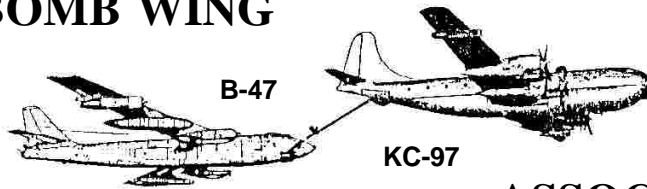


## 307TH BOMB WING



## ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

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

### Got Any Answers for Tony?

#### Chairman's Report

First, I want to make a strong pitch for ALL COMMANDERS of the 307th, both Wing and Squadron, to make a special effort to attend the dedication of our Memorial in Dayton. We would really like to see you again. Why not make plans now to attend? In addition, if there are individuals who, for one reason or another, cannot attend the Dayton Reunion, but who would like to attend the Dedication Ceremony, you are cordially invited to do so. Be sure to check the next issue of the Newsletter for the exact time and date! Please remember, "The Dedication is a Very Special Event."

We've been asked some questions--and would like some answers, please!!

1. Jimmy Stewart flew as AC with Bill Burford (returning to California from an M-Day assignment at Hqs SAC). Who were the co-pilot and navigator on that flight?

2. Does anyone have a "Dash One" for the B-47 or KC-97? And if so, could we have it or a copy for our History. If not, does anyone know where we could get them?

3. Was there a 307th Reunion in Omaha in the 1967-68 time frame? If so, who attended, and have there been other meetings about which we could have details for the Newsletter and History?

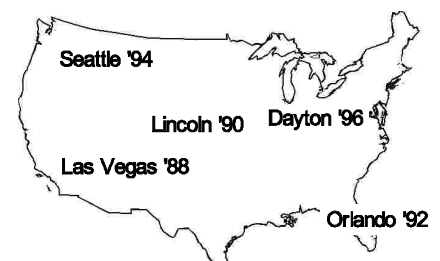
We are always looking for good stories, so come on folks, spin the wheels of your memory and send us the results. We could use input for the Newsletter--but more importantly it's interesting stuff, as you know, so let's share--there isn't one of you who doesn't have something to tell!

Perhaps this is the time to ask again for the approximately one hundred personal histories, along with the before and now pictures that were submitted for the intended History Book. You should have had them returned by the erstwhile history book publisher, so please send them to Robert Loffredo, Historian. Maybe someday a History Book can still be printed. Pictures of aircrews and ground crews would also be appreciated. Include names of crew members if you can.

Freedom Flight Update: Bev and I made a quick trip to the Kansas City area August 3rd and 4th to see the vintage aircraft on their way east (marking the 50th Anniversary of the end of WW II). The weather did not cooperate--low clouds and some rain--so we were either flown over or circumvented by many participants. We did see a host of AT-6's, SNJ's, a few BT-113's, AT-11's, C-45's, and C-47's, but no bomber or fighter aircraft. A special kick for me was a PT-19 (the type I flew in primary at Chickasha, OK. in 1942) that showed up. Never thought I'd see one of them again.

I hope many of you were able to visit other Freedom Flight locations. Ernie Pence tells me he went to Oshkosh, Wisconsin this year and a great many WW II aircraft flew in. Incidentally, if you haven't been to Oshkosh, you really should make every effort to go. You cannot believe the numbers and kinds of aircraft which fly into there each year. WARNING--if you decide to go, plan way ahead--reserve early or you may be quartered 50 miles away. Usually held the first part of August.

I know that several of you are members of the Society of the Strategic Air Command at Offutt in Omaha and receive their Newsletter the *KLAXON*. Therefore, you know a "Golden Anniversary" is planned for the Strategic Air Command. SAC was established March 21, 1946--the mainstay of SAC's strike force was the B-29, one hundred forty-eight of them. We have about that many bombers today. The Society and the SAC Museum plan six months of activity--but the beginning is set for March 21-23, 1996. For more information, write to P.O. box 1244, Bellevue, NE 68005-1244 or call at (402) 292-7433. The FAX number is (402) 292-5536. I'm sure some of you will be attending and I'll see you there.



