

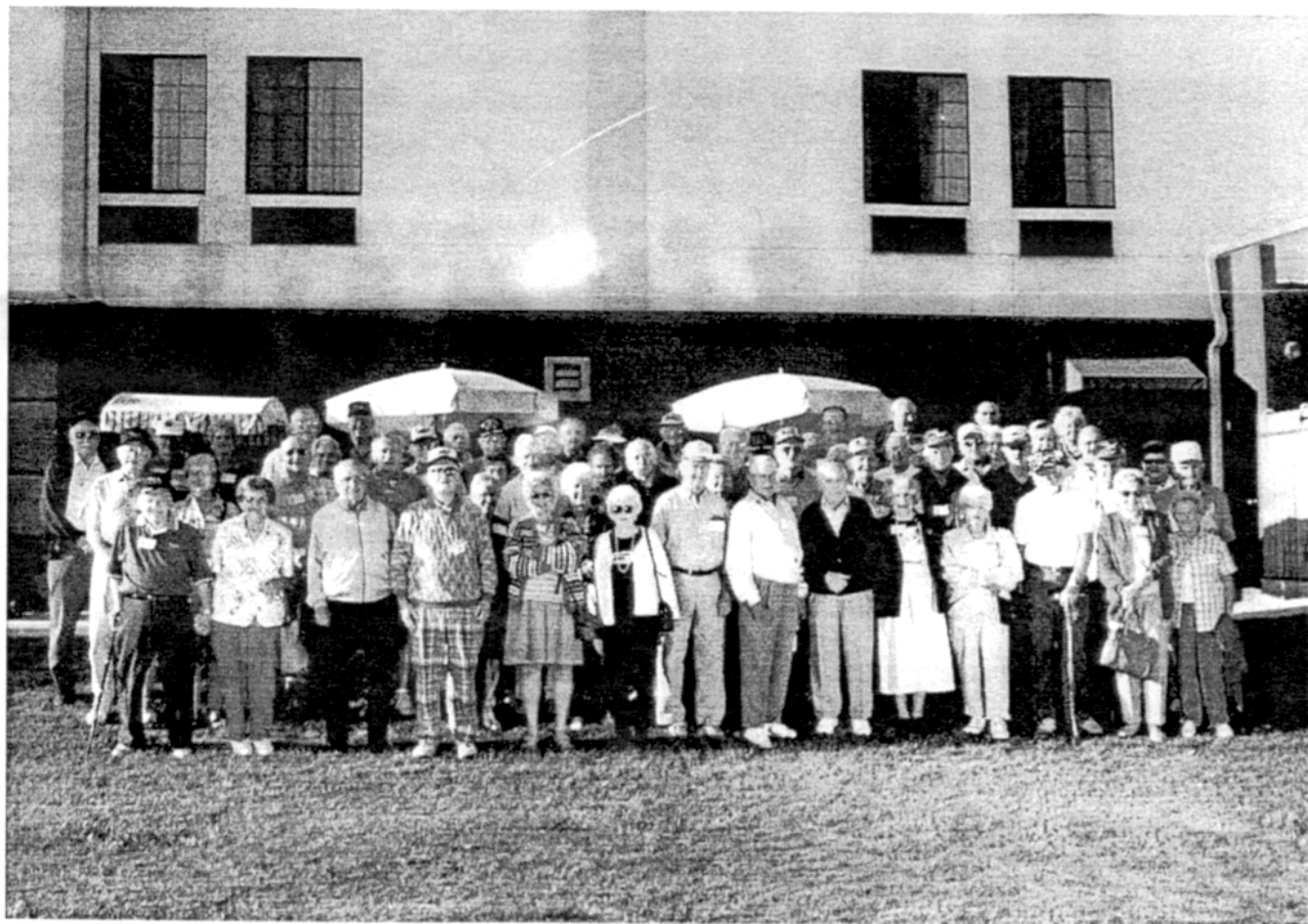


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MARCH 2004

Fifteenth Air Force
55th Bombardment Wing

WHEN BUGLE BLEW IN SAVANNAH



**MANY SACK ARTISTS FAILED TO ANSWER THE CALL
THOSE PICTURED WERE GOING ON TOUR OF SAVANNAH
YOU RECLINER CHAIR LIZZARDS STAYING AT HOME MISSED A GREAT GATHERING**



