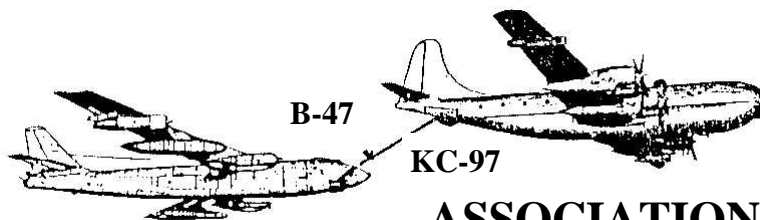


307TH BOMB WING



ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

NUMBER 34

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

July 2001

Summer Time

Weather has been a big conversation item the last several months. We had a long winter, more so than usual, in fact, I didn't play golf all of November through the end of March. Lately, we've been in a rainy period, over 10 inches of rain in May which was the third wettest of record. I'm in a seniors league which has had to cancel golf three times so far. Last night there were tornados in the area (one on the ground in Seward - shown on CNN). I'm sure each of you has WX stories to tell, but it's my venue. Now it is Hot-Hot-Hot.

The Thunderbirds came to Lincoln in April, performing Sat & Sun 28th & 29th. There were tremendous crowds both days (lots of kids and they loved it). The flying was simply marvelous; with many barrel rolls, some in formation, head on passes, and high speed runs, some we didn't know were coming. Many aircraft were on display, several could be reviewed from stands and some could be entered for a first hand look. Also, the TORA TORA TORA group simulating the Pearl Harbor attack of Dec 7, 1941. They put on a great display with abundant pyrotechnics. If you haven't seen these shows, you should make an effort to do so should they appear near you.

It's time to begin thinking of where we want to go in 2004. First, of course we

want everyone to plan on coming to Ft Worth in 2002. I'm told great plans are being made and we will enjoy Ft Worth immensely. However, someone needs to step up and help the decision for 2004 by volunteering to be the chairman in the location of choice. Places we've been before:

- 1988 Las Vegas
- 1990 Lincoln
- 1992 Orlando
- 1994 Seattle
- 1996 Dayton
- 1998 Colorado Springs
- 2000 Lincoln
- 2002 Ft Worth
- 2004? ? ? ?

We have many people in California, maybe someone will volunteer to help us go there. Many have indicated an interest in a California reunion. Anyone wanting to discuss possibilities -give me a call, let's talk the options/locations.

Ft Worth will be my last reunion as chairman -we did in Lincoln vote a limit of 10 years as chairman. I thank everyone for allowing me the honor. I will be talking to several of you to see who would like to serve as chairman starting in 2002 in Ft Worth.

The Strategic Air Command Museum between Lincoln and Omaha has changed its name. It will now be called

Strategic Air and Space Museum. Carolyn Anderson, the museum's director of marketing, said the museum will always be rooted in the history of SAC. The change of name took place June 15th.

Tony Minnick, Chairman



The Last Flight

Ralph D Britt, Bristol IL, 26 March 2001.
Mary Huddleston, Fruita CO, 9 March 2001.
Larry Kessler, 307th ARS, Minneapolis MN, 29 March 2001.
Richard McKenzie, 372nd BS, Sioux City IA, 17 March 2001.
Sherald F Speck, 370th BS, Lincoln NE, 27 February 2001.
Ralph R Utech, 372nd BS, Auburn CA, 11 June 2001.
Jeanne Westerman, Novato CA, 26 April 2001.

The verse on the SAC Chapel Memorial Window says it best:

"And God said who shall we send. I answered I am here, send me." Isaiah 6:8

Donations

We wish to acknowledge the generosity of those who have recently made donations to the Association's General Fund.

Clayton Robson
J H "Flip" Latham
C W Peterson
Donald Nigro
Max Bodenhausen
John R Coffey
Karol Franzyszen
Phillip P Walters

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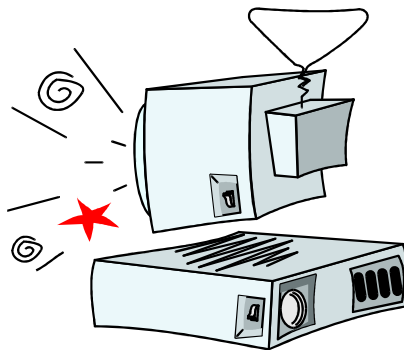
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Email Changes



The following changes to the email list have occurred since the last issue of the newsletter. We now number over 260!

Additions

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Send your email address in and if you would like to have a current list of 307th Email addresses emailed to you, drop a note to "mikegingri@cs.com".

Advice is like mushrooms...consuming the wrong kind might prove fatal.

Back In Touch

307th members for whom we have obtained addresses since our last newsletter.

Donald C Nichols, 5322 Elaine Dr, Charleston WV 25306.

Royal G Schrubbe, 4165 Boy Scout Dr, Campbellsport MI 53010.

We're happy to have finally found you!

