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If you are coming to the 2017 Rustic Reunion, we recommend you save this newsletter for future reference.

## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE.

Greetings Rustics, I write this with the strong hope that each of you are making plans to attend our 20<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary Reunion in October. This is going to be a fun event. Once again **Claude Newland, Lendy Edwards, and Tom Wolford** have done yeoman work in planning the entire weekend. We are especially pleased to announce that **Kohn Om** and seven members of **Col Oum's extended family** will be joining us. Make sure you take a close look at the Schedule of Events.

Your Board of Directors had a busy Spring meeting and there are several issues which will be resolved at the Reunion.

New officers: I am not running for President due to some family health issues, so we will need to elect a new President and re-elect a new BOD. Currently, all the other BOD members have agreed to serve again. We will, of course, request additional nominations from the floor at the Business Meeting.

At the Executive Board meeting, the BOD will hear several initiatives concerning how to continue financial support for our friends in Cambodia. We have several good ideas to consider and the decision(s) we make will be announced at the Business Meeting.

I am honored to have served as your President and I am confident your new President will continue the good work started by our President Emeritus, Claude Newland, over 20 years ago. Your BOD has been a wonderful group to work with.

One last item. Please give some thought to where you would like to have our 2019 reunion. Some have suggested, Dayton, OH or Tucson, AZ. Where would you like to go? Any volunteers to help spearhead a reunion effort? I'll see you in October. **Doug Aitken, Rustic 16**



**ALL RUSTICS – A SPECIAL REQUEST:** Whether you are coming to the Oct reunion or not, we have a special request. After 20 years of comradery, we would like to get an update from each Rustic (or Rustic widow) on two subjects. Here's what we request you do (NLT 1 September):

- Please write a brief bio. update (max one page) on what you have been doing since Southeast Asia.
- Please write what being a Rustic has meant to you and/or what impact being part of the Rustic family has had on your life (max. one page).

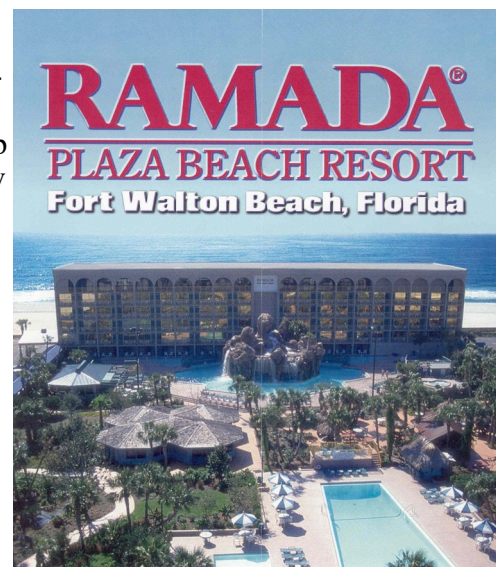
We'd like to make this information available at the reunion or in future newsletters. If you cannot make the reunion, we will try to find a way to share this information with you. Start writing.

**IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR OUR NEXT RUSTIC REUNION.** This year's reunion will be our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year Reunion. Can you believe it!?! The dates are 19-22 Oct 2017, in Ft Walton Beach, FL. To say this year's reunion is special is an understatement. You don't want to miss it! We have a full schedule of events for the weekend and a great banquet speaker, but the best part will be seeing you there!

Our first reunion was held in 1997. Do you remember that weekend, and meeting all our buds you hadn't seen in years? What memories! We've come a long way since then -- reunions, association, website, newsletters, charity contributions, return trip to Cambodia, field trips to visit modern-day Rustics, new friendships and lasting memories. Plus, more reunions. Encourage your buds and their ladies to join us this year. We're not sure how many more of these are in our future. Life is all about relationships and our ties are some of the strongest.

The Reunion Registration Form is at the end of this newsletter. We need to receive your registration NLT 15 Sept 2017, to ensure hats and shirts arrive on time. Late registrations are welcome, but no hat or shirt orders accepted after 15 Sep.

