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Fifteenth Air Force
55th Bombardment Wing

Lost Soul AWOL 55 Years



LOUIE JACKSON-92 years young without a doubt the oldest living member of our Association was located in Winder, GA by our VP Charlie Payne. 'Big Louie' was with the Squadron from womb to tomb making the trip to Oran on the Walter Ranger; the USS Lyons to Naples; the all day and over nite box car ride to Pantanella; and finally returning with the gang by way of Trinidad. After receiving his discharge he was employed in construction building houses. He also acquired some land and started a successful farm. During this period he attended an all day eating and singing on the grounds of the Bethlehem Church with his sister where he met his beloved *Johnnie* with whom he was married for 58 years before she passed away. During their marriage she was a seamstress; always worked a large garden; and attended church

faithfully while delivering and raising 3 children *Ronnie, Linda and Phillip Jackson*. They blessed *Louie and Johnnie* with 5 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Unfortunately, their son *Ronnie* while serving in Vietnam was severally injured resulting in MS that left him seriously incapacitated. All of his children live nearby and do their best to keep 'Big Louie' on the straight and narrow. We have it on good authority he continues to live up to the Quid Fit traditions by spreading joy and happiness to many younger widows who are known to drop by very frequently. WELCOME BACK 'BIG LOUIE'!



UNCLE SAM WANTS EVERY MOTHER'S SON THAT SERVED IN THE 783RD; THEIR WIVES; CHILDREN; GRANDCHILDREN & GREAT GRANDCHILDREN TO REPORT TO THE DAVENPORT, IOWA MINI REUNION SEPTEMBER 7,8,9 & 10. REUNITE WITH 'OLE' FRIENDS FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE MEMORY! (DETAILS PGE 7)



CONFESSION

Everyone must have noted the change of the LOG format in the March 2000 issue.

The credit for this change and addition of the graphics go to my niece, TERRI CROWELL. Keep in mind your writer had never touched a computer until advised Floyd was retiring and agreeing to write the LOG once again. Consequently, it is hoped you have some idea of the suffering and frustrations we are going through in our efforts to construct a presentable document each time. Terri prepares many newsletters for a number of schools and churches. On learning we were doing the LOG once again she requested a copy of our first effort. On receipt she called and advised the load of 'Bull Poop' was perhaps acceptable. However, she thought a change in the format and graphics could greatly improve the presentation. She was quickly told, "young lady God put you women on earth to serve us men; run these unfriendly computers; and change and wash diapers. You are welcome to squirt your putty on the next issue". If you folks voice your acceptance of the changes it means Terri must continue teaching 'Ole Dummy' the use of the program she employs. Doing so by long distance to a slow learner will qualify as the best 3 act comedy of the year.

Terri is a young housewife along with her husband Bob are raising two autistic young boys. The abundance of unselfish love and care they are providing these children is unbelievable. Folks you have no idea of the daily challenges these boys present. They pursue this undertaking as if 'The Big Sky Pilot' chose them special for such an undertaking. One can only have the greatest of admiration for this young lady and husband for the efforts they exert in this most admirable effort.

Until she can implant a better understanding of this new program into the shriveled brain of an 'Ole F/O' we will continue loading and forwarding the 'Bull Poop' done with our version so she can correct and add a more acceptable format and graphics for your reading pleasure and enjoyment. If you like her additions you could make her long days shorter by dropping a note of approval to--TERRI CROWELL; 12229 NE 64TH ST; KIRKLAND, WA 98033.

TERRI DARLING--UNCLE SAM LOVES YOU--AND APPRECIATES GREATLY YOU BAILING HIM OUT!
SO FAR, MANY OF THE GUYS HAVE COMMUNICATED THEIR APPROVAL OF YOUR ADDITIONS.

