
NEWSLETTER

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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Our long hot summer is about over and the hay fever pollen has quieted down. That means that fall is here with Halloween just around the corner.

I have talked to Hank and he needs help from all you people in the area. Please call him and volunteer your services. It was fun being at the desk and meeting everyone checking in at the Lincoln reunion. His phone number is:

Area Code 813-585-2726.
He will need your help.

The holiday season is approaching very fast and I want to wish all of you a joyful one. See you in Florida May 7th thru May 10th.

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DATE: MAY 7 - MAY 10

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O R L A N D O Site of 1992 Reunion

The city of Orlando was originally known as Jernigan, after Aaron Jernigan, a settler who moved here from Georgia in 1842. The name was changed to Orlando in 1857 in memory of Orlando Reeves, a 19th century soldier who lost his life saving the lives of his scouting party during an Indian attack.

As in many other southern and western states, Orlando and surrounding Orange County boasted thousands of acres of citrus groves.. Its geographic location in the center of the state also made Orlando an important crossroads for trade and transportation.

The coming of Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom in 1971 paved the way for the transformation of this quiet community into one of the world's most popular vacation destinations. Not only Disney World and Sea World it holds an attraction to Universal Studios, Cypress Gardens, Wet 'n Wild and more than 50 other themed attractions. Golf, tennis, hot-air ballooning, waterskiing and horseback riding also offer

visitors a relaxing change of pace while enjoying the splendid climate and scenery.

A stroll through Cypress Gardens to see the exotic plants, beautiful flowers, unusual wildlife and beautiful birds holds a fascination to Florida's Original Showplace for the most beautiful day around. The miniature railroad takes you back to another time. The water show will take your breath away.

Don't overlook the Epcot Center!!!!!! Walt Disney World's showcase of technology in Future World and foreign cultures in World Showcase.

For the most part, Florida's dress code is cool, comfortable casual clothing during the day, and sportswear for the evening. some restaurants, however, require men to wear jackets and ties. The temperatures should be 83 to 88 during the day and 60 to 66 at night when we will be there.

Hank is having a meeting in November, so we will be hearing more about our reunion

after the first of the year. We are trying to obtain a Big Band sound group. Please fill out the form inside the newsletter and send it to Hank. He has reserved 225 rooms. It gets scary on the part of the Chairman at this point. They are so in hopes that their estimates will be close. Please tell Hank if you are planning on coming. This is not a commitment, just an estimate. We will need to make definite plans at a later date.

L A S T F L I G H T

Smitty Britt

Lt/Col Maurice J. Welch

Joe E. Bolton

It makes one feel sad that so many of our group has departed since the last reunion.

I, like many of you do not like to be reminded of our own mortality. I like to think of them flying off into the sunset. We will be doing the same someday.

T R E A S U R E R S R E P O R T

307th Bomb Wg B-47/KC-97 Assoc.
Treasurers Report 8/31/91

Assets:

Beginning Bal. 1/1/91	3584.50
Total Interest	92.88

Donations:

Lally	10.00	
Nigro	35.00	
Ziegler	10.00	
Latham	25.00	80.00
To close 1990 Reunion Acc		312.31
1 Memory Book		25.00

TOTAL ASSETS 4094.69

Expenses:

Postage, Helen, Returned postage and Grogan	376.35
Printing, Helen & Grogan	577.70
Box Rent, Grogan	93.00
Postcards, Grogan	60.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	1107.05

Ending Balance as of August 31, 1991 2987.64

Submitted by our Treasurer,
Ethel L. Dodge

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Helen

A short note to advise you that I have located one of our "lost sheep":

Albert Ribinska
9000 Mahan Drive
Ft Worth, TX 76116

He has indicated that he would like to attend the forthcoming reunion. Please forward the latest information to him.

Best regards,
Ed Little

321 Niagara
Orange City, Fl 32763

Dear Helen:

Thank you for your nice and informative card. Our plans are to attend the subject reunion. However, as you know, I'm on an assignment in Germany supporting one of the country's airlines. In this business, firm planning, beyond 90 days, is difficult at best. But, I will keep you informed.

Thank you again for keeping in touch.

Sincerely,
Lawrence C. Hall

Dear Helen:

Thanks for your card about the reunion next May. We're planning on being there. See you!!!!

Les and Jan Walrath

Dear Helen:

Please add me to your mailing list. I am a retired major, USAF (Pilot). My family and I rotated from 3 years in England and were assigned to the 98th BG in May 1956. In 1968 I went on bootstrap to U of Omaha. When I returned, I was assigned to the 307th Arm. & Electronics Sqd from July 58 to July 63 when I retired.