**REUNION HOTEL.** Our Reunion hotel will once again be the beautiful Ramada Plaza Beach Resort on Okaloosa Island, 1500 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32548. Each person is to make their own hotel reservations NLT 18 Sep. Call toll free 800-874-8962, and specify "Rustic Reunion" to receive our special room rates. The discounted room rate also applies three days before and three days after the reunion dates. The room rates (below) include up to two hot full buffet breakfasts which normally cost \$10.95 each. Below rates do not include 11 % tax. (Normal room rates in Oct start at \$189/night.)



| Type room:  | Location:                | Cost:       |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Standard    | Faces parking lot        | \$120/night |
| Courtyard   | Faces courtyard          | 130/night   |
| Pool view   | Tower Bldg., faces pool  | 140/night   |
| Beach Front | Tower Bldg., faces beach | 150/night   |

**ALTERNATE REUNION HOTEL.** Just down the street from the Ramada is the Emerald Coast Inns and Suites at 1214 Miracle Strip Pkwy SE, Ft Walton Beach. They estimated the cost per night in Oct will be \$79.00 for two persons which includes a continental breakfast, but it could be lower. Ask for a Sr. Citizen's discount. Call 855-516-1090 or use their website: [www.EmeraldCoastSuites.Reservations.com](http://www.EmeraldCoastSuites.Reservations.com).

**BANQUET SPEAKER.** Our banquet will be one of the highlights of this year's reunion. Our speaker is USAF Col. Ed Hubbard who lives here locally in the Ft Walton Beach area. He is an internationally known speaker, author, and photographer, who is dedicated to helping others overcome any obstacle, handle any ordeal, and reach any goal by developing the correct state of mind. Building upon his adverse experiences during more than six and one half years of captivity in North Vietnam, Col Hubbard conveys a positive message for personal growth. After hearing his presentation, you will feel good about your country, yourself, and your own ability. His book title: "Escape from the Box – The Wonder of Human Potential" will be available at the reunion.

**HAVE YOU RECORDED YOUR HISTORY FOR YOUR FAMILY?** Here's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. **Martin Madert** will be attending this year's reunion to conduct free video interviews about your time in the service. The interviews take around an hour and you will receive in the mail 3 DVD copies of the unedited video. These interviews may be published on the Witness to War website, found at [www.WitnessToWar.org](http://www.WitnessToWar.org), where the public can easily access over 4,000 firsthand accounts of war from the men and women who experienced it. Your interview can also be donated to the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project as well as the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of the Vietnam War. Appointments are limited, so please contact Martin at 770-628-0024 or [Martin@WitnessToWar.org](mailto:Martin@WitnessToWar.org) to schedule your interview, or if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Martin did interviews at 2016 All FAC reunion and was well received. He is very professional.

Interview timeslots are the same for **Thurs, 19 Oct; Fri., 20 Oct: and Sat., 21 Oct.** Call Mr. Madert now to get the interview time best suited for you. (See reunion Schedule of Events before choosing a timeslot.)

**Available interview time slots: 9:00-10:30 am, 10:30-12:00 noon, 12:00-1:30 pm, 2:30-4:00 pm, 4:00-5:30 pm, 5:30-7:00 pm, 8:00-9:30 pm, and 9:30-11:00 pm.**

**WHO IS COMING?** Here's a list of those already planning to attend:

Doug & Carol Aitken, Zot & Judy Barazzotto, Bob Blair, Don & Jin Hee Brooks, Tom & Peggy Capps (guests, brother George & Mena Capps), Si Dahle, Ron & Rosemary Dandeneau, Bill & Jan Decabooter, Roger Dodd, Johnny & Laura Drury, Jerry & Roselyn Dufresne, Lendy & Sue Edwards, Don & Helene Ellis, Sharon Friedhofen, Greg Friex, Mike & Corinne Gagne (*from France*), Sarah Gabel, Roger & Joan Hamann, Hank & Annie Keese (*from Belgium*), Shad & Carol Kimbell, Dave & Cris Kurau, Jim Lester (*first Rustic /CC*), Chuck Manuel & Valerie Wendt, Bill & Cathy Mc Adams, Jerry & Joan McClellan, Bob & Carmine Montmarquet, Marcel & Denise Morneau, Claude & Tona Newland, Jim & Lynne Nuber, Jim & Marcia Reese, Kohn Om, Jim & Diane Seibold, Nancy Sleigh, Winnie Stearns, Doc and Gayle Thomas, Maj. William Thompkins (19<sup>th</sup> Weapons Sq, Nellis), Jack & Anne Thompson, Susan Van Dyke, Ron & Janette Van Kirk, Mike & Sherry Wilson, and Tom & Theresa Wolford.

