



80th FIGHTER SQUADRON

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Greetings, Fellow **HEADHUNTERS!**

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



Photo, sent in by Dave Groark, taken at Yokota AB in 1965 with an F-105 *Thunderchief*—better known as the “Thud.”
80th TFS pilots standing (L-R): Dave Weaver, Bob Taylor, Jack Redmond, Giles Gainer, and Rod Bowden.

Kneeling (L-R): Dave Groark, Louie Pazel and Bob Keller.

(Note our Squadron patch and old flammable cotton flight suits worn in the 1960’s and 1970’s.)

In 1962 the 80th began to transition to the F-105 *Thunderchief*, and in May 1964 moved to Yokota Air Base, Japan, where it was attached to the 41st Air Division. A few months afterwards, the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing moved to the United States, so the "**Headhunters**" were reassigned to the 41st Air Division. Stationed at Yokota until 1971, the 80th Tactical Fighter Squadron served under several different parent units over the next few years, including the 6441st Tactical Fighter Wing, 41st Air Division, and 347th Tactical Fighter Wing. The squadron performed two combat deployments to Southeast Asia in 1964 and 1965, serving first for two months at Korat Air Base, Thailand and later for two months at Takhli Air Base, Thailand. For these two combat tours the 80th earned the Vietnam Advisory campaign streamer. During this period, 8 TFW/CC Col Robin Olds gave the 8th TFW its nickname of "Wolf Pack." It has stuck ever since, and is known the world over.



This photo, also sent in by Dave Groark, shows a flight of 4 Thuds dropping MK-82 500 lb bombs in North Vietnam c1966

These two deployments made up the total of the 80th Tactical Fighter

Squadron's involvement in Vietnam. 80th pilots flew against such major targets as the Tai Nguyen steel plant, storage facilities at Haipong, northeast and northwest rail lines, Phuc Yen, Kep, and the infamous Doumer Bridge. On 23 August 1967, while flying an F-105 *Thunder Chief* (the largest single-engine fighter ever produced), 1Lt Dave Waldrop gunned down a Mig-17 over North Vietnam. While in Vietnam, the 80th accumulated 7,384 combat missions in Southeast Asia, with 2,657 combat missions over North Vietnam. These missions represent 17,104.4 combat hours over Southeast Asia. Members of the 80th were decorated with 7 Silver Stars, 64 Distinguished Flying Crosses, and 426 Air Medals while deployed to Vietnam. Sadly, several "**Headhunters**" remained in Vietnam after the Squadron departed. Of these, Quincy Collins, Murphy Neal Jones, and Don Heiliger--POW's--were repatriated and returned home in 1973 after a long stay in the "Hanoi Hilton." All three are now LTM's of our Association. However, William V. Frederick, shot down over North Vietnam 5 July 1967 and Lynn K. Powell, also shot down over the North on 21 August 1967, remain listed as Missing in Action (MIA).

Latest intelligence from the Pentagon at press time: Gen Richard B. Myers, a Vietnam-era **Headhunter**, will be the next *Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff!*

THE REAL LAST MISSION OF WWII!!



Photo sent in by Col Chuck Hetherington
 Standing (L-R): Jim Meckoll, Ohneck, Ohleman, Schacterle, Breeden (SQ/CC), Hetherington, Perry, Cromwell, Boudrow
 Kneeling (L-R): Jenkins, Ball, Pruner, Buchanau, Cammack, Dalton, Hilgart
 Photo taken in front of Bill Pruner's P-38 "Shady Lady" just prior to take-off.

