

# 80<sup>th</sup> FIGHTER SQUADRON HEADHUNTERS ASSOCIATION



## HEADHUNTER HEADLINES



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"AUDENTES FORTUNA JUVAT"

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### WWII HEADHUNTERS

Mar. 4, 2011

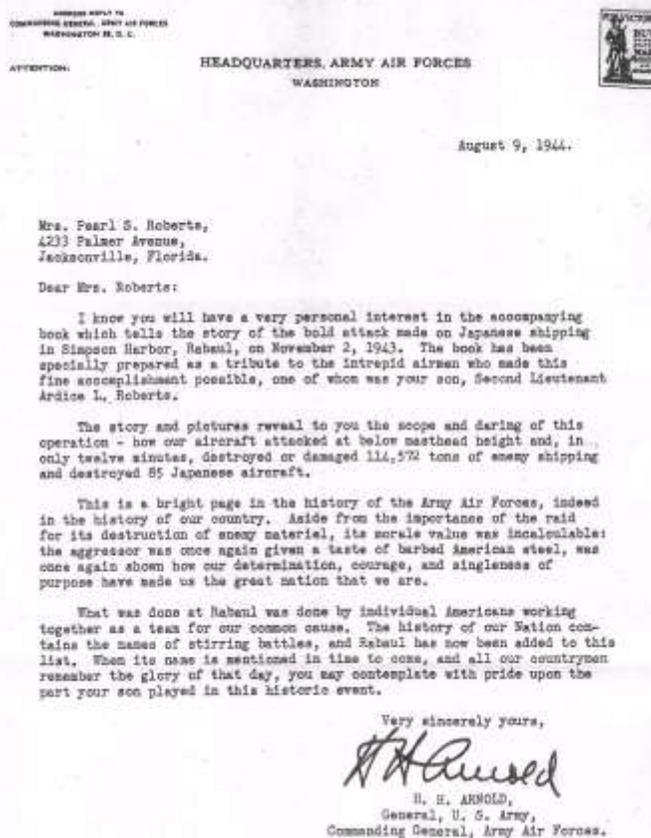
Hi Tex,

I flew my first combat mission on Nov. 2, 1943, sometimes referred to as "Bloody Tuesday"

I'm wondering if any of our current members were also on that mission.

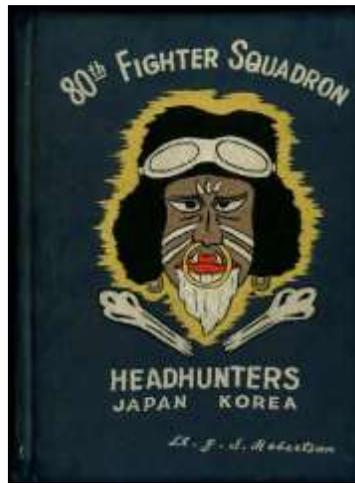
Attached is a copy of a letter written to my mother concerning the mission.

*Audentes Fortuna Juvat,  
D. L. Rocky Roberts*



### KOREAN WAR HEADHUNTERS

We are fortunate that **JR Robertson**, son of LTMs **Lorraine** and **John Robertson (RIP)** came across his dad's scrapbook dating from the start of the Korean War through June 1951. What an incredible treasure trove of information about our earliest Korean War Headhunters. The Association paid for a professionally-copied and bound book and CD. Your **Korean War Historian, Gerry Asher** has a copy of the CD. The bound book is going to **Association Historian Bob McNeese** for preservation at your new repository (more on that in a moment).



*From the preface:* "In memory of those who so gallantly served we dedicate this book..."



"The Squadron was saddened by the loss of our commander, Major Amos L. Sluder and one of our best pilots, Lt John M Netterblad. Major Sluder was hit by anti-aircraft fire while strafing an enemy tank column and Lt Netterblad crashed off the Korean coast in a violent thunderstorm. Major Harold L. Price assumed command of the squadron on 12 July".



“Brief engagements with enemy aircraft brought no kills until the 29<sup>th</sup> of June when three Russian IL-10’s were destroyed in the air by Lts Harry Sandlin and Orrin Fox”

“With the loyal airmen of all the sections keeping us in fighting trim we were an organization that was hard to beat!”

