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PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all Rustics, families, and friends.

Your Rustic Board of Directors and planning staff have started plans for the next Rustic Reunion. This reunion is to be our last formal reunion so it should be very special.

Many of us Rustics began our Air Force careers training at Eglin Air Force Base, FL, over 50 years ago while preparing to go to Southeast Asia. We had our very first, and several subsequent reunions, there over the years. So, what would be a more logical location for our "fini" Rustic gathering than Eglin AFB and, specifically, near Hurlburt Field? As you can see in more detail later in this newsletter, the reunion is planned for early November 2025. The weather at that time should be near perfect and the hotel prices at their best. Please make early plans to join us for this important event.

We are planning the Reunion to be very special and memorable as we enjoy camaraderie and remember our fallen Rustics. We encourage you to contact any of the Board Members with any suggestions on what you would like to do and see during the reunion. Laura and I look forward to see many of you there next November so please make your plans now to attend. Please contact me, any of our Board Members, or any of our planning staff if you have any questions or suggestions. **Johnny Drury**



Johnny and Laura Drury & Bailey

ANNUAL ROSTER UPDATES. In addition to receiving this newsletter, every Rustic and person on our Next-of-Kin roster should receive a separate email with an updated Rustic Roster and Next-of-Kin Roster. If you do not receive these, contact **Claude Newland** at 850-582-1074 or rustic19@cox.net. We suggest you save your copies for future reference.

FINAL RUSTIC REUNION – [NOV 6-9, 2025](#), FT WALTON BEACH, FL. Save the date! Its official. The Rustic FAC Association's final reunion will be held Nov 6-9, 2025, in Ft Walton Beach, FL so start making plans now for a historic gathering. This would be a good reunion to bring your kids and grandkids.

Reunion details are still being worked but they will include, as a minimum, a visit to Hurlburt Field to visit the Air Park which contains our FAC aircraft and the FAC Memorial. We will also receive a mission briefing by the Air Force Special Operation Command (AFSOC) and a briefing by our modern-day Joint Tactical Air Controllers (JTACs) who now control airstrikes from the ground. This will be followed with a lunch at the on-base Soundside Club.

Other reunion events may include a visit to the famed National Naval Aviation Museum at Pensacola, a dolphin/sunset cruise from the beautiful Destin harbor, and of course, several great seafood dinners throughout the weekend. Saturday's final BIG events will include a business meeting that will inform you of the actions being taken by our Board to properly close our Association and a lively banquet that will summarize and recap our Rustic history and legacy.

Reunion details and the reunion Registration Form will be in our June/July 2025 newsletter. If you have any suggestions for the reunion committee, please contact **Claude Newland** at 850-582-1074 or rustic19@cox.net or **Lendy Edwards** at 850-585-3375 or rustic20@cox.net.

2025 REUNION REQUEST - WE'D LIKE TO KNOW 1) IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, AND 2) WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INTERVIEWED BY "WITNESS TO WAR" OR DR. GRAGER FROM TEXAS TECH'S ORAL HISTORY PROJECT. If you plan to attend our final 2025 reunion, please send a short email to our reunion Database Keeper, **Lendy Edwards** (rustic20@cox.net) indicating 1) names of those who will be coming, and 2) if you'd like to be interviewed to preserve your oral history.

This will allow us to advertise who plans to attend our final reunion in future newsletters. If there is someone you would especially like to see at the reunion, now is the time to give them a call.

REUNION HOTEL. Our 2025 Rustic reunion hotel will be the **Hilton Garden Inn (See below)**



The hotel is located about ½ mile west of the former Ramada Plaza Beach Resort hotel where we held our previous reunions. It's a beautiful hotel with all the amenities needed for a great reunion, plus they have the best room rates available, \$110 + tax for up to 4-persons for a non-gulf side with 2 queen-size beds. No need to make reservation now. Our discounted reunion rate will be explained in detail in our Jun/Jul 2025 newsletter. Room rates will be good two days prior and two days after our reunion dates.

The reason for the change from the former Ramada is that it has been rebranded as The Island Resort Hotel and is now corporately owned. This translates to higher prices and excess extra fees.

