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Greetings, Fellow **HEADHUNTERS!**

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

TRIBUTE TO AN ACE

Taken from the Winter 1998 *American Fighter Aces and Friends Bulletin*...

William F. Tanner

Colonel William F. Tanner, USAF (Ret), died in San Antonio, Texas on 11 May 1998 at the age of 78. Born on 29 April 1919 in Wampsville, NY, he attended Syracuse University before joining the Army Air Forces as an Aviation cadet in January 1942. Graduating from flying school in November, he flew P-40s and P-47s on the East Coast before being assigned to the 350th Fighter Squadron, 353rd Fighter Group based at Metfield, England. He was credited with his first victory, an FW-190 on 10 October 1943, and destroyed another on 30 January 1944 over the Zuider Zee. He was credited with a half share of an ME-109 brought down 20 miles north of Wurzburg on 12 May. Tanner extended his tour of duty and scored his last victory in a P-47 on 12 June, downing a pair of Me-109s southwest of Paris. Promoted to Captain, he became an ace on 5 December and finished his scoring with 5½ victories to his credit. Remaining in the Air Force after the war, Tanner became an instructor in the Air Training Command and retired from the Air Force as a Colonel in 1965. His awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross w/3 OLCs and the Air Medal with 13 OLCs. He is survived by his wife, Maxine.

Bill was a former LTM **HEADHUNTER** and Squadron Commander from 29 Jul 57 – May 60.

We would like to express our sincere condolences to our four members who live in Littleton, Colorado for the tragedy that engulfed their community on 20 April. We hope you and your families were spared any involvement in this infamous day—not only to your town, but to our entire Nation.

REUNION travel DETAILS!

Our reunion will be in San Antonio on 4-7 November 1999 at the Menger Hotel! **Airline Reservations:** Call Corporate Travel Planners at 1-800-810-2695. Tell them you're with the "Headhunters." They will contract with **American** (their preferred carrier—most flights into SA) for **10% off the lowest published fare >60 days** from the reunion, or **5% within 60 days**. The lowest price includes any "fare wars" that are advertised in the papers or elsewhere. If you would like to use your own travel agency, call this number anyway, and get the "Headhunter" discount code number. We're informed the same discount will still be available. Reunion and hotel registration forms will be in the next (1 Sept) newsletter. **If you receive a "Your Dues Are Due" notification with this newsletter, please be sure to "re-up"—this is the last newsletter for this membership year!!** **Please block these dates (4-7 Nov) on your calendars to avoid conflicts with "R-Day!!"**

LATEST INTELLIGENCE FROM AROUND THE WORLD!



Our highly reliable sources in strategically placed key positions around the globe have informed us that F-16 pilot **HEADHUNTERS** may want to check into a reunion of Viper drivers on 7-10 October in Washington, DC. The F-16 Viper Pilots Association (VPA) is hosting their First Anniversary Reunion. The [VPA] Board of Directors invites all F-16 VPA members, F-16 Viper Drivers along with their families and Viper Associates to join us this coming October. Help us celebrate this great event and to promote the legacy of the F-16 Fighting Falcon "Viper". Check out the details at www.f16viper.org. Also, please don't forget our **HEADHUNTERS** reunion 4-7 November.

In addition, our deep moles in clandestine positions in sensitive areas have passed on to us that Lt Col Kurt "Nubes" Neubauer assumed command of the 34th Fighter Squadron "Rams" at Hill AFB on 30 April 99, 1000L (Hill AFB time) in Hangar 37. We all wish Nubes and Sandy the heartiest of congratulations and the very best of luck in this very important leadership position!

