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Greetings, Fellow **HEADHUNTERS!**

Bonnie & I hope this newsletter finds all of you in the very best of health & happiness!

HEADHUNTER ACE PASSES INTO HISTORY

Harold E Fischer, Col April 2009 follow-from back surgery Double Jet Ace victories in Korea. He was captured. Instead of rean POW camp, he was Communist Chinese forces oner exchange in 1953, Hal ical prisoner by the Chi-USAF and served in Viet-Aces" was translated into since the pilot that shot Marshal of China. His De-guished Service Cross (nee Star, Legion of Merit, Dis-OLC, Purple Heart, Merito-Medal with 7 OLCs, Joint and numerous unit and cam-American Legion China and Advisory Committee-Aces Association, Korean POWs. His decorations are *corated*" by Eric Caubarreau



Capt Hal Fischer in his F-86 Sabre in 1953

USAF (Ret) passed away 30 ing infectious complications in Las Vegas. Hal was a with 10 confirmed Mig-15 shot down over enemy territo-being placed in a North Ko-held across the Yalu River by in Manchuria. After the pris-was held until 1955 as a polit-nese. He continued in the nam. His book "*Dreams of Chinese* and published there down Hal became the Air corations include the Distin-Air Force Cross), The Silver tinguished Flying Cross with 1 rious Service Medal, Air Service Commendation Medal paign medals. He was the Post One Vice Commander man for the American Fighter War POWs and Cold War listed in "*America's Most De-* ISBN 0-9652924-2-8

The 80th FBS flying jacket and scarf (below) which belonged to Capt Fischer are on display in the Modern Flight Gallery. They were donated by Kurt E. and Clint N. Fischer, Hal's sons.

Hal was born May 8, 1925 in Seneca Township, Lone Rock, Iowa, son of Harold E. and Pearl (Frederickson) Fischer. He received his education at Burt High School ('43) and entered the Navy in 1944. After discharge, he attended Iowa State University for two years before joining the Army. He transferred to the Air Force and completed both Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Iowa State University (Ames). His military career spanned 30 years. He served as a fighter pilot in the Korean War, flew 105 combat missions, and shot down 10 airplanes before becoming a political prisoner of the People's Republic of China until 1955. During the Vietnam War he completed 200 combat missions primarily as a helicopter pilot. Other services included instructor, intelligence officer, tactical evaluation officer, and research associate assigned to MIT. Military titles include Chief of Objectives and Assessment Branch (Pentagon), Commander of the Human Resources Laboratory, and Member of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (cabinet level).

The Korean War was the era of the jet ace. Among them, Iowa native Harold E. "Hal" Fischer, the 25th pilot to achieve ace status during the conflict, was one of the most remarkable. After flying 105 ground support missions in Lockheed F-80 fighter-bombers, he wangled a second combat tour in the North American F-86 and soon began racking up Mikoyan-Gurevich MiG-15s. He became an ace on his



F-86F flown by Capt Harold E. Fischer



47th mission and got his 10th victory on his 66th. On his 70th mission, however, his luck ran out. In a fight over Manchuria, he damaged three MiGs before becoming the fifth victory for a Chinese pilot. He spent the next two years as a Chinese prisoner of war in Manchuria. Bob Bergin, who interviewed Han Decai, the MiG pilot credited with downing Fischer (Military History, December 2001), subsequently interviewed Fischer. That interview, and more information, can be seen with a Google search of Harold E. Fischer.

Hal was an LTM of our Association and attended numerous reunions. He also visited our active Squadron at Kunsan on both trips to meet our newest warriors and share his stories. He was a fine gentleman, Air Force Icon, fighter pilot legend and friend. Rest In Peace, Hal, and may you forever Soar with the Eagles. You did it the old fashioned way—you've earned it.