Web Sites of Interest

Strategic Air Command – excellent privately owned web site constructed by a former B-47 crew member.
<http://strategic-air-command.com>

The Strategic Air & Space (formerly SAC) Museum-
<http://www.strategicairandspace.com/>

40th Bomb Wing – a good web site of a sister wing.
<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Quarters/9396/>

307th Bomb Wing
<http://www.geocities.com/Pentagon/Barracks/2747/index.html>

B-47 Stratojet Association
<http://nerd.dartmouth.edu/~man>

"The world needs more men who do not have a price at which they can be bought; who do not borrow from integrity to pay for expediency; whose handshake is an ironclad contract; who are not afraid of risk; who have opinions instead of prejudices; who are as honest in small matters as they are in large ones; whose ambitions are big enough to include others; who know how to win with grace and lose with dignity; who do not believe that shrewdness and cunning and ruthlessness are the three keys to success; who still have friends they made twenty years ago; who are not afraid to go against the grain of popular opinion and do not believe in 'consensus'; who are occasionally wrong and admit it." In short, the world needs leaders.
C. W. Borklund

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 in March, July, and November.

Contributions for publication in the newsletter are encouraged, and are essential for the success of this newsletter.

Around the Wing

Our lead photo for this issue, unlike our usual custom, has nothing to do with SAC, the 307th, the B-47 or the KC-97. It is perhaps, the most spectacular aviation picture ever taken. It shows an F-18 that is just beginning to break through the sound barrier. The atmospheric conditions of temperature and pressure were in perfect juxtaposition to make the shock front highly visible to the camera as the bird accelerated through Mach. The photographic timing was perfect, as milliseconds later the shock front would be behind the airplane.

Breaking News! On June 5th, **Harry Jones**, and three other hardy individuals, collectively known as the Fabulous Four, embarked on a coast-to-coast bicycle journey across the United States from Sacramento, California to Bangor, Maine. You can follow their progress and cheer them on at website "www.webmissus.com/fabfour.html". Expecting to complete their journey in ten weeks, on June 20th they were in southern Idaho.

Vern Biaett reported that his wife Diana is in a nursing home recovering from a hip replacement, but that her progress is slow as Diana's dementia condition hinders her ability to carry out instructions from her therapist. In order to be closer to Diana, Vern has put his house up for sale and has taken an apartment located in the same complex as the home. Vern relates that he was ready to haul a lot of household stuff to the dump, but his kids made him do a garage sale, and he found that "junk really sells good!" He says he is managing to get some exercise, and is feeling good and frisky. You can send cards to Diana care of Vern at 10201B, West Coggins Dr, Sun City, AZ 85351.

As many of you know, Vern has been the maintainer of the Association's computer based address list for many years, but obviously could not continue to devote time to it under current circumstances. **Jan Boggess**, has taken over the address computer function, assisted by her able proof-reader, husband Larry. Jan is doing a magnificent job, and is very much on top of it. Along the way, the address database was upgraded from the 14 year old DOS based software, used since the original reunion in 1988 in Las Vegas, to modern Windows based Microsoft Access, putting the 307th right up there with the leading edge of the information technology revolution. Removing now, our tongue from our cheek, we really want to thank Jan for her very much needed fine help and also to thank Vern for his many years of faithful support that was extremely instrumental in making our association one of the most successful of its class.



On this past Memorial Day, a 307th mini-reunion was held in Beavercreek, Ohio, with **Charlie & Peggy Baker, Bud & Jan Flanik, Mike & Jan Gingrich, T R & Eunice Taylor, and Dottie Lally** participating. The occasion was the dedication of Beavercreek's new Veteran's Memorial mini-park which includes a memorial brick honoring Dottie's husband, **Glen J. "Red" Lally**, who took his last flight in November 1998. The ceremonies, which had a turnout triple of that expected, were saluted by a flyover of an exact replica of the Wright Brother's 1911 Wright B Military Flyer.

Melba Mills and her son **Michael** are collaborating on turning **Bruce Mills'** 1944 diary into a book centered about Bruce's experience in the strategic air war over Europe. As soon as definite information is available from the publisher, we'll let you

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Treasurer's Report			
307th Bomb Wing B-47/KC-97 Association			
Ending Balance from last report February 9, 2001:		\$6,196.05	
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	
<u>General Fund Balance</u>			\$6,196.05
Expenses:			
Postage	264.54		
Printing	502.68		
Supplies	39.28		
Seed money Ft Worth reunion	1500.00		
Software	<u>149.24</u>		
	2455.74		<u>-2455.74</u>
			3740.31
Income:			
Donations		210.00	
Interest on account		<u>34.91</u>	
		244.91	+ <u>244.91</u>
Ending Balance June 15, 2001			3985.22
Sue Jacob, Treasurer			

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know more about the book and how to order it. A fitting memoir of a fellow airman we all admire!

The Air Force Museum, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Korean War, currently has a large display devoted to various aspects of the "Police Action". A nearby photo of one of the displays lists all the contributors to the exhibit, including our own, **James W (Jimbo) Shumake, Jr.** Jimbo, who now calls Sun City Arizona home, is a frequent contributor to this newsletter.

Our co-historian, **Ernie Pence**, for many years has regaled us with his wild and wacky and some would say, irreverent, tales of life in the maintenance trenches. He continues to do so in this issue. When not writing chronicles for this publication, Ernie spends his time building an airplane and taking advanced flight instruction. The ultimate avowed purpose of all this is to convey himself and family more quickly and comfortably to the Colorado ski slopes from the steppes of Schuyler, Nebraska. His description of a recent training flight follows...

