



THE HUNTER'S HORN



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HELLO CLAN HUNTER FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FOLLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who kindly sent condolences to our family on the death of my brother, Nigel. (13th June 1957 – 10th June 2015). All of us have appreciated the kind words and thoughts you sent. His funeral was very well attended, followed by a celebration of his life by us all at a friend's stables and chalet which he built. We planted an aspen tree in memory of him. His twin brother, John, is planning a suitable memorial seat at Hunterston for Nigel. His wife, Jacqueline has put up a Facebook page called, Nigel KCP Memorial.



I am delighted with all the interest we have had for our Facebook page, Clan Hunter UK,. Thank you everyone for joining us, and thanks are also due to Ron Bogart, Clan Genealogist, for all his help to those of you who are undertaking family genealogies. Please don't forget to send us copies too.

This year Graham, Macer Venatorus and I have been asked to open and be the Honoured Guests of the Largs Viking

Festival, a huge honour. This event will bring a lot of good publicity for the Clan not only to the local area but throughout Scotland and of course worldwide through the internet. The Opening Ceremony is on the 29th August and the Festival will be held through till the 6th September. We shall be attending every day. The Festival has recently been featured with other famous Scottish Events such as the Edinburgh Tattoo in a special volume of "Our Willie and the Broons" a famous Scottish cartoon family. If anyone is in the area we will be delighted to have you come to the Festival.

As part of the First World War memorials, Fairlie, the village just north of Hunterston, is holding an Exhibition to commemorate all the Fairlie men who served in the First World War. The research covers both those who were lost and those that survived. They have collected all the original documents which the families had kept as well as photos, some of which came from the Hunterston Archives. The Clan Chief at that time was the 27th Laird, General Sir Aylmer Hunter-Weston, who had served in the Dardanelles and relieved many towns in northern France.

This year we are starting a new event for the Clan, an Open Day, at Hunterston Castle on Saturday 5th September. I have arranged for two speakers, Isabel Garrett will give a talk with slides, on the latest information about the Hunterston Brooch. Booking can be done through our web site www.clanhunterscotland.com If any of you are

visiting Scotland at this time you are very welcome to join us. I would like to run this event every year alternating with our International Clan Gathering. I know many of you have been asking about the next date and I will be able to make an announcement at the end of this month.

Many of you have asked for our Clan tartan to be woven again and we now have the Kilt weight in stock, ordering is through our web site at www.clanhunterscotland.com It comes in double width.

– Madam Pauline Hunter

MEL'S MESSAGE

Hopefully you are having an enjoyable summer, including a wonderful Fourth of July celebration. The first half of the year has been eventful for Clan Hunter USA. We added 34 new members, and were represented at four Scottish festivals. Clan Hunter will be represented at seven more festivals throughout the US this year. Please review the Coming Events section of this newsletter, and make plans to attend one or more of the festivals. Clan Hunter representatives at each one will give you a warm welcome, you'll enjoy the many Scottish related activities, and have the opportunity to meet other Clan Hunter members.

I am sad to report that after gallantly battling lung cancer for many months, Nigel Kennedy-Cochran-Patrick, brother of Madam Pauline Hunter, passed away on June 10, 2015. On behalf of Clan Hunter, USA, we offer sincere condolences to Madam Pauline, Nigel's wife, Jacqueline, his children, and brothers. Pat & I will never forget Nigel's help when we visited Hunterston in 1997. We flew into London's Heathrow Airport and then to Glasgow where we learned our luggage was lost. On arrival at Hunterston, we told Nigel of our plight. He assured us our luggage would be found, and assisted us with many calls to British Airways. We were privileged to have dinner at Hunterston House with Nigel and spent the night there. We truly enjoyed the time we spent with him & Jacqueline. The next day our luggage caught up with us at our B & B in Stirling.

