



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!!

Dana Duthie and his team are right on track to make our next reunion in Colorado Springs one of our best! **"HEADHUNTERS in the Rockies"** 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. Our next Newsletter will be moved up to 1 July, and it will include hotel reservation and reunion activities' sign-up sheets. Anyone having questions on the reunion should contact Dana Duthie; 205 Palm Springs Dr; Colorado Springs, CO 80921, or call (719) 481-2337. Want to help? A few good positions are still available--hurry!

Enclosed is a flyer from Dana with a tentative reunion schedule so we can start planning our vacation. More importantly is the name, phone number, and person to call for your airline reservations through **ACADEMY TRAVEL AND TOURS, INC.** Please note other valuable information concerning climate, temperatures, Dana's not too best grammar, and Kirby's missing questionnaire! Please check to make sure this Reunion is on your calendars: **30 September -3 October 1993 in Colorado Springs, CO.** Stay tuned for updates as they occur on another outstanding reunion of HEADHUNTERS!!!

ADDITIONAL INFO ON MAJ LORING'S MEDAL OF HONOR

Gene Zehr called from Manchester, MO. Gene was in the Squadron with Maj Loring. Frank Ray was the Awards & Decorations Officer at the time. Frank wanted to submit Loring for the Medal of Honor, but the Wing said no--just a Silver Star. Frank wrote up the Recommendation as a Silver Star, but 5th Air Force bounced it back and said to resubmit as a Medal of Honor! Frank got more depositions from ground troop witnesses as to what happened and resubmitted it. It was approved, and the Medal of Honor was presented to Maj Loring's widow and two children in 1954 by then President Eisenhower.

Jerry Minton also wrote: "I'm glad that you published Chuck Loring's Citation. He was our Squadron Ops as you mentioned and a hell of a nice guy. I had just become "A" Flight CO at the time. That same afternoon "A" Flight hit the same target, and they got Lt Roberts. Quite a stroke of bad luck."

LITHOGRAPHS OF 80TH SQ F-16 OFFERED!

Dave Pedersen, our contact over in the active Squadron in Kunsan, Korea, would like to know if any of us would be interested in getting an F-16 lithograph with 80th Squadron markings. All the guys in the Squadron want to get one made, but there is an up-front setup charge. The more orders they get, the cheaper they'll be. If they get a good initial order, cost should be in the \$15-\$20 area. Dave needs the orders by 15 MAY, so PLEASE CONTACT Capt Dave Pedersen; PSC 2, Box 1888; APO AP 96264-1888 -- ASAP!! Thank you for your support!!

1992 QUITE A YEAR FOR THE GABRESKIS!!

Don & Terry Gabreski had quite a year! Terry started the year TDY to the Armed Forces Staff College for 6 weeks in Norfolk, VA, followed by a 3 week trip to Hawaii, Guam, Singapore, New Delhi, India, and Okinawa.

Don continued to work in Programs and Evaluation until May when he pinned on Full Colonel and became the US European Command Liaison Officer (still in the Pentagon).

They enjoyed a nice break in the action with a short leave to Cape Canaveral in May to watch their good friend Col Kevin Chilton pilot the highly successful first launch of the Space Shuttle *Endeavor*.

In July Terry got a new job as the Executive Officer to the Vice Director of Strategic Plans and Policy, Maj Gen Mike Ryan (another HEADHUNTER!) and adjusted to another work schedule. Luckily both new jobs allowed a long planned for 10-day sailing adventure in August in the British Virgin Islands with another couple of great friends. With only the four of them on the 40-ft sailboat, they kept busy dodging Hurricane Andrew and had a world class time.

Don spent 6 weeks TDY to the Armed Forces Staff College starting in October. November saw a gathering of Don's mom & dad ("Gabby" Gabreski, America's greatest living Ace with 28 air-to-air victories in Europe in WWII and 6.5 more in Korea for a total of 34.5--plus a few more on the ground!! He was one of only six pilots to become an Ace in both WWII & Korea. He was also our guest speaker at the Scottsdale Reunion in October 1989.) to watch Terry pin on Full Colonel. This was an especially interesting event since Terry was 8 1/2 months pregnant!

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 8 extras ONLY are still available on a first come--first served basis at cost plus postage (\$10 total). Contact me if you would like one.

CHANGE #2 TO THE MASTER HEADHUNTER ROSTER !!

Enclosed, please find **CHANGE #2 to the Master Roster!!** It contains only information that has changed in the past three months (since Change #1 was sent to you with the 1 February Newsletter). The best way to use these changes is to refer to the latest change **FIRST** (Change #2 in this case) for the information you're looking for. If it's not there, check the next latest change (Change #1).

If you've checked all the changes and you still haven't found it, then it's unchanged and still in the Master Roster! (ED'S NOTE: Does that make sense?!)

Some of you have asked what the different codes are on the Roster--here they are: Everything is self-explanatory until we get to the "TIME" column.