*Additionally, seven members of Col Oum's family will be in attendance. We expect this list to grow considerably. Start calling your buds now if they are not on the list.*

**RUSTICS TO HELP CAMBODIAN GUESTS ATTEND 2017 REUNION. WE NEED YOUR HELP.** We are asking all Rustics to help us replenish our Cambodian Reunion Support Fund (*see* Registration Form). Our Rustic friend and Cambodia fighter pilot extraordinaire, **Kohn Om**, will be our guest at the reunion. We will fly him down from Virginia for the weekend. He has been our guest at every Rustic reunion since our first reunion in 1997. We are honored with his presence.

Additionally, we are pleased to learn that seven members of Col. Oum's family will be in attendance; four of his children, plus some spouses and a grandson. They will be driving from Austin, Texas and staying with **Claude & Tona Newland** in nearby Destin. To show our appreciation, we hope to be able to defray some of their reunion expenses as well.

If you would like to help bring our guests to the reunion and defray some of their expenses, please make a contribution to our "Cambodian Reunion Support Fund" on our Registration Form. If excess funds are received they will be carried over to our next reunion. *Thank you in advance for your support.*

#### **ROSTER UPDATES:**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Doug Aitken</b>       | 229 Hein Dr. Clayton, NC 27527  |
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| <b>Pierre M. Ligonde</b> | 12680 SW 144 Ter, Miami, FL 33186, <a href="mailto:peterasterl@gmail.com">peterasterl@gmail.com</a> |
| <b>Jerry McClellan</b>   | <a href="mailto:jlmccele@comcast.net">jlmccele@comcast.net</a>                                      |
| <b>Bob Schwein</b>       | Rustic20.Nail57@gmail.com; ZIP code is 01331-1818   |
| <b>Nancy Sleigh</b>      | 1501 Partin Dr. North, Unit 116, Niceville, FL 32578, same phone 850-897-1045                       |
| <b>"Doc" Thomas</b>      | 3919 Autumn Trace. Maryland Heights, MO 63043; (770) 853-7207                                       |
| <b>Susan Van Dyke</b>    | 913-207-9047  |

**LOST RUSTICS.** We have lost contact with the following Rustics: **Mick Gibbar, John Hatfield, Walt Krueger, Mark Kuprinski, Phillip Moreault, Dave Morrison, Norm Simon, and Joe Spencer.** If you have any information on how to contact them (phone, address, or email) please send your info to our Database Keeper, **Lendy Edwards**, [lendy@cox.net](mailto:lendy@cox.net) or call 850-651-6676.

#### **SHORT BURSTS.**

**--Doc Thomas on the move.** We are moving to Maryland Heights, MO in Jun, but we will be in Alaska through July and will winter in Hawaii. (*Hmmm...tough life Doc, but somebody has to do it!*) We'll be at the reunion. Gayle says that you're the only people who will put up with me. (*So True.*)

**--All Bird Dog Units Reunion.** There will be a reunion for ALL O-1 drivers and their support personnel, 1922 August 2017, in Washington DC. Information is available at: [www.afr-reg.com/Birddog2017](http://www.afr-reg.com/Birddog2017).

--**FAC Museum in Ft Worth. Jim Hodgson** reports, "We have just received the great news that we have been certified by the National Museum of the US Air Force and are now eligible to participate in their static aircraft loan program. We have worked for this for a very long time and this simply supports our credibility of representing all of you and our dedication to preserving our collective heritage. Now, we may see a few more air-planes in our future."