1997 -- REMEMBER WHEN? Many will recall our first reunion that was held in Ft Walton Beach in Sep 1997. About 165 Rustics and guests gathered for the first time since the Southeast Asia conflict to rekindle friendships and make new friends. There was sheer joy, excitement, backslapping, and unabashed hugs shared by old friends who had not seen each other since 1971-1973. It was intoxicating. Two of our special guests included our Cambodian friends **Col Lieou Phin Oum** and Lt **Kohn Om**. Memorabilia was splashed all about the hooch and Clint Murphy had 1/50,000 and other Cambodian maps displayed on most of the walls. Ah, the memories came flooding back.



Col Lieou Phin Oum & Lt Col Kohn Om 1st Rustic Reunion, 1997

It was at this reunion that many of us made new lifelong friends that we look forward to seeing at subsequent reunions. Our Bien Hoa AB O-2 Rustics became acquainted with many of the Bien Hoa AB OV-10 crews and they all became acquainted our fellow Rustics who served at the Ubon Royal Thai AB. Many of our pilots and interpreters were reunited for the first time since their last flights together in Southeast Asia. War stories and fond memories abound.

At the encouragement of **Doug Aitken**, those who had super 8 movies taken while in Southeast Asia sent their movies to Doug. That was when we discovered Doug was a Cecil B. DeMille audio-visual guru. He arrived with an entertaining movie collage of OV-10 and O-2 action shots set to the tune of dueling banjos.

When we visited the Hurlburt Field airpark we found there was a small pedestal memorial by the Raven FACs that contained the inscribed names of their 23 brothers who did not return. This was the first FAC memorial. We also discovered there was no OV-10 aircraft to accompany the O-2 and O-1 that were on display. In 1998 efforts were begun to raise funds for a FAC memorial to remember and acknowledge all the FACS who died in service to their country in Southeast Asia. A search was also begun to find an OV-10 for the airpark.

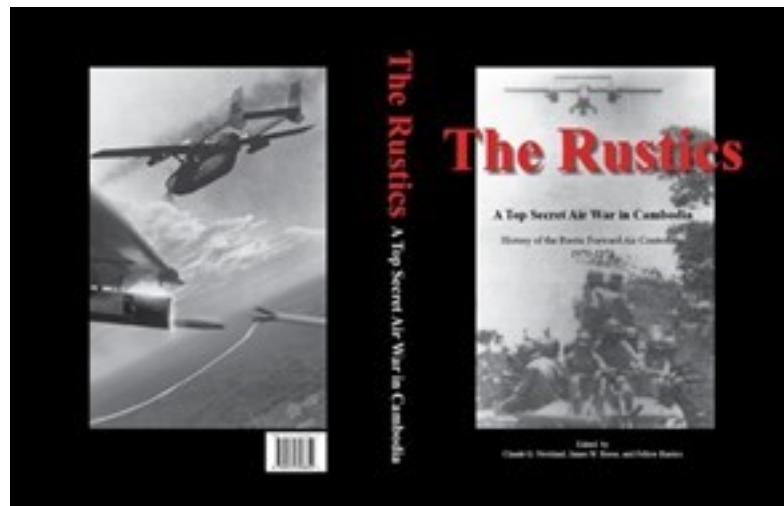
Thanks to the support of many Rustics and members of the entire FAC community, a new FAC memorial and OV-10 tail # 626 were both dedicated in Oct 2000 during the first All-FAC reunion to be held in a number of years. Over 750 reunion attendees were present for the dedication, plus many Hurlburt Field personnel.

RUSTIC BOOKS. Prior to our 1997 reunion, Rustics were challenged to begin writing their own stories for a future Rustic history book. Amazingly, a number of Rustics had already written about their FAC experiences and most memorable missions so the flood gates opened. By the time we held our first reunion we already had a 135 page “draft” book in hand for review. This spurred others to jump on the band wagon and offer up their personal stories and photos for inclusion in the book.

After the diligent work of a dedicated group of volunteers spearheaded by **Jim Reese** and **Claude Newland**, our first hardcover 255-page book, “The Rustics, A Top-Secret Air War in Cambodia” was unveiled at our second reunion in 1999.

As the years progressed and additional reunions were held, many more Rustics and support personnel “found” us. What soon became evident was that there was quite a bit of Rustic history that still needed to be included. The result was a complete revision of our original book in 2011 that culminated in a 468-page hardbound book by the same title that was made available through www.lulu.com (search title “The Rustics”). This book is available today. The hardbound book costs only \$39.99 and the CD book is \$8.99.