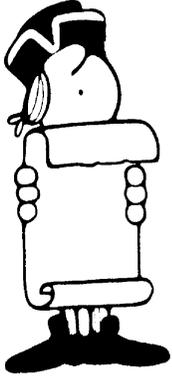
WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

It gives us great pleasure to welcome these **52 new members** to our ranks for the **first time** (in the order of "signing up" since 1 February). **Equally rewarding** are the **many** members who have **rejoined** after 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, or even 7 years absence! **Welcome back to all!** As of this date we have 445 Yearly, plus 384 LifeTime Members (LTMs)—**829 Total!!**

Here is the roll call of our **new** members:

Maj Robert J. Straubinger (66-69)
Lt Col Martin E. Bischoff, III (Juvat)
Col Ray H. Bryant (58-60; 73-74 CC)

Hugh L. Hatfield (WWII)
Lt Theodore A. Platz, Jr (52-53)
Col Norris Jay Hanks (52)



Col Robert W. Hibarger (Juvats CC)
Maj Gen James E. McInerney, Jr (Korea)
SSgt Gordon N. Carlisle (42-44)
Alfred A. Benson (WWII)
Maj Warren P. Houck (48-49)
Maj Bill H. Leimkuehler (53-54)
Col James V. Williford (Juvats)
Paul Young (Juvats)
Lt Col D. Lee Hall (88-89)
Ian R. Little (52)
Col Robert J. McCormick (Juvats)
Thomas P. Wright, Jr. (Vietnam)
Lt Col Gerald D. Hoff (Vietnam)
Lt Col Nelson Cabot, Jr. (87-88)
Capt Christopher F. Wilson (Juvats)
Capt Gatha B. Owens (Juvats)
1/Lt Dirck T. Hartmann (43)
Maj George R. Ficklin (Juvats)
Col Jesse C. Locke, Jr. (51-52)
Maj Michael D. Williams (96-97)
1/Lt Clifford T. Wilder (45-46)
David R. Carlson (BTW)
W. Frank Adams, Jr. (Juvats)

Pete Markovich (WWII)
1Lt Matthew H. Robertson (45-46)
Sgt Anthony M. Bell (42-44)
John R. Gregor (Korea)
Lt Col Michael E. Rawlins (77)
Lt Col Patrick E. McGill (52)
Col George R. Taylor (70-71)
Lt Col Bruce L. Pretorius (Juvats)
Lt Gen James D. Hughes (49-51)
Col Charles L. Miller (52-53)
Kenneth J. Smith (WWII)
Col Lyle R. Parker (Juvats)
Capt Richard C. Leslie (74-75)
Col George N. Earnhart (52)
Col Donald L. Heiliger (66-67)
Lt Col Stephen B. Kniffen (86-87)
Capt Gary M. Banks, Jr. (61-65)
Maj Angus M. Saunders (52-53)
Capt Scott D. Hefren (82-83)
Maj Roy W. Marsh (48-51)
Maj Robert C. Paulson (76-77)
Lt Col Jimmy Yoshinaka (68-71)
Lawrence Decker (WWII)

Friends of yours? You bet!! Look 'em up in your new Master Roster Change #6 and/or Master E-mail 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—in San Antonio 4-7 November 1999!** Great to have you all in formation—and what a super one it is!! **Welcome!** 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. **Thank you!**

THE BIRTH OF TACTICAL CALL-SIGNS

Scepter, Hippo, Rookie, Sherlock, Hustler, Grinder, BatMan, Spider, JayBird. Just macho nicknames, or do they have a purpose? Well, both! When we go out to fly, we have "official" call-signs, such as Raindance 01 (pronounced "Raindance Zero One"), Hobo 14, Red 22, Blue 31, etc. They are used to identify each of us over the radio to others—in the air and on the ground. When just two or four planes were flying, you would use the "official" identification to those not in that flight, but would use "Lead", "Two", etc. within the flight to keep it simple to each other. No problem. In case of a serious threat, you could say over the radio, "Lead—BREAK LEFT!!" All four of you knew exactly who was to do what. However, when we started flying in Vietnam, the speed of the air war, with the introduction of surface-to-air missiles (SAMs), plus larger and larger "strike packages" of 40-60 aircraft of different kinds from differ-