**SARADY TAN UPDATE.** Sarady, son of **Nady Tan**, whom Rustic **Doug Aitken** sponsored to the US, is a real American success story. Sarady is an O-6 USAF Flight Surgeon who most recently was the hospital Commander at Mountain Home AFB. He has just completed the National Air War College. He has been invited to attend our upcoming reunion and we are awaiting a response. His father, **Nady Tan**, continues to live in Cambodia after returning to Cambodia to become the Secretary General (*i.e. chief civil servant*) of the country. Nady is now retired. Sarady lived with the Aitken's for six weeks, after Cambodia fell, with his Mom (who sadly passed away last year) and Dad and two siblings, while his two older brothers were surviving the Killing Fields in Cambodia. The family's story of survival is in the last chapter of our Rustic book.

**NEW MOVIE --"FIRST THEY KILLED MY FATHER."** **Angela Jolie** has made a new Netflix movie which will be released in September. The movie is based on the book by **Loung Ung** who survived Cambodia's Killing Field as a young girl. **Roger Hamann**, Rustic Yankee, put us onto this book several years ago. You may want to read the book before seeing the movie. At Roger's suggestion, we sent **Loung Ung** a letter inviting her to speak at our reunion banquet, but we couldn't get past her agent who is booking all her engagements now with some sporty speaking fees.

**VIETNAM DOCUMENTARY.** **Ken Burns** has produced the definitive documentary about the Vietnam War, 10 episodes, 18 hours of broadcast time. Misty plays a featured role in episodes dealing with the Ho Chi Minh Trail. The show will start on Public TV the week of September 17—10 nights over a two-week period.

**O-2 BEING RESTORED.** From **Noland Hargrave**. FACS, we are restoring Cessna O-2, tail # 86877, as a static display at the Wings Over the Rockies Museum in Denver, CO. I am one of the volunteers in the Restorations dept. and a Vietnam veteran, 67-69. We are working hard to keep the plane as original as possible. It did fly in Vietnam and was stationed with the Illinois National Guard in the '70s. It sat outside in the sun in Arkansas for over 30 years and took quite a beating.

**If you flew this aircraft or have any history on her, please contact me and give me a brief history of your flights, etc.**

**We are missing** only 3 or 4 gauges from the instrument panel, the gun sight, and the armament switches to the right of the gunsight. We are trying to track them down. **We also need a photograph** of any equipment that was in the rear cockpit, if any. We're not sure what went back there.

If you or your members have any contacts for parts it would really help in this project. Do you know if you have any members familiar with the O-2 in the Denver area? We sure would like some O-2 "experts" to visit and give us advice or even help! Thanks for anything you can do to make this project a success. **Nolan Hargrave**, Centennial, CO. 303-717-9494, [nolan1947@hotmail.com](mailto:nolan1947@hotmail.com).

**BRONCOS STILL IN ACTION.** From **Frank Sovich, Rustic 36.** Vice Admiral Mark Fox, U.S. Navy (retired), former Deputy Commander, U.S. Central Command reports:

*The blinding flash of the two 2.75-inch Hydra rockets leaving their tubes in less than a second temporarily blinded the OV-10 Bronco aircrew in their dive toward their target. Minimizing their noise signature at high altitude, they had been quietly stalking the two small boats with four confirmed enemy combatants continuously for three hours. They were moments from beaching their canoe filled with weapons and equipment headed to the front lines. Until that moment, the enemy's resupply route across the river had been completely open, allowing a steady flow of well-trained fighters, weapons, and vital equipment to be transported by canoe and small boat.*

*Both rockets detonated less than a foot from the two insurgents with devastating effect. The Bronco crew immediately assessed their hits, scanned for surface-to-air threats, added power and performed a maximum G turn to set up for an attack on a second canoe in their formation 500 meters upriver from the first target. Alerted to the attack on their lead canoe, the second pair of insurgents jumped from their boat and quickly swam to shore in search of safety. They found none. After the second "cleared hot" from the Joint Terminal*

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*Attack Controller (JTAC), the second salvo of rockets, fired only 90 seconds after the first attack, landed within two feet of the remaining enemy.*

