 Nov

To all my 924 friends. Just suffered another bout of pneumonia was in the hospital for 11 days this time. Got to come home yesterday. This was the 3rd time I have had it since February of this year. Hopefully it will be the last time. Am taking lots of meds so wish me luck. Thanks to all.



TDY to Little Rock AFB: Ed Copher, Oct 2017

Went to a cousin's funeral in Arkansas, stayed at Little Rock AFB. Very nice lodging (\$60), two room suite with TV in each room, of course called **Razorback Inn!** Anyone that is allowed on base can eat in the chow hall and no ID required. You pay for each item, priced about like a Luby's. The golf course has a great breakfast. Many C-130J's stationed there. Someone crooked all the props.....Ha!





Main gate LRAFB. On 29 April 1975, this Herk was the last out of Vietnam during the fall of Saigon. With over 100 aircraft destroyed on the flight line at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, some of them still burning, it was the last flyable C-130 remaining. In a very panicked state, hundreds of people were rushing to get aboard, as the aircraft represented a final ticket to freedom.

People hurriedly crowded into the Herk, packing in tighter and tighter. Eventually, the loadmaster informed the pilot, Major Phuong, a South Vietnamese instructor pilot, that he could not get the rear ramp closed due to the number of people standing on it. In a moment of inspiration, Major Phuong slowly taxied forward, and then hit the brakes. The loadmaster called forward again stating he had successfully got the doors closed.

In all, **452 people were on board**, including a **staggering 32 in the cockpit alone**. Using a conservative estimate of 100 pounds per person, it translated into an overload of at least 10,000 pounds. Consequently, the Herk used every bit of the runway and overrun before it was able to get airborne.

The target was Thailand, which should have been 1:20 in flight time, but after an hour and a half, the aircraft was over the Gulf of Siam, and they were clearly lost. Finally, a map was located, they identified some terrain features, and they were able to navigate. They landed at Utapao, Thailand after a three and a half hour flight.

Ground personnel were shocked at what "fell out" as they opened the doors. It was clear that a longer flight would almost certainly have resulted in a loss of life. In the end, however, all **452 people** made it to freedom aboard this historic C-130.

Upon landing, the aircraft was reclaimed by the United States Air Force and was assigned to two different Air National Guard units for the next 14 years. On 28 June 1989, it made its final flight to Little Rock Air Force Base, current home of the 314th Airlift Wing, and was placed on static display.

****Note:** Normally a C-130A can carry a max of 40 passengers.

Ron Meitzen, Hallettsville, TX:

Killed 7 feral/wild hogs on his place. Way to go Ron.....Christmas hams....yes!



Aircraft Maintenance Statue at Sheppard AFB, TX:





Veterans will not be watching or listening to NFL games on **Sunday 12 Nov & Monday 13 Nov** in solidarity with veterans around the country, as football players have continued to disrespect the national anthem, the American flag, Military Heroes, and everything our nation stands for.

Boycott all football telecasts. All fans, all ticket holders, are asked to stay away from attending or viewing any NFL games on Sunday 12 November; let the NFL play to empty stadiums.

Pass this post along to all your friends and family. Honor our military, some of whom came home with the American Flag draped over their coffin. Continue with the weekly boycott of televised games, but let's make this a day the owners, coaches, players, and advertisers will notice.

They have a right to protest if they want to, but during the National Anthem is NOT the time or venue! They show an utter lack of patriotism and total disrespect for our Veterans – living and dead – and everything for which they put their lives on the line!



VETERANS, SHOP THE ONLINE BX/PX
shopmyexchange.com/veterans

The Department of Defense will soon grant online exchange shopping privileges to Veterans of all United States Armed Forces, including:

- TAX-FREE SHOPPING
- NAME BRAND PRODUCTS
- EXCLUSIVE MILITARY PRICING

KNOW A VETERAN, TELL A VETERAN

Send Veterans to VetVerify.org to submit a verification form to check their eligibility.