I also sadly report that Patricia M. Hunter, mother of Brad Hunter, Clan Hunter USA Treasurer, and wife of her deceased husband, Charles M. Hunter, founder and former president of Clan Hunter Association, USA passed away on June 28, 2015. On behalf of Clan Hunter USA, we offer condolences to Brad and his family. I know from experience that Patricia and Charles had a sincere interest in Clan Hunter, and it would be impossible to describe their many contributions. The first contact Pat and I had with them was at The Stone Mountain Highland Games, Atlanta, GA area. Because of their kindness, enthusiasm, and encouragement, Pat and I became more involved in Clan Hunter activities. We are thankful for the privilege of getting to know and appreciate them.

Obituaries for Nigel and Patricia are included in the Flowers of the Forest section of this publication.

– Mel Hunter



FLOWERS OF THE FOREST



Patricia Mandt Hunter passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 28, 2015. A native of Birmingham, Alabama, she earned a Bachelor of Science from the University of Minnesota, where she was president of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority. Patricia was a lifelong Christian Scientist and member of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Boston, Massachusetts.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 61 years, Charles Morris Hunter, her sister Valerie Mandt Baugh of Albany, Georgia, and her dear friend Dr. Jim Baumann of Paris, Illinois

Patricia was a member of the Mountain Brook, Alabama Garden Club, where she served as President. She was also a flower show judge, an avid bridge player, and was in many dance clubs.

Survivors include her children, Page Patrick of Paris, Illinois, Brad Hunter (Andrea) of Roswell, Georgia and Leslie Hudson (Ed) of Albany, Georgia. Grandchildren include Greg Schuler (Frances), Hunter Smith (Shelby), Page Wiseman (Daniel), Erica Madsen (Brian), Haley Blankenship (Matt) and Malory Atkinson (Cory). Great Grandchildren include Murray Smith, Eva Smith and Bethany Madsen.

Patricia believed in the power of prayer and was an inspiration to all who knew her for her faith, courage, kindness, beauty, love of family and her positive outlook on life.

Templeton Funeral Home, Paris, IL



Nigel Kennedy Cochran Patrick sadly but peacefully passed away at home on 10th June 2015. Nigel Kennedy Cochran Patrick, aged 57 years, beloved husband of Jacqueline and loving dad to James, Calum, Kenneth and Grace will always be in our hearts. Funeral will take place on Saturday, 20th June at Lochwinnoch Cemetery at 1PM.

Nigel is the brother of Madam Pauline Hunter, 30th Laird of Hunterston.

Madam Pauline was very close to Nigel, so he will be greatly missed by her. In memory of Nigel, all Clan Hunter members should be thankful for his efforts to improve and maintain Hunterston properties.

HeraldScotland, Glasgow, Scotland

Please inform us by email (melandpat@gulftel.com) of deaths in your family of Clan Hunter members.

We would be honored to acknowledge them in the next issue of *The Hunter's Horn*.

HUNTER CREST COUNTED CROSS STITCH PATTERN

Since we have so many new Clan Hunter USA members, we thought that we would offer this counted cross stitch pattern again. The pattern comes on grid paper with DMC floss colors listed and simple instructions. It is offered to those who request it by mail and insert a SASE for its return to you. Send your request to:



Pat Hunter
21360 Faceville Lane
Summerdale, AL 36580

These are beautiful framed. Happy stitching!

GENEALOGY REQUEST

Clan Hunter USA member **Ed Bergo** would appreciate any information you have on his relative William Hunter born about 1823—probably in western New York or western Pennsylvania. He and his family are included in the 1850 census of Chautauqua County, New York. If you have any information on Ed's family line, please contact him at 480-812-9762 (home), 480-204-2975 (cell) or email at ebergo@cox.net.

HUNTERSTON HAPPENINGS

by Donna Hunter

Still available! Mail a check for \$15 each + \$5 (to cover shipping for up to 3 copies) made out to:

Clan Hunter USA
Pat Hunter
21360 Faceville Lane
Summerdale, AL 36580

You will enjoy this beautifully illustrated book, and it would make a wonderful Christmas gift! The books have been donated to Clan Hunter USA, and the organization will retain all the proceeds.

Thanks again, Donna!