“A nasty word came to be known among the pilots- “Forward Controller.”

“The Squadron lost three fine officers this month- 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Werner F. Sieber was on a fighter sweep over Kimpo airfield when he disappeared in the low clouds surrounding (the) area. 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Orrin R. Fox was hit by anti-aircraft fire while attacking a northern stronghold behind the enemy lines. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt Glenn Payne crashed into the ground while pressing his attack on a camouflaged tank.”

“On a gunnery pass near (the Chosin Reservoir), Capt Yoakley “bounced” off the top of a mountain and managed to nurse his battered F-80 to the Wonsan harbor before he bailed out”

***Gentlemen, this is priceless information. If you have any items like this, please contact HH HQ. We’ll pay to have it reproduced and will archive it for you. Don’t leave this task up to your survivors.***

*As promised (above) Association Historian Bob ‘Driver Mac’ McNeese has arranged to have our Squadron artifacts preserved and displayed at the NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WORLD WAR II AVIATION, located in Colorado Springs, CO. They’ve agreed to display our memorabilia under the agreement that it all remains our property if they go out of business or no longer want to display it all.*

*The Museum is associated with WestPac Restorations which is in the process of restoring, as I recall, various models of 3 P-38 Lightning’s. One of these Lightning’s played a pivotal role in the 80<sup>th</sup>. I’m not allowed to discuss which one it is until restoration is mostly completed. However, our 2015 reunion will be held there. You’ll have to show up to see which one it is! (reunion details will follow in the “From The Orderly Room” section.*

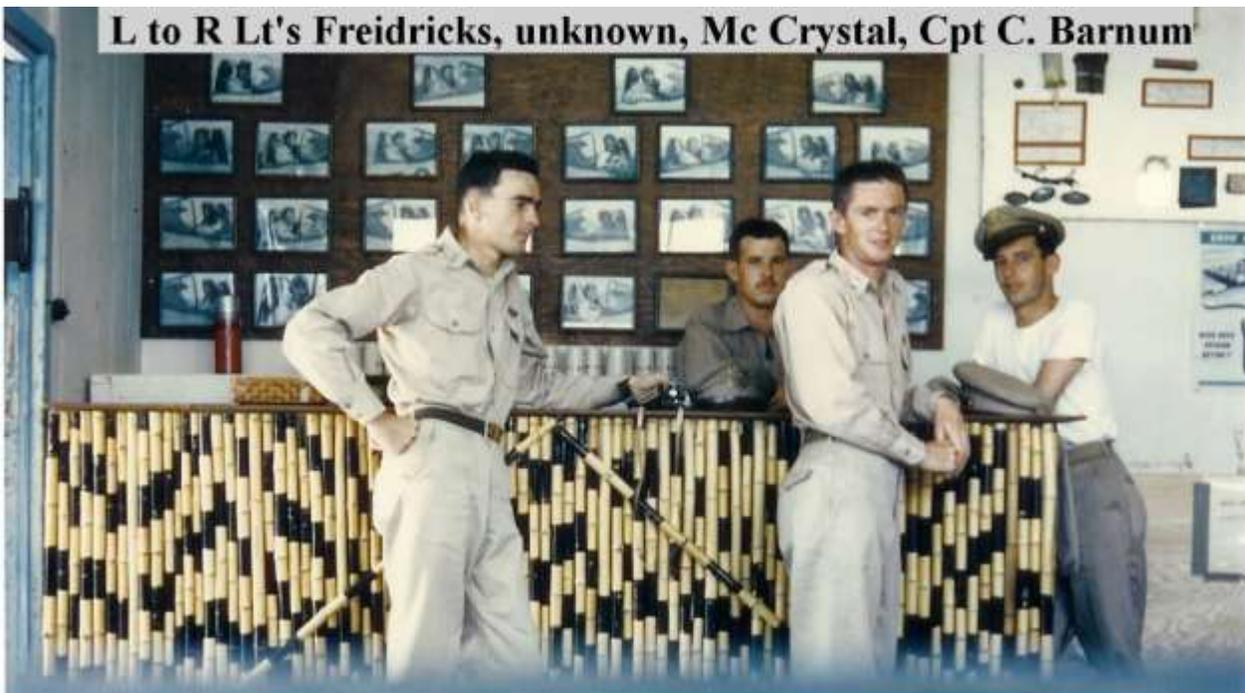
*More vintage photos from the indomitable Neil O'Keefe:*

