



783RD LATRINE-O-GRAM

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by Glenn and Lois Cunningham

Happy Holidays

Dear 783rd Friends,

Fifty years ago this month our lives were changed. Little did we know all the things that would happen. But if I had it to do over, I would like to live the same life. We are unable to control many things that happen in our lives; but we learn to "go with the flow" and play the card that are dealt to us.

Another reunion has passed and I think everyone had a great time. These reunions just don't happen. A lot of thought, work and time go into trying to get things together. It's impossible to please everyone so lets all try to be tolerant and give some input. In the next issue of the Latrine -O-Gram we will have a ballot for our next reunion in two years. There are several factors that must be considered. Foremost are cost, transportation to the location, and lodging. Not everyone can afford to take a cruise or a trip to Europe, but it sounds good.

The new officers for the next two years are Russell Anderson, President (Andy), Ralph Smith, Vice President, Mike Magazzino, Treasurer, and Joe Bastin, Secretary.

Stan Pace gave us a very thought provoking talk on arms procurement at the San Antonio reunion. Stan is an illustrious member of our Squadron as well as past C.E.O. of General Dynamics. He sat next to "Nunnie" and me at the dinner and we found him to be an interesting, down to earth type of person - then I found out why. He was reared in Kentucky. "Ole" Kentucky values will always shine through. Some day you can ask Abe Lincoln, Daniel Boone, Jim Bowie or any Kentucky basketball fan.

Our Squadron has been fortunate to have had such good leadership not only early on, but the past few years with our reunions: Burt Andrus, Charles Ellis, Sam Marie, Don Kay, Harry Green, Bill Powell, Bob Wells, Paul Smith, Doc Kimball, John Walker, etc., etc. I want to thank Al Wylie, Mike Magazzino, and Jim McCloskey for their help.

The reunion was my first trip to San Antonio and I got a surprise. I had visions of the Alamo as an old adobe type fort on the dusty plains with tumbleweed blowing by. I asked a doorman at this nice hotel how to catch a tour to the Alamo and he said you just walk across the street but be careful and don't get run over. I liked the visions that I first had!

The schedule for the All American B-24 Tours in Florida:

B-24 SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TELEPHONE		
JANUARY			FEBRUARY	
1-3	TAMPA	(813)-251-1752	1-3	JACKSONVILLE (904)-779-6853
3-5	ST. PETERSBURG	(813)-531-1441	3-5	GAINSVILLE (904)-373-4000
5-7	SARASOTA/BRADENTON	(813)-355-2902	5-7	OCALA (904)-237-3444
7-9	PORT CHARLOTTE	(813)-639-1101	7-9	LEESBURG (904)-728-9704
9-11	FORT MEYERS	(813)-936-1443		
11-13	MIAMI	(305)-232-0141		
13-15	FORT LAUDERDALE	(305)-776-0587		
15-17	BOCA RATON	(407)-368-1110		
17-19	WEST PALM BEACH	(107)-683-3919		
19-21	FORT PEIRCE	(407)-489-2285		
21-23	MEI BOURNE	(407)-727-0461		
23-25	DAYTONA BEACH	(904)-255-0471		
25-28	ORLANDO - 489 B.G.	(407)-859-5682		
28-1	SAVANNAH - 8TH A.F.	(404)-636-9178		



This past summer, our crew, George Josten pilot, had another crew reunion at my lake house and again we had a great time. We missed J. T. Hays and Mayme. They were like George Burns and Gracy. They kept us laughing all the time. J. T. was critically ill with cancer and died several weeks later. We called them in California and all of us took turns talking on the three phones. Mayme came to the San Antonio reunion to see some of her friends for the trip to Italy and also be with us

At our crew reunion, we also had Rena Lucey, who is the widow of Dan Lucey, our navigator. She, George Josten, and Ed Peruin did well on the jet ski. Helen Balin, Bill's wife, didn't do as well on the Sprees. She called me later and said everything healed nicely. Evel Knievel she is not.



Can anyone remember who the two men are with the X under their pictures? I am on the far left, Doyle Mayo on the right, Ira Altizer, (deceased) in between them. Doyle and Al were on our crew - they worked in the orderly room. I think the one on the right's first name was George? We were standing in front of the V Grand the 5000th B-24 built that came to our Squadron.

Please check and pay your dues if you are able. Have a Happy and Healthy 1992.

If there is a change in your address, wife's name, etc., please let Mike Magazine or me know.

Quid Fit
Joe

In Memory

The following members of the 783rd have gone to the "Eagles Nest": James L. Hays, William Bower, Zane D. Hyle, Bob Dumas, and Bill Douglas. Remember them in your prayers and thoughts. J. T. Hays was on our crew and one of my near and dear friends.

I understand that John Walker, Paul Smith, and Sam Marie have had health problems.

Please write me about and deaths, illnesses, or anything that would be of interest about our members or their families. Please send any news that should be in the Latrine-O-Gram. Quid Fit - What Cooks - or "Whats cooking". Please let me hear from you.

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Nunnie and I will be in the Florida Keys, Marathon, FL from Christmas until the first week in March. My mail will be forwarded to me. Mike Magazzine would like to have a mini-reunion in Florida, so if you are going to be around and are interested, please write Mike at 24023 E. Oakland Road, Bay Village, OH 44140, phone 216-871-3203.



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