

80th FIGHTER SQUADRON HEADHUNTERS ASSOCIATION



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"AUDENTIS FORTUNA JUVAT"

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WWII HEADHUNTERS

Too often we concentrate on the steely-eyed killers that all Headhunter pilots (by definition) are, and fail to recognize all the other people who put us in the air- crew chiefs, gun plumbers, cooks, MP's, personnel, finance and so on. We also fail to adequately recognize those who served on the Home Front, viz the people who built our planes as personified by "Rosie The Riveter". A little while back, **Virginia Dyer** (wife of **O.C. Dyer** who has since Flown West) and I got to talking. Seems she was a "Rosie" herself.



Geraldine Doyle, who was the inspiration behind the famous Rosie the Riveter poster.



Workplace safety, c. 1943: showing breast protectors for war workers

This is Virginia's story (extracted from the "Rosie The Riveter Rally brochure hosted by the Southern Museum of Flight : <http://www.southernmuseumofflight.org/>)

VIRGINIA DYER: Virginia was working in a dime store in Birmingham (Ala-bygod-bama!) when a lady who lived in her boarding house approached her about going to technical school for the war effort. For the next four months Virginia worked at the dime store during the day, and went to school at night. (After tech school)..she became an electrician on B-24 (Liberator) airplanes at Bechtel-McCone-Parsons Airplane Modification Center.

Here's a picture taken at the rally. **Virginia** is standing, 3rd from the left. To her left is Jackie Ramsbacker. Seated in the middle is Dr Fran Carter, an actual riveter on B-29's and founder of the Rosie the Riveter Association:



Just a bunch of “Little Old Ladies”?
No way. Warriors in their own right!

Click here for a short video on the Rosie The Riveter Organization: <https://youtu.be/CQ-Qog8fpno>

Side note: As I'm writing this I'm watching all the adulation being heaped on an actress who played a mythical Princess in a galaxy far, far away and who recently passed away. I'd much rather my granddaughters grow up to be a Rosie than a woman who plays a Princess in the movies. "Bless 'em all, Bless 'em all!"

KOREAN WAR HEADHUNTERS

Our newest *LTM*, **Warren Thompson**, is quite an aviation writer. Here's an article of his from the November edition of "FlyPast". Our thanks to Mr. Chris Gilson, Editor of "FlyPast" for making this article available to us. You can find out more about this excellent magazine here:

<http://www.flypast.com/>

The November /2016 edition is available here: http://www.flypast.com/view_issue.asp?ID=6625

If you'd like a more-readable copy of this article, contact me and I'll send you the pdf file or will send you a scanned copy via the post office- Tex

COLD WAR WARMOBS: F-80 SHOOTING STAR

LOCKHEED SHOOTING STARS WERE THE FIRST USAF JETS OVER KOREA. WARREN E. THOMPSON DESCRIBES THE F-80'S COMBAT DEBUT

F*1*S*T RESPONSE

Designed in just 139 days from the start of the design process, the first Lockheed F-80 Shooting Star was rolled out from the Lockheed plant in California on January 4, 1944.



Notes
 Reconnaissance Squadrons were attached to the 75th as Johnson Air Base, Texas.

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 Since January 1947 the United States Army Air Force was a separate service and the US Air Force came into being. With this, the former "F-60-Pulsar" designation prefix was abandoned and the more appropriate "F-80-fighter" took over, hence F-80s assigned into F-80s. The much-sought-after F-80C was developed in the U.S. in 1948 and by May 1950 the Far East Air Force had 500 examples on charge, although the 71st was still operating a number of F-403As.

FIRST ACTION
 When the Korean War broke out on June 25, 1950, the F-80s were in North Korea Air Force inventory. It-10s straggled down to the South Korean military. The I-10 was a much-improved version of the original "Shooting Star" and had been given the

Notes
 the 100th Army Group, the 100th Airborne Division, and the 100th Air Refueling Wing. The 100th Airborne Division was the only airborne division in the Pacific, including the 100th Fighter Bomber Wing (F-80) in the Philippines and the 100th Fighter Interceptor Group (F-80) in Okinawa in Japan. The build-up in Japan continued with the 49th FFW in 1946, the 45th FFW in 1949 and the 46th FFW in 1950.

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 Additionally, the 46th FFW was the only F-80 unit in the Far East. The 46th FFW was the only F-80 unit in the Far East.