**LtoR standing O'Keefe, Hughes, Holt, Walsh, Bedle, stooping Nutting, & Mankin**



**Manauvers in Nagoya Japan 1950 (not long before start of Korean war)**

**L to R Lt's Freidricks, unknown, Mc Crystal, Cpt C. Barnum**



**80th Ops Itazuke AFB Japan 1948-49**

**Photo by Neil O'Keefe**

## JUVAT HEADHUNTERS

*I posted this in the last newsletter, but the Public Affairs shoe clerks (after one week of repeated requests) were unable to give me any names or results. Results forwarded to me by (then) 80<sup>th</sup> Liaison Officer, **Capt Christopher “Kosmo” Cady** after we went to press. Here it is again:*



Airmen from the 80th Aircraft Maintenance Unit cheer for their squadrons' nominees during the Maintenance Professional of the Year banquet at Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea, Jan. 23, 2014. The MPOY banquet recognizes the achievements of the maintenance group and honors maintenance professionals each year. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Armando A. Schwier-Morales/ Released)

80th AMU won:

8 MXG Weapons SNCO Maintenance Professional of the Year--**MSgt Karlos Simpson**

8 MXG Weapons NCO Maintenance Professional of the Year--**TSgt Rafael Gabriel**

8 MXG Aircraft NCO Maintenance Professional of the Year--**SSgt Paul Rodriguez**

And I won --8 FW Leo Marquez Aircraft Maintenance Company Grade Manager of the Year

**CHARLES G. GLOVER, Capt, USAF 80th AMU OIC**

**God bless the guys and gals who (kept and) keep ‘em flyin’  
(or “keep ‘em skiing)**



## HEADHUNTERS DOWN

Dear Sir, I am sending you a note to let you know that (SSGT) **George Moll** passed away on May 31, 2012. He loved to read the stuff you sent. I just went through some papers and found all his newsletters. He was 83 years old . Thank you, **Helen Moll** (*Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Jim Thorpe, PA*)

**Ben L. Byland**, age 93, died in his Round Mountain home on March 26, 2014 in the company of loved ones after a prolonged battle for his life in local hospitals following chemo-therapy treatment for Leukemia. Ben, a long-time resident of Orange County, CA, and widower of his wife of 64 years, Miriam Eulabelle Byland, retired from Pacific Telephone & Telegraph, where he worked after serving in New Guinea as an Aircraft Armorer in the 80th Fighter Squadron Army Air Corps during WWII. Ben loved music, baseball, western genre movies and books, rock-hounding in the desert, hunting, fishing and shooting. Ben was secretary/treasurer for Santiago Rifle & Pistol club for over 30 years, as-well-as being the longest continuous member of Santa Ana Rock & Mineral Club. His insight, wisdom, and companionship will be sorely missed by those who knew and loved him, in whose hearts his memory will forever be treasured. **Duane Wieden** (Ben's caregiver) [duane\\_wieden@yahoo.com](mailto:duane_wieden@yahoo.com)

*NOTE: In appreciation of Duane and his wife's efforts and obvious concern for Ben's well-being, I've made Duane an Honorary Lifetime Member. Please welcome him on board.*

NAME: **David Cooper**

EMAIL: [davidcooper1967@sbcglobal.net](mailto:davidcooper1967@sbcglobal.net)

COMMENTS: **LTC Dwain "Hooch" Houck** passed away on 25 April 2014. He was a great warrior, JUVAT (Japan 70-71), and person. May he rest in peace!