Col Chuck Hetherington, one of our WWII LTM's, writes, "The picture on the Headhunter Headlines (Feb 1, 01) is incorrect. I hate to question the photographic source of Michael Claringbould [where the photo and write-up came from], but his data is in error. Enclosed is a pic (you can keep this copy) I have had since WWII. These are the jocks that escorted the Japs into Ie Shima. I have been in touch with Jim Meckoll, and he agrees that this pic is, indeed, the final sortie of WWII and for the 80th." [Ed note] *Thanks, Chuck, for this info!*

ROBBINS MEMORIAL DONATIONS

In memory of Lt Gen Jay T. Robbins, who passed away on 3 March, donations to our 80th Fighter Squadron Headhunters Association were requested by Gen Robbins and his family in lieu of flowers. This is a list of tax-deductible donations received from 1 June to 1 Sept:

- Sidney Adelstein (WWII).....\$200
- Norb & Eileen Ruff (WWII).....\$100
- 1Lt Michael R. Weinreich (WWII).....\$ 50
- Anonymous (Juvat).....\$ 50
- Lt Col & Mrs Richard B. Young (Juvat).....\$ 5

E-mail on 10 June: “JayBird: It wasn't until we read your latest Headhunter Headlines that my mother and I realized how many people were kind enough to send donations to the Headhunter Association in memory of Jay T. Robbins. The whole family would like to extend our gratitude to them for their generous gifts, and we would once again like to thank you specifically for publishing the "Special Edition" honoring Dad on such short notice. Next to taking money off of Paul Murphy (or anyone for that matter) on the golf course, participating in Headhunter Reunions was an event that he always cherished. We are also proud and indeed honored to hear that the 80th Fighter Squadron has hung Dad's Alicante Litho in their Mass Briefing Room. Could you please send me the email/address of Lt Col Walden, as we have some memorabilia which the Juvats might want. Thanks again, Robbie” [Robbins]

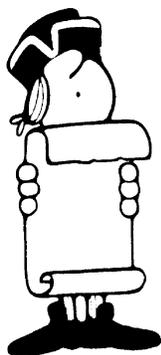
For those of you who wish to send in contributions, please make checks payable to “*The Headhunters*,” for whom you would like the contribution to be remembered, and whether or not you would like to remain anonymous. They are all tax deductible. **Thank you** in advance.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS !

It gives us great pleasure to welcome these **16 new members** to our ranks for the **first time** (in the order of "signing up" since 1 June). **Equally rewarding** are the **many** members who have **rejoined** after 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or even 9 years absence! **Welcome back to all!** As of this date we have 336 Yearly, plus 478 LifeTime Members (LTMs)—**814 Total!!**

Our total membership for the 2000 – 2001 membership year that just ended on 30 June was 400 Yearly, plus 468 LTM's—**868 Total**. So why the drop now? Dues are still coming in for this next membership year of 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002. They come in slowly throughout the year and peak in June. Watch as we surpass 868 for this Membership Year by next June!

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



Capt Richard M. Murray (00-01)	Maj John L. Dolan (99-00)
Capt Elizabeth A. Benson (00-01)	1Lt Jason L. Cooper (01-02)
Capt Michael A. Abair (00-01)	Maj Paul W. Arbizzani (00-01)
Capt Christopher E. Kibble (00-01)	1Lt Jay U. Mahajan (00-01)
Capt Jon K. Tinsley (00-01)	Col John K. Roll (89-90)
Mrs Jeanette M. Albright (Honorary)	1Lt Robert Q. Troy (01-02)
Col Kerry May (8OG/CC 91-92)	Col Rodney B. Beckman (63-67)
Lt Col John C. Colombo (88-89)	Col Joe T. Stockett (60-63; 75-76)

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 in Ft Walton Beach 19-22 September 2002!** 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—**Thank you!**