"Oh yeah, working on my instrument rating. Flew a VOR Radial from Columbus to Scribner, an ADF to Freemont and then a VOR back to Columbus. On the way back to Columbus the instructor asked if I was holding course. I replied as well as I can, its bumpier then hell with a dynamite crosswind. He said look outside. A front had moved in behind us and you couldn't see squat. My first VOR approach. While he's talking me through the approach a farmer in a Catabra was showing someone how to do aerobatics and got trapped above the clouds. About the time I'm half way through my approach he starts yakking away, wanting to know where I am because he's decided to let down through the clouds and get in the pattern. Worse yet he gives everyone a blow by blow of his decent. Neither the instructor or myself could hear one another, and he was getting hacked. Having ridden with the best in the old bomber days, I knew exactly what to do. I turned that sucker off before the instructor blew a gasket! He calmed down and we broke out of the clouds a little close and a little high, maybe a lot close and a lot high. He said get on the ground... we don't know where that fool may poke through at! I pulled power, dropped the flaps to full, stuck the nose over, and came in like a Stuka just prior to release. Went from 2200 to 1440 feet at a pace that amazed me, flared and set her in nicely. Surprised the right seat and myself! When you stand that little Piper 180 on her nose it really comes out of the sky. Instructor hopped out and left to chew on the dude in the Catabra, who was now on final. Another calm day of flying under the hood!"

...Did Ernie err in not calling the Command Post?

Bill and Betty Davern emailed: It would be nice to see some of our old friends again so will try to make a reunion real soon. We have a motorhome and are tied up with a National Organization called Family Motor Coach Association. I was an area vice president for the past 3 years so was

very busy. Our area is the Rocky Mt. area which consists of 6 states. But I am finished with that now so will have more time for other adventures.

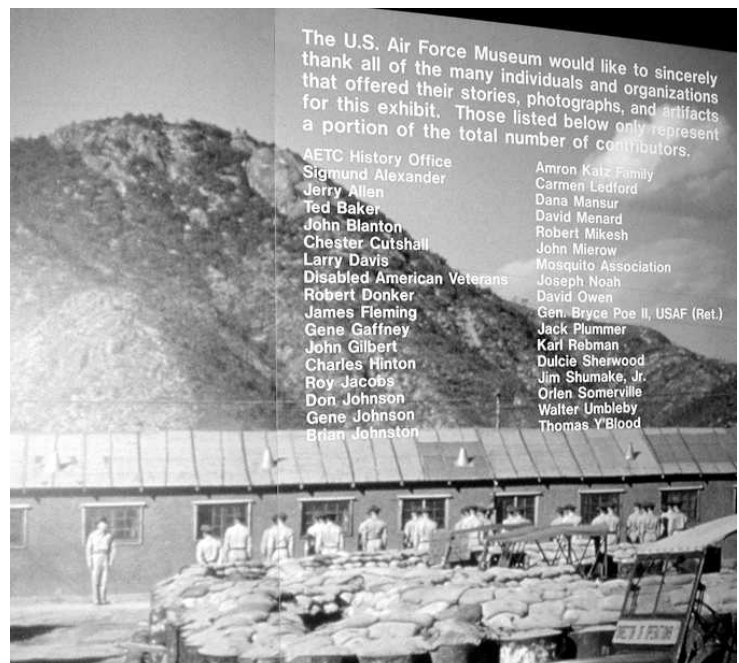
Trudy Barth recently received a list of Association members living near her in Florida. She responded: "Thank you so much for the list!! I had no idea there were so many of the 307th living so close to me in Niceville, and also not too far downtown in Fort Walton Beach. We ought to be able to get a small party going with that many people." Trudy...never knew a 307th person to turn down a party...how about it you Floridians?

We don't know any details, but we've been informed that **Don Shilling**, who attended the recent Lincoln reunion with his two lovely daughters, is ill. Don, we were all delighted to see you again after so long, and we wish you well and a speedy recovery.

Travel to **San Francisco**? Here's a good deal as reported in the on-line AF Retiree News:

It's always going to be on the expensive side, but members of the retiree community may find it more within their means by taking advantage of membership in the Marines' Memorial Club/Hotel. While the money saved during a one or two day trip may not defray the cost of membership, a more extended stay would certainly make it worth considering. The Marines' Memorial Club/Hotel has 124 first-class rooms that include 13 suites. Each room is unique and each floor is different, which is so unlike many of today's hotels, according to the management staff. Then, add a gourmet restaurant, a health club with lap pool, meeting and banquet rooms, and even a theatre, all at lower rates than most would expect. The Marines' Memorial Club/Hotel endeavors to offer members, their guests and active duty personnel an atmosphere of friendly camaraderie with an elegant, affordable headquarters from which to visit America's

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Favorite City - San Francisco.

Room rates for members, about 30 percent less than rates at comparable hotels in the area, start at \$90 for a single and \$95 for a double. There is an additional \$10 charge Friday and Saturday. Huge suites begin at \$185. Associate membership is available for an initial \$95 and \$85 (currently) annually thereafter. When joining or reactivating a lapsed membership, there is a \$10 processing fee. This donation is tax deductible and non-refundable. More information is available by email from Member@MarineClub.com; phone, (415) 673-6672; fax (415) 563-5820; mail, 609 Sutter St. San Francisco, CA94102-1022.

The Skyroom Restaurant features a first class breakfast, lunch, and dinner -with portions and prices you'll appreciate. Also, there is Club One, which occupies the entire Lower Level, offering a state-of-the-art health club and lap pool at no costs to guests. The club's convenient downtown location makes Union Square shopping a short stroll away, and you can ride the cable cars to fisherman's wharf and other areas to discover why San Francisco is rated so high on the vacation wish list. The club has a reciprocal agreement with 37 private clubs around the world. For more information, check out the web site at <http://www.marineclub.com>.

