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"AUDENTIS FORTUNA JUVAT"

1 May 2017

KOREAN WAR HEADHUNTERS

Dear Tex, Nogas, & Lude,

My father, **Joseph D. Clark**, served with the Headhunters in Korea as an F-80 ordnance loader - I believe he was with the 36th squadron (three red stripes on the tail). He worked on F-80s early in the conflict, graduating to the big stuff (loading nukes onto B47s) when he returned stateside. Going through old photos recently, I found a couple from his time in Korea and got nostalgic for the stories he used to tell. After a little Googling, I found your site and thought you might appreciate seeing them. I may have more pics and I know there is an Headhunters shoulder patch around here somewhere; We also have a turbine nose cone (apologies if it has a technical name) from an F80 engine.

Dad passed away in August of last year and is interred at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery near Vacaville, California. He was 83 years old. He was a good man, a good father, and a good American. Sincerely, Matthew Clark

Comments below courtesy of your Korean War Historian Gerry Asher. Gerry is an Associate LTM. Gerry has been an invaluable help to HH HQ. Say "Hello" to him in Ft Worth !



Official caption for the photo of Clark & company loading ammo in the nose of the F-80:

"FIFTH AIR FORCE, KOREA - Thousands of rounds of .50 caliber machine gun ammunition are linked and loaded into the cans of this U.S. Air Force F-80 'Shooting Star' in preparation for another combat mission over northern Korea. Here, **A/1C Joseph Clark** (left center), 231 w. Lindley Ave., Philadelphia, Pa., and A/1C Everett Clark (right center), Farley, Iowa, unload the ammunition from a portable cart. Each separate round must be linked into one long belt before loading into the cans. F-80s such as these have been a consistent thorn in the side of Communist supply personnel by repeatedly destroying rail and supply lines throughout northern Korea. April 1952."



A/1C Clark and unidentified maintainer. At One time this aircraft was assigned to Jerry Minton and was later lost on a training gunnery mission off the coast of Kunsan



A/1C Clark poses with unit sign-"Hampton's Cannon Cockers" and the 80th FBS patch



“...probably late summer of '53, since the squadron began the transition around May of that year. Note that "Hampton's Cannon Cockers" has now become "Frazier's Malfunction Junction." I can only assume the names denote the OICs at the time - or maybe the respective NCOICs - of the shop.

JUVAT HEADHUNTERS

80th Fighter Squadron Newsletter APRIL 2017

COMMANDER'S WORDS

April has kicked off smoothly with lots of upgrade sorties and decent weather for Kunsan (still plenty of Misty days). We sent Trip, Strobe, and Cash off on the Freedom Bird and Beast, Slick, and Outlaw will follow them shortly. Nice work as Juvats Gentlemen!

Striker led the boys out to Seosan Air Base (about 2 hours north of us) for a "Buddy Wing" week long TDY at the end of March. OK flying but we learned a few things about clapping after a step brief (?) and the joy of constant salutes at completely random times. Lots of good stories for Brnats for sure.

We have had a lot of Juvats take off for bluer skies (literally) this spring so I think I'll sign off this newsletter in the words of 1 each Strobe:

- Know who to shoot
- Be a Bro
- Don't make people feel stupid

Well said Brother!

Crush 'Em!

WIG?!
Juvat Lead

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APR EVENTS

- 9 Apr: Gusan Soju 5K run
- 15 Apr: Gwangju / Narming
- 17-28 Apr: Max Thunder (2 week exercise)
- 21 Apr: CT Brunf's

LONG TERM

- 17 Jul – 11 Aug: Alaska TDY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthdays (Trip – 14 Apr; Strobe – 19 Apr; 2 Paek – 19 Apr)

INBOUNDS

- Mr. Baker (Shaw) – Apr
- Mr. Karnes (Luke) – Apr
- Mr. Aschenbrenner (Aviano) – May
- Mr. Wilhide (Shaw) – May
- Mr. Little (Fl. Worth) – Jun
- Yaki Mondul (Luke) – Jun
- Mr. Anderson / Catell (Luke) – Jun
- Mr. Morse (WIC) – Jul
- Mr. Bender (Shaw) – Aug
- Mr. Fleming / Lee / Ritchie (Holloman) – Sep
- Mr. Fuhrmann (Shaw) – Sep

UPGRADES COMPLETE

- Strobe / Cash – IPUG
- JBB – MQT

APRIL PAIN TRAIN

- Instructor Pilot (IP) Upgrade: Scar / Disco / Bear
- FLUG: Abe Adams
- MQT: Mr. Newman, Mr. Bieber, Mr. Collins

JUVAT SWAG

- Contact Skeet Mitchell for RMOs, T-shirts, etc.