The engagement described above did not take place in 1960s or '70s Southeast Asia. These attacks were executed by naval aviators above the Tigris River in Northern Iraq in summer 2015, exactly 47 years to the day after the first OV-10 Bronco combat engagement in 1968. The contrast in similarities is astounding. In a nod to the heroic naval aviators who preceded them a generation before, the Broncos were painted in Vietnam-era Light Attack Squadron Four (VAL-4) "Black Pony" markings. The 2.75-inch rockets used during the attack were the same deployed in Vietnam, but now outfitted with the advanced precision kill weapon system (APKWS) laser-guidance kits. Even though the aircraft were equipped with the latest high-definition (HD) color forward-looking infrared (FLIR), HD large-screen color displays, helmet-mounted cueing systems, datalink and beyond-line-of-site communications and video, advanced threat warning systems, the latest infrared expendable decoys and night-vision devices, aircrew employed the same reconnaissance tactics, techniques, and procedures and light-attack mechanics perfected during Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm.

**RUSTICS VISIT THE 74<sup>th</sup> FIGHTER SQUADRON FLYING TIGERS – A-10 Rustic FACs.** Five Rustics (**Doug Aitken, Tom Capps, Lendy Edwards, Bob Harris, and Claude Newland**) rendezvoused at Moody AFB, Valdosta, GA on Thursday evening, 13 April. That night they enjoyed a dinner downtown with their 74<sup>th</sup> squadron host, **Capt. Charles "WAE" Cole**. The next day, they had an awesome visit to the 74 FS squadron, flew the A-10 simulator, observed an A-10 weapons loadout exercise, and toured the flight line. The highlight of the visit was briefing the 74<sup>th</sup> FS members on who we are and our Rustic mission in Southeast Asia. They are really into our Rustic history. **Doug Aiken** put together a great slide show and each of the attending Rustics had a speaking part in the presentation. Following the briefing, we presented the squadron two copies of our revised Rustic book for their archives and several Rustic challenge coins. The day concluded with a raucous time in the well-appointed and well-supplied squadron bar. It was like the good old days!

Oh, and Bob's wife, "Charlie", was also in attendance. She added a lot of class to the affair just by being there. Bob and Charlie drove from Oklahoma to attend this event. As you know, Bob recently had some serious medical issues. We're happy to report he has rebounded nicely and is looking good.



**Rustic Memorabilia Wall**



**Flying Tigers and Rustics**

## CALENDAR

**Rustic FAC 20<sup>TH</sup> anniversary year reunion, Ft Walton Beach, FL, OCT 19-22 2017**  
**O-1 FAC Reunion, Washington DC, 19-22 Aug, 2017**

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## LETTERS TO THE RUSTICS

**From Bob Schwein, Rustic 20, Nail 57.** ‘Still working the Import/Export business like I always have. Probably won't retire until around the 2026 - 2030 timeframe. Doing well; excellent health. Right now, I'm scheduled for other activities during the month of Oct 2017. Unlikely I'll be able to swing by the 20th reunion.

### **From Jerry McClellan, Rustic 14**

Hello Lendy. Greetings from NW of Chicago, in Huntley, IL. I am trying to get back into what you guys are up to, and you can help me out. The Rustic website is easy to find and navigate, and I see that my name is on the list. I believe I paid the \$100 lifetime dues. Where can I see or access the newsletters? I see the next reunion is planned for Oct 19-22 in FWB. I need to know more, as we may be able to make this one. Joan and I are doing well up here, and still able to travel. We head to AZ 2 x per year to see family and her Mom who will be 90 this year. We do road trips and are starting to get more into bigger travels and cruises. We visit my two sons in VT and ME and Joan's son in TX. ‘Still very active in the local concert band and dance band as a percussionist. I haven't yet gotten over the loss of Slick...he was undoubtedly my closest and best friend overall in my entire career. We hope you and yours are thriving and prospering. Please reply and help me get back in touch...thank you! **Jerry McClellan**

### **From Lendy Edwards, Rustic 20**

I donated one of **Dick Wood's** red Rustic history books and a copy of our original black book to the 34<sup>th</sup> SOS at Hurlburt Field so I helped spread the Rustic story in that direction. **Lt Ross** was very happy to get the books for the squadron. Incidentally, **Lt Ross** and his dad are the only father/son team we have in our local Daedalian flight.