The article about the origin of "TAPS" in the previous issue evoked some queries from readers. **Pat Roszkowicz** called from California asking about the origin/authenticity of the story, as she wanted to pass it on in another publication. The article was taken from the alumni newsletter of the Air Force Technical Applications Center at Patrick AFB, and has appeared in a number of other documents on the Internet. One of our members remarked, very much sarcastically, "If it's on the internet, it has to be true!" Well, it does have a nice ring to it.

Some years ago many of us joined the Society of the Strategic Air Command. In fact, at one time the 307th had more members represented in the Society, than did any other wing. Several months back, the Society leadership terminated the organization, and all memberships were absorbed by the SAC Museum. Gone with this transition was the Klaxon, the excellent newsletter journal published by the Society. Now, the SAC Museum has officially changed its name to the "Strategic Air and Space Museum", and has taken the SAC shield logo off its website! It would seem that the name "SAC" is rapidly disappearing from the scene, driven by contemporary marketing concerns, historical disregard, and a disregard for the feelings of the SAC veterans who originally banded together to form the Society of SAC. 'Nuff said?

During the past few months we've also heard from Dick Amenell, Richard Roberts, Billy Lyons, Gary McGill, Pete Rollin, Don Johnson, Gerry Morris, Tom Lampel, Bob Burns, Henry Paulin, Ken Wikle, and Ken Fisher.



Fort Worth Reunion Planning in High Gear!

Reunion planning is in full swing. **May 1 – 5, 2002** is still a little far off for some of the places to have a firm schedule. For example, Billy Bob's is not sure which celebrity will be entertaining that Friday Night.

This newsletter contains a questionnaire on reunion activities. Please fill it out and mail it or email it back. It will really be helpful if we get this back by mid August. The more questionnaires that are returned, the better we can negotiate. The mailing and emailing addresses are on the questionnaire.

The emails from our members have truly been helpful. If you have email and have not yet sent one with your reunion "druthers" please do so by responding to the enclosed questionnaire. A separate email account for our 2002 Reunion has been established, the email address is RTB832@email.msn.com. Add this address to your email address book.

Longhorn Trolley Passes: Unlimited Trolley day passes, current cost is three bucks a day. The Trolley's stop at 24 Fort Worth attractions. Service hours are:

- To/From Stockyards 11:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- To/From Cultural District/Zoo 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Trolleys run every twenty minutes, they depart the Radisson Plaza (our reunion hotel) at 01, 21, & 41, past each hour. The last to the Stockyards (Billy Bobs) departs our hotel at 10:41pm, and the last to the Cultural District (Kimbell Art Museum) at 5:41 pm. See the Trolley Map (p.9) in this newsletter. Trolley passes will allow you and your friends the opportunity to visit the attractions of your choice at your own pace.

Enlisted Troops will "get together" for dinner Wednesday evening, May 1st.

The location of the enlisted troops dinner is planned to be at **Atlantis** which is 4 city blocks from the hotel (walking distance and/or near a trolley stop). **Atlantis** is part of **City Streets**, Fort Worth's Greatest Multi-Venue Entertainment Complex. Every room in **City Streets** is available for private functions. **City Streets** is five nightclubs under one roof, the adult version of an amusement park.

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Uniquely designed streetscapes guide you to different clubs. As you descend the stairs, you encounter the **Easy Street Deli**, featuring a full service bar and exotic coffee drinks. Your next stop is the now famous, nautically themed, **Atlantis**, with a sumptuous 30-foot happy hour dinner buffet Wednesday through Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. While in Atlantis you can dance to the sounds of the 70's and 80's rock and roll, new wave and disco hits. Next door visit the **Blue Monkey Lounge**. Take the stage solo or with a group of friends and be the star of this hilarious interactive karaoke showcase. Reverse course and head for **Stray Cats** with their zany dueling keyboard comedians. You are encouraged to participate in boisterous Mardi-Gras-Style sing-a-longs. Last but not least, visit **Cages**, the high-energy cutting edge dance club.

City Streets has a number of beverage arrangements to accommodate your needs. Additionally, they offer an array of delectable appetizer and full dinner buffet options, which can be tailored to your specifications. **City Streets** can handle several private functions simultaneously. This is truly a great facility for a group meeting.

There are other great places within walking and/or trolley distance from the hotel for group meetings. You can enhance your reunion fun by calling and/or emailing your friends and asking them to attend.

4362nd: Some members of this great unit has requested a Wednesday night "get together". **CAN DO**. The more folks, the easier to negotiate group price.

Other Groups: "Get together" on Wednesday. There are plenty of places available within walking/trolley distance from the hotel.

307th 2002 FORT WORTH REUNION ACTIVITY CHOICES

Cattle Raisers, Cattle Barons and Antiques Tour:

Cattle Raisers Museum: From cattle raisers to cattle barons, this entertaining, interactive museum tells the story of the cattle and ranching industry in Texas and the Southwest. Experience hands on exhibits, talking manequins and authentic artifacts.

Cattle Baron Mansions:

Thistle Hill, built in 1903, is one of the last remaining examples of Georgian revival architecture.

Eddleman-McFarland House:

built in 1899. You will learn how this mansion became one of the best-preserved examples of Victorian architecture in Fort Worth.