If Guns cause Crime, then Matches cause Arson

Gen Robbins' "JANDINA IV" COLLECTABLE MODEL

There is a new release by Armour Collections. It is a 1/48th scale die cast metal replica of Lt Gen Jay T. Robbins' 80th Fighter Squadron *Jandina IV* that he flew as a Major in 1944 when he downed his 22nd kill of the War. It is 9.25" long, has a 12.75" wingspan, and weighs 2.2 lbs. It comes complete (not a kit) with a reproduction of the original 80th Fighter Squadron "HEADHUNTERS" patch, a beautiful Certificate of Authenticity endorsed by Gen Robbins' family suitable for framing, and a full color brochure detailing the History of our 80th Fighter Squadron & an insightful Biography into the life of Gen Jay T. Robbins, the highest scoring Ace of the 80th Fighter Squadron and the 8th Fighter Group. Our *80th FS Headhunters Association* gets a percentage of each sale IAW Gen Robbins' wishes. The pre-release sale price is \$64.95 + \$6 shipping before 31 Oct, and \$74.95 + \$6 shipping after 31 Oct. A total of only 1500 were just made for worldwide release. Contact JayBird for more details and orders. **Thank you!**

THE MAIL BAG

Letter received 21 June: "JAYBIRD—COL RIEDEL. I'M MICHAEL R. WEINREICH, 1ST LT OF WW-II VINTAGE. I ARRIVED AT NEW GUINEA, AT THE 80TH FIGHTER SQUADRON, ABOUT JAN 1944. I CAME WITH THREE OTHER NEW PILOTS: HATFIELD, O.J. HARRIS AND ANOTHER NAMED JOHN, WHO CRASHED ON A TAKE OFF AND DIED.



LT JAY ROBBINS WAS THE COMMANDING OFFICER. WE WERE INTRODUCED AT OUR ARRIVAL BY A P-38 FLYING UPSIDE DOWN OVER THE CAMP. THAT WAS MY FIRST MEETING WITH CY HOMER. YEARS LATER I MET HIM AT THE FIRST REUNION WE HELD AT JACKSON HOLE. CY WENT ON HIS LAST FLIGHT SOME YEARS BACK. I NOW FIND THAT O.J. HARRIS IS ALSO GONE.

I'M NOW 82 YEARS OLD. MY BODY IS FINE BUT THE PARTS ARE WEARING OUT. MY DOCTORS TELL ME, I DON'T HAVE ANY THING THAT WILL KILL ME SOON, BUT I'LL SUFFER THE REST OF MY LIFE. WHEN I HEARD THAT GEN ROBBINS DIED, I FELT VERY BAD. NOW I FIND O.J. HARRIS IS GONE TOO. I HOPE WE ALL MEET UP THERE.

I REMEMBER FLYING A P-39 ONE DAY. I WENT AS HIGH AS I COULD TO TEST ITS ABILITY FOR HEIGHT. AT ABOUT 40,000 FT IT STARTED TO WOBBLE AND STALL. THAT WAS AS CLOSE TO HEAVEN I HAD EVER BEEN. I'M SURE I HEARD HARPS PLAYING. IT WAS A PEACEFUL FEELING. I NOW TELL EVERYONE 'I'M SURE I'LL GET TO HEAVEN BECAUSE I'VE BEEN THERE BEFORE.'

THE REASON I'M WRITING IS I'M SENDING A CHECK FOR THE COCK ROBBINS FUND. HE WAS VERY KIND TO ME AS A NEW PILOT. I FLEW HIS WING MANY TIMES. I FELT VERY SAFE NEAR HIM. I ALSO REMEMBER THE CHICKEN DINNERS HE INVITED ME TO IN HIS QUARTERS. I BELIEVE THE LIFE IN THE 80TH HEADHUNTERS WAS THE HIGH LIGHT OF MY LIFE. I'M GLAD I WAS GIVEN THE CHANCE TO BE A 'HEADHUNTER'." [signed] LT MICHAEL R. WEINREICH [Ed Note]

So are we, Michael. Thank you for your great letter and insight into our early Squadron's past. May you always have blue skies.



(Another photo of Ken preflighting his ordnance prior to a flight)

Ken was killed shortly after that photo was taken, and his family has been trying for years to find out the details.

