



783RD LATRINE-O-GRAM

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SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

A BIG TEXAS HOWDY TO THE GOOD LADIES & DRAFTED RECRUITS OF THE 783RD!!

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The Association members owe a huge vote of thanks to Jim Mc Closkey your Lost Soul Search Chairman and the other Detectives who kicked 22 Lost Souls out of the bushes the past 3 months. REMEMBER!!! This task will not be completed until every Mother's son, who served with the 783RD, has been located or accounted for. Our apologies to those of you just located for taking so long. You left a hard trail to cut.

WELCOME BACK FELLAS!!!

INDY 87' REUNION NEWS:

At this time all we can definitely report is:

REUNION DATES: AUGUST 13, 14 & 15, 1987

PLACE: INDIANAPOLIS HILTON AIRPORT INN

PRICES: \$325/COUPLE which includes price for Room; Thursday Evening Ice Breaker Buffet & 2 drinks/person; Saturday Evening Banquet & 2 drinks/person; and Continental Breakfast each morning.

\$255/Single Person which includes that listed above.

Harry Greene your Reunion Chairman reports his Reunion Committee composed of George Josten & Jack Meyer have held numerous planning meetings and promise big things. As yet no specific details for the Ladies Tour; the Golf Tournament; or schedule and speakers for the other events have been received. We can only surmise they meet to talk about what they will talk about at the next meeting.

A computerized list of the Mailing Labels will be furnished the Hotel and it shall be their responsibility to forward each of you Reservation Cards etc.

ANNUAL DUES:

As reported in the last LOG your officers had recommended to the Board of Directors your Annual Dues be reduced to \$15 annually. We are pleased to report our recommendations were approved. These are due and owing now. Please send your checks in the amount of \$15 payable to the 783RD BOMB SQUADRON ASSOCIATION; % BOB WILLS; 8380 THENDARA; CLARKSTON, MI 48016. It would make Bob's job & book keeping much easier if we all paid as soon as possible and not dribble them in over a period of months. HELP IN THIS EFFORT. MAIL YOUR CHECKS TODAY.

Dear Abby: While sorting the laundry this morning, I noticed a bright red spot on my husband's underwear, so I looked at it really good and found that it was a fake fingernail clinging to his shorts. It was one of those press-on fingernails. I don't use them.

Can you think of any situation where he could be innocent? — His Wife

Dear Wife: The finger points to a brief encounter. Now that you've nailed him with the evidence, tell Hubby why you're seeing red.

'The finger' of guilt points to at least a dozen 783RDERS that immediately come to mind. Will the guilty culprit please write in and confess so the innocent will be absolved.

IF IT WERE THE FINGERNAIL OF A GOOD LOOKING TWENTY YEAR OLD WE WOULD GLADLY GIVE OUR INTEREST IN HELL TO STAND UP AND PLEAD OUR GUILT!

NEWS OF LOST SOULS LOCATED:

AMIEN A. ALLEN--Aircraft Mechanic with the Squadron came out of the wood work in Cairo, GA. In civilian life before retirement he was the long time owner of a Mini Mart. He and Anna are enjoying their retirement years. Amien reported in complaining of hearing & ear problems. Best he get in line with the rest of us.

LOUIS WEIXELMAN--Ball Turret Gunner on Lubie Roberson's crew that was 'scragged' on the 6-30-44 raid to Blechammer and one of the lucky ones to walk out & return reported in from Wamego, KS. When some of you think you have put in a hard day think of the labors of Louis & Cleona. They farm 1 000 acres of grain and operate a 500unit Hog Farm. This keeps them busier than a one armed paper hanger.

FRANK C. SEDLAK--Radio Operator on Jesse Jumper's crew that was 'scragged' on the 7-8-44 raid on Vienna for which the Group recieved the Presidential Citation turned up in Dayton, OH. He is retired from the Chrysler Corp. He & Rose Marie are leading the good life of retirees.

CARL MOORE--Ball Gunner on 'The Jump's' crew turned up in Joplin, MO. He is self employed. His 'Little Bride' is Ilene. If it is of any consolation I was flying in the same box with you the day you were 'scragged' and watched you peel off to the right.

PHIL LARIMORE--one of the dedicated originals who labored in tech Supply hustling parts to keep the 'birds' in the air turned up in Lubbock, TX. He retired as a State Auditor in 1984. Phil & Patti live the good life in a tough area where only a strand of barb wire seperates them from the North Pole in the winter and hotter than the 'Hubs of Hell' in the summers.