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GREEN TALKING BIRDS
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"The further north they flew up in the Simuju areas, the more MiGs they encountered and each time, the Shooting Stars held their own with various claims of damage to the enemy jets."

VIET NAM HEADHUNTERS

*LTM Buster McGee sent me a great email from **John Morrissey**. I asked permission to forward it. Here's his reply:*

On 12/31/2016 6:18 PM, John Morrissey wrote:

Hi Jim (*that's my Maiden name...*),

It would be an honor to provide the requested piece to the Headhunters. My F-105 class at Nellis in the summer of 1963 was mostly with the fine fighter pilots from Itazuke. Great men all. I reprinted the LB II piece below for your convenience and 'tightened' it up a bit. Use it any way you like. Keep your Mach up! John.

Thursday, 29 December, 2016

Of course, this is for those that were there. But more importantly it was for those who were not, as well as others who were never told. Forty four years ago today was the last day of the Eleven Days of Linebacker II. I received this poignant reminder from my squadron mate Fred Buhl. A reminder that unearthed many memories of those eleven days. Fred and I flew most every day of Linebacker II; either a strike mission to the Hanoi area or Search and Rescue missions for those downed on previous days, or nights. There were many of our airmen who had ejected over NVN and/or Laos who needed to be rescued. And others who were beyond helping.

There were fighter aircraft overhead Hanoi and Haiphong during the days and our "Trump Cards", the B-52s, at night, every day and every night, dealing with a "Steel Sky" created by the dense Soviet air defense system of coordinated AAA, Surface to Air Missiles and the MIGS. A few of us had been on the first USAF strike mission into North Vietnam on the 2nd of March, 1965. Our Air Force lost seven fighters that day. (Not a typo). My Squadron Commander during Linebacker II, Lt. Col. Charlie Copin, was also my Flight Commander on that first day in March of 1965.

The feeling of being on "The first *and* the last" was euphoric for us! Finally - fighting without a straight jacket!

The cost was high, but the "V" initialed the Paris Peace Accords 8 days later on 6 January, 1973 and we began bringing our POW's back from the horrid and torturous North Vietnam prisons on the 12th of February. This is a somewhat poignant post during this Christmas season. Below is a short film about Linebacker II and the true heroes, the rough men who stayed awake nights so others could sleep comfortably in their warm beds-the men who went in harm's way, whilst the biggest concerns for many back home were long holiday shopping queues. You may recognize some of these men. My hope is that we never forget any of them. John (Once a Thud Driver)

To view, click here: [Sully. A General's Decision](#)

Or here: <https://vimeo.com/channels/peachtreefilms/195186849>

FROM THE ORDERLY ROOM

New Lifetime Members for 2016:

Robert Stice, Matthew Crowell (JL#110), Jon Casello, Paul Keating, Stratford Bannister, Robert Reichart, Allan Gaugert, FT Case, Don Harding, Timothy Welsh, John Feole, Mark Schwartz, Ray Dissinger, Warren Thompson. *Thank you, Gentlemen!*

Reunion General Schedule Of Events & Info:

Thursday: Early Bird meet and greet and pay as you go dinner at a local eatery (walking distance).

Friday:

***Registration.**

***Dinner and Entertainment at Billy Bob's Texas** in the Stockyards. <http://billybobstexas.com/>
We'll have a private room http://billybobstexas.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/Guitar_Bar.jpg
with cash bar, entertainment by "The Gunfighters" and any that wish can stay for the evening's dance and concert.

Saturday:

***Golf:** Venue is still to be determined. Probably it will be at the Lost Creek Golf Club: <http://www.lostcreekgolf.com/> **Your POC is Dan 'Cadillac' Saville. Phone: 623-521-8278.**
Plan on a 0900 tee time. Shotgun start. Breakfast burritos etc available from their snack bar. Beer cart provided. Cost will be in the neighborhood of \$40. **If you want to play, contact him directly to reserve your tee time. MRP is not collecting for golf. Contact Cadillac! If you can provide transportation for some/any of your fellow golfers, contact Cadillac!**

***Tour:** Sid Richardson Museum <https://www.sidrichardsonmuseum.org/>

***Business Meeting**

***Banquet:** Entertainment by Dick Jonas and Others

***Sing Along** with the Juvat Boys' Choir live from the Kun.

**The Hospitality Suite Fee is no more. The Association is picking up that tab.
Free finger food, snacks and drinks all weekend.**

