



783rd Latrine O Gram

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Fifteenth Air Force
55th Bombardment Wing



Baltimore In 2007

Wins By A Nose



With the passing of some 62 plus years- -the Quid Fit 'Drafted Recruits' have once again proven you remain unpredictably competitive when afforded the opportunity. In what could only be termed a 'hoss race' Baltimore eked out Charleston by only 2 votes with Buffalo trailing Charleston by only 4 votes. The final count was BALTIMORE 13-CHARLESTON 11 & BUFFALO 7. Koodos go to Murv Huston; Sheryl Cohen Barton & Gene Kulczyk members of the Reunion Committee who obviously made excellent site selections. It is hoped their selections for 2009 'Where Ever' to be voted on at Baltimore 2007 will meet with equal reception when the attending members vote . The committee members being present to deliver sales pitches will make it even more competitive.

Bob Wills your Association Secretary and Reunion Chairman, who negotiated , planned & executed your very succesful 1987 Las Vegas 'Round Up', will journey to Baltimore and do the negotiating and planning for the big event hopefully in time to reveal the details and dates in the Christmas Latrine O Gram. This selection will afford all those attending one of the planned events to enjoy a trip over to the WW II Memorial in Washington, DC that has been proclaimed as outstanding and a must see. In this regard in another part of this 'rag sheet' you will find enclosed the info how each of you can send in your individual registration which can be checked out while attending the memorial. We have been informed by those having visited one of the high lites is checking the service records permanently on file of their friends that served. These resumes become a permanent part of the memorial for the visitors to enjoy long after the last of you have folded your tents.

ALL ABOARD!!

START MAKING YOUR PLANS FOR WHAT CAN

BE

THE BEST REUNION

YET !

REUNION





MARY KULCZYK-the matriarc of that crowd of 'Kool Chic' monkeys is reported on the road to recovery and has successfully defeated Big C. Having completed pre operative treatment, successful surgery was performed. Unfortunately, during initial recovery a breathing tube had to be inserted in her throat. In the process her vocal chords were damaged which could necessitate additional surgical repair. After her hospital stay a lengthy recovery was spent in a rehab center. Presently, she is receiving TLC at her daughter Geri's residence during her final convalescing. **WE WISH THIS MOST DESERVING DEAR LADY A GREAT & SPEEDY RECOVERY !**

' TRICKY DICK ' TRIMMINGHAM-will be remembered as the Engineer on the Heim Crew 'scragged' on the 24 August 1944 visit to Pardubice, Czechoslovakia flying his 38th mission with Tom Clark the Squadron Operations Officer along with Russ Christianson, who was attempting to complete his 50th mission. We still have a vivid memory of 'Super Mouse' Daniels the Tail Gunner on the Petranek Crew with whom we were flying calling out,"Clark is going down". The Luftwaffe took a narrow minded view of our bombing the Fanto Oil Refinery and their fighters hit hard and with much anger that day. After weeks of suffering a severe case of 'progressive punies' and shedding some 25 pounds weight 'Ole Hard Head' finally surrendered and turned in to a local Torrance, CA 'Butcher Shop'. After obataining Veterinary Anatomy & Physiology Dictionaries for guide books the attending medics zeroed into the Jackass portions attempting to diagnose his illness. After running a colonoscopy; endoscopy; angiogram; numerous x rays; blood work of all descriptions they are still at a loss as to what is ailing him. When we talked with him he was wailing more & louder about the hospital food than the 'sheep' would if gasoline had just gone to \$5/gal. All knowing this character join us in hoping for a successful recovery. To insure his recovery- he has our promise- to meet at the Cheesecake Factory resturant located in the Thousand Oaks Mall this coming Xmas Eve & I'll buy the lunch-that carries an 'Oklahoma Guarantee'. **HAVE A GOOD RECOVERY 'OLE RASCAL' !**