### **From Doug Robertson, Rustic Control, Monday, Feb 27, 2017**

Today I was able to make it to the interment for **Lt. Col. Merle Shields, Rustic 37**. The weather was perfect with a small turnout of family and friends. I was proud to represent the Rustic's and the family was very pleased that I was able to make it to the ceremony. I have enclosed several pictures that I took to share with the Rustic family. I followed our tradition and placed a nickel on his coffin for the Rustic's and one for myself. His wife was glad that I carried on the tradition. **Doug**

### **From Bob Clifford, Rustic 03, May 2017**

Greetings Tona and Claude: Sounds like you have a great one [*reunion*] in the works. It doesn't seem possible for us to make it as we look at our schedule right now. I have a residency permit now in Denmark (making it the 6th country we have had residency since my Rustic time) and we are selling our big house on the coast and have bought a new condo overlooking downtown Copenhagen. Having reached the ripe old age of 80 it is time to look to the future.

While I enjoy the outside work at our big house right now (I'm going out to do the one hour and a half mowing job once I finish this e-mail) and have no problems with the three flights of stairs we both know that age will catch up and I'll be more comfortable in a downtown one-floor condo. The drive to Copenhagen from our present house is at least one hour and in the winter it is often icy and of course dark, dark, dark in the winter. We do really enjoy the city and all its pleasures so this is another reason to make the move.

We sold our last condo and had actually sold our Beachside 2 condo [*near Destin, FL*] but the financing just fell through so it is back on the market. So, we have not ruled out an October visit, but it looks real iffy right now. Dorte and I think of you two often and wish you the best.

### **From Don Brooks, Rustic 02, 12 June 2017**

Rustic Uniform (George ‘Lunchbox’ Larson) took his final flight on June 11, 2017. Burial was in Cape Canaveral National Cemetery, Mims, FL on 14 June. A memorial service was held 18 June at the Good Korean Church in Orlando. George was proud to have served his country, but particularly proud of the time that he served with the Rustics. Claude and Tona Newland attended the memorial service to represent the Rustics.

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## 2017 REUNION - SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Ramada Plaza Beach Resort, Ft Walton Beach, FL