KARL STUBENBURG--another of the dedicated originals who worked so long and hard as a Radio Mech in Communications patching radios turned up in Roseville, MN. In 1983 he retired from North Western Bell Telephone. Karl & Elaine are enjoying the good life in 'Scandahooovian' land.

WILLIAM SMITH--Electrician and another of the originals, who made the long trip via Africa to italy, came out of the bushes in Vernon, TX. Bill is a farmer in an area where it is hard to make a living 'scratching in the dirt'. His bride is Christine.

HERB SHRIDER--Co-Pilot on Fosberg's crew turned up in Ashville, NC. Herb and his 'Little Bride' Kay, are living the good life of retirees after he retired with 31 years service from the FBI. Should he show up at a Reunion I can think of a dozen or so that will exit from the nearest window thinking he might put the 'collar' on them.

JAMES A BOURNE--swam out of the swamp at Melbourne, FL. He was one of the Gunners that went down with 'The Duck' and Colonel Lokker on the 11-20-44 raid to Blechammer. Hope Jim lives a cautious life for he used up more than his share of luck getting out of that 'ship wreck'. He is a retired Program Director with the Harris Corp.

WILLIAM BROWER--another of the originals, who served as a Section Chief in Ordinance, turned up in Walnut Grove, MO. Bill is a farmer and must have plenty of 'smarts' having never been married.

LEON BERNARD--another of the Ordinance gang turned up in Nixa, MO. He owns and operates his own Woodshop business. His bride is Nettie.

KENNETH MONGE--Gunner on Pilegard's crew 'scragged' on the 7-644 raid to Blechammer reported in from Hutchison, MO. The head of his 'War Department' is Phyllis.

JOHN HARNESS--the Engineer on Max Johnson's crew checked in from New Market, IA. 'Big John' is another who makes his living digging in the dirt.

HERBERT HASKINS--was the Nose Gunner on Lubie Roberson's crew. After POWville he worked for Climax Molybedumn in Leadville, CO until he retired and began the good life in Buena Vista.

PAT SPRADLEY--came out of a 'Wig Wam' in Albuquerque, NM. Pat was another of the originals who made the trip on the Walter E. Ranger Liberty Ship to Oran and the USS Lyons to Naples and the Cattle Cars to Panatella. He was Crew Chief on Perry & the Pirates. Pat & Marjorie own & operate a Pet Center. Handling unruly pets should be a snap for Pat. As we remember this 'Dude' he is large enough to kill a bear with a switch.

JOSEPH MC GRATH--swam ashore in Seattle, WA. He was Bombardier on Frank Mayall's crew. Joe is employed by Chevron. His wife is Susan.

JAMES MC GUIRK--another dedicated original of the Ordinance Section turned up in Brighton, MA. He retired in 1982 from the Harvard Business School. His Director of Operations is Rita.



4 MEMBERS OF THE ORDINANCE SECTION
GATHER AT ATLANTIC CITY, NJ 1985

L to R DICK KUPPER; CECIL KIRBY;
BOB JULIEN & DON KELLY

TAPS:

JAMES T. TROTTER--a heart attack claimed Jim in May 1985. At the time of his death he was the Owner-Manager of the River Terrace Motel Convention Center in Gatlinburg, TN. He is survived by his widow Mary E. Trotter of Gatlinburg and 2 sons.

JAMES N. INNIS--took the big flite to Eagles Nest Nov 26, 1968. He is survived by his Mother & Father Mr & Mrs John Innis; Box 325; Ft Supply, OK 73841.

LOUIS F. STIGLIANI--wo was Squadron Cryptograper filed his flite plan for Eagles Nest Feb 3, 1973 after loosing the battle with Lymphatic Cancer. He had been a practicing Dentist from 1950-1970. He is survived by his widow Mrs Louis Stigliani; 211 Thornbrook Rd; De Kalb, IL 60115 and 2 daughters.

To the family members and Squadron friends of the above we extend our sympathy and condolences. Once again we have lost some good ones.