TIME - when the individual was in the 80th Squadron
BTW - between the wars
JUVATS - starting in 1970 (see *History of the word JUVAT* in Newsletter # 3)
CC - Commander of the 80th Squadron?
ACE - Is this individual a Fighter Ace?
CUR - Is this individual current with his/her dues?
T - yes; F - no; LTM - Life Time Member; NC - non-current from a previous year

HURTIN' HEADHUNTERS

Sorry to hear Jim & Lois Ince (who hosted our 50th Anniversary Reunion last October in San Antonio) were both under the weather in March. They took turns coming down with the flu! "Just too busy to get a flu shot last Fall, but never again!!" Glad to hear they're both back up running on all cylinders.

Harry Christman had angioplasty on his heart last November "for the umpteenth time!" Harry writes; "I'm still able to play golf regularly, although the drives seem to get shorter each year. The exercise is great, but I could do without the frustration!" (ED'S NOTE: My drives used to be 8-10 feet, but now they're up to 50-60 feet--maybe it's just your grip, Harry!!??)

Paul Murphey had ankle surgery recently; Dan Snead had neck surgery; and Yours Truly had a complete depot overhaul on his right knee in January--all of us are back up to speed!

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

HEADHUNTER LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP GOIN' STRONG!!

As you can see in your new Master Roster (with Changes #1 & #2), we now have 133 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 (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 HEADHUNTER CORNER

Well, Bonnie and I survived the "Blizzard of '93" here in the "Sunny South!!" It was truly beautiful, however, for us "Northern Folk" to see real snow again after so many years. And we had almost forgotten what it was like to get stiff from the cold, shovel snow, have two house heat pumps run almost continuously, find 38 frozen duck eggs in two deserted nests, and see beautiful trees & shrubs broken by the wind and weight!! We can hardly wait for the next snow storm here 20 years from now!!!

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. Perhaps a personal letter or phone call from you, their good friends, would do the trick. Worth a try? You bet!! Thanks!

HEADHUNTER GENERALS ON THE MOVE!

Maj Gen Michael E. Ryan has been nominated for his third star.

Brig Gen Richard T. Swope will be pinning on his second star shortly!

Brig Gen George W. Norwood becomes commander of the 432nd Fighter Wing, Pacific Air Forces, Misawa Air Base, Japan.

Our very best to you and your families for your continued success--you've all done it the old fashioned way--you've earned it!!

TALENTED HEADHUNTERS! (YES, IT'S TRUE!)

Many of our fellow HEADHUNTERS have talents shared and enjoyed by others. Here are just a few:

William F. McCrystal wrote the popular Korean War fighter pilot song "Itazuki Tower".

Col Jacksel M. Broughton wrote the book "Thud Ridge", which highlights his experiences in the air war over North Vietnam. Col Broughton was awarded one Air Force Cross and recommended for another.

Richard E. Jonas wrote and recorded many fighter pilot songs. Dick attended our Scottsdale reunion in October 1989, and we had a great sing-a-long with him and his guitar.

Unfortunately, none of these three HEADHUNTERS are members. If some of you are close friends of any of these talented men, please drop them a line and ask them to join up. We'll all be better off!! Thanks.

HEADHUNTERS GETTIN' HITCHED!

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

Ken Rosson & Karen Louise Chiles just tied the knot on 11 February at Misawa in a beautiful Japanese Wedding;

Dave & Cynthia Pedersen had a JUVAT wedding in February over at "The Kun" in Korea. Dave writes; "We had a great time. I invited the whole Wing. Told them I would buy all the alcohol they could drink if they came.... There was a pretty good turn out!!!" (ED'S NOTE: Probably had every JUVAT there for 24 hours and 3 "Pantons" there for 15 minutes!!)

YEARLY DUES ARE DUE AGAIN!

YEARLY DUES FOR 1 JULY 1993 - 30 JUNE 1994 ARE NOW DUE. This will be the last newsletter you'll receive if you don't renew!! PLEASE RENEW NOW before you forget and miss out on the reunion registration forms coming in the 1 July Newsletter. Better yet, why not get a LifeTime Membership and never worry about missing anything anymore. Please see the LifeTime Membership information above.

THE STORK CORNER

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

Denny & Trudy Rea were the proud parents of a new baby about a year ago (my intelligence apparatus bogged down!);

Matthew Francis Walter Gabreski born to proud Don & Terry on 19/0604 December;

A new baby girl Dorothy Alexandria was born to Lt Col & Mrs. Cannon Randall on 22 January;

And Rock & Victoria Hobbs are the very proud parents of twins--a boy and a girl!! CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

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:

Frank Ray (Who did the paper work for Loring's MH)	about 1980
George H. "Harry" West	some time ago
The above two names were passed on to us by Jerry Minton who also said, "Both were good men, good friends, and good fighter pilots." Thanks, Jerry.	
Gerry Blinco	BTW 1948-1949 in Japan 12 March 1993
Robert L. Peters	WWII 9 April 1993

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.

GRAB YOUR THINGS AND COME TO THE SPRINGS!!

Check 6,

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* P.S. -- PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY -- THANKS!!! *
* -- DON'T FORGET YOUR LITHOGRAPH ORDER -- THANKS!!! *
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