Andi and Dick,

Jock kindly gave me your email addresses. I had communicated with him last year about supporting Friends of the Library – a superb organization.

A couple months ago I talked with Dave Bergeman, Checkpoints editor, about a possible article about your classmate Val Bourque, who was the first grad to be killed in action, 50 years ago this October. He thought the idea had merit.

I'd like to find someone in your class who might have known Capt Bourque well as a cadet or on active duty, and who also might possibly have contact with his widow Linda and/or daughter Wendy Sue. Or who might have flown with him in SEA. Could you suggest any classmates in 6th Squadron, Class of 1960? That was Val's squadron (and mine).

What information I have is on the Memorial Wall, online; it is a valuable and important resource, especially as we approach the era of Vietnam plus 50.

A personal footnote: since I was in 6th in 1964, I volunteered for the honor guard at the cemetery. And thank you all for your excellent work on the Memorial Wall.

Best regards,
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