



80TH FIGHTER SQUADRON HEADHUNTER HEADLINES

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"AUDENTES FORTUNA JUVAT"

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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!!

Well, our 14th Reunion, "**Headhunters in the Rockies**", is now history--and what a great reunion it was! Again, on behalf of the entire Squadron, we want to say thanks to Dana & Candy Duthie, and all the people that helped, for hosting this superb get-together! There were some last minute cancellations and some last minute add-ons, so we ended up with 113 people at the Saturday night banquet. And to the reunion "Regulars" that missed this one, we're sorry--see you in 18 months.

To start things off, the weather was absolutely perfect--in the 80's during the days with crystal clear blue skies and down to the high 50's at night for great sleeping (or was that because of the fine refreshments in the Hospitality Room?!). All of the reunion activities were enjoyed by those who signed up for them--from the beautiful trip through the mountains, at the peak of the Fall colors, up to the gambling town of Cripple Creek to the shopping trip at Old Colorado City & the Broadmoor Hotel. The golf tournament at the Air Force Academy was equally enjoyable. In spite of my 63 handicap, I didn't even come close to winning, but the beautiful majestic scenery, many deer roaming the course and wild turkey tracks in the sand traps as big as your hands made it all worth while anyway! I was fully expecting one of those turkeys to walk over to my ball and sit on it as its long-lost egg. Believe me, any turkey that makes tracks that big "*wouldn't get no argument from me!!*" He could have the whole darn bag if he wanted it!!

The deer (we saw about 12 groups of 5 each) were quite unimpressed with our games, but they sure paid attention when I teed off in their direction--I wonder if they were trying to tell me something?!! Occasionally they would look up at us from their grazing, and you could just about tell what they were thinking--"*You're not mountain lions and you're not bears--therefore, you're not a threat!*" And back to their uninhibited grazing they would go.

Gerry Pelletier again sent fellow golfers running for cover in total panic as he set his tee-off stance 60 degrees off fairway heading!! Foursomes on neighboring holes ran for cover as he

took a couple of practice swings!! But not to worry--his ball would go straight towards the hole--most of the time!! Some of us did it the opposite way: line up straight down the fairway & hit the ball 60 degrees off... Oh well, maybe there's something to it after all!! Gasp!! The foursome of Bill "Horrible" Hagar, his two sons "Wild Bill" Jr. & Gary, and Glenn Hope (all the way from Hawaii) took First Place Foursome, while Nan Kan won in the other direction with her 135!! She thought the one with the *highest* score won, so she worked very hard toward that goal--all afternoon & into the evening!! She was presented the book "How to Cheat at Golf" for her efforts, so watch out guys--she'll be a force to reckon with on her own turf at Fort Walton Beach!!

The Air Force Academy tour, Tailgate party, & homecoming football game with Wyoming were also a lot of fun. Everyone was expecting the worse with the weather, so we took every piece of clothing we had to the game--we could have survived 40 below zero weather in a blizzard for a week the way people were dressed!! However, the temperature climbed into the 80's, so everyone returned with sunburn instead of frost bite! Unfortunately, Wyoming was 3-0 and Air Force was 1-2 coming into the game, so we came in second, but the tribute to the 80th Fighter Squadron on the giant scoreboard and the fly over at half time made it all worth while.

The highlight of the reunion, as always, was the Saturday night banquet. The food was outstanding, the three Aces who attended were recognized (Gen James Hill, Jim Ince, & Don McGee), as well as past Squadron commanders, general officers, all ground personnel, and all the ladies of the Headhunters. Dave & Cynthia Pedersen, who just finished their tour in the 80th in Kunsan, Korea, gave a super slide show presentation of the Squadron today and their activities--of great interest to us all!

As our guest speaker, we had Capt. Masajiro "Mike" Kawato--the Japanese Ace who allegedly 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*" that highlights his war time experiences, and also celebrated Lindbergh's 50th anniversary of his trans-Atlantic flight by making the history-making 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! There were some great discussions with Mike in the Hospitality Room!!