BOBBY WILLS receives reward for many years service
to Squadron as **JOE EINECKER** looks on

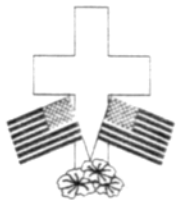


MIKE & SARAH MAGAZZINE visit with
FRANK, MARY & EDITH GOPLEN
Gop was with Sqdn from McCook, 35+ missions to
POWville
Mike with Sqdn from womb to tomb-beginning to end
Both rode Walter Ranger Liberty Ship to Oran, Africa



Harry Fike presents
DOE & JOE EINECKER reward for faithful
service-running golf tournaments @ reunions
Joe another womb to tomber

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TAPS

IN MEMORY OF OUR EAGLES NEST FLITE MEMBERS

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE KNOWING THEY ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

RICHARD L. DEERE, JR.-one of the original Squadron members making the journey to Oran, Africa aboard the Walter Ranger Liberty Ship later serving on the flite line as a Refueling Truck Operator. He was born April 1, 1922 passed away December 1, 2003 at the Veterans Hospital in Big Spring, Tx. Returning home he retired as an Oil Rig Driller. Later he ran Deere's Phillip 66 Service Station in Lamesa, TX for many years. He is survived by his wife Ruth; sons L.R. Deere; James Yokum; Alan Yokum; daughters Mary Evans; Alice Prantley; Carla Turner, Debra Browne & Mendi Nelson along with 11 grandchildren & 8 great-grandchildren. **WE HAVE LOST ANOTHER OF THE BEST!**



PILLS & USED UP PARTS DEPARTMENT
OPEN YOUR MOUTH & DROP YOUR DRAWERS TIME

DOE EINECKER



Those attending the reunions over the years will remember this lady for her devoted service to the Squadron thru her work on the golf tournaments. Some years back her health began a down hill slide when contracting Big C. To add to her struggle that 'Droopy Drawered Drafted Recruit' who parks his shoes under her bed backed the car over her. Later she fell and broke a hip. Both required long hospital stays with rehabilitation battles. During all of this she has displayed the courage of a 'Government High Diver' and the fighting spirit of a 'Junk Yard Guard Dog'. When the bugle blew at Savannah she was one of the first to come marching in. Recently, she spent a 10 day stay in the hospital where in addition to the cancer in her lungs a cancerous tumor was discovered at the back of the brain. To battle this problem they will mount a frame on her head and attach a special device to the frame that will emit gamma rays to a pin point area, This is more localized than the 15 radiation treatments already undergone. Thru all of this battle this 'Ole Sister' is still on her

feet with the support of a walker while wearing a battery operated portable pump that is continually pumping chemo in small amounts plus taking regular chemo treatments every other week. And--together with the help of Joe and home bound help she refuses to surrender and turn into the hospital. Now, all of you 'Ole Soldiers' & 'Tough Sisters' out there take a good look in the mirror and ask yourselves, "if I encounter such a battle will I have the courage & fortitude to wage a similar battle"? If & when Doe finally loses her battle she will have left behind battle standard few of us will have the ability to approach. If &

DOE DARLING---- WE ARE PROUD OF YOU! HANG IN THERE TIGER!