E-mail on 6 July: “Hi: We were at a Yacht Club party on the 4th, and a dear friend of ours told us quite a story. She was talking about how she found the 80th web site and wanted to get on the E-Mail listing to receive future data. She told me how she begged to become eligible and how some nice gentleman finally gave in and put her on the mailing list. I asked if it was someone named Jay Riedel, and she answered thumbs up. She is a retired schoolteacher and a terrific individual. She is married to a general contractor, and she goes by the nickname of ‘Clutch’. Her husband, ‘Jake’ has a private pilots license and is somehow still among the living. Anyway, thank you for taking care of her desire, and she will make a great member. [signed] Screwy Looie” [Schriber] [Ed note:] *Jeanette M. “Clutch” Albright is a great friend of the Air Force and enjoys fighter squadrons. She writes: “I was in my teens during WW2. Had a brother who survived WW2, a son at West Point in the 70’s, a sister-in-law who was one of the first nurses to arrive at Dachow, and most of my friends served in either the European or Pacific during and after WW2. I think the world of our military and the pilots who have served!” She joined our Association on 20 July, and we’re proud to have her and her husband “Jake” with us! Welcome!!*

E-mail on 11 August: “My dad was with the 80th, Dec 43 to May 45. Looking for any info I can get from whom ever on my Dad's time with the 80th. He had two confirmed and one probable kills. He was also one of the guys on the 26 of Dec 1944 attack on the Jap Task Force (DFC Mission). Have been in contact with Paul Murphy, and he has provided me a lot of info. I have also found a book on the 80th during WWII, which had some info on dad. Found some of the old stuff dad had kept. It included his flight log book from WWII, copies of special orders for medals and stuff like that. I'm in the process of compiling it to a CD. I'm currently working for the AF at Edwards on the F-22 program. Been with the AF (4 in uniform and 29 as a civilian employee) for 33 years now. Thanks, Johnny [Roth]” [Ed note:] *This message was sent out to all our WWII people that are on-line. The following message from “Screwy Looie” Schriber, one of our WWII Aces, arrived about 30 minutes later!*

“Dear John: Your father must have been Russel ‘Rusty’ Roth, a good friend of Paul Murphey's and mine. He was a fun guy and a good pilot. Also, he was an excellent parachute jumper. Following the December 26, 1944 Jap Task Force fiasco, we flew to the island of Leyte, as our airstrip at Mindoro had been damaged by Jap bombers. The next day your Dad and I were on our way back to Mindoro when I noticed flames coming from his right engine. I radioed him of the problem, and he started to slip and slide in hopes it would correct itself. It was getting really ablaze, and I called for him to bail the hell out. He ejected the canopy, and then I saw him go head first from the cockpit, off the wing to the open air. It seemed like forever for his chute to open, and when he lit in the water, the chute didn't collapse, and he was dragged along the ocean top like a surfer. He finally collapsed the chute and inflated his life raft. I flew over the top to see if he was Ok, and he was waving his bailing bucket to get my attention and let me know all was well. I radioed Mindoro for a rescue PBY to pick him up, but when they arrived, it was too rough for them to land. I then asked them to send out a PT Boat, and I would stay until they arrived. This all took about two hours, and when the PT Boat arrived, I flew over the top of ‘Rusty’ and his raft and fired my guns to show the PT Boat where to go. Later your Dad told me the scariest part of the whole deal was my firing my guns over his head. He was safe, I couldn't hit a bull in the ass with a hand full of peas. As I remember your father stayed in the service and was a Test Pilot at Edwards. Is this correct? Anyway, your Dad was a great guy and a dear friend. [Signed] Lou Schriber.”

