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## Charleston 2007 Reunion



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LYNDA-'HAWK' & MISS JENNY ENJOY PIZZA



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MADAM QUEEN & HER PRINCESS  
DISPLAY THEIR CROWNS



DR SUSAN MAFFEY RAKFAL



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HOSPITALITY ROOM VISITATION



09/10/2007

TENNILLES'-FORSBERGS'-HUSTONS' POLISH OFF PIZZA



GUY CARTER & LLOYD DUNTON  
CREW MATES & POWS

KILROY WAS HERE



**LEO MEYER RECEIVES A 'SNOW JOB'**  
 BETWEEN FLOYD COFFIELD & 'HAWK'-- LEO IS 'SNOWED'  
 From L. BECKY MEYER; LEO MEYER; FLOYD COFFIELD; DENISE JOHNSTON  
 MISS JENNY & HAWK ARE FACING FORWARD



**HAROLD WALTON SEATED SHOVELS A LOAD OF BS**  
 HAROLD WINTERS ON THE SAME CREW LETS IT GO IN ONE EAR & OUT  
 THE OTHER--HAVING HEARD THE SAME BEFORE



**THE BIG JIM DULITZ OUTFIT FROM ATASCADERO, CA**  
 L-R DAN DULITZ & WIFE CAROLE  
 THE ONE & ONLY BIG JIM DULITZ  
 DAVID DULITZ & WIFE CAROLE



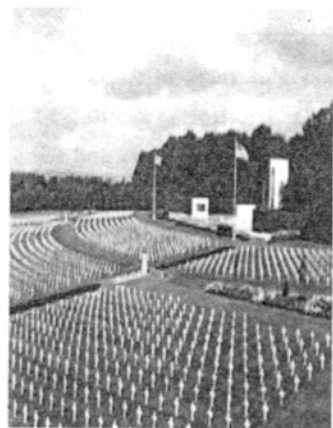
**THE DECORATIONS CHAIR LADY WITH MAGIC SATCHEL**  
 BECKY MEYER  
 NEW SQUADRON SECRETARY



**LADIES PLAY DOMINOES**  
 L-R ANN TENNILLE; IRENE FORSBERG; KAY HUSTON  
 & BEVERLY FORSBERG  
 ALL WHO COULD HAVE COME & STAYED HOME--TAKE A GOOD LOOK IN THE MIRROR--YOU WILL SEE A BIG  
 LOOSER! A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL WHO MADE THE EFFORT TO ATTEND!



**'MY BUDDY' BO BOLINSKI LAYS POLLOCK SNOW JOB**  
 ON NANCY YOUNG--THE LADY THAT MADE  
 THE REUNION SO GREAT



**Our Sympathy & Condolences**  
**To Family Members & Loved Ones**  
**of our Magnificent Squadron Members**  
**who have passed on**  
**They Will Not Be Forgotten**  
**A GRATEFUL 783RD BOMB SQUADRON ASSOCIATION**



**SARAH HILL WALKER**-will be remembered as the wife of John Walker, Squadron Operations Sgt who did such an outstanding job scheduling the crews for combat missions. Miss Hill peacefully slipped away May 30, 2007 at the Heritage Health Care Facility where she & John had moved in order for her to receive special care. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, grandmother & sister. She gave generously to those she loved & met few strangers in her life. Those left behind will be better for having known & shared her love. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, John U. Walker; two sons , John Cecil Walker & Michael Hill Walker (Kelly) ;three grandsons, Jason Walker (Brandy) , Jonathan Walker (Karen) & Wesley Walker ; four great grandsons, Jordan Walker , Joey Walker , John Collins Walker & John William Walker all of Tuscaloosa ; her sister & best friend , Billie Jo Henry (Tom); and many nieces & nephews . **WE HAVE LOST ANOTHER OF OUR SPECIAL LADIES !**

**CLEO H. JACKSON**-age 85 will be remembered as a Gunner on the Pace Crew 'scragged' in the August 3, 1944 'Freidrichshafen Slaughter' . After a gallant battle with Big C over a period of many years he slipped away May 21, 2007 at the McKee Hospice Care Center in Loveland, CO. He is survived by his devoted & loving spouse Susanne; son Dennis (Penny); grandson, David Jackson (Jill); grand daughter, Kim Jackson-Robertson (Greg); and great grandchildren, Will, Hailey & Jack. After service he was involved in greenhouse construction; later building his own greenhouses & raising carnations until his retirement in 1975. Later moving to Loveland in 1977. Cleo was an active member of Ex-Prisoners of War; the Northeast Colorado Chapter ex-Prisoners of War ; the DAV & a Life member of the 783rd Bomb Squadron Association . He greatly enjoyed attending Reunions so long as they were located west of the Mississippi. **WE HAVE LOST ANOTHER OF THE BEST**