REUNION VIDEO TAPE OFFERED

A professional quality reunion video, complete with background music, titles, etc., is being offered by **A Pinetree Video Production; 81 S. Sherwood Glen; Monument, CO 80132-8744**. If you're interested in having this video as a keepsake of this great reunion and all its activities, please order direct to the address above:

	<u>COST</u>	<u>TAX</u>	<u>S&H</u>	
<u>TOTAL</u>				
In-State Colorado Resident	\$24.95	+ \$1.00	+ \$2.50	= \$28.45
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REUNION BUSINESS MEETING

Several things were discussed at our business meeting on Friday morning 1 October:

1. **Our next reunion, hosted by Bob & Nan Kan, will be in the Fort Walton Beach, FL area in the April/May 1995 time period.** This will put us back on the 18-month cycle for our reunions as previously agreed upon. Bob & Nan have already begun their planning. If you live in this area and would like to help out, please let Bob know. If you don't call him, he may call you!! It'll be another outstanding reunion that we'll all remember for years to come--be part of it!!

2. The follow-on reunion, as discussed at the San Antonio Reunion, will be in the Wright-Patterson AFB area in October 1996 and will be hosted by Don & Susan Wykoff.

3. At the last reunion the question of merging with the 8th Group (80th, 35th, & 36th FS) was discussed and voted down. We discussed it again, but the decision stands not to join. However, the possibility of having a combined reunion some time in the future had majority support. This will be relayed to the Group for planning.

4. The membership & dues system was discussed, and the following figures were announced as further updated for this newsletter:

A. As of 25 October, we have 381 Yearly Members (for 1 Jul 1993 - 30 Jun 1994) and 168 LifeTime Members.

B. Individual bills for dues will be sent from now on instead of just making a blanket statement in the newsletters that your dues have expired--most members didn't know if that applied to them, because some have paid for 1, 2, 3, up to 10 years in the future! From now on, if you don't get a "Renewal Bill" in the mail, you're current!!

5. The following Financial Report was given:

HEADHUNTER FINANCIAL REPORT

The following is a summary of the HEADHUNTERS' account balances, both savings and checking, **as of 25 October 1993:**

SAVINGS: TIC Federal Credit Union.....\$4,888.61
CB&T Bank..... 1,010.74
Total Savings.....\$5,899.35

CHECKING: CB&T Bank.....\$2,295.67
Total Checking.....\$2,295.67

OTHER: Cookbook Fund held by Jim & Lois Ince.....\$ 600.00
Total Other.....\$ 600.00

Total HEADHUNTER Assets:.....\$8,795.02

Although this looks quite promising as a snapshot view, much of these funds are LifeTime Membership Funds--a "one-shot" payment. These funds will slowly be used up and

will not be replaced; therefore, as much as possible is kept in savings to gain interest until needed. Expenses have been averaging \$7100/year for printing, postage, supplies, etc. Income from Yearly Dues averages \$3,750. The greatest expense is the November Newsletter with the new yearly Master Roster. Last year this expense was approximately \$1200 for printing and \$700 for postage. It will be more this year. As funds decrease, we could print new Master Rosters every two or three years instead of every year. Currency would be maintained with Changes as they are now between the yearly rosters.

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. He had willed it to the Air Force Academy and it was on display in the Hospitality Room. What an irreplaceable and outstanding collection of aviation history!! We wish to thank the USAFA for lending this superb display to us for our reunion.

HEADHUNTER GENERALS ON THE MOVE!!

- Maj Gen Bruce Lotzbire completed his assignment with the Office of Defense Cooperation in the American Embassy, Athens, Greece the end of July, and is now back in the Pentagon.

HISTORY OF THE WORD JUVAT

Many of you have asked about the origin of JUVAT and what it means. Some of you may know that Sol Harp was *the first* JUVAT! All right, here it is! This is reprinted from one of Kirby's newsletters of 1987: JUVAT dates back to 1971 when the Squadron was about to be deactivated. Our own Lt Gen Jay T. Robbins, who was Vice Commander of TAC at the time, caught the action at the 11th hour and saved it from being shut down. It was restaffed with all new personnel, primarily from the 391st Tactical Fighter Squadron (TFS), 475th Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW). The 391st Squadron insignia was a tiger's head on an inverted triangular green background. Below the patch, on a rocker, was the motto "*AUDENTES FORTUNA JUVAT*" which translates from the Latin: "Fortune Favors the Bold." As these new 80th Squadron people were removing their 391st patches, they would grasp the triangular patch by the upper left hand corner to tear them off. All would tear off except the word "JUVAT". It caught on immediately. The harder the higher echelons attempted to stamp it out, the more entrenched it became (to the point of covering the Wing Commander's flight suit with JUVAT patches each time he hung a suit on the line to dry!). The motto has also been adopted by the Squadron, with very common usage.