*Coop, Thanks for the info. I'll put it in the May newsletter. Damn, I only talked with him once, but he seemed like a great guy. Remember what Kirby said "if you don't write it down, it is lost forever".*

*Gentlemen, do you have anything you need to tell the young guys? Memoirs? Stories? Tall tales? I'll take 'em all and publish and preserve them. Tex*

## FROM AROUND THE WORLD

*Well said, **Sir Bwana**: "NATO today is directly confronting the use of Unrestricted Warfare in Eastern Europe. This is the essence of the remarkable public online commentary on NATO's official website by the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, **General Philip Breedlove** (USAF). General Breedlove believes it is necessary to say clearly what few politicians and news sources will even whisper: war is being conducted against Ukraine. He opens his remarks with this devastating line: "What is happening in eastern Ukraine is a military operation that is well planned and organized and we assess that it is being carried out at the direction of Russia." It doesn't get any more straightforward than this.*

We in the West like our adversaries to come straight at us, to engage in forms of warfare we recognize and can counter, to be symmetrical to our own military forces in looks, values, tactics, techniques and procedures. If the enemy does not do this, we often have difficulty identifying them or even recognizing that we are at war.

**General Breedlove's** commentary appears specifically intended to make clear that what is happening in eastern Ukraine is not simply political unrest between different ethnic groups but a campaign of Unrestricted Warfare orchestrated by Moscow. What General Breedlove didn't say, but what hangs in the air like some fetid cloud of gas, is that the same tactics and techniques of Unrestricted Warfare used against Georgia and now Ukraine could be employed by Russia against many European states including Moldova, the Baltics and even Poland. If that happens, there will be war."

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[http://www.realcleardefense.com/articles/2014/04/19/the\\_general\\_says\\_what\\_the\\_politicians\\_wont\\_about\\_ukraine\\_107198.html](http://www.realcleardefense.com/articles/2014/04/19/the_general_says_what_the_politicians_wont_about_ukraine_107198.html)

*Received this from **TSGT Louis Miksits** a while back and it reads in part:*

"My greatest days in the Air Force were as a crew chief on P-38's and F-51 Mustangs. I was transferred in 1950 to the 339<sup>th</sup> FTS on account of my Allison 1710 Engine Specialist Rating (P-38s). Still, was sad to leave the 80<sup>th</sup>. The 339<sup>th</sup> all-weather fighter the F-82 'Beast of the Far East' flown by Major Little shot down one of the Yaks in the beginning of the war was crewed by me. Real proud of that." Sincerely, Former TSGT **Louis I. Miksits**"

The **North American F-82 Twin Mustang** was the last American piston-engine fighter ordered into production by the [United States Air Force](#). Based on the [P-51 Mustang](#), the F-82 was originally designed as a long-range escort fighter in World War II. In the postwar era, Strategic Air Command used the planes as a long-range escort fighter. Radar-equipped F-82s were used extensively by the Air Defense Command as replacements for the [Northrop P-61 Black Widow](#) as all-weather day/night interceptors. During the [Korean War](#), Japan-based F-82s were among the first USAF aircraft to operate over Korea. The first three North Korean aircraft destroyed by U.S. forces were shot down by F-82s, the first being a North-Korean [Yak-11](#) downed over [Gimpo Airfield](#) by the USAF [68th Fighter Squadron](#).

*Louis, speaking for all us throttle jockeys, thanks for all the hard work you guys put in keeping us in the air. Without the maintainers' dedication, blood, sweat and tears we would not have had a job!*

Jim, Please take me off the Head Hunters mail list. **Randy's** been gone 7 years and I don't know any of the guys- so keep up the good work, stay well and happy. Thank you, **Catherine Renken**.

RE; **Richard C. Brown**

Thank you for sending me the Feb 2014 edition of Headhunter Headlines. I appreciate the excerpt from Lt. Robertson's "We Call The Shots. Dick died in January 2004. He always loved flying. **Joan Brown**

EMAIL: [nsaunders8@yahoo.com](mailto:nsaunders8@yahoo.com) COMMENTS: My deceased husband, **Angus M. Saunders** served twice in the 80th. My son is looking for a book by **Sherman L. Coffin** who served about the same time. 1952 or 1953. If anyone has any information about this book please e mail me. Thanks!  
**Norma Saunders**

*I have no information on Sherman Coffin. He never joined the Association. Can anyone help Norma?-Tex*

NAME: Art Daly EMAIL: [bevalt@comcast.net](mailto:bevalt@comcast.net) COMMENTS: Love to have photos with my uncle **Raymond Daly** . He was one of original Head Hunters. Art Daly Fresno Ca.

