



80TH FIGHTER SQUADRON



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Greetings, Fellow HEADHUNTERS!

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

THE NEXT HEADHUNTER REUNION

O.K.--Here it is--the moment you've been waiting for: please post the following information on your calendars as you read this! The next reunion, hosted by Jim & Lois Ince, will be **October 1-4, 1992 at The Menger Hotel in San Antonio!** The Menger is the oldest hotel in continuous operation in the US, but don't let that scare you--it's also one of the most beautiful! Our Hospitality room is quite large, has plenty of room for a loooong bar, tables & chairs for socializing, and looks right down on the Alamo! More details later as they develop. If anyone would like to help with the reunion, please contact Jim & Lois; 2810 Thousand Oaks; Suite #110; San Antonio, TX 78232, or telephone (512) 599-0251. They'll appreciate it very much.

HEADHUNTERS IN COMBAT!

Well, Desert Storm is over (sort of) and most of the troops are home. We know of one of our own HEADHUNTERS who participated in this war--Lt Col Ron White, an A-10 pilot with the 706th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Naval Air Station, New Orleans, LA. Ron returned on 17 May, so he & his wife Sharon had a valid excuse for missing our Reunion!! We haven't had a chance to talk to Ron yet on his experiences, but as you remember, the A-10s did an outstanding job of bustin' tanks and huntin' Scud Missiles. I'm sure Ron has some great words to say--let's meet him at the bar in San Antonio and swap war stories with him! Any other HEADHUNTERS in Desert Storm?

HISTORY OF THE WORD JUVAT

Many of you have asked about the origin of JUVAT. Some of you may know that Sol Harp was *the first* JUVAT! Alright, here it is! This is reprinted from one of Kirby's newsletters of 1987: JUVAT dates back to 1971 when the Squadron was about to be deactivated. Our own Lt Gen Jay T. Robbins, who was Vice Commander of TAC at the time, caught the action at the 11th hour and saved it from being shut down. It was restaffed with all new personnel, primarily from the 391st Tactical Fighter Squadron (TFS), 475th Tactical Fighter Wing (TFW). The 391st Squadron insignia was a tiger's head on an inverted triangular green background. Below the patch, on a rocker, was the motto "AUDENTES FORTUNA JUVAT" which translates from the Latin: "Fortune Favors (Aids) the Bold." As these new 80th Squadron people were removing their 391st patches, they would grasp the triangular patch by the upper left hand corner to tear them off. All would

tear off except the word "JUVAT". It caught on immediately. The harder the higher echelons attempted to stamp it out, the more entrenched it became (to the point of covering the Wing Commander's flight suit with JUVAT patches each time he hung a suit on the line to dry). The motto has also been adopted by the Squadron, with very common usage.

SQUADRON PHOTO ALBUM PROJECT

Paul & Sue Murphey; P.O. Box 405; Meridian, TX 76665 have taken the initiative to redo and print most of the old Squadron negatives and pictures. When they get them done, they'll try to identify as many of the men/places as possible (this may take a few bottles of scotch and as much help as they can get from the WWII HEADHUNTERS), and then 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. This is a very time consuming project; however, it's something that really needs to be done. Kirby suggested that Paul take an assortment of the photos to a local newspaper to see if they would do a photo spread. It worked! Enclosed is a copy for just about everyone! Thanks, Kirby, for a great idea! If you have any old WWII Squadron photos and would like to donate them to this Squadron project, please identify them and send to Paul & Sue. How about you Korean War, BTW, Vietnam, and JUVATS? Who has photos and would like to do the same for these time periods? 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 most of you know already, we decided at the Myrtle Beach Reunion to have dues of \$10/year to ensure a fairly dependable source of Squadron funds instead of depending on the very generous donations of a very few and "out-of-pocket." The word went out to all 1375 names on our Master HEADHUNTER Roster on the first of June. Unfortunately, almost 200 of these newsletters were returned from the post office because of old addresses with expired forwarding instructions. About another 75 were returned with updated addresses and sent out again--and some of those were also returned. We have heard of others who never received their newsletter (changed apartment # in same apartment complex--"not at this address; forwarding order expired"!), but had received a copy from another HEADHUNTER. And still others who received their newsletters THREE MONTHS later are still responding!! Thanks sooooo much, post office! To all of you who have spread the word with personal contacts, I thank you very much--PLEASE KEEP IT UP!! The bottom line is that, as of today, we have 270 dues-paying, card-carrying, hard-core HEADHUNTERS!! That's us--the ones who are receiving this newsletter and updated Master HEADHUNTER Roster! If you notice in your Roster, all 1375 names are still there--we didn't "delete them from the Roster if they didn't pay their yearly dues" as we originally stated. Some may want to at a later date. Others may want to sign-up after being contacted by other HEADHUNTER buddies. And still others we have no current address for, but some of you may know how to reach them. If you can fill in any of the blank addresses, or update any others, PLEASE let me know!! But most importantly, if any of YOU move or get a new address, PLEASE drop me a card--especially you who are overseas at APOs--the post office will only honor your old APO # for one (1) year--the clock is ticking...!