.Active Duty Headhunters:

1. Cross countries can use Naval Air Station Fort Worth Joint Reserve Base located about a \$5 cab ride from the hotel:
http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_jrb_fort_worth/about.html
2. Aerodrome Information:
http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnrse/installations/nas_jrb_fort_worth/om/operations.html
3. On base lodging: <http://ngis.dodlodging.net/propertys/Fort-Worth-NASJRB---TX>
4. If you arrive via a cross country, Billy Bob's and the Banquet are free for your formation's Any Juvat. Just send your money as per normal to MRP for both events and HH HQ will reimburse you at the reunion

Folks, reunions are the life blood of the Association. Without them we are all just nameless, faceless creatures who once served in a squadron with the number 80. Please mark your calendars, put in for leave or vacation, find a sitter for the dog and come (so to speak) out and meet your fellow Headhunters/Juvats.

**80TH FIGHTER SQUADRON – 75TH ANNIVERSARY
2017 REUNION**

FT. WORTH, TX ~ MAY 4-7, 2017

Welcome to Fort Worth



This ideal location for a reunion offers a unique blend of southwestern warmth, cosmopolitan flair, old-west charm and modern sophistication. Fort Worth offers a surprising array of attractions, military installations and fabulous food. You'll have

the opportunity to experience the best of both Dallas and Fort Worth during your reunion.

Hotel Information

Our reunion officially runs May 4-7, 2017 at the *Sheraton Fort Worth Downtown Hotel*. Located at 1701 Commerce St., Fort Worth, TX 76102, the hotel is conveniently located near area attractions.

The room rate is just **\$145.00** plus tax per night.. For those who choose to extend their stay the group rate is available up to 3 days before and after, based on availability. American Airlines dominates DFW so check the airfares leaving *Monday* and you may save enough to justify another night in FTW. If you have any trouble getting a room at the group rate call Eileen of MRP @ 817-251-3551 for assistance and probable resolution.



RESERVATIONS: Call the hotel directly at 817-335-7000. Rooms reserved for the “80th Fighter Squadron Reunion”. You may cancel your hotel up to 48 hours prior to arrival and not be charged. Guest rooms feature the Sheraton Sweet Sleeper Bed. The hotel is holding rooms until they sell out or **April 14, 2017**, whichever comes first. Don’t miss out on getting a room!

Airport Transportation & Parking

If you are flying to the reunion, the Dallas/Fort Worth Airport (DFW) is the closest to the hotel. Taxi service is available; current estimated rates are \$50-\$65 one-way. There is also **Super Shuttle** service- \$30-40 round trip. **Call 800-258-3826 to make reservations.** For those of you driving, the hotel is offering a 20% discount on self-parking. .

See y’all in Texas!

WILD WEST NIGHT AT BILLY BOB’S TEXAS

Friday, May 5 (6:00pm-9:00pm)

Guests will board their transportation for an exciting ride to Billy Bob’s Texas with enroute bus tour narration and entertainment at Billy Bob’s by “The Gunfighters”. The building now known as Billy Bob’s Texas was built in 1910 and was once an open-air barn used to house prize cattle for the Fort Worth Stock Show. In 1936, as a Texas Centennial Project, the building was enclosed by the City of Fort Worth and the tower over the main entrance was added. The “new” structure contained 1,257 animal stalls, and a 1,200 seat auction ring that is now the Billy Bob’s Bull Riding arena. Livestock events were held here until the stock show moved to the Will Rogers Memorial Complex, in 1943. During World War II, the building was used as an airplane factory for the Globe Aircraft Corporation. Billy Bob’s Texas opened April 1, 1981 with national attention featuring Larry Gatlin & the Gatlin Brothers as the first performers. With 100,000 square feet of interior space and 20 acres of parking for entertainment and events, Billy Bob’s features 30 individual bar stations, live music with country music’s biggest stars, Live Pro Bull Riding, and a Texas size dance floor. In a private room overlooking the bull riding area, we will dine on a BBQ buffet. **If you want to stay for the evening’s entertainment you will be responsible for your own transportation back to the hotel. Yellow Cabs are typically outside Billy Bob’s after the show. If not, call this number: 817-522-0379 for pickup. Cost for two is about \$25 to the hotel. Unfortunately, it’s too far for the hotel shuttle service. At this time the Headline Act is not known, but you can check on their website: <http://billybobstexas.com/>**

