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WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS, JR.  
GOVERNOR

May 1, 1987

Greetings:

It is my pleasure to send greetings to the Air America Club's reunion on this special occasion.

It is important to the health and welfare of our nation to remember those veterans and volunteers who answered the call of duty. A nation cannot ask more of any citizen than to risk his or her life for the country's preservation.

In Southeast Asia, 242 American civilians lost their lives between 1948 and 1975 flying supply and other missions for the U.S. government. The conditions and equipment with which they worked were never the best, yet they never gave up in the fight for freedom.

It is with thanks and gratefulness that I offer my best wishes to the surviving members of their families. It is high time that these brave individuals be honored, and there is no better place than the McDermott Library's aviation section.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. P. Clements, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

William P. Clements, Jr.  
Governor

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