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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



Al and Marilyn Stewart

I wish to express my thanks to all of the folks who came to our "little party" in Lincoln, and thank you too for the confidence you demonstrated in electing me as your chairman for the next two years. I stand humbled before you, and I only hope that I can do as good a job as Vern Biaett. In the very near future we will be hearing from Hank Grogan and his committee on when he wants us to come to Florida to visit them. As you guessed the next reunion will be held in ORLANDO, FLORIDA. When the time in '92' comes, let us all attend and make that reunion bigger and better than the last, and may each successive reunion grow bigger and bigger.

I wish to thank all 429 of you who came to our "Reunion 90" and helped to make it such a success. We certainly did have a lot of fun.

Al Stewart

MEMBER PROFILE

FROM: GERRY AND LOIS ROTTER

The family departed Lincoln in late August 1963 for my new assignment to Bergstrom AFB, Austin, Texas. It was difficult leaving all of the Lincoln family after 8 1/2 years. The job was as Commander of the A & E, B-52 Squadron. Lois and I were very impressed with the Austin area, but after one year, I received orders assigning us to Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana in the B-58 program as A & E Squadron Commander. In August 1966, I received orders transferring me to Phan Rang AFB, Vietnam, again as A & E Commander in a F-100 fighter wing. In March 1967 Lois met me in Honolulu for a week of R&R.

In September, 1967, at the end of my one-year stint in Vietnam, I received orders assigning me to 12th AF Headquarters in Waco, Texas (as chief of the Avionics Division with the I.G.). Since Lois, daughter Sheryl and son David were already residing in our home in Austin, I commuted between Austin and Waco during my assignment there.

In February, 1968, I was promoted to the rank of Colonel and continued with the IG until August 1968, at which time we all went to George AFB Victorville, California. My new job was as Director of Material with the 35th Tactical Fighter Wing utilizing F-4 Phantom Fighter. After two very enjoyable years at George AFB, I was

reassigned to Tactical Air Command Headquarters, Langley AFB, Va., as Director of Aircraft Maintenance and Engineering. Once again, we enjoyed the assignment, the people, and all of the new and interesting places. After three years, I was assigned to Pacific AF Headquarters at Hickam AFB, Hawaii, in the same job assignment as at TAC.

In the summer of 1975, I decided to "hang-it-up" and set my retirement date as 1 September 1975. Prior to retirement, Lois and I spent the month of August touring the Far East going to places like Japan, Okinawa, Philippines, Thailand, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

After retirement, we decided to return to Austin, Texas, where we still had our home. Another influence was the fact that both of our children had graduated from the University of Texas and were married and residing in Austin.

Grandma also liked being near the three grandchildren who, by the way, keep her well-occupied. As for me, I dabbled in the furniture business for a while but gave up on that. I then obtained my Real Estate License and although I did not work in the business, I did get involved in rental real estate holdings which keeps me occupied.

In 1981, we decided to join the Recreational Vehicle group and have been at it ever since. We spend about three months every year on the road, and four to six weeks are spent in Colorado where we escape the summer heat. We have managed to visit several of the Lincoln Family as we have traveled throughout the country. We thoroughly enjoy meeting new people and making new friends.

During all of our assignments since departing Lincoln, we have been very fortunate in seeing many friends in the course of our travels. It is a family of friends NEAR AND DEAR to our hearts.

FROM: GLEN AND LUCY HESLER

Dear Helen: It doesn't take a lot of space to report on our life for the past 20 years since retirement. Life is pretty simple for us but we are happy with it. We just wonder where that 20 years went!!!

I retired in 1970 at March AFB, Ca.. Lucy and I went to San Diego to look the area over and do a little bass fishing and never did leave!

For a few years I was a General Aviation flight instructor and taught aviation courses at Grossmont Junior College.

In 1972 I became an FAA designee and started my own business as a pilot examiner. It keeps me busy but I am fortunate to be able to work at my

own schedule and am happy flying most every day. (The weather allows that in Southern California!) I have no plans to retire any time soon. I probably will continue to fly as long as I can pass the physical.

We have our own plane and enjoy flying all over, especially to visit our three children who live in Virginia, Colorado, and Texas. We belong to a flying club and have made a lot of friends who share our love of flying.

Other than flying we keep busy fishing, camping, gardening, playing cards, and eating!!!.....

