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SUBJECT: Vietnam Round Table - April, 2024 Speaker

Central Pennsylvania Vietnam Round Table will meet on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at Vietnam Veterans of America, Michael Novosel MOH Chapter 542, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, Pa., at 730pm.

Following a brief business meeting, Lou Frank, from Camp Hill, will discuss his experiences in Vietnam, as a member of the Air Force. Mr. Frank grew up in Philadelphia and enlisted in the Air Force, instead of being drafted. He had basic training at Amarillo AF Base in Texas, technical training at Sheppard AF Base, Texas, then served three months at Charleston AF Base, South Carolina, before deploying to Vietnam in 1968, for his 18 month tour of duty. He arrived in Da Nang two weeks after the start of the TET Offensive. His primary job was to load and unload supplies from cargo aircraft. He rotated to smaller Army and Marine bases, such as Phu Bai, A Shau Valley, Quang Tri and Camp Evans, to unload and load cargo. He went to Hue during TET, unaware that Hue was the scene of heavy fighting. One of Mr. Frank's duties was to load the remains of deceased service members being transported home for burial. Following his service to our Country in Vietnam, he finished his military service at Scott AF Base, Illinois. For his service to our Country he was awarded 11 ribbons with 11 devices. Following his military service to our Country, he worked at the Philadelphia Naval Ship Yard, then DLA in New Cumberland until he retired in 2010. Mr. Frank has been married to his wife, Lorraine, for over 40 years and they have three children (triplets), and two grandchildren, Alex and Max. For fun, he likes to run his slot cars, his trains and re-enact his time in Vietnam. He re-enacts with A. Company, 1st of the 7th 1st Cav Re-enactors.

The meetings are open to the public and, as a volunteer organization, we pass a Vietnam hat. All persons interested in the history of the Vietnam War are invited to attend. For additional information, contact Richard Burton, 717-545-2336, email: centralpavietnamrt@verizon.net. The website is www.centralpavietnamroundtable.com.