REWARD FOR LOCATING LOST SOUL

Former 1/LT GEORGE LAWRENCE MEECE, SSN 0-1695425 while with the Squadron listed his next of kin as wife MARY J. MEECE; 1721 LAMBERT; INDIANAPOLIS, IN. This was his LKA. In 1984 Harry Greene advised the residence at the above address had been demolished and replaced by a large office building. Shortly thereafter another member reported checking with the state police and no GEORGE LAWRENCE MEECE was listed as holding a Indiana drivers license. GEORGE was the CoPilot on the Petranek crew thought to have been the first replacement crew to the Squadron having completed their 50 missions the first week of September 1944. Early on their Bombardier was grounded and returned to the states for health reasons. The 'Ole F/O' did double duty flying as his replacement until the Greenwood crew his original crew were 'scragged'. We then completed the remainder of our missions with the Petranek crew. Nine of this crew counting their original Bombardier were located or accounted for after the Squadron regrouped in 1983 with all now being deceased. The only possible survivor would be GEORGE MEECE. Should any of you Internet Nerds locate GEORGE or his heirs the 'Ole F/O' will buy you and your spouse the best steak dinner available at either the 'Davenpookeyville' round up or the next regular Squadron Reunion. GOOD LUCK! AND GOOD HUNTING!



ATTEMPTED KC GOLF SCAM REVEALED



For the non golfers benefit to grasp fully this attempted scam allow us to enlighten you about the tee placements on most golf courses . Generally, you have four different sets of tees. The **REDS** being the shortest distance to the green and used by the *ladies*. The **GOLD** being back and further from the green used by *seniors*. The **WHITES** being located further back and even further from the green used generally by *middle handicap players*. Finally, you have the **BLUES** located the furthest from green for the *better players*. Keep in mind anyone

hitting from the WHITES would have a distinct advantage over anyone hitting from the BLUES because of the lesser distance to the green. Having directed your attention to this advantage allow us to remind you of some history of past Qid Fit Scrambles. At Dayton "*Camel Driver*" *Nyme & June Farage* had the good fortune to have the **Wright Patterson Golf Club Champion** not a day over 40 or 42 years of age play on their team. Did they insist he hit from the blues? As a result everyone present can easily remember *Nyme & June* strutting up receiving their awards. Having hit your recall buttons on this scramble allow us to push your recall buttons on the 'Alamoville' Scramble. "*Crying & Hustling*" *Joe & Doe Einecker* had the good fortune for their son and daughter in law both very low handicap(excellent) players and probably not in the forties to join them. Did they insist for them to hit from the blues? They claimed the championship by a single stroke over a team led by a crippled Doc Kimball in his eighties and suffering from Lou Ghoerig's disease.

At this point allow us to revisit the scene of the **KC ATTEMPTED SCAM**. The above two couples joined up to form a team.. Their nearest competition was *Weyland Feely's team* coached and directed by the one and only *Bo Bolinski* . It was composed of *Weyland* just out of Rehab after suffering a crippling stroke on his left side and having to use a walking cane but actually needing the aide of a stroller; *Bobby Wills; Jack Rogers* 52 years of age and a high handicap golfer rarely playing because of pressing business matters and *Clarence Young (Weyland's son in law)*a retired Mobil Oil employee **in his early sixties**. It is important to keep in mind that because of his physical problems *Weyland* couldn't even swing a club and could only putt. And-in order to do so it was necessary for both the writer and Coach *Bo Bolinski* to lift and carry *Weyland* to the green. With the described advantages "*Camel Driver*" & "*Crying & Hustling*" *Joe* wanted to insure an added advantage. So, forgetting past scrambles where their partners were younger and better players they invoked a rule that any player under 65 would hit from the **BLUES** meaning *Clarence & Jack* were to be penalized. Something never previously required of their above described guests.

On reaching the course the morning of the '**Big Scramble**' an unbelievable sight unfolded. For some unexplained reason the Golf Course Superintendent had set the **BLUE & WHITE TEES SIDE BY SIDE WITH NOT A FOOT SEPERATING THEM**. Total and complete panic had over whelmed the "Hustlers". However, never under estimate the cunning of a "*Camel Driver*".