NAME: **Ellery Voge** EMAIL: [elleryvoge@hotmail.com](mailto:elleryvoge@hotmail.com)  
COMMENTS: Thanks for sending me the last Headhunter Headlines. The story about Moseley's snake is a great memory I have. Moseley was and is still a little unusual. Never boring around guys like him. I appreciate your thoughtfulness--sending me the newsletter. I hope the BTW guys keep getting into this publication. My time in the 80th was is a precious memory.....Voge

Your news letter dated 1/NOV is outstanding. I just wanted to let you know how much I enjoyed it. **Bill Mosely** lived in the next room at Kadena so it was nice to hear of him. Think I'll write him. Thanks again' **Dave Kulaas**

Tex, My wife Lynnette, pinned on O-6 this past summer and took an assignment at 24AF / AFCYBER here in SAT as the advisor to the commander. I retired this past July out of my last assignment in the Joint Staff J5 though I really hadn't planned on it and quite frankly, wasn't ready yet.

I got picked up out of the O-6 game plan as the Chief of Staff to the 5th AF commander, Lt. Gen Sam Angelella, at Yokota AB, Japan. However, after looking for a week to find something to match Lynnette to, they let me know they couldn't find anything at Yokota (or Japan for that matter). Since we have been married 11 years--and have already had four assignments apart from each other--I elected the 7-day option. It was a very tough and emotional decision, but with 7-year old triplets at home it was just too much to be apart from my family for yet another tour.

I'm now starting to work on completing my PGA golf professional certification so I can add the professional credentials to the club fitting/building/repair work I have been doing as a hobby for the last 20 years or so. I'm a bit "late to the game" for that but the certification process really helps to teach the golf business as a whole. And if nothing else, I have had the time to properly practice and work on my game with a good instructor, so my handicap has really dropped! ;-) My best to you and family for a very Happy 2014.

**Willie Brandt**

Tex, I just separated from Active Duty and picked up a part time reserve PACAF job, so here's my parent's address that I'm using while I gallivant around the world for a year. When I land back stateside and have a home again, I will update you again so I can make it to the next 2015 event. Well, I'm not sure that my transition is newsletter worthy, but it's certainly not close-hold info. It's an IMA Reserve staff position (owned by DET 10 in Hawaii), but I'll work as an augmentee at Yongsan during ROK exercises as the AF pilot in the Joint Effects Analysis Division. It's the perfect interim job so I can travel all summer, then work my 39 days on the ROK in August, travel some more and work again next Spring...then I'll try and find a reserve gig closer to home, whenever I decide where home will be :) I did keep my party suit out of the TMO whirlwind so I can make it back down to the Kun for some debauchery. Hope all is well on your end! WIG?! **Kaleen "Klepto" Steele**

Tex, Thanks for following up on this. For the time being, the Colorado address is correct. Currently I am deployed as the OG at the 380th and will PCS upon my return in June/July. I should have that new address shortly. Will forward it ASAP. How's everything else going? V/r, **Goose Gosnell**

(Tex) sign me up. I've been out for so long, please refresh my memory of "how to". FYI, my wife Dana, went to Kirby's funeral a few years ago while I was in the sand box, She said it was awesome to see a lot of old friends and the flyby was a great send off. Lt Col **Larry James** (retiring 1 Oct 14),

Recent email exchange with **Jerry Minton**:

Thanks for the newsletter. **Bill Grusy** was "Baker" Flt Lead when I was "A" Flt Lead. Tried to call him at number in last master list but he is not there now. The last time I talked to him he was in Arizona - tried there and directory there says he died this year at age 92! When was the letter you published written? Thanks, Jerry

*Hi, Jerry. He wrote it in August 2011. Unfortunately, it's taken me this long to figure out scanners and I was too lazy to type it up myself... Best to the Minton Group. Tex*

I think Bill was a fighter pilot in WWII. He was a Flt Lead and also Deputy Sq Ops with the 80th at K-13. He was bringing a Flt back from a mission near the MLR and when he checked in with the tower **Chuck Loring** was taxiing out leading "A" Flt for a similar target and told him to hurry as one of them was supposed to be in Ops! That was Chuck's last mission.