Colonel Harold E. Fischer Jr. will be interred Monday, September 14, 2009 at 9:00am at Arlington National Cemetery. Please contact Hal's son, Kurt Fischer, for details at: P.O. Box 364; Tivoli, New York 12583
Phone: (917) 805-5377
or E-mail: atticsound@me.com



THE MAIL BAG

E-Mail received 18 April: “Sir, My name is Roland LaFrance, Sr. I was a firefighter in the USAF during the 70's, based mostly at Loring AFB, Maine, and went TDY to Andersen AFB, Guam in 1973. I am a disabled firefighter, now, and have a very large library of books and magazines on the wars of the 20th Century, especially military aviation. My favorite subject for "study" is the Korean War, especially the Air War. I am in the process of building a model of the F-80C flown by Maj Charles Loring (80th FBS) on his Medal Of Honor flight.



My wife and I, just this past week, attended the graduation of USAF OTS class 09-04, of which our son was a graduate. On Monday, April 13, the awards ceremony for the class was held. In between events, a man in an Air Force flight jacket walked across the foyer to me, shook my hand, and asked me about my service time. I noticed that, on his name tag, under his command pilot wings, was a list of the aircraft he had flown while in the Air Force. Listed were the P-51, F-80, F-86, and F-100. I was thrilled, and asked him if he had flown during the Korean War. He told me that he had flown the F-80 during the Korean War. I asked to which unit was he assigned. He turned to show me his 80th Squadron patch as he told me that he flew with the "Headhunters". I was absolutely thrilled! I have forgotten his name! (I'm terrible with names.)

At the commissioning ceremony on Tuesday morning, this pilot was there in uniform, as a retired USAF Lt Colonel. He was there to give the oath to a member of our son's flight, James C. Gibson. I don't remember the Colonel's name, but my son thought his name might also be James, but wasn't sure. I'm attaching the pictures I took of the Colonel and his grandson, during the oath-taking at the commissioning ceremony. Would you please tell me his name?

I am a friend of aviation artist Gerry Asher. When he read from my email concerning our son's graduation, that I had met a Korean War "Headhunter", he wanted to know his name. Gerry is working on a book on the Korean War. I told him I would try and find out the Colonel's name. I think I know what happened. I was so busy looking at his list of aircraft, that I totally missed seeing his name on his name tag. My bad. I would greatly appreciate any help you are able to give. Thanks so much for your service, and for your terrific website. Take care and GOD bless!!! [signed] Roland "Doc" LaFrance”

Go to: <http://firefightersrealstories.com/lafrance.html> for my firefighting poetry. [Ed note] *That Headhunter's name is Bob Railey! I passed that on to "Doc" and thanked him for his photos. A photo of Bob and his grandson are on the next page. Doc's reply: "Thanks so much for that info! I appreciate it very much. Thanks again for your great website. I very much enjoy learning about the Korean War veterans, as I read of their battles in my books and magazines. Meeting Bob Railey was a definite high point for me, in a weekend of high points. Take care and GOD bless!!! [signed] Roland "Doc" LaFrance"*

E-mail received 26 April: “Dear Sir, if you could help me I would be most thankful. My Dad Frank Hall service # 17 031 864 was with the Headhunters 80th Flight Squadron in October of 1944 and was also there when the Japanese landed in Ie Shima. I don't know much about it and I thought I might start here. If there is a way you have any information or if you could guide me to find any information I would be most thankful. My Dad Served 21 years. He passed away May 4 2007. Thanks for your time... Jesse Hall [Ed note] *If any of our WWII members have any information about Frank Hall, please contact me or Jesse Hall directly at <jessehall@sbcglobal.net >*

E-mail received 1 May: “What a shame. Hal was a good friend of mine. We were in the 80th squadron in Korea at the same time. [signed] Milt Uzelac [LTM]

E-mail received 2 May: “Jaybird- I'm very sorry to hear about Col Fischer's passing. I enjoyed getting to meet a legend and glean from his experiences. It was always a pleasant surprise to roll into the Nellis O' Club and see him at a table surrounded by either old friends or young pilots, all trying to learn the same things as I. He was a treasure to this nation, this air force and to the Headhunters. He will be missed. [signed David Paulus] Deuce”