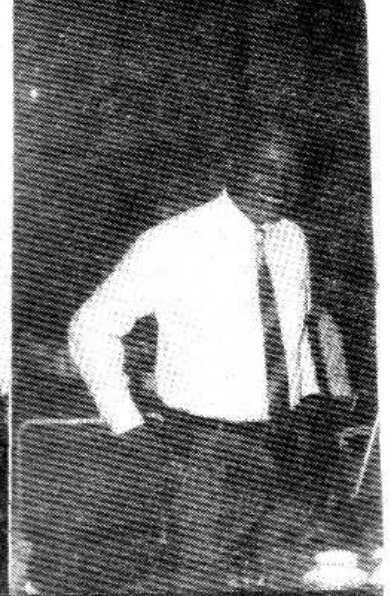
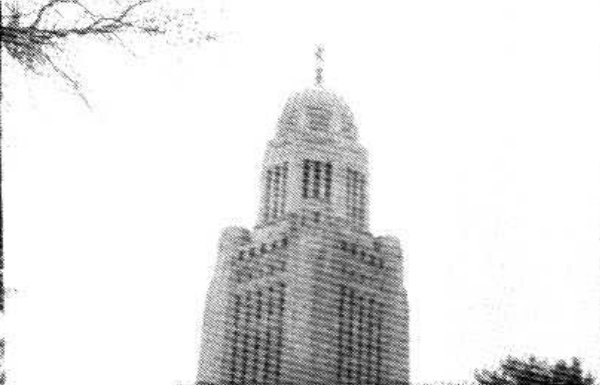
We remained in Lincoln until April 67 when we moved to Phoenix. Our oldest son was a running back for the Big Red (U of Nebr) from 1966 to 1968. He then was a pilot for the Nebr Air Guard and is now a captain for American Airlines. I have a copy of your newsletter #5. Some names I remember are Rotter, Dodge, White and Pelletier. I helped start the Little League at Lincoln in 1957.

Regards,

Guy Ziegler
2039 E. Solano Dr
Phoenix, Az 85016

P.S. Enclosed is \$10.00 for postage.

Make an effort to come to the reunion and enjoy all of Hank Grogan's efforts in providing us a good time.



Dear Helen:

I've been meaning to write you since the latest 307th roster was mailed out earlier this year. It was carrying me as Flip Latham on the known whereabouts list and as Jarvis H. Latham on the unknown list. The confusion is understandable. And my wife's name is Sandy. We were married while I was with the 371st in 1961.

As a result of your hard work in putting together the names and addresses of wing members, I have been able to get in touch with at least a half-dozen buddies from thirty years ago. Sandy and I are hoping we'll be able to make the next reunion so we can see some of these characters face to face.

Enclosed is a check for \$25.00 toward future newsletters mailings. We're looking forward to the next issue.

Sincerely,
J.H. "Flip" Latham
Pilot, Crew S-22, 371st BomRon
1959-1963

Editors Note: Ltr recd was from U of S.C., College of Journalism. Could be, he will be the next Newsletter Editor?????

Dear Helen:

Thought I would write a short note and give you my new address. Haven't heard any news on the 307th Bomb Wing Association.

Ruby Crorey
1034 Hemlock Lane
Grants Pass, OR 97527

Dear Mrs Ecelbarger:

Somehow my name appeared on your roster of former members of the 307th Bomb Wing, but I never served in that unit. Please delete me from your mailing list.

Enjoy your reunion!!

Sincerely,
Bill Brennan 24256 Hatteras
St, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Dear Mrs Ecelbarger:

Please be advised that my father, Lt. Col. Maurice J. Welch, a former member of the 307th Bomb Wing, died September 15, 1991.

Sincerely,
Ron Welch

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A SILENT AUCTION AND WHAT IT IS!!!! Hey all you 307th Bomb Wing persons - We need your help. As any of the past Chairmen will tell you, an organization like ours needs money to operate. We have a registration fee, and you pay your share at the reunions. That money is usually all spent with none left over for the operating expenses until the next reunion 2 years later. We have published our financial report in the newsletter, thanks to Ethel Dodge and Ruth Hibdon.

This year, rather than passing the hat, we will try something new. We will set up a table to display items received from you. Each gift will have a pad and pencil and box in which you will deposit your bid. At the end of the set period (probably Saturday at noon), we will open the boxes. The highest bidder will receive that prize.

Bill Darden, 1120 Westover Dr., Palatka, Fla 32077-5328 has volunteered to have you mail your items to him. He has 7½ acres and plenty of room to store them. Bill and Ginny live 100 miles from Orlando. I am

so thrilled that they called and volunteered.

Also Lucille Kohlscheen said that she would help. So now all we need is for you to help by sending your items NOW!!!!

If you are inclined to be a little lazy, perhaps you will consider sending Ethel Dodge, Box 35, Waverly, NE 68462 or me-Helen Ecelbarger, 7862 E. Rosewood St., Tucson, AZ 85710 a cash gift. Remember, we don't charge dues. It costs money to produce the newsletter which helps us keep track of each of you. Postage was raised - and it looks like it will be raised again before the new year. Thanks ever so much to those that have sent monies designated for the newsletter.

A reminder - please send me your letters and your Profiles so I can get them in the newsletters for all to read and enjoy. I don't have a Profile this time because I didn't have a response. DO NOT BE SHY - we love to read about you. I do appreciate the contributions to the letters to the Editor.

Don't forget our Reunion is the first week-end in May of 1992. Send all of your news to Helen by Xmas for the next newsletter. The end of December 1991.