Mr & Mrs Glen Hesler
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Editor's Note: And they say their life is simple - Sure....

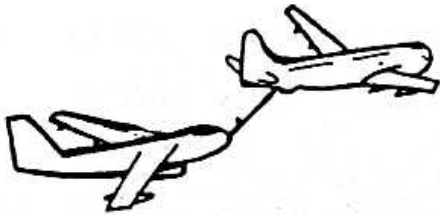
Dear Helen:

I've written the Reunion Committee and now I must write you my many thanks for a memorable Reunion. How Pete would have loved it - as I did!!

Sunday, the 20th, was my Birthday and I couldn't have had a better party. I will savor the memories. Thankyou All!!!!!!

Now, on to ORLANDO!!

Sincerely
s/Wanda Read



307TH BOMB WING 1990 REUNION Lincoln, Nebraska

We were delighted with the number of you who came to Lincoln - AND - it seems everyone had a good time. We certainly did!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

429 Registered
30 Played Golf
343 Valentino's
215 Bus Tours
388 At Banquet
221 At Brunch

I have to tell you how really great my committee was and to name them for you:

Hale & Ethel Dodge
Ruth Hibdon
Bev (My dear wife)
Clark & Donnis Peterson
Al Stewart
Bill & Jean Williams

Our congratulations to Al on being elected 307th Chairman for the next two years.

We want to thank Helen Ecelbarger for her help in getting our message out in the newsletters; Vern Biaett and Mike Gingrich for their computer work; Maynard Reece for his invocation at the banquet; our guides for their help on the City/LAFB Tours: Don Finn, Willis House, Jerry Nolley, Francis Oenbring, Bud Ostgaard, John Parks,

Tom Vandenack.

Comments we heard were concerning surprise on how Lincoln had grown and at the base, "MY GOSH! Most of the buildings are gone!" True, true, true, things have changed. The city has almost doubled in size, 192,000 with 215,000 in Lancaster County. At the Air Base the 98th and 307th Headquarters Buildings are gone as is everything of WW 2 vintage. The newer hangers are there as are the Squadron Bldgs, Officer's & NCO Clubs, Chapel, BX Bldg, Bowling Lake (No Club) and the parachute loft.

The Cornhusker was simply a great place for the reunion. They did a super job for us and thought our group a most congenial bunch.

We are compiling information and pictures for the Memory Book. Many of you took pictures. If you have good clear prints, identify the people and SEND US A COPY that we can pass on to the printer. Everyone likes to see pictures!!

Each person registering received Mementos, a crystal mug etched with our Reunion Logo (Pictured) and a telephone/address data card, also with the Logo. We have a few cups left and more of the data cards. If you would like one or both, the cups are \$10.00 and the data cards \$2.00 or both for \$11.00. Postage is included. We can take orders for the Memory Book, \$25.00 until print time (Late July). Make checks

payable to 307th Reunion and mail
to PO Box 6822, Lincoln, NE 68506.
Pictures to the same address.

Your registration fees were, as you know, instrumental in providing your Memento gifts, plus decorations, printing, rosters, mailings, buses, and other necessary expenses involved with organizing a reunion. We must still produce your Memory Books for which funds are on hand. We anticipate delivery in August or September. Be sure to keep us informed of address changes.

We again want to thank everyone for coming to Lincoln, most especially those who came so far:

Larry & Kaethe Hall
from West Germany

Harry & Marjie Krebbs
from England

Jim & Carolyn Carlton
from Alaska

Al & Vivian Simpkins
from Hawaii

We are forever grateful to Lt/Col Ed Bethart of SAC HQS, who presented us an excellent program on the SR 71. We were provided a great insight to MACH 3 flight. It turned out that 4 members in attendance were also in the SR 71 programs:

Larry Boggess

Cec Braeden

Willie Lawson

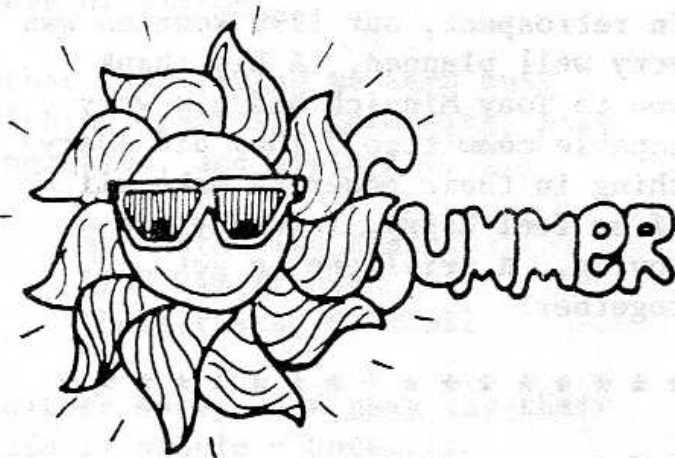
Jim Shelton

See you in ORLANDO IN 1992
"Good Luck, Hank"

from the desk of

Tony Minnick

s/Tony Minnick
Lincoln Reunion Chairman



IMPORTANT REMINDER !!!!!

It is so very important for you to let us know just where you are so you will always know what's going on. When you move please let Helen or Vern or Mike know.

Your letter when returned costs us .30¢ and to forward another .26¢ that is over and above the original postage.

If you want to be dropped from the mailing list - let us know that too.

LETTERS RECEIVED BEFORE
LAST REUNION!!!!

We will be unable to attend the reunion.

We'll be thinking of all of you and hope you'll let us hear about the next one so we can make plans to for sure be there

Fondly, Les & Jeanette Walrath

Due to conflict with our son's graduation from College we are regretablely unable to attend this years reunion.

Jack & Edythe Blewitt

Sorry, won't be able - best to you all and have a good meeting. Will make the next.

Charlie Hooker

Thank you for sending this letter. I was really looking forward to coming to the reunion. My company has a grand opening of a new store on the 19th and all vacations are cancelled.

Roger LaFontaine

I will not be able to make the reunion this year due to the graduation of 2 daughters on May 19th & 20th.

Edward J. Godec

Sorry that I haven't written sooner, but health problems will prevent me from attending the reunion.

F. Faber

Ray and Anita Hamel will be unable to attend the May reunion. We wish you all the very best and we will be thinking of all of you. Good Luck.

The Hamels

I was pleasantly surprised and pleased to receive my invitation to the 307th BW reunion. However, d to the shortness of time and other commitments, I will be unable to attend.

Donald M. Ladley

Dear Folks: Sorry I cannot make it to this years reunion. Please keep me on your mailing list.

Henry L. Paulin

Due to business committments, Oleita and I will be unable to attend the re-union. Perhaps we'll be able to make the next one!

Merle Young

Unfortunately, schedules do change, as has mine; and we won't be able to attend the re-union. Say Hi to all from Helen and I.

John E Paching

Aloha - I will not be attending the reunion, much as I would like to but I'd love one of the "Memory Books." Moving back to the mainland in March. Many thanks, Sybil Webber Sholtz.

**EXCERPTS OF YOUR LETTERS AND
COMMENTS AT THE RE-UNION 1990**

Glad you asked: I hope that Tony Minnick will share with Hank Grogan, chairman of the 1992 reunion.

Our hats are off to Tony Minnick and his committee. Thanks Tony, for a wonderful time in Lincoln.

In retrospect, our 1990 Reunion was very well planned. A big thank you to Tony Minnick and his very capable committee. They did everything in their power to make all of us feel happy, friendly and loving. A privilege to get together.

I felt so much at ease. Everyone made me feel a part of the 1990 re-union. Looking forward to 1992. I had a good time!!!!

A camaraderie I wouldn't want to miss! Thankyou Tony and your committee for making 1990 a success.

A big thank you to each and everyone who worked on the 1990 re-union. We had so many pleasant, as well as sad, memories in Lincoln and it was great coming back to old friendships. It's like a shot in the arm (good for two years).

The new Cornhusker Hotel should be congratulated for their job in making our stay so happy.

Appreciation to Mayor Bill Harris for his warm welcome. A big thank you to Lt/Col Ed Bethart for his program which proved so successful.

Tony, we commend you and your committee for putting this together for all to enjoy to the fullest.

SAC came through, as usual, with the SAC band. It made our evening.

NEWSLETTERS RETURNED:

John Rankin

John W. Puckett

Orville Long

Arthur W. Holderness

Terry Brooks

Paul Mortique

Thomas Gibbons

Steve Myatt

James C Chittenden