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The "Camel Driver" was immediately observed huddling with all of the other contestants excluding the Feely team issuing instructions. "Slippery Harry" Fike and his team teed off followed by the Feely team. When the Feely team reached the Number One green to putt the KC SCAM was revealed for God and everyone to witness. There was "Slippery Harry" YOUR PRESIDENT over on the second tee picking up the BLUE TEES and sneaking them back as far as possible.. All, who have known the "Camel Driver" & "Crying & Hustling" Joe , could easily guess the next part of this scenario. When the Feely team reached their balls after teeing off on the second hole they had only to glance back to observe "Camel Driver" and "Crying & Hustling" Joe' having arrived on the second tee looking like two Arabs in the dark returning the BLUE TEES to their original position thinking the Feely team didn't know what they were doing. These FELONIOUS ACTS were repeated throughout play the remainder of the SCRAMBLE. "Slippery Harry" would lengthen the tees for the Feely team and the two Arabs would come along and cover up "Slippery Harry's" felonious acts.

With all of the above effort described that went into this PREMEDITATED SCAM it is only fitting that a crippled and handicapped Weyland Feely was to make the birdie putt that sunk the perogue of the SCAM ARTISTS making him the captain of the winning team. Perhaps we can say the felonious umbriagos will be attempting their scams till the bitter end.. Little does Colonel Andrus realize what he created. It will be interesting to see what they attempt at 'DAVENPOOKEYVILLE'. You can bet your your boots and spurs Feely will contest them like a bulldog. Plan to attend the shoot out &round up at 'DAVENPOOKEYVILLE' 7,8,9 & 10TH.

**TAKE A LONG LOOK AT THE TAPS SECTION.
YOUR GOOD FRIENDS MAY NOT BE AT THE NEXT REUNION!
MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND 'DAVENBURG'!**

Again it will be worth your while to journey to 'DAVENPOOKEYVILLE' to see & hear "Slippery Harry" alibi why the Texas Flag is flying over his city hall. If the 'SCAM ARTISTS' show their collective 'JAW BONE MUSCIC' afterwards will be worth the trip.
AS PAUL HARVEY SAYS , "NOW YOU KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY"!



JOHN WALKER-our one and only Squadron Operations Sgt recently said hello to the BIG 81. Like so many of us he has suffered his share of health problems including by-pass surgery and dealing with macular degeneration which is so discouraging and frustrating. However, his letters written with the aid of optical assist instrument indicate he remains up beat. He even manages to get in a fishing trip when a friend will take him.

**WITH HIM BEING ONE OF THE BEST HOMBRES HE DESERVES HAVING MANY MORE
HAPPY BIRTHDAY BIG JOHN!**

TAPS

James T. Christiansen-born October 10, 1919 passed on February 12, 1998 at the VA Medical Center, Iowa City, IA. His death was contributed to a large blood clot within the aorta. His wife Grace had passed away in 1985. Surviving is one son, James Christiansen, Jr, Colona, IL; one daughter Nancy Baughman, Wataga, IL; sister Mert Eckert; brother Len Nesbit; 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Following his discharge he received his Bricklayers card in Greensboro, NC later moving to Galesburg, IL. In 1968 he formed his own business, Arrow Pest Control in the Moline and Rock Island, IL area which he managed until retirement. With the Squadron Jim was assigned to the Chemical Warfare Section. With little to do in that effort he doubled as the Water Truck Operator. Many will recall when the Squadron first arrived on 'the hill' for some 2 or 3 weeks water rationing was in effect with each individual receiving one canteen per day to serve all personal needs like bathing, shaving including drinking-no exceptions were allowed. Jim suddenly found himself the most popular member of the Squadron each day when he came up the hill with his much needed water supply. 'Lifers' on 'the hill' will recall Jim and Louie Jackson sharing a Casa. WE HAVE LOST ANOTHER GOOD ONE!

