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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The 1990 REUNION is on track. The dates have been set and the location has been selected. See inside for details.

The 307th Bomb Wing B47/KC97 Association has been established as a non-profit, tax exempt Veterans Organization under Section 501(c)(19) of the IRS Code. 75% of the members must be veterans of the US Armed Forces and the remaining members must substantially be spouses or widows/widowers. Donations to the Organization are not deductible on individual tax returns.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS NEEDED!

If you did not fill out the application form in the last Newsletter, please complete and return the application in this edition. The pink sheet you submitted for the Las Vegas Reunion is not the same. We need this application.

HELLO FROM HUSKERLAND!

As many of you know who went to Los Vegas, we had an absolutely wonderful time. It was great to see so many friends from yesteryear. A few of us played golf - a few gambled - and a lot talked and talked and talked.

NOW FOR 1990!!!!

We are returning to the scene of our many wonderful memories - LINCOLN - Granted there are all kinds of memories and I'm sure we'll talk about most of them.

Lincoln, I can tell you has changed, it's much more grown up and its bigger. There are approximately 200,000 in the county, most of which are in Lincoln. We have a new Cornhusker and a Hilton which is where most of you will be staying.

But that's getting into details which will come to you later. For now we want all of you to plan on coming to Lincoln the 18, 19, 20th of May 1990. If Vegas was a sample - you're going to have a great time. Mark your calendar now!

Thanks to our business meeting at Vegas, I was chosen to be your Chairman.

Tony Minnick

P.S. This invitation is for everyone in the 307th BW and the 307th ARS; current and former members of the US Armed Forces assigned to the 307th Bombardment Wing (M), SAC at Lincoln AFB, Nebr.

Our next newsletter will fill you in as our plans progress!!

July 25, 1988

Dear Vern,

Thanks for the note regarding the comment on my application for membership about the Newsletter logo should also have a KC-97. I've looked through my KC-97 dash I hoping to find a picture, but to no avail.

Yeah, I still have some fond and not too fond memories of the SAC days at Lincoln Airplane Yard. I got to go through a KC-976 at Pima County Museum in Tucson a few years ago along with Bud Westerman, my old A/C. Bud and I crawled on that old bird and were both awed that it still smelled just like the last 97 we were on - red hydraulic fluid and JP-4.

The Confederate Air Force had a derelict RB-47 at Harlingen, Texas for years, but the USAF reclaimed it with a C-5A and moved it to Warner-Robbins AFB in Georgia. The last time I was in Salina, Kansas there was an RB-47 on a pedestal.

I got to witness the last B-47 flight from the boneyard at Davis-Monthan AFB to Pueblo, Colorado a few years ago. The pilots were both retired B-47 drivers, but hadn't flown the aircraft in 10 years or so. They flew all the way with the gear down at 250 knots. Also, they landed a little short and popped the right forward main tire on the runway lip. They were exhilarated to be there!!

Best of Luck,

H.A. "Jack" Frost

Editors Note: The KC-97 picture now in the Newsletter logo was received from Burton Brinkman, now living in Seward, Nebraska.

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MEMBER PROFILE

NOTES FROM MELBA & BRUCE MILLS

After retiring, we decided to live in the Valley of the Sun with cactus, citrus, flowers and beautiful sunsets. When it's hot, it's hot. We live in our swimming pool, cook outside on the grill and drink margaritas. To escape the summers we leave in our 34-foot motor home which is our home away from home, and we really enjoy it.

The Officers' Wives Club at Lincoln appreciated Melba's endeavors as President and Treasurer. She was a Charter member of Aksarben Toastmistress Club and served as President, Secretary and Treasurer. All this background helped her with her career in Civil Service. After 28 years she retired in 1984 from Luke AFB in Phoenix. (I'm so very proud of her!!!.)

Ever since our youngest son, Robert, died in an auto accident in 1977, our two grand-sons have spent their summers with us. They talked us into a hike in the Grand Canyon. So our plans were made for the summer of 1985 when Melba was no longer working. We went out and bought backpacks, boots, and practiced every day for a year. The two boys, their mother, and we hiked from the North to the South Rim. Down into the canyon we went, following the 26 mile mule trail. The scenery was awesome, and we took lots of pictures. But it was work, and it was tiresome. We wouldn't do it again, but by the same token we would never erase it from our fondest memories. We camped at the bottom over-night, but we got up early and started again in the morning. It was a little tougher going up and took more energy. Once we reached the top, we rented a car and returned to our motel and car on the North rim. That took 4 hours, and we were all very happy to see a shower and clean bed. Our sweet daughter-in-law framed some pictures and had a bronze plaque with our names and dates of our excursion. They mean so much to us and are on the wall in the den.