ACRONYM CORNER

- IPUG – Instructor Pilot Upgrade
- FLUG – Flight Lead Upgrade
- MQT – Mission Qualification Training
- TDY – Random trips in the AF, sometimes fun



80th Fighter Squadron Newsletter MARCH 2017

COMMANDER'S WORDS

The weather here in sunny Kunsan by the sea is finally starting to warm up. It's been a cold winter but not a lot of snow this year. And the punks have been grilling out on Fridays so all is well with the World.

The Juvats will be very busy over the next 2-3 months. An exercise here, a short TDY up to fly with the ROKAF, then MAX THUNDER (think RED FLAG but at Kunsan, without staff support). It will definitely keep us busy but we'll continue to fly well above the amount at most CAF bases which keeps spirits high. And we flew a day with 22 CT DCA sorties this week!

Finally, congrats to JL 111! Lt Col "Lewd" Lutmer, currently the DO for the 55th Fighter Squadron at Shaw, will be taking the Headhunter reins in June. Great news for our Juvat family.

Keep Crushing your Enemies!

WIG?!
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MAR EVENTS

- Mar 2017: No Notice Exercise
- 17 Mar: Strobe / Trip / Pickles farewell
- 24 Mar: Meet AJ
- 27 – 31 Mar: 6 Jets deploy to Seosan Air Base for exercise with ROKAF

LONG TERM

- 1 Apr: Appreciate a Pantan day / April Fools
- 7 Apr: Cash / Slick / Outlaw / Beast farewell
- 9 Apr: Gusan Soju 5K run
- 17-28 Apr: Max Thunder (2 week exercise)
- 17 Jul – 11 Aug: Alaska TDY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Birthdays (Mr. Collins – 27 Mar; Bear – 31 Mar)



What is Good?!

INBOUNDS

- Mr. Newman (Tucson) – Mar
- Mr. Robbins (Aviano) – Mar
- Mr. Collins (Holloman) – Mar
- Ms. Bieber (Holloman) – Mar
- Mr. Baker (Shaw) – Apr
- Mr. Karnes (Luke) – Apr
- Mr. Aschenbrenner (Aviano) – May
- Mr. Little (Fl. Worth) – May
- Mr. Wilhide (Shaw) – May
- Mr. Morse (WIC) – Jul

UPGRADES COMPLETE

- Disco & Scope – Top 3

MARCH PAIN TRAIN

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- FLUG: Abe Adams
- MQT: Mr. Scott

JUVAT SWAG

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ACRONYM CORNER

- DCA – Defensive Counter-Air (4vX)
- DO – Director of Operations
- ROKAF – Republic of Korea Air Force
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HEADHUNTERS DOWN

I received this note from Kathleen Ure. Jim was a LTM and Korean War vet. Godspeed, Jim.

To The Headhunters,

January 31, 2017

I regret being so slow to inform you of the passing of my husband, Maj. **James F. Ure** on 12 April 2016.

He very much enjoyed his association with your great group and liked to participate when able. Thank you for so many happy memories. Sincerely, **Kathleen Ure**

COL **Bruce Williams** flew West in 2015. No other details.



Robert Avery "Bob" Hull

Robert Avery 'Bob' Hull was born to Joseph Osmond and Lucy Williams Loring Hull on October 25, 1927 in Norwich, Connecticut. He passed peacefully on Sept. 14, 2015.

Bob loved his country and is a veteran of two wars. As soon as he graduated from Norwich Free Academy in 1945, he enlisted in the Navy for the tail end of [WWII](#). He was also a veteran of the [Korean War](#) where he flew a total of 100 missions as an F-80 pilot for the 80th Fighter Squadron of the [United States Air Force](#). Among his many awards is the Distinguished Flying Cross. After the Korean War Bob continued to serve in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and achieved the rank of Major.

Bob graduated from the University of Connecticut with a B.S. in Business Administration and a law degree from Cal Western before establishing his own tax accounting business. Bob moved from California to his beloved Dolores, Colorado in the early 1990's. He was a member of the Freemasons, was active in the [Rotary Club](#) of Dolores and served on the Dolores Chamber of Commerce for many years.

