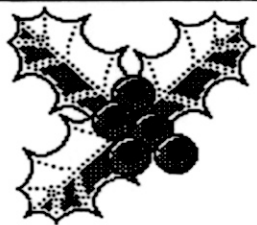


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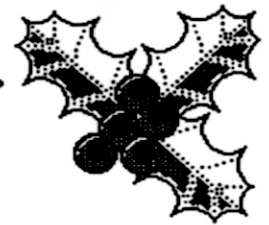
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783RD LATRINE-O-GRAM



Merry Christmas



To All 783rd Personnel and their Families

A Brief History of the 783rd's NEW PRESIDENT, Dick Rogers of Fredericksburg, Texas — where he shares his life with his wife DOROTHY.

Dick's new telephone number is:
(830) 997-4524

At McCook Dick was assigned to communications as radio repair mechanic. NOW I QUOTE from Dick:

“When we arrived in Italy, I got the job of providing electricity to the mess hall, orderly room, and operations. I then proceeded to EXTEND electricity to the living area, the officer's club and the enlisted men's club. I robbed the Italian telephone system of its poles and used them to run my wire to the living area. We had only a small generator the first few months, then we received a good self-contained UNIT. About a year later we received, by the efforts of Colonel Burt Andrus, another self-contained unit. This enabled me to have a spare

unit so that I could rebuild a worn one and we still have electricity.

It was my job to turn the lights on whenever the Squadron flew a mission, so you could see your breakfast.

I also saw that lights were out by 10:00 P.M. I NEVER DID GET BACK TO WORKING ON RADIOS. Some persons who impressed me in the Squadron: some I think of even today. FIRST on my list is BURT ANDRUS...not because he was C.O. but for the fairness in the way he did things for the men and me. He did what he thought was RIGHT.

Dick Marsh, head of the communications department, was a fellow who worked at doing the right thing. In the Communication Department, Jack Brogan, Bill Fisk, Norman Nelson, and Joe Natoli were good friends.”

As always Dick signs off saying “Everything going great here.”

October 27, 1997

FELLOW members of the 783rd Bomb Squadron Association

The St. Louis reunion was nicely arranged and very enjoyable to participate in.

President Mike Magazzino 'made' every part of the 1997 Reunion pleasurable. What a cheerleader!!!!

Mike is as conscientious as any human being I've ever been around.

At the business meeting on Saturday, the following TOWNS were proposed for consideration for our 1999 REUNION:

Norfolk, Virginia; Charleston, South Carolina; Detroit, Michigan; Niagara Falls, New York; Boston, Massachusetts; Kansas City, Kansas; Denver, Colorado; Colorado Springs, Colorado.

PLEASE be thinking about "WHERE YOU'D PREFER TO REUNITE IN 1999."

Dick Rogers of Fredericksburg, Texas is our new President. Joe Forbes of St. Louis, Missouri is our new Vice President.

Floyd Gregory continues to be our EXCELLENT SECRETARY and Publisher of the Squadron's newsletter, the Latrine-O-Gram.

Floyd Gregory lives in Urbana, Illinois.

Jack Meyer will handle the Squadron's Treasury for another term — (or until death do us part). Jack accepts dues. Jack still lives in Indianapolis.

Also, the 783rd Bomb Squadron Ass'n has closed its "P-X". (Our customer base has 'shrunk' to the point that its hard to select stuff that Medicare doesn't supply.)

Please send NEWS ITEMS TO SECRETARY GREGORY!!

QUID FIT

✍ Jack Meyer

*SENIORS ARE THE NATIONS
LEADING CARRIERS OF
AIDS*

*Hearings aids, Band aids, Roll aids,
Walking aids, Medical aids, and
Government aids. Most of all,
Monetary aid to their kids!!!*

*The golden years have come at last,
I cannot see,
I cannot pee,
I cannot chew,
I cannot screw.*

*My memory shrinks,
My hearing stinks,
No sense of smell,
I look like hell!!*

*My body is dropping,
got trouble pooping.*

*The golden years have come at last,
the golden years can kiss my ass!!*

(From: LeRoy Crenshaw)

Note: From Floyd

Jean and I will leave for Albuquerque, NM shortly after the first of January, 1998. We plan to stay there for approximately three months. Our Address will be:

12408 Morocco NE
Albuquerque, NM 87111

We do not know our phone number, but we can be reached through our son, Steve at phone number (505) 299-3430. He will get a message to us, and we will make return calls as soon as possible.

