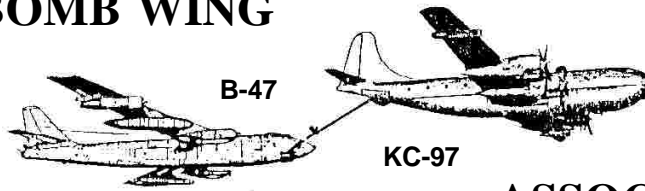




307TH BOMB WING



ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

For all former members of the 307th Bomb Wing at Lincoln AFB, Nebraska

Seattle Was Great!!!

Chairman's Report

It's always marvelous to see old friends, and with the setting we found in Washington, it was especially rewarding. **Bob and Shirley King** and their committee were really well organized. The Red Lion at Bellevue is a wonderful hotel; the accommodations were exceptional. The visit to the Red Barn and the Boeing Museum and seeing the many aircraft on display cranked the memory drum back in time. Most especially thrilling was when a gate was opened and we were able to congregate around a vintage B-47. HEAVY NOSTALGIA.

Played golf on Friday and guess what--it rained. But it was the only time during the Reunion that it did rain, unusual for Seattle. We still had a very good time at Echo Hills, a beautiful course about thirty minutes north of Bellevue. **Bob Weidner** hosted our group of "ducks." Friday evening the weather was beautiful as we went by boat to Tillicum Village on Blake island for a truly delicious alder baked salmon dinner and entertainment by the Northwest Coastal Indians. The trip out featured a fascinating tour of the Seattle harbor, with informative descriptions of the many sea-going vessels in port. Upon arrival at the wharf, souvenir photos were taken of all passengers. The trip back to Seattle after dark presented us with the most beautiful views I've ever seen--the skyline and the reflections on the water were spectacular. Those who were there know what I mean. Our

photos were ready for selection on the return trip as well.

At the business meeting on Saturday, it turns out that I was elected to another two years as your chairman. Being chairman isn't all that bad when one receives such great help as **Mike and Marjean Gingrich**. Marjean is Editor for our Newsletter, and doing a great job. Mike does the computer work and is also doing membership. **Ethel Dodge** continues doing a great job as our treasurer with help from **Hale** on the computer records. **Vern Biatt** is Secretary and in coordination with Mike generates the labels for the Newsletter, which is printed here in Lincoln, labeled, sorted, and mailed on to you. I can assure you **Bev (Minnick)** is of great help to me with the Newsletter and tracking returned letters and changes of address, etc.

Roger "Bud" Flanik shot a film of the Memorial Park at the United States Air Force Museum in Dayton. Mike helped out by showing the film at the Reunion. Most of us in Seattle saw the tape and in the business meeting voted and approved placing a memorial at the Museum in Dayton. It seems Bud has an inside track to one of the last locations available. He will supervise the Memorial Project for us. We had an especially good response from those in Seattle, but I know many of you will want to be a part of creating this memorial. We do need more donations to the MEMORIAL FUND, but at the same time please keep supporting our mailings. We are operating on donations ALONE,

so far we haven't had to resort to "DUES" so keep those checks coming. Also mail in your Application for Membership--only four hundred out of our twelve hundred plus mailing list have done this. We need them on file to maintain our tax exempt non-profit status.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES NEEDED--If you have something, let us share it--maybe you'd like to tell a vignette of something that happened to you in Lincoln, England, or Spain. We all like to read about the "good old times." I am delighted to tell you that two of our members have volunteered their services as historians for our group: **Ernie Pence**, 2001 A Street, Schuyler, NE 68661 (402) 352-5327; and **Robert Loffredo**, 6004 S W 2nd Street, Des Moines, IA 50315 (515) 285-3445.

Please feel free to send either one of them historical items. Be sure to place your name on the items if you want them to be returned later. I have recently, with the help of Bob Corti and James Kamus from Baker Printing here in Lincoln, picked up some copies of old *Jet Scoop* newspapers for our history. The historians will soon be asking you for things--please help them in every way you can--pictures, letters, orders, insignia, equipment, whatever.