Published in The Cortez Journal on Sept. 29, 2015



Ardice Lamar Roberts

August 16, 1923 - February 5, 2017

Ardice Lamar (Robby) Roberts, 93, a loving father, grandfather, uncle and WWII veteran, passed away on February 5, 2017. Robby was born on August 16, 1923 in Crockettville, SC and was a long-time resident of Tampa. During his service in the Army Air Corp, our Dad flew P-38 Lightning fighter planes in the North Bismarck Philippine Campaign, earning 5 Bronze Service Stars and an Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters. Thank you, Capt. Roberts, for your service for our country. He is survived by his 4 daughters: Anne Warner (Graham); Victoria Roberts (Richard); Renee Sanchez (Jim) and Cynthia Carbonell (Armando); his nieces and nephew (Jennifer, Katy and Terry); his grandchildren: Todd Warner (Dena); Kimberly Guy; Rick Carbonell (Denise); 5 great-grandchildren; and many cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, 2 sisters, and 1st (Norma) and 2nd (Josie) wives. Robby had a distinguished career in pharmaceuticals. Our Dad was deeply spiritual, loved telling good jokes, fishing with Joe, Friday poker games, family reunions at Buck and Nell's, playing harmonica, Cuban food and the company of his family.

“We will never forget them, nor the last time we saw them, as they prepared for their journey and waved good-bye and ‘slipped the surly bonds of Earth’ to ‘touch the face of God.’”

From: Vicki Roberts [mailto:vickirob@earthlink.net]

Sent: Saturday, March 18, 2017 3:02 PM

Subject: A.L. Robby Roberts

Hello Major Ritter—

My father, Robby Roberts, who was a very wonderful man and P-38 fighter pilot in WWII, died on Feb. 5, 2017.

He was a man of great integrity, who stayed in touch with a number of members of your organization over the years, and never tired of talking about his love and respect for them. He lived a very full life and only recently (about a year ago) moved into an assisted living facility, where he was well known for his affinity for P 38s. We think he was the youngest pilot to ever fly a P 38 and he never hesitated to let his friends know. He remained fairly well until his last few days and died a happy 93 years old.

I attended a Squadron Reunion in Destin, FL some years back with my Dad, and was amazed at the many people who came up and talked to him. What a wonderful organization. I think that was the last reunion he attended.

I am hoping that you all still send the newsletter out and that you might mention him in an upcoming one.

Please hear my utmost respect and admiration for all of the people from the 80th Squadron. You all have been a part of my life since I was a small child. Fondly, **Vicki Roberts**



Maj Thomas Wood

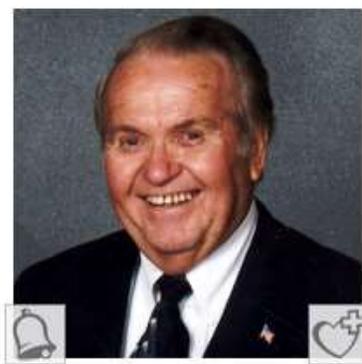


B/G Thomas Wood



B/G Wood (Retired)

Thomas Burk Wood passed away March 24, 2017 at his home on TLC Ranch near Boerne, TX, surrounded by his children. He was born March 19, 1922 in Ewing, NE to John Burk and Myrtle, nee McDermott, Wood. He enlisted in the Army 19 days after the attack on Pearl Harbor at the age of 19 and went on to Serve 33 years in the Army Air Corps and Air Force, retiring as a Brigadier General in 1974. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II and completed Officer Candidate School in Australia after just two years Enlisted Service. After commissioning, he was assigned as Executive Officer to the 80th Fighter Squadron flying P-38s in numerous locations as Allied forces advanced toward Japan. He set a record for youngest promotion to the rank of Major at just 23 years of age in 1946. After WWII, he became a rated Air Force Pilot and completed a distinguished Air Force career with assignments in Europe, the Pacific, and stateside, retiring from the National Security Agency in Washington D.C. After Air Force retirement he worked for Rockwell International before fully retiring and pursuing a passion for horse showing. General Wood was preceded in death by his parents; two older brothers, Roland and Francis Wood; three wives, Olga nee Mathews, Mary nee Gillis, and Carol nee Chapman; one son, Thomas Burk Wood, Junior; and two grandsons, Nigel Hayward, and Shawn Wood. He is survived by children Pam Hayward, Diedre Edwards, Barbara Hillin, Patricia New, and James Wood; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.



