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In Memoriam

Major Edward "Porky" Cragg

Commander, 80th Tactical Fighter Squadron "The Headhunters"

United States Army Air Force - Triple Ace

8 September 1919, Mt Vernon, NY

26 December 1943, Borgen Bay, Cape Gloucester, New Britain, New Guinea
(MIA)



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GREETINGS, FELLOW HEADHUNTERS!

Here's another edition of the Headhunter Headlines for you. Hope you enjoy it.

Ed Cragg, nephew of Captain Edward "Porky" Cragg has started this website, dedicated to the memory of his uncle. You can see it here: <http://porky.cragg.info/>

He's scanned in a treasure trove of original Squadron documents (in .pdf format) for your reading pleasure.

I encourage you to go to the site, sign the guestbook and take a look at our priceless history. Take a look here: <http://porky.cragg.info/AFHRA/AFHRA%20Records.html> for this gem:

Air Force Historical Research Agency Records for the 80 Tactical Fighter Squadron

Histories

[10 January 1942 - 31 January 1944](#)

Ed has also scarfed up quite a few additional pieces of history that he's (for now, at least) storing at:
<http://porky.cragg.info/AFHRA/>

Ed says:

Hi again Jay,

I have put them (the documents- Editor) at <http://porky.cragg.info/AFHRA/>. The last part of the name is the date range (yyyymmdd-yyyymmdd) of the document

They are strictly raw data right now - I have not looked at them yet

Ed

For a resume of Squadron History dated 4 February 1945:
<http://porky.cragg.info/AFHRA/80%20Fighter%20SQ-19420101-19441231-H.pdf>

Ed has scanned 35 .pdf files identified as monthly histories and dairies, (a total of 170 Megs).

Read through the documents. They are mostly written in a breezy fighter-pilotese and you will swear you're back at a reunion listening to Murphey, Kirby, Norb and Cock talk about their time in New Guinea. All the famous names appear- Lt Brown, Schriber, Ince, Hartmann, reunion regular Glenn Hope and the others. You'll read about crashes, losses and victories. (I've noticed in listening to the Aces, they rarely refer to "kills"). The actual authors are generally not identified, but I can hear an awful lot of Kirby's style reflected in the phrases and idioms.

Please take some time at this site. You will be pleased at what you learn.

HISTORY: WWII HEADHUNTERS

Tex, I just received your email and am very happy to be in touch with you. I was in the 36th Ftr Sqdn but Cyclone had me working for all three Sqdns. We had one helluva time from Nadzab, New Guinea, to Mindoro, to Ie Shima, to Nagasaki. and you, in the 80th, were on the other side of the island.. I am happy to be able to attach hereto, an Article I wrote, "My Last Mission WWII", I hope you enjoy. Warmest.

*Hon. Arthur Lasker
60 Kickemuit Ave. Bristol,
RhodeIsland, 02809.
Phone 401-396-9238.*

“My Last Mission WWII”
By: Hon. Arthur E. Lasker

I was a P-38 fighter pilot in the 36th Fighter Squadron of the 8th Fighter Group. Our **Commanding Officer was Emmett “Cyclone” Davis, of “Cyclone’s Flying Circus”**, comprised of the 35th, 36th and the 80th Fighter Squadrons of the 5th Air Force, Pacific Theater of Operations. We were on the Island of Mindoro in the Philippines when Cyclone got orders and we flew all of our 75 P-38’s to the Island of Ie Shima off the Northwest coast of Okinawa.

On August 6, 1945, a U.S. B-29, the “Enola Gay”, piloted by Col. Tibbetts, Atom bombed Hiroshima on the Island of Honshu, Japan. On August 9, 1945, another B-29, “Bockscar”, piloted by Comm. Sweeney, Atom bombed Nagasaki on the Island of Kyushu, southwest of Honshu. (The U.S didn’t have any more Atomic Bombs at that time). Since there was no indication of surrender by Japan, 63 pilots, of the 8th Fighter Group were assigned to fly, what turned out to be, “My Last Mission”.

On the evening of August 9th, we were informed that on the morning of August 10th we would be attacking the Japanese City of Kumamoto on the Island of Kyushu. There were two things which none of us knew about before the attack on the City and airfield of Kumamoto.

I was one of the flight leaders on this mission. I was leading a flight of four P-38’s. After most of the pilots had taken off, I then took off with my flight. I soon realized that my element leader’s wingman was missing from our formation. I didn’t know what happened to him until I later returned to Ie Shima after our mission was completed.

We all took off and headed North over the water off the west coast of Kyushu. The only thing I, or anybody else knew, was that we were to “follow the leader”. The plan of attack, which was told to Cyclone by General Smith, and then told to us by our C.O. Cyclone, was to attack, napalm bomb and strafe the City of Kumamoto from the NORTH. That plan was based upon the best intelligence that our Group had. But, notwithstanding our radio silence, the Japanese may have broken our code and not only knew where and when we were going to attack from, but exactly where and when we would attack and at what altitude.

Cyclone however, had a strong feeling in his gut that we should turn sooner and attack from the SOUTH. He then yielded to that prompting, wiggled his wings and turned his plane, and the Group, to the right, inland, just South of Kumamoto. All the other planes, including mine, turned with him. As we were completing our final turn to the North, the sky in front of us turned BLACK with anti-aircraft fire. If Cyclone had attacked from the North, at least half of us and our planes would have been shot down. But, thank God, Cyclone had turned early and attacked from the South, and our Group was able to successfully complete the mission and all 62 planes which had been on the mission returned safely back to our base.

Notwithstanding the Atom bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, what was the effect of our Last Mission of WWII? Japan had still not surrendered prior to this mission. But within a few days after our last mission, the Emperor of Japan phoned MacArthur and agreed to surrender. Two days later, Cyclone escorted the Japanese Envoys in a white Betty Bomber with a large green cross on its belly and its tail, to Ie Shima. I was there on Ie Shima during that entire time. The Envoys were then transferred to a C-54 which Cyclone’s Deputy C.O. escorted to Manila to meet with General MacArthur. WWII was then, in effect, over. We will never know the full effect of “My Last Mission” but it certainly was a very historic event.

P.S. Now, what about my element leader’s wingman, Kennedy? When I returned to Ie Shima I was told the following story.

Kennedy had started his take off with both throttles full forward. As his plane left the runway, and became airborne, his left engine conked out and stopped. He had a real problem with his load of bombs, ammunition and gas. He hit his bomb release button but it didn’t work; so he quickly, manually, pulled his hand release lever and the napalm bombs dropped and exploded at water’s edge. Kennedy’s plane was pulling to the left and he hit the water and bounced slightly nose up, then came down and with all the weight in the nose, sank nose down with the cockpit and canopy under water. The canopy would not open as he pulled the canopy release lever because of the water pressure. He then quickly got out of his shoulder straps, seat belt and parachute harness and started to pull the left window down. The water then came pouring into the cockpit and he kept his mouth up high near the canopy so he could breathe until he was able to either pop the canopy or get out through the left window. He then came up above water level and pulled the strings on his Mae West but it didn’t inflate. A couple of guys got a small boat out to him and picked him up out of the water. He only said, “This was my last flight. I will never fly again!” He believed that if word got out that he refused to fly, that he might be court-martialed. To the best of my knowledge, no one ever said one word about his refusal to fly again, especially, notwithstanding the fact that the war was about to be over.

Later, Kennedy and I ended up on the same ship going back to the States from Yokohama to San Francisco. With his “luck” he even had surgery aboard the ship taking us home. But, we made it. We both did. After the ship reached port, we said “so long” and wished each other well.

This Article could not have been written without the help and assistance of both Col. Emmett “Cyclone” Davis, and his son, **J. Tucker Davis**. My Sincere Thanks, Appreciation and Love to both of them.

Editor’s note: WOW! I wonder how many others of us whom Cyclone’s innate skill and courage saved from the Nips?

Jaybird sent this in- he found an old email of Kirby’s:

Sent: Mon 10/25/04 11:25 AM

Subject: Fwd: I Have ALWAYS been fulla Crap...

In 1981, when Paul Murphey and I revisited Port Moresby, Bruce was in charge of PM Museum. He acted as our guide and kept us straight. We visited 12 mile strip, 14 mile strip, Dear Ole 3 mile strip, and our different camp sites...Bruce did not believe some of the stories we told him about each place we visited.

Yes, the vegetation was still yellow when we visited 12 mile alert shack (or where it had been). The Corporal that answered the phone would give us no signal as to whether it was a line check or if it was a scramble...SO, each time the phone would ring, every pilot would automatically get up, whether asleep or playing cards, walk outside the shack and urinate...we had every shrub killed for 10 paces around the shack...C S La GOOEY...Kirby

“**FLIGHT OF THE LIGHTNINGS**” check out: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GdzF_i7mPgs&sns=em

NORB RUFF INTERVIEWED ON YOU TUBE: <http://www.eaavideo.org/video.aspx?v=1351254642>

HISTORY: KOREAN WAR HEADHUNTERS

Did You Know? Headhunter Korean War History

50,000 Sorties

By **Bob “Driver Mac” McNeese**, Headhunter Historian

Did you know that the Eighth Fighter Bomber Wing was the first USAF unit committed to combat during the Korean War and the first jet group to fly combat in any war? The list of “firsts” continues:

Pilots of the Eighth were the first to engage in air-to-air combat over Korea, and an Eighth F-51D pilot, Lt Howard Tanner, downed the first Mig-15.

The first “Headhunter” victory was claimed on 28 July 1950, when Lt Burton Thayer downed an IL-10 with his F-80C’s six 50 cal machine guns. The “Headhunters” would go on to down 16 more enemy aircraft before the war was over.

The Eighth Wing’s record-setting accomplishments continued when pilots flew more combat sorties than ever before in a single day, with 255 sorties completed.

And, in October 1952 the Eighth reached a combat jet record unqualified in flying history when 2Lt Warren Guibor of the 80th Fighter Squadron “Headhunters” flew the 50,000th combat sortie of the Korean War.



*Editor's Note: In 2012, **Jerry Minton** identified the jocks in the picture as: 1/Lt Loren A. Hauser, 2/Lt Warren Guibor, 2/Lt Gordon (Goose) Edwards*

HISTORY: VIET NAM HEADHUNTERS

This is in from **MSGT (ret) Dick Carlow:**

Lt/Col William Janssen (the 80th CO from 1 Nov 1965- 28 Jun 1966 and again 27 Sep 1967- 20 Feb 1968 - Ed.) was the commander of the 80th while I was there.

We were there at Yokota when the Pueblo get captured by the North Koreans and I remember he was having a fit because he couldn't get the OK from 5th Air Force to go after the N. Koreans. Of course 5th AF had to get the OK from PACAF and they had to get approval from Washington which by then it was too late to do anything. We had about all of the aircraft ready to go and just sitting there waiting. I think that was in the early part of 1968, history books will tell you anyway.

Later on L/C Janssen went to Thailand. While over North Vietnam his F-105D got hit and he made it back to Laos and had to punch out and was picked up and eventually ended up at the hospital in Tachikawa AB, Japan. He got hurt somehow when he punched but not real bad. We got to know each other pretty well in the hospital.

After a trip to Korat RTAFB, Thailand, I came back to Kadena AB Okinawa. Later on, Col. Janssen showed up at Kadena as the DO. I didn't know he was there until one day he showed up in Job Control where I worked at that time and surprised the hell out of me. Later on, he presented me with the first of three Commendation Medals. Some place around I have a picture of him pinning it on me.

Dick
(LTCOL Janssen was shot down in an F-105. He was rescued by USAF SAR. Unfortunately for us all, he never joined the Association.- Ed.)

Another one from **Dick Carlow:**

I am emailing to find out if the Headhunter Organization kept track of the pilots from the 80th that were lost in Vietnam? (Note: One of our Honorary Headhunters, Gerry Asher gmasher@netzero.net, does keep track of our KIA's. Gerry, do you know about Lt Powell?) I found one of our pilots **1/LT Lynn K. Powell** listed on www.VIRTUALWALL.org. He was listed being in the 354th TFS, 355th TFW when he was shot down. That was true but he was TDY to the 354th from the 80th at the time.

I never got to know him real well. He must have flown in my plane some because I was a crew chief on an F-105F (to be exact) it was tail number 63-8366 the very last F-105 that was built.

I know he was married and I think he had a little girl, but not sure of that. We didn't get a chance to socialize much because I do not believe he was at Yokota very long before he was sent down south. He wife must not have been in Japan very long because both of us lived in the ratty off base housing called Japamer Heights. You stayed there for a short period of time before you got base housing.

His profile from the Wall says he died while missing. Not sure if that is right or not because, I was told after the fact that his plane got shot up or got hit by a SAM and crashed into a mountain and was listed MIA. Apparently no one saw a chute but did see his plane hit the mountain. Why he was listed MIA and not KIA, I don't know.

He lived across the street from me when we were in Japan and the night before he was to leave for Tahkli, he come over to my house, chatted for a few minutes, shook hands with me and said he would see me when got back. A couple of weeks later there was all kinds of people at his wife's house when I come home from work one night, so I figured something had happened.

I always figured he had a gut feeling that he wouldn't be back. Another young life gone.

1/LT Lynn K. Powell (promoted to Captain posthumously)

PERSONAL DATA

Home of Record: Provo, UT Date of birth: 08/13/1938

CASUALTY DATA

Incident Date: 08/21/1967

Casualty Date: 08/21/1967

Age at Loss: 29

Location: Province not reported, North Vietnam

Remains: 1967 status: Body Not Recovered. Found later.

Repatriated: 06/03/1983 (Returned to US soil) URL: www.VirtualWall.org/dp/PowellLKO2a.htm Panel 25E Line 025

*Editor note: This is from my buddy **Ed Rasimus**. "(Powell was) shot down on 21 Aug 67 flying F-105D 60-0437. Member of Bear Flight, attacking the Yen Vinh rail yard in Route Pack VI. Apparently hit in the cockpit during the dive. No ejection noted."*

*Ed has three books out now: "**When Thunder Rolled**"; "**Palace Cobra**" and "**Fighter Pilot- the Memoirs of Legendary Ace Robin Olds**" Email: rasimus@verizon.net and www.thundertales.blogspot.com*

LOST HEADHUNTERS

Alfred Benson, it appears has flown west. Has anyone heard from him?

Beverly Borowski wife of **Bow Wow Borowski** has gone missing. No one answers her phone. Does anyone have any information?

LATEST INTELLIGENCE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Tex,
For any Headhunter in the DC area- my promotion is on the 12th of Jan in the Pentagon. I will move down the hall to be the Vice Chief of Staff on the 14th. Cindy and I will have an open house on Bolling in the new CV's quarters that night.

The 80th and the Wolfpack in general made us proud during this last flap in Korea,... man I would have loved to be back in command of the 80th for that! Bwana

LtGen Phil Breedlove, USAF

AF A3/5

Congratulations on the promotion, Bwana. 4 stars- well deserved!

This next note is from **Bruce "Big Fella" Maclennan**. He is the guy who started the Juvat Boy's Choir way back in 1972 as a way to inspire all the new guys in the 80th whose "role models" were all TDY to Viet Nam:

I have recently gotten off my literary ass and sent my long requested BIO to the Super Sabre Society web site data base. It took me a long time to realize that other association members - no matter what the association might be - might be interested in what one of their recently deceased members had accomplished during their life. I had denied doing this for other purposes; i.e. university projects, Viet Nam history researches, other Association requests.

Being on the net with all of the Associations to which I belong, I suddenly realized that there were a lot of guys who took off West on their last one who hadn't left a trail of where they'd been, nor what they'd - even modestly - accomplished. The Associations acknowledge their passing, but all too frequently it says, "No BIO on record." I think the fellow members deserve at least an insight into that guy's accomplishments. I recognize that Jay and the WW II members have a close remembrance of that time, but do we have a data base which will accommodate the bios of all our current members? So that it may be presented in the next newsletter?

I don't know a thing about what it would take to establish such a data base, but I thought I'd give you something to think about.

Check 6,
Big Fella

*Big Fella, the database is a great idea. I'll pass it on to **Nogas** and we'll see if we can't get it up (so to speak) and running.*

Just a quick job update...now flying out of Miami as a first officer on the 737 around the Caribbean, Central America, occasionally Columbia, Toronto and Montreal, and various airports along the east coast US. for American Airlines. Monica has a new job too. She transferred to the 982d Training Group, Sheppard AFB, TX, and is now one of three unit program coordinators for the group. The 982d is the group that commands all the field training detachments at all the air bases with aircraft maintenance. **Greg "Fender" Findlay** H 940-696-9019 C 940-704-2649

Chris "Hannibal" Hayes, class of '74-75, got married for the first time in June to the girl of his dreams, **Gina Lewis**, a psychiatrist. Won't she have fun analyzing a retired fighter pilot?!!

This is from LTCOL **James 'Roscoe' Wilkerson**, current 80th Commander (Juvat Lead):

Tex—

I'm doing another push for membership and figured I'd arm myself w/info. I'll be sending a LTM form right in for myself—and if you have ecopies available, I'll help distribute.

All is well on the ROK—as you can imagine, though things did get a bit heated just prior to Christmas. Depending on your view of the spectrum, we're either thankful that things appear to have ended quietly—or just really ticked off. I can assure you—the Juvats were ready to take the fight North!

Either way, many of our families were in town, and I was extremely thankful in this regard to have them all around over the holidays. The sounds of laughter and kiddos sprinting through the hallways may not have been welcome to some, but it did make the 'deployed' focus feel a bit more like home. My family was also here and the time passed far too quickly. We had a feast over Christmas and a rout over New Year's; I'm certain many fond memories were made.

I've enclosed a pic of my lil one, JW, who is 7. He's quite the little Juvat historian and is happy to wear black and gold. He insisted we get a Korean blanket made while he was here with the patch—and now sleeps in it as his primary bedding. I thought it was way too good of an opportunity to not send out to those who can appreciate a fine patch and a helluva good question.

Take Care/Crush 'Em! **Roscoe**



Tex,

Anyone who was in Iraq during the elections can say their software supported the elections. Sounds impressive but I did next to nothing. I wish I could tell you more because it really was an incredible application but it was all classified and I do not wish to go to jail. And the software did help the CO catch #10 - just not while I was there.

If you want to share something, share this - I was in Kunsan from 88-89 and was damn proud to be a Juvat. I did not know what that meant when I got there. But, by the time I left I knew of the traditions and what it took to be a Juvat. I am proud of my accomplishments as a Juvat more than being a contractor in Iraq.

You worked hard. You partied hard. We made great friends some of whom I talk with today. I still have my pictures from Kunsan and sometimes I go through them, put on my 80th Juvat Sweep bandanna, and remember my friends and wonder where life took them.

I know it was peacetime when I was at the Kun, but going through Team Spirit, deployments, and monthly exercises - in addition to picking up Osan's flying commitment of the DMZ - while they converted to Block 32 F-16s - was a mind blast. The heat, noise, kimchee, and Soju would put half your crew in the ER from exhaustion but somehow they managed to be back to the line when the jets came back and got them ready for the next flight. I cannot imagine what you guys went through in WWII. I can say thanks for saving our freedom and tell you that I kept the faith and passed it to the next generation.

We made a difference in the Gulf. We helped provide the Army the Intelligence they needed to do their job more effectively (i.e. - kill bad guys). I hope I helped just get one more kid back to their parents. One more dad or mom back to their kids. Just one. Dave

MSGT Dave Carlton USAF (Ret)

Juvat Avionics Flight Chief & Juvat Support Superintendent
Class of 89'

PS - Did I ever tell you I was one of the first Avionics people picked for the Stealth Fighter (F-117) program back in 1981?

From **John O'Donnell**: Guess my 12 week preparation work did the job. I managed to bring home two golds. The one in the 80 age bracket was handed to me because, at 80, I was the oldest and only entrant in that bracket. The second one was a little different proposition. I had to beat Don Alt who is in the USAR (United States of America Racquetball) Hall of Fame, and a "youngster" that just turned 75 who has won U.S Open and National Singles championships in the 70 age

bracket. I have to admit that I played pretty well, especially in the finals match against the "new guy on the block" that just turned 75. Racquetball is a great sport and a terrific aerobic conditioner. I can still get into my uniform that I wore when I retired in 1980. Not too bad for "an old fart". Now that the U.S. Open is over I get to start working on my game for the Illinois State singles tournament in early February - - - then the National Singles in May -- - that is if I am still upright and taking nourishment by that time. Take care! **John**

I am the Project Lead for the Iraqi Flight School program. My company, i3, works with the USAF to train the future pilots of the Iraqi Air Force. We have 2 bases in Iraq, Kirkuk and Tikrit, and use the C-172 and 208 as well as the T-6 Texan. We do academic, sim and some flight instruction over there. I manage the Kirkuk operations as well as all the preparation and training of our OCONUS instructors at both bases. Been over there once, I go about every 6 months, and it was strange being on the ground at places I had previously bombed during Desert Storm. I of course did not mention that to our "Iraqi friends". Guess current events in Korea are keeping our brother Headhunters on the ready!! Being Wolf II was my best job in the Air Force, and the team I got to work with was absolutely great!! Will work extra hard to get to the next gathering!!!! Cheers, Stone (**Preston B. Thompson**)

Name: **Gerald (Jerry) McIlmoyle**

Message: Currently Venice, FL, celebrated 58th anniversary 12/27/2010. Wife and heavily involved in charitable works. My book, "Remembering the Dragon Lady" to be published by UK publisher in June 2011. jeru2pilot@member.afa.org

Jerry, contact Nogas when the book comes out and we'll sell it through the Store, too. Tex

Tony & Gin Callanan: Finally bought a house - closed 21 Oct 10, moved in 16 Dec. Didn't get the 1-story - they are all 50+ years old with kitchens & baths toooo small & if the house was rehabbed properly - it became toooo expensive. So, went for a 2-story with 4BR/3BA, a big kitchen & a BR on the ground floor in a security gated community 1 mile to The Beach. And, even Bigger selling points: 1. It's next to a Senior Assisted Living Complex! 2. And a block away from a Mortuary!! So, as we get old(er), we can walk to the next two phases of life!!!

For those of you who live where - it snows; its Hot/Humid/Wet/ Cold - make reservations for your room. Might be ready for Visitors in Jan 20???. 21055 Wendy Drive, Torrance, CA 90503. 310-371-3276. Same email gintony@verizon.net. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to Y'All,

I am **Jerry Pattison**, a BTW Headhunter life member.

I was in my cardiologist office this week, wearing my Headhunter T-shirt, and behind me someone hollered "Headhunters"!

I turned around, it was another patient, a bit younger than me. I asked if he knew about the Headhunters, he said, shoot, I was CO!

His name is **Wally "Kit" Carson!** He is doing well, looked good, and is driving a canary yellow sporty car!!!

We chatted a bit, I mentioned reunions, he doesn't go anymore, but he is still alive and kicking.

I thought I would mention this to anyone who knows/remembers Wally. Always good to run into a Juvat!

Best wishes, be safe, and Blessings. Jerry

Name: **Randy Hunt**

Message: live in New Hampshire. 3 kids. American Airlines Pilot propertyfast@comcast.net

Getting settled in at Nellis as the Air National Guard Advisor to the USAF Warfare Center Commander (MGen Hyatt-great dude). Get to fly at the Weapons School and the 422. A great deal for an old guy. Get to pin on O-6 in February. I will pass words on the Promotion Bash-should be legendary. All the Manifold's are kicking ass in Vegas. Come see us. Take care and What is Good? Picasso/Mutt **LtCol Matt "Mutt" Manifold** USAFWC/CG DSN 682 -9390 COMM 702-652-9390

HEADHUNTERS DOWN

From: texbrownconsult@aol.com

Sent: Sunday, January 09, 2011 10:30 PM

Men - I am very sorry to pass on this bad news, but I just got notified of the sudden death of our friend, **Dick Swope**.....He was at his house in Montana and went out to ski by himself yesterday afternoon and didn't come home.....**Jane** was at home when she was notified that Dick collapsed and died suddenly.....I do not know any other

details yet and will pass more as I hear.....Jane is in SHOCK and their two daughters have both flown to Montana today to be with her.....Jane's brother, Bill Collette, is a close friend of mine from many years ago in the AF and he talked to me this evening.....They have asked me tell as many of Dick's friends as I can, thus this email.....Jane told her brother that Dick did not want a funeral but there will be a "celebration of life" planned for later..... At this point she is not ready to plan anything.....Pray for Jane and the family and I will pass on any new information I get from the family.....Tex Brown

