

VIETNAM ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

ARCHIVAL DONATIONS, NOVEMBER 11, 2010

CAPT. JERRY A. ZIMMER, USMC, CLASS OF 1966

KILLED IN ACTION: AUG 29, 1969

ITEMS DONATED BY: ELAINE ZIMMER DAVIS, WIFE; CRAIG ZIMMER, SON

INVENTORY LIST

- ✓1) Leather Flight Jacket (inscribed w/ 1st Lt Jerry Zimmer), Additional Patches in Pockets
- ✓2) Squadron cap, inscribed with VMFA-542, "Zim"
- ✓3) 4X6 Book w/ Red Leather Cover—Aviator's Flight Log (Every military pilot's Bible!)
- ✓4) Folder w/ R&R pamphlets
- 5) Photos: (In Plastic Bag)
 - ✓a. Zimmer Wedding/ Brown photo
 - ✓b. Lacrosse—Jerry, circa '62
 - ✓c. Jerry's Memorial Stone (Service 8-20-09)
 - ✓d. Craig Receiving the American Flag at Memorial Service
 - ✓e. Family, Friends and Marines at Memorial Service
 - ✓f. Marines Performing Flag-Folding Ceremony
 - ✓g. Elaine w/ Jerry & Billy Peters, '66 (Jerry Peters named after Jerry Zimmer)
 - ✓h. Jan '09, Brett & Ron Davis, Craig Zimmer (Jerry's son) in Vietnam
 - ✓i. Jan '09, Brett & Craig in Hanoi at JPAC, Det2
 - ✓j. Map of Jerry's corrected crash site coordinates, created by Ron Davis (Elaine's second husband)
 - ✓k. Mar '09, Elaine & Mr Du, former Vietcong guerrilla, in Vietnam
 - ✓l. Mar '09, Mr Du performs a Buddhist burial ceremony at Jerry's crash site in the Que Son Mountains
 - ✓m. Mar '09, Mr Du leads Elaine & Lt Col Gene Mares, USMC, Ret, to Jerry's crash site
 - ✓n. Jerry Zimmer & 1st Lt Al Graf, last known photo of both before their death, Aug 29, 1969
 - ✓o. Jerry outside hootch '69
 - ✓p. Jerry at Da Nang Air Base in Vietnam '69
 - ✓q. Jerry at Graduation
 - ✓r. Jerry & Gene in front of an F4 Phantom, '69 (Gene traveled w/ Elaine to Vietnam, Mar '09)
 - ✓s. Jerry & son Craig w/ F4 Phantom in Beaufort, SC, circa '68 (Last duty station before Vietnam)
- 6) Personal Letters (In Plastic Bag)
 - ✓✓a. From Jerry, Aug 21, 1969 – eight days before his death
 - ✓✓b. " " Aug 11, -- interesting letter about the war
 - ✓✓c. " " May 21 – Jerry writes a little about Charlie Pigott's death (Brown, Class of '66)

- ✓d. From Gene Mares, Oct 16, 1969 – Jerry's good friend, discusses Jerry's death (No envelope)
- ✓e. From Cpl Richard Intlekofer, Oct 3 '69 – Beautiful letter from an enlisted man in squadron
- ✓f. From Mary Ann Graff, Sept 28—wife of Al Graf, who was killed w/ Jerry
- ✓g. From Capt Bob Frantz, Oct 20 '69 – discusses Jerry's crash
- ✓h. From Capt John French—Sept 23—discusses Jerry's crash (Harvard NROTC/long-time friend of Jerry's)
- ✓i. From Jerry's Mother, Elma—Apr 30 '69 – Jerry's mother wrote to Elaine regularly
- ✓7) Two (2) Red Leather Award Folders (8 X10), Air Medal Citations—Bronze and Gold Air Medals—Awarded Posthumously for earlier missions.
- 8) Military Papers, letters (Green Plastic File Pocket)
 - ✓a. Western Union Telegram, Advising of Capt Zimmer's Death (Yellow)
 - b. Blue brochure—Memorial Service in Vietnam for Jerry Zimmer & Al Graf at Da Nang Chapel on Base
 - ✓c. Letter from Joseph Garrahy, Lt Gov, RI, Sept 8, 1969
 - ✓d. 2-page letter from Col K.A. Smith, Jerry's Commanding Office in Vietnam, VMFA-542 (Responding to my letter)
 - ✓e. Condolence Letter from General Leonard Chapman, Jr, Commandant of the USMC, Oct 29, 1969
 - ✓f. Letter to Jerry's parents, Warren & Elma Zimmer, 6 Mar '68, received a "High Flyer" Award for Excellence in Kingsville, TX—very prestigious award
 - g. Letter 20 May '68, Kingsville, TX – Jerry officially becomes a Naval Aviator after 18 mos of intensive training
 - ✓h. Official Casualty Report in Jerry's Military Record—original was a microfiche so paper is black
- ✓9) Oral History Transcript and CDs

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in Bronze
Star folder ←