If you don’t have a copy of this book, its time you ordered one for your family as a keepsake. Once ordered, the book will show up on your doorstep in about 10 days.



Dr. Kelly Grager
Head of Oral History

HAVE YOU PRESERVED YOUR ORAL HISTORY? If you would like to have your oral history preserved as a keepsake for your family, it’s not too late.

Contact **Dr. Kelly Grager** (806-834-4834) who is the head of the Oral History Project at the Vietnam Center and Archives at Texas Tech University. He will set a date to interview you by phone or in person and you will be provided a copy of the interview.

Doug Aitken has been interviewed by Dr Grager and “Witness to War”. Here are his comments:

“Hi guys, I have been interviewed by both Witness to War and Texas Tech. Witness to War was done onsite at one of our reunions and lasted maybe 90 minutes and strictly focused on my year in SEA.

*The Texas Tech interview was done over about 9 hours, initially on the phone, but later face to face in Granbury Texas, where **Dr Kelly Grager** had recently moved to and where I was visiting my friend **Connie Herzog**. The interview covered my life, not just the Vietnam era, though that was the main topic.*

If sufficient Rustics would like to be interviewed at our 2025 reunion, we will see if Witness to War or Dr. Grager can join us.

FORWARD AIR CONTROLLER ASSOCIATION HOLDS FINAL REUNION. The RUSTICS WERE THERE. The FAC Association recently held its final reunion in Ft Walton Beach, FL on 23-27 October 2024. **Claude Newland** posted a full reunion debrief report on the FAC Association's website. www.fac-assoc.org. Ten FAC aircraft (2 OV-10s & 8 O-1s/L-19s) flew in to support the reunion and offered short courtesy flights on Thursday, 24 Oct., from the Destin Executive Airport.



Reunion events included a Friday morning visit to the Eglin AFB Armament Museum where over 240 attendees received an Eglin AFB mission briefing and an excellent briefing from the director of the Texas Tech Vietnam Archives Oral History Project, **Dr. Kelly Crager**. This was followed by a self-guided tour of the museum. Later that afternoon, reunion attendees took a dolphin/sunset cruise from the Destin harbor.

The main events were on Saturday at Hurlburt Field. The morning started at the Soundside Club with an Air Force Special Ops Command (AFSOC) mission briefing which was followed by a Joint Tactical Air Controller (JTAC) briefing. Everyone was then shuttle bused to the Hurlburt Airpark for a Remembrance ceremony which included reading the names of our 267 FAC brothers who gave all in the service of their country. The AFSOC commander **Lt Gen Conley** and many members of his Hurlburt staff were in attendance. Rustic **Claude Newland** served as the master of ceremonies and FACA Chaplain, **Dale Hill**, was the guest speaker. The Service concluded with an OV-10 and 4-ship O-1 fly-by. This was followed by a buffet lunch at the Soundside Club.



FAC Roll Call. Remembrance Service, Saturday, 26 Oct 2024

4-Ship O-1 Flyby

Over 330 attendees were present for the final banquet held on Saturday night at The Island Resort Hotel. Twelve Rustics were in attendance: **Zot Barazzotto, Don Brooks, Roger Dodd & Margarete, Larry & Pat Driskill, Lendy and Sue Edwards, Phil & Beth Frischmuth, Randy Hetherington, Claude & Tona Newland, Doug Robertson, Nancy Sleight, Frank Sovich, and Mike Wilson.** Roger Dodd and his Seiko Watch band enlivened the evening during Happy Hour with their music.

NEXSTAR TELEVISION SPECIAL TO HONOR VIETNAM-ERA VETERANS. HELP REQUESTED. From Mr. Bill Riales, WKRG.

Nexstar, the parent company of WKRG is planning an hour-long special, plus stand-alone stories in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon, April 30, 1975. WKRG will be producing features on Vietnam Veterans here along the Gulf Coast, as well as in the markets where Nexstar has a television station, more than 170 cities across the country.

The stories will air in newscasts in those markets and will be shared through the Nexstar network available for any other station to air and put online. Some, but not all of those stories, will be included in an hour-long special to be produced by Nexstar and air in all Nexstar markets at the end of next April.