Some elements of Association dollar outlays since 1995 Reunion:

Our most important activity our newsletter the Latrine-O-Gram, has had a cost of \$2,316.62 since our last Reunion in 1995.

Our Association Secretary, Floyd Gregory, has this publication cost nicely controlled with an Urbana, Illinois printer.

Since our last Reunion the Association contributed \$250.00 as its share of the cost of a 465th Bomb Group Memorial.

The Association's incidental expenses (mostly costs of communication and some deceased's memorials) amount to \$447.39. (I know that many such costs are not paid to the officers who administer the Association's business because they do not request reimbursement.)

The Association made a \$250.00 payment to the Radisson Hotel as a pre-reunion kind of earnest money.

In November, 1995 we paid \$560.29 for some Reunion '95 wind-up expenses.

The Associations account with Vanguard Fund has a current market value of \$13,665.57 after a recent withdrawal of \$1800.00. We started this fund mid-November, '95 so through 10/6/97 we have gained \$1,465.57. We started in this '95 through '97 period with \$14,000.00. \$1800.00 was withdrawn to NCBI account. (Four persons, all officers, are authorized to do the association's bidding with this account: the 4 are Magazzino, Bastin, Gregory, and Meyer.)

11/1/95 Moneys received from Dr. Joseph Bastin: \$17,853.92

10/7/97 Balance in National City Bank account: \$1772.36

10/6/97 Account with Vanguard Short Term Treasury Fund: 1338 shares @ \$10.21 per share for a total of \$13,665.57.

8/25/97 Balance in Postmaster account \$ 68.68
8/25/27 Balance in Latrine-O-Gram Savings account \$368.88

Inventory of items in P-X to be valued shortly after current REUNION.

I must send back to one member of our Association \$50.00 because he has just paid \$50.00 lifetime dues (the second time).

✍ Jack Meyer

The following is a prayer given by Chaplain Blough to the flight crews before a Mission — copied from the "CHURCH CALL" Bulletin: Sunday, July 30, 1944

"Prayer at Briefing"

Copied from Church Bulletin July 30, 1944

"O God, Thou who hast created the heavens and the earth, and in Thy natural law hast made it possible for man to sustain himself in flight through the air; we ask again Thy blessings upon these men as they go out this morning to fly high into the sky: grant them courage to do a good job, protect them against the assaults of the enemy, and may their faith be unfaltering in Thee. We pray it so in the name of Him who has given us power over all the things of the earth; in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord." Amen.

✍ Chaplain H. R. Blough

FAX TO JACK MEYER - 317 546 4004

3 Oct 97

Dear Jack,

First, let me beg your forgiveness for not writing to you, with most sincere condolences about your son. We lost an adult daughter a few years ago, and it was the most hurtful blow of my life. It did, however, lead me to accepting Jesus Christ.

My wife's illness and our forced move to a new home plus the fact that she still can not drive, requires my constant attention. Thus, I had to "scrub" my plan for the Reunion. She can not be left alone and my kids and grandkids are working and back in school.

I do, however, want to send my warmest greetings to the Squadron, and I would appreciate it, if my message attached could be read at the appropriate time.

First, an item of business.

I am sure that all members of the 783rd Bomb Sq know that we were the first Bomb Sq and subsequently the only Sq to have a dedicated plaque on the Memorial Wall at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

I feel strongly and I trust the majority of 783ers agree, that the Air Force Academy represents an important part of the life of every Airman even though he is not a graduate. The major contribution we made during WWII and the brave and valiant men who died making that contribution bonded us, irrevocably, to the Cadets who will carry on the vital mission of protecting our most precious flag, *Old Glory*.