For 1996 it is Dayton, Ohio. It is planned that we will dedicate our memorial at that time. Mike Gingrich has volunteered to be the Dayton Chairman. You in the area--he will need your help. Vern Biatt is assuming Mike's membership duties

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for the next two years.

Saturday night we had a wonderful banquet. Good food, fellowship and entertainment. During dinner, we were entertained by Jim Greeninger, an excellent classical/contemporary jazz guitarist. Following dinner, an inspiring Musical Revue was presented by Ken and Nona Goodwin. We all enjoyed having our caricatures drawn as we waited for dinner. We participated in traditional toasts prior to eating, and the ladies were pleased to each receive a beautiful rose as a tribute to their devotion and service.

Sunday morning we gathered for one last time at brunch, before going our separate ways and beginning to look forward to the next reunion. The most frequent comment we heard about this reunion was, "This is as good as it gets!" We need you members in San Antonio, Colorado Springs, and California to be giving some thought to hosting the 1998

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The 307th Bomb Wing B-47/KC97 Association is a non-profit veterans organization. The Chairman is elected by majority vote of members in attendance at each business meeting. The Chairman's Committee serves at the pleasure of the Chairman.

reunion. It was good to have people in Seattle who had already given thought to Dayton--1996.

Finally, all of our best to Billy Williams, who suffered horribly in Seattle, but made every effort to attend what he could, and always had a smile on his face--or was that a grimace of pain, Billy? At any rate, we're glad you're doing better.

Tony Minnick

1994 307th Bomb Wing Association Business Meeting

July 2, 1994, Seattle, Washington

The meeting was called to order by Association Chairman, **Tony Minnick**. Member **Bill Rogers** offered the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Treasurer's Report was presented: on June 26, 1994, the balance was \$2059.00. The Newsletter continues to be the largest expense, as we continue to publish three issues per year. The cost per issue, however, has gone down during the past two years.

A discussion was held concerning the Association's status regarding dues. Since the founding of the Association in 1988, twelve hundred and fifty (1250) eligible individuals have been located and placed on the mailing list. Of these, four hundred (400) have completed Membership Applications. Of these, one hundred fifty six (156) have donated for Newsletter and administrative costs. We need more interested persons to sign up as members, and we need everyone who is interested in continuation of the Association and the Newsletter to send donations.

Vern Biaett pointed out that all Newsletter labels show whether or not the recipient is a member--an asterisk (*) next to the name indicates that a membership Form is **not** on file, and should be completed and submitted. All association mail should be sent to the return address shown on the Newsletter.

Tony announced that the Turner History Book project would be canceled on

August 15, 1994, if the company has not received at least three hundred (300) biographies by that date. Tony also announced that a special mailing would be sent immediately after the Reunion, in as much as the next Newsletter would be after the deadline.

Two new Historians for the Association were announced: **Ernie Pence** of Schuyler, Nebraska and **Robert Loffredo** of Des Moines, Iowa.

Roger "Bud" Flanik submitted a 307th Memorial Project report (see Bud's description elsewhere in this issue). In order to commit to this project, a Letter of Intent must be submitted to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio. The Association must also collect a minimum of \$4,000.00. It was moved and seconded that the project proceed, with Bud Flanik as Coordinator and Liaison with the Air Force Museum. The motion carried by a majority vote.

The next item of business was election of the Association Chairman. **Vern Biaett** nominated **Tony Minnick** to serve for another term. There were no additional nominations, and Tony was reelected by acclamation.

Bill Rogers moved that the 1996 Reunion be held in Dayton, Ohio, in conjunction with the dedication of the 307th memorial. The motion was seconded and discussion followed. Tony announced that the 307th ARS reunion that year will be in Indianapolis, because there are no members in Dayton to organize a reunion for them. Consequently, it will not be possible to have a joint reunion. The motion to select Dayton was approved by majority vote. **Mike Gingrich** was appointed Reunion Chairman. The exact date will be selected by the committee, but the possibility of picking a date around June 15, 1996, was suggested.

Tony then thanked **Ethel Dodge** for her long service as Treasurer of the Association.

