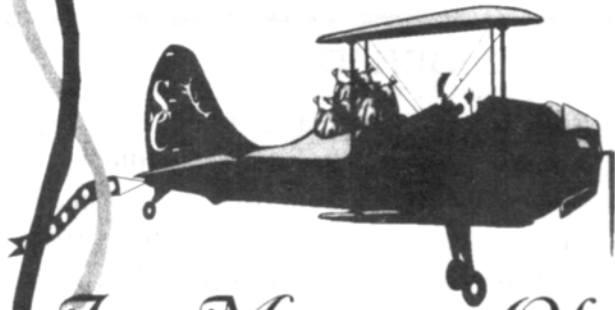


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*POWville Gang*

*May This Xmas Season Be Better Than 1944*



**MERRY CHRISTMAS  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**





# TAPS

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED EAGLES NEST FLITE MEMBERS

*MAY THEY REST IN PEACE KNOWING THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN*

JAMES E. MC GUIRK-passed away in Brighton, MA January 29, 2002 after six weeks of hospitalization. His wife Mary Donnelly Mc Guirk had predeceased him. Jim was retired from both Harvard University as well as Boston College. He is survived by his sister Ms Helen Mc Guirk. WE HAVE LOST ANOTHER OF THE BEST!

## GREAT GUYS REMEMBERED

At this time of year while researching & writing Obits the memories of so many great guys that contributed to the success of the Squadron and have passed on drifts back. Pop Blum our Line Chief comes to mind. A Master Sgt with 25 years service was always referred to as a 'Drafted Recruit' by Master Sgt Homer T. Green with 28 years good time and 3 years bad time. When that pair of 'Ole Soldiers' got their snoots in a whiskey bottle a lively exchange was sure to take place. And-while they were engaged in a 'jaw bone' contest Tech Sgt Pop Fleming our memorable Mess Sgt would quietly swig down all of their booze causing them to turn on him like mad dogs. They can't be recalled without thinking of 1st Sgt Jim Sexton with 18 years service who the above three referred to as that "damned drafted blanket ass recruit" due to his Indian heritage. Each in his way made memorable contributions. And-how can we not mention the characters of characters Salty Tarantino the Co Pilot on the Elliott Crew the 'No Panic Jack-Keep A Cool Stool' guy. All will recall his pushing construction

on the O Club and later running the mess. All accomplished while he flew 35 missions and being involved in many other Squadron affairs. Most of all he will be remembered for going over to 15th Air Force and conning them into a transfer to P-47s. What a sad day it was when it was learned he had augered in. All that strapped on chutes to play dodge the flak will never forget our Squadron Operations Officer Art Tennille. Day after day choosing and sending guys out for certain trips to POWville was no easy task. Yet, he was one of the most respected and loved individuals. It was tragic day when he was lost in that catastrophe on Vis. Doc Kimball our beloved Flight Surgeon lives on in the memories of all. Without a doubt in his own special way he touched the lives of each and every Squadron member. Yes indeed-the quid fit Umbriagos were a very special collection of memorable guys. (*more memories continued in future editions*)

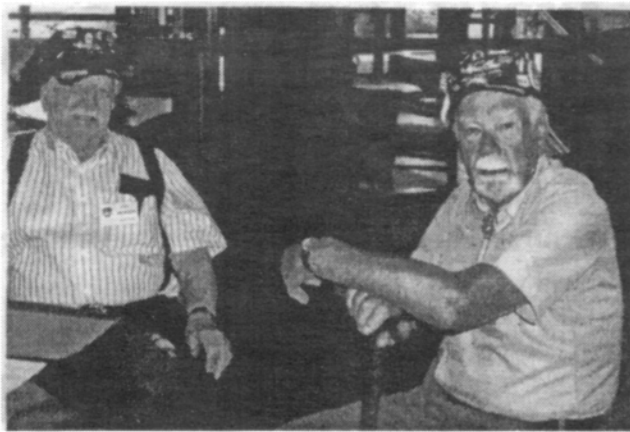
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## MEMORIES 2002 MINI REUNION

### OFFICIAL GREETERS

L-R CLEO JACKSON & GENE KULCZYK

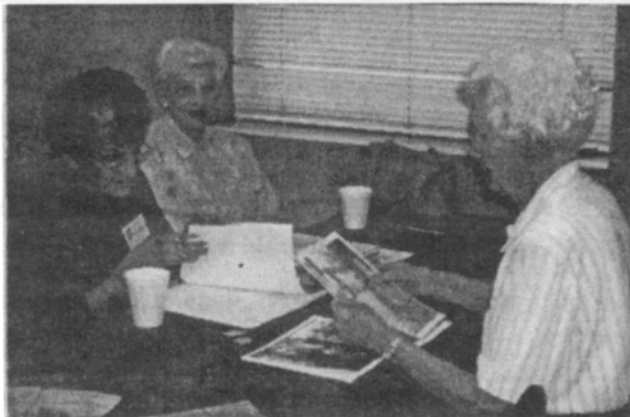
Wouldn't you have liked to see this pair peeping out from  
behind the barbed wire of POWville?



