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SrA Ehren Stuart Sherow born May 19, 1980 passed away May 2, 2007 in Phoenix, Arizona. Survived by his loving wife, Sandra; parents, Debra and Dr. Randall Sherow; sister, Brooke; in-laws, Berner and Marilyn Loftfield; sisters and brothers-in-law, Stacy and Artie Nuttall, Shawn and Chris Schagel and Stevie Loftfield; grandmother, Gloria Sherow; grandfather, Bill Marx; aunts and uncles, Cheryl and Bounce Cole, Heather and Bill Marx, Michael Gitelman; many loving cousins, nephews, nieces, friends and his cherished dogs, Magic and Duty. Ehren Sherow was an Air Force Reserve Helicopter Crew Chief assigned to the 943rd Rescue Group at Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona. Ehren is scheduled to receive his diploma from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University on May 12, 2007 with a degree in Professional Aeronautics.



Bobby Overturf, 85-year old Denison resident went home to be with the Lord April 2, 2007.

Bobby was born to Robert and Sibbie Jane Fennell Overturf on December 29, 1921, in Denison, Texas. He graduated from Denison High School in 1940. He married Catherine Chloe Newton on March 30, 1941. They celebrated 66 years of marriage this year.

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Members of Hyde Park Baptist Church, Bobby was also a member of the Billy Mosse Lodge 1152 AF&AM, a Past Master, Golden Trowel, and a member of Hella Shrine. He joined the USAF at Perrin Field in February 1942. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel in August 1964. After retiring from USAF, he worked for the Katy Railroad for 15 years.

He is survived by his wife: Catherine; 3 children: Rebecca Russell; Dennis Overturf and wife, Lois; John Overturf and wife, Phyllis; grandchildren; Bobby Russell and wife, Leslie; Charlie Russell and wife, Kim; Cathy Medlin; Brian Russell; Denise Overturf; Brian Overturf; Ashley Overturf; Travis Overturf; and 8 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his mother, father, brothers, Louis and Herman Overturf and sister, Helen Offutt.



LINK, LT. COL. (RET) JOHN AUSTIN , 75, of Louisville, passed away Sunday, April 1, 2007 at Baptist Hospital East. He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo Link; daughter, Nancy Allgeier; son, Richie Link; brother, Jim Link; seven grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. A memorial service will be 3 p.m. Wednesday at St. Andrew United Church of Christ, 2608 Browns Lane.



The **USAF ROTORHEADS** web site, <http://rotorheadsrus.us/>, is a work in progress and is updated frequently with information that is pertinent to our goal of documenting and preserving Air Force heicopter history. Send us your stories and pictures and we will get the items posted. Check us out.

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The *Air Rescue Association* and the *Pedro Rescue Helicopter Association* will hold their next joint reunion, Wed., 19 Sept. through Sat., 22 Sept. 2007 at the Galt House Hotel & Suites in Louisville, KY. For reunion details, check out the ARA and PRHA web pages or contact Marilyn Nicholas, ARA Director/Public Relations ([mjnyk@sbc.global.net](mailto:mjnyk@sbc.global.net)), John Flournoy, ARA President ([jfournoy2@comcast.net](mailto:jfournoy2@comcast.net)) or Ed Cartwright, Membership Chairman for the ARA and PRHA ([edcartwright@yahoo.com](mailto:edcartwright@yahoo.com)) for more information on the ARA/PRHA reunion.

### **"H-43 Information"**

For all of you H-43 fans, especially those that served in SEA on that grand old bird, Johan Ragay has received copies of all the old Kaman "Rotor Tips" from Kaman with authorization to publish the stories on his website. He has published several of them and has more to go. If you can assist him with any info such as dates on some of these stories it would be greatly appreciated. You may contact him through his web site which is <http://www.h43-huskie.info/>.

### **"NOTICE"**

If you have a Air Force helicopter story that you would like to share and prefer not to join our group, we would be happy to hear it. Stories and/or pictures are welcomed. Items that we post will be credited to the contributor. Send your input to [rotoheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotoheadsrus@yahoo.com)

Check the "[Links](#)" page on our website for links to other sites that document and preserve Air Force helicopter history. No one site can gather all the information so with a concerted effort we are doing a great job. These other sites have a significant amount of history posted. Check them out.

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→ ROTORHEAD LOCATOR ←

**Tom Brownlee** Tom has one of my trainers when I served in Air Rescue at McConnell AFB back in 1971-72 time frame. (Please Tom Skaug at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

**Bill Scravini** Tony Markham is looking for him. The last I knew he was at Hill AFB UT in the Test Sq. In the 80's I believe his rank CMSgt. (Please contact [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

**Terry C. (T.C.) Smith** He was in the 21st SOS from Sep 67 to Nov 69. When he returned from NKP he went to Eglin and I lost track of him there. His home was Palatka FL but I haven't been able to locate him via the Internet. (Please contact Rick Estep at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

**Fred Faust** The last time I talked to him he was at Patrick AFB and a Lt. Col. flying the H-3. I also know that at some point he was flying H-3's out of NKP or Udorn but I am not sure of the time frame. (Please contact Don Larsen at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

**Huey/Pave Hawk** Looking for anyone that is either a helicopter maintenance crew chief type or flight crew member currently associated with the Hueys or Pave Hawk. (Please contact us at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

**Jimmy W. Blackwell** I last talked to him in 1967 at Udorn when he was a FE in the 20th SOS. (Please contact Don Larsen at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

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**Donn Hassman** Contact Bob Runninger at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com) if you know where Donn Hassman may be.