19-22 October 2017

Revised: 6/2/17

| DATE/TIME                     | ACTIVITY   | LOCATION or NOTES                                  |
|-------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>WEDNESDAY, 18 OCT 2017</b> |  |  |
| 1700-2200                     | PRE-PARTY  | TBD  |
| <b>THURSDAY 19 OCT 2017</b>   |  |  |
| 0600-1030                     | BREAKFAST (comes with room)  | Ramada Garden Cafe                                 |
| 1000-Noon                     | HOOCH SET-UP   |  |
| Noon-1900                     | REGISTRATION   | FAC Hooch (Oasis Room, poolside)                   |
| Noon-1900                     | HOOCH OPEN   |  |
| 1600-1730                     | EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  | TBA  |
| 1800-1200                     | DINNER (Restaurant next door to hotel)<br>--Order from menu (Rustic seating area)  | 1810-Meet in hotel lobby. Depart 1810              |
| 2030-2100                     | OFFICIAL WELCOME   | Hooch  |
| <b>FRIDAY, 20 OCT 2017</b>    |  |  |
| 0600-1030                     | BREAKFAST (comes with room)  | Ramada Garden Cafe                                 |
| 0900-1045                     | TOUR USAF ARMAMENT MUSEUM  | 0815-Meet in hotel lobby to carpool; depart - 0830 |
| 1110-1215                     | EGLIN AFB VISIT<br>-- Briefing on Eglin's many missions<br>-- F-35 briefing<br>-- 96 <sup>th</sup> Test Wing Operations  |  |
| 1215-1330                     | LUNCH ( <i>sign up on Registration Form</i> )  | Bayview Club, Eglin AFB                            |
| 1600-1830                     | SUNSET CRUISE (Destin Harbor)  | 1545-Meet in hotel lobby to carpool                |
| 1900-2100                     | DINNER (at Destin Harbor Restaurant, TBD)<br>--Order from menu (Rustic seating area)   |  |
| 2100-TILL                     | HOOCH OPEN   |  |
| <b>SATURDAY, 21 OCT 2017</b>  |  |  |
| 0600-1030                     | BREAKFAST (comes with room)  | Ramada Garden Cafe                                 |
| 0800                          | GOLF, Eglin AFB  | 0700-Meet in hotel lobby to carpool                |
| 0900                          | HOOCH OPEN   |  |
| 0900-1430                     | FREE TIME<br>--Optional visit to Hurlburt, Air Park & FAC Memorial   |  |
| 1430-1630                     | RUSTIC BUSINESS MEETING/ELECTIONS  | Hooch  |
| 1630-1700                     | BANQUET SET-UP   | Ramada Towers Bldg-Top Floor                       |
| 1800-1900                     | BANQUET HAPPY HOUR—CASH BAR<br>--Individual & couple photos by Jim Seibold<br>-- <b>1845-1900 GROUP PHOTOS</b><br>--Entertainment by Roger Dodd & Bill Hartley | Ramada Towers - Forum Room                         |
| 1900-2200                     | DINNER BANQUET   | Ramada Towers - Forum Room                         |
| 2130-TILL                     | RUSTIC HOOCH OPEN  |  |
| <b>SUNDAY, 22 OCT 2017</b>    |  |  |
| 0600-1030                     | FAREWELL BREAKFAST (comes with room)   | Ramada Garden Cafe                                 |
| Noon                          | HOOCH CLOSES   |  |

**Note: Witness to War Foundation, Mr. Madert**, from Atlanta, will be at the reunion to interview Rustics about their experiences in SEA. The interview lasts about one hour and will become part of the Foundation's archives.

Rustics will need to sign up for available interview slots so they can work around what time is best for them. Each interviewee will receive a DVD copy of the interview. We have done this at past ALL-FAC reunions and it has been well received. I've got my DVD.

# SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!

## REGISTRATION FORM 2017 RUSTIC REUNION, 19-22 October 2017

Please print all information and return with payment **NLT 10 Sep 2017**. (This will ensure time to order shirts and hats.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname (for name tag) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname (for name tag) \_\_\_\_\_  
 What day do you plan to arrive at the reunion? Wed. \_\_\_\_\_ Thurs. \_\_\_\_\_ Fri. \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approx. time of day: \_\_\_\_\_ Coming by: Car \_\_\_\_\_ Air \_\_\_\_\_ (Flight No \_\_\_\_\_)  
 I'm arriving at: Destin/Ft Walton Beach Airport (VPS) \_\_\_\_\_ Pensacola (PNS) \_\_\_\_\_  
 If unaccompanied, would you be interested in sharing a room/expenses with another Rustic? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
**Do you or your guest(s) require any special assistance while at the reunion? Please Specify:** \_\_\_\_\_

I'm willing to help man the Rustic hooch for a couple of hours, if needed. Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
 I/we will be attending the early arrival pre-party on Wed, 18 Oct., 5 pm Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
 I'm bringing memorabilia for display in the Rustic Hooch. Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like to be interviewed by Mr. Madert, Witness to War Foundation. Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
 I won't be attending the reunion, but would like the items ordered below mailed to me. Yes \_\_\_\_\_