Time to start thinking about our next reunions. Some places we have talked about before are: San Antonio (26 members with 9 more in Austin), Albuquerque (19 members), and Colorado Springs (14 members). However, the key to any location is a Chairman to lead the way. Who wants to step up to the plate?

Finally, I want to give for you (I've heard from many of you) our heartfelt thanks to Mike and Marjean. This is one GREAT NEWSLETTER! I get a couple others and have seen several more and none compare. Besides that, they are doing the Dayton reunion--so let's all get on the band wagon and attend.

One final but important note. The Association, including the Newsletter, is financed exclusively by donations. As you can see from the Treasurer's Report on page six, our Ending Balance at this time is somewhat low. To compensate for this,

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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.

we have revised the Newsletter schedule, and there will be one less than originally planned. You will receive just one more Newsletter before the Dayton Reunion. This issue also has fewer pages than normal, another cost-cutting maneuver. Thus, I would like to encourage anyone who has not recently made a donation to do so. You will be acknowledged, by name only, in the next issue. No amount is too small; as the old expression goes, "Every little bit helps."

Your chairman

Tony Minnick

## Memorial Update

As mentioned in the last update, the granite has been ordered and is due to be delivered



sometime in December. At that time, Dodd's Monuments will begin layout of the design on the actual stone, and any changes necessary will be made. Once that design stage is completed, a detailed drawing will be submitted to the Museum staff for their final approval or revision. This is that "gentle" timeframe that I refer to as the "incubation period." We have made the initial commitment and submitted our draft artwork. Now the project is in the hands of the experts.

By the time you read this article, the government should be back in business. But, as I write this, all "non-essential" federal employees are furloughed. Someone inside the Washington Beltway has concluded that the definition of "non-essential" includes all Museum employees, as well as the numerous unpaid volunteers who provide so much time and assistance. As a result, the gates to the Museum are now closed and locked, awaiting resolution of the Budget Crisis. The only reason that I mention this is that I would normally have some "pearl" from the Museum Staff for inclusion here, but must forego same for the above mentioned reason.

There has been so much interest in the Memorial Wall concept that the Museum Staff has already selected sites for two other identical walls for use when the first one is filled with memorial plaques. All three sites will be connected by walkways. This is a positive development, indicating the high level of acceptance for the first wall. In addition to the numerous plaques being installed, a beautiful bronze eagle rests atop the wall, adding another dimension not originally expected. (See photo on page 8). Both of the other benches at "our" wall have been placed, and it was subsequently discovered that the concrete pads they sit on need to be enlarged to provide additional walk-around space for visitors. We have held meetings with the Museum Staff and the Memorial Contractor to ensure that the base for our bench will be sufficiently large to avoid this problem.

Early indications from Mike and Marjean Gingrich are that this reunion will be one of the largest, if not the largest, we have had to date. A tremendous amount of work has already been done to ensure that each attendee has a great time in Dayton. I would like to personally encourage everyone who is part of our 307th Bomb Wing family to attend. This especially applies to those of you who, for one reason or another, have been unable to attend any of the previous reunions. One thing we have discovered from past reunions is that everyone becomes an active participant almost immediately. If you're worried about not knowing anyone, or being considered an "outsider" . . . I can assure you that you will be amazed at just how quickly you will find others who are eager to meet you and exchange memories. The intervening years quickly evaporate, all barriers are down, and you will be transported back to the Lincoln era, recalling memories, events, and people long forgotten.

So, if there is anyway at all that you can make it, please plan to attend and see the 307th Bomb Wing Family permanently memorialized in the official United States Air Force Museum Memorial Park. Long after we are all gone, visitors will see our memorial, and our legacy will live on.

Bud Flanik

307th Memorial Coordinator

1996



Dayton . . .  
Where It All Began

## REUNION SITES

The 1996 Dayton Reunion will be headquartered at the I-675 **Holiday Inn Conference Center** and **Homewood Suites**, actually located in **Fairborn, Ohio**, home of **Wright Patterson Air Force Base** and the Balkan Peace talks. These hotels are adjacent to one another, and guests have reciprocal use of all facilities. Each day, there will be a **Hospitality Room** at the Holiday Inn, a great place to meet your friends and reminisce.