Reunion sites after Dayton were discussed, with considerable interest shown in Colorado Springs, San Antonio, or someplace in California. Selection of an

actual site for 1998 will take place in Dayton in 1996, and would be dependent upon a member volunteering to serve as Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



A Note From Bob and Shirley King

Thanks to those who were there when the Kings needed advice and help of all kinds. Special credit to **Larry Neely** who could not attend the reunion but was on the registration desk and we thank him for his extra effort.

Others who made it all worthwhile: **Cecil Braeden** and his handy graphic computer that produced the various colored meal tickets that kept us all on the right track for the three days--Thanks a bunch Cecil! By the way, **Cecil and Maureen Braeden** along with **Bill and Dottie Barnicoat** make wonderful dinner companions. Call them sometime when you are in town; we had a ball.

Thanks to **Dick and Margaret Owens, Jim and Margaret Chittenden, Carolyn Weidner, Vince and Harriet Kovacich, Don and Pat Fraker**, who all served multiple tours on the registration desk. Also to **Dave Boerighter**, who looked after the entertainment and whom I probably owe an apology for not recognizing him at the Saturday night affair. It was a busy, emotional, exciting time; thanks Dave!

We can't forget the great job **Bob Weidner** did for our golfers. As I understand it, he even arranged a little liquid sunshine for our visitors to the Northwest.

Thanks to all who came and thanks to all who helped make the 1994 reunion a success.

Two final Seattle gems to remember:

First, whatever games you play, if you cannot do it in the rain, this is not the place for you. Second, while other areas may have a booster group known as "The Greater So and So Society," whose purpose is to promote growth and development, here we take a different view and have "The Lesser Seattle Society," which has annual awards known as the "KBO," short for "Keep the Bastards Out." See you in Dayton . . .

Who Was In Seattle?

A total of one hundred eighty seven (187) people attended the Reunion in Seattle, Washington, including:

Bob and Bette Ace
 Jim Adams
 Gene and Betty Aenchbacher
 Ward Allen
 Dick and Eloise Arens
 Bob Baker
 Bill and Dottie Barnicoat
 Roger and Dottie Beamer
 Roland and Eleanor Behnke
 Margot Berkovitz
 Vernon Biaett
 Bill and Marion Bifford
 Dave and Barbara Boerighter
 Larry and Jan Boggess
 Bill and Alyce Boudreaux
 Bruce and Eve Bradfield
 Cecil and Maureen Braeden
 Jim and Carolyn Carlton
 Bill and Grace Carrier
 Jim and Margaret Chittenden
 Johnny Clark
 Ray and Esther Coley
 Bob and Nancy Corti
 John and Zee Crook
 Dallas and Julie Crosby
 Don, Phyllis and John Daley
 Bob and Shirley Delany
 Leonard and Deanie Earley
 Helen Eiland

Howard and Mary Evans
 Jim and Jean Evans
 Don and Pat Fraker
 Darrell and Lois Gallenberger
 Jim and Judy Gardner
 Mike and Marjean Gingrich
 Ed and Diane Godec
 Bob and Sue Goodrich
 Don and Marcelle Gosting
 Jack Hagelin
 Merle and Jeanell Hahn
 Jack and Marjorie Haley
 Bob and Gwen Hansen
 Tony Hart
 Bill and Mary Hathaway
 Jerry and Marilyn Hawkins
 Glen and Lucy Hesler
 Don and Anne Horn
 Joe and Viola Hull
 Earl and Sue Johnson
 Harry and Carol Jones
 Abe Kardong
 Bob and Susan Kelly
 Bob and Shirley King
 Frank and Dolores Kisner
 Vince and Harriet Kovacich
 Pete and Dody Kraska
 Glenn and Dorothy Lally
 Jim and Darleen Lancaster
 Bill and Hazel Lawson
 Gene and Thelma Lee
 Marvin Lundgren
 Billy and Laree Lyons
 Frank and Delia Medrick
 Bruce and Melba Mills
 Tony and Beverly Minnick
 Tom and Sara Minow
 Wally and Pat Mitchell
 Barbara Moore
 Jim and Joan Muller
 Peter and Marilyn Myatt
 Sam and Paula Myers
 Don Nigro
 Arnold and Diane Nollenberg
 Bill and Loree Oertel
 Dick and Margaret Owens
 Paul and Grace Palmer
 Pat and Norma Patterson
 Betty Pelletier
 Chuck and Rosemary Percell
 Ralph and Ruth Philbrook
 Gerry and Beverly Ridley
 Dean and Bonnie Roelle
 Bill and Vida Rogers
 Joe and Linda Rogers
 Dick Russell
 Sam and Gloria Samuels

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Newsletter Schedule

The 307th Bomb Wing B-47/KC-97 Association Newsletter is published for the benefit of all former members of the 307th Bomb Wing of Lincoln AFB, Nebraska. It is expected to be published three times a year.

