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"AUDENTES FORTUNA JUVAT"

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Greetings, Fellow HEADHUNTERS!

Bonnie & I hope this finds all of you in the very best of health and happiness, and we wish you and yours the most enjoyable of Holiday Seasons!

THE NEXT HEADHUNTER REUNION

Please check your calendars! There should already be an entry for our next reunion "in the Fall of 1992." Well, we can all update that now! The next reunion, hosted by Jim & Lois Ince, will be **October 1-4, 1992** at **The Menger Hotel in San Antonio!** If you forgot to make that entry a few months back, please do it NOW before something else gets in there and takes up that valuable time period! Hotel reservations, events, etc. will be sent to you in a few months as we get closer to the time. The only thing to do now is to make sure it's on our calendars! More details later as they develop. We're expecting a large turn-out for this next reunion, so if anyone would like to help, please contact Jim & Lois; 2810 Thousand Oaks, Suite #110; San Antonio, TX 78232, or telephone (512) 599-0251. They'll appreciate it very much. Would you believe **1992 is our Squadron's 50th Anniversary**, so let's all help make this '92 Reunion the biggest and best ever. The best way for us to do that is to make sure October 1-4, 1992 is blocked on our calendars!!

HISTORY OF THE WORD JUVAT

If you remember from the last newsletter, we printed the history of JUVAT. We also mentioned that Sol Harp was the first JUVAT! Seeing that Sol was there at the time, here are more details of that beginning:

"The 80thTFS was the first fighter squadron formed under the 3rdTFW at Kunsan Air Base, Korea during March 1971.

The aircraft came from the deactivated 475thTFW at Misawa (Japan) and the personnel primarily from the 391st TFS of the 475TFW. Lt Col Bill Driver, commander of the 391TFS, 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 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 Brave." (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 flightsuit without his knowledge. Incidentally, I was the first JUVAT Squadron Commander!"

PLANNING AHEAD!

Our San Antonio Reunion is right on track! However, we need to look ahead to find a time, place, and host(s) for the NEXT one! Please let me know if you're interested so we can discuss it at our business meeting following the banquet in San Antonio. Let's face it, our WWII Members have almost exclusively hosted our reunions for over twenty years--now it's time for our Korean, BTW, Vietnam, and/or JUVAT Members to grab the gideon and carry on! Also, the reunions started out two years apart, then switched to 18 months. Is this still good, or should we get together every year? That way, if someone HAS to miss a reunion, he doesn't have to wait ANOTHER year & a half before he can get to the next. Please think on this, and we'll decide in San Antonio.

HEADHUNTERS IN COMBAT!

In our last Newsletter, we wrote about Lt Col Ron White flying in Desert Storm as an A-10 pilot. This sparked a letter we received from Capt "Rock" Clemons of the 69th Tactical Fighter Squadron (TFS), Moody AFB, Valdosta, GA. Rock is now flying the F-16C with the "Werewolves", and along with two other JUVATS, Capt Jack "Jocko" Thompson and Capt Dave "Dudley" Thorsen, deployed with the 69th TFS to King Fahd International Airport (IAP) during Desert Storm. All the A-10s were also located at King Fahd IAP. Rock's letter goes on to say;

"Being an A-10 turned F-16 kind of guy, it was nice to see some of my old "Hog Driver" [A-10 pilot] buddies there. Most of us flew about 40 combat missions with a few combat support missions mixed in as well. The first two weeks of the war, we mainly went to Baghdad. We only flew at night the rest of the war utilizing the F-16C LANTIRN (Low Altitude Navigation and Targeting Infrared for Night) system to hunt SCUDs, and to fly Special Operations support, CSAR [Combat Search And

Rescue], and eventually CAPs [Combat Air Patrols]. We were fortunate in that we had no combat damage or losses at all! And yes, I did see a lot of JUVATS in the war!"

I'm sure all of our latest combat veterans have some great war stories, so let's all meet them at the bar in San Antonio, lift a few glasses, and swap war stories with them! Any other HEADHUNTERS in Desert Storm? If any of you have some good gun camera film of Desert Storm, I've had many requests for it!! Please forward to me, and we'll take it from there! Ron? Rock? Jocko? Dudley?

HURTIN' HEADHUNTERS

We've heard that two of our men weren't running on all cylinders within the past year. Julian Brisendine was under the weather this Spring, so he and Helen had to, reluctantly, cancel out of the Myrtle Beach Reunion. Julian is back up to 100% now after a short pit stop for a tune-up, and they're looking forward to San Antonio! We all look forward to seeing them there, also!

"Corky" Smith has had three (3) "non-life threatening" surgeries this year and is moving a little slower than normal. He says he's feeling a lot better and is looking forward to golf and jogging in a few weeks. Corky, we all wish you a very speedy and full recovery, and we hope to see you in San Antonio--on the golf course!!