Retired Golf Classic: Submitted by Doug Frenzel doug.frenzel@sbcglobal.net

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NRMGC 2018 Newsletter #1

Hey fellow golfers and comrades in arms,

Hope you all had a great and non-laborious Labor Day. Hope you've had plenty of time to chase the little white ball around your favorite courses and get your games ready for next year's 35th Anniversary of the National Retired Military Golf Classic. If not, you still have plenty of time to get those swings grooved and recruit all your retired golf buddies for next year's special event, **29 May – 2 June 2018.**

Your committee leaders recently met with the Founders Group International (FGI) and Oceana Resorts folks to check out offerings from various golf vendors and discuss this year's 35th

Anniversary tournament. We had a great opportunity to look at some great golf “stuff” for our goodie-bag and prizes. So far we’ve picked a shirt color and basic design, but you’ll have to wait until registration to see it! There are many more decisions to make, but we’re sure you’ll be pleased. Of course we’re sticking with the all prime time tee time schedules, morning tee times, and FGI has again agreed that we will be allowed to use 6 to 8 courses with the maximum on each course of about 128... and the **price will remain the same as last year**. We and FGI in coordination with Robin Pringle, Tournament Director with Oceana Resorts, will make the determination early in 2018 on how many and which courses we’ll play once an estimate of our numbers can be established. The ladies will still play 3 different courses. FGI has assured us that they’ll accommodate as many retired military golfers as we can recruit, so if we need more courses we’ll get em’. Our committee is starting a Facebook page and re-doubling our efforts to market the tournament...but more than anything we need **your help** to get the word out. By far the most successful recruiting comes from your personal, face-to-face testimonies about this great event. And please let your eligible golf buddies know that **THERE IS NO WAITING LIST. ALL MILITARY RETIREES AND THEIR SPOUSES WILL GET IN IF THEY APPLY.**

So regardless of the number of players, and hopefully we can bring back a lot of previous players as well as new folks, we will be playing prime courses during prime time without undue delays. All afternoons and evenings will be free for your friends and families to partake in other vacation activities. We know many folks rent homes and condos at the beach which run from Saturday to Saturday and now you and your friends can enjoy those days at a significantly reduced price. Oceana Resorts may also try to assist in providing economical hotel packages during the week prior to our tournament. FGI is also looking to provide great deals on their lunch/replay programs with even greater savings. More to come from the folks at FGI.

Your committee, Founders Group International, Oceana Resorts, Alabama Theatre, PGA Tour Superstore and our other supporters are dedicated to making this year’s 35th Anniversary tournament a special memory for each and every player and family member. We’ll have a new member orientation this year; bring out some new prizes; provide every player a coupon per round for beer/soft drinks afterwards to socialize with fellow players/comrades; institute competitions during the waiting times for award ceremonies; a few other new ideas; and of course continue to offer comradery on some of the best golf courses around. One more positive change we’ll institute this year...in addition to allowing players over 70 years of age to play from forward tees, we’ll have a **“super senior” tee for players over 80 years of age**. Also in recognition of our loyal and most experienced players, don’t forget to dig up that old NRMGC shirt and compete for the coveted “OLDEST SHIRT” prize.

In recent months poster board signs announcing next year’s tournament have been placed at numerous military golf courses along the eastern seaboard including Ft. Lee, Va; Ft. Belvoir, Va, Andrews AFB, Md; Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md; McGuire AFB, NJ, Sewells Point, VA, Oceana, VA, Cherry Point, NC, Camp Lejeune, NC and Ft. Bragg, NC. Future stops are planned at Ft. Lee, Va; Quantico Marine Base, Va; Charleston AFB, SC; Ft. Gordon, Ga, Ft. Benning, Ga; and all military bases we visit prior to the tournament next year. The assistance we need from you is to let your fellow retired military golfers retirees know of next year’s National Retired Military Golf Classic, 30 May - 3 June, 2017. Help us spread the word! We welcome retired military golfers from all courses and clubs across the nation. If you would like one of our poster boards to post at your local golf course, just contact us and we will get one out to you.