Issues are scheduled to be published during **January, May, and September of 1995**, and in **January and May of 1996**. The subsequent publication schedule will be determined after the 1996 reunion.

Contributions for publication in the newsletter are requested from all readers. Please mail your contribution to the editor to arrive no later than the calendar month prior to the scheduled publication date. Your contribution of material for this newsletter is essential for its success.

Charles and Ruth Schisler
 Clayton and Rose Scott
 Jim and Judy Shelton
 Al and Vivian Simpkins
 Harold and Dee Streumpler
 Tom and Eunice Taylor
 Nobel and Gladys Timmons
 Paul and Lorraine Trudeau
 Fred and Ruth Varn
 Les and Jan Walrath
 Charley and Betty Watkins
 Rudy and Katy Webb
 Bob and Carolyn Weidner
 Wally and Peggy Whitehurst
 Bill and Jean Williams

Keith and Janet Nystrom and **Jerry and Helen Otten** had registered for the Reunion, but had to cancel at the last moment due to health problems. We wish them a speedy return to good health.

Dayton 1996

The Dayton 1996 Reunion will center on the dedication of the 307th Bomb Wing Memorial at the USAF Museum. A tentative date has already been reserved for the dedication ceremony. Other reunion activities may also have their focus at the museum.

We are tentatively expecting in excess of four hundred people in Dayton, because of the central, "heartland of America," location. Other plans in the works include the possibility of a dinner theater trip including a dramatic outdoor pageant, a day trip to a famous antique town with lunch at an historic inn, and the traditional reunion golf outing.

Our immediate priorities are to assemble a top-notch committee and to pick a hotel. By the next issue of the Newsletter, we should have some more definite information to pass along. Just keep in mind that June is a "pleasant weather," month in Ohio, and we have a high priority for "pleasant." I also have to come up with a committee and a plan in the wake of the spectacular reunion Bob and Shirley King and their committee produced in Seattle.

Mike Gingrich

SEATTLE, WASHINGTON! What a place to spend your vacation -- "in the hospital!"

Editor's Note: Billy and Jean Williams came to the Seattle Reunion prepared to enjoy the reunion activities, and particularly to enjoy camaraderie with their many friends in the Association. Upon arrival at SeaTac Airport, however, Billy was seized with excruciating pain that was subsequently diagnosed as from a kidney stone. During the ensuing days, Billy was treated at the VA Hospital on at least two occasions, while he struggled to participate in as many activities as possible. The other attendees admired his courage and fortitude, and the following article reflects Billy's impression of the Seattle 94 Reunion. At presstime, Billy had undergone more surgery back in Lincoln, and is reportedly doing well.

First of all, I would like to thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers extended to me and Jean during this trying time. Things happened so fast we didn't have time to comprehend the seriousness of my problem. I do know now, with Jean's persistence and the Doctor's (Surgeon's) quick action, my life was saved, as well as my right kidney. I also have a vague idea of what a woman goes through during labor; one of the nurses told me the pain from kidney stones is worse than labor. I want to say a special "thanks" to **Jim and Darleen Lancaster** for being there to assist Jean during this whole ordeal and for instilling the true meaning of friendship--our friends for forty years. **T. R. and Eunice Taylor** and **Charley and Betty Watkins**, thanks for all your help, too. **"GOOD AND LOYAL FRIENDS ARE A TRUE BLESSING."** My problems with kidney stones came on me all at once, never having had any problem before, so it just goes to show that no one should take health or life for granted. We arrived in Seattle on Wednesday so we would be able to do the normal "tourist things," but this just goes to show the best made plans can go astray. Our flight home was great, United Airlines was most cooperative and very helpful to us. I had follow up surgery on Thursday, after I returned home and had another procedure done on July 27, to have the stone in the left kidney "blasted." I feel great

now and am looking forward to the 1996 Reunion in Dayton, Ohio.

