



80TH FIGHTER SQUADRON

HEADHUNTER HEADLINE



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Greetings, Fellow HEADHUNTERS!

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

HEADHUNTER REUNION!!

O.K.!! Dana Duthie volunteered to host our next reunion in Colorado Springs. **"HEADHUNTERS in the Rockies"** is set up for **30 September - 3 October 1993** to coincide with the Air Force Academy Homecoming football game with Wyoming. Accommodations will be at the Sheraton South, which is right on Interstate I-25 only 10-12 miles from the Academy. Stay tuned for further details in our 1 May Newsletter. Anyone interested in helping with this reunion, PLEASE contact Dana Duthie; 205 Palm Springs Dr; Colorado Springs, CO 80921, or call (719) 481-2337. All applications accepted with minimum background investigations!!! Also, all you active duty JUVATS: don't let the end of the fiscal year "rain on your parade"--contact Dana to arrange your fly-in with the good possibility of a total **HEADHUNTER Fly-over at Half-time!!**

Enclosed with this Newsletter is a flyer **for everyone to fill out, PLEASE, and return to Dana Duthie by the end of February (1993, please, JUVATS!!!)** This is **VERY IMPORTANT** so that Dana and his team can plan and give us the best possible reunion with activities that WE want to do! So please help us ALL out--fill out and return the flyer to Dana by the end of February. THANK YOU!!

Please put this Reunion on your calendars **NOW** so the time will be reserved: **30 September - 3 October 1993 in Colorado Springs, CO**. Stay tuned for updates as they occur on another outstanding reunion of HEADHUNTERS!!!

50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION BOOKS OFFERED!!

The Registration Fee at the 1-4 October 1992 San Antonio Reunion included a Reunion Book as a remembrance of this OUTSTANDING 50th Anniversary get-together. About 15 extras ONLY are available on a first come--first served basis at cost plus postage (\$10 total). Contact me if you would like one.

CHANGE #1 TO MASTER HEADHUNTER ROSTER !!

Enclosed, please find **CHANGE #1 to the Master Roster!!** It contains only information that has changed since the Master Roster was mailed to you in early November. If you're not on the enclosed Change

#1, PLEASE DON'T WORRY--that only means none of your information has changed in the past three months!!!

MEDAL OF HONOR
Awarded to
CHARLES J. LORING, JR.
80TH FIGHTER-BOMBER SQUADRON

Charles J. Loring, Jr. was born 2 October 1918 in Portland, Maine. He joined the Air Force, went through pilot training, received his wings, and was eventually assigned to the 80th Fighter-Bomber Squadron, 8th Fighter-Bomber Wing in August 1952 as a Major flying the F-80 in Korea. By October, Maj Loring, the Squadron Operations Officer under Commander Maj Wilbur A. Tapscott, had flown 46 sorties toward the magic 100 needed to rotate back to the States. About a month later, at 1140 hours on 22 November, Maj Loring was leading a flight of 4xF-80s on a Close Support mission against artillery positions near Sniper Ridge in North Korea. He was carrying 2x1000-pound general purpose bombs (nose fuse set on "instantaneous" and tail fuse set for a .1 second delay) along with 150 rounds of .50 cal ammo on aircraft # 49-1830. While under the control of Mosquito Postcard # 3 airborne controller, Maj Loring, along with his #2 man Lt H. Palmer, #3 man Lt Ray, and #4 man Lt Tallant began their attack from 12,000 feet. *** The Citation reads as follows: ***



"Maj. Loring distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. While leading a flight of 4 F-80 type aircraft on a close support mission, Maj. Loring was briefed by a controller to dive-bomb enemy gun positions which were harassing friendly ground troops. After verifying the location of the target, Maj. Loring rolled into his dive bomb run. Throughout the run, extremely accurate ground fire was directed on his aircraft. Disregarding the accuracy and intensity of the ground fire, Maj. Loring aggressively continued to press the attack until his aircraft was hit. At approximately 4,000 feet, he deliberately altered his course and aimed his diving aircraft at active gun emplacements concentrated on a ridge northwest of the briefed target, turned his aircraft 45 degrees to the left, pulled up in a deliberate, controlled maneuver, and elected to sacrifice his life by diving his aircraft directly into the midst of the enemy emplacements. His selfless and heroic action completely

destroyed the enemy gun emplacement and eliminated a dangerous threat to United Nations ground forces. Maj. Loring's noble spirit, superlative courage, and conspicuous self-sacrifice in inflicting maximum damage on the enemy exemplified valor of the highest degree and his actions were in keeping with the finest traditions of the U.S. Air Force."

