



80TH FIGHTER SQUADRON 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!

HEADHUNTER REUNION!!

O.K., this is it! This is what we've all been waiting for! Enclosed are the **"HEADHUNTERS in the Rockies"** reunion activities registration forms and the hotel registration forms. As you know, this super reunion is scheduled 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.

Enclosed is a flyer with a detailed reunion schedule from Dana so we can plan our vacation. Please note other valuable information concerning climate, temperatures, directions, etc. Also enclosed is a brochure from **ACADEMY TRAVEL AND TOURS, INC.** The person to call for your airline reservations is **Linda Robison at 1-800-999-3444**. Anyone having questions on the reunion after reading the flyer should contact our Reunion Host Dana Duthie; 205 Palm Springs Dr; Colorado Springs, CO 80921, or call (719) 481-2337. Want to help with the reunion? A few good positions are still available--hurry! (Dana said he'd even drop the requirement for 12 personal references!!)

Here is a checklist for what we have to do now:

1. Fill out the enclosed **"HEADHUNTERS IN THE ROCKIES" Reunion Registration Form** completely for the number of people coming & all activities you wish to participate in.

2. Mail completed **Reunion Registration Form with your check ("HEADHUNTER Reunion")** for the total to Dana Duthie; 205 Palm Springs Dr.; Colorado Springs, CO 80921--**NOT LATER THAN 15 AUGUST** (1993, JUVATS!!). Please note the Registration Fee is for EACH PERSON attending. It covers the hospitality room, ice, service, food, drinks, favors, supplies, etc. Thank you.

3. Fill out the **hotel Advance Reservation Request** completely.

4. Mail hotel **Advance Reservation Request** directly to the hotel with a check, or credit card information, for the first night's stay plus 8.6% tax **NOT LATER THAN 15 AUGUST.**

Single:	\$65 + 8.6%	=	\$70.59
Double:	\$65 + 8.6%	=	\$70.59
Triple:	\$75 + 8.6%	=	\$81.45
Quad:	\$85 + 8.6%	=	\$92.31

5. Make travel arrangements through Linda Robison at Academy Travel & Tours, Inc., or with any other service of your choosing. See you there!

REUNION GUEST SPEAKER

At the time of this printing we are negotiating for our guest speaker. We are 98% sure of getting a very special guest to our reunion--someone who will be of great interest to each of us. This individual is the Japanese Ace who shot down Marine Ace, Maj Greg "Pappy" Boyington (of "*Baa Baa Black Sheep*" fame)--and who, most probably, flew against many of our WWII pilots! He has written a book "*Bye Bye Black Sheep*", and also celebrated Lindbergh's 50th anniversary of his trans-Atlantic flight by making the **FIRST** solo trans-Pacific flight in a single engine, prop aircraft!--to personally honor the 7000 US & Japanese pilots lost in WWII. He is an Ace with 19 aircraft downed, was shot down 5 times, and has 17 bullet wounds!! How would you like to belly-up to the bar in the Hospitality Room and swap war stories over a scotch with this man?! Sound interesting? You bet! Come to the reunion and meet Capt. Masajiro "Mike" Kawato!!

ANOTHER REUNION SPECIAL TREAT

The late Yale Saffro, one of our original WWII members and the man who created our Squadron Logo, had a very fine collection of Aces' autographs. It has been located at the Air Force Academy and will be on display in the Hospitality Room!

YEARLY DUES ARE DUE AGAIN!!

If you all remember, I put in the last Newsletter that it was the last one going out to our yearly members if they didn't renew their yearly dues. Welllllll, a number of you caught the fact that I forgot to say how much the yearly dues were!! I can't believe I made a mistake--and all this time I thought I was **PURFECT!!** What a let-down!! Oh well--yearly dues for the 1 July 93 - 30 June 94 period are still \$10. This Newsletter is going to all our members, but only 24 out of our

400 yearly members have renewed so far. I hope this was the reason...! **PLEASE RENEW WITH YOUR \$10 TODAY -- THANK YOU!!**

COLORADO MOUNTAIN CABIN AVAILABLE!!

Dr. Jack "BONER" Methner, one of our LifeTime Members, is inviting all who wish to come to his cabin! It's at the 10,000 ft. level, about 50 miles inside the National Forest, and on 40 acres. It has about 2,400 sq. ft with built-ins to sleep 16 - 18. Jack says, " All who wish to come can be accommodated, and are welcome. I shall be pleased and happy to make the cabin available from Sep 24 - Nov 8. Please have anyone interested coordinate with me, (call collect) at (817) 498-3624. If you get answering service, please leave return call number. It is hoped that any and all shall take the side trip to share "Fighter Doc's" cabin!" (Ed Note: Sounds like a lodge to me!!)