That plaque represents our first step in bonding to this inspiring institution. And I can assure you that the Cadets of today respect that bond. I, herewith propose that we seek the support of our brothers in the other three squadrons to take a final step, as we fly into the sunset of our lives to reinforce that bond with a plan that will directly

support the mission of the Academy. I am suggesting that we take the necessary steps to "will" the balance of our Squadron Treasury, in coordination with a matching commitment from each of the other Squadrons, to provide the funds necessary for a specific project which will directly support the mission of the *United States Air Force Academy*.

I have done more than a little "homework" on the idea, and I finally sat, just yesterday, with the retired USAF Lt General who handles these matters. He explained that such contributions play a vital role at this institution, particularly in light of the budget cuts decreed by the current anti-military administration. So such funds are most welcome.

However, he did point out that his office already handles a multitude of such accounts. He added, not to my surprise, that inasmuch as it requires as much work to administer a \$10,000 account as it does a \$50,000 account their policy is to avoid accepting the smaller amounts. I said I understood that, but that if we could get the other three squadrons in the 465th Bomb Group to join us, we would be looking at the larger total. He said that is what his office is seeking, and I said if it works for the 465th it could be expected to work for a substantial number of other Group associations.

I suggest that, at the business meeting a resolution to this effect be adopted with the understanding that I will assist in urging the other Squadrons to go along.

Give all my warmest regards and prayers and my apology for not being present. Also, you might have someone read this excerpt from my memoirs on the BLUE JEEP.

God bless you and the wonderful men who wore the "Quid Fit" patch.

 Burt Andrus

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WILLIAM J. ZEIGLER

ST LOUIS REUNION ATTENDEES

NAME			GUESTS & COMMENTS
Robert & Rosella Anderson	San Antonio,	TX	You got a winner, Andy
Daniel Bolinski	Orlando,	FL	Happy and contented
Guy & Elizabeth Carter	Douglasville,	GA	
Rus & Eldora Christianson	Jamestown,	ND	
Floyd Coffield	Durand,	MI	
James Dulitz	Atascadero,	CA	Betty Rouqeot & his loyal crew
Joseph & Doris Einecker	Sparta,	TN	Accident free year?
Harry & Lola Fike	Davenport,	IA	Thanks for 10 years loyal service
Jean Fitzpatrick	Silver Springs,	MD	Widow, Thomas of Dulitz crew
Joseph & Shirley Forbes	Florrisant,	MO	Welcome to the officers club
Glenn & Peggy Friar	Latham,	NY	Husband/Daughter of Ralph Smith
Joseph & Katherine Garvey	Laurel,	MD	Their first reunion
Isadore Gertsner	Cheyenne Wells,	CO	
M. Lee & Teeny Gillespie	Gainesville,	GA	Dulitz crew
Ricky Greene	Indianapolis,	IN	Daughter Barbara & Ken Weiss
Floyd & Jean Gregory	Urbana,	IL	
Robert Haefner	Lake San Marcos,	CA	Our 50 mission hero
Verna Mayo	Forgan,	Ok	Welcome back, Verna
Mayme Harp	Livermore,	CA	Don't ever change. You're fun
E. "Red" Huber	Huntsville,	TX	Always comes out of the woodwork
Cleo & Suzanne Jackson	Loveland,	CO	
George & Doris Josten	Greenfield,	IN	
Dudley Kahn	Danvers,	MA	Navigator, Carpenter & Lecturer
John & Helen Knaus	Kansas City,	MO	
Mrs. Fay Knous	Vacaville,	CA	Our steady
Eugene & Mary Kulczyk	Cheektowago,	NY	You're still funny, "Gino"
Linford & Maxine Lavrack	Linwood,	MI	Dulitz crew
Robert & Flonnie Lawson	Boswell,	IN	Dulitz crew
Carl & Ann Lind	Rockford,	IL	
Connie & Afra Maffey	Cranford,	NJ	Dulitz crew
Mike & Sarah Magazzino	Bay Village,	OH	
Carl & Pat Main	Williamsville,	NY	
Sam Marie	San Antonio,	TX	The "Jeep Saga" lives on
Frank Mayall	Rutland,	IA	Dorothy Blossom
Peg McCloskey	Pittsburgh,	PA	One proud Mother
Col. William McCloskey	St. Louis,	MO	Good job on a tough assignment
Jack & Ruth Meyer	Indianapolis,	IN	Many, many thanks, Jack
Gene Moxley	Wright City,	MO	Author- 465th REMEMBERED
Charles & Iris Payne	Bogart,	GA	Why, we like the South
Stan & Elaine Pace	Gates Mills,	OH	Excellent P.O.W. Pledge
Herbert Parkinson	Liberal,	MO	
Warren & Lorraine Polson	Navarre,	FL	He's doing well
Fred & Pat Robinson	Walled Lake,	MI	
Nick & Jean Rodak	Rochester,	NY	
Richard & Dorothy Rogers	Fredericksburg,	TX	Good luck, Roger
Kenneth Russell	Milan,	IN	
Orbin & Elba Rutledge	Denton,	TX	
Ralph Smith	Scarborough,	ME	With son, Bernie
Linda Taylor	Fort Worth,	TX	Sam Marie's "Nightingale"
Paul & Betty Tobin	Fairport,	NY	
Eric & June Volkman	Oakbrook,	IL	The tape is on the way
John & Mary Wilby	Enfield,	CT	
Louis & Cleona Weixelman	Wamego,	KS	Their first reunion
Robert Wills	Clarkston,	MI	C. Fox
Richard Winston	Seabrook Island,	SC	He's still working

