

QUID FIT

## 783RD LATRINE-O-GRAM

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ALAMOVILLE, TX

# I WANT YOU



EVERY MOTHERS DRAFTED  
RECRUIT SON, WHO SERVED  
IN THE 783'RD TO BE  
IN ATLANTA  
WHEN THE BUGLE BLOWS  
SEPT 29 - OCT 2  
THAT MEANS-YOU!

#### BILLY POWELL HAS 2 ENGINES FEATHERED & THE OTHER 2 RUNNING ROUGH & OVER HEATING:

Billy Powell like all of you other 'Yankee Misfits', who live in such a harsh and polluted environment, had to flee down to 'Geritol Flats(Florida)' to 'Snow Bird' this past winter. While there he was gripped with the punies. On his return home in the spring it was discovered he was battling 'Big C'. In the latter part of April the 'Butchers' opened him up and spent 3 hours probing and prying among his innards. Since then they have been hitting him with radiation on a daily basis and zapping him with chemo monthly. This has resulted in his being in and out of the 'Misery Ward' but being a 'Tough Ole Rooster' he is waging the determined and courageous battle you would expect of that 'Ornery Ole Rascal'. His wife Norma along with his children, their spouses and his grandchildren led by 'Little Toughy', who has fought some battles of his own, have rallied to his side giving 'Ole Banana Nose' an extra shot of determination. It is hoped each and everyone of you 'Ole Cooter's will take time out to send him a word of cheer.

This will explain why this load of 'Hoss Apples' has been written, printed, labeled and shipped by way of Texas. It was our way of saying, "HANG IN THERE BILLY BOY & GIVE EM HELL"!!

#### BAD LUCK MEMBERS:

RALPH MC ELYEA—underwent a 5 way bypass some time back. His wife is suffering from advanced emphysema requiring oxygen almost continuously. Recently the Forest Service threatened to evict him from his home. If this wasn't a large enough load for one guy to tote his brother passed away followed by his loosing a daughter in law. And—he thought he had bad luck being 'scragged' on his 50th mission over Munich in September of 1944? In spite of all the adversities Mac & Louise are hanging in there with great determination. His greatest worry seems to be he may not make it to Atlanta. This is why we are damned proud to say we had the privilege of flying some missions with 'Ole Mac'—one of the best.

#### TIME OUT FOR A LITTLE HUMOR:

An Ole Boy got shorted when the smarts were handed out. Consequently, he had gone thru life being recognized as the 'Village Idiot'. On a TV news program he learned about a nearby Brain Surgeon famous for his brain transplant expertise. He paid him a visit and unfolded his plight seeking help. The Brain Surgeon after hearing his history allowed as how he would be a good candidate. Taking him into a room he showed 'Mr Simp' a brain in a jar that had belonged to a Dr that he would transplant for \$1 000 and another that had belonged to a Lawyer that was available for \$1 500. He had one other that he priced at \$3 000. When 'Mr Simp' questioned why it was so expensive the Brain Surgeon replied, "it belonged to a 783RD 'Toggle Jockey' and was never used".

#### BACK FENCE GOSSIP:

COLONEL & KAY ANDRUS—recently boarded a KC Tanker at 04:30 leaving Mc Connell AFB, KS bound for Dover AFB, DE. In route a National Guard Unit of fighters were refueled. The following morning again on board the Tanker they zoomed off into the ozone bound for England. In route they rendezvoused over the Atlantic and refueled a Fighter Group being deployed across the pond. Once on the ground in 'Limeyville' they hopped a shuttle over to 'Krautland' where they picked up a rent a car and continued on to Bern, Switzerland where he served a tour as Military Attache. It is reported they had a delightful time visiting many ole acquaintances and feasting on the high cholesterol and calorie laden foods the Swiss are famous for. Out over the Atlantic we can just picture the 'Ole War Horse' 'popping his jollies' each time one the 'chicks' nuzzled up to 'Mother Hen' to take on a load of 'go juice'. Since his return we have talked with him and he raring to roll into Atlanta with all throttles pushed up against the fire wall.

DOC KIMBALL—at 80 years young sent us communiques this past winter from ski jaunts to Vermont, Utah and Colorado. Personally, we wouldn't walk out of the front door to get on a pair of those 'idiot slats' even if Zsa Zsa Gabor offered us a roll in the hay as a reward. That 'Ole Cooter' is something else. It wouldn't surprise us to hear he has once again jetted off for 'bikini watching of the Maemiselles' on the Riviera. In the past this has been one of his favorite summer pass times. From personal observations on a visit we can reliably report when he strolls thru the lobby of the horizon House RETirement Home where he resides he looks like the Pied Piper with all of the resident widows chasing after him vying for his attention.