### FIKE GRAND DAUGHTER & MOTHER

Lindsay Hartman & Cheri Amhof

OBSERVE OLD FOLKS & HOW THE YEARS HAVENT  
BEEN KIND



### LADIES REVIEW BAD DECISIONS

L-R SARAH MAGAZZINE, MARY KULCZYK  
& RUTH CHRISTENSEN

PHOTO REVIEWS PROVE WHAT THEY STARTED  
WITH SURE AREN'T THE SAME TODAY  
THEIR STUD 'HOSES' HAVE LOST THEIR STRUT



### PROUD GRANPA FIKE WITH GRANDAUGHTERS

L-R DALLAS BOEDEKER, HARRY & LINDSAY HARTMAN



**GATHERING POSE FOR MUG SHOTS**  
L-R STD'G Afra Maffey; Lynda Marie Taylor; Connie Maffey  
Mary & Gene Kulczyk  
**SEATED L-R KYLCZYK DAUGHTERS**  
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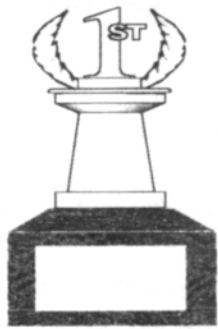
**COACH BOLINSKI & WINNING GOLF TEAM**  
L-R Bob Wills; Roger Amhof; Floyd Coffield;  
Bo Bolinski & Sam Marie



**SONG BIRD BRINGS TEARS**  
Dallas Boedeker lays large load of emotion on crowd  
with her  
rendition of **GOD BLESS THE USA**

PHOTOS COURTESY OF CLARENCE CHRISTENSEN

# COACH BOLINSKI BAGS CHAMPIOSHIP



After several failures Coach Bo Bolinski garnered the Reunion Golf Championship that had alluded his previous efforts when his 2002 team eeked out a hard fought victory. Having been a long time SAC Line Chief he immediately displayed his acquired General LeMay teachings by announcing the winning team members would either be placed on waivers or the cut list if he could sign Nyme Farage and his par shooting sons for the next reunion scramble. 'POLLOCK APPRECIATION IN ACTION'!

## 1ST PLACE TEAM

FLOYD COFFIELD  
BOBBY WILLS  
ROGER AMHOF  
SAM MARIE

## 2ND PLACE TEAM

MURV HUSTON  
DEL FORSBERG  
KAY HUSTON  
IRENE FORSBERG

## 3RD PLACE TEAM

HARRY FIKE  
WALLY VOLKMAN  
LOLA FIKE  
JUNE VOLKMAN

## LONG DRIVE

LADIE'S - IRENE FORSBERG  
MEN'S-FLOYD COFFIELD

## CLOSEST TO PIN

LADIE'S- IRENE FORSBERG  
MEN'S-SAM MARIE

## TAIL END CHARLIE TEAM

REQUESTED ANONYMITY

## **ALZHEIMERS OR 'OLZHEIMERS'**

The average readers of this 'rag sheet' have either or presently, preparing to say hello to 80 years of age. At that stage in the game of life health issues have or will soon become a very important issue for each. Among the leaders is 'alzheimers' having been in the news so frequently. The medics we have presented this problem insist, " as we grow older becoming forgetful is a natural consequence of old age--don't be alarmed". On each occasion we hear this we are reminded of the old saying--lucky as a one legged man at an ass kicking contest. Our point being how do you recognize and accept the point where one has crossed the line from forgetfulness (**olzheimers**) to **alzheimers** ? With *acceptance* being one of the most difficult problems facing old age recognizing and accepting *the time* has come for

one to turn over his or her affairs to another person in many cases has become a terrifying and difficult problem. Today one of our most loved and respected members has reached the point of accepting they are no longer capable of dealing with some of their affairs such as the responsibility of handling their finances having allowed bills to go unpaid for 3 months or longer; driving with a license that expired 2 years previously; and the medics diagnosing them as definite alzheimers victims. Saddest is the fact like so many facing this problem they no longer have the ability to recognize the tragic worry they are placing on their loved ones. Personally, we accept this problem could well be on our horizon and have taken legal steps to deal with such eventuality. Seeing the above alzheimer case first hand was the final catalyst. Forgetting to include the above golf article in the last issue was the clincher. We apologize for what we hope was our '**olzheimers**'.