We also mentioned that Sol Harp was the first JUVAT! Seeing that Sol was there at the time, here are more details from him of that beginning:

"The 80th TFS was the first fighter squadron formed under the 3rd TFW at Kunsan Air Base, Korea during March 1971. The aircraft came from the deactivated 475th TFW at Misawa (Japan) and the personnel primarily

from the 391st TFS of the 475th TFW. Lt Col Bill Driver, commander of the 391st TFS, was the first 80th TACTICAL Fighter Squadron Commander. Lt Col "Curly" Reeder was the 80th TFS Commander during May of 1971 before I (Sol Harp) became the Commander in June 1971. One day, Lt Jeff Feinstein (an Ace of the Vietnam War) came to my office with the JUVAT patch and requested the patch be sewn on the flight suit sleeve of an aircrew member of the Squadron who had excelled in his flying duties. I asked Jeff the meaning of JUVAT and where it came from. He gave me a paper with four meanings of "*AUDENTES FORTUNA JUVAT*" which translates from the Latin "Fortune Favors the Bold." (A copy of the original paper was included with Sol's letter showing the first person to use that motto was Virgil [70 - 19 BC])!! I approved Jeff's request, and the patch was sewn on an aircrew member's flight suit without his knowledge. Incidentally, I was the first JUVAT Squadron Commander!"

NEW MASTER HEADHUNTER ROSTER !!

Enclosed, please find your new Master Roster for the 1 July 1993 - 30 June 1994 membership year. It replaces your old Master Roster sent to you last November and Change #1, #2, & #3 mailed with the Feb, May, & Jul Newsletters respectively. Those are outdated and should now be trashed. It is interesting to note that, on the average, **2.7 address changes/DAY--365days/year** take place on the 1600-man roster. It's a lot easier, and less expensive, if YOU tell me about the changes, instead of us finding out by MANY returned newsletters--hint, hint!! THANKS!

HEADHUNTER LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP GOIN' STRONG!!

As you can see in your new Master Roster, we now have **168 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 are still available at cost plus postage (\$10 total). Contact me if you would like one.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE FROM AROUND THE WORLD!

Lt Col Terry New took command of the 512th FS "Dragons" on 7 Jul 1993. Terry says it's great to be out of the Pentagon & flying F-16s at Ramstein! We concur, Terry--all the best!!

Our 80th FS took overall "Top Squadron for the Half" Jan - Jun '93 over the 35th FS in Korea. Decisive in that contest was Capt Dave "Hustler" Pedersen who took "Top Loft" & "Top Dive Bomb" for overall "Top Gun". **Well done, guys!!** Our Squadron tradition is alive & well!!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

It gives us great pleasure to welcome these **119 new members** to our organization for the **first time** (in the approximate order of "signing up" since 1 July):

John E. Maloney	Col Bobby J. Mead
Richard L. Raymond	Col A. J. Chesser
Col Howard W. Peterson	George E. Gifford
Col Edward B. Wilford III	Milton J. Uzelac
Solomon Berkowitz	Richard D. Mudd
Thomas J. "EARS" Griffith	Robert A. Hull
Wayne A. Kunkel	Morgan E. Lilly
Mrs. Herbert R. Mann (Chris)	Maj Gen Henry G. Thorne
Francis L. "SKIP" Walton	Col Dennis O. Boyle
Gordon H. Casamajor	CMSgt Robert T. Davis
Melvin L. Dickman	Capt Jon Allen Norman
Roger L. Prather	Maj James L. Cook, Jr
Thomas C. Ficken	Lt Col Richard D. Homan
George P. Johnston	Lt Col John M. Pretz
Maj Gen Jesse M. Allen	Col Dennis R. Fanning
Col Gordon E. Jonas	William M. Stegeman
Howard E. Stripling	Harley Brown