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QUID FIT GANG PLOWS NEW GROUND ONCE AGAIN

In 1987 when Jim McCloskey was chosen as your President it plowed new ground. Selecting a Non Commissioned Officer for such a position was unheard of. So much so, a retired 3 star Lt General set us down and questioned our thinking--he felt this was a job for at least a field grade officer. Many years later on another day after Jim had been succeeded over time by Mike Magazzino & Dick Rogers the same General after following the successful history of our Association was to say, "this was why Burt Andrus was so such a good troop commander--his troops were always allowed to be innovative". Once gain you guys have

plowed new ground by changing the By Laws of your Association to have the children hold Officer positions in the Association. Further ground was broken with the selection of Nancy Young the daughter of an Enlisted Gunner to be your Treasurer. With her long time experience serving the Midland, Texas School Board a more outstanding qualified candidate could not have been made. It is our most sincere hope this will not only challenge other children to step forward and hold positions but to encourage others to attend; participate; and become a integral part in our activities.



A MESSAGE FROM MIKE & SARAH MAGAZZINE

"Sam, if it is not too late and appropriate please enter the following in the L.O.G:
To the Officers and the 783rd Bomb Squadron Members, the best group of people we know:

Sarah and I wish to thank everyone for the beautiful cut-glass vase we received at the Squadron Reunion in Savannah. To us it was quite a surprise and we are still bewildered. The etching says it all. It is a precious gift that we will cherish and the memories of you. 'Good People' will remain with us forever".

LATRINE O GRAMS



BOBBY WILLS-The father of our former 'coin counter' immigrated to the U S of A from Scotland. Those attending the Savannah Round Up will recall meeting Susan Wills Kinney, Bobby's daughter who was in attendance. As a loving gesture Susan and her husband George have given Bobby a gift being a trip to Scotland for a visit to his father's ancestral home. During this time he will also have the opportunity to meet and become acquainted with some of his distant relatives. To insure his safe journey and return Susan & George are sending one of her brother's along as an escort.

HARRY & LOLA FIKE-your President & his lady-residents of that uninhabitable winter environment called Iowa have returned from their annual 'snow bird' escape to Florida.

FLOYD COFFIELD-another of our 'snow birds' fleeing his uninhabitable Michigan environment reported in from Punta Gorda, FL sending a shot of 5 Grand the 'Ole Bird' which was the 5 000th B Two Dozen made and had all the signatures of the workers on it. We will always remember the day it left Ploesti with two engines feathered on the same side and made it to Vis for a safe landing. And-after being repaired it was flown out & returned to the Group. The above fete (if our memory serves us correctly performed by a Captain Zewodski (sic)) proved George McGovern's claim to being a hero in his outrageous story in the book Wild Blue an irresponsible fraud.



DALE & MARIE REEVES-Dale will be remembered as one of Pat Spradley's crew that gang that slaved nite & day down on the line doing such a magnificent job . Today like so many health problems have a grip on him. His ticker is showing wear and tare and for the next six weeks he will be wearing a Halter Monitor in the hopes of giving the medics a clue for permanent treatment. His wife Marie has waged a most determined battled with big C. In addition to undergoing extensive surgery she had to endure 64 radiation treatments. Dale still communicates occasionally with Mike Magazine & Glenn Cunningham other members of his line crew. YOU FOLKS HANG IN THERE & CONTINUE YOUR HEALTH BATTLES!

LOIS CUNNINGHAM-the wife of Glenn Cunningham mentioned above sometime back had back surgery that didn't pan out leaving her on a walker. Shortly she will journey from San Angelo, TX to San Antonio and seek further advice from one of the University of Texas Medical Schools Professors in he hopes they can solve her problems. In the mean time depending on Glenn to do the cooking must be like trying to survive that sium gullion Pop Fleming dishedd out--a guarantee to loose weight.

