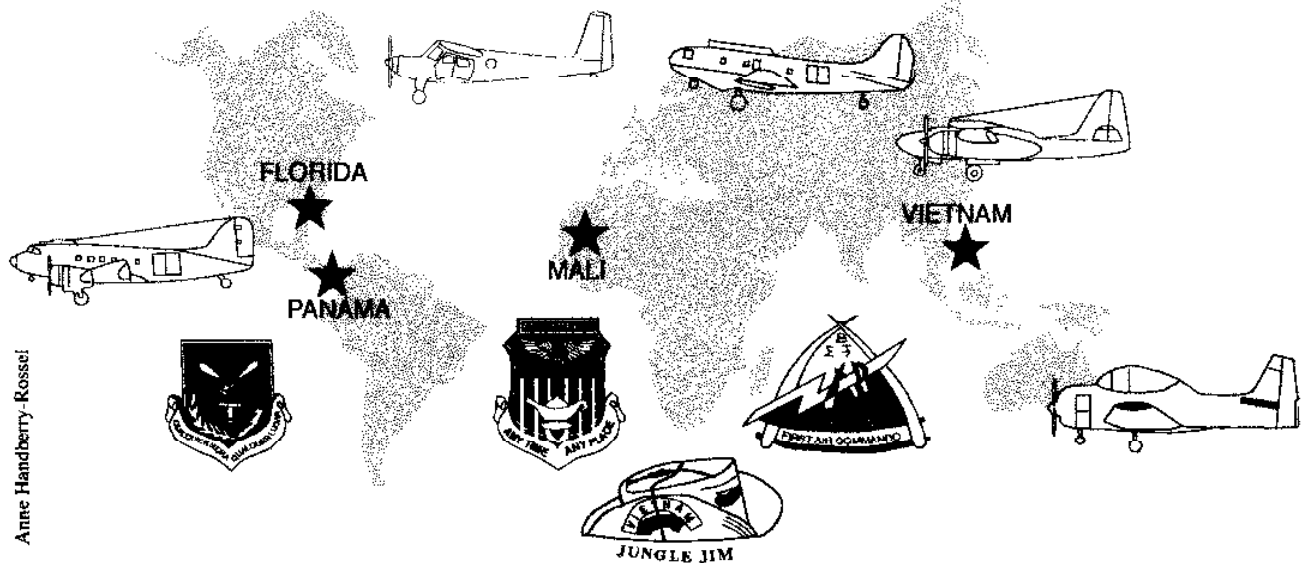


# AIR COMMANDOS 40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION

Celebrating the birth of Jungle Jim, Farmgate and Special Operations  
at Hurlburt Field 1961 - 2001



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The Air Commando Association and Hurlburt's host wing, the 16th Special Operations Wing, have designated Jungle Jim (those who served during the time period of April 1961 to June 30th 1963) as the honored group for the ACA/Hurlburt Reunion Weekend October 4 - 7, October, 2001. On Friday evening, October 5th, the bar and dining room of the old Hurlburt Officers Club is reserved just for them. So if you're "One of the Originals" from the Ben King, Bob Gleason, Chester Jack, Miles Doyle era, and can speak Det 1, Det 2A, and Det 3, this is the reunion for you. It won't be repeated until 2011 - the 50th reunion.

General King will be central to this reunion and we can report that he has recently moved to Oregon, bought a larger plane this year, and will fly to the reunion. Jungle Jim-ers will be thanking him personally for having the wisdom to launch the 1960's Air Commandos in the image of their WWII forefathers - independent mavericks who lived by innovation and (sometimes) backed-in the paperwork. Three dozen restored war birds will be flying into Hurlburt for this special occasion - for old time's sake.

On your reunion reservation form, mark "X" for the Friday Fish-fry and write in "Jungle Jim" beside it. However, don't go to the Fish-fry - our group will meet at the same time, but separately in the

Soundside Club bar and dining room (1800 Friday 'til the bartender gives out). Bypass the Fish-fry tent and head directly to the dining room. Background music will greet you from Saigon's Tu Do Street, Panama's "Lucho Azcarraga", Ron Phillips' "Bamako" (Mali) Bistros and a special from Dick Tegge's "Band of Renown". The US importer of Viet Nam's "Ba Me Ba" beer will also be on hand for old time's sake, but without the headache. Bring your videos, movies and pictures for all to share. For party preflight, read Bob Gleason's book "Air Commando Chronicles: Untold Tales from Viet Nam, Latin America". Relive your past with vibes from the book and regenerate your memory of stories to be retold or to embellish new ones.

Pictures will be taken for posterity and to compare with your younger days. If you cannot do the things you did in those younger days, there will be transportation, designated drivers, taxis, friends and other means can be arranged to take you to and from club and fiesta. Enjoy the bash but don't get the Okaloosa police upset!

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