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Speaker Information  
Tuesday, July 22, 2014

## Guy D. Gruters Captain, USAF Captain, Eastern Airlines and Author



Guy Gruters was raised in New Jersey, where his favorite interests were camping, hunting and trapping. He graduated from the Air Force Academy with a BS in Engineering Science and completed a Masters Degree in Astronautical Engineering from Purdue University. After Pilot Training and fighter gunnery school, he volunteered for Vietnam and served six years in Vietnam, more than five as a POW. He completed more than 400 combat missions as a FAC, first for the 173rd Airborne Brigade flying O-1 aircraft and then flying F-100s for the *MISTY* Fast FACS flying over North Vietnam. He was awarded more than 30 combat awards including two Silver Stars, two DFCs, two purple hearts, two bronze stars for valor, a Presidential Unit citation, POW medal, 20 air medals and numerous other medals. He was shot down twice and captured the second time, on December 20, 1967.



There have been two books written with stories about Guy, "Bury Us Upside Down," by Rick Newman and Don Shepperd, and "Misty," by Major General Don Shepperd, USAF (Ret.) Guy is the author of "Locked up with God, my best thirteen speeches".

Awarded for actions during the Vietnam War.



Silver Star



Distinguished Flying Cross



Prisoner of War Medal

## KCOB Bulletin Board



This 1970's POW bracelet brought today's speaker to our club by way of Fellow Kiwanian, Carol Collinsworth Hines.

*"I did not remove this bracelet until I saw Captain Gruters step off the plane on TV, in 1973. Since that time, I have held on to this bracelet and have thought about Captain Gruters through the years."*

When I was 10 years old I purchased this bracelet, which had the inscription Capt. Guy D. Gruters 12-20-1967. I was also given Capt. Gruters' family address in Sarasota Florida. I recall sending several letters to Capt Gruter's wife Sandy, with encouraging words as well as my prayers for a safe return.

**Carol, Age 10  
3rd Grader at  
Brookwood Forest  
Elementary**



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- Jul 29 Dan Emmett**  
 Former Secret Service Agent and Author  
*"Within Arm's Length"*  
 A rare look at the Secret Service
- Aug 5 Stan Bailey**  
 President and Founder  
 Transworld Business Advisors
- Aug 12 Dr. Michael Saag**  
 UAB Professor and Author  
*Specialty Focus: HIV and HCV Research*

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 The Harbert Center



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 Captain, USAF  
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 Vietnam POW

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