

## ***Short Strips and Tight Grips Outline***

### **Entrance:**

- A. Max Hall-the definition of a hero.
- B. Growing up with love of aviation.
- C. Attended the UA on a ROTC scholarship.
- D. Graduated 2nd LT.

### **Vietnam**

- A. 99% of every Army Aviators graduating class went to Vietnam.
- B. Max Hall begin flying in the 57th Transportation Company or “The Deans”.
- C. They flew CH-21 Piasecki cargo helicopters or “Flying Bananas”.
- D. 1963, the “Bananas” were cycled out in favor of the UH-1H Iroquios or “Huey”.
- E. They became the 120th Aviation Company. Because Max attended the UA, he named the company the “Razorbacks”.
- F. Their motto was “Death is our Business. Business is Good”.
- G. Hueys were extremely versatile and quick in Vietnam. Hueys saved countless lives on the battlefield through their medevac and ground cover missions.
- H. He logged 540 combat hours in Vietnam flying 812 missions.
- I. He never lost a single crew member
- J. He was shot down three times, and injured once, for this he was awarded the Purple Heart.

### **Home:**

- A. Max Hall married Margie Lynn before shipping out to Vietnam.
- B. They stayed in touch through letters.
- C. He came home and started working for the Highway Department.
- D. He also started Engineering Services, Inc., in Springdale, AR.

### **Operation Desert Storm:**

- A. Because he was still in The Arkansas National Guard, Max Hall was called up to serve as a pilot during Operation Desert Storm.
- B. He flew CH-47 Chinooks on Medevac, cargo, and rescue missions.
- C. He once again was the man that saved countless lives on the battlefield.
- D. He came home, retired from the military, and began serving his country and community a different way.

### **Bringing the Banana Home**

- A. 1993, started researching and making calls to find a CH-21 Piasecki airframe.
- B. He located 2. One in Texas and the other in Alaska.
- C. He drove all the way across the United States, Canada, and finally reached Alaska.
- D. He brought it back and began construction.
- E. His project attracted the attention of other local veterans, including the founder of the Ozark Military Museum-Leonard McCandless.
- F. Hall’s goal was to have it done by June 1996.
- G. But it was completed three months earlier (March 1996).

- H. Through his work on the Banana and friendship with the many veterans, including Leonard McCandless, Hall would become instrumental in moving OMM up to Northwest Arkansas from Siloam Springs.

### **A Hero Passes:**

- A. Agent Orange or (2, 4-D and 2,4, 5-T) is an herbicide and defoliante produced in the 1940s.
- B. It was used to defoliate around railroads and and powerlines to get rid of overgrowth.
- C. The military discovered its use and began utilizing it in Vietnam to defoliate the large jungle areas.
- D. It was not known that this herbicide-in large quantities-would be dangerous to the people around it.
- E. Many Vietnam veterans became subject to Agent Orange after returning home. One of the diseases it causes is cancer.
- F. Sadly, Max Hall was one of those who had Agent Orange poisoning. It caused cancer later in his life, and he quickly began losing his life.
- G. Despite his fading health, he continued to help people understand the sacrifices of those who fought in Vietnam and our military in general.
- H. “There was [were] a lot of young people who gave their lives for their country, and a lot of them have not been recognized. This is our chance to recognize them.”
- I. Max Hall died September 15, 2000 surrounded by his loved ones. He left a legacy of sacrifice, selflessness, and courage.

## **Helicopters**

### **CH-21 Piasecki “Flying Banana”:**

- A. CH-21 was introduced in 1952 as an Air Force cargo helicopter.
- B. The US Army liked its design and cargo capacity so much that it ingrafted the helicopters into service.
- C. It was the Army that dubbed the helicopter “The Flying Banana” because of its unique shape.
- D. It was built for rescue and research missions in the Arctic.
- E. The Banana was used mostly in Vietnam.
- F. The harsh climate and rough terrain was too much for the Banana.
- G. It did more harm than good during the Vietnam war.
- H. It had a short service, but was still flown quite a bit at the beginning of the War.

- I. Max Hall flew this unique piece of aviation in the 57th Transportation Company or the “Deans”.

### **The CH-47 Chinook**

- A. Introduced in 1962, the Chinook became the replacement for the CH-21.
- B. The CH-47 had the advantage of being faster than the Banana.
- C. It could also carry more troops and more stretchers in comparison to the CH-21.
- D. It had a higher altitude and stronger engines.
- E. It was more versatile than the Banana being able to land more places and be used for more missions.
- F. CH-47's were used close to the end in Vietnam.
- G. They were used more in Operation Desert Storm, and can be credited with the advantage the Allies had over Iraqi forces because it could do more.
- H. Max Hall flew CH-47s in Operation Desert Storm on Medevac and combat missions.

### **The UH-1H Iroquios:**

- A. The UH-1H Iroquios was introduced in 1956.
- B. It became one of the Army's top performance helicopters.
- C. It was originally designed as a medevac and utility helicopter in the US Army.
- D. It made its debut in the Vietnam War replacing such helicopters as the CH-34 Choctaw.
- E. Because the Huey was quick, versatile, and could land anywhere, it became one fo the most reliable choppers in Vietnam.
- F. It was used for Medevac, transport, utility, and eventually air support for our ground forces.
- G. 16,000 Hueys were produced by the Bell company, and it still holds the record for the longest serving helicopter in the US military.
- H. In 1963, the Hueys replaced the CH-21 Flying Bananas in the 57th Transportation Company making it the 120th Aviation Company or the “Razorbacks”.
- I. Max Hall flew Hueys the rest of the Vietnam War logging hundreds of hours as a pilot. He was shot down three times in them, and wounded once for which he received the Purple Heart.