SICK CALL:

BOB 'POPS' SPELLBRINK--the Squadrons oldest 50 mission Gunner celebrated his 48th Wedding Anniversary while hospitalized for kidney blockage. 'Pops' spent 55 days in the hospital in 1985. At his present rate he will easily surpass that record in 1986. However, he is a tough 'Ole Rooster' and I'll bet my interest in hell when the bugle blows in Indy he may be in a wheel chair but he will be the first to answer roll call.

RALPH MC ELYEA--has recovered satisfactorily enough from 4 way Open Heart surgery to be chasing the white pill around the 'Cow Pasture' once again. Since the Good Lord doesn't want him and the Devil want have him it appears the Squadron is still stuck with this 'Misfit'.

WARD 'SUPER MOUSE' DANIELS--the Squadron's second oldest 50 mission Gunner over exerted himself chasing the widows in his neighborhood and suffered another heart attack from which he is making a good recovery. Another tough 'Little Flea'. You couldn't kill the rascal if you tried drowning him in DDT.

NOTE--all three of the above are the surviving 3 members of Petranek's crew. Having flown some missions with these 'Outlaws' take my word they are tough 'Hombres'. All 3 are eagerly looking forward to Indy 87'.

MICKEY SCHWARTZ--reports he is making a good recovery after having a new artificial knee replacement. For once he must be telling the truth. We recieved word he has been seen on numerous occasions chasing a good looking gal thru the streets of Sarasota. If by chance he should catch her can't help but wonder if he would know what to do?

BOB ZIEGLER--called in and reported he had a Hip replacement operation and hopes to be ready for the Golf Tournament in Indy. We attempted to solicit from him whether or not he had an implant in his 'Little Fella' at the same time but all that know the 'Rascal' know the truth isn't in him.

YOU GUYS GET WELL & BACK ON YOUR FEET!!!

RECENT VISITORS:

BOBBY WILLS--jetted in and spent a week with us. The first day after his arrival we made a trip to the 'Cow Pasture'. With the 93° temperature and Maj. Gen. Bud Ryder sticking a 77 in Bobby's ear taking some of his ill gotten coins you never heard so much moaning & groaning. It should please all of his old friends to learn he hasn't relinquished his title of being the champion 'sack artist'. He should have bed sores.

NYME & JUNE FARAGE--stopped by and spent a week end with us while returning a visit with their son who is a Squadron Commander stationed at Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Woody & Cathy Browning joined us one evening. When 3 'Ole Toggle Jockeys' get together you can bet your hat & ass many missions were flown.

NEWS RECEIVED:

FLOYD COFFIELD--one of our original Crew Commanders writes, "It has been a great spring & summer for us. We have always wanted a cottage on a lake and have finally located just what we wanted and could afford. We are getting settled and things put in their places. If we had stayed in the old home till fall it would have been 40 years. When you move from 8 rooms to 4 it means discarding junk you have saved for years because of fear of throwing it away". His winter address in Florida remains the same. The summer address is 8063 Haveland Beach Drive; Linden, MI 48451; 313-735-9507.

WAYLAND FEELY--writes, "I never gave up on locating my buddy Cady. On the 16th of June, Margaret and I left El Paso. I told her I was going to stop and check every phone book from El Paso to Truth Or Consequences, NM. In TOC went to the VA, State Highway Patrol and Post Office with no luck. Leaving town at noon we stopped at the Hill Top Cafe for a sandwich. After we ordered I asked the waitress if among the customers was there anyone who had lived there a long time? She replied about 90%. When advised of what I was attempting she went to a booth where two elderly gents were eating. ONE ADVISED HE DIDN'T REMEMBER James but his sister lived about 3 miles from the cafe. We drove to her home and learned of his address. He had been in Long Beach since 1958 and lives only 15 minutes from Trimmingham.. On the 22nd drove over and visited with Trimmingham. Then over to Cady's. Enjoyed seeing them both". Here's his address". (SEE LOST SOULS LOCATED)

'Ole F/Os' comments--this is true 783RD spirit when an 'Ole Drafted Recruit' drives from Corpus Christi, TX to TOC, NM to locate another 'Recruit' and on to California for a visit. Bet Maggie never heard so many lies as when those 'Recruits' got together.