# Merry Christmas



## Season Greetings

The 2002 mini reunion is history but the memories will be with us for a long time. Three couples who would have been here were unable to make it – Andy and Rosella Anderson, Joe and Do Einecker, and Floyd and Jean Gregory. Andy had a stroke, Joe had a bad case of arthritis, and Floyd and Jean were moving to Wisconsin during the reunion. All have assured me that, the Lord willing, they will be at the next reunion. One of the pleasant surprises was the attendance by Del Forsberg and his new bride, Irene. They live in Florida and Del hadn't been to a reunion since Colorado Springs. Jim Spradley planned to be here from Texas but only made it to Omaha and had to return home. We were sorry that he was unable to make it all the way.

I want to thank all of the attendees who took the time to dig out those photo albums, videos, CDs, pieces of flak that didn't make it all the way through their plane, etc. Everyone enjoyed the memorabilia and the children and grandchildren were especially interested. One of the advantages of hosting a reunion in your home area is having your children and grandchildren join in the activities. Seven members of our family were here. They really enjoyed themselves and learned a little more about history and the 783<sup>rd</sup>.

As you know from the last LOG, Bob Wills made a CD ROM Disc of overseas and reunion photos. At the bottom of this page is an excerpt from a letter I received from Paul Smith's daughter, Marguerite Rossi. The letter expresses the exact reason Bob Wills recorded and donated these CDs to the squadron. It is also nice to know we had two "Pop-Pops" in our squadron (the other is Sam Marie).

My last comment on our mini reunion is to thank my whole family for their support and help during this event. They were great. Also, a big thank you to those who pitched in to help – like Sarah Magazzino, Sam's daughter Linda Taylor, and a number of others. It shows just how much can be accomplished when you work together.

We are getting close to selecting a site for our 2003 reunion. I have reviewed submission from several cities and visited their web sites. Our announcement should be ready for the next LOG.

One of the most frequently heard farewells at the mini on Sunday morning was, "See you at the next reunion." It just shows that our squadron is alive and "rarin' to go."

We pray that the Lord will fill your hearts with joy this Christmas season as we celebrate His birth and bless you with good health throughout the coming year.

Harry Fike

November 1, 2002

Dear Mr. Fike,

I am writing to you to request 2 copies of the CD ROM disc that was compiled by Bobby Wills and described in one of your most recent editions of the "Latrine-O-Gram." Perhaps you remember my Dad, Paul Smith, who passed away almost 4 years ago. I thought it would be great for my children and my sister's children to have this CD, as it is a wonderful historical keepsake about their beloved "Pop-Pop."

Best regards,

Marguerite Smith Rossi

## SICK CALL



*JOE & DOE EINECKER*-both are giving health problems a good battle. Joe has undergone carpal 'butchery' on one hand while struggling with a pinched nerve problem in his neck. Doe continues to take chemo treatments and has a great attitude in her battle. All wish them both the best in their struggles.

*NYME FARAGE*-recently received a warning message from the 'Big Sky Pilot' to clean up his act; quit hustling suckers on the golf course; and start living a healthy heart lifestyle when he suffered a minor attack. With 'Big Mama' June assuming the role of Program Director you can bet your boots & spurs he is receiving ample instructions & directions. At last report he was progressing satisfactorily.

**YOU 'OLE' HENS & ROOSTERS HURRY & REGAIN YOUR STRUT!**

*At a nursing home in Florida, a group of senior citizens were sitting around talking about their aches and pains. "My arms are so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee", said one. My cataracts are so bad I can't even see my coffee", replied another. "I can't turn my head because of this arthritis in my neck", said a third. My blood pressure pills make me dizzy", another contributed. "I guess that's the price we pay for getting old", winced an old man. "Thank God, we can still drive", said one woman cheerfully.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOLKS



### 75 YEARS

SARAH MAGAZZINE

### 77 YEARS

MURV HUSTON

### 78 YEARS

MARY KULCZYK

### 79 YEARS

KAY SMITH

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**SAM**



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