Thursday's daytime activities are optional, but include golf at the **Wright Patterson Golf Course** or antiquing and lunch at the **Golden Lamb** in historic Lebanon, Ohio. One favorite bit of trivia about the Golden Lamb is that several Presidents and Charles Dickens stayed there.

Thursday will find us at the **United States Air Force Museum** for a cocktail reception and dinner under the wings of the airplanes in the **Modern Museum of Flight**. The Museum staff will have cockpits open for viewing on a half dozen different aircraft, including the Stealth Fighter.

Friday morning we will be back at the **Air Force Museum** for the Memorial Dedication Ceremony. Shuttle buses will be available throughout the afternoon for those who wish to visit the Museum after the ceremony.

Friday evening we will cruise on the **Ohio River** near **Cincinnati**. We will depart from **Covington, Kentucky** and cruise the river as we dine. It should be beautiful to watch the city lights begin to glow, and to see **Riverfront Stadium**, home of the Cincinnati Reds aglow.

Saturday morning will find us at the

**Holiday Inn** for our business meeting. At this time, we will select the site for our 1998 Reunion. It is time **now** to begin thinking about where you would like to go. Those of you in "congenial locations," should be preparing to entice us there. For the Dayton Reunion Committee, the Business Meeting and 1998 Site Selection are much anticipated events. Reunion photos will be taken Saturday afternoon, at the hotel.

Our Reunion Banquet will be Saturday evening at **Wright State University**. The University has built a new **Conference and Continuing Education Center**, just across the street from the Holiday Inn, that has a facility large enough to accommodate the four hundred plus people we expect to attend the reunion.

Sunday, we will be back at the **Holiday Inn** for a Departure Brunch. We have planned this as an event with flexible timing in order to accommodate airline departure schedules.



## AND SOUNDS . . .

In addition to a variety of sites, we have tried to include a cacophony of sounds for the Dayton Reunion.

Thursday evening at the Museum, you will have to rely on your memory of the sound of warbirds screaming down the runway.

Friday morning, however, will include not only a **bugler**, but an entire **Pipe Regiment** to lead us from the Museum Atrium to the Dedication site.

Friday evening during the dinner cruise, we will be entertained by a **Dixie Land Band**. The **Tom Harding Trio** is the most frequently requested group for activities featuring the Ohio River. They recently provided entertainment for Cincinnati's *Tall Stacks* celebration.

Saturday's Banquet will feature **Jim McCutcheon**, the Dayton area's **acoustic guitar wizard**. McCutcheon has been described as "one of the more inventive exponents of acoustic guitar wizardry." One music critic said of him: "his standards for his own music are exacting. When he performs, expect wonderful things." McCutcheon teaches guitar at three Dayton area universities, and at a Montessori School. He directs a teaching studio with his wife. He is listed on the Ohio Arts Council's Touring Roster. McCutcheon is the guitar adviser to the National Federation of Music Clubs, president of the Dayton Classical Guitar Society, and host of "The Intimate Guitar," on radio. Jim will entertain us during the Reception prior to dinner, and during dinner as well.

Following dinner, we will be entertained by the **FTD Sauerkraut Band**. This German Oom-Pah Band was formed in the early 1970's by a group of military and civilian employees of the Air Force Foreign Technology Division at Wright Patterson. The band dresses in authentic Lederhosen, and will play their signature "Polka" music and then provide sounds of the fifties for those who wish to dance.

A non-profit organization, the band plays

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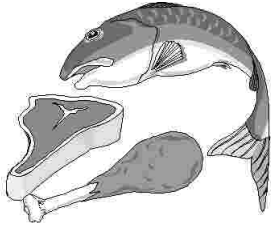
### Newsletter Schedule

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 **December of 1995**, and in **April 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.

thirty-five to forty events each year. A regular performer at the Dayton Art Institute's Oktoberfest for the past twenty years, the band also plays for nursing homes, hospitals, and retirement centers. Funds from any paid events are donated to local and national charities. Over the past twenty-two years, more than \$38,000 has been donated by the band.



## THE TASTES . . .

The Homewood Suites Hotel offers free **continental breakfast** to all who chose to stay there. For those at the Holiday Inn, the Hospitality room will offer complimentary **coffee, tea, Danish and Muffins** each morning. Afternoons in the Hospitality room we will provide complimentary **soft drinks, iced tea**, and if funds permit, beer. The Hospitality Room will be open during all time periods that members are not outside of the hotel for scheduled activities.