E-mail on 16 August: “Jaybird The attached page is from the August issue of Aeroplane magazine. I am sure that Col. ‘Skeets’ Gallagher is the same as Col. Raymond K. Gallagher who was C.O. 8th Fighter Bomber Wing (F-80's) when I reported in as a fresh-out-of-training 2/Lt in June '52. He is now deceased but I believe is a former member of our association who flew with the 80th during some phase of WW II. So far as I know the U.S.S. John C. Stennis is our newest and largest carrier, and it is good to know that it is commanded by the son of a former ‘Headhunter.’ Would you check your archives and see if my memory is correct - that his late father was a Headhunter? Might want to put it in the news on the website if my recollection is correct. Check 6, Jerry” [Minton] [Ed Note] *Col Raymond K. Gallagher was a fellow Headhunter from the Korean War era. Thanks to Jerry for sending this in.*

E-mail on 20 August: “While looking for some information on the Lewis & Clark trail I discovered that Stephen E. Ambrose, author of D-Day, Citizen Soldiers, Band of Brothers, etc. is researching a new book on the war in the Pacific-WWII. I suspect that our WWII Headhunters could provide some valuable information to the author on their personal participation and that of the squadron, group, etc. If you think it worthwhile you might pass along the info. The way I read it info could be provided by pilots, ground personnel, families and others - oral histories, letters, non-classified documents and whatever.” Best Regards – Jerry [Minton] [Ed note] *If you would like to send in any of your WWII experiences for this project, please send to: Office of Stephen Ambrose; PO Box 1713; Helena, MT 59624.*

E-mail on 21 August: [Ed note] *This e-mail came in from one of our LTM's, Penny Wilson. She is originally from South Africa (SA), but now lives in Texas. Her father flew in the Battle of Britain. She went back to SA to visit a few weeks ago. Here is an excerpt from her message: “...The feeling here is one of despair and a lot of fear. However, everyone has a great sense of humor, which keeps them going. It is a magnificent country with warm good people, but there is not a soul here who hasn't had a friend killed, mugged, hijacked, raped or murdered....if not had one of those happen to them personally. All homes since I was last here 4 yrs ago are now installed with central burglar alarms, including my own home. It is strange to unlock the door and dash for the keypad on the far side of the room to punch in the disarm code. Doors remain locked at all times, and my mother's home is heavily guarded, and it is a real pain to unlock doors and then security trellis doors, to get outside to have a ciggie.....but one gets used to it, and soon accepts the situation, though it is not pleasant.... **Please instill in your children and grandchildren the incredible honor it is for them to have been born in America, and the wonderful opportunities available to them in the USA. It is a privilege to be American, and a country worthy of being loyal to. God Bless America.**” [Ed note] *Thanks, Penny—hurry back to your beloved Fossil Rim in Texas.**

You never get a second chance to make a first impression.

HURTIN' HEADHUNTERS



E-mail from Ken Lloyd on 22 June: “Last Tuesday I got home from a 5 day stay in The Loma Linda University Hospital where 85% of my lower right eyelid was removed along with several lymph nodes. It all started last November when a lesion was biopsied on my lower right eyelid. The pathology report at that time was negative. However, the lesion did not go away so I demanded a second opinion and had another biopsy in March. This one also came back negative, but the dermatologist insisted on another opinion so the slides were sent to Harvard Medical School where they found the lesion to be a very aggressive cancer (Merkel Cell Carcinoma). It is very rare with only 600 known cases in the USA. I am very fortunate, as the pathology reports show no spreading of the cells to the nearest lymph nodes. In order to make the lower lid the plastic surgeon took a wedge of skin from the forehead and brought it down to start forming a new eyelid. So far I have not had any pain to speak of except the area on the right ear and

neck where the lymph nodes were removed. This area is quite swollen and feels like I have a golf ball sewn up in there and makes swallowing difficult at times. The surgeon says it will take months for the swelling to go down. The morning after surgery the new flap from the forehead was pooling blood so the surgeon ordered "leeches" put on that spot every 4 hours to bite holes in the new eyelid for the blood to drain. This procedure is very common with auto accident victims. That went on for two days and then stopped as the blood began circulating properly. I am scheduled for more reconstructive surgery on July 10th when the skin flap from the forehead is separated and the new eyelid is formed to rest against the eyeball. Hopefully this will be the finished product and require no more surgery. My golf foursome wants me to hurry back as they need my money? Told them it will be 6 to 8 weeks before I can return to golf. My love and best wishes to all of you....Ken.”