DICK TRIMMINGHAM-a Gunner on the Heim Crew while flying with Tom Clark when they got their 'tail feathers' pulled out on the August 24, 1944 run to Pardubucie, Czech resulting in his extended stay in a Kraut R & R Village recently had quite an experience one morning. On arising he was more woozy then usual and collapsed to the floor. At that point he discovered his left side paralyzed. His yells for help went unanswered because Wanda his wife was in the bath taking a shower and couldn't hear him. Being a good Quid Fitter he improvised to his situation and using his right side drug over to the phone & called EMS requesting their help. On their prompt arrival Wanda still in the shower didn't hear them or their knocking on the locked front door. When the EMS men called inside by phone luckily the Trimminghams' had a bath phone and she answered. When told they were there to give aid to an individual she told them they had the wrong number and hung up disgusted they would intrude on her morning shower. The EMS Crew persisted by calling once again & banging on the door finally getting her attention leaving her totally slack jawed when she found Dick lying helpless. Finally, he was loaded into the ambulance and with all the lights flashing and sirens going full blast he was rushed to the hospital. He has made a good recovery with little or no paralysis and once again at home.

FLOYD GREGORY-will also be remembered as the Engineer on the Heim Crew; who completed his 50 missions, and later the writer of this 'Rag Sheet' plus doing such a great job putting the Squadron History together. Unaware of his fellow Crew mate Trimmingham's problems described above one recent morning he was sitting at the breakfast table consuming his wheaties when approached by a strange man & lady. He was totally confused and dismayed they would intrude at such a time. It just so happened the man was his son & wife. Jean had summoned the lad recognizing Floyd's strange behavior. He was taken to the hospital where several days later his memory returned. He is reported doing well and back home.

GENE KULCZYK-most will remember Gene as the Engineer-Gunner on the Jumper Crew 'scragged' on 8 July 44 while hitting the Florisdorf Refinery at Vienna when the Group picked up their first Presidential Citation and later while a POW his above & beyond conduct while on an extended march as a POW placed antoher endured POW in a wagon and pulled him thru the snow and ice for 2 months without a doubt saving his life. On a recent morning he awakened and immediately recognized he had possibly suffered a stroke due to the feeling in his left arm & hand. Being a hard headed 'Pollock' he dressed and drove himself to a VA hospital where a stroke indeed was diagnosed. He has regained most of the use in his arm and hand and back home dealing Mary and all of his 8 children a bad time.

You ladies & gentlemen who attended the Savannah Reunion and heard your writer speak at the Banquet and declare that the members of the 783rd without a doubt were the greatest collection of characters the 'Big Sky Pilot' ever allowed to be a part of one unit may have questioned such a statement. After reading the escapades of the above 3 characters all doubt should be eliminated. Especially, when you consider all are over 80 years of age. Can you imagine what they collectively pulled as teen agers and still had their strut?. The 'Dude' writing Murphys Law obviously based it on that gang of Quid Fitters actions.



A little old lady told a friend of mine the other day when they were standing in line together that all she had ever wanted to have in life was four animals. My friend who has a large dog and a big heart for strays said, "Oh really, what kind of animals did you want?" The little old lady said, "A mink on my back, a Jaguar in the garage, a tiger in my bed, and a jackass to pay for all of it".

2004 MINI REUNION PLANS SET

BACK TO THE QUAD CITIES

(Davenport & Bettendorf, Iowa/ Rock Island & Moline, Illinois)

September 9, 10, 11

My third term as president and our third mini reunion in the Quad Cities – this makes for an interesting challenge. We have again contracted with the Signature Inn to host the Squadron. The room rates and amenities remain the same as at the two previous minis. While the General Manager, Matthew Juhl, is new, he assures me that we can expect the same high quality service that we have come to expect. For those of you who have not been to a mini reunion here before, you need to know the following:

The Signature Inn (563) 355-7575. I-74 at Spruce Hills Drive (just east of the interstate). Iowa Exit 2.

Make your reservations directly with the motel and mention the 783rd Reunion.

ROOM RATE: \$55 + tax (12%). Up to 4 in room. This is \$9 less than the senior rate.

ROOMS: 2 double beds or 1 queen. Each room has a microwave oven, refrigerator, ironing board, hair dryer, coffee maker, and cable TV and now, high speed internet service. They also have 5 handicap rooms (**Reserve these early**).