Thursday's optional excursion to Lebanon will include a *pris fixe* luncheon at the Golden Lamb. Lunch will feature the Inn's signature dish, **Roast Leg of Lamb**, with traditional accompaniments and **Apple Pie with Shaker Crumb Topping** for dessert. Participation in this optional activity is limited by the capacity of the Inn's private dining rooms, so register early to get a place.

Also on Thursday will be the golf outing. As not all of the reunion committee members are golfers, we aren't certain what sort of "refreshments" are traditional, but we feel certain that the participants will be able to improvise based upon what is available.

Dinner Thursday will be under the wings at the United States Air Force Museum

and will be catered by the Wright Patterson Club Catering System. We have selected a buffet with a choice of **Top Round of Beef, Baked Fish, and grilled Chicken Breast**. Accompaniments will include **rice, potatoes, and vegetables**. **Salad** will be served at your table and will include a **choice of dressings**. Dessert, also served with **coffee or tea**, will be **Lemon Cream Cake**.

Following the Memorial Dedication on Friday morning, there will be what the committee is calling, a "Mini-Reception." So that attendees and members can linger in the area, there will be **punch and cookies** to enjoy.

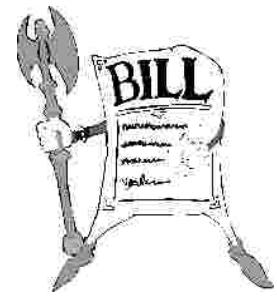
Friday night's dinner on the B&B Riverboat Funliner will be a **Cajun Creole Buffet**, featuring **Shrimp Creole, Jambalaya, Boneless Chicken Breast, Red Beans with Rice, Green Beans, Garden Salad with choice of dressing, Corn Muffins, and Bread Pudding** for dessert. When combined with the Dixie Land Band, this evening may convince you that a side trip to New Orleans has been included in your reunion activities.

The Saturday evening banquet will begin with a **Mixed Greens Salad with choice of dressing**, and will offer a choice of entrees, including: **Chicken Calavados accompanied by Apples, Duchesse Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, and an Apple Brandy Sauce**; or **Poached Salmon with Dill Sauce, Saffron Rice, and Broccoli Spears with Lemon Butter**; or **Filet Mignon with Red Bordeaux Wine Sauce, Potatoes Anna, and Sauteed Zucchini**. Dessert will be Lexington, Kentucky's famous **Derby Pie**.

The main course will be preceded by a cocktail reception. We will request that you make your menu selection at the time you register for the reunion. Dinner will offer a selection of **wine**, including non-alcoholic wines, and the bars will stock name brand liquors as well as non-alcoholic wine and beer.

Sunday Brunch will feature **Assorted Juices, Scrambled Eggs, Bacon, Sausage, Hash Browns, French Toast, Assorted Muffins, a selection of Cereals, along with Tea, Coffee, Sanka, and Milk**. This is an "all-you-can-eat" brunch, so look forward to a pleasant interlude before you leave for your day's

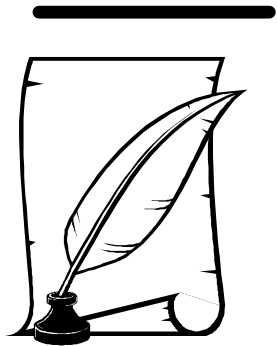
activities.



## AND FINALLY, WHAT'S THE TAB?

Our goal is to have the per-person cost for all of the above (excluding golf and the Lebanon excursion) to be under \$160.00. This includes all meals described, transportation to and from all scheduled activities, and free shuttle service to and from the Dayton Airport, to and from the Air Force Museum, to and from the Mall at Fairfield Commons, and if security and gate access conditions can be met, to and from the Base Exchange and other facilities at Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Registration materials will be in the next issue of the Newsletter, which you should receive around the first of April. Please register early.