RED HUBER—we received a report from reliable sources in Huntsville, TX the home of 'Ole Red' that he has taken the veil, put the plug in the jug and gone on the wagon. Representatives from all of the major medical colleges are camped on his door step making offers to purchase his liver on his demise. It is a known fact his liver has strained more 'joy juice' than that of Winston Churchill.

ELLA VORHIES—the widow of Bill Vorhies the Crew Commander of Moby Dick the first plane to go down from the Squadron will be in attendance at Atlanta. She is anxious to meet and talk with all the guys who knew her Bill. Welcome to Atlanta 'Ole Friend'. Please note Ole was spelt with a O-L-E. Hub Johnson, being a crew member it is hoped you will be in attendance. Plus, Charlie Ellis, John Walker, Floyd Coffield, "The Duck", Doc Kimball and all the many others. If our memory serves us correctly Bob Thomas had one of the best views that fateful day and recorded it in your diary. Bob, best you be in attendance.

#### CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE:

CHARLIE PAYNE—one of the original cadre members of the 783RD made so many unselfish contributions to the Squadron on 'The Hill'. These efforts have never ceased. Charlie Ellis reports he has done a super job of being his Atlanta liason for the Reunion doing countless jobs in his usual indomitable excellent manner. Also, he did a super job helping us to arrange the Golf Tournament.

GUY CARTER—Co Pilot on the Bonds crew 'scragged' over Munich now making his home in Douglasville, GA has also made many contributions and given much help in setting up the Reunion.

1989 783RD BOMB SQUADRON REUNION SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, 29 SEPT

14:00-17:00 REGISTRATION IN HOSPITALITY ROOM

Name Tags & Reunion Package of meal tickets, local information etc will be available  
Free Beer, Tea etc to be served

18:00-19:00 SOCIAL HOUR & "THERE I WAS AT 20 000 FEET" STORIES TO COMMENCE-CASH BAR

19:00-20:30 WELCOMING BUFFET

- A. Invocation
- B. Dedication of Reunion to KIA's and Deceased with introduction of next of kin present
- C. Recognition of those attending first reunion
- D. Recognition of POWs 'scragged'
- E. Other pertinent info

SATURDAY, 30 SEPT

07:30-09:00 REVEILLE & BREAKFAST

09:30-10:30 BUSINESS MEETING

11:15-17:00 SIGHTSEEING BUS TOUR OF ATLANTA INCLUDING VISIT TO STONE MOUNTAIN, CYCLORAMA ETC

- A. Cost is \$18.00/person including admissions-lunch can be purchased at Stone Mountain
- NOTE: GRAY LINES REQUIRES 32 TO MAKE TRIP FOR ABOVE PRICE & REQUIRING SQUADRON TO PAY  
7 DAYS IN ADVANCE-BE SURE TO INCLUDE THIS WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO GOP. EVERY EFFORT  
WILL BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE PROCRASTINATORS-THIS WILL SERVE TO PUT THEM OF NOTICE

18:00-19:00 SOCIAL HOUR & CASH BAR

- A. Photographs to be taken for Memory Book-NO CHARGE UNLESS YOU PURCHASE BOOK

19:00-20:30 BANQUET DINNER

20:30-21:30 EVENING PROGRAM CONDUCTED BY COLONEL ANDRUS

- A. Introduction of new officers etc

21:30-24:00 DANCING & SOCIALIZING TO JUKE BOX MUSIC-GLENN MILLER, TOMMY DORSEY, WAYNE KING ETC

SUNDAY, 1 OCT

07:30-09:00 REVEILLE & BREAKFAST

10:00 TEE OFF TIME FOR QUID FIT HACKERS AT FOX CREEK GOLF CLUB

18:00-19:00 SOCIAL HOUR & CASH BAR

19:00-20:30 FAREWELL BUFFET WITH PRESENTATION OF GOLF AWARDS TO BE CHAIRED BY NYME "CAMEL DRIVER" FARAGE

- A. Every 'Hacker' participating in 'Swingerooski' to receive an award of some nature

IMPORTANT NOTICE-THE HOSPITALITY ROOM WILL BE OPEN THROUGHOUT REUNION WITH FREE BEER, TEA ETC WITH HOURS  
TO ACCOMMODATE THE MAJORITY OF THOSE ATTENDING

MONDAY, 2 OCT

REVEILLE & BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN TO ACCOMMODATE INDIVIDUAL DEAPARTURE SCHEDULES

NOTE-EACH & EVERY DETAIL CANNOT BE LISTED. HOWEVER, ALL FUNCTIONS & EVENTS WILL BE SIMILAR TO PAST  
REUNIONS. THERE WILL BE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND POSTING OF ALL EVENTS AFTER YOUR ARRIVAL.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THOSE TRAVELING TO REUNION BY AIR:

DELTA AIRLINES IS OFFERING A 5% DISCOUNT TO THOSE CHOOSING TO TRAVEL BY DELTA. THIS ISN'T MUCH BUT  
BEATS A DRY, HACKING COUGH!