Lt Col Gordon L. Forslund	Lt Col Charles I. Major
Col E. Grant Stephens	John J. Stolarz
Lt Col Verlin B. Tranter	Michael R. Weinreich
Donald E. DeBolt	Warren C. Root
Robert J. Swartz	Lt Col Eugene R. Fudala
Capt Eric H. Best	Joseph F. Stroface
Robert I. Weber	Lt Col James J. Franklin
Dale W. Smiley	Lt Col Ronald E. Wallace
Lt Col Peter M. "Gravel" Gavares	Maj Gen James L. Brown
Robert M. Bickett	Lt Col Roland T. Boone
Col Duncan P. "Duke" Daries	Maj Gen William D. Greenfield
Col Armand J. Parker	Lt Col Phillip M. "Breeze" Sabree
Warren Thompson	Brig Gen William T. Williams, IV
Lt Col Terry L. New	Lt Col Arthur G. "Gerry" Springer III
J. Quincy Collins, Jr	Lt Col William E. "Stick" Stichel
Col William F. Tanner	Col Louis G. Pazel
Carl O. Branstad	Lt Col James W. Delk, III
Maj F. Lee Marino	Lt Col Michael F. Gaines
Maj Stephen M. Lowery	Lysle R. English
Capt Leonard S. "Lenny" Dick	Al Shortt
Vergil C. Givens	Theodore H. "Ted" Parsons, III
Robert "Boozer" Alexander	Bryan "Clambo" Bearden
Lt Col Phil "Bwana" Breedlove	Neal "Lips" Carbaugh
Bob "Opie" Donehower	Scotty Glass
Kurt "Route" Grabey	Scott "Squiggy" Hastings
George "Gus" Hurley	Chris Johnson
Jeff "Probe" King	Scott "Knife" MacQueen
Mike "Squealer" Majority	Rusty "Rusty" Mitchell
Matt "Sid" Neuenswander	Audie "Donnie" Osborn
Tom "NOGAS" Reichert	Jeff "Schreds" Schroeder
Joe "Roid" Sepessy	Glen "Elroy" Simmons
Tim "Bounce" Strawther	Mike "Pee Wee" Taylor
John "Guido" Vignetti	Michael "Skippy" Von Hoffman
Rusty "Waldo" Walder	Tom "Gumby" Webster
Kevin "Mowgli" Wojahn	David "Spock" Youtesy
CMSgt Earl E. Lacey	Donald B. Dalton
Nathan Y. K. Uyehara	Lt Col William E. Fox
Col Herbert E. Ross	Gordon A. Denison
Mrs. Don Hanover (Patricia)	Maj Joseph A. Snoy
Lt Col Robert A. McNeese	Col Ronald W. Perkins
Donald P. "Fritz" Fritze	Col Robert B. Melgard
Lt Col John C. "Brumby" Hodges	Capt Jon A. Casello
Capt John P. Reilly, Jr.	

Friends of yours? You bet!! Look 'em up in your new Master Roster (enclosed) and give 'em a call, or write 'em a letter. Great to have you all "back in formation"--it's been a long time!!

HURTIN' HEADHUNTERS

Jim Ince, one of our WWII Aces & LifeTime Members, has had a bad year. He fell back in February and broke his hip. It was slowly getting better, when he fell again and rebroke it. It's now mending again, and he's doing a lot better. He missed a chair at the reunion when he went to sit down, but fortunately, he was just shaken a bit and no serious damage was done. Jim, take good care of yourself, and you'll be hittin' on all cylinders in no time!

One of our new Korean Era members, Maj Gen Jesse Allen, had to cancel out of the reunion at the last minute because of a serious illness. Gen Allen, we all wish you a very speedy recovery, and we look forward to seeing you in tip-top shape at our next reunion!

HEADHUNTERS GETTIN' HITCHED!

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

John Hokaj & Penny Kobus, an Air Force nurse, have tied the knot and moved to Luke AFB, AZ. We all wish you both the very best of health & happiness in your new lives together!

THE STORK CORNER!