ent squadrons (and even different services and nations as with the air strikes against Iraq and the Serbs) made this conventional system obsolete. You no longer had time to say, “Raindance zero one, this is Raindance five seven—SAM at seven o’clock low—what should we do, over?” There is only seconds to react, as SAMs now travel 2-3 times the speed of sound (over 2000 mph). If a SAM was observed coming up at a flight of four and the radio call was, “Lead—BREAK LEFT!!”, a 60-plane strike package 5 miles away would have itself torn apart as its leader would “take it the other 59 guys in Well, how about us—BREAK LEFT!!” No would scatter to the just “BREAK LEFT!!” Not very good either—now all 60 birds, and all other planes in range of that radio transmission, scatter and take a week and a half to get everyone sorted out and back in formation! Therefore, unofficial “tactical call-signs” were born and introduced to be used for this purpose—usually one or two syllables in size, and rarely three, because of speed and ease of using on the radio in life or death immediate emergencies. So now when we hear, “Gunner—BREAK LEFT!!” when we’re up in a strike package of 60 planes, we all know exactly who has the threat locked on to him and what he’ll do about it. Macho nicknames at the bar? Well..., yes, but these tactical callsigns are also life or death immediate identification used, even as we speak, by our fellow **Headhunters** in their new assignments in the skies over Iraq and Bosnia. Please keep them in your thoughts & prayers as they fly daily in harm’s way. **Thanks.**



down” to the dismay of the package! Not good! ing names? “Bob— good either—five Bobs four winds.... How about

THE MAIL BAG

Dear Jay,

3 February 99

I recently had lunch in Honolulu with an F-16 driver from Luke. He is a Juvat from a few years back. He was here in support of air-to-air training for F-15 Eagle drivers with the local HANG [Hawaiian Air National Guard]. It has been a number of years since I've been around young fighter pilots. You tend to forget how incredibly bright and dedicated they ALL are. Following an hour or so of "shooting our watches" over a salad I was left with a feeling of confidence in the capability of the "new" guys. It makes me awfully proud to have once been a member of the fighter community. They are a national treasure. Check Six!!! Phyllis & Buck\$ [O’Kane].



Check Six!!! Phyllis & Buck\$

Dear Colonel,

7 February 1999

First of all, let me say thank you for your courageous service to my country. I have come to love my freedom daily, always remembering those who continue to sacrifice. I have made several attempts to find any information about the 5th Air Force, 8th Fighter Group, 80th Fighter Squadron. My father-in-law, Mike Christopher, speaks often of his time in the Pacific Theater as if it were yesterday. I can only imagine that those days are so real in the minds of all who served there. Mike was a crew chief on the P-38's, and I am hoping that the Headhunters site is where we can find more information about the places and events of which he speaks. I did find a picture of one plane, named "Pudgy," which Mike identified immediately. He was speechless! His eyes lit up and he appeared to be holding back tears. Sir, if you can

provide any more information about the 5th, 8th, and 80th, I would be very grateful. Thank you for your assistance. God bless you. Sincerely, Mike Warden; Grove City, Ohio.

Ed Note: Mike's E-mail address is Swispers@aol.com. Please contact him with any information you may have, or pass to me and I'll forward. Thanks.

Dear JayBird,

19 February 1999

My sons just set me up on AOL and a computer this past Christmas. I am learning to navigate something other than a P-38. It did not seem as difficult to learn to fly my bombing missions as to learn how to use this computer. I am learning how to use the web and added my name today to the list [on our Headhunter Web Site]. I am currently living in Davenport, Florida. I have a new home at 1650 Challenger Avenue. I still receive my mail at the Michigan location and enjoy reading the Headhunter Headlines. As I learn to navigate this new system I will perhaps improve. Thanks for adding me to the list of active E-Mail users. I do not see any that were active during my tour of duty.