Later that day "A" Flt went back to the same area and **Lt. James Roberts** - TDY from Clark Field, Philippines- was shot down and killed. Can't remember who was leading "A" Flt for that one. I was not on the mission board that day- it was not a good one for "A" Flt! Bill was a fine guy. After he left active duty he got a PhD in Education and held some important posts. Ended up retired in Arizona. Best to you and Rita!! Jerry

*Many of you followed the egregious witch hunt that was the prosecution of **Lt Col James "Roscoe" Wilkerson** former Juvat Squadron Commander and LTM.*

***Col Bob "Ragman" Harvey** (Retired) took up Roscoe's cause and was instrumental in keeping the pressure on the DOD for justice to be done. Here's an (solicited by me, BTW) email I got from him:*

**From:** Robert Harvey [mailto:robertharveyf16@aol.com]

**Subject:** My book is available on Amazon.com

Fellow fighter pilots and friends, As many of you know, I have written a book about the wrongful conviction of a fighter pilot for a sexual assault allegation. The case stirred a national controversy and has been in the national news now for more than 10 months. The issue is controversial but that is no excuse for convicting an innocent man. The book - ***THE WHOLE TRUTH, THE TAINTED PROSECUTION OF AN AMERICAN FIGHTER PILOT***, examines the record of trial in depth to prove innocence. I expose wrongdoing on the part of Air Force investigators, Prosecutors, and commanders in their overzealous drive to convict a fighter pilot, and how prosecutors put the entire fighter pilot community on trial for a hand-picked jury of non-pilots.

During my research, I discovered that the military services are bowing to political pressure and convicting other innocent men. I examine in depth how false allegations and wrongful convictions happen and the motivation for the accuser in this case to lie. I wrote the book to expose the wrongs in the hopes that the Air Force will correct them. I was shocked at their response and I fear for others wrongfully accused.

The book is available on Amazon.com in both paperback and Kindle versions. [http://www.amazon.com/Whole-Truth-Tainted-Prosecution-American/dp/0615933637/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1388365037&sr=1-1&keywords=the+whole+truth+bob+harvey](http://www.amazon.com/Whole-Truth-Tainted-Prosecution-American/dp/0615933637/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1388365037&sr=1-1&keywords=the+whole+truth+bob+harvey) .

I would greatly appreciate it if you would please share the information and your thoughts about the book on Facebook and other media with your friends. If we can help even one falsely accused, perhaps we have made a difference. I have also begun a website for the book: <http://www.viperpilotpress.com/> v/r Bob Harvey

Tex----I was with the squadron on Ie Shima when the war ended. As you know, our CO, **Bob Hochuli** was killed on the last combat mission on August 12, 1945. He was replaced by **John Breedon**. I was with the squadron when we moved to Japan as part of the occupation forces. When I left to go home in June '45 our CO was **Major Harrigon**. I have forgotten his first name. I don't know how important this info is but I thought you should know.----**Saul Nova**

*Saul thanks for that information. It is always great to talk first-hand to somebody who was there-  
Tex*

Tex, My wife is looking to get a heritage squadron poster done up by Squadron Posters. If you think that there'd be more out there that would like it, will you include in the next newsletter please? They need about 20 people to get it designed, and they currently have 12. An email to [squadronposters@gmail.com](mailto:squadronposters@gmail.com) asking for an 80 FS poster is all that needs to happen from any interested. Thanks, Crush Em! **Toro** aka JL106 **HAUCK, LESLIE F III Lt Col USAF** [leslie.hauck@us.af.mil](mailto:leslie.hauck@us.af.mil)

*Toro, ask and ye shall find. Take a look here : <http://www.squadronposters.com/product/kunsan-ab-korea-80th-fighter-squadron-f-16/>*

#### FROM THE ORDERLY ROOM

*\*1 Way back in 2010, **Big Dog Fowler**, one of our Associate members, sent me a check for \$300 as a contribution in honor of **Jaybird Riedel**. I'd intended to include our thanks in a newsletter, but somehow that information got filed away in a very 'safe' place and I just found it in the bottom of a moving box. My apologies, Sir! **Big Dog**, thank you for your outstanding generosity. You are now officially (way over) paid up for the rest of your life and probably Jaybird's as well!*

