



IN MEMORY OF



David Marr.

Geoff Grebert advises the sad passing of David Marr on the 27th Sept, 2019. David lived in Toowoomba Qld, and passed away at home on a Friday morning. A private family service was held on Thursday the 10th October.





Paul Zajac.

We have received a late notice. Paul Zajac, who was on 9 RMT, passed away last year on the 8th October, 2018



Ross Welsh.

Kerry Harrington said he received the following from Brian Roberts: "Just letting you know that one of your Members Ross Welsh passed away in South Australia on the 3rd June 2018. I am married to his niece Helen and do family history and have just come across papers written by Ross advising of his association with your organization."

Jan (John) Staal.

John Glew advises that GpCapt (Ret) Jan "Ding" Staal passed away on the 25th November. John began on [41 Pilot Course](#), but graduated on 42 Course. He was a foundation member of RAAF Transport Flight Vietnam in 1964 and later CO TSF Butterworth. Jan's funeral was held at St. Andrews Pres. Church, Manly. NSW on Thursday 5th Dec. 2019.



John was born in Holland in 1941 and his family immigrated to Australia when he was 10 years old. After completing his education, he joined Qantas in 1959 but then transferred to the Air Force in 1961 and graduated from No. 41 pilot's course in 1962. John was in the initial Caribou contingent to Vietnam which was then RAAF Transport Flight Vietnam and later become 35 Squadron RAAF. He, along with his aircrew mates, was awarded the United States Air Medal for conspicuous flying achievements during the war. In 1969 he graduated with Distinction from the Advanced Navigation Course and in 1972 was promoted to Squadron Leader and appointed CO of TSF Butterworth which carried out support operations including the evacuation of the Australian Embassy during the fall of South Vietnam.

Seen here with Des Lovett (left) at the retirement party for the Caribou in Townsville 2009

He was then posted to Pont Cook and lectured at the RAAF Academy before being promoted to Wing Commander and appointed CO of 35 Squadron based in Townsville flying both the Caribou and Iroquois in support of Army Operational Deployment. He was then posted to Canberra as Senior Air Force Planner for Joint Policy and promoted to Group Captain. In 1982 he was posted to Williamstown as





Commandant of the Joint Warfare Establishment developing policies and training for Navy, Army and Air Force operations.

He retired in 1984 and commenced a business career in Bathurst and in 1995 joined Rockwell as General Manager of Avionics and Communications and was later appointed General Manager of that Division and then appointed Managing Director of Rockwell Aerospace and Defence, Australia.

He retired in 2001 and became very active in supporting the veteran community and was President of the Air Force Association (NSW) from 2012-2014.

John viewed command as an honour and a privilege to be of service to Australia and mates, regardless of rank.

A Caribou returns from a day's flying at Vung Tau. L-R: Jan Staal, John Lindner and Ken Howard.



Rob Roy McGregor.

Neil hunter advises the passing of Rob McGregor who was on 6TMT. His funeral was held in Werribee on Tuesday the 26 November. Sorry, no further details.

Norbert "Nobby" Williams.

Barry Einam advises that "Nobby" Williams passed away on the 7th November, 2019 in the Tamworth hospital. He had had his driving licence restored recently and set forth a few days prior to the 7th from Coolah but after about 5 hours driving he pulled to the side of the road where he subsequently was found unconscious and taken to Tamworth hospital; he was not lucid after that.

"Nobby" was the CO of 76SQN when it was 'moth-balled' as a Mirage unit in 1973. He was a very popular CO and leader and the "esprit de corps" that the unit had was something to behold. He was 86 years old.



He commenced his Air Force Career when he began [No 23 Pilots Course](#) in 1956. On 21 Jan 1957 upon graduation he was posted for Fighter training on No 25 Vampire Course OTU. In June



1957 he began the Sabre Conversion under the umbrella of 75 Sqn followed by a posting to 77 Sqn at Williamstown. A posting to Butterworth came about February 1959. Nobby was assigned RAAF Liaison Officer Bangkok over the period 1963-64 On 8 Feb 1965 he joined No 8 Fighter Combat Instructors Course During his posting at 2 OCU he was a member of the [Marksmen Aerobatic Team](#), formed in April 1966 and lasted until September 1967. On 10 April 1967 he began No 9 Mirage Course. As a Squadron Leader, during the period Jul 71-Dec 71, he served in Vietnam as a Forward Air Controller.



Nobby was both Flt Commander and CO 76 Sqn (with Mirages, right) until the squadron was disbanded under government orders in 1973

Glen Morthorpe

Barry Byrne advises "It's my sad duty to inform you that Glen Morthorpe, [Course 47](#) October 1963, passed away on Friday evening the 29th November, while piloting a Piper PA31-350 for Medivac Alaska. Glen crashed under unknown circumstances on the Kenai Peninsula, about 15 miles west of the Quartz Creek Airport in southern Alaska. With him were two medical technicians.





Glen was inducted into [The Quiet Birdmen](#) the same time as I was and he was a valuable member of our organization. He was very active in all aspects of aviation in Alaska and served with the Civil Air Patrol and The Medallion Foundation.

Glen McGuire

We have been advised that Glen McGuire passed away over the weekend 15-16 December, sorry, no further details.

Tony Reading.

Bob Hambling advises that Tony Reading, who was initially known as Tony Blyth and was on [17 Radio Appy](#), died on the 6th December. Tony was the SENGO at 2 CRU Darwin in 1983. Sorry, no further details.



Victor Leslie Baker

We've just been advised that Vic Baker passed away peacefully on the 5th July 2019. His funeral was held at St Finbar's Catholic Church, Glenbrook on Monday 15th July 2019. Vic was the WOE with 35 Squadron from Nov 1968 to Nov 1969.

Colin Cliff.

We have also just been advised that Col Ciiff, an ex-Telsop, passed away mid year, 2019. Sorry, no further details.

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