Sincerely, Capt. Russel K. Tambling [WWII]

This e-mail was received 27 Feb in response to all the information we found on Kenneth Tallant:

Jay, Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!!! The picture is GREAT. How did Robert Rawlings get the photo? I would love to talk to Neil O'keefe—and no you did not give me information on him. You've been such a big help to me. This means so much to me since my mom (Kenny's sister) just passed away 5 weeks ago. My mom and I were working together on trying to find information of Kenny. She would of been so HAPPY to see this picture or talk to someone who knew Kenny. I've been working in the beginning with Hal and Ted Barker with the Korean War Project and saddened to learn they are closing their web site. They included Kenny on their (looking for section.) Thanks so much. Linda

JayBird:

5 February 1999

I received your package of information about the Headhunters, and I am impressed. I just came back from a look at your Web Site, and I am really impressed. You and your helpers, whoever they may be, have really put an effort in to everything related to the Headhunters—past and present.... [new LTM Col Bob McCormick]

For Jay,

I'm a lifetime member of the Headhunters but I cannot remember if I ever sent you my e-mail address. Please add it to the list if it is not already there.

Re your query from Daryl E. Brown regarding the loss of Major Amos Leslie Sluder. I was on that mission, one or two flights or perhaps 3-5 minutes behind his flight. I was flying Bob Walsh's wing and we were letting down to attack the same convoy when we heard the report that Major Sluder had been shot down. We all admired and respected Major Sluder - With the report, I can remember tears welling up in my eyes and how extremely angry I became. It was small consolation; however, that convoy took very heavy casualties in the following several minutes. I cannot remember if there were more than two flights involved. Bob Walsh may remember.

For Bob Swartz: Hi Bob, nice to see your name in the newsletter and get your e-mail address. I can't remember which flight you were in or if perhaps you were on this same mission. I would like to check on

the dates reported in our Squadron History. I remember when we were called down to the Strip about 3:00 AM after the North Koreans crossed the 38th. We took off a while before daylight but my Form 5 indicates that was on 27 Jun which would indicate the war started on the 26th and not the 25th. Could you verify this.

Second, since I was on the same mission in another flight when Major Sluder was shot down, I had two missions on 4 July and one on the 6th. But the one on the 6th involved 25 minutes night time. I do not recall that the subject mission was that late. It appears to me that Major Sluder was shot down on July 4, 1950. Or perhaps my Forms 5 are a day off. Let me know if anyone else has any records of the above.

Regards,

James O. (Red) Davenport

An E-mail received 5 April from Richard T. Durkee:

I received a call today from a young lady in Pennsylvania wondering if I was the Richard T. Durkee who served in Korea in May 1952, and did I know her father, Major Art Faunce. She was searching on the Internet, and I was the first one she called. I was actually on the same flight as Major Faunce was when he went down. There is an Air Force Family Update on April 17th, and she was looking for information just in case he was really an MIA/POW. She was one year old when he disappeared and is very eager to hear anything about him from someone who knew him. Her name is Cyndie Faunce. Her father: Major Arthur Faunce. Her address is: P.O. Box 589, Poconos Pines, PA 18350. The flight occurred in May of '52 and we were in the 80th Headhunters Squadron and flying out of K13, Suwon, Korea. Major Faunce was listed as Missing In Action on a napalm mission. Cyndie is looking for any information about her father. I am providing all the information I have to her, as I was his wingman on the mission when he went down. I am sure she will deeply appreciate any further information.

E-mail 6 April:

Jay: Possibly confirm W/Durkee: The raid on the Suan Valley (all napalm, I think) was on 8 May 52. The whole Squadron (maybe the whole Group) was on this mission, perhaps the biggest single napalm raid in '52, certainly the biggest one for me. I was flying #2 on Bob Coffee who was KIA on the raid. I took a 40mm in the right aileron, but the only damage was a nice clean hole in the aileron. We took a lot of hits that day. The Group Commander, Col Levi Chase, stood us down for the rest of the day. I pass this on in the hope that it will be a memory jogger for others. I remember the name Faunce, but I can't pull up anything else at the moment. Bobby Robertson in Colorado Springs might help. Jack Barry

E-mail of 22 April:

A quick note to give you my e-mail address. Have just gone on-line. Was in the 80th at Ashiya between August 1946 and April 1947 when we had F-51Ds. Got back on base there in Oct 1990 thru the courtesy of the JAF OD who gave my wife and me a tour of the Base. Lots of changes—it is a JAF training base but the old 80th Flt line are or was still recognizable including the ammo bunker behind the Ops shack (I was Armament Officer a few mos). They had an a/c display of their Training a/c and am proud to say I had flown all of them (T33, F86D&E, F104, etc.) except one of the helicopters. Enjoy the HeadHunter Headlines. Please send me a complete E-mail roster either on-line or by mail. Thanks for all your good work in keeping every one in touch.—Verge [Vergil Givens—LTM]



HURTIN' HEADHUNTERS

In an 11 March '99 E-Mail from former 80th Squadron commander, Lt Col Rick French, he says, "I had my surgery on 8 March for the L4/L5 disk. The pain and numbness are gone already. I'll be at home on my back for the next month then 'light' duty for 30 days. Hope this second time is the last time. [Signed] Frenchman" So do we, Rick!

Col Jeff "LOR" Gordon, one of our Juvat-era members, is undergoing treatment for Leukemia. He received a bone marrow transplant a few weeks ago, and he is rapidly improving! All his medication is now reduced to oral as he continues to return to full Code 1!!! Keep up the great work, Jeff & Pam. You're in our prayers.

Quay Huggins, wife of Vietnam-era LTM Brig Gen Larry Huggins, was diagnosed with cancer back in January. She was operated on and is undergoing chemotherapy treatments. She is having more tests at this time to ensure the chemo is working. If not, a different type of treatment will be given. We all wish Quay and Larry our very best wishes. You are both in our prayers.

NEW HEADHUNTER BOOK!

One of our own, Capt Keith "Rosey" Rosenkranz, Flew F-16 "Vipers" in the Gulf War. During his time deployed, he kept a very detailed diary of his missions—mostly at night—and the action around him. Now that diary has been published as a heart-pounding first-hand experience of this modern war. "*Vipers in the Storm*", the hard cover 325-page book, with the forward by former U.S. Secretary of Defense, Dick Cheney, is a must for those of us who collect personalized combat books, and all others who want to know what went on with our combat pilots in Desert Storm. *Vipers in the Storm* can be ordered through our **HEADHUNTER STORE** for \$24.95. See page 9 and the enclosed ad!

MASTER ROSTER CHANGE #6!

Enclosed is your Master Roster Change #6. Please note this is only a **change**, and not a complete new roster! Only information that has changed since the last (1 February) newsletter is included. If you have any additions/corrections to any of the information, please send to me for updating. Thanks.

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head headhunter corner

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I received many letters and e-mail messages in response to my two paragraphs in this column in the last newsletter. It's quite obvious how most of us in the military feel about the recent happenings in Washington. Thank you all very much for your replies—it was great to hear from so many, and quite reassuring to know I'm not the only one in this fine Country that thought perjury and obstruction of justice are (or shall we say, "were") punishable felonies. What a truly ominous precedence the Senate has set with their acquittal....

Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored. ---- Aldous Huxley

Please note all of our new members in this issue!! Not only are there "young new blood" from our active Squadron in Korea, but many from WWII, Korea, between the wars (BTW), and Vietnam—and many LTM's (check the enclosed Change #6)!! This, I think, is quite exciting! What I would like to do is ask these new members, and any others that haven't done so yet, to PLEASE write down your 80th Squadron memoirs, and send them in to us at the address on the front page. They will be incorporated in our 100+ page History with many others already there. Please remember—we're not doing this for us—we're doing it for our children and grandchildren. If we don't, many important historical and personal details will be lost forever. **Thank you!!**

HEADHUNTER STORE!!