Delbert "Badger" Smith
December 17, 1931 - 31 March 2017

Delbert (Del) F. Smith, age 85, passed away March 31, 2017, after a brief illness, with his family at his side. Del was born on December 17, 1931, in Sondheimer, Louisiana to Dalton and Bessie Smith. He married the love of his life, Joan Rambo, in 1957 and they recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Del served with distinction in the United States Air Force (USAF) for 20 years as a proud fighter pilot, flying F-105 Thunderchief fighter jets in 69 combat missions during the Vietnam War. He achieved the rank of Major and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal for his combat service to his country.

Upon his retirement from the USAF in 1970, he immediately jumped into the growing home-building market in Austin. He went on to establish his own custom home business, Del Smith Builder, in 1977, which he and Joan operated successfully until their retirement in 2002.

He was active in the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association and the Austin Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be made in his honor to the Red River Valley Pilots Association [Scholarship Program](http://www.river-rats.org/donations.html) at www.river-rats.org/donations.html to support the children and spouses of fallen aviators.

FROM THE WEBSITE AND AROUND THE WORLD

On 2/1/2017 7:11 PM, **Lawrence Huggins** wrote:

Hi Tex,

Am doing great after the open heart surgery and was cleared to walk a week ago. Doing over a mile a day now but still no lifting, driving, etc for another 4 to 6 weeks. Tried to update all of my info per your yellow post card but hit a snag with my phone number. I don't think any updates were accepted because of this. Whatever! I'll bring a #2 yellow lead pencil to the reunion and we can do an old man's update until we get it right or until we use up the eraser. C U in May. Larry AKA **Huggy Bear**

On 2/4/2017 9:59 AM, **Jerome Gillen** wrote:

Hello, I'm the son of Francis X Gillen (SSGT.) crew chief on a P38 in the Pacific during WW II. I was hoping your site may list the names of the pilots who flew there. I'm trying to find the name of the

pilot my dad crewed for. He told me when I was little but I have forgotten it. I remember him telling about Jay Robins (Cock Robins as he referred to him) If you have any information of that sort, please let me know. Thanks, **Jerome Folks**, *Jerome just joined the Association to honor his Dad's service to the 80th!* . I forwarded this to Cock's son Robbie for comment. If anyone can help out, please get in contact with him: <mailto:jcgillen@sbcglobal.net> or here: 949-859-5594

On 2/4/2017 4:14 PM, **Joe Walker** wrote:

I'm getting ready for the first F 35 B-course in the 62FS at Luke. The first ever basic course starts flying next week in the 61st. Exciting times in the fifth GEN world despite what the media says. Not sure if we will make the reunion this year, a lot of TDY's and such in the spring with the F 35 heritage flight team. Thanks for the updates Tex. **Joe "Ranger" Walker**

On 2/6/2017 5:31 AM, **Timothy Gosnell** wrote:

I joined USAA in Sep after I retired from the AF. Giant leap of faith coming down here, but it all worked out. Thanks for checking in! How are you doing?! **Goose**

On 2/9/2017 8:51 AM, **Dan Muir** wrote:

Hey Tex!

Wife took a new job with Honeywell that was big enough we agreed to move to NC. I now work in tech and can for the most part work from anywhere – as long as I can get back and forth to Atlanta a couple times per month. So off we went. Have to tell you though, although we like Charlotte, this has been the roughest move I have ever done. Only now just finally smoothing out. Definitely questioning my sanity! Hope you are well! **Paps**

On 3/9/2017 3:47 PM, **Dick Jonas** wrote:

Tex

Bad news, Pardner. I can't make the Headhunters this year. I'm dealing with a health issue which has cut down severely on travel capability. It's a pulmonary thing. I'm seeing a pulmonary guy and a cardiologist, plus my primary care physician at the VA. Over the past year I've run a series of tests , echocardiograms, sleep apnea testing (I've got it), and some other stuff I can't pronounce.

The last show I did was a year and a half ago for the San Antonio River Rats. The show turned into my #30 CD. Plus I've just published Memoir Book 4. See my website for all the updates. I've had to turn down a couple of gigs because of the pulmonary thing. If there's any kind of turnaround, I'll let you know. Don't look for it, though. I truly regret the circumstance. Y'all have a good one.