**JOE EINECKER**-Joe will be remembered as one of the Electricians (Spark Chasers ) a part of the gang down on the line that performed so magnificently keeping the 'Ole Consolidated Time Bombs ' in the air . When the Association was originated and Joe located along with his wife Doe they became two of the most dedicated members. They attended all reunions both regular & Mini regardless of the location. During many of the reunions the team of Joe & Doe headed up the Golf Shoot Out. Without a doubt the presence & contributions of this couple contributed greatly to making these reunions memorable & enjoyable events. He is survived by sons Donald (Barbara) , Jerome (Karen); & daughter Sandra Shuburg along with 5 grandchildren. As a member of the Illinois Air national Guard his unit was activated in 1951 & sent to Langley Field, VA. He was transferred from his Guard Unit & served a year & half as Aircraft Electrical Specialist with the Headquarters Squadron of the Tactical Command. Lter he retired as Tooling Manager for Thomas Industries.

**WE HAVE LOST ANOTHER OF THE BEST !**

**Dr JAMES A. SPRADLEY**-will be remembered as a Gunner on the Cella Combat Crew. Following his service with the Squadron and return to the USA and release from service he enrolled and graduated from Baylor University in Waco, TX. Enrolling in Baylor's School of Denistry upon graduation he was to begin a long & successful Dental practice. During this time he became a member of the American Dental Society, Texas Dental Society, Dallas County Dental Society, Hella Shriners and the Scottish Rite. Jim was a supporter of the 783rd Bomb Squadron Association attending many of the reunions where he and particularly his old Crew Mate Harold Walton would relive their old days on the Hill . At heart Jim was a cattleman and always dressed the part with his well chosen western clothing and boots. He wasn't an ordinary ' Drug Store Cowboy' for until late in life he maintained acreage and raised cattle. He is survived by his wife Dottie, daughter Lori Lynn of Forney, TX, son Staurt of Copper Canyon and three grandchildren . Born 1-8-25 Passed Away 12-4-06 **WE HAVE LOST ANOTHER OF THE BEST !**

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#### DOWN HILL SLIPPERY SLOPE OF LIFE

STAN PACE-like so many folks living past the 80 year mark-- Stan & wife Elaine have found it necessary to face the reality of finding themselves on the '*slippery slope of life*'. And--'*Father Time*' doesn't deal one a good hand health wise to use playing out the final years. Like so many Stan & Elaine have learned when this situation occurs it necessitates adapting & improvising. This means leaving their luxury home in Gates Mill, OH and taking up residence in a retirement setting offering elder care. In a recent LD call Stan advised his heart will continue being with the Squadron Association but his 'get up & go' will no longer

permit his continue attending & supporting the reunion functions. However, he wanted to insure all his long range support always be available. As a Crew Commander of one of the 17 original crews 'scragged' after some 35 plus missions he has been a strong Association supporter from our beginning in 1983. Serving on the Board of Directors and being one of the early donors to the fund that enabled the first Reunion video tape be made. The membership wishes to express their thanks & appreciation for his long time service & support while wishing him & Elaine the best for a long & pleasant landing down the '*slippery slope*'.

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#### THE GUYS WHO SACRIFICED TO HELP PUT 'THE HURT' ON KRAUTS



L-R Walter Patterson, Richard Davis, Vernon Norvell & Gerald Meyers

Dear Mr Moxley,

I was an Armorer on the Ground Crew. We had to be there for take off & return from a mission to clean the guns; repair malfunctions; & help the Ordinance Gang load the bombs ending late at nite. When mission orders changed we had to return & reload the required changes. So, 3am to bed and up again at 6am went fast & we didn't have time to do much else.

I am sending a photo of my crew waiting for the return of our aircraft. Normally we had 5 B-24s to take care for & load.

