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On Saturday, Oct 28th, at 1 PM we will hold our next meeting at the Florham Park Diner. After the lunch, Dale “Bud” L. Leppard, retired Airline Captain, Engineer, who was invited to our last meeting by Bob Kennaday, will give a talk on “Our last flight into Bien Hoa during the Vietnam War Tet Offensive.” For more about it, see his notes at: [Link](#)

He holds a BS in Physics, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and an MS in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Rutgers University. He is a retired airline pilot with 22,300 flight hours. He was also a Simulator Instructor and Contract Pilot with CAE SimuFlite Inc., Whippany, NJ.

He has flown with Eastern Air Lines, originally headed by Eddie Rickenbacker, WWI Ace of Aces, who must have known our own former member, Arthur Raymond Brooks, the last living WWI Ace.

Bud has received many awards for safety records and for aircraft accident Investigations. He served as an expert witness at the trial against Pan Am about the terrorist bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 on December 21st, 1988, which resulted in 270 fatalities.

He also served on the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB), investigating the crash of Eastern Air Lines Flight 401 on December 29, 1972, to Miami which crashed into the Florida Everglades causing 101 total fatalities due to pilot error.

He was awarded the “FAA Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award for Flying for Over 50 Years Without an Accident or Major Incident.”



Above, was taken at our last meeting on Sat., 30 Sep, where Bill Fosina, President, who attended the 2023 Air & Space Forces Association National Convention and the following Air, Space & Cyber Conference shared some of the highlights there as well at a Congressional Luncheon he attended.



On Sat., 21 Oct, member, Capt Peter Hinge, Commander, Lone Eagle Composite Squadron, operated a Civil Air Patrol display booth at the Madison Bottle Hill Day festival. He also displayed our AFA 195 banner and passed out membership applications as well. Other members holding similar events are welcome to do the same.

So please join us on Sat., Oct 28th, at 1:00 PM, at the Florham Park Diner to hear about Dale “Bud” Leppard talk on “Our last flight into Bien Hoa during the Vietnam War Tet Offensive.” Please distribute this email to family and friends who may be interested. You do not need to be a member to attend.