E-mail received 2 May: “Dear Blessed Friends of Hal Fischer, I know we were all Blessed to know him. My name is Coleman McClary and I came to know Hal from 2001 till now. I have never known anyone who was more kind, encouraging, unjudgemental, charismatic and courageous as Hal Fischer. And we all know that he had an incredible sense of humor. Hal became my dear friend and family. I am producing a movie about him and this has become a life mission of mine. He has lived a fascinating life with some incredible, and also very humorous experiences. I think the word is passion. Hal has lived a passionate life. He will live on in this movie and the world will know about the legend and gift of Hal Fischer. I know that we all loved him very



very much. He was so supportive that in 2006 he drove his Harley all the way from Vegas to LA just to see a screening of a film I was in. He also drove in to see me in the Passion Play at one time. It meant so much to see him there. Not only are people loving the script and Hal in Hollywood, but "Dreams of Aces" just won the quarter finals in the Fade-In Screen Play Competition (a premiere movie Industry magazine and screenplay competition). Next will be the semi-finals, and if it wins or becomes a finalist -- it will also win A plus literary representation to the A list filmmakers and Production Companies and Studios. Either way it will be an A-list movie.

This may be the last picture taken of Hal. He was in such good spirits when I saw him just 2 or 3 weeks before his surgery. I had no idea how complicated this surgery was as Hal was very carefree, trusting and relaxed about it. He just wanted to walk into China again. I would never have thought that this would be the last time I would see him in this life. Hal will live on in the movie. Hal will represent all of you. And as he always said to me, Check 6, Luck and Love, Coleman McClary” colemanmc@sbcglobal.net

E-mail received 2 May: “Jaybird. As you most likely know, Hal was my element lead on many missions while in the 80th and flying the F-80C's. A good friend and a fine pilot, Hal will charm the hell out of the angels. They will be able to know what a nice person he was here, and will be there among them. [signed] Archie Caldwell LTM”

*Love people and use things -
Don't love things and use people.*

E-mail received 2 May: “Jay, I've known Hal for a long time and he was a great Fighter Pilot and friend. I have just talked to him within the last week.

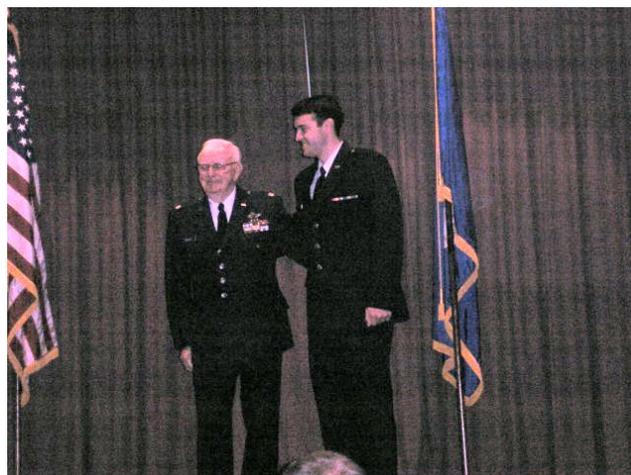
We were at Maxwell AFB two weeks ago when I swore another Grandson in to the USAF. After he goes through flight school he will then go through C-17 training and then fly them with the Air Force Reserve unit at Charleston AFB, S.C. Respectfully, Bob Railey”

E-mail received 3 May:
“Today the journey is ended,
I have worked out the mandated of fate,
naked, alone, undefended,
I knock at the uttermost gate.
Behind is life and its longing,
its happiness, its trials, its trouble, its sorrow,
beyond is the infinite morning
of a day without a tomorrow.
Go back to dust and decay,
body grown weary and old
You are worthless to me from today--
no longer my soul can you hold.
I lay down gladly forever
for a life that is better than this.
I go where parting ne'er sever
you into oblivion' abyss
Lo, the gate swings wide at my knocking,
across endless reaches I see
lost friends with laughter come flocking
to give a glad welcome to me.
Farewell, the maze has been threaded,
this is the ending of strife.
Say not that death should be dreaded--
'tis but the beginning of life.