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**Larry Dreyer** Last seen at NKP as a FE in the 21<sup>st</sup> SOS in 1969. (Please contact Jim Burns at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

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**William "Bill" Wilson** Last seen in 1962/63 at Stead Air Force Base. (Please contact Jim Moore at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

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**Larry Collins** Last seen at the 33<sup>rd</sup> ARRS at Kadena have been informed he retired out of Indian Springs. (Please contact Jim Moore at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

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**Hienrich "Herbie" Herber** He was German born and the last I saw or heard from him was in September of 1965. We were stationed together at Minot for about 2 years. He was from New York State. (Please contact Jerry Bucknall at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

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**Francis Fisher** I believe we were together in the 5040th in Alaska. We were also together at NKP and the 20th in 67-68. (Please contact Jim Burns at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

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**Richard "Rick" Wert** He was in the 21st SOS in 73 - 74 time frame. He was an old rotor head from Hill AFB. I lost contact with him when NKP closed in 75. (Please contact Woody Freeman at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

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**William O. Johnson** We were together at Det 11, 38th ARRS, Tuy Hoa Vietnam in 68/69. (Please contact Ron Smitham at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

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**Hank Theriot** Information is as follows: ACFT HH-53C, tail # 68-10366, Call Sign Jolly Green 70, Unit 37th ARRS, Crash date 25 Nov 71, Survivors were: FE Hank Theriot, PJ R. L. Steed (Please contact Mike Wade at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

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**Members** of the 917S/917H FTD that was at Tan Son Nhut in 1963/64 training VNAF helicopter pilots and mechanics on the H-19 (Please contact Jim Moore at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com))

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Any one knowing where the folks listed in the locator are or where to contact them please let us know. Pass this on to your contacts that are not members of our group. Widest dissemination is requested to assist in locating these "rotorheads".

If anyone knows how to contact the following individuals please pass contact information to [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com)

<i>Dennis Bowling</i>	<i>Glenn D. Hunter</i>	<i>Alfonso M. River</i>
<i>Richard J. Thibert</i>	<i>Paul B. Carter</i>	<i>Patrick J. Cook</i>
<i>Kenneth L. Hudson</i>	<i>Ernest R. Kerns</i>	<i>Mark D. Smith</i>
<i>Steve McKone</i>	<i>John F. Reese</i>	<i>Jon E. Sorensen</i>
<i>Joseph A. Slavik</i>	<i>Christopher R. Scott</i>	<i>Paul A. Heller</i>
<i>Floyd Watson</i>		

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**NOTICE~~INFORMATION BEING SOUGHT~~NOTICE**

One of our group Historians, Wayne Mutza, is seeking stories from anyone who may have had anything to do with the Hughes OH-6A "Loach". If you have anything to contribute please get it to Wayne. If you don't have his email send it to [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com). Wayne has a book in progress on the Loach and would appreciate your assistance.

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Wayne has a new book that will be released in September 2007. The title is ***"Green Hornets" The History of the U. S. Air Force 20<sup>th</sup> Special Operations Squadron***

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Jim Henthorn, who is doing research for a book on AF Helicopter Special Operations, is looking for the any crewmembers or anyone with specific information from the 20th Helicopter Squadron during the A Shau Valley SF Camp rescue.

Jim is also looking for a member of the 20th SOS, time period Nov 68 to Jan 69. Contact Jim at [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com)

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**We continue to seek inputs for our Blog and website from the members, so if you have stories, pictures or whatever send them as well as any comments (positive/negative) on the Blog and/or the website to [rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com](mailto:rotorheadsrus@yahoo.com).**

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On 3 April the website was awarded the **Angry Skipper** award for excellence and honesty.

During April Bob Strout joined the group.

During May Scott Curtin, Ed Gilliam, Tom Russell. Ted Trask, Bill Cavano, Joe Vai and Bob Brubaker joined our group. Scott is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Active Duty member.

During the month of May the membership voted on a USAF ROTORHEADS Logo. The Logo selected by the majority of voters is now posted on the web site Front Page. We expect to have patches available soon.

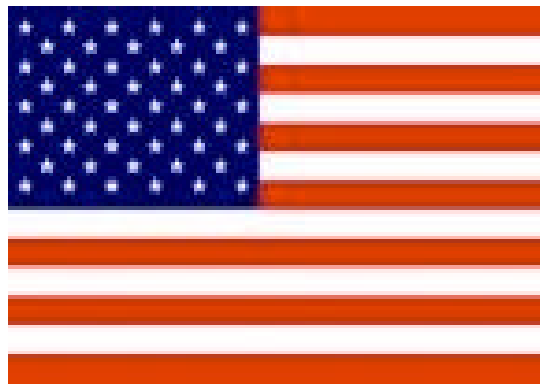
19 May 2007. The website was awarded **the GOLD "Quartermaster of Excellence Award"** and a very special **"Thank You"** graphic.

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25 May 2007. "Received the **"U S Wings Gold Site Award"** for our website.

Jim Woolace, Erik Fricsons and Tom Skaug joined the group in June. Erik is our third active duty member.

There is a link on our homepage "Do You Recognize". This link will take you to some pictures where we want to identify some of the folks in the pictures. If you can help please let us know.



***TO ALL OF OUR AIR FORCE HELICOPTER FRIENDS HAVE A SAFE  
4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY***

***Please forward the Newsletter to all your Air Force  
ROTORHEAD friends and encourage them to join.  
Note: If you are not a member check out our  
website at <http://www.rotorheadsrus.us/> and see  
what we are all about and then contact us and sign  
on. We need your helicopter experiences to achieve  
our goal of documenting Air Force helicopter history.***

***Contact your friends and encourage them to join.***

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