**Registered but unable to attend were:

Colonel Burt Andrus, Don & Doris Kay,
Dr. James Spradley, and James Hudson

THE STORY OF A NAVY BLUE JEEP

One bright Italian morning, upon emerging from my quite comfortable tent, I was greeted by the site of a brand new jeep parked right in front of my quarters. That was enough a surprise, but to add to my astonishment, it was painted bright blue and emblazoned in white letters with U.S. NAVY. Further scrutiny revealed a license plate proclaiming the owner to be Captain so-and-so, Commander, Naples Navy Yard.

A full investigation was immediately launched and between my Exec and my First Sergeant we found that two of my squadron crewmembers Sam Marie and "Salty" Tarantino had been granted a three day pass. They had spent their Lira in Naples and on the last night, in order get back on time, they had "borrowed" the Captain's jeep for their return journey across the Italian peninsula back to Pantanella.

My first inclination was to make an "Official Report through Channels" but that would have started an investigation, involving two services, Army and Navy. The investigation would have undoubtedly cost more money than the value of the jeep itself. Furthermore, it would certainly have resulted in Court Martials for my otherwise, very dependable crewmembers. To reinforce the latter option, I reasoned that without clues to the contrary, the Captain would be well advised to think twice about having failed to properly secure his vehicle. The easy option for him would be to blame the light-fingered "Ities" and take another vehicle from his Motor Pool.

Now, as Paul Harvey says, for the REST OF THE STORY. Salty, a Copilot, and Sam, a Bombardier, were two of the Squadron characters. Each was good for a laugh on any and all occasions. At the same time, they were excellent crewmembers and each had flown about ten of their required fifty combat missions — thus they had become eligible for the three day pass.

Naples was 140 air miles from Pantanella and, by the war-torn Italian roads it was probably close to 200. The ground rules for a three-day pass were that you were to be back and "checked in" before reveille. That was their "bad news". The "good news" was that Naples was the principal port through which passed much of the logistics to support the 21 Bomb Groups of the 15th Air Force. This meant that there were truck convoys and other official vehicles transiting that route twenty-four hours a day. Hence, these two "tourists" figured they would have no problem getting back to base before deadline.

As their last night of pass unfolded they found themselves in the "Posh" Officers Club of the Navy in its lovely setting overlooking the Naples harbor. After several libations and no doubt a few cutting remarks comparing their combat trips 700 miles into enemy territory to the "good life" of running a Naval base far behind the lines, they were invited to leave.

Once outside the posh club through the fog of the "Gin and Juice" they decided it was definitely time to plan their return to base.

