

Combat Talon Memorial Ceremony

Here am I; Send Me. Isaiah 6:8 Words Air Commandos Live By! On April 24, 2015 at Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, Florida, members of Combat Talon, past, present and family of lost airmen celebrated our lost hero's! I can't say enough of the hard work put in by the Combat Talon Memorial Foundation who worked so hard to bring this Memorial to Hurlburt Field to be placed in front of CT MC130E, 64-0567, call sign "Charlie" during it's Viet Nam days!

The MC for the dedication was CMSGT (ret) Mike Reynolds, Amn Morgan McLin sung the National Anthem and the Invocation was by Rev. Bill Hawkins. Retired Chief of Staff, Gen Norty Schwartz gave the Sense of History! The Roll Call of the Fallen were read by, SMSgt Noble, MSgt Shero and SSgt Furnish. Seven different aircraft and dates were read with names of the lost military members. MSgt Shero stumbled on the 12 June 2002 Loss in

Afghanistan. Later I found out it was MSgt. Shero's own wife, SSgt Anissa Shero who's name he had trouble reading. Still gives me the "Stray Goose" bumps thinking of that moment! Later, the Emerald Coast Drum & Bugle Corps played "Amazing Grace"! Then with the members of the CTMF the Memorial was unveiled. A magnificent piece of black granite, front etched with 4 Combat Talons and on the back side another single Combat Talon with Roll of Honor of Our Fallen Heroes!

Buff Underwood, President of the CTMF had some words to say before the laying of the Wreath! Just at the most perfect time a Combat Talon did a low fly by as a most fitting salute to our lost heroes!



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Rich Hovan & Former Chief of Staff (Ret) Gen Norty Schwartz



COMBAT TALON

The memorial is dedicated to the memory of the MC-530 COMBAT TALON aircrew members who made the ultimate sacrifice while flying one of our military's most critical and dangerous missions. The primary objective of these worldwide missions was the clandestine infiltration, resupply and exfiltration of US and Allied Special Operations Forces.

Beginning with the first operational missions over the jungles of Southeast Asia, valiant and dedicated COMBAT TALON airmen continue to answer their great Nation's call and execute its challenging and demanding missions, without fail. Dedicated 24 April 2015, through the efforts of the Combat Talon Memorial Foundation and the worldwide Combat Talon community.

To our fallen heroes, we humbly and proudly dedicate this COMBAT TALON Memorial





Nancy Newell, wife of John Newell who was commander#6 of the 15th SOS at Nha Trang AB, Viet Nam. (deceased). Promised to hug a Combat

Talon~ 64-0567



After the dedication all were invited over to The Soundside for a reception with some food and beverages.

I attended this event with Danny Nunn who was my room mate in Nha Trang Viet Nam when we were Crew Chief's, me on 64-0567 & Danny on 64-0568. Meeting up with Ron Rowe, Mike Tribble and Dusty Rhodes my Viet Nam era friends for life

***is a brotherhood only Combat Talon Members can
feel.....***

Story by Rich Hovan

Former Crew Chief of CT MC-130E

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68/69 Nha Trang AB, Viet Nam