Dick www.erosonic.com

It won't be the same, but we've hired a local guitarist, Mr. Devin Leigh to take Dick's place

3/10/17. Got a nice call from LTM **Hugh Shoults** today. He and Betty can't attend the reunion due to some health issues. That's too bad, Hugh is a BTW guy and has been a stalwart reunion attendee. He might appreciate hearing from some of his BTW friends.: <mailto:shoultsnobrd@yahoo.com>

On 3/16/2017 12:07 PM, **Lawrence Huggins** wrote:

Hello Tex, Been waiting on my cardio-Doctor to turn me loose to travel. He has been less than friendly as to turkey hunting and shooting a shotgun in April. Going for a check up this afternoon and hoping he will clear me for the reunion in May. I'll have an upcoming echo-cardiogram and some x-rays the end of March and they will tell the story of future travel in May. The reunion will be super but not one I am prepared to die for. Will keep you updated. Larry aka **Huggie Bear**

On 3/16/2017 3:38 PM, joeleeburns@satx.rr.com wrote:
Tex et al, Can't make it this year. I know, I know - whiskey delta Panther **Joe Lee Burns**

For those who don't know him, Joe Lee was a member of the Other Squadron who saw the light and became a Juvat Headhunter Life Time Member.

On 3/16/2017 10:42 PM, **Hubie Hegtvedt** wrote:

Tex --

This will be an awesome reunion! Ft Worth, by God Texas is a great place (I lived there for 8 years). The family and I are moving to DC during the same time frame as the reunion, so I won't be able to make it. Please have 6-9 Shiner Bocks for me. Address updated. I'm gonna work on the Joint Staff for a 2 x year hitch. Then, planning to move back to Georgia and return to the airline Biz Have a blast at the reunion - look forward to hearing about it! **NATO**

I asked new LTM Dave "Vermont" Kirby where he picked up the call sign:

On 3/20/2017 9:15 AM, Dave Kirby wrote:

Hi Tex – that's where I'm from. I had that call sign given to me way back in the day before pilot training. I was a weapons controller at the ADCOM Interceptor Weapons School at Tyndall and some Marines from VMFA314 out of El Toro were in town providing adversary air against the 106s. They were the first ones to call me that and it stuck. Dave Kirby

On 3/20/2017 9:18 PM, **Ed 'KTOWN' Knouse** wrote:

Tex,
I just got hired as one of the two U-2 Test Pilots at the Plant (42) at Palmdale for Lockheed Martin! Not bad for a 54 year old guy from W. Theresia Rd in St. Marys! That's the good news...unfortunately, the bad news is that I'm in training at Beale AFB for the next few months and may not be able to make the reunion. Major bummer as that was one of my top priorities for 2017. I may still make it, but not looking good at the moment! You bet that if I get back we will support the local brewery! Cheers, KTOWN

KTOWN and I are from the same little hole-in-the wall town. He had several horse thieves in his family, IIRC...

On 3/21/2017 10:09 AM, dkfetzter@gmail.com wrote:

Thanks for getting me back in the loop! We're in San Antonio now, but unfortunately will be in Hawaii in May. Getting to a HH reunion is definitely high up on my bucket list. I was at the Kun in '69-'70 as a Founding Member of the Korea Juvats (led the official transfer flight of the 80th F4s from Misawa to Kun), so I'm anxious to see how many of us are still around. Best of luck to you & all for a great reunion, and best regards to all who are able to make it! **Dan "Starman" Fetzter**

On 3/23/2017 6:26 AM, **Tom Browder** wrote:

Hi, Tex.

Cort Proctor, a long-time friend, just mentioned your organization and here I am.

I was a pilot in the original bunch that formed the 80th in Korea when the F-4s left Misawa AB and Yokota AB, Japan, in early 1971. Dale Donahey, one of our WSOs from Misawa, was the instigator of the Juvat Club. Our commander was Lt Col Bill Driver (JL #55) who had also been my Sqdn CO at Misawa.

Others coming from Misawa included **Cort Proctor**, Clancy Landon, Harry Chapman, Dale Donahey, Bud Liebengood, and Ed Martinelli.

My flight commander was Jack Britt, the best flight Cmdr ever, whom I worked under again at TAWC, Eglin AFB, Florida. We, and Cort and Clancy, all retired from there at different times.

Unfortunately Jack died a few years after retiring, but Cort, Clancy, and I are still creaking along in Bluewater Bay outside Niceville, Florida (near Eglin). I almost ran into Bill Driver in Cashiers, NC, a few years ago when my wife and I met a stranger while hiking who knew Bill, but we weren't able to connect with him.

