



783RD LATRINE-O-GRAM

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SPECIAL BULLETIN

DEAR FELLOW 783RDER & LADY,

Our Reunion held in Dayton, OH was acclaimed by the majority in attendance as a great success. This was made possible by your many VOLUNTEER HOSTS & HOSTESSES who arrived early & stayed late giving of their time and personal resources to insure your pleasure. If you have not taken the time to drop them a note of thanks--do so today. They were simply stated--A GREAT TEAM. Our thanks and expression of appreciation will be attempted in the next LOG. If you were unfortunate and could not attend you missed a memorable experience.

At the Business Meeting on Saturday morning the following points of importance were voted and accepted by a unanimous majority:

1. INDIANAPOLIS will be our Reunion site for 1987. Harry Greene, George Josten and Jack Meyers will be your Reunion Committee charged with the responsibility of selecting dates, Hotel etc sometime in the months of July, August or September. The wives of the above will act in a similar capacity in selecting & planning activities for our Ladies. They welcome any suggestions you might have.
2. The Squadron Officers and various Committee Chairmen selected and serving till then are listed below:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Jim McCloskey, Lost Soul Search
 Charlie Ellis, Follow Up-Members Not Responding
 Lyle Long, Obtaining Tax Exempt Status
 Floyd Gregory, Squadron History
 Paul Smith, Adopting Set of By Laws
 Woody Browning, Awards & Decorations
 Tucci Tuccio, Return to Pantanella Trip

3. ANNUAL DUES OF \$25 DUE ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 15, 1985--PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO: 783RD BOMB SQUADRON ASSOCIATION & MAIL TO YOUR TREASURER; BOB WILLIS; 8380 THENDARA; CLARKSTON, MI 48016.

NOTE: A unanimous majority recognized your Association has grown to the point it can no longer function with a few supporting while so many have neither responded or supported. Those not sending dues by the above date will be kept on the Membership Role but your name will be removed from the Mailing Roster for future LOGs. A word to those who might question this amount voted. Since CSs you had received 12 separate mailings containing 71 pages of printing. With postage; printing costs; preparing & attaching labels; costs of preparing and forwarding a complete info packet to each Lost Soul located; plus the postage expenses for needed correspondence--it is hoped that each of you sending the minimum \$10 will appreciate and recognize our efforts were made possible only because of those sending larger donations. Therefore, it is hoped each of you will appreciate your donations were stretched to the maximum requiring supplemental support from others. After consideration for the above facts it is hoped each of you will accept the above amount was that chosen by a unanimous majority as that needed and respond by sending your \$25 payable to the 783RD BOMB SQUADRON ASSOCIATION; BOB WILLIS, TREASURER; 8380 THENDARA; CLARKSTON, MI 48016. IF YOUR FINANCES PERMIT--AN EXTRA DONATION WILL GO A LONG WAY AND BE WELL SPENT IN CONTINUING OUR SEARCH FOR LOST SOULS & FURTHERING THE WORK OF YOUR ASSOCIATION.

4. BILL POWELL; 330 CHAPPEL HILL DRIVE NE; NORTH CANTON, OH 44720 was elected Secretary. All correspondence of a routine nature should be directed to him for his disposition routing to see it is promptly answered or attended to.
5. JIM MC CLOSKEY; 114 BYGATE CIRCLE; PITTSBURGH, PA 15220 was selected and agreed to carry on our most important efforts--that of locating Lost Souls. We must never rest till every Mother's son, who served with the 783RD, has been accounted for. Should he contact you for assistance--PLEASE! PLEASE! GIVE HIM YOUR MAXIMUM EFFORT. All correspondence regarding this task should be directed to the address above.
6. FLOYD GREGORY; 2014 S. ANDERSON; URBANA, IL 61801 has accepted the most important and difficult task before our Association. He will attempt compiling the Squadron History. With no records as a starting point other than those gathered since CSs he needs the help and cooperation of each and every member to ease his work load and make his mission successful. It is hoped each of you will take the time to sit down and list the details you can recall of your section; crew; or what ever you might have been involved in while serving with the 783RD. Copies of orders showing multiple names of those serving in various sections such as Armament; Ordnance; Radio; Engineering; Flying Crews (especially Replacement Crews) etc are badly needed. Likewise, group or crew photos are needed. ONE IMPORTANT POINT--if possible send copies of orders and duplicate photos if possible saving on the expense of their having to be duplicated & returned. All incidents such as the Bomb Dump Explosion; Happenings when Your Crew Was 'Scragged'; Humorous Incidents such as the Acquisition of the Navy Jeep; Incidents of Travel Aboard the Walter Ranger Liberty Ship From Patrick Henry to Oran; Travel Aboard the SS Lyons from Oran to Naples; the Cattle Car Ride to Pantanella; Incidents Involving the Flying Crews from Mc Cook, NE to Pantanella; and many others too numerous to list is all part of the history and badly needed. DO YOU PART AND SEND WHAT YOU HAVE. Yes, there may be much duplication. However, it is better for Floyd to discard 10 duplications than omit one important historical fact. At each reunion it is great for each of us to meet and renew our bonds of respect and friendship. However, we can make Indianapolis 87' very meaningful if by each of us supporting Floyd in this endeavor he can present a completed history of the Squadron to be passed on after we are long gone.
7. SAM MARIE; 13306 LOBELIA; SAN ANTONIO, TX 78232 will continue the responsibility for the LOGs. All news items, photos etc should be directed to the above address. PLEASE REMEMBER ONE IMPORTANT POINT! The quality of the LOGs are directly related to the news received. Your support and help is not requested--rather it is pleaded for! The help of each member and each wife is needed to carry on this endeavor.

All of those listed above have expressed an interest to support and further your Association. If there are any among you wishing to and weren't named because of the confusion at Dayton either contact the Chairman of the project you wish to participate with or drop your Secretary a line & become part of an action group. Like the famous WW II recruiting poster read--Uncle Sam Wants You. Your Squadron Not Only Wants You--But Needs You. It would be great to see each and every member of the Association plus every wife involved in some project. All it takes is a note stating you are interested in helping. ANY CONSTRUCTIVE SUGGESTIONS ARE SOLICITED!

It is recognized the new organizational attempt to spread the work load by involving more may create some 'SNAFUS' until the shake down cruise has been completed and the train is on the tracks and running. Please be patient and understanding. Never forget one most important item. All serving are VOLUNTEERS giving of their time and efforts. Don't be like a few at Dayton, who were rude and demanding of our Hosts & Hostesses, and addressed them as servants. A group corrective plan has already been directed to this problem to insure such incidents are NEVER, NEVER repeated.

Again--the many THANKS OF APPRECIATION due and owing your Dayton Hosts & Hostesses as well as others for making Dayton 85' such a great gathering will be attempted in the September LOG. It is hoped each and every one will join in and get involved with a project of your choice that will make the 783RD BOMB SQUADRON ASSOCIATION THE BEST DAMNED OUTFIT EVER!

QUID FIT!

SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION!
 MAIL YOUR DUES TODAY!

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