We would appreciate any help you might provide by letting your members throughout the country know that this is what we're doing, and that any referrals about veterans who might want to be included in a feature story can be sent to me or the station. We'll make sure stations in other cities are aware of those folks so they can make contact and produce a story.

I hope this is helpful information. People interested can contact me at briaies@wkrq.com--251-662-3021 (please make sure they leave a message so that I can return the call.

Thanks again for making contact. Regards, **Bill Riales**

REMEMBERING LT COL NADY TAN. One of the Rustic's good friends, **Nady Tan**, passed away in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on August 4, 2024. His complete story begins in Chapter 8., page 378, of our book, "The Rustics-A Top Secret Air War in Cambodia. The following excerpts in *italics* are from his story by **Doug Aitken**.

"Nady Tan's Life is an example of how a family was ripped apart by the passages of war".

"On April 16, 1975, Nady received word that Pochentong Air Force Base, near Phnom Phen, had fallen to the enemy. He anticipated Battambang would be attacked that night. Enroute to Battambang where he was Deputy Wing and Air Base Commander, he "Called and told them to execute the second scenario-the evacuation plan... Nady's family became uppermost in his mind."

After gathering up his family they returned to the awaiting heliport:

"It was almost 2:00 PM. We tried to squeeze onboard but the chopper could not lift off. The pilot said we were overloaded. I looked around and finally discussed with my wife that I could not leave these officers and their family members here; I am responsible for their safety. I begged her understanding and decided to leave my two oldest sons, Saravuth, 15, and Saravath, 13, and two of my sisters. It was a very painful decision. My wife said, 'It is up to you.' We took off with the three youngest children: Sarady, 12, Saradan, 8, and Vinita, my only daughter, 4."

Unfortunately, the Thai government impounded their Cambodian helicopter and Nady Tan was not able to retrieve his two lost sons. After emigrating to the United States, he eventually became very involved with the Cambodian ex-patriot movement and became politically active. In 1979 "He accepted Prince Norodom Sihanouk's call for assistance in forming a resistance organization to free Cambodia." Following the United Nation sanctioned Cambodian elections, in 1994 Nady "Resigned his position at the Internation Refugee Center of Oregon and he and his wife, 'Mom', left behind a very comfortable life style and returned to Cambodia where he was appointed by Prince Ranariddh to the position of Secretary General of the Cambodian Government. He also served as the Minister of the government's Council of Ministers."

When the family first arrived in the U.S. as refugees, they were sponsored and hosted by Rustics **Doug and Carol Aitken**. Nady Tan and Mom were eventually reunited with their two lost sons. You'll have to read Chapter 8, The Cambodian Perspective, to find out how the story ends and what became of his family.



5 Nov 2000, Le Royal Hotel, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Rustics L-R: Bill DeCabooter, Tom Clinch. Jim Seibold, Jim Reese, Dick Roberds, Lendy Edwards, Doug Aitken, Mike Wilson, Ron Van Kirk, Claude Newland, and Don Haller. (Jim Seibold Collection)

When the Rustics made a return visit to Cambodia in November 2000, **Nady Tan and Mom** joined them for a memorable dinner at the Rustics Le Royale hotel in Phnom Penh. Those in attendance included Sam the FAC, Col. and Mrs. Oum, U.S. Ambassador Wiedeman, and Crown Prince Ranariddh. (See previous page picture)

Nady passed away in Phnom Penh on Aug 4, 2024. His son Sarady (the USAF flight surgeon), took his entire family of seven to the funeral. His cousin and his wife also attended from the U.S.

Sarady and his brother, Saravuth, shaved their heads and became monks for a day for the service. The family returned to the U.S. Aug 22nd.

As an aside, Sarady Tan will retire from the USAF in July 2026.