Kurt Fischer; atticsound@me.com P.O. Box 364; Tivoli, New York 12583 917-805-5377” [Ed note] *Kurt is one of Hal's sons.*

E-mail received 3 May: “To all, Hal was a great man and a good friend. He and I met through work on the POW/MIA mission and his desire to meet with the Russian pilots, who we managed to bring out to his house. I [have] many many found memories of Hal that I will hold with me always. He made a difference in countless lives, including mine. [signed] Michael B. Lunini; MSG, USA (retired)

E-mail received 3 May: “I talked to "Ti" (sp?) this morning--She was the Thai friend of Hal's. Ti was very hard to understand but she advised that she couldn't compose a bio of Hal, so her son is coming over to Las Vegas from California to help her. She told me that Hal is to be cremated--his ashes will be buried at Arlington Nat'l Cemetery sometime in September. [signed] Andy Meyer



E-mail received 10 April—Hal's last to all of us:
“Due to [have] back surgery, on 14 April, I will be off flight status. Check 6-Hal Fischer”

E-mail received 3 May: “To all of Hal's friends: I've attached some photos from the only time I met Hal Fischer. This was in Las Vegas in October 2008. Hal was the nicest person you could meet and he always had that wonderful smile on his face. We were enjoying listening to his stories and especially talking to him about "Dreams of Aces". He wanted his story told. Hal was also wanting to be included in a film that Don Tietz (lifelong friend of Hal's) and I are producing titled "Stille Nacht" which is a film about Don's young life during WW2 when a German POW camp was built in his hometown of Algona, Iowa.

The connection I had with Hal was that both Hal and Don were from the same small town and both have films in the works. What are the odds? I believe that we will give Hal his wish as we make our film by having one of his youthful pictures placed somewhere on our set, so he will be in it in symbolically.



I loved all the emails that I received from Hal which of course included all of you on this email list. He had a great sense of humor and was very nostalgic. Hal was so kind that he paid for our dinner and he would not take any money from any of us. He also gave me two copies of his book, one in English, and the other in Chinese, which he signed in his signature way, "Check 6". Hal does not have to "Check 6" anymore, because heaven is all around him. God bless him and all of his friends, Teresa Gibson”

E-mail received 6 May: “Jay-Bird, Just saw your posting on the passing of Hal Fischer. What a great American and Headhunter...he will be sorely missed by all who had the opportunity to know him. My prayers go out to the family and friends. At the same time, I looked on-line and realized I hadn't updated my on-line information in over three years, so I did that a few minutes ago! After being the Chief of Air Force Flight Safety for two years, I spent the last 7 months of my tour in Iraq as the Director of Staff at Balad Air Base working for a former Wolf, BGen Burt Field. The lessons I learned there and things I saw have forever changed how I think as a senior officer and a human being, and it truly the most rewarding opportunity I have ever had in my entire career. Was fortunate enough to be current and qualified in the F-16 at the time, so I was able to fly combat missions with the 332d Expeditionary Fighter Squadron. So, not only an O-6 on flight status but combat to boot--doesn't get any better I think. For those unaware of the legacy at Balad, the 332d Air Expeditionary Wing takes its heritage from another famous group of great Americans (besides the Headhunters), the Tuskegee Airmen! Their legacy is alive and well and kicking butt daily! This past June, I was fortunate enough to have been selected to command the 432d Operations Group/Expeditionary Operations Group out at Creech AFB, NV. Our six Squadrons, three Dets and seven Associate Units are responsible for flying 24/7/365 combat missions with the MQ-1 Predator and MQ-9 Reaper, as well as all of the formal training to qualify crews in the weapons system. A remarkable capability and technology doing amazing things to support the war effort. I live out at Nellis, so if any Headhunters get in the vicinity, please stop by for beer and BBQ! Take care, Willie” [Brandt]