Speaking of the 1996 Reunion, I hope "you" enlisted members will make every effort to attend, as the 307th Bomb Wing will be dedicating their memorial at the Air Force Museum. It was very disappointing that so few enlisted members attended the Seattle reunion, when so many of you live on the west coast. REMEMBER, this is your organization, and we need more enlisted participation! I've heard some say that the reunions are too expensive, but let me say this, you can't put on a first class reunion for nickels and dimes. I know first hand, as I've been involved with two of them. Believe me, the 307th Bomb Wing is a first class outfit. Start making plans now to attend the Dayton Reunion, because it will definitely be one you won't want to miss.

One more thing, please check the address label on your Newsletter and if there is an asterisk beside your name, that means you have not filled out the membership application. Please, do so and return the application to the Minnicks. It may become necessary in the future to mail Newsletters on a regularly basis **only** to the registered members because of postage costs. That could mean you won't find out the location of upcoming reunions until the last minute.

Jean and I want to thank Bob and Shirley King for another "great" reunion. I just wish we could have enjoyed all of it, but what we were able to attend, we certainly enjoyed.

Thanks again to all my buddies for your caring thoughts.

Billy D. Williams

The 307th Bomb Wing Memorial Project

At the Seattle Reunion, so capably hosted by **Bob and Shirley King**, the members voted to proceed with a permanent memorial honoring all members of the 307th Bomb Wing stationed at Lincoln AFB, Nebraska. This memorial will be

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located at the USAF Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. We intend to formally dedicate the memorial as part of the 1996 307th BW Reunion in Dayton.

Mike Gingrich and I met with museum representatives following Mike's return from the Seattle Reunion. Mike is the Dayton Reunion Chairman and I've offered to serve as the Memorial Project Coordinator.

We are extremely fortunate in that we have been tentatively given one of only three bench sites at the proposed Memorial Plaque Wall. The wall is in a prime location within the memorial park and will accommodate over one hundred (100) individual memorial plaques. I use the word "tentatively" because the Museum Foundation has not yet voted to accept the Memorial Wall design. This appears to be a mere formality since architectural renderings are already complete. Once the foundation formally approves the concept, we will again meet with museum officials to select the final location and the type of memorial. In the meantime, they suggest we proceed to do all that we can in preparation for the actual work.

Any confusion over the memorial is due to several factors all occurring within a short period of time. At the start of 1994 approximately forty (40) memorial sites were available within the existing park. Publicity by the museum attracted interest from WWII, Korean War, and Viet Nam War units, and all forty sites were committed by the end of February. Federal budget cuts and "downsizing" the forces literally mandated a "no growth" policy in anticipation of significant decreases in both military and civilian personnel available for museum upkeep.

The memorial wall was conceived several years ago, but only recently has it been moved to a fast track project. The museum already has significant commitments for plaques. Our ongoing dialogue with staff resulted in our receiving one of the three bench sites available.

We are currently proposing a granite bench with laser etching showing a KC-97 refueling a B-47. The 307th Bomb Wing as well as the 370th, 371st, 372nd, and 424th Squadrons would be

individually listed along with the Wing emblem. Anyone with additional ideas, sketches, or suggestions is invited to drop me a note briefly describing your thoughts. All will be given serious consideration. Pictures were shown in Seattle of a similar bench recently dedicated by the 308th Bomb Wing. The cost of the 308th bench was approximately \$ 3,800.

This brings me to the final, and most important, issue, **money**--specifically, donations from our members for the memorial. Approximately \$ 3,000 was collected in Seattle. This generosity was overwhelming, to say the least. With support like this, our ability to collect the full cost of the project is not a concern--it is **guaranteed**.

However, we are an organization of people. The memorial is a tribute to each member of the 307th. Just as you are a member of the 307th, so are you a part of the memorial. It must be the sum of full participation by the men and women who were the 307th.

Therefore, I encourage each of you to join in contributing what you can toward this permanent memorial. No contribution is too small. Funds collected in excess of memorial costs will be retained within the Association Treasury. Disposition will be determined by the Chairman's Committee.

Memorial contributions should be sent to the Association address on the Newsletter. Memorial ideas or

suggestions should sent to: Bud Flanik, 3207 Zephyr Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45414.

We've Heard From

Melba and Bruce Mills, who said that they thought the Seattle Reunion was **WONDERFUL!** Melba says she was disappointed that the **Shulgins, Doris Smith** and **Helen Ecelberger** couldn't attend. She was very pleased, however, that **Dot and Red Lally** were able to come. Melba says that Red "looked so good" after his recent stroke. She was also happy to see the **Gostings** from Oklahoma and the **Goodrichs** from Washington. She wishes that **Alice Kimberlin** would surprise us and show up one time. Melba sends along the news that **Les and Jan Walrath** celebrated their fiftieth anniversary in July, and adds that she and Bruce marked their fiftieth last February.

Carol and Harry Jones who sent along some photos from "another super reunion." Also sent an address for **Clay Arundel**.

George G. Adams who says that he recently found out through **Leo Halpin** that there is an Association. George says

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Treasurer's Report

As of 8/10/94.

ASSETS:	
Beginning balance 2/28/94.....	2320.97
Donations since 2/28/94.....	1185.00
Interest income.....	22.64
Return of seed money from '94 reunion.....	1500.00
Total assets.....	\$5028.61
EXPENSES:	
Newsletter printing.....	639.11
Newsletter postage.....	381.23
Transfer of funds to Memorial account.....	320.00
Total expenses.....	\$1340.43
ENDING BALANCE:.....	\$3688.27

WRIGHT-PATTERSON MEMORIAL FUND BALANCE:
(includes \$2953 donations since 2/28/94.....\$3275.18

By Ethel L Dodge, Treasurer

Red Lion Hotel, Bellevue Washington

June 30, July 1,2,&3, 1994

Dick Owens and Dick Arens attend



Reunion Attendees and a Boeing B-47, "Up Close and Personal".

Seattle Skyline on the boat trip to





A Crew Reunited: Eve and Bruce Bradfield, Marjorie and Jack Haley, and Abe Kardong, at the Boeing

Red and Dot Lally with Dick



A little business amid the weekend filled with fun.

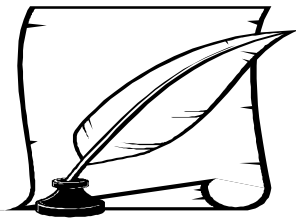
that he noticed that there were very few A & E members, so is sending applications to several people with whom he and Patricia have stayed in touch.

Richard Behnke who passed along some names of deceased members. Richard says he appreciates all of the good work that goes into organizing our reunions.

Mitzi Gillespie who says she has many pleasant memories of being a wife in the 307th, and would enjoy hearing from old friends. Mitzi lives at 408 Westchester Dr., N.W., Birmingham, Alabama.

Billy Williams who sends along the sad news that **Adam Aslaender** is very ill, and has been undergoing chemotherapy for the last two years. Adam and **Lorene** would undoubtedly appreciate your prayers, and cards sent to: Adam Aslaender, 10120 Peters Road, Cabot, Arkansas, 72023.

Clayton Scott who sent along information about **Dale Samuelson**, who had been among the missing. It also looks like Clayton is actively recruiting members for our group, along with the "Society of the Strategic Air Command."



Editor's Note

Once again, this column will take the form of a brief travelogue. One of the advantages of attending 307th Bomb Wing Reunions, above and beyond the opportunity to see and "catch up with" so many friends, is the chance to see new parts of the country, and in this case, the continent.

On Monday following the reunion activities, we moved over to the Sheraton Hotel in Seattle. We spent the afternoon in Seattle wandering around **Pike Street**

Market and taking pictures. That evening, we went to the **OmniDome** theater, and watched a fascinating film about the eruption of Mount St. Helens.

Tuesday morning found us, along with **Tony and Bev Minnick**, on the **Victoria Clipper**, a jet propelled boat. We enjoyed a fairly rapid (two and a half hours) trip to **Victoria B. C.** Enroute, we were served a continental breakfast and information about the sites we passed. Upon arrival in Victoria, we found perfect weather, a beautiful harbor, and lovely hotel accommodations. We all stayed at the **Hotel Grand Pacific**. I believe that this is the first time Mike and I have ever paid extra for a room with a view, and believe me, it was worth the few extra dollars. It was impossible to pass the doors to the balcony without wandering out to see what was happening outside.

After lunch on the porch of the **Whitehouse Inn**, we were able to get unpacked and settled before our next adventure. We boarded a double-decker bus for our dinner tour to the **Butchart Gardens**. About three-fourths of the way to the gardens, we stopped at **The Chanticleer**, a nifty restaurant in a building that looks like an English Manor House. We had a pleasant meal, from salad through dessert, and then continued our trip. Someone told me before we went that all you do at Butchart Gardens is walking around looking, and saying, "ooh;" I can confirm that this is true. We saw the gardens in daylight, twilight, and lighted after dark. We saw roses, dahlias, and begonias of sizes and colors we didn't know existed.

The next day, Wednesday, was spent walking around the city of Victoria, drinking espresso or cappuchino at one of the many kiosks lining the street, and finally, partaking of **High Tea** at the **Empress Hotel**--a once in a life time opportunity.

In typical "It's A Small World," fashion, we ran into **Harry and Carol Jones** and **Pat and Norma Patterson** also enjoying beautiful Victoria.

Thursday found us on our way back Seattle; this time we enjoyed a Smoked Salmon box lunch enroute. Thursday

evening, we all went to the Seattle Center on the Monorail. If you see Tony and Bev, be sure to ask them about the Laser Show at Seattle Center. I think it was the "highlight" of their trip. Then we enjoyed a luxurious dinner in the **Emerald Suite** atop the **Space Needle**.

Friday morning, we took a Gray Line Coach tour of the City of Seattle, seeing **Pioneer Village, the Chittenden Locks**, and several other notable sites. Sadly, Saturday found us on airplanes, enroute back to Lincoln and Dayton. We had a great time, saw incredible scenery, enjoyed perfect weather, and Bev and I are certain we located every possible gift shop in the Pacific Northwest.

A note for those of you who noticed the new art work in the Newsletter masthead this issue. **Jim Dutch of Sabot Aviation Glassware** provided this to the Association free of charge. Thanks to Jim from all of us.

The photos in the centerfold of this issue were developed and printed by **Film Works** in Seattle. Their process is an interesting one, which we plan to use as much as possible in the Newsletter. After processing the film, this company makes regular prints, and also puts the photos on a computer disk. The results can then be added to our Desktop Publishing directory for use in the Newsletter. This results in a significantly better quality print than does our previous method of scanning photos. Some of you may be interested in this process--you can view your photos on your computer monitor in either the normal print size, or larger so that they fill the entire monitor screen. If you take pictures that you would like to submit for publication in the Newsletter, we would prefer to receive them on a disk. The address for **Seattle FilmWorks** is 1260 16th Avenue W., P. O. Box 34056, Seattle, WA 98124. **Harry and Carol Jones** sent some pictures from the Seattle reunion that we were unable to use because the quality after being scanned in was significantly deteriorated. Thanks anyway, Harry and Carol. If you have no objection, we'll keep your photos as a wonderful remembrance of the Reunion.

Marjean Gingrich



Sailing the Inland Passage to Alaska

On the final morning of the wonderful 307th Reunion that Bob King and his committee put on, we all got together for a wonderful breakfast buffet, and then about thirty-three members and friends boarded a bus for Vancouver, B. C., to embark on a cruise to Alaska. We left the Red Lion Hotel in Bellevue at 11:00 a.m., and with only a stop in Stanwood, Washington to pick up a few others who had signed on for the cruise, we travelled directly to the docks in Vancouver where the MS NOORDAM was berthed. We all went through the embarkation ritual and after only a short wait we were allowed to board. At this point, confusion reigned as we all had to locate our staterooms. Our baggage had been sent directly to the stateroom if it had the right tag on it and those of us who had had our staterooms changed started looking. I was fortunate enough to see mine being taken to the wrong room so I got that changed with very little trouble.

A short time later we set sail and moved "majestically out to sea." In our rooms we found envelopes with all pertinent data, such as our table numbers for dining.

My roommate turned out to be a 78 year old lady from Nashville who was a bit confused. But that is another whole story as the other members of our group will testify.

The ship was a beautiful liner with lovely but crowded conditions in the staterooms. My roommate received a lovely bouquet from her travel agent and all of the 307th cruisers who booked through Donna's Travel Agency received bottles of champagne.

The food was wonderful and plentiful. We could eat eleven times a day by count and as much as we wanted. The various dining areas were open practically around the clock. There was entertainment every night which was outstanding, featuring a great orchestra, dancers, and singers. On

separate occasions were entertained by a superb juggler and on two other evenings a great pianist played. He also did a special afternoon concert in the "Crow's Nest." In addition, each evening a marvelous quartette of piano and strings played in the "Explorer's Lounge," while we sipped chocolate and coffee liqueur drinks. For those interested, there were programs of crafts, bingo, gambling, movies, nature lectures and music for dancing. I must say, there was lots of entertainment for one and all including amateur night, ice carving, and a wonderful display (and eating) of desserts at midnight one night. One could be busy day and night with eating and entertainment.

The ship also had a ship's store with many items to buy for those of us who didn't have enough warm clothes along, as well as toiletries, jewelry, and gift items. There were at least seven bars on board and they were busy most of the time. All had some entertainment afternoons and evenings.

There was a naturalist aboard who kept everyone apprised of the indigenous creatures. We saw whales, otters, seals, eagles, and seabirds including puffins. When we travelled past the glaciers, Janna was very helpful in explaining all the unusual natural sites we were seeing. This was especially true as we sailed into College Fjord where all the glaciers are named after Ivy League colleges and also when we were near the Columbia Glacier.

Tours were available at every port. Our first stop was Ketchikan where all the 307th members were invited on a special tour through the town and on to Saxman, the native village, where totem poles and canoes are fashioned. This was led by Jim Carlton, 307th member and now Mayor of Ketchikan. He had arranged dances by the natives including very young children who were really entertaining. One of our members was even convinced to become a part of the dance. The Saxman Mayor arranged a lunch and also spoke of the native heritage.

We also stopped at Juneau, the capital, and a city with no roads leading out of it. Excursions to the Mendenhall Glacier by bus or helicopter were the favorite tours although some opted for the fishing,

nature walks and other tours.

Our next stop was Sitka where we made shore by tender service. The town was very picturesque with a wonderful Russian Church, a totem pole center and a great exhibition of Russian Dancing put on by a ladies group there. Some again opted for the fishing tours or maybe just shopping in the town.

On Friday we sailed into Glacier Bay where we had a very close view of all the many glaciers in the area. It was a wonderful sight to see these glaciers and the wildlife.

On Saturday, we docked at Valdez where the earthquake caused a great deal of damage in 1964 and where the oil spill was at its worst. It is a small town but quite interesting. On Sunday we landed at Seward where all the disembarking travelers were bussed to Anchorage to go on to Denali Park, Fairbanks, or to return to Seattle.

A great time on the cruise was had by all.

Betty Pelletier

307th Cruisers

- Gene and Betty Aenchbacher
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- Bill and Hazel Lawson
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- Jim and Judy Shelton
- Alan and Vivian Simpkins
- Archi and Gloria Samuels

Eleven friends of Association members also cruised. Betty Pelletier and Shirley and Bob King hope that everyone had as good a time as the three of them did on this short tip to "The Great Land."

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graduates of USAF, USAAF and USAAC Navigator or Observer schools interested in membership in the **Air Force Navigators Observers Association**. Contact: Joe Lyons, 6503 Joline, San Antonio, TX 78218-3533.

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Chief McCoy also announced that Nebraska Senator J. James Exon had enthusiastically agreed to be the Honorary Chairman of the Golden Anniversary Celebration. "I can't think of a stronger supporter of the military and the Strategic Air Command than

Senator Jim Exon, " McCoy said. "He was with us every step of the way. . .especially during those long, Cold War years."

The six-month celebration will kick off with the Society of the Strategic Air Command's 50th Anniversary Reunion in Omaha on March 21-23, 1996

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