Now, to digress. In the unstable environment of a wartime area and the Italian talent for "appropriating" property, there was a SOP about jeeps. Each jeep, upon its arrival at a military unit went to the motor pool where a welder took about a three feet length of steel chain and welded one end to the metal floorboard on the driver's side. Next, the supply people attached a padlock about the size of your fist to the free end and put the key thereto on the ignition key ring.

The SOP required any jeep driver, after parking, to rotate the front wheels as far as possible in either direction. Next, engage the chain in the steering wheel and secure the padlock to hold the steering wheel in that position. Thus, even if a person tried to tow or even push the jeep away they would have a tough time with front

wheels cocked and chained in the full turn position. Next, to make things even more difficult, the SOP directed the driver to lift the hood, and removed the rotor from the distributor making it impossible to start the engine even if they somehow cut the chain.

As Sam and Salty inhaled some of the Naples' cool night air they were standing, not too happily, in the Club's parking lot. As Sam sought to steady himself, he grabbed the steering wheel of the nearest jeep and, *voila* it was not chained! With this sobering discovery, he quickly whispered to Salty to raise the hood and check the distributor. Again, the SOP had not been adhered to for a very good reason, which they would much later discover. In less than a heartbeat, these two intrepid airmen were on their way back to Pantanella. They even had the temerity to stop at one of the Army's 24-hour gasoline dumps in order to depart Naples with a full tank. The attendant did not ask any questions about authority to fill the tank.

By the time they reached the other side of the Italian peninsula they were quite sober and beginning to think of how to dispose of their prized piece of transportation. In a flash, the answer emerged — *"Why not give it to our Squadron Commander?"*

At this point, I made one of the best decisions in my life. I called my Motor Pool Chief and said, "Sergeant, how long will it take you to spray this jeep olive drab, add U.S. ARMY AIR CORPS and destroy the license plate?" His answer: "About 30 minutes, Sir". I said, "Go, and tell the Motor Pool chief to record it as *"Found on Base"*.

Courtesy of Burt Andrus

**Welcome and congratulations to your
new incoming Officers for 1997-1999:
President Richard K Rogers
Vice President Joseph C. Forbes
Secretary Floyd E. Gregory
Treasurer Jack W. Meyer**

Loyalty and dedication still mean a lot. Despite their ailments. Floyd and Jack decided to still serve the 783rd and I'm sure all these gentlemen will serve you well.

The reunion is over. I know I got myself all wound up worrying how it would turn out. The reunion went well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and it was a success.

I can't say too much how much I appreciate the fine job that was done in the planning of the reunion by Jack Meyer, Joe Bastin and Joe Forbes. Most enjoyed the facilities, the Radisson staff were very cooperative and it was enjoyable working with Bernice Barnaby of Discover St. Louis Tours.

I know there was much "hanging loose" from our general meeting which was not answered or resolved. I wonder if we had a quorum for the Board meeting? The PX function was eliminated. For 10 years, Harry and Lola Fike has provided us "Quid-Fits" with many worth while mementos, wearable and otherwise. Moving into a condo will relieve them of a need for more storage room. Many thanks and our well wishes to both of them.

Some Highlights:

Stan Pace rates a "salute" for his rendition of the POW Pledge.

Past President Ralph Smith gave us an inspiring invocation.

Robert Haefner was recognized as one of our few that completed 50 missions by Sam Marie.

Jim Dulitz had 5 crew members attend the reunion.

Guest speaker, the son of Jim McCloskey, Colonel William McCloskey's talk related to our group real well, especially of his emotions and memories with Jim.

783RD BOMB SQUADRON ASSOCIATION

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Warren Polson was hospitalized the night of the banquet with cellulitis. He's home and doing OK. A special thanks to Joe Garvey for his assistance.

It was an honor and privilege and a wonderful experience to serve the 783rd Bomb Squadron. I salute all the men of the 783rd and for the combat crews my admiration. My wife Sarah and I do wish all the best of the coming Holidays. Enjoy in peace and good health.

✉ Mike and Sarah Magazzino

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