MIKE MAGAZZINE- everybody's favorite 'pison' continues to suffer from the 'punies'. A walker and wheel chair are becoming a large part of his life as he becomes more aware these so called 'Golden Years' are in reality more realistically 'Golden Poop'. The 'Little Guy' having always been so active and a willing volunteer for both Squadron and Italian Ameican Veterans efforts finds it very disconcerting that 'his get up and go has got up and went'. **HANG IN THERE 'OLE' FRIEND -JUST BEING ON THE TOP SIDE BEATS BEING ON THE UNDER SIDE !**

In his book "SLED DRIVER" SR-71 Blackbird pilot Brian Shul writes:"I'll always remember a certain radio exchange that occurred one day as Walt (my back-seater) and I were screaming across Southern California 13 miles high.. We were monitoring various radio transmissions from other aircraft as we entered Los Angeles airspace. Though they didn't really control us, they did monitor our movement across their scope. I heard a Cessna ask for a readout of its ground speed. " 90 knots " Center replied.

Moments later a Twin Beech requested the same. "120 knots", Center answered.

We weren't the only ones proud of our ground speed that day as almost instantly an F-18 smugly transmitted, "Ah, Center, Dusty 52 requests speed readout". There was a slight pause, then the response, "525 knots on ground, Dusty".

Another silent pause, as I was thinking to myself how ripe a situation this was, I heard a familiar click of a radio transmission coming from my back-seater. It was at that precise moment I realized Walt and I had become a real crew, for we were thinking in unison. "Center, Aspen 20, you got a ground speed read out for us "? There was a longer than normal pause.....

"Aspen 20, I show 1,742 knots". (That's about 2004 mph for those who don't know) "No further inquiries were heard on that frequency". (Editor's remarks---That is known as--- splitting the ozone)

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**KIMBALL, KNAUS & SMITH
3 QUID FIT ELDERS**



McCOOK AAFB RUNWAY



1st CREW & PLANE 'SCRAGGED'



PANTANELLA CONSTRUCTION



GIs & HOME, SWEET, HOME



JNO WALKER PRESIDES LAS VEGAS 87'



RED CROSS LEMONADE STAND



9 OF MOST DEADLY--COL SPRINGS 83'



**SOME SNEAKY GI
SNEAKED HER IN**



BAD DAY AT WORK



51 MISSION CELEBRATION

**REUNION
TIME**



**REPORT TO
BALTIMORE
2007**



**A GOOD EXAMPLE-
 WHY 'FELLERS' ALWAYS SAY
 THE INCORRECT THING
 WHEN ATTEMPTING TO FIRE
 THEIR BEST SHOTS
 AT BEING 'ROMANTICAL'
 PROVING
 LADIES LACK PROPER
 APPRECIATION**

MURPHY'S LAW-WHAT CAN GO WRONG WILL GO WRONG

We have always maintained much of Murphys' Laws were documented from happenings of the original Quid Fit Gang while on 'The Hill'. With Leo & Becky Meyer being one of the Reunion Committee they were in the process of moving to a new home when it came time to deliver their selection for a reunion site. To expedite delivery with the least effort they E mailed it. Need less to say good ole AOL failed and it was never received. With their moving 2 LD calls were never received & returned necessitating their replacement by 'Ole Droopy Drawers' Gene Kulczyk. By the time word was received the Latrine O Gram had

already been printed for which we are indeed sorry. However, we are happy to report their efforts are salvageable since the Committee must select sites for the 2009 Reunion so they can be voted on at the 2007 Baltimore Reunion outlined in the Constitution & By Laws. It may well have worked out for the best since Leo & Becky plan to be present and can deliver the selling points of Ashville, North Carolina their choice. The other two sites will be made available when made at a later date. Now you know the unknown effort & problems encountered by some of the folks who help to do the Squadron work and your LOG.

Once again a BIG THANKS to-Murv & Kay Huston; Sheryl Cohen Barton; Gene Kulzyck; Leo & Becky Meyer & Bob Wills for doing such a superb job of possible site selections--and to all the members who made the effort to vote .