When the oldest son, Michael, wife and 7 kids visit, there are just enough beds. Meals are eaten outside on the large covered patio. Kids are lined up and served buffet style: they eat and put their dishes in a pan by the kitchen door, wash their hands in another pan, and keep the new puppy outside. Looks like a mess hall out there. Since ages are

from 3 to 17. eating is a continuous production. We have a large upright freezer, and Melba is always cooking to keep it full for company and the grandchildren. Sometimes it's so full it stops working.

Guess you could say our hobbies are cooking, traveling, and shopping for birthdays, holidays, etc. for all the little grand-kids. WHAT A JOY!!!!!!

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Editors Note: I want to thank all of you that have sent me material for the newsletter - Keep it up. I'm at 581 W. Seville Lane, Blythe, CA 92225 until school is out. - Helen Ecelbarger

NOW YOU KNOW:

SPACE AVAILABLE

If you have strong feelings about the discriminatory nature of the problem which denies the widows of traveling "space available", please do write to Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, House Armed Services Committee, 2410 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515. Although we believe few would wish to use the privilege because of inconveniences, we should not be told it is a benefit to which we are entitled; however, the user must be accompanied by the sponsor - which in our situation is our deceased husbands.

IN 1990 the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee is considering stamps dedicated to the Military.

The Gold Star Wives are trying to get a stamp during that time honoring the Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. Write to Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, Philatelic Program Specialist, US Postal Service, 475 L Enfant Service, Washington, DC 20260 6700 voicing your support on each.

CONTACT:

Martin Goldensohn, 700 SW 128th Ave., Buckingham #C 210, Pembroke, Fla 33027. Phone (305) 432-8245

He is trying to get a WW 11 Memorial dedicated to all those Airmen who lost their lives in that war. He needs support - Call him for further information!!

NEW ROSTER:

New Rosters of the 1078 former 307th personnel that we have addresses for has been printed. A donation of \$2.00 (\$4.00 for first class mail) is requested. Send request to PO Box 1711, Sun City, Arizona 85372.

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

Our new organization formed on May 5, 1988. If you did not return the application form in our last newsletter, please complete and return this one. This info is needed for our non-profit veterans status. PLEASE COMPLY!

TRYING TO LOCATE:

Leonard E. Rose, 8103 E 50th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226 is trying to locate all ex-prisoners of War, WWII Germany. Stalag Luft IV and VI. They have a reunion each year.

DECEASED LIST ADDITION:

Karl A. Gerstenschlager Sr.
Joe Cameron
Charles Ness
Robert Brinkhurst
Harold Brooks
John Phillips

BYLAWS

BYLAWS OF THE 307TH BOMB WING B47/KC97 ASSOCIATION

PURPOSE: The 307th Bomb Wing B47/KC97 Association, hereinafter referred to as the "Association" is a worldwide association of current and former members of the U.S. Armed Forces assigned to the 307th Bombardment Wing (M), SAC, at Lincoln AFB, Nebraska. The purpose is camaraderie of its members and support of the U.S. Air Force.

MEMBERSHIP: The Association shall accept membership from those who qualify by definition and widows/widowers of those who qualify without regard to grade or rank. Ethnic background, race, national origin or religious belief shall never be a condition for membership.

OPERATIONS: The Association shall operate as a non-profit veterans organization. It may or may not be endorsed by the U.S. Air Force. The Association shall be apolitical and support no candidate or party for election to public office. No member shall receive compensation except for reimbursement of expenses in behalf of the Association.

MEETINGS: From time to time the Association may conduct reunions for the enjoyment of its members and their guests. Such gatherings shall not exclude any category of members. As an all ranks and grades veterans organization, no reunion, convention or conference shall be conducted solely for a restrictive class of the membership. Nor shall any group of its veterans use the name "307th Bomb Wing B47/KC97 Association" to advertise a gathering that excludes any person eligible for membership.

GOVERNING: The Association shall have no officers. The Association will be governed by the Committee Chairperson chosen by affirmation at the Reunion Business Meeting to serve through the next reunion. The Committee Chairperson shall function as the Executive Officer of the Association and shall be responsible to the membership for the conduct of the Association. The Committee Chairperson shall appoint appropriate committees to serve as Trust Fund trustees, to make arrangements for the next reunion and to publish a periodic newsletter.

DUES, DONATIONS, FEES: The Association shall not levy annual or periodic dues upon the membership. Donations to the Association and reunion registration fees shall be used only to maintain a central locator, to publish and distribute correspondence and newsletters and to plan and activate the program for future reunions.

AMENDMENT & PERPETUITY: These Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of 51% of the membership present at a Reunion Business Meeting, provided that the purpose of the Association and its class of membership shall be inviolate. The Association shall continue in perpetuity until dissolved by a majority vote of the membership.

BYLAWS COMMITTEE: DATED: 5 MAY 1988

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