CHANGE #3 TO THE MASTER HEADHUNTER ROSTER !!

Enclosed, please find **CHANGE #3 to the Master Roster!!** It contains only information that has changed in the past two months since Change #2 was sent to you with the 1 May Newsletter. If you're not listed in this change, **PLEASE DON'T WORRY!!!** It only means that none of **YOUR** information changed these two months! I always get a couple of letters after every newsletter saying "How come I'm never listed in the master roster anymore?" This is the reason--these are NOT Master Rosters--only changes....

HEADHUNTER LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP GOIN' STRONG!!

As you can see in your new Master Roster (with Changes #1, #2, & #3), we now have 142 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'll 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. Convinced? GREAT!! Please send your date-of-birth with your fee. **SIGN UP TODAY!!!**

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 5 extras ONLY are still available at cost plus postage (\$10 total). Contact me if you would like one.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE

Our latest Intel focuses on Kunsan, Korea where our 80th Fighter Squadron and the 35th Fighter Squadron are presently located. Reliable sources have informed us that former JUVAT Boys Choir Lead from the 1977-78 time period is now---"Panton" Lead---Commander of the 35th!! "Just goes to prove that anything is possible!" Our congratulations and best wishes go to Lt Col Charles E. "Butch" Byrd for a great tour with our sister squadron. Butch, if this disclosure submits you to a 0200 roof stomping raid on your quarters, we apologize. We also disavow all knowledge of it, and have no idea who may have been responsible--how COULD we from 12,000 miles away?!! Have a nice day!!!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

It gives us great pleasure to welcome these new members to our organization for the first time:

Roderick E. Bowden	Thomas M. "ASTRO" Casey
Dino Cerutti	Gerald J. Dix
Walter L. Hilgart	Frank A. Klaas
Mrs. Robert L. Peters (Fran)	Mrs. James B. Pettit (Shirley)
Robert D. Reichart	James E. Richter
Mrs. Ray Rock (Donna)	Walter A. Rosenfield, Jr.
Milton Schultz, Sr.	Russel K. Tambling
Garrett J. "TURBO" Thompson	Victor Vizcarra

Frank Klaas was in the locker room with Maj Loring putting on G-suits that morning--"I'll take you up next", Loring said to Frank as he walked out the door to his aircraft....

HEADHUNTERS GETTIN' HITCHED!

Yep, you guessed it--there're a few gals out there that'll actually marry a HEADHUNTER! Can you believe it?!

One of our new Life Time Members, John C. Hooper (80th at Korea K-13 flying F-86Fs, Jan - Jul '54), closed down his oil field service business at the end of 1992; retired to his

private air field at Henley Field, MS; started a small flying business, but most importantly married a really great and lovely gal on May 29th. To John & Karen, we all wish you the very best of health & happiness! See you both at the reunion!

JUVAT TAKES PART IN IRAQI MIG-23 KILL!!

Wingman Capt Steve Duffey (former 80th) with leader Lt Col Gary North (former 35th) bag MIG-23 with AMRAAM (Advanced Medium Range Air/Air Missile) in December-- JUVAT!!

THE STORK CORNER

We're very happy to announce the birth of the world's youngest HEADHUNTER!

"After over 10 years in development and 9 months in production, the Gott/Pardo design team proudly announces the unveiling of their first prototype --

Name: John Robert Pardo III
Roll-Out Date: 16 April 1993
Gross Weight: 8 lbs 10 oz
Length: 21.5
Speed: .00001 mach"

What a great card!!--CONGRATULATIONS!!

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:

James Bragg	WWII	Several Years Ago
Edwin Buchanan	WWII	Several Years Ago
Raymond Daly	WWII	About 1976
James B. Pettit	Korea	Sep 1992
Ray Rock	WWII	18 Jul 1992
John T. Rundell	WWII	About 1991
Leonard J. Waechter	Korea	16 Mar 1993
G. Harry West	Korea	Several Years Ago

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.

SEE "YAW'LL" AT THE REUNION!!

Check 6,

Col Jay E. "Jay Bird" Riedel, USAF Ret

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P.S. PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP---TODAY!! THANK YOU!!



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