INTERESTING HISTORICAL FACT

When the 'Ole Has Been Dinosaurs' of today were on the 'Hill' and had their strut they were awarded a sack full of decorations running the gamut from a Silver Star awarded posthumously to 1st Lt Cecil Bates a Crew Commander for attempting to save the lives of two air crewmen that had been fatally injured to the Soldiers Medal awarded to Sgt Luther Carter for heroic bravery the day the bomb dump blew up and he saved the lives a large number of men that were trapped. Likewise, members of the flying crews were awarded a large number of Air Medals and a lesser number of Distinguished Flying Crosses.. Today Floyd Coffield crows like a peacock having been the first to be awarded a DFC on May 18, 1944 the first visit to the famed Floesti oil complex and being green made the mistake of flying down the railroad tracks where flak cars were situated providing them the perfect firing situation and using that advantage inflicted much flak damage to all the planes not to mention causing some very unsanitary underwear.

IMPORTANT WW II MEMORIAL INFORMATION

GENE MOXLEY-the renown author of 465th REMEMBERED; MISSING IN ACTION and others was considerate enough to forward the following info which many may be interested in pursuing: "I am enclosing the information about the World War II Memorial. Anyone interested can call 1-800-639-4992 and request an information packet for submitting names. Upon completing the information they should then mail the packet to the following address:

World War Two Processing Center
P. O. Box 305
Calverton, NY 11933

They are allowed to submit a 300 word biography of their tour of duty and their photo. The photos are not returned so it is best to submit a Xerox copy.

Your entry can also be E-Mailed to the Processing Center and that will be explained in the information packet.

After they submit their name it will be added to the registry and can be seen on the Internet by entering: WWII Memorial. Then click on: WWII Registry, then click: Search The Registry. Then they can enter their name and it will appear on the screen.

Sam, my goal is to keep the memory of the 465th Bomb Group (H) and all who served in it, alive in the hearts and minds of anyone I can reach. My wife and I firmly believe that the men and women of WW II saved the world and we will never forget that we owe our freedom to you and your comrades and all veterans of WW II. God Bless each of you".

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With the Squadron rallying in Baltimore and going over to the WW II Memorial it is hoped those, who haven't done so, will take the opportunity and time to use the above guide lines for registering. There is an ole saying, "he who hesitates is lost". With all having past 80 one never knows what lies ahead.

TUCSON 2005 REUNION SPEAKER

KAREN KULCZYK WNEK -LIFE WITH KULCZYK FAMILY

KAREN DETAILS LIFE GROWING UP IN THE KULCZYK FAMILY



Her talk revealed many interesting facts about life in the Kulczyk family with her many brothers & sisters as they were growing up. Example-all, who are not aware, should know 'Ole Droopy Drawers' has never addressed them by their names rather addressing them by the number in which they were born.. Just one of the hundred reasons Mary deserves a large Golden Crown for her life with that 'Ole Rascal'.

JUNE 2006 LOGS RETURNED BY POST OFFICE *



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Bet our interest in hell-each of above advised new addresses for Social Security & VA Checks !



KULCZYKS ' DO GRAND CANYON ON WAY TO

TUCSON 2005

L-R DAVID KULCZY , his son 'BIG JAKE', daughter KYLA , JOYCE K. URBAN , KAREN K.WNEK , MARY K. SCHERER & Joyce's daughter SARA URBAN.