Burke 'Red' Huber-your former Association President at 76 years young flew his final mission to Eagles Nest early Easter Sunday. Some 10 days or so earlier after a number of trips in and out of the hospital he had been transferred to a nursing home. On the Monday before Easter we had driven over and had a long visit that afternoon talking about things that happened on 'the hill' as well as those in the years since. He was looking forward to attending 'PT' as he called rehab and getting back to the golf course once again. I departed with a good looking blonde attendant running her hands thru his hair and him looking up at her with big calf eyes dishing out a load only 'Red' was capable of. On Easter Sunday I was extended an invitation to a back yard bar b q in New Braunfels which I accepted primarily so I could visit my long time friend. After putting in an appearance at the bar b q I excused myself and drove to the nursing home. When I walked into his room his roommate advised I was a few hours late for they had removed him to the funeral home. He was a 50 mission Navigator on Heim's crew. In addition he served the Squadron as the O Club Entertainment Officer doing a yeoman job recruiting nurses from the various services for the parties. He was born and raised in Highland, IL. Following his discharge he returned and graduated from the University of Illinois. He retired as Director of Public Relations for Armco Steel in Houston, TX and moved to his dream home located on the Golf Course at the Elkins Lake Country Club in Huntsville, TX. For many years following he was to spend his mornings playing golf and afternoons playing cards in the 19th Hole. He is survived by his wife Helen; his son Burke Jr and daughter in law; daughter Vicki Timpa and 6 grandchildren. WE HAVE LOST ANOTHER OF THE BEST!

Wilton E. (Pat) Spradley-born 9-1-19 passed away 3-20-00 in Albuquerque, NM. He was raised in Houston, TX where he graduated from Milby High School. One of the original cadre members of the Squadron he will be remembered as one big individual as well as the Crew Chief on Perry & The Pirates. Mike Magazine, who worked with him, can testify he was a tough task master that believed no matter how much work it took his bird should be in the best possible mechanical condition. He is survived by Marjorie his wife of 52 years; his children Bob, Trish and Susan and four grandchildren Weslea, Jenelle, Autumn and Marshall. While stationed in Albuquerque he and his wife fell in love with the mountains. In 1953 he and Marjorie started the Acoma Pet & Training Center and thru the years he acquired a reputation as an excellent dog trainer. He is credited with having trained hundreds of New Mexico dogs. WE HAVE LOST ANOTHER GOOD ONE!



DORIS 'DOE' EINECKER-one of our most loyal and supportive lady members of the Association having attended most of our 'round ups' and a tireless worker arranging and conducting the Golf Scrambles fell suffering a serious injury that required hip replacement surgery. At last report she is on the mend. All having suffered a similar mishap well know the long road back that rehab

will require of her. It should become a known fact that sometime before the Fredericksburg 'round up-'*Crying & Hustling' Joe* her husband backed over her in their automobile with her coming out of that mishap with only a few scrapes and bruises. We are advised with this latest event on her arrival at the emergency ward her Doctor's first question to '*Crying & Hustling' Joe* was, "why did you shove her down?". We would suggest she either cash in her life insurance and promptly spend the money living riotously. Or, immediately change the beneficiary of her insurance with double the number of witnesses required. We will take bets and give 2 to 1 odds this Great Lady makes it to the '**DAVENPOOKEYVILLE** round up'. Can hear her now pleading her case for strokes.

JOE FORBES-your former Association VP suffered a sinking spell March 24th. He blames the corn beef & cabbage prepared and served by his wife *Shirley* that resulted in a rush trip to the 'butcher shop' and a four way by-pass and new valve replacement as the primary cause of his problem. Having been 'replumbed' he is reported up and about raring to use the 50 year 'conditional warranty' given for such patch jobs. Being a retired Railroad Executive do you think there was the possibility of all those years eating big steaks & rich food on the '*Gravy Train with Biscuit Wheels Expense Account*' could have possibly contributed to his having a little cholesterol problem? Joe get yourself suited up and report to 'Davenburg'.

LINFORD LAVRACK-Gunner on the Dulitz crew has suffered a severe stroke leaving him with a multitude of problems. However, being a quite and determined individual we will bet our boots and spurs with the help of rehab he will make a determined recovery. This prediction was based on a report describing how he responded shortly following his catastrophe. And-knowing those Gunners are tough and ornery rascals having won our Aerial Gunners Wings before becoming a 'Toggle Jockey'. 'Big Lin' give that rehab hell!