Anyhow, when we first got to the Kun PCS in early 1971, the new wing CO (a real a*hole) decided we couldn't wear flight suits in the O'Club after about 1800 (or some such rule). Now the story as I remember it was that he brought his GS female secretary down from Osan and he wanted a bit of class in the club. Well, here we were class B bachelors, and he has a girl friend at the club, so we boycotted the club and started the Juvat Club in our Q (by the golf course don't remember the number). Dale Donahey was one of the primary honchos. Before I left there, the club was well known around Japan and Korea. I remember the Marines from Iwakuni would come to the Kun on cross-countries (I didn't participate in too much of the rowdyism, but there were a lot of wild nights there).

You have to remember that many of us had been spending off-hours at the club for years (while TDY from Misawa or Yokota) in flight suits after work (since 1968) and there had never been such a restriction. Best regards, -Tom

***Steve "Pacman" Teske** informed me that **Bosco Bostic's** wife, **Lark**, has been undergoing treatment for cancer since December. Results of her most recent PET and CAT scans came back essentially negative. So it's not yet a clean bill of health but is very promising. Good job, Lark! Prayers are appreciated.*

On 4/5/2017 5:21 PM, **Terry "Hubba" New** wrote:
Tex,

Writing to tell you of the passing of a WWII era Headhunter, my Father in-law, **BGen Thomas B. Wood**, USAF Retired. Gen Wood was Executive Officer (I think that was his job, like so many of his era, he rarely talked about it) in the 80th from Jul 42 - Dec 44. I've attached an obituary.

My 1st assignment was with the Juvats 78-79. It was then that I learned he had been in the 80th too. He sent me some memorabilia, including a large moth-eaten WWII era original patch (I left it with the Sq, they may still have it) that had very little resemblance to the Juvat patch of the time. I happened to be the Sq Historian and initiated return of the "official" patch back to the original. The original patch had too many colors and was shaped and annotated wrong to comply with AF regulation. I designed several prototypes to try to accommodate AF requirements while staying true to the original. Some of the Sq started wearing these unofficial prototypes. It was an incomplete project when I left, and I thank those who saw it through. Anyway, that's a long explanation as to why Gen Wood deserves some of the credit for returning the Sq patch back to the WWII era Headhunter.

Terry New , 80th FS LTM, F-4D, 1978-1979

FROM THE ORDERLY ROOM

So this guy named Buhrow wrote me an email wanting to join up. Being the crack administrator that I am I asked him to verify his association with the 80th. Here's his reply. What do you think? Should we let him join? LOL!

On 1/30/2017 6:22 PM, **Robert Buhrow** wrote:

Assigned to 80th FBS on 8th FBW Special Order #82, dated 10 Nov 1952	1st Combat Mission 2Dec 52
80th Sqdn Cmdr - Wilber A. Tapscott	Flew 6 missions 25 Apr 53, Sqdn flew 120 that day
80th Ops. - Franklin Q. Smith	Departed 80th on 7 May 1953, 84 Combat Missions
Entered local RTU at Suwon 13 Nov 52	
Completed RTU 28 Nov 52	

80th scheduled to transition to F-86 in early 1953. Aircraft arrived in Japan with HF radios when there were none in Korea. Delay check out until summer of 1953. If you had over 75 missions, you went home. Returned to fly with the 80th in 1973 when assigned to Kunsan, Korea as Vice Wing Cmdr. In going thru my old files, I discovered a letter from M. F. Kirby and L. C. Bradley, who were apparently in charge of keeping the squadron roster in 1986. Hope this fills in my blanks. **Bob Buhrow**

Welcome, Sir!

in re Donations:

1. I recently posted on the website, “ [State Of The Association/Yellow Postcards/Cashflow Problems](https://8ofsheadhunters.org/2017/01/29/state-of-the-associationyellow-postcardscashflow-problems-help/)” <https://8ofsheadhunters.org/2017/01/29/state-of-the-associationyellow-postcardscashflow-problems-help/>
2. In it was a plea for the non-current Annual Members (AM) to buy their 2017 dues so we could maintain sufficient cash flow so I would not have to tap into our capital account. While I mentioned that this was not a plea for donations, some people just don't listen! :>)
3. However, in early February, **Jack “Harpo” Shelton** pointed out the need for a “Donate” button on the website. So I gave in. **Webmaster Lude Kibble** has installed an easy way for anyone to donate funds to the Association: <https://8ofsheadhunters.org/product/donate/>
Thanks, Harpo and Lude!
4. We've had an incredibly-generous donation to the Association from **John “Klinger” Ritchie**.
Thank you, Sir, for your continued support of the Headhunters.

What Is Good? Tex and Rita2

**80th Fighter Squadron
THE HEADHUNTERS
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