## EDITOR'S NOTE

The Dayton area is an interesting place to live right now, with the "Proximity Talks," (also known as the Balkan Peace Talks) near by. Driving past the gate at the base, we see the orange cones closing off the lane of traffic that goes past the

Hope Hotel (what a great name for the hotel where these important talks are taking place.) At the city limits to Fairborn, adjacent to the base, we see a sign that says, *"Let there be Peace on Earth, and Let it Begin Here."*

We read daily about where the negotiators have dined, what they ate, and what the restaurant staff thought of the experience. We read about their shopping trips to the nearby Mall, what they bought, and what they paid. Saturday, there were several at the Base Exchange, buying shoes and briefcases. The one I encountered most frequently was wearing an impressive, official name tag indicating that he was "Vladimir" something. I couldn't read the last name without seeming inquisitive and rude. One must exercise care in being inquisitive and rude to individuals who have their own body guards with them. So I just said, "Hi Vladdie," and went about my business.

This position of Editor comes with so many perks that if I told you about all of them, I would probably have to force you to take a vow of silence for the rest of your life. Thus, instead of telling you about them, I shall merely exercise one. Serving as your Editor means that I have a forum, or a soap box if you prefer. This means that I can attempt to influence all of our Association members who live in Colorado Springs--enticing them to propose that the 1998 Reunion be held there.

Until recently, I had thought that either The Springs or San Antonio would be nice. However, since our son Matt moved to Denver last week, Colorado seems by far the best site.

Matt is a neo-natal respiratory therapist at St. Luke's Presbyterian Hospital in Denver, which is exactly thirteen hundred forty-seven miles from his Mom's house in Beavercreek, Ohio. So, Colorado, here I come!

Marjean Gingrich



## We've Heard From . . .



**Melba Mills** who reports that **Bruce** is "doing real good." "Health permitting," she continues, "we're hoping to make the reunion. Would like to come in our RV but again, that will depend." Melba passed along the news that **Helen Ecelbarger** recently broke her foot and is in a wheel chair.

**Dot Lally** who passed along the disappointing news that **Red** has had another stroke. This one effected a different part of the brain, so while his mobility is not severely impaired, his speech has been seriously effected. Red is undergoing speech and occupational therapy, and according to Dot, is fighting hard again to recover. For those who want to send cards, their address is:

Glenn J. Lally  
400 Ionic Circle  
Enon, OH 45323  
Phone is (513) 864-2356.

**Joan Abercrombie** who reports that **Max** had a stroke in July and has been in a nursing home since the first of August. Joan takes the Newsletter to Max and reads it to him. They will be unable to attend the reunion due to Max's condition. Joan adds a P.S. to send their greetings to **Rose and Clayton Scott**.

Max's address is:

Max Abercrombie  
Cambridge Nursing Home  
1100 North 16th Street  
Marysville, KS 66508

**Janet R. Campbell** who was in the 818th at Lincoln, but remembers many 307th troops. Janet recently heard from **Don Hadley** who sent her information about the Dayton Reunion, which she hopes to attend.

**Woody Fail** who has offered to help locate missing members. Woody says he has nothing to do except golf, paint, and play with his computer, and would like to

do something useful. Sounds like a pretty good life, and finding old buddies could only make it better.

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**Laurie Bunten** who is now retired from the University of California-Davis, and is in Omaha. Laurie says he has "really good memories of those days at Lincoln and the association with all the folks in the Wing." He says he hopes to get over to Lincoln and see **Hale and Ethel Dodge** one of these days.

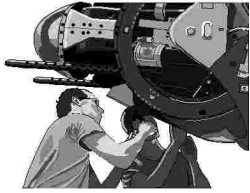
**Earl Bullock** who is County Clerk in Dallas county, Texas, and remembers being co-pilot on Jim Watt's crew. This crew was one of the three initially checked-out air refueling crews around 1955. Earl says he "thoroughly enjoys reading about some of the old Lincoln Gang."

**James A. Flavin** who sent along a report on the American Legion Convention in Pasadena, California last June. Jim says he met a whole lot of ex-servicemen there, and particularly enjoyed a tour of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology. Jim says, "this tour proved to be one of the most interesting I have ever had. Better than the Space Center at Kennedy."

**Phil Heidelk** who recently received his first copy of the Newsletter and looks forward to receiving more.

**Carl E. Reinke** who recalls being an AC in the 307th BW, 370th BS at Lincoln, and then going on to B-52G's at Blytheville AFB, Ark. Carl says he had many friends at Lincoln and is "looking forward to hearing about the old cronies."