Lunch at Uncle Julio's Famous Mexican Restaurant.

Camp Bowie Shopping District: 30 blocks of great shopping on a quaint, red brick street.

Montgomery Antique Mall: A large warehouse filled with hundreds of antique vendors. While there, refresh

with a snack and beverage at the **Secret Garden TeaRoom**.

Cowtown Culture Tour:

Kimbell Art Museum, "America's Best Small Museum," offering the very best in fine art to the Fort Worth metropolitan community.

Lunch: at the **Kimbell Art Museum Buffet**.

After Lunch: Walk over to the **Fort Worth Museum of Science and History**, the largest science and history museum in the Southwest, featuring the **Omni** theatre, interactive exhibits and the **Noble Planetarium**.

Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth: containing masterworks of modern and contemporary American and European art from 1945 to the present.

The Great Parks and Gardens in Fort Worth Tour:

Fort Worth Botanic Garden: the oldest botanical garden in the State of Texas. While at the Botanical Garden, you can also enjoy the **Fort Worth Japanese Garden**, characterized by its simplicity, perfect harmony and balance.

Lunch: at the **Garden's Restaurant**.

Log Cabin Village: a living history museum located on 2 1/2 acres in beautiful Forest Park. The village depicts the lifestyle of the pioneers who settled this area in the late 1800's.

Stroll Through Sundance Square:

From the hotel begin your walking tour of **Sundance Square**, downtown Fort Worth's Entertainment and Shopping district. Most of the buildings here date from the turn of the century and have been beautifully restored to provide a wonderful architectural view of the past.

While strolling visit the downtown museums. **Sid Richardson Collection of Western Art**, a permanent display of 55 paintings by Frederic Remington and Charles M. Russell. **The Carter Downtown**, an exceptional cross section of the Amon Carter Museum. **The Modern at Sundance Square**, an annex for both the permanent collection of the museum and temporary exhibitions.

Enjoy lunch at one of Sundance Square's many restaurants ranging from Continental cuisine to Cajun fare. Enjoy the many shops in Sundance Square and find the perfect thing to take home.

In the evening you may wish to return to Sundance Square on your own to enjoy a live theatre performance, a movie, live music, or dancing.

Wander Through the Stockyards National Historic District

Once the biggest and busiest cattle, horse, mule, hog and sheep marketing centers in the Southwest, where more than 160 million head of livestock were sold. Today, the 125 acre Stockyards area attracts over a million visitors a year and is home to restaurants, hotels, saloons, galleries, shopping, and family style entertainment.

Arrive at the **Stockyards Visitor Information Center** and catch a historical walking tour of the **Livestock Exchange Building**, **Cowtown Coliseum**, **Stockyards Sta-**

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tion, Cattleman's Catwalk, Mule Alley, Billy Bob's Texas, Stockyards Historic Museum and the Stockyards Station Livery.

While wandering through the Stockyards, Visit the museum, See the daily **Fort Worth Herd** cattle drive, Shop at **Stockyards Station's unique shops**, Have a cool one at the **White Elephant Saloon**, the oldest saloon in Fort Worth, Test your skill at the **Human Cowtown Cattle Pen Maze**, and have a go at Horseback Riding.

Lunch at any of the wonderful Stockyard's restaurants such as **Jose Garcia's, Cattleman's** or we could have an old fashion **Back Forty western style picnic:** Wood Smoked BBQ served in a covered pavilion, with **"all the fixings"** including desert, iced tea, unlimited soft drinks and water, complete with **Wild West Entertainment.**

Billy Bob's Texas, the World's Largest Honky Tonk for live entertainment, billiards, casino type games, live bull riding and dancing, is waiting for the 307th.

Live Thoroughbred Racing at Lone Star Park: The Horses Are Ready, Are You? An evening at the races. This year the gates open at 4:30 PM and the first live race begins at 6:35 PM, next year is expected to be the same. The package will include dinner.

Lockheed & NAS Fort Worth JRB: An enjoyable opportunity that could include a dog & pony show, a peak at a war plane, the BX, and lunch at the Carswell Club.

Airshow: None on the horizon.

Texas Ranger Baseball: The 2002 schedule is not available. If the Rangers have a home game during our reunion, arrangements will be made for baseball fans.

The 6th Floor Museum: A tribute to President **John F. Kennedy**. Located in Dallas in the Book Depository, next to the grassy knoll.

Air Museums: There are about a dozen Aviation Museums and Attractions in North Texas. Most of them are military, however **American Airlines C. R. Smith Museem is A One-Of-Kind Adventure Into The World Of Commercial Aviation.**

Bass Performance Hall & Other Live Theatres: Including The Bass, there are 14 live theatres in the Forth Worth area. Don't know what will be playing, but what a variety to pick from.

Tarantula Train: Take a ride back in time by boarding the Tarantula Railroad's restored 1896 steam train and its six turn-of-the-century passenger cars at Stockyards station. The train connects The Stockyards to Grapevine.

Grapevine, Texas Tour: The oldest settlement in Tarrant

County, a city of history, and festivals. Home to Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, and other attractions.

Grapevine Mills Mall: Over 200 famous name manufacturer outlets & off-price retailers. The best in "shoppertainment" – with 30 theater screens, cutting edge games, the animated Rainforest Café, plus hundreds of large and small shops. More than 14 million people have visited Grapevine Mills since it opened in November 1997.