The Future of Your Association

With many of the other Associations faltering & folding at Savannah 2003 the first seeds of providing the continuance of your your Association were planted when those in attendance voted to make children elgible to become members and serve as officers with Nancy Young becoming the Squadron Treasurer. At Tucson 2005 with rumbles of disbandment in the back ground Nancy having dome a great job Tom Tennille was chosen Vice President. Today their work & efforts since have proven conclusively YOUR CHILDREN are well qualified and capable of carrying on the Association long after the last 'Ole Drafted Recruit' is long gone. At Baltimore 2007 it is recommended a final step be taken by not only electing children to fill all of the officer slots as well as adding some to the Board. To expedite acceptance of such a program it is hoped all of you 'Ole Cooters' will continue to encourage the increased attendance of the children. At Baltimore it is hoped Cheri & Roger Amhof; Shery Cohen Barton; Ann Huston Brennan; Ann Stewart Cruz; John Stewart Cruz; Sandra Teller Drake; Dan Dulitz; Jim Dunton; Randy Fike; Brian Fitzpatrick; Gary Forsberg; Lyle Forsberg; Mary Goplen; Pam Main Griffin; Julie Haefner Hernandez; Debby Haefner Mendoza; Denise Marie Johnston; Susan Wills Kinney; Tom Maffey; Leo & Becky Meyer; Bob Piwonka; Randall Stewart; Lynda Marie Taylor; Steve Tuccio; & Gail Gillespie Turner will choose to attend and in doing so will agree to particpate on various Reunion committees responsible for all of the various activities. Registering to attend will guarantee your an active assignment to help with some function. And--all having paid dues will be elgible to hold elective offices. Under the direction of such an outstanding group as those named Baltimore 2007 is guaranteed to be an outstanding success. **START MAKING YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND TODAY ! THE 783RD LED IN THE PAST & WILL LEAD IN THE FUTURE ! ANY CHILDREN NOT MENTIONED -PLAN TO ATTEND & BE INCLUDED--YOU ARE A VALUED ASSET ALSO !**

COURAGE ABOVE & BEYOND



BITTERMAN SISTERS

Standing L-R

Charlotte B. Coonce; Gail B. Carey; Betty B. McComas & Mary B. Norwood

Front L-R Nancy Bitterman & Joan B. Rao

Late the evening of July 18, 1944 when the next morning's mission was posted the Greenwood Crew was scheduled even tho they had flown a double mission that day. The mission the next day turned out to be Munich another double mission. With Sam Marie their Bombardier up at Rome *suffering the good life on R & R* the crew members were licking their chops gaining 4 missions credit in his absence. Even Bo Bolinski got into this act volunteering to fly in Sam's place. Shortly following posting of the mission Bill Bitterman the Navigator on the Greenwood Crew received a telegram advising his wife Audrey had given birth to twin girls- Betty & Gail. Bill had nursed a quart of Old Crow whiskey all the way from McCook, NE to celebrate the 'big event'. Being late in the evening and having to fly the next day it was decided the Old Crow celebration would be the

following day on their return. Little did they realize that Bo's 'Pollock Black Cloud' would wreak havoc on their intended celebration. The following morning over Munich along with the Bonds Crew both were 'scragged'. Instead of a Old Crow celebration back at Pantanella that afternoon they began acclimation to incarceration in a Jerry jail. It seemed most foolish to attempt sending the bottle of Old Crow back to the states with Bill's personal affects. Consequently, Sam always being inovative tucked it safely away in his foot locker and on completing his missions attempted drinking each and every drop at one sitting on their behalf . As Paul Harvey would say, now for the rest of the story, Gail Bitterman grew up, graduated from Texas Tech University and worked her way up the professional ladder becoming an Executive with GE as a single career person. This past June only a few weeks shy of being 62 years of age and after all these years of being a spinster and like her father showing COURAGE ABOVE & BEYOND she took the big step and entered into matrimony with Phil Carey. You can bet your boots & spurs the 'Ole F/O' was in attendance.

BALTIMORE 2007 REUNION PLANNING

In the middle of September your writer will drive to Ft Worth and the following morning along with our daughter Lynda fly 3 1/2 hours to Los Angeles where we transfer to Tahiti Air for a 8 1/2 hour flite to Papeete, Tahiti where we board the Tahitian Princess and for the next 10 days visit Huahine, Polynesia; Rarotonga, Cook Islands; Raiatea, Polynesia; Bora Bora, Polynesia; Moorea, Polynesia before returning to Papeete and back to the good ole USA. If along the way we have the good fortune to luck into any indiscretions we will use the alias of Bo Bolinski.

On our return we will meet in Baltimore with Bob Wills & Tom Tennille if he can get away from his consulting work and make every effort possible to put together a reunion on the order of that you attended & experienced at Las Vegas including a trip to DC to visit the WW II Memorial. All suggestions & recommendations will be appreciated.

QUID FIT !
SAM

Scientists have discovered a food that diminishes a woman's sex drive by 90%. It's called a WEDDING CAKE- Chauvanistic Pig

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SAM MARIE

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