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100,000 WELCOMES

NEW MEMBERS

Jeffrey & Lila Scott
Richmond Hill, GA

Susan Askew
Norfolk, NE

Jack Royle
Ledgewood, NJ

Marcus S. Hunter
Whitefish Bay, WI

Cindy Hunter
Austin, TX

Nancy Jane Hunter-Stiltz
Brookfield, MO

Kaelan J. Hunter
Wrentham, MA

Tres Hunter Schnell
Santa Fe, NM

Agnes Sims Hite
Springfield, VA

Mary Ann King
Cincinnati, OH

Jeffrey & Jennifer Hunter
Liberty Township, OH

Timothy & Katherine Hunter
Birmingham, AL

Marsha Hunter Smith
Houston, TX

James & Patricia Hunter
Schenectady, NY

Robert & Miriam Templeton
Laurens, SC

Jerry & Ellen Cooper
Graham, NC

Sandra W. Noecker
Gross Point Farms, MI

Ed & Phyllis Bergo
Gilbert, AZ

Justin Boska
Columbia, MO

Sandra Bruwelheide
Pittsburg, PA

Stacy Hunt DuVall
Indianapolis, IN

Quinten & Angela Hunter
Prosper, TX

Richard W. Hunter
Hollywood, FL

Kelley Bilotto
Franklin, PA

Sally Ruffolo
Vienna, VA

Margaret Hunter Jones
Canal Winchester, OH

FIREHAMMER

In the February, 2015, issue of *The Hunter's Horn* mention was made of the gallantry displayed in the military by many members of the Hunter family throughout history. Clan Hunter USA member Ric Hunter retired as an Air Force colonel with 4000 hours in high performance T-38, F-4, and F-15 aircraft, and three Top Gun Awards. His award-winning historical fiction novel, *FIREHAMMER*, about the Vietnam War period in American History was nominated for a Pulitzer award for 2015. Congratulations, Ric! *Firehammer* is available on Amazon. We proudly salute Ric and others who have bravely defended our freedom. The below excerpt from Ric's historical novel is an example of the risks our men and women in uniform take in defense of the interest of America.



FORTY YEARS AGO: THE LAST BATTLE OF VIETNAM

The desperate and confused battle triggered by the SS *Mayaguez* incident was a disturbing finale to America's war in Southeast Asia. It placed the last 41 names on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial wall.

Could it get any worse? Nearly two weeks earlier, April 30, 1975, Saigon had fallen to the North Vietnamese. Flying F-4D Phantoms out of Korat Royal Thai Air Force Base in Thailand, I was on missions to destroy anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missile sites during the Saigon evacuation. As events played out in Southeast Asia, America was on the run. It seemed the proverbial dominoes were indeed falling and, we wondered, would Thailand's capital, Bangkok, be next.

Rumors travel at warp speed on a small base like Korat, and on May 12 a wild one about an American ship hijacked in the Gulf of Thailand was spreading around the squadron dinner table. This one, however, was all too true. At 2:20 p.m. local time that day about 300 miles to our south a machine gunner on a Khmer gunboat fired a few rounds across the bow of the U.S.-flagged container ship, SS *Mayaguez*, triggering what would be a fittingly tragic and costly final firefight in what had been a tragic and costly war for the United States. The Khmer

Rouge, of THE KILLING FIELDS fame, later went on to kill 2-million of their own people. They were a serious, fanatical threat.

At Korat we reacted bitterly. Were we about to taste yet another defeat in Southeast Asia? Would this be another *Pueblo Incident*? We were energized—and mad as hell.

We learned later that the Khmer Communists hijacked the *Mayaguez* in international waters eight nautical miles from Poulo Wai, an atoll claimed by Khmer Communists and the Provisional Revolutionary Government of South Vietnam. We also learned that President Gerald Ford was demanding the release of the ship and 40-man crew. Being the nearest airborne firepower to the action, if a game was to be played, we wanted in the action.