OTHER: Elevator, outdoor pool and a friendly, peaceful lobby.

FREE Breakfast Buffet – a fantastic selection.

FREE Airport shuttle (This is in limbo right now but we are working on it – will let you know in the next LOG)

The Quad City International Airport serves the region. For land travelers, the Quad Cities sits at the crossroads of I-80 and I-74. Easy to get to by car. There are many interesting places and activities in the Quad Cities, such as 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). There are three large riverboat casinos – the two on the Iowa side of the Mississippi have free pick up at our motel. We also have great shopping including the historic Village of East Davenport and the John Deere Commons; and we have an IMAX theater.

On Friday there will be a free small-group auto tour for those who indicate an interest in Arsenal Island on the registration form. Also Friday and Saturday there will be ample time for viewing photo albums, videos, etc. I would like all of you to bring picture albums, photos and other memorabilia for all of us to enjoy. Besides a VCR, there will be a DVD player so you can enjoy Tom Tennille's camcorder coverage of the Savannah reunion – It is excellent. The Mystery Tour listed on the registration form is just that – a mystery since I don't know what it is yet. There are several possibilities we are working on. We will reveal that in the next LOG.

Our golf on Saturday will again be at the beautiful Duck Creek Golf Course. It is only about a mile from our motel. It is not a long course but many holes provide ample opportunity to get into trouble thus making for interesting play.

One way you can show your appreciation for the work that we do in your behalf is to make your reservations early. The earlier we get your registration forms the better we are able to plan. We had 40 registered at the last mini. Each year provides one more opportunity to enjoy our friends of the 783rd. Hopefully, you will join us for a weekend of fun and camaraderie.

Harry Fike

2004 MINI REUNION REGISTRATION

BACK AGAIN

DAVENPORT, IOWA

September 9, 10, 11, & 12

MOTEL: The **SIGNATURE INN**, I-74, Iowa Exit 2, Bettendorf, IA **(563) 355-7575**

ROOM RATE: \$55 + tax (12%). Single, double or up to 4 in room

ROOMS: 2 double beds or 1 queen.

FREE Breakfast Express Buffet – a fantastic selection.

FREE Airport shuttle (Right now this is in limbo – we are working on it)

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

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY Sep 09: 4:00 – 4:30 PM Reunion Registration in Lobby.
4:30 PM – Iowa Welcome – Hospitality Room (Supper buffet 5 – 8 PM).

FRIDAY Sep 10: Free small-group auto tour of Arsenal Island by special arrangement.
Mystery tour (still in the planning stage).
Hospitality Room open as needed.

SATURDAY Sep 11: Hospitality Room open all day

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

FAREWELL DINNER 7 PM: Catered buffet – Signature Inn Banquet Room.

SUNDAY Sep 12: The final good-byes. Hospitality room – open a few hours in the AM.

As always, do the following as soon as you can: **(1)** Make your reservations at the **Signature Inn** (you settle for your room charges when checking out); **(2)** Send the registration slip below along with a check made out to 783rd Bomb Squadron Assn., to Harry Fike, 1132 W. 53rd St, D2, Davenport, IA 52806. Questions? Call me at (563) 391-2807.

CUT CUT CUT CUT
NAME(s) _____

DATE OF ARRIVAL _____ DATE OF DEPARTURE _____

ARRIVING BY: AUTO ___ AIR ___ If by air – arrival time _____

WELCOME RECEPTION (Thurs 9/09) ----- \$ 8 per person # _____ Amt. \$ _____

FAREWELL DINNER (Sat 9/11) ----- \$10 per person # _____ Amt. \$ _____

GOLF SCRAMBLE (Sat 9/11) ----- \$32 per person # _____ Amt. \$ _____

GOLF PARTICIPANTS NAMES: _____ Total-----\$ _____

I am interested in a tour of Arsenal Island: No ___ Yes ___ # People _____

I am interested in visiting the John Deere Commons: No ___ Yes ___ # People _____