14 July UPDATE!

“Hi Jay: Last Tuesday was on the operating table 2 1/2 hours getting the flap detached from my forehead and a piece of skin from behind the ear grafted to the new lower right eyelid. Part of the original flap had died so skin graft was necessary. Surgeon thinks that no more surgery will be needed, thank goodness. Throat is still sore from that tube the anesthetist puts down your throat. The 4" scar across my forehead has pulled the eyebrow up a little, but I still can move my eyebrow up and down. Lost feeling in the right ear and cheek, which is normal when the nerves are cut. Expect to be Combat Ready soon!! ...Ken. PS: Maybe I should tell everyone that the scar is from a Jap bullet coming through the canopy? Trouble is it looks too new to get away with that.” [Ed Note] *We all hope and pray that you are well and healed by the time we're reading this on 1 September, Ken!*

E-Mail from Roy Moore and Gladis Maw 25 Aug: “Joe Maw (Clarence E. Maw) was one of the Headhunters at Okinawa between the wars. 1956/57. Joe is home from the hospital. The cancer is a very aggressive one, and the doctors tell us that he has only a few weeks left. I'm sure Joe would like to hear from any of the troops that knew him way back when....
cemaw@earthlink.net Ph: (254) 741 9180. Feel free to call me if you wish. With Love, Gladis”
[Ed note:] *Our hopes and prayers go out to Joe & Gladis during these very trying times. Their address is: 5401 Lake Jackson St; Waco, TX 76710-2745.*

“It took me seventeen years to get three thousand hits in baseball.
I did it in one afternoon on the golf course.” [Hank Aaron]

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Kirby, Hal Fischer, and I visited our active duty Squadron in Korea 15-19 June! We had a great time, and our thanks go out again to all who made our visit so memorable. That was my first time back in over 21 years since I left “The Kun” in February 1980. Many things looked the same, but most of the buildings have been modernized. There is a beautiful new Loring Club (named after our Korean-era 80th Fighter Bomber Sq MH winner Maj Chuck Loring) which has a “Top Gun” and “Turkey Shoot” awards board in the lobby. As always, about 80% of the names on those boards are 80th people!! We are already planning another visit back during Hollandia Week in early April! We love the Kun so much, we just can’t stay away!!

MASTER ROSTER & E-MAIL/FAX LIST CHANGES

Enclosed are your Master Roster & E-mail/Fax List Changes. Please note these are only changes, and not complete new lists! Only information that has changed since the last (1 June) newsletter is included. If you have any additions/corrections to any of your information, please send to me for updating. A complete 51-page, 1823-person Master Roster and/or 16-page, 600-person E-mail/Fax List is/are available upon request. Thanks.

HEADHUNTER STORE!!

Get these items now, 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 **\$4 should be added** for postage to all orders (unless otherwise noted)—I’ll take care of the “handling!” **Note the new Vietnam-era patches added to our Store! (See the photo on page 1.)**

Blazer Emblem (men’s or ladies)	\$35	Golf Shirt (specify size)	\$29
Squadron Unique Tie	\$30	T Shirt (specify size)	\$12
Ladies Floppy Bow (matches tie)	\$30	Squadron F-16 Litho Print	\$20
Sq “Nickel” Coin or Keychain	\$ 4	White Hat	\$10
*Personalized Sq coffee mug	\$20	Black Hat	\$10
*Personalized Sq beer stein	\$23	Squadron Memorial Plaque	\$10
*Mug & Stein set as above	\$40	Korean-era Sq Patch	\$ 5
Current Squadron Patch	\$ 5	Vietnam-era Sq Patch	\$ 5
**Personalized Sq beer mug	\$25	Lapel Pin/Tie Tack	\$ 3
Squadron Logo Golf Balls (sleeve)	\$10	***Squadron Bolo Tie	\$10
Headhunter Tattoos (fun!) 2 for a	\$ 1	Reunion ’99 Shopping Bag	\$ 1
Reunion ’99 Golf Towel	\$ 1		