Nady Tan, Secretary General of the Cambodian Government at his Phnom Penh Office, Mar 1999. (Don Mercer Collection)



The Sarady Tan family with Sarady's cousin and his wife from the U.S.. Sarady Tan and his older brother Saravuth shave their heads and became monks for a day



Col. Sarady Tan at his father's casket,



More Photos from Nady Tan's funeral in Phnom Penh

MODERN CAMBODIAN KINGDOM (1993–) From Wikipedia

In 1993, the monarchy was restored with Norodom Sihanouk reinstated as King, and the first post-war election was coordinated by UNTAC. The election was won by FUNCINPEC led by Sihanouk's son Ranariddh in a hung parliament. A power-sharing agreement was agreed with Ranariddh and Hun Sen of the Cambodian People's Party both simultaneously being co-Prime Ministers after the CPP threatened to secede part of the country if power was fully transferred to FUNCINPEC. The stability established following the conflict was shaken in 1997 by a coup d'état led by the co-Prime Minister Hun Sen, who ousted Ranariddh and other parties represented in the government and consolidated power for CPP. After its government was able to stabilize under Sen, Cambodia was accepted into the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on 30 April 1999. Norodom Sihamoni was crowned Cambodia's king in 2004 after his father Sihanouk's abdication.

During the late 1990s and early 2000s, reconstruction efforts progressed which led to some political stability through a multiparty democracy under a constitutional monarchy although Sen's rule has been marred by human rights abuses and corruption. Cambodia's economy grew rapidly in the 2000s and 2010s, and it received considerable investment and infrastructure development support from China as part of its Belt and Road Initiative.

A UN-backed war crimes tribunal, the Khmer Rouge Tribunal, sought to investigate crimes committed during the Democratic Kampuchea period and prosecute its leaders. Hun Sen has opposed extensive trials or investigations of former Khmer Rouge officials. In July 2010, Kang Kek Iew was the first Khmer Rouge member found guilty of war crimes and crimes against humanity in his role as the former commandant of the S21 extermination camp and he was sentenced to life in prison. In August 2014, the tribunal sentenced Khieu Samphan, the regime's 83-year-old former head of state, and Nuon Chea, its 88-year-old chief ideologue, to life in prison on war crimes charges for their role in the country's terror period in the 1970s.



Anti-government protests supporting opposition party CNRP followed the 2013 general

After the 2013 Cambodian general election, allegations of voter fraud from opposition party Cambodia National Rescue Party led to widespread anti-government protests that continued into the following year. The protests ended after a crackdown by government forces. The Cambodia National Rescue Party was dissolved ahead of the 2018 Cambodian general election and the ruling Cambodian People's Party also enacted tighter curbs on mass media. The CPP won every seat in the National Assembly without major opposition, effectively solidifying *de facto* one-party rule in the country.

The global COVID-19 pandemic spread to Cambodia in early 2020. Despite minimizing the disease's spread for much of 2020 the country's health system was put under strain by a major outbreak in early 2021, which prompted several lockdowns. It also had a severe economic impact, with the tourism industry particularly affected due to international travel restrictions.

Prime Minister Hun Sen assumed office 39 years ago and is one of the world's longest-serving leaders. He has been accused of crackdowns on opponents and critics. In December 2021, Hun Sen announced his support for his son Hun Manet to succeed him after the next general election in 2023. In October 2022, Hun Sen warned CPP members that the country's newest and largest opposition party, the Candlelight Party, may be dissolved before the 2023 general election. The warning comes after a June 2022 lawsuit filed by the National Election Committee against the party's deputy president, Son Chhay, accusing him of defamation by speaking out against electoral fraud by the CPP.

A July 2023 Human Rights Watch report showed numerous and significant election fraud and vote tampering in the June 2022 commune elections.

In the July 2023 election, the ruling Cambodian People's Party (CPP) easily won by a landslide in a flawed election, after the disqualification of Cambodia's most important opposition, Candlelight Party. On 22 August 2023, Hun Manet was sworn in as the new Cambodian prime minister.

CURRENT NEWS FROM CAMBODIA

A Chinese-built Bridge Project in Cambodia Starts Underwater Work

A Chinese-built bridge project across the Mekong River in Cambodia started underwater work on Friday, 29 November, in the southeastern part of the capital, Phnom Penh.