**Mike Gingrich**, who says that while attending a high school reunion in Pennsylvania, he ran into several old 307th troops: Former 370th BS assistant crew chief, **Bob Miller**, says he looks forward to the Newsletter to provide lunchtime reading at his automotive shop in Pittsburgh, and that he'll be with us in Dayton in 1996. Also bumped into **Dale Updegraff**, former 370th BS bomb-aimer, who wonders if any of the people from his era in the squadron are active in the association.



I have waited for years for someone to open Pandora's Box, and no one has. We all know of a few things that took place at Lincoln, but were never recorded for reasons not to be discussed here. Some deeds shall always remain "TOP SECRET." I shall take pen in hand if only to dust off the memories of our members and perchance they will share with the rest of us. It goes without saying that names should be left out of these vignettes to protect the innocent (if there were any) and to maintain a gentleman's standing. (Officers, let your conscience be your guide!)

And so we begin . . .

A transient B-47 arrives at the patch during our big budget crunch when parts, fuel, and flying time are rationed. A transient Chief is assigned and oversleeps. He arrives at the bird when the crew does! The wary AC asks if it's ready to go. Our flustered late arrival looks him right in the eye and assures him the bird will fly. He turns, reaches for the hatch, opens it and reaches for the ladder release, which is missing, as is the ladder. The miscreant who removed the ladder to replace his own damaged ladder, did not even have the decency to exchange. Nor did that chap that stole (err, borrowed) the SPR cap for his bird. Interwring relations deteriorate!

Then there is the crew member who managed to fall out of a chair at the BOQ while on Reflex at Greenham Common in '58. This fall is rumored to have been more than a mere accident. Breaking his arm was probably penalty enough for his errant behavior. Probably was an interesting accident board meeting. To my knowledge, the results were never released.

A crew chief pulls a pillow over his head as a persistent klaxon assaults his slumber. Victim of a late night bull session, he is finally shocked into action. Springing past the foot of his bed, he grabs for his pants and bursts out the door, finding one vehicle left for a quick sprint to his bomber. Arriving at the plane, our hero pauses to slip into his pants. This may be Spain, but at 0230 hours, it is too cool for skivvies. The Gods of War do not smile, what he thought was pants, is in truth a blue blanket. Undaunted, our stalwart crew chief completes his alert duties and is resolutely standing at the entrance ladder, power on, gear locks in hand when his crew arrives. "Problem?" Crew laughing too hard to get up entrance ladder. It may have been the "white buck penny loafers," he wore (Fact!). He had great legs.



We all know there are a lot of these tales out there and they should be shared. They need to be told to balance the serious nature of the work we did. Were it not

for these moments of mirth, the pressure would have been unbearable at times. Your contributions to this collection of short stories will show that we were professional, but human, an All-American trait.

E.V. Pence  
307th Crew Chief  
Association Co-Historian

*Ed. Note. We would very much like this to be a regular feature of the Newsletter. Dust off the memories and send them in.*

## Watch That Bar Talk!!!

Sometime ago our historian, Ernie Pence, contacted the Air Force Historical Research Agency in an attempt to obtain a copy of the official 307th Bomb Wing (M) history. The agency told Ernie they'd be glad to oblige, but they would have to shoot him after he read it, because the history was still classified. Eventually, they sent Ernie unclassified extracts on microfilm, and Ernie is still looking for a magnifying glass. ... So, be careful guys, those tall tales told at the bar may yet be classified.



### Treasurer's Report

By Ethel L Dodge, Treasurer  
As of 11/15/95.