Okay—time to get ready for the reunion! These items are now available in our "HEADHUNTER STORE." The "Blazer Emblem", "Squadron Unique Tie", and "Ladies Floppy Bow" were designed and made especially for our Squadron—with our inputs! Get them now, and wear them proudly—not just at the reunions, but whenever you get dressed up! It's a great way to find other HEADHUNTERS, to! Oh by the way, don't be caught without your Squadron "Nickel!!" Unless purchased at a reunion, a small fee of **\$3 should be added** for postage to all orders—I'll take care of the "handling!":

Blazer Emblem (men's or ladies)	\$35	Golf Shirt (specify size)	\$25
Squadron Unique Tie	\$30	T Shirt (specify size)	\$12
Ladies Floppy Bow (matches tie)	\$30	Squadron Print	\$20
Squadron "Nickel" Coin <u>or</u> Keychain	\$ 4	White Hat	\$10
* <u>Personalized</u> Sq coffee mug	\$17	Black Hat	\$10
* <u>Personalized</u> Sq beer stein	\$20	Squadron Memorial Plaque	\$10
*Mug & Stein set as above	\$35	Korean-era Sq Patch	\$ 5
Current Squadron Patch	\$ 5	** <u>Personalized</u> Sq beer mug	\$25

Squadron Golf Balls (sleeve)

\$ 5

***Vipers in the Storm*—Diary of a Gulf War Fighter Pilot, by Capt Keith Rosenkranz.
Hard cover, 325 pages, with illustrations. Book price \$24.95 Order Here.**

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

** Large 25oz mug is beautiful **etched glass**. Please indicate **Squadron logo** or our **Association logo** desired, choice of **P-38, F-86, F-4, or F-16**, and include **name and/or callsign in "HEADHUNTER" or standard bold font**, and **right/left** handed, with your order. Other aircraft may be available. **Personal markings** (tail number/markings, aerial victories, etc.) available. Please call for quote.

Please send check to **"The Headhunters"; 905 Arapaho Ct; Columbus, GA 31904-1242**. Please don't forget to include **\$3 postage** on all orders.

Fighter pilot songs (Rated G) on CDs and/or tapes are available from our fellow **HEADHUNTER** Dick Jonas. Contact him at: *Erosonic*; 2001 Mountain View Glen; Ft Mojave, AZ 86426-8833.

HEADHUNTERS GETTIN' HITCHED!



Check 6!!

A 10 March '99 E-Mail from Lt Col James R. "The Mayor" Clark says, in part, "You might say I went 'Lost Wingman' for the very last time. Actually my new bride, Sandi, and I were an 'item' 30 years ago during my USAFA days and she at Colorado Women's College. As I headed west with the [F-4] *Phantom*, she went east with Eastern, and we never connected schedules. However, she was the one with the Fighter Pilot tenacity and tracked me down in late '97, and we were married last August. She is a fan of the Newsletter as well, and we did note that we were one upped by the WWII couple just ahead of us. She is still an airline person but pulling ground duties these days. Hopefully we'll get our schedules in line to get to another reunion." Congrats Jim & Sandi!

Capt Chris L. "Zippo" Fahey sent an E-Mail to us on 16 March: "Just wanted to pass along to my fellow Juvats that I've become engaged to Kimm Burger, (Sim Kimm) who was a Link Simulator Tech at Kunsan in 1995. I met her at Hill [AFB] in 1993. The wedding will be held in the St Francis of Assisi chapel at the Mission in Riverside CA, next to the aviators wall, on Aug 6th at 6pm. Also getting checked out in the P-47, and the 727 with Delta this May. Still trying to get into the P-38." That's great news, Zippo—looking forward to the wedding update!

THE STORK CORNER!