SQUADRON PHOTO ALBUM PROJECT

Paul & Sue Murphey have taken the initiative to redo and print most of the old WWII Squadron negatives and pictures. They have tried to identify as many of the men/places as possible and have put them all in neat, organized albums so they'll be easy to look at and relatively protected for the many reunions and years ahead. If you have any old WWII Squadron photos and would like to donate them to this Squadron project, please start getting them together and bring them with you to the reunion. Jim & Lois have already arranged with the hotel to have an easel and poster board set up in the Hospitality Room so we can pin up all our photos, identify them with the help of our contemporaries (being careful not to write on the backs with ballpoint pens, felt pens, etc. that would show/bleed through--we'll use stick-on labels for this), and then mount them in the applicable albums. How about you Korean War, BTW, Vietnam, and JUVAT HEADHUNTERS? Who has photos and would like to do the same for these time periods? Please, **everyone, bring your 80th Fighter Squadron photos** to the reunion so we can pin 'um up, identify 'um with stick-on labels on the back, and post 'um in albums. What a great legacy for us to pass on to our Squadron--individual annotated photo albums of these historical time periods!! Or maybe have them put on video tape so all of us could get a copy, if desired!! Any takers? Thank you!

DUES-PAYING MEMBERSHIP

As of this date, we have 288 dues-paying yearly Members for 1991-1992. We had a Lifetime Member sign-up who tried to tell us he was 87, but J.J."Stroker" Cummins finally came clean and admitted he was only 44--thanks, J.J. for your honesty and first installment of your \$5000 bill!!! Earl "Bud" Burmeister also sent in his Lifetime Membership fee, "or donation if we don't get enough people interested in this idea".... "Horrible" Hagar just sent in his Lifetime Membership fee. Any others?

MASTER HEADHUNTER ROSTER UPDATE

Enclosed, please find "Change 1" to your Master Headhunter Roster that was mailed to you in early September. The best way to do this is to go through the Master Roster and put an asterisk by each of the names on this Roster Change 1. That will remind you the information for that individual has changed and to look at this Update. Then file this Change in the back of your Roster. Sound familiar? Yep--that's how we used to update our "Dash 1" flight manuals!!!

First of all, let me apologize to Col "Corky" Smith for not having him annotated as an Ace on the roster! A number of people caught me on this--If I keep this up, I'm gonna get fired!! Here is the list of our eight living Aces:

"Cock" Robbins	22
"Corky" Smith	11
Johnny Jones	8
Jim Ince	6
"Screwy Looie" Schriber	5
Paul Murphey	5
M. F. "Kirby" Kirby	5
Don "Fibber" McGee	5

Please put a "T" in the ACE column for Col Cornelius M. Smith.

There is another correction that was brought to my attention in the list of reunions from the last newsletter: Howie & Norm Peterson were the co-hosts of the 1985 Reunion in Colorado Springs with Don & Meg McGee. Their on-site help was invaluable to the success of that reunion--thanks Howie & Norm--sorry I left you off the list!!

If you can fill in any of the blank addresses, or update any others in our rosters, please let me know!! But most importantly, if any of YOU move or get a new address, PLEASE drop me a Change-of-Address card--especially you who are overseas at APOs--the post office will only honor your old APO # until July!

HEADHUNTER LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

In the last Newsletter, we mentioned offering a Lifetime Membership like a few of the other reunion groups have. We think it's a great idea--why not?! We would offer it along with the regular \$10 yearly dues for those not interested. Suggested rates are:

AGE	FEE
to 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 would receive a permanent credit card type plastic membership card (we already have them picked out!), and we would start a HEADHUNTER Lifetime Membership Plaque, with brass name plates for each name, which would be displayed at each of our reunions in the Hospitality room. Any other ideas? Please let us know what you think of this, for we would like to implement it as of the first of the year if we get support from the majority of you.

HEADHUNTER HALL OF FAME PLAQUE

We have only heard from a few about establishing a HEADHUNTER HALL OF FAME PLAQUE. What do the rest of you feel? We would nominate and select, say up to 5 members of our squadron per year, an individual(s) who have contributed greatly to our Squadron and our Country. We would then vote on our nominations to choose the recipient(s) for that year. His/her name(s) would then be added to the large plaque, along with a one-sentence explanation of why picked, engraved on a brass name plate. The plaque would be displayed at each reunion in the Hospitality Room. This permanent record of our people and their contributions would be another great way to pass on our Squadron legacy. Comments?

HEAD HEADHUNTER CORNER

First of all, **please note our new address** at the top of this newsletter and as a change in the Master Roster. Please send all HEADHUNTER correspondence to **1821 St. Elmo Drive; Columbus, GA 31901-1229**. The P.O. Box on Ft. Benning will also be good until March, but will be "phased out" by April 1st (see below!).

Thanks again to you who have sent new/updated information on some of our members for Master Roster updating. We have immediately mailed our newsletter #1 to them hoping they would respond to our offer. As you can see from our roster "Change 1" included herein, some did and others didn't. Perhaps a personal letter from you, their good friends, would do the trick. Worth a try? You bet!! Thanks!

O.K.--that's it--no more bulk-rate mail to the APOs!! I just had a letter and dues from Lt Col Dale Wilken over in Torrejon Air Base, Spain: he had JUST received his June 1st newsletter! Five and a half months is not too responsive!!

Bonnie & I are looking forward to my USAF retirement on April 1st. It has been a great 30-year career, but we have so many things we want to do, we'll surely stay busy. I want to stay working for awhile, too, but haven't found anything yet--no time to look!! Anyone out there need a slightly used fighter pilot? I