TO ACQUIRE THIS DISCOUNT EITHER YOU OR YOUR TRAVEL AGENT SHOULD CALL 1-800-221-1212 AND ASK FOR  
SPECIAL MEETINGS NETWORK. BE SURE TO GIVE FILE REFERENCE NUMBER OF D 22076 TO RECEIVE THIS DISCOUNT.  
THE LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION FOR THIS DISCOUNT WAS SIGNED BY MS BETH IHLENDORF, SPECIAL MEETINGS  
NETWORK, CINNCINATI, OH DATED JANUARY 6, 1989 ADDRESSED TO MR CHARLIE ELLIS



**783RD BOMB SQUADRON RESERVATION FORM FOR VARIOUS EVENTS AT ATLANTA REUNION**

Detach, fill out the form and send the form along with your check in payment of the events you wish to attend to F. A. Goplen.

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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ADDRESS OF THOSE ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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FRIDAY--SEPTEMBER 29  
 ICE BREAKER BUFFET\*\*\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ X \$18.00/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of persons

SATURDAY--SEPTEMBER 30  
 BANQUET DINNER\*\*\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ X \$24.00/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of persons

SUNDAY--OCTOBER 1  
 FAREWELL BUFFET\*\*\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ X \$18.00/person \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of persons

SUNDAY--OCTOBER 1 (10:00AM)  
 GOLF TOURNAMENT\*\*\*\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ X \$30.00/PLAYER \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of players

NAMES OF PLAYERS:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SATURDAY--SEPTEMBER 30 (AFTER THE BUSINESS MEETING)  
 A TOUR IS BEING PLANNED OF ATLANTA. WHILE WE DO NOT  
 HAVE THE TOUR PACKAGE PUT TOGETHER AT THIS TIME, IT  
 WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED IS YOU WOULD INDICATE  
 HOW MANY OF YOU PLAN TO TAKE THE TOUR. ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 HOW MANY

Please make checks payable to 783rd Bomb Squadron  
 Mail to: F. A. Goplen  
 1225 S. Main Street  
 Zumbrota, MN 55992

MAKE SURE HE RECEIVES YOUR RESERVATION FORM AND CHECK BY AUGUST 1, 1989.

DO NOT SEND THIS PORTION TO GOP!  
 SEND IT DIRECTLY TO THE MOTEL



A SPECIAL RESERVATION REQUEST has been made in the name of the  
 783 World War II Bomber Squadron  
GROUP/ORGANIZATION NAME

Please reserve accommodations from that blanket reservation as follows:  
 Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area Code & Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nbr. Rooms 1 Bed	Nbr. Rooms 2 Bed	Other	Arvl Date	Arvl Time	Nbr Nts	Nbr in Pty
		Rate: \$49.00				

Type Reservation:  6 P.M.  Guaranteed  
 Guaranteed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Credit Card Nbr: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please Return This Reservation By: September 1, 1989

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE — OFFICE USE ONLY

ROOM NO	RATE	LAST NAME	FIRST	INITIAL	ARVL DATE	NBR & TYPE ROOMS	NBR NIGHTS

DUCK! A HEAVY LOAD IS ABOUT TO COME YOUR WAY:

Whether it is appropriate or not the conductor of this tour is going to fire a heavy load your way at this time. Perhaps the years have erased the memories of you 'Drafted Recruits' marching to a different drummer than those 'Yard Birds' in the other Squadrons. Who else but 'Chuck' Hardin would have hung upside down by his feet from an over head rod over the bar drinking his drink while the Bar Tender and guests at the Mc Cook O Club almost fainted from surprise? At Patrick Henry, VA how well we remember Pop Green prancing thru the medical line reaching in his coat pocket and showing the Dentist his false teeth and then circling around handing the same teeth to Pop Blum who went thru the same <sup>line</sup> ~~past~~ the same Dentist in the same manner then circling around handing the same false teeth to Pop Fleming who went thru pulling the same trick—and those false choppers didn't fit any three of them. When we arrived on 'The Hill' was when we learned 'Smitty' was afraid of the dark. In a day or so he took off for Bari and returned with that humongous generator and before the week was over Dick Rogers and some of the others had 'scrounged' wire, bulbs etc and had every tent electrified while the other Squadrons down below on the flats were playing Boy Scouts by candle lites. Let's not forget with Doc Kimball designing and directing, Charlie Payne and Vernon Leggett 'requisitioning' and hauling in the necessary materials and with 'Ranking Private' Emsco digging the holes the Quid Fit Gang were parking their behinds on the best sit down wooden & screened latrines with the best view while the 'Flat Landers' down below were still dropping their GI drawers and straddling slit trenches. While scrounging the latrine materials Charlie & Vernon had hauled in a large steel tank that served as the water supply for the shower that was soon completed while the 'Yard Birds' below were still attempting to wash their behinds in a GI helmet. Everyone remembers the Quid Fit O & Non Com Clubs being completed and how the 'Flat Landers' became so friendly hoping for a invite up. It is safe to say that within a few weeks after our arrival you 'Misfits' had 'appropriated' and were enjoying the use of more jeeps, motorcycles etc than the other 'Yard Birds' had authorized wheels. And while taking this trip down memory lane let's not forget how you guys (not me) worked so diligently earning the VD banner sent down by order of General Twining that flew over the Orderly tent for a week that Colonel Andrus was so proud of—an award for the 783RD having more VD cases than any other Squadron in the 15TH proving beyond a shadow of a doubt you guys had no superiors as fighters & lovers. Let's not get carried away with details of only your felonious pursuits. It spilled over to the primary Group endeavor of kicking that Berlin 'Paper Hanger & Painters' behind. From the beginning 783RDEERS had more than their share of time in the Group Lead and planes with the blue letters on their sides were seen daily in Deputy Group, Second Attack Lead and the various box leads.

When Don Kay rounded up everyone for the CSs 'Get Together' we had the pleasure of watching you 'Ole Misfits' come together and renew old friendships after so many years. Comradery spilled over like hogs splashing slop out of a trough. While we have been weaving this little scenario we are now at the point we have been hoping to make. When the bugle blows at Atlanta your conductor will have just celebrated his 66th birthday—one of the younger members of the Quid Fit Gang. So, you just got a goose in your GI behind. We hope it wasn't too painful to remind you that most of you 'Ole Outlaws' will never see 70 again. Now that reality has a grip on you it is time to recognize individually and collectively we have used up much of our luck ~~not~~ to mention perhaps the 'Big Sky Pilot' may at this very time be reveiwing our pluses and minuses. With this little friendly reminder having been laid on each of you why doesn't each and everyone fill out the attached forms and make his reservations TODAY? And—be a part of the best round up the 783RD has ever put together. DO IT NOW!!!

The Good Lord willing and the creek doesn't rise—hope to see each and everyone of you 'Rascals' in Atlanta Friday September 29—Monday Oct 2.

QUID FIT!

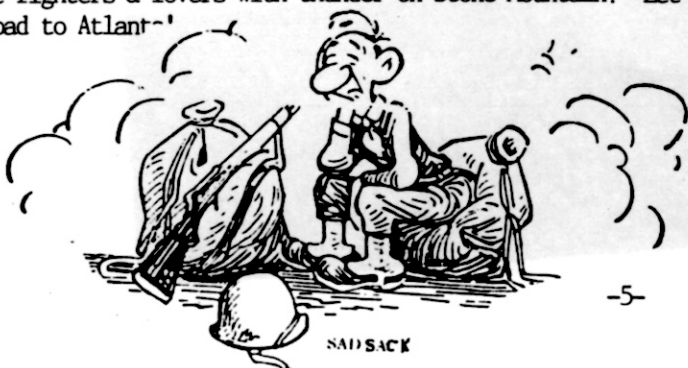


LATE FLASHES RECEIVED:

AL WYLIE—reports the Reunion Holiday Inn can be reached by those driving by taking Exit No. 15 off of I-285. Al has his B-2 jacket, flying helmet and a duffle bag of war stories packed and ready for the reunion. Since he already knows the exit etc he may have already made a recon trip over checking out the lay out.

BARON BARONOSKI—reports he has his airline reservations and his bags packed including a gross of Dough Boy pro kits. At his age what he needs with even one Dough Boy is beyond our imagination—unless he anticipates jumping in the pool upon his arrival and is afraid he might get an ear ache.

GOP GOPLIN—reports some 30 have already forwarded their Atlanta Reunion Fees. Surprisingly, some 28 have already signed up for the Golf Tournament. HOW ABOUT THOSE APPLES? HELL! We know at least 30 procrastinators like ourselves who haven't gotten around to doing anything. So, it looks as if there will be a large gathering of the fighters & lovers with thunder on Stone Mountain! Let's get the troops out of the snow and the show on the road to Atlant~'



**DON'T BE A  
SAD SACK  
BE IN ATLANTA!**