SID RICHARDSON GALLERY

Saturday, May 6 (10:00am-3:00pm)

The Sid Richardson Museum, a Fort Worth art museum located in historic Sundance Square, features permanent and special exhibitions of paintings by the premier Western artists, Frederic Remington

and Charles M. Russell. The works, reflecting both the romance and reality of the American West, are the legacy of the late oilman and philanthropist, Sid Williams Richardson. Most were acquired by him from 1942 until his death in 1959. The collection also includes works by Oscar E. Berninghaus, Charles F. Browne, Edwin W. Deming, and more. Museum: 309 Main Street, Ft Worth, Texas ‘<https://www.sidrichardsonmuseum.org/index.php>’ Transportation provided by “Molly The Trolley” (free- see below for Molly’s route). She departs the hotel at 1000 and will drop you off at the Worthington Hotel. The Museum is about a block and a half south on Main Street. Lunch is on your own at Sundance Square: For information restaurants and shopping in and near Sundance Square, go here: <https://sundancesquare.com/> Museum reviews here: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g55857-d108450-Reviews-Sid_Richardson_Museum-Fort_Worth_Texas.html

GOLF

Contact your POC, Dan “Cadillac” Saville for information & to sign up: 623-244-3312

BANQUET

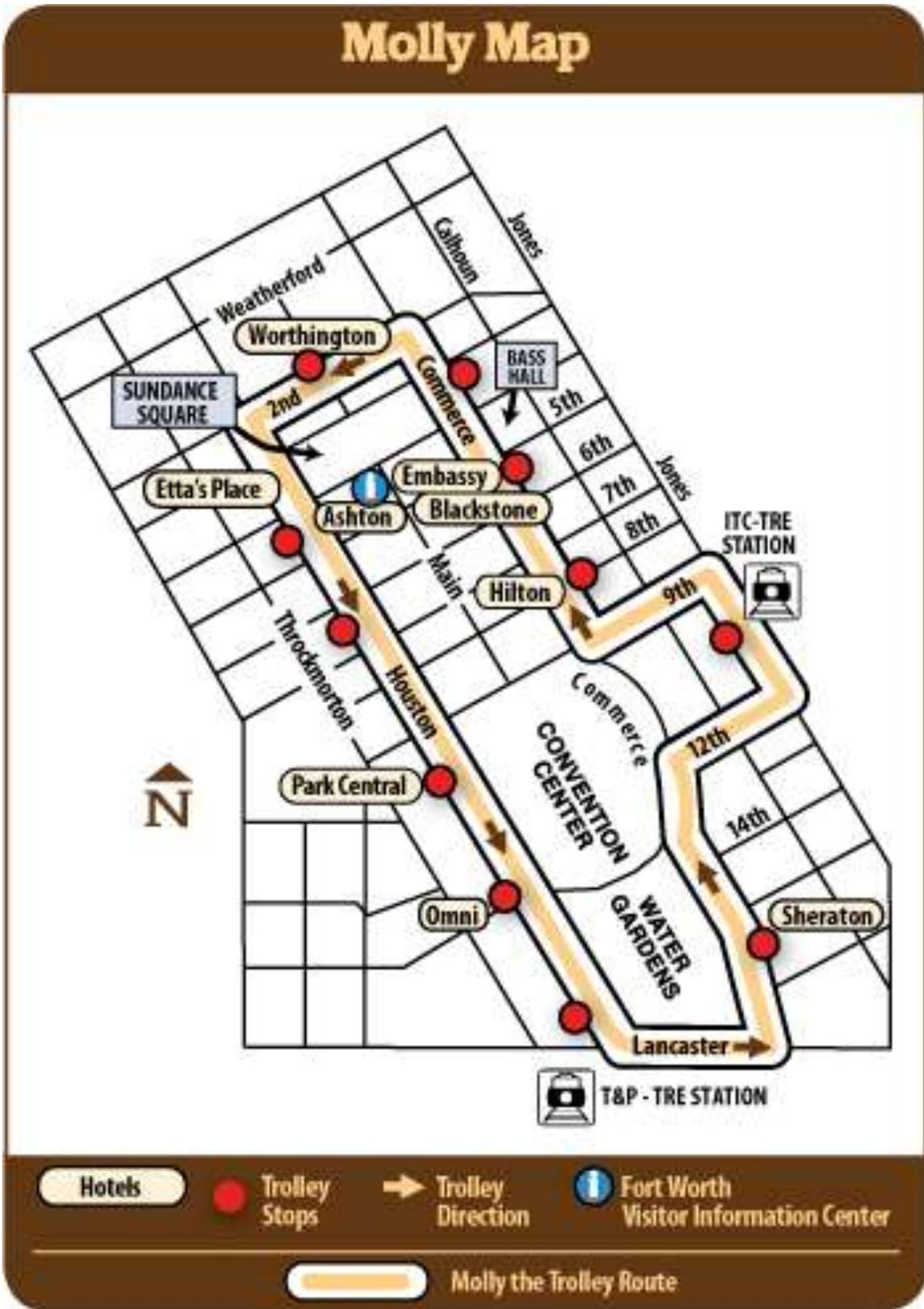
Cash bar at 1800 followed by dinner at 1900. Please mark your entrée selection on the reservation form.

