

LTC Peter J. Burns, Jr., USA, Ret. Relocates. January 21, 2015

Local Vietnam Vet Relocates

LTC (Ret) Peter J. Burns, Jr., of Moline is in Phoenix for rehabilitation therapy to counteract Parkinson's Diseases symptoms. The [Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center Movement Disorder Clinic](#) is internationally recognized as a leading center for the treatment of Parkinson's disease and movement disorders. Pete is a veteran of the Korean Conflict and Vietnam eras. He is a member of the Quad Cities Vietnam Veterans #299.

On the day of his departure, Monday January 12th, 2015, the Patriot Guard, led by Captain Eric Swanson, conducted an honor guard ceremony for Pete at the Carver Aero hangar at the Davenport Airport. **Carver Aero** gifted a flight from the Quad Cities to Phoenix for Pete's service in the Army and his local community involvement. Pilots Brandon Frazier and Jordan Bidwell flew Pete on a Cessna Citation Ultra 560 on a cold clear sunny day. It was also his 87th birthday.

Pete received the Purple Heart for combat injuries from the Viet Cong bombing of the Saigon Officers' Quarters at the Victoria Hotel, on April 1, 1966 -- it was no April Fool's joke. He received the bronze star. Pete served as the Rock Island Arsenal Inspector General ('73-'78) and Deputy Commander ('79).

After Army retirement at 30 years, he joined the First of Rock Island Bank as facilities manager and built five branch banks. He enjoyed golfing and social events with his wife, Harriet, a past professional dancer with the



Patriot Guard Honor Ceremony for LTC (Ret) Peter J. Burns, Jr. Carver Aero Cessna Citation Ultra 560 departs Davenport Airport with gift flight for LTC (Ret) Peter J. Burns, Jr., to Phoenix. Flight sponsored by Roy Carver. Photo by Sandra Barrett, Carver Aero FBO Operations Manager. January 12, 2015.

Syracuse Ballet and a 25+ year civil servant. She passed in 1989 and is buried at the Rock Island Arsenal National Cemetery.

He and his friends golfed at the RIA Golf Club, hunted deer at Savannah Army Depot, and went duck hunting. He was a member of the Quad Cities Expo Center and he taught hunter safety courses at Rock Island Conservation Club. He is a life time member of NRA and a current member with the:

- Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 299
- Quad Cities Computer Society
- Parkinson's Support Group
- Multiple Conservation Clubs in the QC area
- Milan Rifle Club

Pete has an apartment in Paradise Valley in Phoenix and focuses on exercise to counteract the Parkinson's affects. His address is:

Peter Burns

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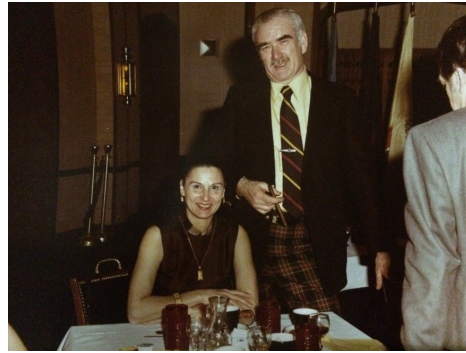
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Patriot Guard Captain Eric Swanson bids farewell to LTC (Ret) Peter J. Burns, Jr. Photo by Sandra Barrett, Carver Aero FBO Operations Manager. January 12, 2015



LTC (Ret) and Mrs. (Harriet) Peter J. Burns socializing. Quad Cities, circa 1980.



Ride Captain Eric Swanson bids farewell to LTC (Ret) Peter J. Burns, Jr. during Patriot Guard Honor Ceremony. Carver Aero Cessna Citation Ultra 560 departs Davenport Airport with gift flight for LTC (Ret) Peter J. Burns, Jr., to Phoenix. Flight sponsored by Roy Carver. Photo by Sandra Barrett, Carver Aero FBO Operations Manager. January 12, 2015