BARBARA MURPHY--wife of Alvin Murphy Engineer on 'Chief' Elliott's crew writes, "we were married on Jan 1, 1944 while he was at McCook. This spring we decided the marriage would probably last so we went on our "honeymoon", 26 days and 5 000 miles. It was worth the wait! One of our stops was to see Robert L. Valentine, Tail Gunner on the crew and his wife, Thelma. He seems to be Lee to everyone but us. We call him Jim. We hadn't seen him in 35 years since he had visited us in Sterling. A nice visit was enjoyed. Our next visit was the Elliotts a 3 hour drive. Chief & Valentine had seen each other since the day they were shot down. So we returned for another visit. The 3 fellas did much reminicing. Our trip took us thru 18 states and saw many facinating things. We agreed the good Ole US of A has much to offer tourists. Our last stop before reaching home was in Oklahoma where we attended our 45th High School Class Reunion. Alvin & I graduated in the same class. Was nice to renew old friendships. The Same would hold true for all of you fellows at your Reunions. I would urge all of you to attend Indianapolis. I don't know if all of the wives feel as I because being married only 1 month & 4 days before Alvin went over seas, I lived the experiences too. Even tho some of it was the darkest days of my life (Alvin was 'scragged & a POW) everything turned out OK. The Reunion in Dayton was so rewarding. I could sit and listen to the fellows reliving their experiences for hours".

'Ole F/Os' comments--on the first nite of this honeymoon 42 years later was it Alvin's turn to go in the bathroom and have a little crying spell?

SANDEE BRULEY (daughter of Otto Sachs Gunner on Fred Johnson's crew who passed away a short time back)--" I want to thank you for the news letters you folks send. I've heard Dad talk about some of the people and I sure wish we could have made it to the Reunion last year. You never know, my sister and I may crash one of them to meet some of you neet people we have heard so much about. Now for a couple of questions. First off should we continue sending dues? I know he would want us to continue doing so. He really enjoyed all the letters and calls over the years. Also, is there a special memorial we can send a donation to that the Squadron is working towards? Or, will you guys accept a donation to help your Association? I really feel he would like us to do so.

NOTE: Her letter was answered. Otto was terminally ill and couldn't make it to either CSs Or Dayton. He had been determined to make the latter with Sandee bringing him but once again his health wouldn't permit. Following his death we received the nicest letter from Sandee. It is obvious there had to be a great & loving relation between this Daughter & Father.

FRED ROBINSON--writes of a recent event. "I have been trying to locate a fellow crew member for many years. I wote Jim Mc Closkey telling him he might be a city Councilman in Cottonwood, MI. A few weeks later Jim called advising he had located Ken Monge in Hutchison, MO giving me his address and phone number. Thanks to Jim's efforts 2 old friends have been reunited.. Neither of us had seen other since 1945 when we were fellow POWs. Both of us

will attend the next reunion. I can't thank Jim enough for locating Ken".

'Ole F/Os' comments--how about those apples? Our 'Chief Detective' starts a search for a Lost Soul in Minnesota and cuts his trail in Missouri more than a mile or two down the road. When the final chapter is written on this outfit we believe all will agree that Jim Mc Closkey will have earned a spot near the top for his loyalty and service.

INDY 87' REUNION MENUS PRESENTED BY MASTER CHEF HARRY GREENE:

THURSDAY EVENING HILTON GRAND BUFFET--PRICE INCLUDED IN HOTEL PACKAGE

ROUNDS OF BEEF-CARVED	FRUIT CARVINGS & DECORATED PIECES
THREE HOT ENTREES	TOSSED SALADS + 6 OTHER SALADS
POTATO & VEGETABLE	ASSORTED BREADS & ASSORTED PASTRIES
HAM, TURKEY & CHEESE	2 DRINKS PER PERSON

SATURDAY EVENING BANQUET DINNER--PRICE INCLUDED IN HOTEL PACKAGE

SEAFOOD LOUIS	BERNEY POTATOES
HILTON KENTUCKY LIMESTONE SALAD	SUGAR SNAP PEAS
ROAST PRIME RIB AU JUS	STRAWBERRIES ROMANOFF
	2 DRINKS PER PERSON

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST EACH MORNING--PRICE INCLUDED IN HOTEL PACKAGE

ASSORTED JUICES	DOUGHNUTS
COFFEE & HERBAL TEA	BANANA NUT BREAD
DANISH PASTRIES	ASSORTED FRUITS

SUNDAY EVENING FAREWELL BAR B Q DINNER--AVAILABLE TO THOSE STAYING OVER AT \$12.50/PERSON

BAR B Q BEEF & PORK RIBS	BAKED BEANS
FRIED CHICKEN	CORN ON THE COB
BAKED HAM	SLICED TOMATOES
POTATO SALAD & COLD SLAW	COBBLER FOR DESERT

SOMETHING THAT CONCERNS EACH OF US:

When the 783RD Bomb Squadron Association was formed and we were asked to serve we assumed it was for the purpose of reuniting the many who had served with the 'Ole Outfit'; provide them with periodic bulletins informing them of old friends and happenings; and hold AFFORDABLE Reunions ever two years where the 'troops' could join together and once again share the great fellowship that made the Squadron so outstanding and unique.