DORIS KAY-wife of *DON KAY the 'Toggle Jockey'* on the Fred Johnson crew was recently rushed to the hospital by EMS and diagnosed as having suffered a stroke. Don reports she is progressing satisfactorily but still quite weak. Being a long time nurse in the medical field you can bet this lady will attend rehab faithfully and make a determined recovery. We all hope she makes a great trip back.

HILL WALKER-the wife of *John Walker* recently underwent back surgery and at last report was in a rehab facility. She is reported as making a good recovery which we are thankful for. During her first week there John registered in an assisted living facility and lasted less than a week before checking out and returning to the familiar surroundings of his own home.

TAKE TIME TO DROP THE ABOVE A NOTE; LETTER OR EVEN GIVE THEM A CALL. UNTIL YOU WALK THEIR PATH YOU DON'T REALIZE HOW THEY WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS.

783rd MINI REUNION – QUAD CITIES, U.S.A

September 7, 8, 9, & 10

NOTE: We have added the 7th – Most come a day early so we added a special tour for the 8th)

MOTEL: The new **SIGNATURE INN**, 3330 Utica Ridge Rd, Bettendorf, IA **(319) 355-7575**
I-74, Exit 2 at Spruce Hills Drive (Motel is just east off I-74)

ROOM RATE: \$55 + tax (12%). Single, double or 3 in room

ROOMS: 2 double beds or 1 queen. Each room has a microwave oven, refrigerator, ironing board, hair dryer, coffee maker, and cable TV.

OTHER: Elevator, handicap rooms, and outdoor pool.

FREE Breakfast Express Buffet – quite a selection. FREE Shopping Mall shuttle.

FREE Airport shuttle (There is a Signature Inn telephone at the baggage claim area.)

Make your reservations directly with the motel. Mention the 783rd reunion to get this rate.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY Sep 7: Arrival and registration. Hospitality Room opens with beer and pop.

4:00 PM – Davenport, Iowa Welcome in the Hospitality Room.

FRIDAY Sep 8, 9:00 AM – Tour of Arsenal Island, which dates back to before the Civil War.

Arsenal Island includes a manufacturing arsenal, a National Cemetery, a Confederate Cemetery, and a historic military museum (including a large collection of small firearms).

Since the Quad Cities is the Farm Machinery Capitol of the World we included a visit to the large agricultural machinery exhibit in the John Deere Pavilion and much more.

The rest of the day you are free to lounge in the Hospitality Room, go shopping or visit some of the many attractions, including our 3 riverboat casinos (free transportation).

SATURDAY Sep 9: Hospitality Room open all day.

GOLF TEE TIME 12:00 noon. Duck Creek – one of our beautiful municipal courses.

\$23.50 covers green fees and ½ of a golf cart. This is to be paid at the pro shop when you check in. Other details in the hands of scramble directors, Joe and Doris Einecker.

FAREWELL DINNER 7 PM: Catered buffet at our motel.

SUNDAY Sep 10: The final good-byes. Hospitality room will be open a few hours in the AM.

By the time you receive this, time will be running short, so please do the following: **(1)** Make your reservations at the **Signature Inn**; **(2)** Send the registration slip below along with a check made out to Harry D. Fike, 1132 W. 53rd St, D2, Davenport, IA 52806. (319) 391-2807

NAME(s) _____

DATE & EST. TIME (if known) OF ARRIVAL _____ DATE OF DEPARTURE _____

REGISTRATION FEE----- \$ 4 per person # _____ Amt. \$ _____

ARSENAL ISLAND/JOHN DEERE COMMONS TOUR: \$18 per person # _____ Amt. \$ _____

FAREWELL DINNER----- \$ 8 per person # _____ Amt. \$ _____

Total-----\$ _____

GOLF PARTICIPANTS NAMES: _____

(Pay at Pro Shop – Sat Sept 9)

NOTE: Upon receipt of your registration, we will mail you a welcome package to help you plan.

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