HURTIN' HEADHUNTERS

Col John L. Gregory, Jr, one of our Squadron Commanders from between the wars (BTW), is fighting lung cancer, but is feeling great! He has received a good report from his doctor, and he's looking forward to seeing us in Colorado Springs. See you there, John!

Walter L. Mapes, one of our Vietnam Commanders, is also feeling better!

Great news just keeps getting better! Capt Mark A. Merkel, who suffered a fractured spine and serious burns in an F-16C crash back in April, is, you guessed it--back on flying status!! SUPER!! Keep up the good work, Mark!

Jack Nemo is feeling much better after his tune-up!

William L. Janssen, another of our Squadron Commanders from BTW, is also fighting lung cancer.

On behalf of the entire Squadron, we're happy to hear everyone is doing much better than last report. We also wish any other "Hurtin' HEADHUNTER" complete and speedy recoveries! See you all at "The Springs!

MISSING KOREAN BOOK

All is not perfect--Bob Williams brought in his personal Korean Book to share during the San Antonio reunion--it turned up missing. If anyone picked it up by mistake, or knows where it might be, please return to Bob or let him know--he would appreciate it very much: Col Robert D. Williams; 123 Spyglass Rd; Mc Queeney, TX 78123; phone (512) 557-5706.

HEADHUNTER LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP GOIN' STRONG!!

As you can see in your new Master Roster, we now have 127 LifeTime Members! Don't feel left out--get one today!!

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP RATES ARE:

<u>AGE</u>	<u>FEE</u>
upto 39	\$300
40 - 49	\$250
50 - 59	\$150

60 - 69 \$ 50
70+ \$ 25

For this LifeTime Membership Fee (payable in 3-6 monthly installments if desired) you will receive a permanent credit-card-type plastic membership card (not that cheap, flimsy, plain 'ole white paper card that all the yearly members get--Ptooooy!!); ALL Newsletters, Rosters, reunion notifications, and other special mailings; and your status as a LifeTime Member will be annotated on the Squadron Master Roster as "LTM" (LifeTime Member) in the "CUR" (current) column. So come on--become a coveted **LIFETIME MEMBER**, flash your plastic membership card at the reunions, and be the envy of those paper-carrying yearly guys!!!--and **never worry again** about going "non-current" with your dues and missing out on these terrific(?) newsletters (like 200 out of 300 of you did last year before the first and then the second notice...!!). Convinced? GREAT!! Please send your date-of-birth with your fee. **SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

HEAD HUNTER CORNER

Please send all HEADHUNTER correspondence to **905 Arapaho Ct; Columbus, GA 31904-1242**
[Phone (706) 324-7360]. **** WE HAVE MOVED!!! ****

HELP!! We've lost contact with a number of our Squadron mates. **PLEASE** look through your Master Roster and look at the people with no addresses. If you know where any of these people are, PLEASE let me know so I can contact them. Thank you very much. They'll appreciate it, too!!

Thanks again to all who have sent new/updated information on some of our members for Master Roster updating. If you know of any HEADHUNTERS in your area or on the base where you're stationed, PLEASE contact them to see if they want to "sign up". Perhaps a personal letter or phone call from you, their good friends, would do the trick. Worth a try? You bet!! Thanks!

THE STORK CORNER

We're very happy to announce the birth of the world's youngest HEADHUNTER! Samuel Ray Schrader, born 22/0256 December, weighing in at 8lbs 13.6oz. "Darth" & Diane as well as Sam are doing great!! CONGRATULATIONS!!

LATE BREAKING HEADLINES!

- ** Es Johnson getting married about now! Congrats to Es & new bride!
- ** Ron White pilot of an American Airlines plane hit by AAA over Columbia. Many holes, but everyone O.K. Combat pay for airline pilots??
- ** Many JUVATS taking part in strikes on Iraq. Good Luck---JUVAT!!

HEADHUNTERS AT REST

Last, 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:

Mrs Lorraine DeJarnette (wife of deceased WWII Thomas) Spring 1992
Col Selectee David W. Woodring JUVAT hit by car overseas Nov 1992

On behalf of the entire Squadron, we wish to officially pass on to their families our deepest sympathies and our sincere gratitude for the outstanding contribution each of these individuals made to the Squadron and our Country.

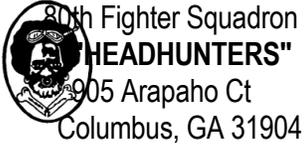
May God bless and keep them in His Flight forever.

PACK YOUR JOCKIES AND COME TO THE ROCKIES!!

Check 6,

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