My mailing address _____

My Telephone # _____ My e-mail address _____

UNQUESTIONABLE FACTS GOVERNING PRICE OF GASOLINE

It is a unquestionable fact that petroleum oil needed for the making of gasoline is a irreplaceable substance--meaning no way of synthetically economically reproducing it has yet to be discovered. Thus each time you turn the key and burn up a gallon nature is not replacing it. And-our national as well as our world reserves is forever minus that gallon. Since the 1960s it has been published over & over in your news the USA oil reserves have been declining. Today with all of the wells in the USA including Alaska running wide open our total production is less than 30% of that which we are using & declining at the rate of 4 to 7% per year. These are statistics widely published and agreed upon by the US Geological Survey; the Texas Bureau Of Economic Geology; the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and many other creditable organizations that have been presented to you the public over and over. When you pop a bottle of Diet Snapple at a price of \$10.32 per gallon; a gallon of Lipton Ice Tea for \$9.52 per gallon; a gallon of Evian Water for \$21.19 per gallon; or swig down Ocean Spray at a cost of \$10.00 per gallon you never hear all of the idiotic complaining as you do about gas. Yet, the empty container these come in can be returned to the manufacturer and refilled. Try taking an empty gas can to God who made the oil from which the gallon of gas you burned up for a refill! Better yet for all that think there is much oil to be easily found in the USA put your money in front of your mouth and go out and drill an oil well so you can make the easy money credited to the oil companies many claim are ripping them off. To wrap up this lesson on

common sense with the world's oil reserves beginning a decline just as those of America's answer one simple question--why shouldn't OPEC and the other world producers hold out for a higher price of their irreplaceable product--oil? How are we qualified to offer the above? Beginning in 1937 as an Office Boy at the age of 13 in the Geological Department of Gulf Oil and each summer thereafter of high school; college and following service & graduating from college with a degree in Geology & Minor in Petroleum Engineering later progressing from Geologist to Senior Geologist; to District Geologist; to Chief Geologist & finally retiring as Manager of Exploration, Production, Drilling & Land for a large integrated company with a 50,000 barrel per day refinery & 700 service stations. Our experience over the years exposed us to the declining oil reserve problem that is upon us today. Across the board the large companies such as Exom-Mobil usually singled out for criticism are actually refiners-marketers. They must depend on foreign producers for sufficient fuel stock to run their refineries. Thus like you they are depending on supply and demand. The 'Village Idiot' should have the comprehension to understand if he or she wishes to burn up a irreplaceable product where there is a declining supply one must pay a price. Instead of wailing about the price of gas pray for the successful development of the hydrogen cell as an alternative fuel. Then cry because you failed to buy stock at the bottom of the firm or firms that make the break thru. We apologize-like not knowing the facts about the petroleum shortage that have been so widely publicized you will plead you never heard of the hydrogen cell research

The above well documented facts presented above were offered in a constructive spirit. We simply tired of hearing all the wailing & moaning from those receiving a bargain and being ungrateful .

MIKE MAGAZZINE-who so dilligently labors to keep & up date the membership roster & prepares the mailing labels for each issue of your LOG advises a number of our members have passed on with their next of kin not advising. When located stated ,"they didn't care to receive the LOG any longer". If anyone on the mailing list receives this and isn't interested in further receipt please take the time to advise:

MIKE MAGAZZINE; 24023 E. OAKLAND RD; BAY VILLAGE, OH 44140 or call 440-871-3203

POOP FROM GROUP; NEWS OF THOSE NOT REPORTING IN FOR A LONG PERIOD; LATEST LATRINE O GRAMS FROM 5TH STOOL DOWN; EVEN LIES IF ORIGINAL; ARE NEEDED FOR NEXT ISSUE--SEND PRONTO IF NOT SOONER.

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