We take great pride in _____ announcing the birth of
the world's youngest **HEADHUNTERS!**

Maj Jeffrey J. “Probe” and “JJ” King are the proud new parents of a baby girl! Their e-mail message continued, “Jordan Patricia’s roll-out was on 9 Jan 99 at 1401 hours. Launch gross weight was 7 lbs 12 oz, wingspan 21 inches. Mom and baby doing well. She already has Dad wrapped around her little finger. We are looking forward to seeing everyone in San Antonio this fall.” We are, too! **Congratulations to you both!!**

“**P**roud to announce the birth of our latest little Fighter Pilot, Walker Venable. Born this afternoon (9 February) at 3:57 PM, he weighed in at 6lbs, 14ozs and was just over 20 inches long. Both Lil and Walker are doing well and resting comfortably at the Nellis base hospital. Harrison and I expect them both home for dinner Thursday evening.... wonder what she’s cooking ☺ All the best! JV, Lil, Harrison and Walker.” **Congratulations to Venable Flight!!**

Jacob Bennett Yachabach Born 6 March 1999 (3/6/99) 23:41 (11:41pm) 9# 3oz (big) Both Code-1 (Mother and baby doing well) Pictures and other info available on request!! Yak (Dave) **Congratulations to you all!!**

Congratulations to all new Moms, Dads, & “Wingmen”!!!!
All the flowers of all the tomorrows are in the seeds of today.

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.

William Goldstein
Bobbie R. Highland

WWII
WWII

Unknown
Unknown

Lt Col Keith R. Miller	Juvats	Unknown
Chester L. Schachterle	WWII	Unknown
Philip W. McIntosh	Korea	22 Nov 1988
Matthew Sacca	WWII	1 Dec 1995
Col Richard R. Coursey, Jr	Korea/CC	Apr 1996
George F. Myers	Juvats	8 Sep 1996
Maj Lester W. Sundt	Vietnam	cir Apr 1998
Col Kenneth B. Glover	Korea	7 Oct 1998
Maj Gen George B. Greene	WWII	15 Oct 1998
Harris K. Hoppe	WWII	14 Nov 1998
Charles "Dale" Walker	Korea	15 Apr 1999

Jay-

8 Feb 1999

Searching my "Dead Letter" file, I came across this letter I filed and didn't locate it, thinking I had sent it to you last summer. Sorry, TOM [Slee]

I had a very sad experience yesterday and it saddens me greatly as I feel that as "Gung Ho" as I am sometimes that there are times, as we all do now and then, we don't do enough. We slack off- can't see the forest for all the trees. I dropped the ball. I am sorry I didn't do my job.

As class president of my cadet class and in charge of the class roster, I was elated when I opened a letter with a list of some more located class members. Especially when I saw a name of a classmate with an address in the Tacoma area not more than a couple of miles from me. I recognized the name as a member of the Sabre Pilots Association that I had talked to a few times 10 years ago and a few times back when I noticed he was a Headhunter on the roster living in Tacoma. But, I never pursued contacting him or meeting him and getting acquainted with him. I would have found out that we had a lot in common. Classmates but at different bases, flew the F-86, and were in the 80th Fighter Squadron but at different times, and probably much more. I immediately, not knowing why the name was familiar, called the number listed in the book, knowing the location by the address and the prefix number. I got the recorder. So, I left a message joyfully with the information of the 53-B reunion in San Antonio, happy that we had found another classmate. About 20 minutes later, I received a phone call from a lady with a Japanese accent. I realized immediately that she was speaking with a lot of stress when she gave me her name. But when I asked of her husband, she broke down and couldn't talk. I asked if he had passed away and she answered, "Yes". I talked with her for about thirty minutes giving her my condolences and learning more of a friend I never met.

Major Lester Sundt, Ret USAF, passed away approximately ten months ago. In very good health, he died quite suddenly from cancer.

E-mail on 16 April: "We are deeply saddened by our loss tonight. Dale Walker passed away unexpectedly. He has been sick a few weeks with what doctors diagnosed as sinus problems and tonight he had a very bad episode and heart failure. We will miss him so." [signed] Lisa Harvey. So will we miss him, too, Lisa. Our condolences go out to your mother, you, and your families.

On 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.



The next **HEADHUNTER HEADLINES** will be dated 1 September 1999
and will contain Reunion & Hotel Registration Forms!

PLEASE RENEW YOUR DUES IF YOU RECEIVED A LETTER HEREIN!!



Mother's Day - 9 May



Memorial Day - 31 May



Father's Day - 20 Jun



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