Today, these memories are becoming disillusioned. Have we lost that concern for our Squadron mate that has been less fortunate and no longer care to share? Are we headed on the correct course? These questions and others are brought to mind and are of great concern when we review our Dayton Reunion and proposed plans for our Indy 87' Reunion. When the facts of these are addressed we hold deep concerns that if corrective steps aren't taken we can price ourselves out of the Reunion business. Fact--at Dayton we paid those Hilton 'gangsters' exhorbitant prices for unadulterated 'crap'. Fact--at Indy 87' when a couple attends the Thursday evening Ice Breaker and the Saturday evening Banquet their price of admission for these two events will be \$101.80 out of the \$325 Hotel package. We may well be the 'Village Idiot' for complaining. We don't think so based on the many letters and calls received regarding same. We feel and agree this is living too damed high on the hog for many of our members. What about our old comrades, who shared so much with us, that may have been less fortunate? Have we considered perhaps they have even a stronger desire to stand and share with us once again? Shouldn't we consider with the years and events not being as kind to them and their families such an expense may be too stout for their pocket books? Have we considered our thoughtless actions may dictate they must forego attending and necessitate their sitting home with an undeserved case of the 'Poor Me's'? Personally, and we feel we speak for many, we would be willing to forego gourmet buffets and banquets. 'Blue Plate Specials' would be enjoyed a damned sight more if they could be shared with 'Old Friends' that have been prohibited from attending because we lacked the consideration to set our sights lower remembering we were once a Squadron that cared and shared. In short--if hundreds of other units can hold more economical priced Reunions--why can't we?

Having fired our criticism cannon, no doubt by now, Harry Greene has progressed from an epileptic seizure to cardiac arrest back to yelling at poor Rick to prepare him another pop of Canadian Windsor to soothe his distress. In fairness his case should be presented. He feels strongly he has cut a helluva deal for the Squadron. Considering the yelling, bellowing, cajoling we have unsuccessfully laid on him the past 6 months regarding the prices we would have to agree he has done what he thinks best in our behalf. We feel he will do his best to set a good table.

Regarding this squabble your Convention Chairman has laid two charges on us that should be aired and left for each member to decide. First, he feels the reunion attendance depends on the 'Ballyhoo' we dream up and print in the LOGs. Our position is simple. After the Daytonian Hilton 'dumped' on the Squadron there is no way we are ever being used again. The Squadron will furnish the Hilton Airport Inn with a computerized mailing list and they can do their own selling job. They have a paid staff for that purpose. Personally, we hope and urge each of you with the financial means to attend so you can stand at the Saturday morning Business Meeting voicing your opinions to control our future. Second, he feels our concerns regard only 5% of the membership. We take the position of having responsibility to 100% of the membership. We feel a deep sense of guilt, if by not protesting Reunion prices, if even one of our members is prohibited from attending, we are doing a poor job.

To Harry and any others these words may have offended--our apologies. It would have been much easier and certainly much more pleasant to have swept this problem under the rug and looked the other way. Unfortunately, we aren't cut of that kind of cloth. We feel strongly to remain a healthy Association and maintain the traditions of a caring and sharing Squadron each of our members, not only has the right to know, but the right to express an opinion to preserve and perpetuate a majority and not a minority being served.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND INDY 87', AUGUST 13. 14 & 15, 1987 MAKING IT OUR BEST REUNION EVER. THE 783RD WAS & STILL IS THE BEST. PULLING TOGETHER WE CAN KEEP IT THE BEST!!!

QUID FIT!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOYS--BURT ANDRUS said hello to the big six nine September 21st. DOC KIMBALL will say hello to the big seven eight October 24th. Judging from their vim, vigor & vitality both are highly suspect. Could they have slipped off to Rumania for shots of Geravitol the youth serum?