Now, looking at the Roster, how do we know who's current and who isn't? Look over on the far right at the three columns: CC for HEADHUNTER Commander; ACE for our Aces; and CUR for those of us who are current--(T)rue or (F)alse. We're also trying to add spouse's names, Zip+4 zip codes, Nicknames/Callsigns, and full telephone numbers in the Roster, but that info is REALLY sketchy!! If you all could send that info to me, we could build a very complete, useful Roster. Also, if you have any corrections, please let me know. Thank you!

HEADHUNTER REUNIONS

At our last reunion, a number of people wanted us to give a complete list of all our past HEADHUNTER Reunions. Paul & Sue Murphey (who have been to every one!) said they would send a list to me for this Newsletter. Here it is!

DATE	PLACE	HOST(S)		
1970, Jun 28-30	Jackson Hole, WY	M. F. Kirby	1973, Jul	Oshkosh, WI
Lou Schriber				
1975, Jul	San Diego, CA	Herschel Barnes		
1977	Dayton, OH	Es Johnson		
1979, May	San Antonio, TX	Robbins, Kirby, Murphey	1981, Jun	Cocoa Beach,
FL	"Salty" Peters			
1983, Jun	Salt Lake Cty, UT	Mark Kasper		
1985, Jun 20-23	Colorado Spgs, CO	Don McGee		
1986, Oct 9-12	McAllen, TX	Kirby, L.C. Bradley		
1988, May 19-22	Williamsburg, VA	Bill Hagar		
1989, Sep 7-10	Phoenix, AZ	(Dean Price), Steve Ludick		
1991, Apr 21-24	Myrtle Beach, SC	Jay Riedel, Bonnie Rose		

As you can see, they started out 2 years apart, but in 1985 it was decided to move them up to 18 months. This is much better, for we all get to see each other more often--2 years is too long!!

HEADHUNTER LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Some of you have asked about 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

Had an idea. What do you all think of establishing a HEADHUNTER HALL OF FAME PLAQUE? 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

I would like to take this opportunity to say thanks to all of you who sent in "a little extra for a few beers for the staff," or to "help defray the cost of postage, printing, etc". The Squadron appreciates it very much, and it all went "in the Kitty!!" Also, to many of you who enclosed letters, notes, ideas, and/or suggestions with your dues, thanks again. Sorry I didn't get to answer each one--one of these days, I've GOT to get organized! However, your comments are "being worked" and are not forgotten.

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 within the past three years:

Charles W. Rowan	Jun 1988
"Shorty" Norton	Jul 1988
Dean Price	1989
Yale Saffro	1990
Charles M. Lyons	1990
Vernon Van Bolden	1990
Cloyd Bayman	Oct 1990
Dennis H. Dutschke	Nov 1990

On behalf of the entire Squadron, we would like to take this opportunity to officially pass on to their families our deepest sympathies and our sincere gratitude for the contribution each of these individuals made to the Squadron and our Country. May God bless and keep them in His Flight forever.

"SEE ALL OF YOU IN '92!"

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Jay E. Riedel