At 2 p.m. on May 13, two F-111A aircraft from Korat on an unarmed training mission were the first to sight *Mayaguez* off Koh Tang Island (Koh Tang, an island in the Gulf of Thailand about 35 miles southwest of Cambodia, is the site of the last combat action of the Vietnam War). Four armed, A-7Ds from the 3rd Tactical Fighter Squadron at Korat launched to replace the F-111s and surveil *Mayaguez*. The ship attempted to move, and the A-7s fired rockets and 20mm Vulcan Gatling gun rounds across its bow and stopped the ship. After the Joint Chiefs of Staff ordered 24-hour surveillance, AC-130A/H Spectre gunships, equipped with infrared and low-light level television, began orbiting above the island and *Mayaguez*. At dawn the crisis escalated when four Khmer gunboats left Koh Tang for the Cambodian mainland. Spectre 51, on the scene, was directed to fire across their bow and prevent them from reaching the coast. This direction came from the situation Room in Washington. The gunship's 40mm and 105mm howitzer managed to turn three of the gunboats back. Flights of F-111As, F-4Ds and A-7Ds attacked in front of the remaining gunboat with 2,000-pound bombs, 2.75-inch rockets and riot control gas, but it refused to turn around.



A flight of four A-7Ds used 20mm strafe to try to disable the gunboat's engines, but while the stern was set ablaze, they didn't kill the engines. They were then directed to sink the boat. A few minutes later, at about 7:15 a.m., a different kind of boat—a wooden 40-foot Thai fishing craft, the *Sinvari*—was observed leaving the island for the Cambodian mainland with several people onboard. On my way from Korat in my Phantom, I was among the flight of A-7Ds and F-4Ds tasked with turning the fishing boat back or ultimately to destroy it.

We tried for four hours to force the boat back to Koh Tang. Frustratingly, several of us were unable to fire rockets in front of the boat because our F-4s had not been properly armed on the ground prior to take off. Mine was one of those toothless Phantoms. Enraged, I could only think "I've got a screwed up jet, just like this screwed up war." The only thing left for me to do was drop low and take a good look. I rolled my F-4 on its left wing in front of the *Sinvari* and could clearly see people lining each side of the curved, upward-sloping bow. They appeared to be Caucasians, doubled over in the schoolhouse air-raid position with their hands protecting their heads. As a few of them looked up at me, I felt profoundly helpless.

After we landed at Korat, our intelligence personnel told us the *Sinvari* made it to Kompong Som on the Cambodian mainland and that the *Mayaguez* crew was now most likely in prison. Captain Charles T. Miller of the *Mayaguez* would later tell the Honolulu Star Bulletin: "You have to give our pilots a lot of credit. They can hit the eye of a needle. They did everything possible to get (*Sinvari*) to turn around. It was clear that they saw we were in the boat. Two jets flew 70 feet above us...the Thais turned back once, but Cambodian guards put guns to their heads."

Because of a conflicting intelligence reports, it was believed that some of the crew were still being held on Koh Tang. As a result, President Ford ordered simultaneous attacks on the *Mayaguez* and on Koh Tang. At dawn on May 15, 11 helicopters left from U Tapao in southern Thailand and approached Koh Tang from the northwest.

The Sikorsky CH-53 "Knife" and HH-53 "Jolly Green" are not ordinary helicopters. Much larger than Vietnam's ubiquitous UH-1 "Huey," they were armor plated and equipped with 7.62mm rapid firing miniguns. Much more survivable than most choppers, they would be taken to their limits on Koh Tang.

Three choppers separated and unloaded a reinforced Marine platoon on a Navy destroyer escort near the island. Their mission would be to board and secure the *Mayaguez*. As the ship slowly moved alongside **Mayaguez**, an A-7 dropped tear gas on the merchant ship. Gas-masked Marines then executed a hostile ship-to-ship assault, only to find the ship deserted.

The other eight helicopters, with 170 Marines aboard, continued on to Koh Tang, an irregularly shaped island with its northern end resembling a slingshot. Between the forks lay a U-shaped beach that would become the eastern or primary landing zone (LZ). The western LZ would be situated across the neck of land.