Note received with his LTM fee on 11 May: “JayBird—No better time than now to become an LTM as I turned 60 in January!! I will never forget that day in December ’73 when I got my orders to Kunsan—little did I know how proud I would be nearly 36 years later to be a Juvat! I still work with many USAF fighter pilots in my job at Wright-Patt & more often than not these young guys are darn proud to answer “Juvats!” when I ask them which squadron they were in at the Kun!! Makes me proud to be a Juvat & even more proud to be an American when I meet these young fighter pilots!! This note is longer than I expected, but it doesn’t matter. Thanks for all that you do. Check 6, [Lt Col Glen D. Owen] Magic”

E-mail received 22 May: “Gentlemen, I can’t help but to think of you every year at this time [Memorial Day weekend] now that I’ve had the pleasure of your acquaintance and learning about your service history. I salute you all. My best to you, Melissa (grand-daughter of Ed Ohlemann – 80th Squadron) Melissa A. Ludy

E-mail received 25 May: “Jay and Bonnie, It's hard to believe that dad has been gone a year now. I still enjoy reading the news you have to share and wish I could still share it with him. I want to thank you again for the friendship and love that you have shown to dad and mom over the years. Dad always had fond memories of you and your fellow Headhunters. We know he is now soaring with the Eagle. May you both enjoy the love of friends and family this [Memorial Day] weekend and the rest of this year. Love to you both, Liz Kasper Millward, Daughter of Mark and Eleanore [Kasper]”

NEXT REUNION—COLORADO SPRINGS!!

Our next reunion is taking shape nicely! The location, date and hotel have been finalized—please block **13-16 May 2010** on your calendars, and check out the **Crowne Plaza hotel** in **Colorado Springs** information on our web site’s Reunion Page! Mr Ray Casey and his *Military Reunion Planners* are hosting this reunion for us. Check out their web site at www.militaryreunionplanners.com We look forward to working with Ray and going to the beautiful Crowne Plaza Hotel! Check it out at: www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/cossp?rpb=hotel&createUrl=/h/d/cp/1/en/hotelsearchresults >

Col Mike Quinlan, 80th Commander from ‘78-’79, has volunteered to set up our “**HEADHUNTER OPEN**” golf tournament, and Bob “Driver Mac” McNeese, volunteered to be our overall on-scene POC between us and the *Military Reunion Planners*. Many thanks to you both for “stepping up to the plate” to make this another outstanding reunion!

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED

If you would like to make a tax deductible contribution to one of your favorite organizations, our own **80th Fighter Squadron Headhunters’ Association** qualifies! Now is the time for your 2009 tax year. Just mail to our address on the front cover, and you’ll receive a receipt for your tax records if required. Thank you.

<i>FROM</i>	<i>FOR, OR IN MEMORY OF</i>	<i>AMOUNT</i>
JayBird & Bonnie	Col Hal Fischer	\$100
Sidney Adelstein		\$ 25

HEAD HUNTER CORNER



For the past few months, dues have been coming in for the Yearly Members for the 1 July 2009 through 30 June 2010 Membership Year. Many of you have enclosed notes with your dues with good words for me. Thank you very much—they are truly appreciated. Also, many spouses have sent in the dues for their other halves—thanks again to you all for keeping the membership current!

Thanks to all of you, we set a new membership record this past year! For the Membership Year ending 30 June, we had a total of 310 Yearly Members and 710 LTM's for a total of 1020 dues-paying, card-carrying members! How about our active Squadron at the Kun—come on, y'all, how 'bout joining up with us—**first year is free with no obligation beyond that. Give us a try!** Ask your SNACKO for a Member Information Form and mailing envelope, or contact me directly. Thanks.

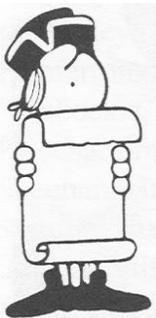
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

It gives us great pleasure to welcome these **4 new members** to our ranks for the **first time** (in the order of “signing up” since 1 May). **Equally rewarding** are the **many** members, not shown here, who have **rejoined** after 1, 2, 3, up to 17 years absence! **Welcome to all!** At press time we have 249 Yearly, plus 710 LifeTime Members (LTMs)—959 Total!!