Grapevine Opry: See tomorrow's stars and have a foot-stomping good time. Stars like Willie Nelson and the Judds performed at this famous place.

Wineries & Tasting Rooms: Wine and grape growing are an important part of Grapevine's past – and present. The town is named for the Mustang grapes that covered the area when settlers first arrived in 1844. Grapevine is home to many wineries and tasting rooms.

Antique Shops, Historic District Shops, One-of-A-Kind Shops, Gourmet Foods, Cooking and Bakeries.

Western Shopping Spree: While in Fort Worth seize the opportunity to update your western clothes, boots, saddles, Tack, spurs, and what ever else you need.

Shopping Mall Hopping:

Ridgmar Mall: which includes 150 shops, Neiman Marcus, Foleys, Sears, JC Penney, and a lunch at **Zodiac's Restaurant** inside Neiman Marcus. During lunch you can be entertained with a make-up seminar, jewelry program or fashion show.

Hullen Mall: which includes over 100 stores.

& Other Malls: The number of shops and restaurants add up to more than an Aggie can count.

307th 2002 REUNION GAMES

THE WINNERS GET BRAGGING RIGHTS

307th 2002 Scratch Golf Championship – Open to all gals & guys. This event will be planned for Thursday Morning.

307th Bridge Championship – Open to all gals & guys. No gambling or Master's Points. The cost will cover the expenses of the event. Play will be planned around other activities, such as 8 rubbers or 2 hours Thursday & Friday and the finals Saturday after the business meeting.

307th Poker Championship – Open to all gals & guys. This is not gambling, the cost will cover the expenses of the event. Play will be planned around other activities, such as, 2 hours Thursday & Friday and the finals Saturday after the business meeting.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

It is not to early to make hotel reservations for our **May 1- 5, 2002** reunion in Fort Worth. If something unpredicted happens your deposit is refundable if the room is cancelled up to 72 hours prior to the arrival date. We are attempting to negotiate some

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sort of **EARLY BIRD HOTEL RESERVATION REWARD**. Nothing in concrete, but we are asking the merchants. You never know until you ask.

Our Reunion Hotel is **The Radisson Plaza Fort Worth**. Call the Central Reservation Office at **800-333-3333** or the Reservation Department of the Radisson Plaza Hotel at **817-870-2100** and request the **307th Bomb Wing B-47/KC-97 Association group rate**. To get the group rate reservations must be made by **April 1, 2002**. The 307th Group Rates are:

SINGLE	\$ 90.00
TRIPLE	\$100.00
DOUBLE	\$ 90.00
QUAD	\$100.00

Don't miss anything. Make your reservation for a May 1st, 2002 arrival. The hospitality suite will be swinging, and you can enjoy the company of friends and refreshments, browse through 307th scrap books, photo albums, etc.

AIRPORTER, Transportation from & to DFW Air Port:

The Airporter operates every half hour from 5 a.m. to midnight and will bring you direct to the Radisson Plaza, and take you back to the airport on Sunday. The one way fare is \$10.00. **Reduced fare for senior citizens (65 or older) or disabled passengers is \$5.00.** Youth ages 16 and under ride free when accompanied by a paying adult.

At DFW Airport the Airporter and all buses load and unload on the lower level of each terminal. Wait near the **purple sign** marked "**Scheduled Transport**" and look for this symbol. The buses will stop in each area.



C h o i c e s , **Choices, too many Choices:** True. Yet, our reunion activity choices do not include everything available in the Fort Worth area. The choices included in this newsletter are those requested by our members, in Lincoln, by phone, mail, email, etc. The questionnaires will narrow the choices, however, each activity that gets enough **votes on the questionnaire** to justify the cost of transportation has a chance to survive the first cut. You can help by contacting your friends and asking them to join you in those activities that appeal to you.

The only things that are in stone are our Dates, May 1-5, 2002; our hotel, The Raddison Plaza located at 815 Main Street in downtown Fort Worth; our business meeting Saturday morning; photos; our Banquet Saturday night; and our fairwell breakfast Sunday morning.

Stay Tuned,

Your Reunion Committee: Dru & R T Boykin Jr., Jean & Jim Kent, Diane & A. E. "Butch" Nollenberg, Elaine & H. J. Deines, Lynda & Leroy McMath, Dee & Charles A.

Sweeney, Ida & Earl Buys, LaRee & Billy Lyons, Kathy & Woody Fail.

P. S. There is plenty of room for others on our committee. If you live in or near Fort Worth your help is needed and will be appreciated.

Freedom And The 4th Of July
James H Dayley, 371st BS



Even though I had a busy period of activities coming up, when I was asked by the folks at the World Trade Center of St. Louis in Clayton to spend some time discussing entrepreneurial finance with one of their Russian visitors, I accepted. As I thought about having done the same thing a year ago with a member of last year's group, I began to zero in on the key to what allows America to "work" in general and entrepreneurs to succeed – or fail – in particular.

The Answer? FREEDOM! And even more importantly – our willingness to defend it.

I was to see the young Russian on Monday afternoon. While getting my thoughts together I was struck by the fact that I was leaving three days later for Lincoln, Nebraska, to attend a reunion of my Strategic Air Command unit, the 307th Bomb Wing.