M/Sgt Gerald A. Meyers

*The June LOG Taps Section noted Gerald Meyers had passed on without leaving us any info. Our THANKS to GENE MOXLEY for forwarding the info shown so Gerald Meyers & his great crew could be properly remembered. Originally, the Amorament Gang was headed up by M/Sgt Homer (Pop) T. Green, 28 years good time 3 years bad time- who we buried in N. Africa. 'Pop Green' was one loveable chracter who devoted his life to the Army Air Corps. He was onne of our most special memories. At his funeral service in Oran everyone shed tears !*

## THEY ARRIVED FROM ALL POINTS ON THE COMPASS

*Harold Walton* a Gunner from the Cella Crew accompanied by his long time reunion compadre *Mary Fowler* having traveled from Chester & Epping, NH respectively on their arrival dropped a bomb shell on the gathering announcing their upcoming marriage. As usual-- if *Walton's* New England 'Bull Poop' dispensed was music he would be a full blown 99 piece jazz band with a record breaking brass section.....With the arrival of *Lloyd Dunton* a Gunner on the 'Arkie' Bonds Crew 'scragged' on the July 19, 1944 visit to the Allach Motor works in Munich the 'BS Slinging Contest' was on with *Walton*. These two immediately relegated your writer to amateur status. We are not about to attempt selecting a 'BS Slinging' contest winner between these two. However, we will declare *Dunton* won hands down on his many trips to the bar for libation refills.....The *Kulczyk Clan* arrival underwent a big change with '*Danny Boy*' rolling in leading the procession of *Mama Mary, David*, & sisters *Joyce Urban & Karen Wnek*. As usual '*Ole Droopy Drawers Gene*' 'scragged' on the July 8, 1944 raid on the Florisdorf Oil Refinery at Vienna where the Squadron picked up their first Presidential Citation was bringing up the rear of the column & could be heard whinnying & belly aching as usual. The *Kulczyk Clan* along with the *Dulitz Family* are without peers when it comes to supporting & attending the Squadron Association at reunion time.....Arriving simultaneously was *Harriet 'Den Mother' Cohen* along with her daughter *Sheryl Cohen Barton* our Mystery Dinner Director. Standing in front of the hotel to form a Welcoming Committee for their 'Den Mother & Leader' were 3 of her 'Brownie Troop' members-- Nancy Young, Denise Johnston & Lynda Taylor..... With the *Kulczyk Clan* & the *Cohen Mother & Daughter Team* hailing from the Buffalo, NY area--hailing from the same neck of the woods *Carl Main* the Radio Operator on the Bates Crew 'scragged on the August 7, 1944 mission to hit the Synthetic Oil Refinery at Blechammer, Germany arrived with his lovely daughter *Pamela Main Griffith* who is manager of an Indianapolis Racing Team and a reunion regular. At each reunion this Father & Daughter team become outstanding 'touristas' on the go constantly .....*Connie Maffey* having suffered some recent serious punies arrived along with his bride *Afra* and no less than his personal attending physician to make sure her father would have the best in Medical Care--his lovely daughter *Dr Susan Maffey Rakfal* a prominent Pittsburgh, PA Oncologist. With your writer having just completed 45 radiation treatments in 'Alamoville' had he the pleasure of meeting *Dr Rakfal* earlier he would have without a doubt journeyed to Pittsburgh for her care--a good looking & charming lady Doctor can always do more for your writer's physical well being than a fat male Doctor any day of the week and twice on Sunday.....

*Floyd Coffield* a 50 mission Crew Commander & one of the 17 originals came sneaking in from his Michigan digs before heading south to 'Snow Bird' for the winter at his Florida escape. Another reunion regular he participated in all the tours and various events not to mention shoveling a large load of 'bull poop'.....Also, hailing from the Michigan area *Murv Huston* who flew 35 sorties with *Al Salyers & Andy Anderson* arrived along with his bride *Kay* and participated in all the events including what once was the golf tournament. Certain happenings will be described at a later point. *Del Forsberg* scragged on the October 20, 1944 run to Munich and had a most interesting walking experience with the underground before being returned to the Squadron from Yugo arrived from Florida with his bride *Irene* & along with their son *Dr Gary Forsberg* and his bride *Beverly* from Sierra Vista, AZ. With punies nipping at *Del's* heels like *Connie* it must have been most comforting to know they had their personal physician in attendance. As a family unit the *Forsberg's* attended and participated in all events. *Beverly* was the center of much attention with her magic trick presentations. *Joe Forbes* 'scragged' on the November 16, 1944 raid to Munich earning R & R at a German Rest Camp arrived from Missouri with his better half *Shirley*. As usual they participated in all events plus *Joe* seeking & eating fried oysters at every opportunity. Those lads from Missouri haven't learned it is 'raw oysters' that does the magic tricks. Coming in from Illinois was *Carl Lind*, who flew as a Navigator with the *Norm Lund Crew* along with his better half *Carol*. The *Linds* are becoming reunion regulars participating in most all events. It should be remembered *Carl* came up with the map showing the Pantanella location at one of the reunions. *Roger & Cheryl Amhof* arrived from their home in Davenport, IA. For a change--not being saddled with long time reunion duties were seen enjoying themselves and participating in the various events in a relaxed manner. *Gail Gillespie Turner* chauffeured her father *Lee 'Ole Folks' Gillespie*, who flew as a Gunner with *Jim Dulitz*, along with the better half of that outfit her mother *Teeny*. It should never be forgotten that *Teeny* during WW II served as a Yeoman in the United States Coast Guard & very much is a Veteran Service Person. Few realized that '*Ole Folks' Gillespie* was probably the oldest Squadron member present.