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

Dan "Goober" & Patty Gernert announce "A JUVAT Mid-Tour Creation":

Ryan Nicholas Gernert, born 8 December 1992 in Misawa, Japan!

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John & Laci Wallin are proud to announce the birth of their third child--a son:

Mason Edward Wallin: born 19 July 1993; weight 10lbs, 9 oz's; length 22.5"!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!

HEAD HEADHUNTER CORNER

As you can see by looking through this new Master Roster, we've found some of the people who we had lost track of, but, unfortunately, we've lost many who we did have contact with. We have many new members in the past few months, so I'll send out another plea for help: **PLEASE, everyone, look through your new Master Roster, and if you have any addresses or any other information on any of our missing people, PLEASE forward to me so I can get rejoined with them.** It's quite frustrating to have someone pay their dues, then get their newsletters returned to me stamped: "Moved--forwarding order expired (or address unknown)--return to sender." THANK YOU!!

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The motto of the Air Force is "Aim High", but "Moe" Fenton pointed out to me that; "JUVATS don't "Aim High" -- we aim at the target!!! There's a lot to be said about that!!

LATE BREAKING NEWS!!

After our Reunion was over, one of our Korean War era LifeTime Members, Tom Slee, went on to his Cadet Pilot Training Class '53B Reunion. While there, he got to talking with one of his classmates--Roy Shoffner--who just so happens to be the one who is in charge of finding, bringing out, and completely restoring a P-38 from under the Greenland icecap where it landed, along with 5 more P-38s & 2 B-17s, in 1943! Roy has the complete story on video & slides and will have the P-38, completely restored bolt by rivet, flying by the time of our next reunion! How do you find and dig out a P-38 from under 260 feet of ice after 50 years? Stay tuned--there's an excellent chance we can have Mr. Shoffner fly it in and give us a talk on this unique adventure!!

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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:

Clarence B. Larson	WWII	Unknown
Robert J. Hansen	WWII	Jan 1989
John L. Susott	WWII/CC	18 Jan 1993
Leonard W. Lilley	Korea/Ace	2 Apr 1993
Herbert R. Mann	Korea/CC	3 May 1993
Walter L. Mapes	Vietnam/CC	25 Jun 1993
Ralph E. Gardner	JUVAT	27 Jul 1993

Jerry Minton wrote on 18 July: "In looking at the last roster, I see the name of Garfield Guyer. He was killed about his 95th mission in early '53 when his engine blew on take off. Also, Patrick J.C. McPherson is listed. He was flying #2 and I was right behind him flying #3 when he spun in on the target in about October '52. I have heard that Jim Moll was killed in a car

wreck in the late '50's or early '60's. Steve Staysich was killed in a midair on a mission in late '52. He and the Exec, Frederic Smith, collided and only Smitty got out. Irony--I heard Smitty was killed in a midair over England/somewhere in Europe just a few years later." Our roster has been updated.

Our Korean War Ace, Col Leonard W. "Bill" Lilley, 69, died of cancer on 2 Apr 1993 at the Alexandria Hospital, Alexandria, VA. Bill graduated from West Point in 1945 and was commissioned into the US Army Air Forces. In 1952 he became the nation's 22nd jet ace, credited with seven MIG-15s. He retired from the USAF in 1967. Interment was in Arlington.

Capt Dave Pedersen wrote from the Squadron over in Kunsan, Korea in early August: "Now for the sad news. You probably already heard we lost a couple airplanes on the 27th. Well, another JUVAT has passed away doing the thing he loves most. Lt Col Ralph 'BARK' Gardner (assigned to the 35th) was killed when his F-16 was struck by another F-16 on the Kunsan runway. It's a very difficult time for everyone right now, but we will survive and get on with business very soon. He was a great friend to everyone." Ralph was only 38, and our Squadron has lost many much younger, but no matter if you're 38 or 83--when it's "Our Time", it's God's Will. And remember:

"God's Will isn't always easy, but It's always right."

On behalf of the entire Squadron, we wish to officially pass on to their families our deepest sympathies and 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.





***BONNIE & I WISH YOU & YOURS
THE VERY BEST OF HOLIDAY SEASONS!!***



The next *HEADHUNTER HEADLINES* will be dated 1 Feb 94.



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