The helos split as they approached the northern end of the island for a two-pronged assault. There was anti-aircraft artillery on the island, and it appeared to be heavily defended, but because the survival of the ship's crew took precedence, there had been no naval bombardment to soften up the defenses. Knives 21 and 22 reached the western LZ first with no initial resistance. As Knife 21 touched down on the beach, Marines began to stream out the back ramp. Just as they did, concealed Khmer forces let loose with automatic weapons, rockets and mortars. Holding steady for the Marines to scramble down the ramp, one of her two engines was severely damaged by enemy fire. With Knife 22 laying down suppressive fire with its miniguns, Knife 21's crew jettisoned everything they could. The damaged CH-53 skipped across the waves, taking on water as her pilots fought to keep it airborne for nearly a mile before it ditched in the sea.

At the eastern LZ, the choppers also made it in without resistance, but as the two helos hovered to off-load Marines, a murderous crossfire erupted. Knife 23, began taking punishing hits to its rotor system. As he looked to his left, he saw Knife 31, burst into flames and fall to the beach from the intense enemy barrage. Knife 23 staggered to the beach as the tail section tore off. Miraculously, no one was killed in the crash landing, and the 20 Marines aboard scrambled to the tree line for cover.

Four men were shot and killed or drowned near the burning wreckage of Knife 31. A fifth, stunned and wounded, stumbled his way nearly 100 yards to the tail ramp of Knife 23 before he was cut down. In all, 13 men aboard Knife 31 were killed. Among the survivors was Marine Lieutenant Terry Tonkin, a forward air controller (FAC). While swimming away from the beach on his back, and with enemy bullets spewing geysers all around him, Tonkin used a small survival radio to call in air strikes.

Three of eight initial assault helicopters were down, two on the beach of the eastern landing zone, one a mile at sea. Battle damage forced a forth helicopter down once back inside Thailand, and two more were severely damaged. An hour into the assault, only 54 Americans were on Koh Tang—about one-third of the number planned—and they were split into two groups. The day's battle was just getting started.

– Ric Hunter

NOTE: Watch for the conclusion in the January 2016 issue of *The Hunter's Horn*.

IAN HUNTER – VFX OSCAR AWARD WINNER



On February 25, 2015, we had a very exciting time watching the Academy Awards from our Myrtle Creek, Oregon, living room. I had left the room when John yelled, “Come back, there’s a Hunter getting an Oscar!”

“Which one is he?” I asked, as I scanned the faces, looking for Hunter features.

“I don’t know!” John responded. But just then **Ian Hunter** stepped up to the mike, grabbed it as he hoisted his Oscar up in his other hand, and proudly roared “Cursum Perficio!” The Oscar was for the *Interstellar VFX Oscar*.

What a thrill, and there was no longer any doubt as to who the Hunter was. I called our San Francisco grandchildren and our daughter! The kids had noticed the Hunter tartan he wore around his neck! What a proud moment for Clan Hunter history!

– Donna Hunter

IAN HUNTER – MINI BIO

Director/VFX Supervisor and co-founder of New Deal Studios, Ian is a multi-disciplined artist who has established himself as a visionary storyteller in the field of motion picture visual effects and production for over 25 years. Bringing his unique style and creative vision to each of his projects, Hunter has won 3 VES Awards for his work including sequences in *The Dark Knight* (2008) and *Inception* (2010). He was recently a visual effect supervisor on the film *Interstellar* (2014). Hunter’s directorial debut was the award winning Short Allure (2009) and two national Subway Commercials. Ever the creator, Ian is parlaying experience in visual effects and film design into the cutting edge virtual reality world with his first project *Kaiju Fury!* (2014)

– IMDb Mini Biography By: New Deal Studios

SKYE OAT CAKES

In memory of Brad’s mother, Patricia Hunter, here is her recipe for Skye Oat Cakes. They are a digestive staple in Scottish homes. Patricia was serious about preparing and eating healthy foods. Thank you, Patricia!