*BIG JIM DULITZ*-along with his 2 sons *DAN & DAVE* and 2 daughter-in-laws both named *CAROLE* traveled all the way from Atascadero, CA on the West Coast to Charleston on the East Coast. When one considers Big Jim's fragile health problems this was quite an effort. Having observed that 'rascal' over time & knowing along with his family how much he appreciated and enjoyed the Maffey & Gillespie families -- his fellow crew members-- being together once more--the effort was well worth while.....*BO BOLINSKI* everyone's favorite flew up from Orlando to once again regale everyone with his dry humor and many stories. Unfortunately, this time his *ANN* remained home in the hospital having big time problems with her new defibrillator implant. When it appeared the problems could be serious '*Ole Bo*' bailed out and was long gone leaving a void. *GUY CARTER* the CoPilot on the Bonds Crew 'scragged' on the July 19, 1944 raid to Munich drove in from Georgia along with his wife *Elizabeth*. Along with his old crew mate *LLOYD DUNTON* they were seen spending hours together renewing and discussing old times. *HAROLD WINTERS* who flew as a Gunner on the Cella Crew was able to attend reunions once again and his presence was enjoyed by all who had the opportunity to visit with him. It was evident he and *Harold Walton* a fellow crew member enjoyed greatly renewing old times. *WALLY VOLKMAN* a Bombardier 'scragged' on the 10-13-44 raid on Blechammer, Germany and enjoyed a long walk with the Yugo underground before being returned to the Squadron along with his wife *JUNE* have become reunion regulars. Although slowed by health problems both enjoyed & participated in most events even tho they could not defend their well earned golf honors shared with the Fikes'. *HARRY FIKE* a Crew Commander; long time Squadron PX Officer; 3 term Squadron President; and Board Member along with wife *LOLA* drove in from Davenport, IA arriving on Monday. They enjoyed greatly renewing their many old friendships while participating in the remaining events. And-while returning home stopped by to carry a message of cheer to Mike Magazzine--MR DO EVERYTHING--who because of physical problems could not attend. *DENISE JOHNSTON* the niece of your writer jetted in from Oxnard, CA on the West Coast. Having joined up with us at the Tucson reunion she is responsible for contributing the large map of Europe that attracted so much attention from the many members. *BOB CROWELL* the husband of *TERRI CROWELL* your writer's niece the sister to *Denise Johnston* jetted in all the way from Seattle, WA so as to hear *MUNROE 'HAWK' SMITH*. Being an aviation history buff for years *Bob* had heard all the stories of the 'Hawks' exploits when Denises' husband was the 'Hawks' 'Back Seater' while he commanded a Big Time Navy Fighter Outfit.

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### A SPECIAL ARRIVAL

Accepting our invitation and appeal to be the Reunion Guest Speaker necessitated *MUNROE & MISS JENNY SMITH* to travel across the USA from their residence in Escondido, CA to reach their other home located in Kill Devil Hills, NC located on the Outer Banks of the Atlantic and then make an 8 hour drive down to Charleston. Following their arrival in Charleston it didn't take the Reunion attendees long to recognize why 'HAWK' had been chosen for such an important command as ~~the~~ the Navy's famous Top Gun Fighter School and many others. And--those visiting with *MISS JENNY* quickly learned a good Commanding Officer's wife has to be both a Mother & Counselor to young service wives contributing greatly to their husband's command personnel. At the very beginning of his talk when the computer glitch occurred and Tom Tennille was struggling to correct same it was evident how fast the 'Hawk' could adapt & improvise never missing a beat during the episode proving if he couldn't out fly & shoot them down he could damned well out think & talk them down. The membership of the 783rd Bomb Squadron Association appreciate greatly the Smiths' unselfish contribution to making the 2007 Reunion a great success. And-are indeed happy to award the 'HAWK' a Life Time Membership. We hope they will consider themselves a part of the Squadron & join with us at all future 'Round Ups'.