### REGISTRATION FEES

|  | <u>Number:</u> |   | <u>Sub-total:</u> |
|--|----------------|---|-------------------|
| <b>Registration Fee: <u>Rustic \$45.00; Guest \$25.00</u></b> (not req'd if banquet only). | x _____        | = | \$ _____          |
| <b>Cost:</b>   |                |   |                   |
| Pre-Party, Wed, 18 Oct, 5 PM   | x _____        | = | \$ _____          |
| Eglin AFB Visit and Lunch, Fri, 20 Oct   | x _____        | = | \$ _____          |
| Sunset & Dolphin Cruise, Fri, 20 Oct, PM ( <i>A reunion favorite</i> )                     | x _____        | = | \$ _____          |
| Golf, Sat, 21 Oct, AM  | x _____        | = | \$ _____          |
| Banquet, Sat, 21 Oct, PM   | x _____        | = | \$ _____          |
| <b>Contribution to Cambodian Reunion Support Fund</b>                                      |                |   | <b>\$ _____</b>   |
| <b>Contribution to Cambodian Charity Fund (Tax deductible):</b>                            |                |   | <b>\$ _____</b>   |

**Reunion Memorabilia Items:**

You can pick them up at the reunion (or have them shipped to you if you are not coming.)  
 T-Shirts have the Rustic logo on the front and artwork on the back. Golf shirts have the Rustic logo on the front.

|                               |  |         |         |   |          |
|-------------------------------|--|---------|---------|---|----------|
| Men's Navy Blue Poly T-Shirt  | Sm _____ Med _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ | \$15.00 | x _____ | = | \$ _____ |
| Men's White Poly T-Shirt      | Sm _____ Med _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ | \$15.00 | x _____ | = | \$ _____ |
| Lady's Navy Blue Poly T-Shirt | Sm _____ Med _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ | \$15.00 | x _____ | = | \$ _____ |
| Lady's White Poly T-Shirt     | Sm _____ Med _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ | \$15.00 | x _____ | = | \$ _____ |
| Men's White Poly Golf Shirt   | Sm _____ Med _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ | \$25.00 | x _____ | = | \$ _____ |
| Lady's White Poly Golf Shirt  | Sm _____ Med _____ LG _____ XL _____ XXL _____ | \$25.00 | x _____ | = | \$ _____ |
| Rustic Coin                   |  | \$10.00 | x _____ | = | \$ _____ |

**Rustic Maroon Baseball Cap with logo. Indicate size and number desired:**  
 (This year's hat is much better than past hats and is not size adjustable.)  
 S/M (6 7/8—7 1/4) \_\_\_\_\_ M/L (7 1/8—7 1/2) \_\_\_\_\_ L/XL (7 3/8—7 3/4) \_\_\_\_\_ \$16.00

x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping costs if not attending reunion: Hat(s) or shirts: \$4.00; hat(s) & shirt \$7.00

x \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL TO REMIT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make a file copy of this completed form for yourself. There are two options to Register:**

1. Mail Registration Form and check (payable to "Rustics") NLT 10 Sep 2017 to Lendy Edwards.
2. Go to Rustic website, [www.rustic.org](http://www.rustic.org), and lookup Rustic Reunions and fill out the Registration Form on-line. Then print the form and mail with a check to Lendy for your expenses.

***If you have questions, call Lendy at 850-651-6766.***

**Lendy Edwards, 11 Poplar Avenue, Shalimar, FL 32579 Email: [Rustic20@cox.net](mailto:Rustic20@cox.net)**



## Ladies Shirt Specifications



**Port Authority® Ladies 5-in-1 Performance Pique Polo. L567.** Quite simply, this is the ultimate easy care performance polo. With exceptional moisture-wicking and odor-fighting properties, this breathable, low-pill style also resists snags. Plus, it has a stain-release finish so it's perfect for food service uniforming.

- White is 5.6-ounce, 100% polyester for increased coverage
- Double-needle stitching throughout
- Flat knit collar and cuffs
- Elongated 4-button placket with dyed-to-match buttons
- Side seam panels
- Side vents

**Ladies Sizes: XS-4XL**



**Sport-Tek® Ladies PosiCharge® Tough Tee™. LST320.** Worthy of its tough name, this snag-resistant tee is durable, soft and smooth. Great moisture wicking combined with bleed-resistant PosiCharge technology means it will perform and endure time after time.

- 4.7-ounce, 100% polyester jersey with PosiCharge technology
- Gently contoured silhouette
- Scoop neck
- Removable tag for comfort and relabeling
- Set-in sleeves

**Ladies Sizes: XS-4XL**

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