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SUBJECT: Vietnam Round Table - September, 2023 Speakers (two)

The Central Pennsylvania Vietnam Round Table will meet at the Vietnam Veterans of America Michael J. Novosel MOH Capital Chapter 542, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 7:30pm.

Following a brief business meeting, Rick Olson, from Mechanicsburg, and Col. (Ret.) Forrest "Dutch" Kissinger, from Carlisle, will discuss their experiences with the 366th Tactical Fighter Wing (Gunfighters) , which was stationed in Danang, during 1968 and 1969. Mr. Olson was a bomb loader for Col. Kissinger's plane, during part of his tour. Mr. Olson enlisted in the Air Force. after attending one semester of college, before going to Vietnam from June, 1968 to June, 1969. After his service in Vietnam, he eventually graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a Bachelors and Masters degrees, and received a commission as an Army Air Defense Artillery Officer. He served seven more years, then left the Army for a 30 year career with IBM as a project manager and consultant. He has been married for 49 years and has two daughters and one grandson. For over 11 years he has been helping veterans as the VFW Commander in Carlisle. Colonel (Ret.) Forrest Kissinger has had a very long and storied career serving our Country, enlisting on June 1, 1944, just before D-Day, through August 1980. He served during the Korean War, eventually becoming a Fighter Interceptor Pilot and served in Vietnam from December, 1968 to December 1969. After Vietnam he worked in the Pentagon, trained Air Force Pilots, spent four years working with Intercontinental missiles and attended the Army War College in Carlisle. He has four sons, one daughter, 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. For fun, he likes hunting, fishing and being retired.

Meetings are open to the public, but as a volunteer organization, we pass a Vietnam hat for donations. For further information, contact Richard Burton, 717-545-2336, email: