



# 80<sup>th</sup> FIGHTER SQUADRON

## HEADHUNTER HEADLINES



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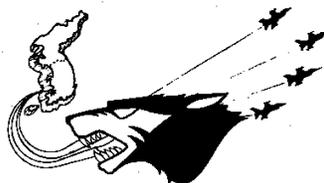
*"AUDENTES FORTUNA JUVAT"*

*August 1, 1998*

Greetings, Fellow **HEADHUNTERS!**

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

### **Squadron has change of command!**



**T**he Commander, 8th Operations Group of the 8th Fighter Wing “Wolf Pack” at Kunsan Air Base, Korea, Col Dana T. Atkins, was proud to announce the Change of Command at which Lt Col Kevin E. Williams relinquished command of the 80<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron to Lt Col Rick French on 29 May 1998.

Lt Col Williams is the outgoing commander of the 80th Fighter Squadron. He began active duty in 1980 after commissioning as a Distinguished Graduate of the AFROTC program at Kansas State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering. In 1984, he was a Distinguished Graduate of Squadron Officer School, in 1993, a Distinguished Graduate of Air Command and Staff College, and in 1995, completed Air War College by seminar as an Outstanding Graduate.

Lt Col French graduated from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University as a Distinguished Graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering in 1980. In 1993, he earned a Master of Science Degree from Central Michigan University. He completed Squadron Officer School in 1987 and Air Command and Staff College in 1994.

1980-81: UPT, Vance AFB, OK

1981-82: F-16 RTU, MacDill AFB, FL

1982-84: 496 TFS, Hahn AB, Germany. Squadron weapons shop.

1984-87: 72 TFTS, MacDill AFB, FL. Instructor Pilot and Stan/Eval Flight Examiner.

1987-90: Defense Language School, Monterey, CA, followed by F-16 exchange pilot with the Royal Netherlands Air Force. Chief Instructor Pilot for the Dutch Air Force.

1990-92: Air Liaison Officer with 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment, Fort Bliss, TX. Deployed to DESERT SHIELD and fought with Army during DESERT STORM.

1992-95: F-22 System Program Office, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH. ACC Requirements representative at the F-22 SPO.

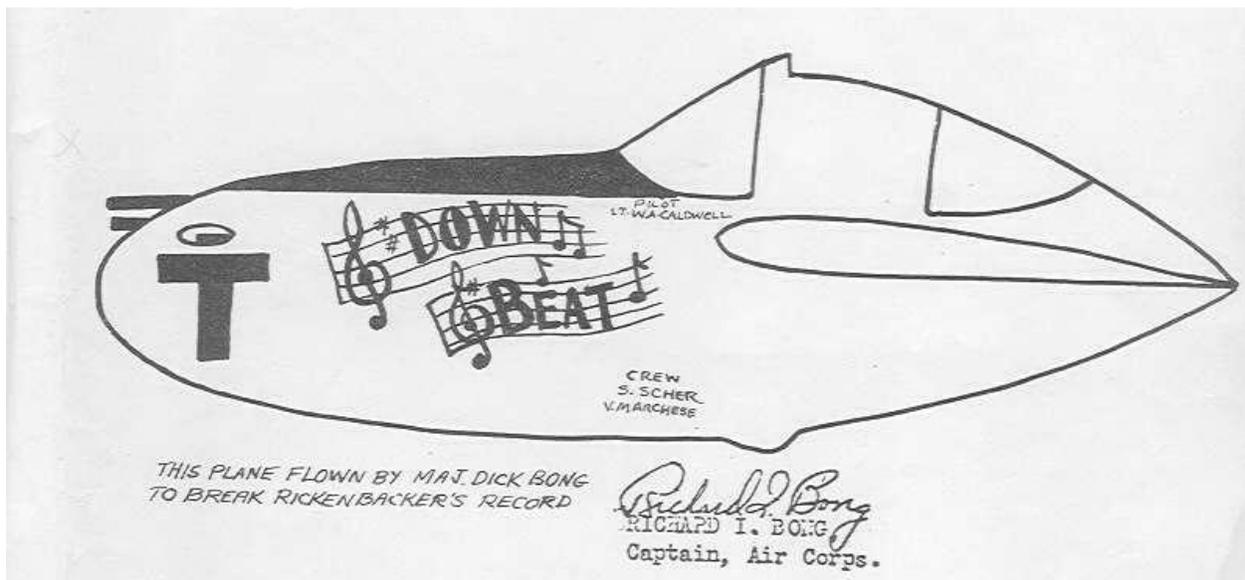
1995-98: 56 FW, Luke AFB, AZ. Assistant Operations Officer, OSS Current Operations Flight Commander, and Operations Officer of the 61 FS.

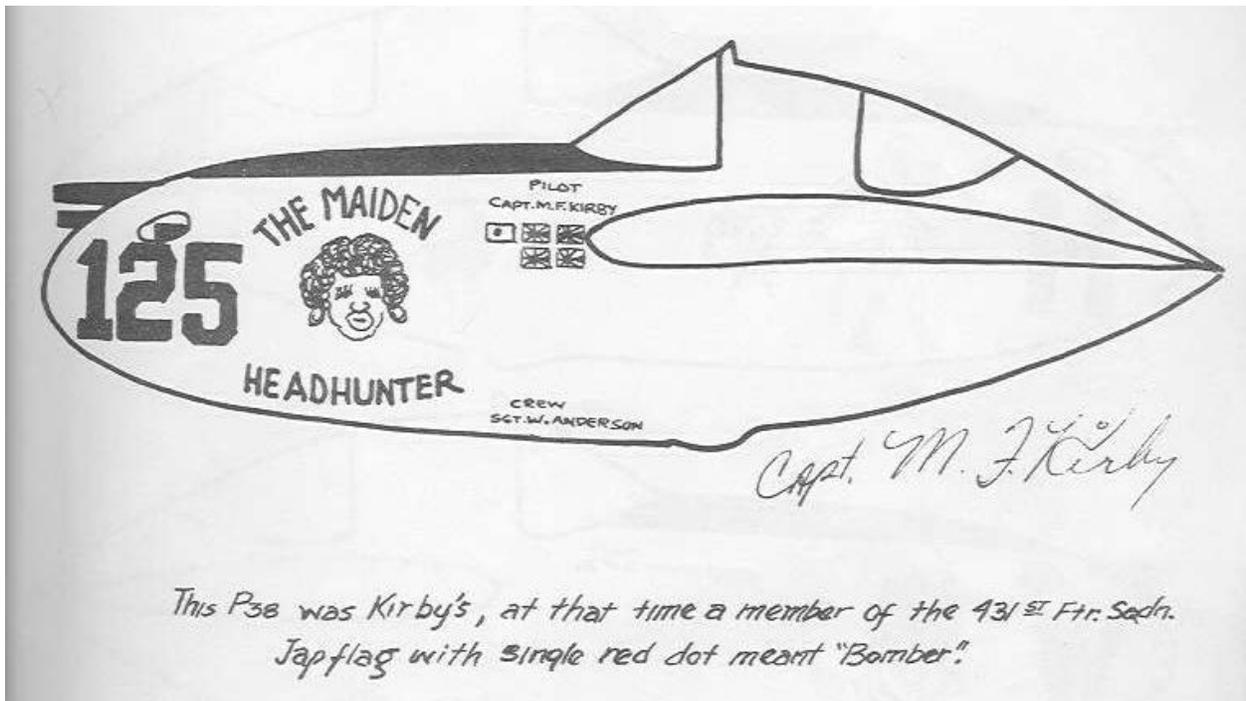
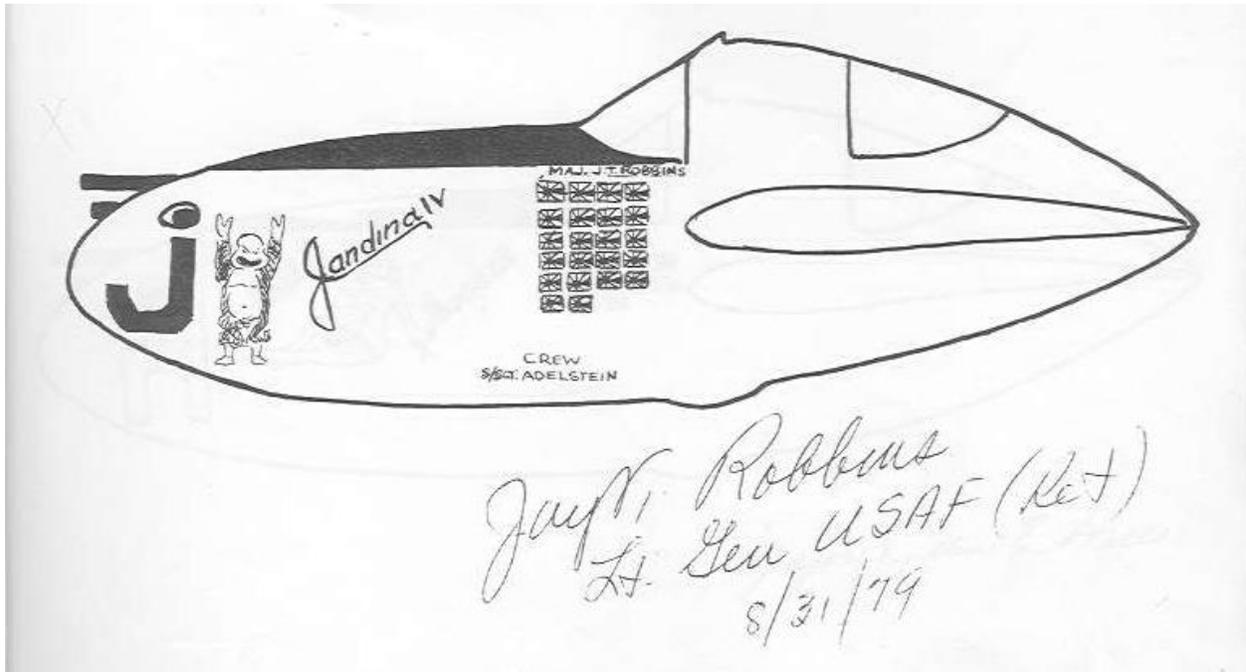
Lt Col French is a command pilot with over 2,000 flying hours including 1,800 in the F-16. Col French is married to the former Marjorie Steinhof of Kerhonkson, NY. Mrs. French is a registered nurse with Cigna Health Care in Glendale, AZ. They have two children, Christina and Gregory.

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## WWII P-38 NOSE ART

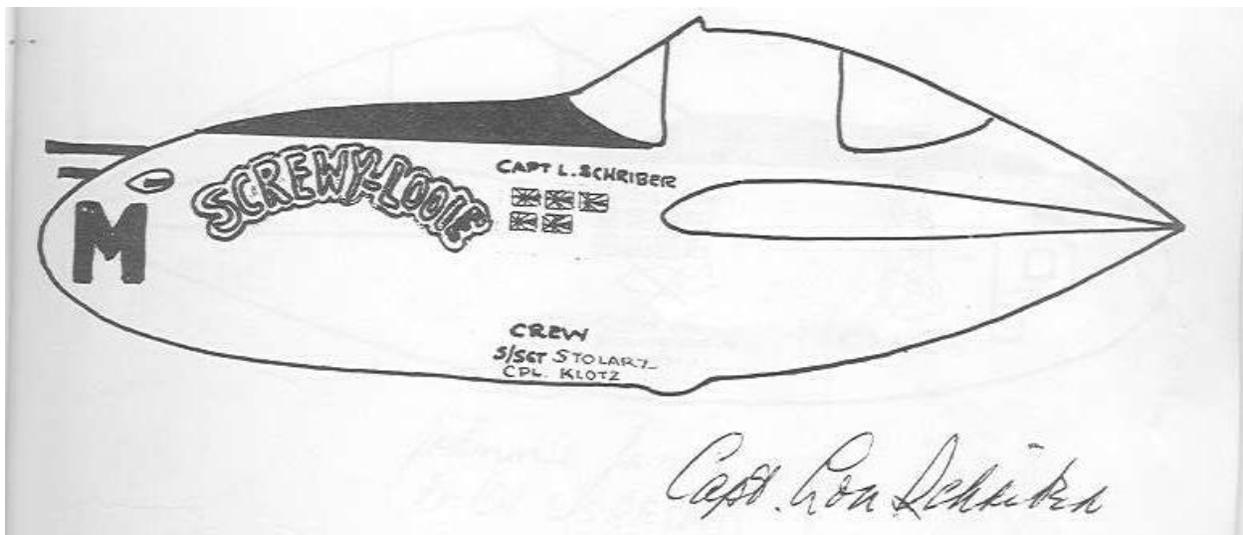
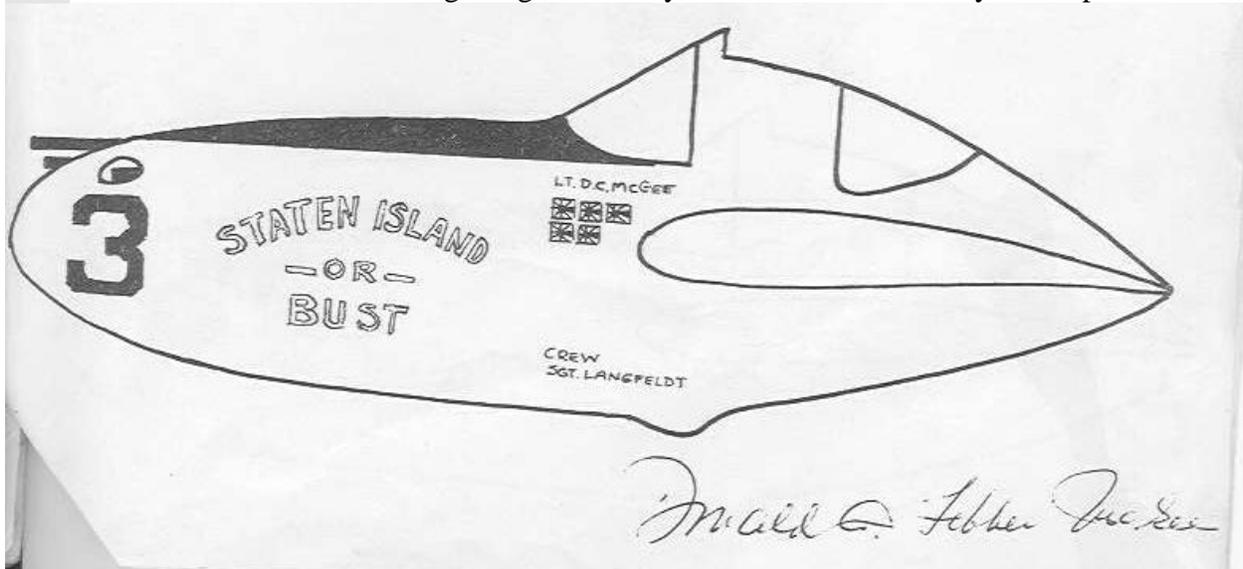
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**NEXT REUNION IN SAN ANTONIO!**

Our next reunion will be in **San Antonio in the Fall of 1999!** Dr. Jack & Wanda Shelton will be our hosts for this 18<sup>th</sup> get-together! Stay tuned for details as they develop!



## **80<sup>TH</sup> FBS SETS NEW RECORD!!!**

(Copy of report sent in by Dick Duggleby)

“THE HEADHUNTERS”  
80<sup>TH</sup> FIGHTER BOMBER SQUADRON  
8<sup>TH</sup> FIGHTER BOMBER GROUP  
APO 970

Commanding Officer: Major Franklin Q. Smith

Fifth Air Force, Korea, 24 April 1953: The 80<sup>th</sup> Fighter Bomber Squadron, 8<sup>th</sup> Fighter Bomber Wing, today paid high and lasting tribute to Lockheed's F-80 Shooting Stars, now almost obsolete, by flying 120 combat sorties in a single day, thereby surpassing all existing theater records for the number of sorties flown by one squadron in a single day. Using only 21 planes and 29 pilots, the 80<sup>th</sup> "Headhunters" flew from 0530 to 1930 a total of 14 hours, burning 59,932 gallons of JP-4 fuel and dropping 228,000 pounds of bombs over North Korea.

A little more than a year ago, on the 11 March 1952, the 80<sup>th</sup> set a then unprecedented record of 96 sorties in a single day, a record that stood unbeaten until early in this month when the Marine Air Group 33 flew 117 sorties. Yesterday, one of the last days that the F-80 will be used as a fighter bomber in Korea, the record breaking 120 missions were flown. By 0630, 16 missions were airborne. If a new record was to be set, the time seemed ripe. At first, it was just a faint hope, but as targets continued to be called in from Combat Operations as quickly as the 80<sup>th</sup> "Headhunters" could provide pilots and planes, the hope became brighter. Plane after plane taxied out, throwing up huge clouds of boiling dust behind them, while overhead, returning F-80's circled the field and landed, only to be loaded and sent on another mission in a matter of minutes. Planes were turned around so quickly that one F-80 was flown on eight combat missions, while six others were flown for seven sorties apiece. It was a great day for the 80<sup>th</sup>—a day which would be remembered for years to come. There was ample reason for the party that ensued that night.

The real, but unsung heroes of the day, were the crew chiefs and armorers, for without them, the record-breaking feat could never have been accomplished. With only 20 planes flyable throughout the day, the 120 missions were flown without a single abort, which in itself is an amazing record and a high tribute to the maintenance personnel of the 80<sup>th</sup>. Frequently, just ten minutes after one pilot shut down his plane at the end of a mission, another pilot would start taxiing out for another mission in the same plane. This is almost less time than the average motorist spends at a service station getting his car filled with gas, only in the case of the jet plane, hundreds of gallons of fuel and 2000 pounds of bombs are involved.

The spirit which prevailed on the 80<sup>th</sup> flight line was overwhelming, catching up all men in the drive to smash the existing sortie record. Airmen from the Squadron's supply section pitched in to help load bombs on the planes, base mess halls brought sandwiches down to the flight line so that valuable time would not be lost while eating, the officer's club contributed cokes to quench the thirst of pilots and ground crews, refueling crews caught by the rising and irresistible spirit, refused relief and insisted upon jockeying the huge tractor-trailer trucks from one plane to another throughout the 14 hour period just as fast as the planes returned from their missions. Armament crews loaded planes in record time, one crew taking only three minutes and 27 seconds to hang two 1000 pounders on one of the F-80's.

For the pilots it was something of a field day, though it became a grueling grind toward the end. Seldom does a pilot get a chance to fly more than two missions in a day, but today, of the 29 pilots flying, only two got less than three missions—one sortie each. There were four pilots who got only three missions, eleven pilots who flew four sorties, ten pilots who got five, and two pilots who flew six missions, the latter two tying the Korean Theater record for number of missions flown by a single pilot in a single day. The two pilots, 1Lt Arthur D. Violette, Jr., and 1Lt Theodore A. Platz, Jr., had little to say after their sixth mission and after landing, wearily made their way to their bunks, forgoing the celebration party since both had to get up at 0430 the following day to fly another mission.

(ED NOTE: Interesting to note the subtle differences between then & now—crew rest, no women in the Squadron, & supply people helping to load bombs!!!)

**LATEST INTELLIGENCE FROM AROUND THE WORLD!**



**O**ur highly reliable sources in strategically placed key positions around the globe have informed us that **HEADHUNTER** Maj E.T. “Gotno” Moore (Juvat Viper Maintenance Officer, 1994-95) has elected to accept this year’s early retirement incentive after more than 18 years of service to his country. Gotno retires effective 1 Sept 98. Gotno, his wife Michelle (Muffy) and their 18 month old daughter Kaitlyn will remain in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia. He has accepted a position as a Manufacturing Supervisor with Howmet Corporation. Howmet manufactures structural castings for the F-22 program, the Space Shuttle program, GE and Pratt Engines, as well as industrial Gas Turbines.

**HEADHUNTER FINANCES**

**O**ur finances are in good shape. A lot of this money was from one-time LifeTime Membership (LTM) fees collected over the years. About half (353) of our members are LTM’s; therefore, this money is slowly being used up. However, at the present rate, no further dues increases for the yearly members are anticipated in the foreseeable future. ☺ There is also an excess of funds in the checking account now due to membership dues comming in for the new 1 July - 30 June membership year. Very little funds will be comming in until next May, so this account will slowly go down as costs arise for postage, printing, supplies, etc. A typical quarterly newsletter printing & postage, like this one, is about \$1100. Accounts as of 15 July 1998 are as follows:

Checking Account.....	\$5290.81
Savings Account.....	\$1529.09
Memorial Fund.....	\$ 128.96
TIC Federal Credit Union.....	\$ 243.66
CD.....	\$3000.00
CD (Special Donation).....	\$1000.00
Cook Book Account held by Lois Ince.....	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$11,792.52</b>

**MASTER ROSTER CHANGE #3!**

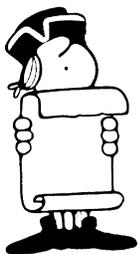
**E**nclosed is your Master Roster Change #3. Please note this is only a **change**, and not a complete new roster! Only information that has changed since the last (1 May) newsletter is included. If you have any additions/corrections to any of the information, please

send to me for updating. Thanks.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!**

**I**t gives us great pleasure to welcome these **5 new members** to our ranks for the **first time** (in the order of "signing up" since 1 May). **Equally rewarding** are the **many** members who have **rejoined** after 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or even 7 years absence! **Welcome back to all!** As of this date, we have 326 yearly members plus 353 LifeTime Members—**679 Total!!**

Here is the roll call of our **new** members:

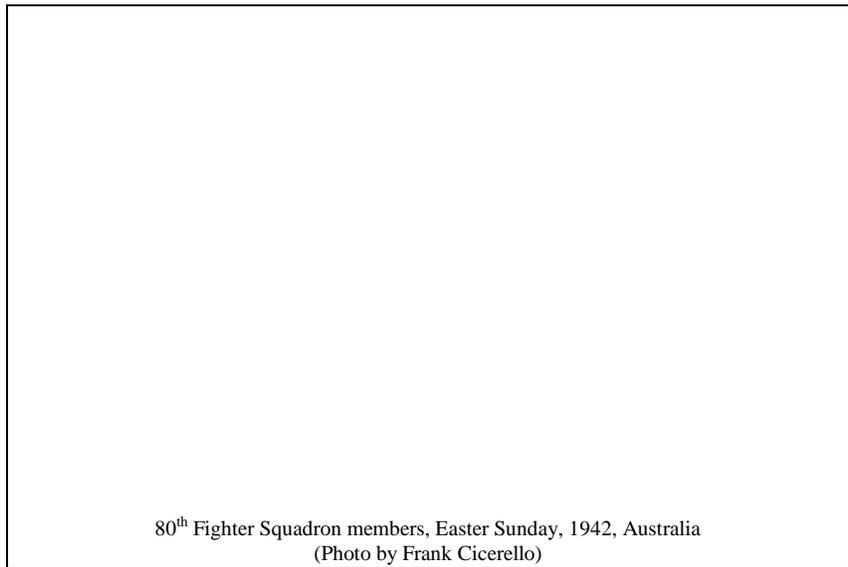


Maj Arthur W. McNay  
Lt Col R. Tom Hood  
Lt Col Norman M. Turner

F/O William R. Stevens  
MSgt Marcus L. Haberichter

**F**riends of yours? You bet!! Look 'em up in your new Master Roster Change #3 (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 San Antonio!** Great to have you **all** back in formation—and what a **great** one it is!! **Welcome!** Do you have **Headhunter** friends that aren't members? If so, please let me have their addresses, and I'll send them a "Please Join Us" letter. **How about all the Juvat HEADHUNTERS in our active Squadron in Korea---come on, Y'all, "Cleared to rejoin with us!!" Thank you!**

**THE MAIL BAG**



80<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron members, Easter Sunday, 1942, Australia  
(Photo by Frank Cicerello)



Dear Jay: Nov 30, 1997

I received your listing of WWII members and wanted to thank you. I wanted to see if I might remember anyone, especially in the Communication Section where I

was assigned. Enclosed is a picture I found amongst my Memorabilia. It is a picture of the 80<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron members taken on Easter Sunday, 1942, in Australia. It might be nice to put the picture in one of your newsletters. Maybe some of the remaining WWII members can recognize themselves. I don't think I sent a copy before.

Yours truly,  
SSgt Frank P. Cicerello  
Flight Radio Operator & Mechanic  
Communications Section

Gentlemen:

May 14, 1998

Your newsletter arrived last week and made me sad that Burke and I were not among you at the Las Vegas Reunion—we had planned on it, because it was so close to our Salt Lake City home. I am sure he was with you, if only in spirit. He was very proud to have been in the 80<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Burke D. Jenkins

Col "JayBird" Riedel

May 18, 1998

My deceased husband received your newsletter regularly & enjoyed it very much. He was also with the 506<sup>th</sup> Fighter Group—Iwo Jima 1945. He was known as "Brownie."

I'm sad to report that Harley "Brownie" Brown took his "Celestial flight, flying higher than he's flown before" on March 16, 1998. He was very proud to have been a fighter pilot, and I have always been proud of him.

Sincerely,  
Joyce Brown

Dear Sir,

I think you have heard and published this already, but I am the narrator for the F-16 East Demo Team. Maj Rich "Duck" ["Wutza"] Duckworth (also a Juvat) is the pilot. We are into his first season as pilot—my second as narrator. All is going outstanding. The demo is one heck of a show, and I highly recommend coming out to see it if we come to town nearby. You can find our schedule on the Internet under [www.acc.af.mil/public/airdemo](http://www.acc.af.mil/public/airdemo). From there just click on the F-16 east team and then schedule. We would love to see any and all current and former Headhunters.

Hope all is well,

**head headhunter corner**



**M**any thanks again to all the **Headhunter Ladies** that have renewed the dues for their otherwise preoccupied husbands! As with last year, if it weren't for you, we'd have about 20 members now! **Thank You--Thank You--Thank You!!!** ☺

**A**s you can see, we have a lot of WWII & current Squadron information to put in these newsletters. We also, from time to time, put in Korean War-era stories such as the one in this issue received three days before press time! However, our Vietnam material is non-existent. Therefore, if our Vietnam members would please send in some information, I'll gladly include it in future issues. How about our Vietnam Ace, "Fang" Feinstein—any stories?! **Thank You.**

**HEADHUNTER STORE**

**T**hese items are now available in our "HEADHUNTER STORE." A small fee of **\$3 should be added** for postage to all orders—we'll take care of the handling! Golf shirts, T-shirts, and both hats are back in stock!

Blazer Emblem (men's or ladies)	\$35	Golf Shirt (specify size)	\$25
Squadron Unique Tie	\$30	T Shirt (specify size)	\$12
Ladies Floppy Bow (matches tie)	\$30	Squadron Print	\$20
Squadron "Nickel" Coin <u>or</u> Keychain	\$ 4	White Hat	\$10
* <u>Personalized</u> Sq coffee mug	\$17	Black Hat	\$10
* <u>Personalized</u> Sq beer stein	\$20	Squadron Memorial Plaque	\$10
*Mug & Stein set as above	\$35	Korean-era Sq Patch	\$ 5
Current Squadron Patch	\$ 5	** <u>Personalized</u> Sq beer mug	\$25
***Fighter Pilot Songbook (Rated R)	\$ 3	Squadron Golf Balls (sleeve)	\$ 5

●●●●● **Las Vegas Reunion Souvenir Book (only 3 left).....original (cost) price \$20 ●●●●●**  
**(Full color 16 pages of reunion pictures of our largest reunion to date!!)**

\* 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-38, F-86, F-4, or F-16**, and include **name and/or callsign in “HEADHUNTER” or standard bold font**, and **right/left** handed, with your order. Other aircraft may be available. **Personal markings** (tail number/markings, aerial victories, etc.) available. Please call for quote.

Please send check to **“The Headhunters”; 905 Arapaho Ct; Columbus, GA 31904-1242.**

\*\*\***Fighter pilot songs** (Rated G) on CDs and/or tapes are available from Dick Jonas. Contact him at: *Erosonic*; 2001 Mountain View Glen; Ft Mojave, AZ 86426-8833.

## THE STORK CORNER!



We take great pride in \_\_\_\_\_ announcing the birth of  
the world's youngest HEADHUNTERS!

**C**apt Anthony “Flash” Franzel wrote: “...Trudi & I were blessed with a new addition to our flight back on October 3<sup>rd</sup> [1997]. Garrett Anthony ‘G-Man’ Franzel checked in as our new wingman at 7lb 2oz, 22”. Since then life after work has gotten very busy! I was able to make it up to Vegas for the reunion, only able to make the banquet, but had a great time getting to meet all the Headhunter/Juvats from the different eras, quite an experience.” **Congratulations to you both!!**

**M**aj Robert “Mumbles” & Claudia Pumbo had a very busy summer so far! Not only did they move to a new house and go on-line with e-mail, but they are the very proud parents of a new son—Jake Steele Pumbo—who had a roll-out gross weight of 7lbs 14oz on 15 March 98! **Congratulations to you both!!**

**C**apt Tim “Indy” & Kathy Hannus take great pride in announcing the unveiling of there new-est creation—Tallon William Hannus! Tallon was born 6 May 98 in the Luke AFB hospital,

weighing 7lbs 6ozs packed into his 20½” frame! Indy states in his e-mail msg, “He is healthy and ready to fly for the 80<sup>th</sup>! We are very blessed!” Yes, you are, Indy! **Congratulations to you both!!**

**C**apt Mark “Pledge” & Kirsten Madaus are also proud to announce the birth of their first child on 29 May 98! Little Erik Anders Madaus was launched by C-Section at 0741, and his initial measurements were 18” long and 6 lbs 3oz, which are normal for his age of 37 weeks. Mom, Dad, & Erik are all doing well, but they knew a few weeks prior that little Erik had spina bifida, in which, in Erik’s case, the last 1½” of his spinal cord, although intact, was exposed at the base of his back right above his tailbone rather than being inside the spinal column. Little Erik is undergoing operations to correct this, and we all have him, and his Mom & Dad in our prayers. **Congratulations to you both!!**

**B**onnie & I are the proud new grandparents of Kelly Michelle Wildermuth born 3 June 98 to equally proud daughter Kathy & Kevin Wildermuth!! Launch weight was 7lbs 8oz by C-Section, because little Kelly decided at the last moment to be born feet first. She had a wingspan of 20”. It was their first and our fourth—all girls! And, of course, they are ALL beautiful!! **Congratulations to Kathy & Kevin!!**

Congratulations to all new Moms, Dads, & “Wingmen”!!!!  
All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.

**HEADHUNTERS AT REST**

**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.

<b>Lester W. Sundt</b>	<b>Korea</b>	<b>c. Jun 1997</b>
<b>Burke D. Jenkins</b>	<b>WWII/LTM</b>	<b>31 Jul 1997</b>
<b>Wallace O. Armstrong</b>	<b>Juvats/LTM</b>	<b>8 Dec 1997</b>
<b>William F. Tanner</b>	<b>BTW/LTM</b>	<b>11 May 1998</b>

**W**e had a very sad phone call on 11 July from Paul Murphey. He informed me that Eleanore Kasper, Mark’s wife, had passed away the day before. Mark is one of our WWII LTM’s. Mark & Eleanore are a wonderful couple and regulars at our reunions. They both enjoyed our Las Vegas reunion in March, and I’m sure, you that were there, met them. Eleanore will surely be missed by all of us who knew her. She was a first-class lady and a first-class friend.

**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 **HEADHUNTER HEADLINES** will be dated 1 November 1998.



Labor Day - 7 Sept



Columbus Day - 12 Oct



Halloween - 31 Oct

SEE Y'ALL IN "SAN-TONE"!!

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



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