



The Rescue of Roger Locher - Oyster 01B SAR Crew Members: L to R: Kenneth Cakebread (PJ low bird), Jerry Shipman (AC high bird), Mel Gillespie II (CP low bird), Roger Locher & Dale Stovall (AC high bird)



Our banquet speaker for 2016 was Roger Locher, Col, USAF (Ret). Roger was another satisfied Jolly customer who was shot down on May 10, 1972 while flying the back seat of an F-4D. Roger did have one complaint about our service in that he had to spend 23 days on the ground in North Vietnam before he was rescued.

Locker's better than any see and is a in the survival Three weeks after Roger was finally radio contact with Force F-4 crew another mission.



survival story was movie you could classic case study school today. being shot down, able to make a passing US Air returning from

According to the story told by Steve Ritchie (Retired BGen, USAF) who received Locker's "Mayday" call that day, Roger identified himself by his radio call sign and said, "I've been down here for 23 days; any chance of getting a ride home." The all-out rescue effort to bring Roger home began with that radio call.

Roger Locher was picked up in a very hazardous rescue mission by Jolly Green 30 on June 2nd, 1972. Dale Stovall was the pilot of Jolly 30 when Locher was pulled out the enemies' hands. Jerry Shipman was piloting Jolly 60 in the high bird on that same mission.

Stovall and Locher got to renew their acquaintance and relive that day as Col. Locher recounted his survival story for all to hear at our 2016 reunion. Jolly Green still stands ready to fly, "That Others May Live".