*God speed, **Batman.***

It is with a heavy heart that I write to you regarding the loss of my grandfather, **Matt Notz**. He was a proud member the 80th FS and I felt compelled to relay the news of his death. He lived a very full life and was an amazing man!! He passed away on January 12, 2011 at the age of 94 after a short bout with cancer. Thankfully he was only sick for a short time and he fought a valiant fight to the very end! Prior to that he was still going to the gym every week at the age of 94!

God Bless and thank you and all the others who serve or have served our great Country!! **Tammy Notz Kosorok**

Had a call from **Patricia Deen. Thurman Deen** passed away 16 December and was buried 20 Dec in the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery at Killeen. He was a fine gentleman and came to several reunions.
Check 6, **JayBird**

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

Name: **John Kuehnert**

Message: 80th TFS 2/72--3/73 w/TDY to 555 TFS, Udorn, Thailand as "Summer Help" 5--8/72. Currently retired in Norman, OK, also known as "the Heart of the Sooner Nation" or "the Belly of the Beast" depending upon your point of view. johnkuehnert@yahoo.com

Name: **Al Palmer**

Message: Retired Navy Commander, Executive Director, Atomic Testing Museum and Nevada Test Site Historical Foundation in Las Vegas. F-4 EWO in 80th 1970-71, Yokota AB. Allan@palmergroup-us.com

Name: **Sara DeLong**

Message: I am the granddaughter of **Cary DeLong**. He is still alive and almost 90. We live in the Seattle area. He flew a P-38. He was a Headhunter, in the 80th squadron. He is seen in the picture below of the gentlemen opening there club. sara.delong@uhsinc.com (NOTE: the picture did not come through-Ed.)

Name: **JerryGreene**

iretired02@yahoo.com

Looking for **Francis "Fran" Hess** crew chief at Yokota 1967-70

Name: **ScottBThomas**

Scottbthomas@yahoo.com

Looking for anyone who may have known my cousin or know of anyone who could help me find someone who knows of my cousin, **Alva Guy Hawkins**, serial number 0-431-877. He went overseas with the 49th Pursuit Group and was assigned to the 8th Pursuit Squadron. In March 1942 he was assigned to the 80th Pursuit Squadron. Late April 1942 was transferred to the 35th Pursuit Squadron. He was flying a P-39F, serial number 41-7153, and he came up missing on May 27, 1942, ten miles south of Port Moresby in the Rigo District. Thank you for any help or any information.

My name is **Kelly Henigan**. My father (**David Thomas Henigan**) recently passed away and I have always been very curious about his time in Vietnam. He was there for one year and he was pilot and flew the F-105 Thunderbird. He was born April 12, 1947 and his draft number was 12. He was born in St. Charles, IL. I believe he was there in Vietnam in the late 1960's like 67, 68 or 69. He was also in the OSS. That part I don't know much about. All I know is that he was in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos, which from [what] he told me, no one was supposed to know. I am just looking to see if anyone has any photos of my father as a pilot or if anyone knew him while he was there. My Dad and I were extremely close and this is just one part of his life he did not share, for obvious reasons. I just thought if maybe I could find out about his time in Vietnam, it would help me understand my father. So, I am looking for maybe websites or someplace that would have records of his time there. This is my first email in an attempt to begin this project, so any information you can provide would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so very much and have a wonderful and safe holiday. Kelly. khenigan@lbpc.com

Roan," which I am sure he will be delighted to sing for you if we can ever get him back to the reunion in San Antonio. We all feel very indebted for the prayers and good wishes you have sent our way.

The Headhunters is a great outfit, and Dad, the entire family, and I send our very best to you all with wishes for a wonderful and happy New Year. With warmest regards, **Tucker**"

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