## ADDITIONAL CHILDREN REUNION CONTRIBUTIONS

' DANNY BOY ' KULCZYK-making his first reunion proudly led the reunion group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

TOM TENNILLE-at the Ice breaker delivered an excellent opening prayer

GAIL GILLESPIE TURNER-commanded everyones attention with her inspirational prayer at the Banquet

SHERYL COHEN BARTON-repeated her Tucson miracle drawing a full house to her mystery dinner

JOAN BITTERMAN RAO- in memory of her Father Bill Bitterman presented a 783rd Cap to each male attendee

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### QUID FIT OFFICER SLATE PLOWS NEW GROUND

While other similar organizations 'talk the talk' the Quid Fit Umbriago gang recognizing they are fast becoming dinosaurs plowed new ground by electing an entire slate of officers composed of children . We proudly present :

PRESIDENT	TOM TENNILLE
VICE PRESIDENT	LEO MEYER
TREASURER	NANCY FEELY YOUNG
SECRETARY	BECKY MEYER

Each of the above have proven more than capable at providing outstanding service to the membership . And-they have stepped forward shouldering the responsibilities of carrying on the affairs of the Association in the coming years. It is hoped each of you members will renew your responsibility to the Association and go all out to support and help them continue your organization as one of the very best .

Sam Marie will continue to edit the Latrine O Gram & beginning with the Xmas Issue it will be printed,

mailed & distributed by Dr Gary Forsberg.

### LATRINE O GRAM NEWS APPEAL

The quality of the articles appearing in YOUR NEWSLETTER is solely dependent on the news; info; photos etc YOU MEMBERS SEND. Once again we are appealing for your help and cooperation ! PLEASE ! PLEASE ! SEND Reunion Photos; Family News;

Stories of Happenings & Photos While On the Hill ; Anything That Would Be Of Interest

WE REPEAT-THE QUALITY OF YOUR NEWSLETTER DEPENDS ON EACH OF YOU & WHAT YOU CONTRIBUTE

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### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO MR JOHNNY JOHNSON

A very special thank you is owed by all the members of the Squadron to Mr Johnny Johnson with Mobility Unlimited Wheel Chair Rentals who furnished the 5 wheel chairs used throughout the reunion. A retired Naval Lt Cmdr, who attended the Banquet to hear the 'Hawk', and furnished the chairs free of charge. Please accept our invitation to join with us at any & every reunion--you should have been Army Air Corps

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### OUR BALLOON WAS PUNCTURED

In 1983 when Colonel Andrus, Doc Kimball, John Walker, John Knaus, Paul Smith, etc all of whom had helped a young Bombardier grow up on 'The Hill' in the course of completing his 50 missions handed us the reigns of the Association and said , "get it done"-- it was accepted as a most important task requiring our every effort. Thanks to our radio Operator from the Greenwood Crew-Jim McCloskey-who pitched in being a tower of strength along with so many others and accomplished an amazing job of locating so many of you folks and encouraging your participation. Consequently, we were to receive far more recognition than due. And in an effort of repayment thru the years we continued helping in every way possible. At no time did we anticipate or ever expect what was to happen at Charleston. Only a few days before our departure and arrival in Charleston we had just completed 45 consecutive radiation treatments. Take our word each day when one is lying there while that danged machine works it way around you zapping away--your mind works in mysterious ways where many things take on new importance. In our case one important thought was the importance of turning over responsibilities to capable hands for carrying on the Squadron Association activities. With only that thought foremost and important to accomplish at the Reunion when shocked with the clock presentation our balloon was punctured causing our emotions to go down the drain for which we apologize. We would like to take this opportunity of saying thanks a million. The clock was delivered to SA safely by Clarence & Nancy and is hanging on our bedroom wall and on each half hour when it goes thru it's routine we are reminded of how proud and fortunate we were to have had the opportunity of serving with such a great and wonderful bunch as the magnificent 783rd Bomb Squadron these many years. It has been an honor never imagined.

QUID FIT !

SAM

HOPE TO SEE EACH & EVERYONE AT BUFFALO IN 2008--DETAILS IN LATER LATRINE O GRAM

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