Here is the roll call of our new members—with their time in the 80th:

Lt Col Donald E. Butler (94 – 95)
Vincent L. Daubenspeck (BTW)

Capt Stephen W. Coffey (99 – 00)
Lt Col Jack L. Sine (current 80FS/CC)



Friends of yours? You bet!! Look 'em up in your new Master Roster Change and/or Master E-mail & Fax List Change (enclosed), give 'em a call, write 'em a letter, or beam an e-mail message over to them. Or better yet, ask them to meet you at the **next reunion 13-16 May of 2010 in Colorado Springs!** Great to have you all in formation—and what a super one it is!! Do you have **HEADHUNTER** friends that aren't members? If so, please let me have their addresses, and I'll send a “Please Join Us” letter to them. **How about all of our active duty JUVATS in the 80th today? Cleared to join up, Y'all!** See your *SNACKO* for **Member Information Forms and mailing envelopes, or contact me directly—your first year is FREE!** *Thank you!*

LATEST INTELLIGENCE FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Our highly reliable sources in strategically placed key positions around the globe have informed us that the **HEADHUNTERS** had the lowest number of pilots deployed to Red Flag Alaska 09-02 (four total), but still managed to win the 16 team Red Flag Crud Tournament. Capt Bill "Kelso" Maclin, 1Lts Matt "Hans" Feeman and Jerod "Saltie" Sonderman and Lt Col Steve "Stickey" Hickey teamed with Juvat alumni Lt Col Stephen "Hanz" Plescha and Maj Gary "Switch" Barker to take the crown, besting two French Mirage 2000 teams, and an ANG F-16 team, enroute to a championship match up with the [35FS] Pantons. The Juvats crushed all competitors to win the Red Flag trophy. "Headhunter Standard!"



Our deep undercover moles in clandestine positions in highly sensitive areas have also reported to us that David J Scott, our active 80th FS commander Jul 96 – Jul 97, has been promoted to Major General and transferred from USAFE CAOC7/DEPCOM to the Pentagon and A5R.

Other information filtering in from our field operatives report that LTM Col Mike "Hans" & Erica Gantt packed up shop from the 31st Fighter Wing at Aviano, and moved to Eglin AFB, FL, where they assumed command of the 53rd Wing on 24 June.

LATE BREAKING NEWS

E-mail received 30 June: "Dear Col, Lt Souhrada was my uncle who served with the 80th in WWII. Are relatives of those who served with the 80th eligible for membership in the association?"

Respectfully,
Capt. Loren R. Leslie, USNR, Ret."

My reply: "Dear Loren, Thanks for the contact--good to hear from you! Yes--absolutely! Please let me have your mailing address, and I'll send a "Please Join Us" letter to you with the details. The dues are \$10 a year, or LifeTime Membership based on age, which includes quarterly newsletters, a Master Roster, Master E-mail list (both kept current with quarterly changes) and reunion notifications for reunions held every 18 months around the Country.

Looking forward to having you join up with us!

All the best,
Jay

And his: "Thanks. I have learned so much about the 80th in letters written by Richard that I found in my grandmothers attic recently including operations based on Owi, Morotai and Mindoro. My home address is: 4746 Cascade Beach Road; Lutsen, MN 55612. Military aviation is a family tradition. I was a Naval Aviation Medical Officer, my brother a KC 135 navigator and my son a Navy C2 pilot. I look forward to my association with the Headhunters.

Regards,
Loren Leslie

HEADHUNTER STORE!

Do you or your favorite **HEADHUNTER** have a special day or birthday soon? If so, consider some of these beautiful items from our **HEADHUNTER** Store! Get some today, and wear/use them proudly—not just at the reunions, but wherever you go! It’s a great way to find other **HEADHUNTERS**, too! Unless purchased at a reunion, a small fee of **\$5 for single items or \$7 for two or more items should be added** for shipping to all orders (unless otherwise noted)—we’ll take care of the “handling!”

Curious to see what these items look like? Check them out on our Web Site STORE Page!

