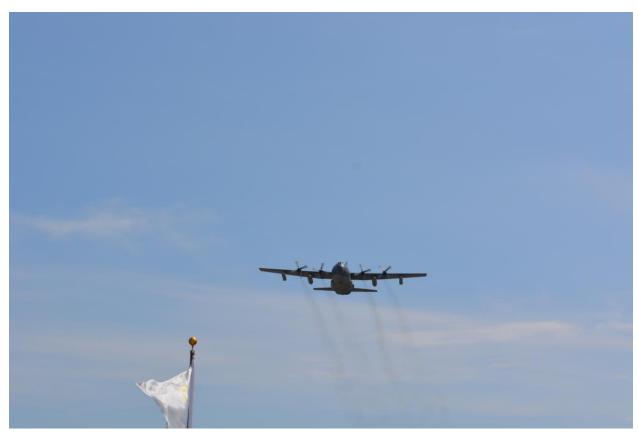
## Combat Talon Memorial Ceremony

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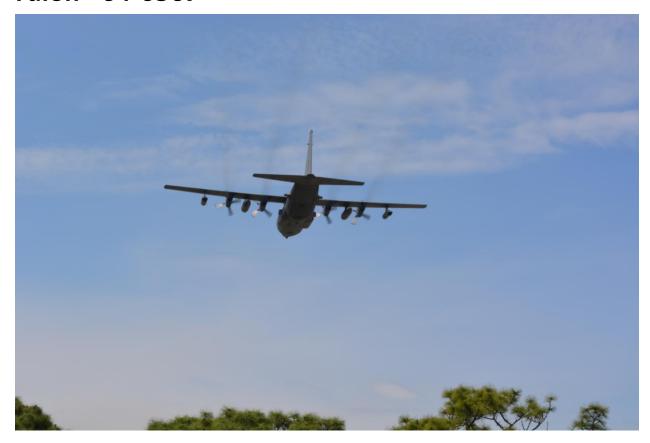
Rich Hovan & Former Chief of Staff (Ret) Gen Norty Schwartz





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

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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

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68/69 Nha Trang AB, Viet Nam