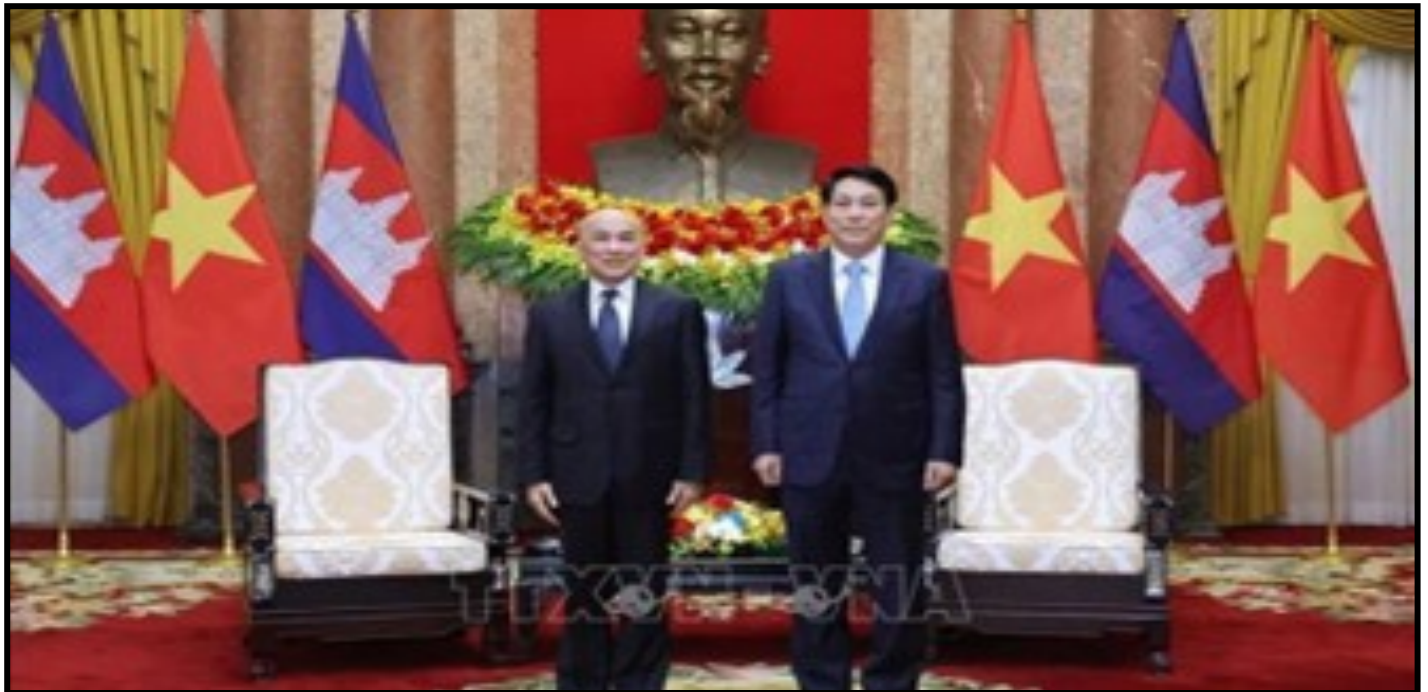
The China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) will build the 1.6-kilometer-long concrete bridge and a 2.1-kilometer-long connecting road. Construction is expected to be completed in 48 months.

Speaking at the event, So Victor, secretary of state of the Cambodian Ministry of Public Works and Transport, said the bridge will benefit Cambodia's infrastructure development, contribute to promoting economic growth, and enhance regional connectivity.

CRBC Cambodia Office's executive general manager Wu Jinhai said the project is another fruit of Cambodia-China cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and a new testament to the two countries' iron-clad friendship and diamond hexagon cooperation.

Most importantly, people will be able to travel across the bridge for free of charge, contributing to reducing poverty. Currently, people travel across the river by ferry, costing them both time and money.

For ferry services, it costs 1,000 riel (\$0.25) for a motorcycle and 10,000 riel (\$2.5) for a car, and it takes about half an hour to cross the river.



Cambodian King concludes state visit to Vietnam. Cambodian King Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneat Norodom Sihamoni and State President Luong Cuong (R) in a photo taken during the former State visit to Vietnam from November 28-29. King Norodom Sihamoni left Hanoi on the afternoon of November 29, concluding his two-day state visit to Vietnam at the invitation of State President Luong Cuong.

REMEMBER THIS LETTER? Below is the letter that started the movement to have our first Rustic reunion.

Dear Fellow Rustics,

Date: 28 Mar '96

MISSION OBJECTIVE:

IT'S TIME TO HAVE A RUSTIC REUNION! It's been twenty five years--can you believe it?--and I'm sure many of you, like me, are wondering where are all the Rustics today, what are they up to, and why hasn't some one organized a reunion?

