

April 2020 Headhunter Reunion

Headhunters, below is a copy of the email I sent to the 11 members who expressed interest in our Dayton/USAF Museum Reunion. This information was contained in the September 2018, January 2019, June 2019, and January 2020 Headhunter Headlines Newsletters. Of over 600 members on our roster, if you are receiving this news then you are also one of 200 automatic subscribers who receive the Newsletter and News.

Fellow Headhunters,

If you are receiving this email you are one of the 11 Headhunters Association Members who replied to one of my requests regarding participation in the April 22-25, 2020 Dayton/USAF Museum Reunion. We are now at the point where I need to sign a contract with the Dayton Crowne Plaza to guarantee 25 rooms during this period. Rooms left unfilled will be charged to our Headhunter account. In consultation with Military Reunion Planners, we also require 30-35 participants to logistically support this event.

Do to this very small response, I am making the decision to cancel the event. I will consider other options, but a formal reunion cannot be supported at this time.

As you know, for the most part our reunions have shrunk in size over the past decade. The first reunion, called the "Found Weekend" by Kirby and our WWII original members, saw 75 Headhunters in Jackson, Wyoming in 1970. Since that time we've lost all of those men, but added Korean War, Vietnam War, Between the Wars, and Juvat Headhunters to our Membership Roster. We have over 600 "members," but can't seem to find 30 or so interested in a semi-annual get-together.

This is very disappointing to me, but not surprising. We get very little response to either our website or FaceBook page, and most of these are not former Headhunters or Juvats, but rather civilians looking for information on past squadron members, relatives, or general WWII history. The current 80th Squadron leadership has little time or interest in our organization. Active duty Juvats move on to a new squadron and become involved without, for the most part, looking back.

In the near future I will propose a Business Meeting to be held at an offsite location TBD. We could even call it a "reunion," but its purpose will be to chart a path for the Headhunters Association going forward. I look forward to seeing some of you there.

Crush 'em,

Bob "Muskrat" McNeese
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