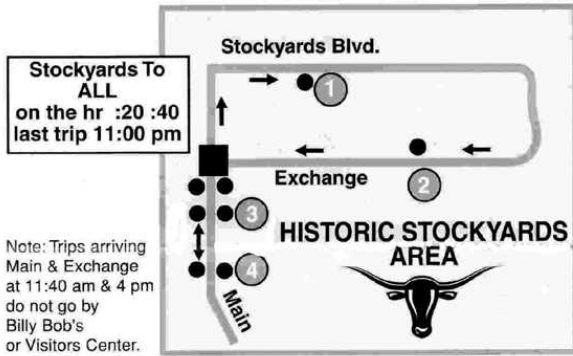
What a contrast! During my five years, 1958 – 1963, in SAC, my comrades and I were ready, willing and able to destroy the country from which was now coming to me for consultation, a young person who would probably not have even been born had one of our periodic alert "scrambles" been for real rather than just another "practice."

On Monday afternoon as I gazed into young Alex's eyes I was struck with how young a 24-year-old really looks! Yet, I was about his same age when I began my final crew qualification training. WOW! Could I have really been that young? As I looked over the photographs and other memorabilia at the reunion later in the week, I saw that most of the junior crewmembers had the same "not-dry-behind-the-ears look" that Alex had.

What made us work so very hard, suffer through being away from our families about half of the time, earn very modest pay and yet do so in good spirits?

My reflection, tempered over thirty some years, leads me to agree that the bible verse on the SAC Chapel Memorial Window says it best:

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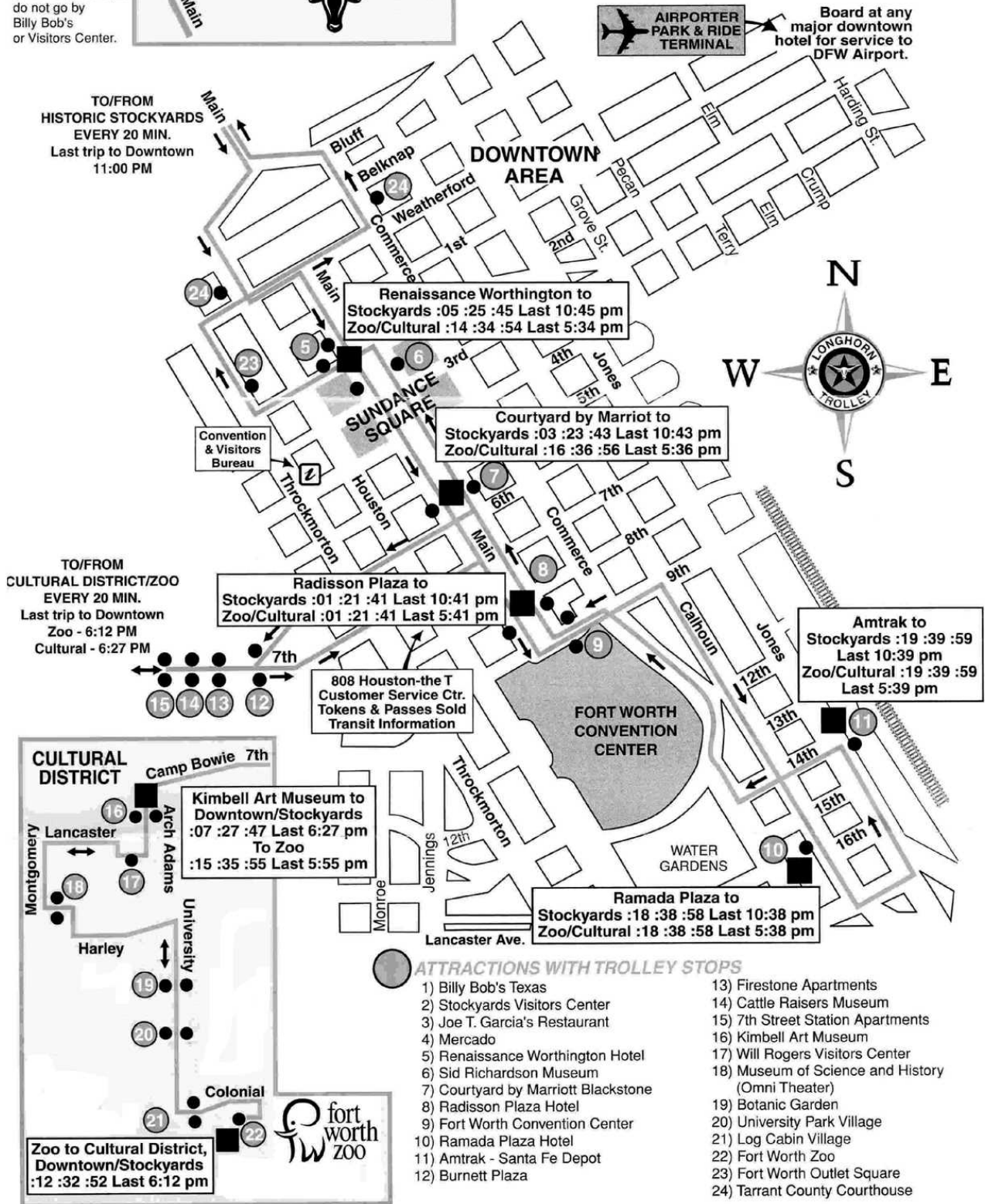


Trolley Timepoints

Trolleys leave here at listed minutes after the hour. See map for specific times listed for each location. Service hours are:
To/From Stockyards 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM
To/From Zoo/Cultural 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Trolley Stops

Look for boarding signs posted at these locations.