#### ASSETS:

Beginning balance 5/31/95	\$3,390.74
Donations since 5/31/95	\$440.00
Interest earned	\$21.22
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,851.96</b>

#### EXPENSES:

Printing	\$521.90
Seed money '96 reunion	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$283.60
Office supplies	\$23.27
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,328.77</b>

**ENDING BALANCE: \$1,523.19**

### WRIGHT-PATTERSON MEMORIAL FUND BALANCE:

#### ASSETS:

Beginning Balance 5/31/95	\$4,654.64
Donations since 5/31/95	\$400.00
Interest earned	\$45.20
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$5,099.84</b>

#### EXPENSES:

Dodd Monuments downpayment	\$2,000.00
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**ENDING BALANCE: \$3,099.84**

## ARS Patch, Continued

In the last issue of the newsletter, we published a very poor reproduction of the 307th Air Refueling Squadron patch, which had been sent our way. The article evoked the following response from H. A. "Jack" Frost, which came to us via e-mail:

"I vaguely remember being part of the "design team" but it was a casual effort since SAC didn't allow squadron emblems on aircraft at that time. Seems like Major Jean Nutty was the instigator and the emblem was painted on Major Nutty's Crew's A/C #375 (without official approval) next to the forward entry door. The design was never approved by the high mucky-mucks because the dice in the design was connotated as gambling and SAC couldn't promote that! The emblem was then ordered removed from the aircraft. The newsletter picture was a little dark but a roman numeral III was behind the dice and stood for 3, the black border was the 0 and the dice made the 7, hence 307. The background was green as was the 307th ARS's identifying tail stripe. You can see the emblem painted on a KC-97G at the Pima County Museum in Tucson, AZ. I got out of the squadron & the USAF in 1957 but no patches were ever available or worn until years later at the 307th ARS reunions. A "politically correct" emblem was approved before I got out but I don't believe it was ever used. It had no character!"



A better rendition of the "politically incorrect" ARS emblem is shown above, while the official, "politically correct" heraldry approved emblem is shown below. For the time being, however, we shall adopt the "politically incorrect" version with the dice, because it reflects the spirit and attitude of those of us at

Lincoln. Higher headquarters and "political correctness" were not on the flight line with us, so we'll disregard their edict, at risk of being recalled for courts-martial.



On a more somber note, when you visit the Air Force Museum Memorial Park, be sure to see the 307th ARS Memorial dedicated to a crew which was lost shortly after the conclusion of Desert Storm. Sacrifice knows no time period.

## Look Who's Coming to Dayton

The Reunion Committee has heard from many who indicated their desire to attend the Dayton '96 reunion. Listed below are the names of 157 individuals who have indicated they and/or their families will join us in our Dayton festivities. All together, these 157 responses account for 290 prospective attendees, and many we know who will attend have not yet returned interest forms to us. As a result, your Reunion Committee is forecasting the participation of 400 people in our reunion. Notably, this will be the first 307th reunion for 27% of those named below, so look the names over, and if you haven't seen good old Joe or Josephine for thirty years, then come join us in **Dayton...Where It All Began.**

Adams George D  
Aenchbacher Gene  
Akins Charles J  
Allen John H  
Allen R Ward  
Austin Arnold D  
Bachran Paul R  
Baker Charles F  
Barnicoat William J  
Barron Joseph  
Barth Trudy M

Beamer Roger G  
Berkovitz Margot  
Biaett Vernon L  
Bifford William E  
Boerigter David L  
Bogard Robert R  
Boudreaux William J  
Brekken Gordon  
Bullock Earl C  
Campbell Janet R  
Carrier William L  
Clark Johnny E  
Clark Roy E  
Corti Robert J  
Crane William M  
Crook John M  
Daley Donald A  
Daniels James J  
Davis George E  
DeCarlo Michael J  
Delany Robert J  
Domino Virgil L  
Earley Leonard E (Gene)  
Evans Howard O  
Evans James A  
Fail Woodrow  
Fenimore Jack W  
Finke Richard L  
Fish Franklin W  
Flanik Roger J  
Forgas Betty J  
Franzyshe Karol E  
Gallenberger Darrell A  
Gardner James D  
Gingrich Charles E  
Godec Edward J  
Grogan Henry E  
Hall Lawrence C  
Hathaway William C  
Hatten Joseph Tom  
Hesse Donald C  
Hild Lloyd A  
Hill Leo  
Hills Elvin Elmo  
Hoffman Jerome E  
Holden William J  
Holt John E  
Horn Donald Brent  
Houghtby James K  
Hull Joseph D  
Johnson R Earl  
Jones Claude W  
Jones Harry T  
Jones Ray  
Julian Larry G  
Kelly Robert B  
Kent James L  
Ketchum Robert A  
King Robert E  
Kingsley James R  
Koski Paul N  
Kranz Lewis M  
Krebbs Harry E  
Ladley Donald M  
Lally Glenn J  
Lancaster James L  
Lawson William E  
Loffredo Robert J  
Lundgren Marvin R  
Lyons Billy S  
Mann James