Blazer Emblem (men’s or ladies)	\$35	Golf Shirt (specify size)	\$35
Squadron Unique Silk Tie	\$39	T Shirt (specify size)	\$19
Ladies Floppy Bow (matches tie)	\$20	Squadron F-16 Litho Print	\$10
Sq “Nickel” Coin or Keychain	\$ 7	White & Green Trim Hat	\$15
*Personalized Sq coffee mug	\$23	All White Hat	\$15
*Personalized Sq beer stein	\$26	Black Hat	\$15
*Mug & Stein set as above	\$45	Korean-era Sq Patch	\$ 7
Headhunter Tattoos (fun!)	4 for a \$ 1	Vietnam-era Sq Patch	\$ 7
Lapel Pin/Tie Tack	\$ 4	WWII/Current Sq Patch	\$ 7

<<< **CD of Headhunter Songs by the JBC....\$20 (postage included)** >>>
 <<< **80th Squadron History DVD & CD set....\$20 (postage included)**>>>
 <<< **Passing the Flame CD....\$20 (postage included)** >>>

* Please include **name and/or callsign** desired on your mug/stein (up to 20 letters), **aircraft desired**, and **right/left** handed with your order. **Unless otherwise stated**, the current Squadron logo & your first name in Old English font will be on the front (handle left for right-handed drinker), and an F-16 will be on the back.

Please send check to **“The Headhunters”**; **7723 Villa Andrade Ave; Las Vegas, NV 89131-1686** or **e-mail orders to Tom & Shannon Reichert** at **< TSReichert@aol.com >**. Please don’t forget postage of **\$5 for single items or \$7 for two or more items should be added** on all orders (except patches, coins, tattoos, & lapel pin—please send \$1 postage.)

Fighter pilot songs (Rated PG-13) on professional CDs and/or tapes are available at \$20 each (including S&H) from World-renowned military songwriter and balladeer, and fellow **HEADHUNTER**, Dick Jonas. Contact him at: *Erosonic*; PO Box 1226; Chino Valley, AZ 86323-1226, or from his web site at www.erosonic.com

*‘A government that is big enough to give you everything you want
is big enough to take away everything you have.’
--- Thomas Jefferson*

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.

<u>Headhunter</u>	<u>Time in 80th</u>	<u>Last Takeoff</u>
Capt Richard D. Mudd	54 – 55 BTW/LTM	19 Apr 2009
Col Harold E. Fischer	Korea/Ace/LTM	30 Apr 2009

E-mail received 22 April: Gary Martin sent in this Obituary: “Mr. Mudd passed away on April 19, 2009 from the effects of a massive stroke. He was the son of Col. Richard D. Mudd, M.D and Rose Marie Krummack Mudd and was born on June 5, 1930. Richard grew up in Saginaw, Michigan and San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from Parks Aeronautical College in E. St. Louis, Illinois in 1952. That year he also met the love of his life, Marilyn Eales. They were married on February 7, 1953. They would be the parents of six children: Linda O'Brien (Dan), Mary Heaston (Mike), Kathleen Sexson, Rick Mudd (Jennifer), Robert Mudd (Kimi), and Jennifer Streater. There are 11 grandchildren as well. Richard was a fighter pilot for the Air Force during the Korean conflict. After leaving the service he was an entrepreneur in a number of business adventures, finally finding his niche as a consummate salesman. His favorite hobbies were building model airplanes (and a life-long love of planes), metal detecting and the selling of his treasures. He was a devote Catholic and a member of St. Mark the Evangelist parish. He was a beloved neighbor and friend and will be missed by them as well as his family. He was preceded in death by only a month by his wife of 56 years; they are now in eternity together.”

In behalf of the entire Squadron, we wish to officially pass on to these families our deepest sympathies and sincere gratitude for the outstanding contribution each of these individuals made to the Squadron and our Country. May they rest in Peace and forever Soar with the Eagles.

May God bless and keep them in His Flight forever.



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Labor Day – 7 September



Patriots Day – 11 September



Columbus Day – 12 October



Halloween – 31 October

See you all in "The Springs" 13-16 May 2010!!
(Blocked on your calendars??!)



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