*\*2 I've lost the following folks: Can anyone get them to come up voice or beeper, please? :*  
-**STEPHEN 'CHRIS' CHRISTENSEN**, Viet Nam LTM. Last address: Council Dr, Alexandria, LA.  
-**JOHN P. DORAN**, BTW LTM No address  
-**RALPH G. HALL**, Korean War. Last address: Boone Dr, Lago Vista, TX.  
-**CHARLES SARFF**, Juvat LTM. Last address: Marcie Way, Valencia, CA.  
-**STEVEN 'DARTH' SCHRADER**. LTM. No address.  
-**VANESSA SNELL**, HONORARY LTM. Last address: Stephenville, TX.

**\*3 NEXT REUNION: 23-26 APRIL 2015**

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**I know we'd talked about many different options at the last reunion. But this is a unique opportunity. The centerpiece of this reunion is a P-38 recovered from a watery Pacific grave that is being restored by WestPac Restorations adjacent to the NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WORLD WAR II AVIATION, located in Colorado Springs, CO.**

**Driver Mac McNeese** is our host. He says: "We're on for the last weekend in April 2015. Thursday evening for "early arrivals". Friday will be Welcome, Cocktails and a Juvat Boys Choir Sing Along. Saturday: "Events" TBD (Golf, Pikes Peak, Cog Train, Peterson AFB Museum, Cheyenne Mountain/NORAD) and the "Main Event" at the National Museum of World War II Aviation." <http://www.worldwariaviation.org/>

The dinner will be in the museum with tables arranged around the displays/aircraft as we wish. Music available. Discussed Saturday evening (because the Museum is closed on Friday), starting with a tour of the facilities led by a Docent. Happy Hour with either Open Bar, Pay-as-You Go, or "tickets." 5PM start. We can have the place until 9PM. We will get to see "XXXXX," but for now the name is still "Hush-Hush" because of owner sensitivities. I can just say we will see "several P-38's undergoing restoration."

The Museum has used a local Radisson Hotel for past events. <http://www.radisson.com/colorado-springs-hotel-co-80916/colospri> I haven't been there in a long time, but I'll stop by and check it out. It's only a few blocks from the Museum. They also have the "Airplane Restaurant" on the property. <http://www.solosrestaurant.com/>

So, we're one year out and at least have the outline. Need to fill in lots of blanks but we will make that happen."

*In an effort to get you there, the Association will pick up all the Hospitality Suite expenses. Free booze and snacks for all three days! That should, at least, get all the airline pilots there. Standby on picking up the tab at the Museum bar. Have to find out their cost, but hope to pick that up too. Thanks, Driver!*

***FOLKS, PLEASE MARK THIS IN YOUR CALENDARS. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW.***

\*4 The latest 'new' website. We've been listening to your complaints about the 2012 version of the website. Yes, it sucks eggs. We went with the free version of Wordpress, and got what we paid for. Evidently, there was one bad plugin which would corrupt the other plugin modules at seemingly-random times. Nogas would try to fix it and get a "Could Not Duplicate". One guy would register with no problems and the next guy would need 4 hours or 4 days to complete the process. Likewise, many administrative procedures like posting photos and emailing newsletters simply would not work. FRUSTRATION! on our part just like on your part. Sorry.

Major Christopher "Lude" Kibble (many of you met him at Cowtown 2007) stepped up to help tear down the old site and start all over. "Scorched Earth" comes to mind.

We guarantee that this site will be faster and more user-friendly. For you "I don't do Paypal" types, we think we've solved that problem. Due to some unforeseen problems, the current estimated completion time is now mid-May. I will send you instructions as soon as practical. Make sure I have your current email address, please! We want to give this site some serious beta testing. Thank you for all your patience as we birthed this elephant. And thank you to Lude.

We're off to PA until Christmas.

What Is Good?

Tex n Rita2

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SENDING THEM TO THEIR***



***WAS OUR WARPLANE,  
SKIES...  
NIPPON,  
DEMISE.”***