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PILOTS FROM THE CIA'S SECRET AIRLINE SPEAK OUT  
AFTER 35 YEARS

Air America pilots, an unsung group of patriotic professionals, flew below the radar for the CIA airline that operated from 1950-1975. They are now free to tell of unbelievable experiences that they had previously been unable to talk about. Beyond the misrepresentative 1990 "Air America" movie, Americans don't know them. Their stranger-than-fiction tales of adventure are beyond anything Hollywood could ever fabricate.

The public is cordially invited to come and meet former Air America pilots, support staff, their families and their distinguished guests at a public Living History Forum on Saturday, June 5th, 1:30p.m., at the Hilton North Raleigh Hotel, 3415 Wake Forest Rd., Raleigh.

Forum participants will include:

- Producer/actor/director Monte Markham, who produced and narrated the History Channel documentary, "Air America, The CIA's Secret Airline." Markham's brother, Jesse, was an Air America pilot who disappeared off the coast of Florida.
- Brig. Gen. Dan Cherry, who penned the memoir "My Enemy, My Friend." He wrote the story about the North Vietnamese MIG pilot he shot down, and with whom he later became friends. Gen Cherry was also the leader and commander of the USAF Thunderbirds.
- Hong My, the Vietnamese MIG pilot who trained in Russia, and was shot down by Gen. Cherry.
- Peter Goutierre, author of "Himalayan Rogue," born in India and an early "Hump Pilot." He flew the dangerous routes over the Himalayas without navigational aids during WWII.
- Also sharing stories and answering questions will be Dr. Gary Wiren, preeminent golf instructor, manager of Donald Trump's golf interests, and author of many books on the subject.

(Air America crews and support staff will also be available for media interviews during this week of their annual reunion, which is being held in Raleigh, June 2-6.)