* 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-39, P-38, P-51, F-80, F-86, F-84, F-100, F-105, F-4, or F-16**, and include **name and/or callsign in "HEADHUNTER" or standard bold font**, and **right/left handed**, with your order. **Personal markings** (tail number/markings, aerial victories, etc.) available. Other aircraft may be available. Please call for quote.

Please send check to "**The Headhunters**"; **905 Arapaho Ct; Columbus, GA 31904-1242**. Please don't forget **\$4 postage** on all orders (accept patches, coins, tattoos, & lapel pin.)

***** HEADHUNTER BOLO TIE** by Chuck Baisden ***

These **handmade** bolo ties, finely crafted from Montana, Colorado, and Wyoming **deer antler**, are truly beautiful. Of course, each one is slightly different, but they measure approximately 1" wide x 2" long x 3/8" thick, and have our **Headhunter** logo on the front. The tie string is olive drab nylon parachute cord with .30 cal copper bullets at the two ends. **The price of \$10 includes shipping**. They come with a **100% satisfaction guarantee**--if you don't like it, send it back for a full refund. **Please place your order directly with Chuck at (912) 897-1714** for these unique **Headhunter** gifts!!

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

Thud Ridge and **Going Downtown**—two great books by our own **Headhunter** Col Jack Broughton, now in reprint. They both contain outstanding Vietnam air war coverage—and the politics behind it. Order direct from Col Broughton: (949) 859-9087

Vipers in the Storm by another of our **Headhunters**, Capt Keith "Rosey" Rosenkranz. His personal adventures flying F-16's in Desert Storm. Great book! Order direct from Rosey at (817) 706-8660.

THE STORK CORNER!



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

Life is not a dress rehearsal---you only get one shot.

E-mail on 30 June: "JayBird, The von Hoffman's are proud to announce the birth of Kathleen Kelly von Hoffman. 9lbs 3oz and 21 inches on 20 June 2001 at 1248hrs. Cauley and I were at Kunsan together in 1993. She was the Wing fuels officer (Juvat callsign "Slugger") and I was a punk in the Juvats (Lt Mich von Hoffman [Skippy]). We are now living in Montgomery, Ala-

bama where Cauley is Active Duty working for the Air Force Logistics Management Agency and I am flying with the Alabama Air National Guard (Block 30 Big Lip just like Kunsan). We got married on mid-tour at Kunsan, and eight years later we have three kids and a great marriage. Who says Kunsan is a bad deal? [Signed] Mich and Cauley von Hoffman”

Congratulations to Mich & Cauley!

E-mail on 23 July: “Dear Friends, Erica and I are happy to announce the arrival of Alexander Clifton Gantt. He was born on 20 July 2001 by Caesarian section at 2132 CDT at Baptist East Hospital in Montgomery, AL. Alex weighed 8 lbs 2 oz and measured 20 3/4". Baby, Mother and Father are all doing great; everyone is home and attempting to get settled into some kind of routine. Erica was amazing through the 15 hours of induced labor and is recovering well! Her staples were removed today and is up and walking around. Erica's mom, Chris, is here helping us through the first 2 weeks of Alex's life; her help is greatly appreciated! We have truly been blessed! [signed] Mike, Erica, and Alex [Gantt]” **Congratulations to Mike & Erica!**

Congratulations to all on their newest “Wingman!”

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.

Eugene J. Zehr

Korea/LTM

10 Mar 2000

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 December 2001
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Labor Day – 3 Sept



Halloween – 31 Oct



Veterans Day – 11 Nov



Thanksgiving – 22 Nov



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The "Head Hunter"



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