Well, I've wondered the same thing...then it came to me that maybe I'm the one who should "get the ball rollin."

This past Christmas, I happened to meet Dave Lester who is the brother of Col Jim Lester, who was the first Rustic commander. I discovered Jim Lester also lives here in the Ft Walton Beach, FL area where he works for A.G. Edwards & Sons (I live nearby in Destin.)

After a surprise visit to Jim's office with my old Rustic photo album, Jim and I began to discuss the possibilities of a Rustic reunion ...so...we are going to make it happen.

PREMISSION PLANNING:

I've already started a search through the AF Worldwide Locator Service to locate as many Rustics as possible, but there are many who are still unaccounted (see roster enclosed.) A big part of the problem is not knowing exact legal names, middle initials, etc. or someone has separated from the service and no forwarding address is known. So, if you can help me with correct names, or know the whereabouts of any missing Rustics, please let me know. It's time to put on a full court press to locate people, so they will "get the word" and have sufficient time to make plans to attend the reunion.

A reunion planning group/committee is being formed and will have it's first meeting here in Ft Walton Beach on Saturday, 4 May 96. The meeting is opened to everyone. If you'd like to attend, let me know and Jim Lester and I can put you up for the weekend, so you won't have to worry about accommodations. To date, the planning group consists of Jim Lester, myself, Jim Reese and Sy Gaskill (Jim Reese and Sy Gaskill are coming down from the Atlanta area.)

INTELL:

To help us get organized, and to get everyone else on-board/up-to-speed, we've enclosed the following with this letter:

1. Rustic Personnel Roster
2. Reunion Questionnaire (to be mailed to Claude Newland)
3. History Overview/Guidelines Letter
4. History Questionnaire (to be mailed to Jim Reese)

Please return the Rustic Reunion Questionnaire to me to arrive ~~NT~~ **ASAP** ~~1~~ **MAY 96**. This information will be used to select a reunion date and to begin initial planning.

FOT:

Our goal is to advise you of the reunion dates NLT 1 JUN 96 so everyone has as much lead time as possible for planning purposes. We have no set agenda, as yet, so give us your comments/recommendations.

The date is "up-for-grabs." My own personal analysis suggests an early summer weekend might be best (13-15 JUN 97 or 20-22 JUN 97) for the following reasons:

1. Weather is warm, but pleasant.
2. Schools will be out/graduations over.
3. Avoids family get-togethers over the holiday periods.
4. Frees up rest of the summer.
5. July and August are heavier vacation months here on the Emerald Coast (but still do-able.)

Any time is a good time for me...but what's best for you? Fill out the questionnaire and let us know.

POST-MISSION REPORTS:

Also, please complete the History Questionnaire and send it to Jim Reese. We hope you'll become as excited as we are about our efforts to develop an unofficial history of the Rustics. (You made history--you lived it--now, lets document it!! Someday you'll be glad you did.)

Reunion planning will include information on hotels/motels, costs, etc. We also plan to send you periodic updates through a Rustic Newsletter.

BDA:

As you can see, there is going to be quite a bit of correspondence/administrative work required for the reunion--to include future newsletter updates and the development of our unofficial history.

To help cover the costs of these activities, we're asking each Rustic, if able, to enclose a check for \$20.00, payable to Claude Newland, with their completed Rustic Reunion Questionnaire. Accurate expense records will be kept, and any unused funds will be applied towards our reunion activities.

If you're not sure if you can attend the reunion, we hope you'll still want to support or efforts to locate everyone, and develop a Rustic history.

TIME TO GO TO THE BAR:

I've enjoyed hearing from many of you through your letters and phone calls. Feel free to call me if you have any questions. Expect an update in early June 96.

Sincerely,

Claude Newland

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"RUSTIC 19"

CALENDAR:

- 1. Rustic FAC Association Final Reunion:** 6-9 Nov 2025, Ft Walton Beach, FL
- 2. A-37 Association Final Reunion:** 2025. Dates TBA.
- 3. AC-119 Association Reunion:** 11-16, 2025, The Island Resort, Ft. Walton Beach, FL.

**Start making plans now to join us for the Rustics
final Reunion and Celebration at Ft Walton
Beach, FL., NOV 6-9, 2025.**



*Merry Christmas
to All!
Wishing You a
Happy and Healthy
New Year!*



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