TOUR CANCELLATION INSURANCE

Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses caused by sickness, injury or any other causes that impact your travel plans. This insurance enables a refund of tour & banquet expenses (less processing fee) up midnight before the start of your reunion. Without cancellation insurance all money received is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion.

ALL RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY March 23, 2017. Reservations received after March 23 will be subject to space availability. Late reservations will be accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 per person late fee if postmarked after March 23. Please make a copy of this information for your records. Should you need additional information call our offices Monday through Friday, between 9am-4pm CST at 817-251-3551 or email us at info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. Requests for cancellations and refunds must be made by email or in writing to MRP, P.O. Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034, and postmarked before the due date. No refunds will be made after this date unless you have purchase *Tour Cancellation Insurance*. Sorry, no refunds will be given for any reason beginning at midnight the day of your reunion. Please note there is a refund processing fee of \$10 per person. For written confirmation of your cancellation please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your request to our office. Your cancelled check is your receipt as well as your proof of purchase.

MOLLY THE TROLLY



MOLLY IS FREE. SHE RUNS EVERY 10 MINUTES FROM 1000 TO 2000. FROM OUR HOTEL (SHERATON, 1701 Commerce St) TO SUNDANCE SQUARE TAKES ABOUT 20 MINUTES.

80TH FIGHTER SQUADRON RESERVATION FORM

DATE	TIME	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
		Reunion Registration Fee (per person ~ non-refundable)	\$15 pp		
Thu 5/4	1800	Dinner on our own at local eatery-walking distance	TBD	N/A	N/A
Fri 5/5	1730-2230	Event A: Wild West Night at Billy Bob's Texas	\$69 pp		
Sat 5/6	1000-1500	Event B: Sid Richardson Gallery (donation at the door)	Donation		
Sat 5/6	0900-1300	Golf: Contact 'Cadillac' Seville: 623-521-8278	TBD	N/A	N/A
Sat 5/6	1800	Banquet Dinner – make selection below			
		Grilled Chicken Medallions	\$55 pp		
		Citrus Dill Infused Atlantic Salmon	\$60 pp		
		Non-refundable Late Reservation Fee (If registering after March 23, 2017)	\$15 pp		
		Tour Cancellation Insurance: Protect your \$\$ (Fee is non-refundable)	\$15 pp		
TOTAL					

>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

NAME (As you want it to appear on badge): _____	
SPOUSE: _____	GUEST: _____
ADDRESS: _____	CITY: _____ ST: _____ ZIP: _____
PRIMARY PHONE: _____	EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
LIST ANY SPECIAL NEEDS EX. DIETARY OR WHEELCHAIR LIFT NEEDED FOR BUS, ETC: _____	
EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____	PHONE NUMBER: _____

Mail this completed form with a check payable to: MRP, Box 1588, Colleyville, TX 76034

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY MARCH 23, 2017

- Reservation money is non-refundable after due date unless Tour Cancellation insurance is purchased above.
- Insurance holders are eligible for a refund less processing fee until Midnight before the 1st day of the reunion.
- Insurance ends once the reunion begins – notification in writing/email must be received prior to start of reunion.
- Late reservations are accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 per person late fee.

Call or email MRP if you need to add, cancel or modify your reservation at 817-251-3551 or email info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com. MRP agents are available weekdays from 9-4 CST. Voice Mail is 24/7
You must leave a voice message to receive a call back. Thank you for using Military Reunion Planners, LLC

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