Martineau Pete  
 Marvel Janie  
 Mattioli John B  
 McCracken Hugh D  
 McMath Leroy  
 Medrick Franklin J  
 Meixsel Perry C  
 Mercer Arthur  
 Miller Robert  
 Mills Bruce  
 Mills Thomas J  
 Minnick Anthony D  
 Mitchell Wallace B  
 Moore Barbara  
 Morrison Harold C  
 Myatt Peter J  
 Nelson Lowell Page  
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 Nigro Donald D  
 Nollenberg A E  
 Norris Darrell E  
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 Passante Charles  
 Patterson Robert S  
 Pelletier Betty C  
 Pence Ernest V  
 Pettis Elzie W  
 Putnam Gerald R  
 Rawlins Peter R  
 Reece Maynard M  
 Reid Hugh  
 Rexroad Harry M  
 Robson Clayton W  
 Rodgers Clarence H  
 Roelle Dean D  
 Rogers William R  
 Rollin Peter R  
 Saltsman Thomas H  
 Samuels Archibald P  
 Samuelsen Einar J  
 Schisler Charles  
 Schultz Robert L  
 Scott Clayton P  
 Searing David  
 Seawards Earlan L  
 Shaughnessy Peter J  
 Shelton James H  
 Simpkins Alan P  
 Sine James R  
 Smith Kenneth E  
 Southerland Clarence M  
 States Stanley W  
 Stempski Jack O  
 Stewart Aulden L  
 Taylor Thomas R  
 Terry Everett W  
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Welcome aboard!

### SEEKING TO FORM B-47 STRATOJET ASSOCIATION

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**The Air Force Museum Memorial Wall**, at which the **307th Bomb Wing B-47/KC-97 Association Memorial Bench** will be situated, was completed and dedicated in May of 1995, as this photograph taken on Memorial Day shows. The majestic eagle atop the wall was donated by the Former Prisoners of War of Stalag Luft III, and was dedicated by them on 12 May 1995. Red Lally, our former commander of the 307th's 424th Bomb Squadron, was one of the former Stalag Luft III prisoners participating in this event. The eagle was designed by John Ruthven and sculpted by John Leon. The 307th Memorial Bench will provide a place of rest and contemplation in one of the wall's apexes.



## The Last Flight



**Shirley Williams**, Garden City SC,  
September 1995.

**Clive D Wilson**, 307FMS, Traverse  
City MI, 17 August 1990.

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Following is a list of members who have made donations to the Association since June 1995. The Association thanks you for these donations which help defer newsletter and administrative costs.

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Heidelk, Phil  
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Kelly, Robert B  
McKinney, Ivan L  
Myers, William H  
Peterson, Clark W  
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Underwood, Reginald M  
Webb, Rudy  
Williams, Billy D  
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## LOOKING FOR MEMBERS

We are currently mailing newsletters to 1243 people, but we have only 603 memberships on file. If you are interested in the Association show your support by sending in your Application for Membership NOW! The form is conveniently printed below. All it will cost you is an envelope, a stamp, and a minute of your time. You know who you are - - we have highlighted your address label with a red circle around the "at" symbol (@) next to your name on the address label.

Why? As a non-profit Veteran's Organization, we have to keep membership records for the IRS. Your completed form is the record.

### APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

#### 307th BOMB WING B-47/KC-97 ASSOCIATION

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_____			
Street	City	State	ZIP
_____			
Spouse Name	_____	Deceased: Yes	_____ No _____
Home Phone	_____	Bus. Phone	_____
Approx dates assigned LAFB	_____		
Squadrons assigned to	_____		
LAFB job assignment	_____		
Current occupation, interests, hobbies, etc.	_____		

If both husband and wife desire membership, both sign at left.

Signature	_____	_____
Signature	_____	Date

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We wish to acknowledge those who have recently made donations to the 307th Wright-Patterson Memorial fund. The generosity shown in these donations will assure that the spirit of the Wing and its people will be remembered at the Air Force Museum.

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