SKYE OAT CAKES

Trish Hunter

(From Skye Motor Hotel, Nova Scotia)

- 1 cup sugar
- 3½ cup rolled oats
- 2 cups plain flour
- 1 tsp. salt
- 2½ sticks butter or marg.
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ½ cup boiling water
- 1 tsp. baking powder



Add baking soda to boiling water; stir; let stand to cool. Mix together sugar, oats, flour, salt. Cut in butter; then add water/soda a little at a time. Press out thin on unfloured board; cut in 2 inch squares & bake on ungreased pan for 15 min. at 350° OR for about 10 min. at 375°.

A QUOTABLE QUOTE

“ I care not to be judge
Of right and wrong in men.
I’ve often lost my way, myself,
And may get lost again. ”

– Author unknown

CLAN HUNTER USA COMING EVENTS!



LONGS PEAK SCOTTISH/ IRISH FESTIVAL

Estes Park, CO
Sept. 10 – 13, 2015
Host: Dr. Denis Hunter
www.scotfest.com

NIAGARA CELTIC FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

Krull Park; Olcott Beach, NY
Sept. 19 – 20, 2015
Host: William Hunter
www.niagaraceltic.com

CELTIC FAIRE AND GAMES

Aberdeen, SD
Sept. 19 – 20, 2015
Host: Randy Knight
www.nesdcelticfaire.com

CHARLESTON SCOTTISH GAMES

Boone Hall Plantation
Sept. 19, 2015
Hosts: Jill & Scott Powell & Carl Hunter
www.charlestonscotts.org

LIGONIER HIGHLAND GAMES

Ligonier, Pennsylvania
Sept. 26, 2015
Hostess: Virginia Hunter Bouchard
www.ligonierhighlandgames.org

STONE MOUNTAIN HIGHLAND GAMES

Stone Mtn., GA (Atlanta area)
Oct. 16 – 18, 2015
Hosts: Brad Hunter & Greg Slaton
www.smhg.org

ALEXANDRIA SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS WALK

Alexandria, VA
Dec. 4 – 5, 2015
Host: Virginia Hunter Bouchard
www.scottishchristmaswalk.org

CLAN HUNTER TARTAN IS NOW AVAILABLE!

(HUNTER OF HUNTERSTON)

Medium weight, 13 ounce, Clan Hunter Tartan (Hunter of Hunterston) is now available for purchase from the Clan Hunter Shop at Hunterston Castle. The fabric is 57 inches wide and is sold by the meter.

Order online, directly from the
CLAN HUNTER SHOP
www.clanhunterscotland.com





CLAN HUNTER USA TREASURER REPORT

Beginning Balance 12/31/2014 \$ 17,265

Cash Receipts.....6,843

Cash Disbursements:

Hunter Banners.....(350)

Newsletters, Postage, New

Member Packets, Supplies.....(1,500)

Highland Games(290)

Website (192)

Ending Balance 6/30/2015 \$ 21,776

For those representing Clan Hunter USA at Highland Games, you can deduct all of your out-of-pocket expenses such as meals, lodging, travel, and sponsorship fees on your tax return as charitable contributions since Clan Hunter USA is a 501(c) (3) tax-exempt organization.

Please send in your 2015 annual dues of \$25 to Brad Hunter, Treasurer; 2501 Macy Dr.; Roswell, GA 30076 if you haven't already. You can also pay online at clanhunterusa.org. Some members are no longer receiving newsletters because they haven't paid their annual dues in several years.

Please email me at bradhuntercpa@gmail.com if you have any suggestions for improvements on the Clan Hunter website at clanhunterusa.org.

– Brad Hunter, Treasurer,
Clan Hunter USA

NEW ADDRESS?

If your mailing address changes, please make it a priority to inform us so that you won't miss an issue of *The Hunter's Horn*! If you are SNOWBIRDS, please notify us of your winter and summer addresses. When contacting us about address changes, please give us your old and new addresses. Sometimes there are several members with the same name! Just email us at melandpat@gulftel.com or call us at 251-989-2881, and we will change your address(es) on our roll. It will only take a few minutes, and we will be able to keep our roster current.

Thanks so much!

Pat Hunter, Secretary, Clan Hunter USA

WE HAVE MOVED



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