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# HEADHUNTER HEADLINES



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Greetings, Fellow **HEADHUNTERS!**

Bonnie & I hope this newsletter finds all of you in the very best of health and happiness!

### NEXT REUNION DATES & HOTEL FINALIZED!

**O**ur next reunion dates and hotel are now in concrete. We're in the **Alexis Resort & Villas just off the Strip in Las Vegas on 6-9 October 2005!** The weather should be beautiful that time of year for golf and all the other outside activities we'd like to do! The all-suite, non-gaming resort has a shuttle to and from the short distance to the Strip. Their web site is: [www.alexispark.com](http://www.alexispark.com) -- check 'em out!



**I**t's going to be another outstanding get-together! Please mark your calendars now so it gets first choice for those dates!

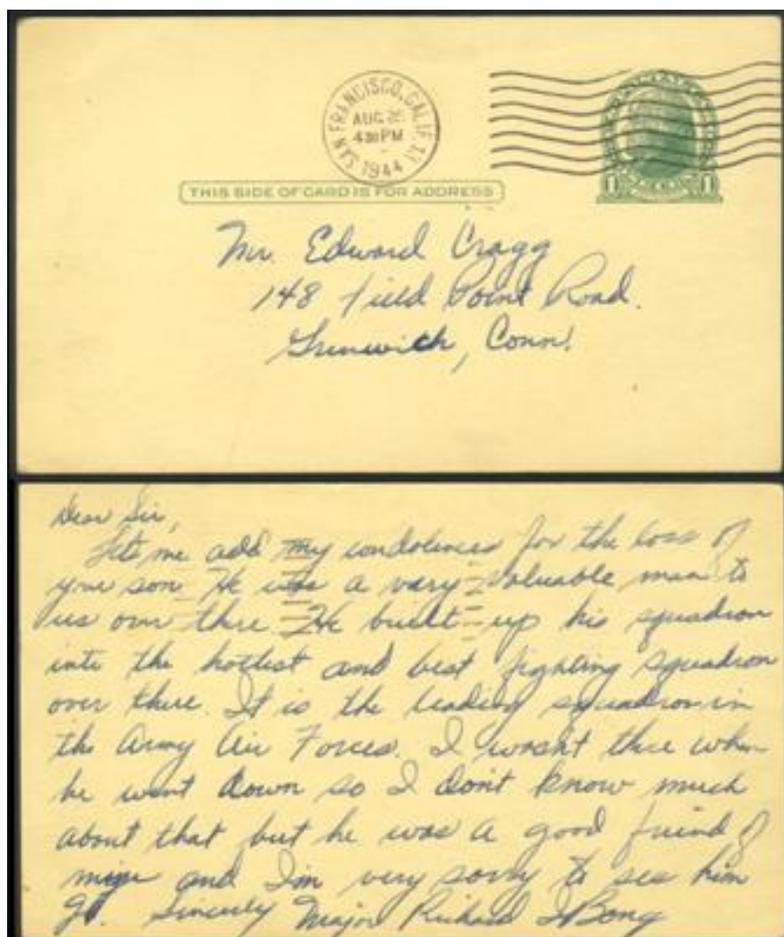


*See you all there!*



People may not remember exactly what you did, or what you said,  
 But they will always remember how you made them feel.

## HISTORICAL POSTCARD SURFACES



This copy of a postcard, dated Aug 25, 1944, was sent in to us on 13 January 2005 by Edward E. Cragg. Ed is the nephew of Ed "Porky" Cragg, our Squadron commander 21 Mar 43 - 4 Apr 43 and 8 Apr 43 - 26 Dec 43 (KIA). It was written to Ed's grandfather and reads as follows:

*"Dear Sir, Let me add my condolences for the loss of your son. He was a very valuable man to us over there. He built up his squadron into the hottest and best fighter squadron over there. It is the leading squadron in the Army Air Forces. I wasn't there when he went down so I don't know much about that but he was a good friend of mine and I'm very sorry to see him go. Sincerely Major Richard I. Bong"*

On 26 Dec 1943, during one of the first missions flown from Dobodura, Major Edward "Porky" Cragg's P-38, "Porky II" was shot down soon after downing his 15th Japanese fighter. Cragg had been leading his flight of 12 P-38s against a force of 20 Japanese bombers and over 50 fighters. At least nine Japanese aircraft were downed during the gallant "Headhunter" attack, and the bombers were forced to drop their loads and return to Rabaul without hitting their target. Although he was only 24 years old when he was lost, Major Cragg was one of the most decorated officers in the Pacific Theater with 15 confirmed aerial victories, the Distinguished Service Cross, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross (4 OLC), Air Medal (6 OLC), and the Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster. "Porky" Cragg, who gave our Squadron the name "Headhunters," is still revered in song by us to this day.

"Porky" Cragg's medal box. This photo, sent in 18 August 2003 by Porky Cragg's nephew, Edward E. Cragg III, is the work of Edward S. "Scott" Cragg IV, the grand-nephew of Maj Cragg. Note the nickname "Sonny" on the brass plaque, which was his nickname within his family. Many thanks to Ed and Scott for this outstanding link to our Squadron History.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

**D**id you know that “Porky” Cragg was the first pilot in our Squadron to achieve Ace status. He, along with fellow Squadron pilot, Johnny Jones, reached that coveted milestone by downing their respective 5<sup>th</sup> enemy aircraft on the same day of 23 July 1943.

**HEADHUNTER Songs CD  
ORDERS!!**

**O**ur Headhunter Songs CD is coming along on schedule! Fellow Headhunter and Balladeer, Dick Jonas, is estimating a mid-summer release. Advanced orders are now being accepted for this unique Squadron treasure. Please see the last (1 November) newsletters for more details. The cost for the professional quality CD of 13 songs, recorded by our own Juvat Boys’ Choir (JBC), is only **\$15 plus \$2 postage**. Order now, and be the first on your block to own one of these gems! Please send your order & check to **Headhunters; 905 Arapaho Ct; Columbus, GA 31904-1242**. E-mail orders can also be sent to < JayBirdOne@mindspring.com > Checks will not be deposited until CD’s are available; however, these pre-orders are important, as it gives us a number required for our initial inventory.

**I**t is also important to note that each of the singers on the CD will be paid for their services by Dick Jonas’ *Erosonic* Company, and each has volunteered to donate those fees to our *Headhunters Association!* Quite a nice gesture, and we all appreciate their generosity very much! Thanks to all who participated (in alphabetical order): Dick “Dixie” Corzine, Erik “Digger” Drake, Dale “Skin” Flick, Don “Loco” Malatesta, Jim “Taz” Merchant, Dave “Bull” Pittner, Jay “JayBird” Riedel, Jim “Tex” Ritter, Robbie “Shadow” Robbins, Tom “Nogas” Reichert, & Jon “Meat” Tinsley.

**\*\*\* Please order today! \*\*\***

**SQUADRON HISTORY DVD**

**T**his project is also progressing well. Photos and video are still coming in, so if you still have any of these items that you would like included, **please let me know ASAP**. We’re also looking at mid-summer for this Squadron History DVD to be finalized. It will be superb! Please watch the newsletters for further progress on this great project!

If you can read this, thank a teacher  
If you’re reading it in English, thank a soldier.

**LATEST INTELLIGENCE FROM AROUND THE WORLD!**

**O**ur highly reliable sources in strategically placed key positions around the globe have informed us that Col Rob “Arco” & Janet Coe will be retiring after 30 years in a ceremony on 10 June 05 at the University of Washington, same day as their spring commissioning for the AFROTC cadets of Det 910. Arco will then head out on a motorcycle trip from Seattle, WA to CA, then turn left to the east coast, then up into New England, and back to Seattle. It will take about 6 weeks or so – his father-in-law will ride also, and they'll have wives and 9 year old son following in a motor home. Should be fun! For the first year since 1983 in Salt Lake, Arco thinks it's quite possible that he could make the Headhunter reunion – even more fun!



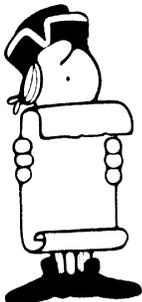
<b>FROM</b>	<b>IN MEMORY OF</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Mary Sue Hill	<i>My dear Husband, Gen James E. Hill</i>	\$50
Anonymous		\$25

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

**I**t gives us great pleasure to welcome these **2 new members** to our ranks for the **first time** (in the order of “signing up” since 1 November). **Equally rewarding** are the **many** members who have **rejoined** after 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 or even 11 years absence! **Welcome to all!** At press time we have **370** Yearly, plus **593** LifeTime Members (LTMs)—**963** Total!!

*Here is the roll call of our new members—with their time in the 80th:*

Col Flavel P. Sabin (Korea CC)      Lt Col Julian M. Chesnutt (04 – 05)



**F**riends of yours? You bet!! Look 'em up in your new Master Roster Change and/or Master E-mail & Fax List Change (enclosed), give 'em a call, write 'em a letter, or beam an e-mail message over to them. Or better yet, ask them to meet you at the **next reunion in Las Vegas 6 – 9 October 2005!** Great to have you **all** in formation—and what a super one it is!! Do you have **Headhunter** friends that aren't members? If so, please let me have their addresses, and I'll send a “Please Join Us” letter to them. **How about all of our active duty JUVATS in the 80th today?**

**Cleared to join up, Y'all!** See your **SNACKO** for **Member Information Forms** and **mailing envelopes, or contact me directly—Thank you!**

“Well done is better than well said.”

-- Ben Franklin

## THE MAIL BAG

**E-mail received 4 November:** “Jaybird, I thought I'd drop a note and share something with all our fellow headhunters that happened to me today. I was working at the Bronx VA medical center, and I ran into an elderly gentleman wearing a Purple Heart baseball cap with old Army Air Corps wings and a 5th Air Force pin on it. I asked him about it, and we got talking, and it turns out that he was a weapons troop in the 80th when they were stationed at Port Moresby. His name is Daniel J.

DeRubis, Jr, and he lives here in New York. I didn't have my camera with me, but I hope to get a picture with him the next time I see him. He has some great stories about all the old Headhunters, and I thought I should try to get him plugged into our network. How would he get in touch with the enlisted Headhunters that you spoke about? In any case, I told him what an honor it was to meet him and that I admired all the sacrifices that he and his brothers in arms had made on our behalf. I think it made his day - it definitely made mine. He and his contemporaries are an inspiration to us all, and I thought that in this time of turmoil for our country, we could all use a little inspiration. Thanks. [Signed Demetrio J. Aguila, III, MD] “Kato” Juvat Viperdoc” [Ed note] *Our thanks go out to Dr “Kato” Aguila for this information. He was our Squadron Flight Surgeon a few years ago. We will try to contact Daniel and invite him to join our Association—and, hopefully, Kato will join, too!!*



**E-mail received 5 November:** “Hello, I am writing on behalf of my mother, Dottie Smith of Sallie Baxter Rd here in Columbia, S.C. Mother is now suffering from Alzheimer's, and no longer enjoys your nice Headhunter Headlines. Thank you so much for continuing to send it since the death of my father, Cornelius M. Smith, in 1997. To receive it brought her great comfort when she was well, and she and I thank you very much. Sincerely, Sharon Smith Watson” [Ed note] *Col Cornelius “Corky” Smith was one of our WWII P-38 Aces with 11 confirmed aerial victories.*

**E-mail received 21 November:** “Jaybird, Just finished moving up to Alaska with my family after spending the last year and a quarter getting a Master's degree at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. I am now the Chief of Weapons and Tactics for 11 AF at Elmendorf AFB and am looking forward to hunting and fishing in Alaska. We also had a baby girl a week before moving up to the Great Frontier. Our little girl, Rylie Paige, and her 2 year old big brother, Brodie, are adjusting well to Alaska life. Check Six, Stoli”

**E-mail received 5 December:** “Dear Headhunters, I am searching for information about Harold G. Holmquist. I was a Company mate of Hal's when we were together at West Point 1952-1956. We were also together for 'Primary' and 'Basic' pilot training (as you can note below.) Unfortunately, I did not keep in contact with Hal through out his Air Force career. As a result, I have little information about Hal's life during the years 1957 - 1963. It is particularly important that I find a Next of Kin, as permission is required in order to publish any information about Hal's life. The information collected will form a short biography of Hal for the West Point Class of 1956 50th Reunion Yearbook. If it is possible, it will form the basis for a 'Memorial Article' for the West Point Assembly magazine. My 1st priority is to find a Next of Kin; 2nd priority is to confirm his assignments (my guesses are below) from 1957 until he was killed in an F-104C accident on 23 April 1963, at George AFB (on the Cuddy Back? A-G range). 3rd priori-

ty is stories, pictures, copies of orders, etc. Harold Gordon Holmquist; Born 21 December 1931, in California? His wife's name was Lois; married Hal in Florida in June, 1956. I believe they had one daughter. This info is confirmed: Primary Pilot Training 3307th PTGp, Marana AB, AZ Aug 1956 - Mar 1957; Basic Pilot Training 3561st PTSq, Webb AFB, TX Apr 1957 - Sept 1957. This information is not confirmed: Tactical Fighter Pilot Training / F-84F or G/ Luke AFB, AZ /Oct, 1957- \_\_\_\_, 1958 // Tactical Fighter Pilot Training / F-100A / Nellis AFB, NV / \_\_\_\_, 1958 - \_\_\_\_, 1958 // Tactical Fighter Pilot / F-100C / 80 FBS / Itazuke AB, Japan / \_\_\_\_, 1958 // 1 Jul 1958\* \* Squadron designation change. Tactical Fighter Pilot / F-100D / 80 TFS / Itazuke AB, Japan / 1 July 1958 - \_\_\_\_, 1961 // Tactical Fighter Pilot / F-104C / 479 TFW / George AFB, CA / \_\_\_\_\_, 1961 // 23 April, 1963 in one of these Tactical Fighter Squadrons: 434th, 435th, 436th, 476th.// I hope you will be able to help me fill in many details. Ck 6, Regards, Bill Carey; 209 Fairfield Drive; Yorktown, VA 23692 Bill.carey@cox.net 757-898-0226.”

**E-mail received 5 December:** “Sir, My time here, at the Kun, is at it's end. I'm out of here in a few days - off to fly the block 5-0 up at Mt. Home. Just wanted to give you a positive hand-off to the new JBC Lead, Capt Jason "Hash" Bailey (I've CC'd him this email), and to say that it has been a true honor and pleasure to serve in this capacity. We all appreciate and honor our Headhunter heritage and tradition, and are extremely proud to be among this select group of people. Thank you for all of your inputs and help, generating actions, such as our phone call to Paul Murphey. I look forward to meeting you at the reunion. I've got my Headhunter Association application, and will submit it once I get a permanent address at Mt. Home. Thanks, again, for everything - you can be assured the JBC, and the Juvats, are in good hands with "Hash" Bailey at the helm. Take care - *We'll see you around..... when death reigns down.....* [signed 1/Lt Dan Daehler] Chip'n JBC Lead (-1)”

**E-mail received 13 December:** “I saw your newsletter here in my Dad's office and also saw that he has kept up for a while with them even though I didn't notice really. Usually he would tell me this stuff, but I have been away trying to make a living launching Space Shuttles for NASA but now my family needs me home here in the San Antonio area. I am Stephen Haywood Hansell his only son and remember well the 80th when it was at Yokota AFB, Japan. I went with dad when he was stationed there in the F-4 Flying Phantom in 1968-1970. I even remember going to the flight line and seeing your Squadron Headquarters? I'm sure that was it. I remember that plaque of the Headhunter, that was great. I wanted to let you know that my Dad did pass away on Nov 26th. He suffered pretty bad for 7 months with a horrendous blood disorder called Myelodysplastic Syndrome, a pre-Leukemia type disease that seems to be grabbing many a Military pilot and flight line Mechanic these days? It has affected those who have been exposed to JP4, which has Benzene in it, the cause of about 5 Leukemias. He is gone now but is remembered at the West Point (He was a 1955 Grad) website. The USMA website has his photo and a Eulogy page of which other Eulogies and great stories about Haywood "Shep" Hansell can be read. The USMA site is: <http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1955/wwwdocs/tonyh.html> Also I thought it appropriate the HeadHunters should know for the Newsletter and his name be remembered as a Headhunter and: ‘May God bless and Keep them in His Flight forever.’ Sincerely and in Flight with my Dad, Stephen Haywood Hansell. P.S. -- I forgot to say, please continue sending the newsletter at least for a few months. I'll get back with you and we will cancel at some point but I'd like Mom to know about this. She was part of the 80th as his wife and all the HeadHunters in Yokota were close. I remember a prank my Dad pulled off one day at the Base! It was great, and those were his great days as an F-4 pilot. He's told me many a story as all pilots have, and what a great life all of you have had in the 80th. His love for the 80th was, to me, self evident. Also as a kid at Yokota, I would sit on the top of the train tunnel at the end of the runway on Japan's side. The planes would come right over us, it was awesome, especially

the F-4s and the big boys like the 135. One day a KC-135 loaded with fuel didn't get off the ground very well and I "heard" from my dad the gear clipped or nearly hit the top of that tunnel. He was in F-4s at the time but he knew I was going out to the tunnel and it wasn't safe anyway. From that day on after the KC-135 incident (which could've been a dad "story" to say..do not go back to the tunnel!) I relocated thereafter.” [Ed note] *Col Haywood “Tony” Hansell (as he was known in the military) and I were in the same squadron together in the 1960’s. It was the 42<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Squadron (ARS) up at Loring AFB, Maine, flying KC-135s. We both wanted to fly fighters, but when we graduated from our respective pilot training classes in the late 50’s and early 60’s, only one or two fighter assignments were available per class, and the rest of the 35-40 of us per class had to take something else—helicopters, C-130s, T-29s, and other wonderful pilot assignments. Luckily my class had about five KC-135 assignments, so I decided to stay in jets and take a Tanker. So did Tony. I also remember that our Squadron had a Dining In one time in the mid '60s when we heard both his father and his wife’s father were visiting. Tony’s father was retired Maj Gen Haywood S. Hansell, a great strategist of early Air Power, and his wife’s father was retired Gen Nathan F. Twining, who succeeded Gen Vandenberg as Air Force Chief and was later named Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff by President Eisenhower in 1957—the first Air Force officer to hold that position. After dinner our guest speaker was Gen Twining. He was introduced to us by Gen Hansell, and I can still remember his words of introduction to us. After a very brief bio, Gen Hansell said, "For me to stand here and talk to you all on the subject of Airpower in the presence of Gen Twining, is like a Bishop standing before you talking about Catholicism in the presence of the Pope!" There was a roar of laughter, because both of these generals were legends of early Air Power. Having both Gen Hansell and Gen Twining up there in the frozen North of northern Maine was quite a treat for all of us! Great memories. I finally escaped from SAC in 1968 after volunteering for “F-anything” when Vietnam was heating up in 1966. Tony escaped also and went to F-4s and the 80<sup>th</sup> Squadron in 1968-70, and I got an F-100 assignment to Vietnam. I wasn’t in the 80<sup>th</sup> till 1979-80. We never saw each other again, but when I saw his name on our Headhunter Master Roster, I tried to get him to join our Association. He did on 22 August of 2003 as an LTM. I was very saddened to hear of Tony’s premature passing. Rest in Peace, Tony, and forever soar with the Eagles.*

**E**-mail received 22 December: “Dear Jay, Your holiday greetings are most appreciated. To you, your family, friends and Association members and the active duty squadron, I send my best wishes for a Holy and joyful season and a rewarding New Year. The last newsletter had a quote from a member who remembered my brother, 1st. Lt. Richard L. McNulty, assisting him in a difficult time over Korea. That story was a most welcomed bit of information. In all my research I had never seen anything like it before. As I don’t have the newsletter with me, I can’t be specific about the details, but I can offer a heartfelt thank you to the author of the article and to you, Jay, the publisher. [Signed] Joe McNulty”

### HURTIN’ HEADHUNTERS



**B**ob Siebenthal, one of our WWII LTMs, has been a little under the weather recently. He spent a week in the hospital with pneumonia back in October, but he is over that and ready to go again! Keep on that road to full recovery, Bob!

## HEADHUNTER STORE !

**A**re you running low on Squadron items? Well, now is the time to stock up! Wear/use them proudly—not just at the reunions, but wherever you go! It’s a great way to find other **HEADHUNTERS**, too! Unless purchased at a reunion, a small fee of **\$4 should be added** for postage to all orders (unless otherwise noted)—I’ll take care of the “handling!”

***Curious to see what these items look like? Check them out on our Web Site STORE Page!***

Blazer Emblem (men’s or ladies)	\$35	Golf Shirt (specify size)	\$30
Squadron Unique Tie	\$30	T Shirt (specify size)	\$17
Ladies Floppy Bow (matches tie)	<del>\$30</del> \$20	Squadron F-16 Litho Print	<del>\$20</del> \$10
Sq “Nickel” Coin or Keychain	\$ 5	White & Green Trim Hat	\$12
*Personalized Sq coffee mug	\$20	All White Hat (new!)	\$12
*Personalized Sq beer stein	\$23	Black Hat	\$12
*Mug & Stein set as above	\$40	Korean-era Sq Patch	\$ 5
Squadron Logo Golf Balls (sleeve of 3)	\$10	Vietnam-era Sq Patch	\$ 5
**Personalized etched Sq beer mug	\$25	Current Squadron Patch	\$ 5
Headhunter Tattoos (fun!) 2 for a	\$ 1	Lapel Pin/Tie Tack	\$ 3

**<<< CD of Headhunter Songs by the JBC.....\$15 + \$2 postage >>>**

\* Please include **name and/or callsign** desired on your mug/stein (up to 20 letters), and **right/left** handed with your order. **Unless otherwise stated**, the Squadron logo & your first name in Old English will be on the front (handle left for right-handed drinker), and an F-16 will be on the back.

\*\* Large 25oz mug is beautiful **etched glass**. Please indicate **Squadron logo** or our **Association logo** desired, choice of **P-39, P-38, P-51, F-80, F-86, F-84, F-100, F-105, F-4, or F-16**, and include **name and/or callsign in “HEADHUNTER” or standard bold font**, and **right/left** handed, with your order. **Personal markings** (tail number/markings, aerial victories, etc.) available. Other aircraft may be available. Please call for quote.

Please send check to **“The Headhunters”; 905 Arapaho Ct; Columbus, GA 31904-1242**. Please don’t forget **\$4 postage** on all orders (accept patches, coins, tattoos, & lapel pin—please send \$1 postage.)

**Fighter pilot songs** (Rated PG) on professional CDs and/or tapes are available from World-renowned military songwriter and balladeer, and fellow **HEADHUNTER**, Dick Jonas. Contact him at: Erosonic; 2001 Mountain View Glen; Ft Mojave, AZ 86426-8833, or his web site at <http://www.erosonic.com>

Beautiful mahogany **model planes**, of just about any kind, can be ordered through fellow **Headhunter** Tom Slee at (253) 584-1223. Some may be able to be painted with your personal markings. Contact Tom directly for details.

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure.”

-- Colin L. Powel

### head hunter corner



**A**s you can see in the “Welcome to our new members” section above, we only had two new members join us in the past 3 months—our lowest rate in over 5 ½ years. Col Sabin was one of our Squadron commanders during the Korean War, and Lt Col Chesnutt is the current Operations Officer in our active Squadron! Welcome to you both! If you know of any fellow Headhunters that may not be members, please let me know, and I’ll send a “Please Join Us” letter to them. We always need new members!

*Our active Squadron in Korea is full of Headhunters—please join us!!*

## THE STORK CORNER!



We take great pride in announc-

ing the birth of the world's youngest **HEADHUNTERS!**

**M**ajor Shawn "TWS" & Amy Ford sent in this announcement on 3 December: “Jaybird, A new family member joined our formation this week. Information follows: The next generation fighter pilot has been born: Reese Elizabeth Ford touched down at 1241 on 30 Nov 04. Specs: Wingspan: 17 3/4 inches; Gross weight: 6 pounds 14 ounces. It was an uneventful landing after a long 39 week sortie. Reese squawked in Code 1 and Mom (Amy) reported a little battle damage (aka C-section). Both are doing really well. Reese initially showed a little lack of flight discipline in Oct when she tried to land without clearance. The doctors gave her the

red light and she proceeded to hold until now. We plan to RTB from the hospital in 2-4 days. Shawn "TWS" Ford, Juvat 96-97."

Congratulations to Shawn & Amy on their new flight member!

**C**apt Shane "Spam" & Ann Riza sent in this e-mail on 8 January: "Friends and family, In these past two weeks we've witnessed untold suffering and are once again reminded of the vast destruction nature is capable of producing. But as I witnessed nearly fifteen years ago in Yellowstone soon after it had been ravaged by fire, life is a continuum. In the burned out hulks of fallen trees and on blackened hillsides I saw pockets of green as plants began to reclaim the charred earth. Those fifteen years have been good to Ann and me, and it is in the spirit of that realization at the beginning of our marriage that we once again can share in the tenacity of life on this earth. Luke Sagan Riza was born on 5 Jan at 0544L CST measuring 6 lbs. 13oz., and 20 in. As the world mourns terrific loss, we find there are things to celebrate even now. I hope Luke's namesake, Carl Sagan, would be proud. During a Jr. High screening of his acclaimed series, he taught me to contemplate the "Cosmos" and my relation to it. Our "pale blue dot" has a new citizen today; the continuum remains intact. May he live in freedom and find his own way on our magnificent planet. [signed] Shane/Spam"

Congratulations to Shane & Ann on their new son!

**M**aj Doug "Stoli" & Katie Nikolai had a baby girl a week before moving up to the Great Frontier of Alaska. Their little girl, Rylie Paige, and her 2 year old big brother, Brodie, are adjusting well to Alaska life! Please see their E-mail of 21 November in *The Mail Bag* Section above for more details!

Congratulations to Doug & Katie on their daughter!

**M**aj Stan "EZ" & Laureen Jones are proud to announce the birth of their newest Juvat, son Luke Bascomb Jones, born 29 Sep 04.

Congratulations to Stan & Laureen on their son!

**M**aj Louis "Twig" & Suzanna Foley would also like to tell all our members of the birth of their second daughter, Elizabeth Carter Foley. She was born March 16<sup>th</sup>, and Twig wrote, "Two daughters now, I'M DONE!!"

Congratulations to Louis & Suzanna on their daughter!

"There's nothing like a newborn baby to renew your spirit—

and to buttress your resolve to make the world a better place.”

1994) -- Vir-

**HEADHUNTERS AT REST**

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**L**ast, but certainly not least, we would like to take this opportunity to pass on to all members the names of those **HEADHUNTERS**, who we know of, that have made their last takeoff in this lifetime since our last newsletter.

<u>Headhunter</u>	<u>Time in 80th</u>	<u>Last Takeoff</u>
<b>Bruce Keenan</b>	<b>WWII</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
<b>Lt Col Richard P Kent III</b>	<b>Juvats/LTM</b>	<b>22 Apr 2004</b>
<b>SSgt Joseph A. Ferrigno</b>	<b>WWII/LTM</b>	<b>17 Jun 2004</b>
<b>Col Haywood S. Hansell</b>	<b>Vietnam/LTM</b>	<b>26 Nov 2004</b>
<b>Lt Col Leonard H. Brown</b>	<b>BTW (56-57)/LTM</b>	<b>2003</b>

**E**-mail sent **31 October**: “There is some sad news to report. Florence Kirby, ex-wife of Kirby, and Sue Murphey, wife of Paul Murphey, past away on the 28th and 29th of October respectively. They were the best of friends for over 50 years and were reunion regulars with their Ace husbands. Florence and Kirby were married for over 50 years, and Paul and Sue were married for 59 years. On behalf of the entire *Headhunter Association*, Bonnie & I would like to pass on our sincere condolences to Kirby, Paul, and their families on their loss. May Florence & Sue rest in Peace.” [Ed note] *By coincidence, their funeral services were held at exactly the same time—10am on Tuesday 2 November.*

**E**-mail received **5 November**: “Dear Col. Jaybird Riedel: I would like to report the passing of my father, Joseph A. Ferrigno on June 17, 2004 at the age of 89. He died of a massive stroke. He served on New Guinea from 1942 until the end of WWII. He was a staff sergeant. He treasured his time in the service and the friends he maintained for years afterwards. Please remove him from your mailing list. Thank you, Eva Foster”

**E**-mail received **5 November**: “I wanted to let you know that my father, Richard P Kent III passed away on April 22, 2004. He got an infection while at Chapel Hill waiting for a Liver transplant. I received the newsletter and realized that I had not notified you. He put up a good fight, but ended up joining our mother, who passed away last Thanksgiving. Sincerely, Kate Kent Hopper”

**O**n behalf of the entire Squadron, we wish to officially pass on to these families our deepest sympathies and sincere gratitude for the outstanding contribution each of these individuals made to the Squadron and our Country. May they rest in Peace and forever soar with the Eagles.

**May God bless and keep them in His Flight forever.**



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The next regular issue of the **HEADHUNTER HEADLINES** will be dated 1 May 2005.  
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Valentine's Day – 14 February



Presidents' Day – 21 February



St Patrick's Day – 17 March



Easter – 27 March

# Las Vegas reunion—6-9 October 2005!



Col Jay E. "JayBird" Riedel, USAF (Ret)  
The "Head Headhunter"





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