So again, we need you to come back and bring plenty of your fellow retired comrades for this year's special event. One thing you can do to assist us in this effort is to pass this newsletter and future newsletters along with your endorsement to all your friends who may be eligible to play, and ask your golf course manager to post our flyer and our newsletters. If you're involved in your post Retiree council, or know someone who is, ask them to announce our tournament in their publications. Also please recommend fellow golf buddies who are interested to visit www.oceanaresorts.com/nrmgc and our Facebook page for more information concerning our great event. It is your event... make it grow!

DON'T FORGET: Tell your golf buddies who are signing up for the first time to place your name on the application as the referrer and you'll receive a \$20 gift certificate from PGA Tour Superstore, for each referral. We'll pay the 2019 tournament application fee for our 2018 player with the most referrals!

Other news: We have a new committee member, MAJ (Ret) LeAnn Swieczkowski who brings the committee an experienced military, golf, and marketing background. Welcome LeAnn! Also, committee member Eric Wilson, SFC(R) is now the General Manager at Shaw AFB Golf Course, in Sumter, South Carolina. Congrats to Eric but we feel the Shaw AFB patrons are the true winners. Eric has agreed to stay on the committee to bring the technical insight we need to keep the tournament improving and evolving.

OK enough for now. We'll be providing more information and updates throughout the year leading up to the great event. Remember to register as soon as you can for next year's tournament. We expect to see an increase in players and welcome all new military retirees who are joining us for the first time. The future of the NRMGC is solidly linked to your continued efforts to return each year and bring other military retirees with you to the tournament. Thanks for participating in our tournament and may God continue to bless you and your families.

Sincerely,
The NRMGC Committee:
MG(R) Abraham Turner, Chairman
COL(R) Al Whatley, Director

No Closing Cost on Veteran's VA Loans: Only good until 15 Dec

Huntington Bank. We are able to pay all lender, title company and appraisal fees for all veterans using VA financing in all states. I would be happy to make a donation. I was hoping to get the word out about our promotion as it only lasts through 15 December.

Attachment for VA financing promotion with us paying closing costs, from lender, Title, and appraisal fees.

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Flooded Cars & Trucks from Hurricane Harvey: Waiting to be crushed

This picture is in Columbus near I-10, there are 2 more, one in Baytown and one in College Station.

Over 100 acres.



Bastrop American Legion F-4D Restore:

Post 533 F4D Restoration

September 21

Let's make this beautiful airplane shine again!! This Iconic warrior started its life at DaNang Viet Nam in 1968 and pulled tours with the NATO Watch at Incerlick Turkey while stationed at Torregon Spain. It retired from 924 TFG Bergstrom AFB, Texas in 1996 to its present location in Bastrop Texas at the American Legion Post 533 on Loop 150 across from the State Park. The post needs to give a corrosive coating and paint that

will cost \$20,000.00 or loose it back to the AF Museum in Ohio. The restoration Committee is waiting on word back from the General Membership before going forward with some fund raising events. However you can donate now at either the Go Fund Me account or the special account set up at First National Bank of Bastrop. Those accounts are:

Go Fund Me - [gf.me/u/cuj85t](https://www.gofundme.com/u/cuj85t)

First National Bank - Make check to American Legion Post 533, marked for Special F4 Account in lower left remarks section of check.

Mail to: First National Bank of Bastrop
489 Hwy 71 West, P.O. Drawer F
Bastrop, TX 78602

All donations are appreciated!





924 RECALL ROSTER

Known Whereabouts: (647 Names)

Revised 03 Nov 2017

New & Changed Addresses:

See website roster

Complete Roster can be found on the 924th website

www.924tfg.com

(Password: *Outlaws*)...O is capital

Will email the Roster upon request



Outlaw low level, at range near Corpus Christi

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