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“And God said who shall we send. I answered I am here, send me.”
Isaiah 6:8

Yet, why did we win that period of stress called the cold war? In my opinion, it was because we as a country and as individuals had experienced over 200 years of freedom and were committed to defend it again as many other young men had done so before us.

Why didn't the USSR win? Again, in my opinion, it was because their country as a whole was not based upon individual freedom – and more importantly – the generations of their ancestors had not been blessed with the bloody drops of freedom seeping into their very souls.

So, the cold war is over and we won! What's next? Is freedom in any less need of fervent protection? No, not by a long shot!

The subtle-yet-no-less-threatening attacks on our collective and individual freedoms can erode our country even as we bask in the present rewards of our entrepreneurial-based economy and our single superpower status.

Thus, we ought to vigorously support and defend the utmost personal choice in all our affairs – as far as humanly possible.

An “ordered society” such as a USSR type situation might offer a siren attraction where someone else takes care of us. We listen to such enticings at the peril of our very lives!

“Freedom” should be our cry! This 4th of July and always.

Note: This Op-Ed piece was written by Jim Dayley for the Saint Louis Post Dispatch following last year's Lincoln Reunion.

Character is like a tree and reputation is like its shadow. The shadow is what we think of it; the tree is the real thing.

Abraham Lincoln



Texanese Dictionary

Fort Worth is a City much influenced by people that have moved here from the other 49 states. However, if you bump into a bona fide Texan, this dictionary may come in handy.

Ah: the person speaking or writing, as in “Ah am a Texan, and Ah speak Ainglish.”

Aniglish: the language spoken in the U.S., as in “Fote Wuth is easy to get around in, everbody speaks Ainglish down here.”

all: petroleum, as in “How many all wayals do yawl own, podner.”

are: 60 minutes, as in “We gotta wait a whole are ‘til lunch, and Ahm hongry.”

ast: past tense of ask, as in “Ah ast everbody, and they said that Fote Wuth will be the beggest ‘n best reunion yet.”

banes: kidney-shaped seed of certain plants of the pea family, as in “This chili shore is loaded with banes.”

barium: what to do when CPR fails after a gun fight, as in “They are going to barium in Boot Hill”.

bars: those who buy, as in “Didja ever see so many bars at a wholesale market.”

beggar: larger, as in “Everything is beggar an better in Texas.”

bildun: construction activity, as in “Thar shore is a lotta bildun goin on in this here city.”

biness: trade or profession, as in “What kinda biness yawl in, podner?”

cards: those who lack courage, as in “Texas chili idn't fer cards.”

change up: to alter, as in “They shore did change up the program this year.”

cheer: at or in this place, as in “Ah'll wait right cheer, if'n you won't be long.”

cheeyips: potatoes sliced and fried,

served cold, as in “Thet sandwich comes with cheeyips.”

fate: plural of foot, as in “Mah fate can't take all this concrete.”

Fote Wuth: A city located 30 miles west of Dallas often referred to as “**Cowtown**”, as in “Ahm goin to The 307th Bomb Wing Reunion in Fote Wuth, where the West begins and the fun never ends.”

fer: far, as in, “Waco is a fer piece down the road.”

hangnail: a hat and coat rack, as in “Put your hat on that empty hangnail”.

harr: hair, as in “Ahm going to get my harr fixed for the Fote Wuth reunion picture.”

kayab: taxi, as in “Where kin Ah ketch a kayab to the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Fote Wuth.”

mah: an exclamation of surprise or dismay, as in “Mah! How some people speak Ainglish.”

nitrate: lower than a day rate, as in “Call for your 307th reunion reservations after six so you can get the nitrate”.

node: past tense of know, as in “Ah node you'd think Texans was the friendliest people you ever did meet.”

phrasing: extremely cold, as in “We usually have a few phrasing days in January.”

prod: highly pleased with, as in “Ah shore am prod that yawl are coming to Fote Wuth for the 2002 reunion.”

rejterashun: place where folks register, as in “Yawl can git one of them pocket guides to Fote Wuth at the 307th Reunion rejterashun.”

riot: opposite of left, as in “Turn riot at the corner.”

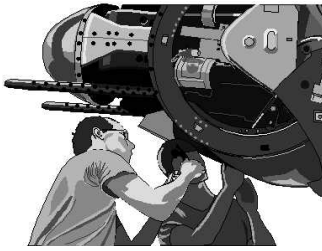
seed: past tense of see, as in “Ah seed it with mah own eyes.”

slave: the part of a garment which covers the arm, as in “Yawl jus spilt yore drank on mah slave.”

tard: exhausted, as in “Dancing the Cotton Eye Joe at Billy Bob's shore makes me tard.”

tempachure: an indicator of heat or cold, as in “The tempachure must be a hunert'n ten in them lites up thar on Billy Bob's stage.”

yawl: you all, as in “Yawl come on to our Fote Wuth reunion naow, hear?”



The Chief's Corner Battling "The Hawk" in Lincoln By Ernie Pence

Scene, Lincoln AFB, dead of winter, snow behind deep to a short Indian.

In case you all have forgotten, "The Hawk" was the large bird that sat on the North Pole and blew Artic winds south into our area with movement of monumental sized wings. The word was that the only thing between Lincoln and the North Pole, was a barbwire fence at the Canadian border, and it was down. Hence, beau coup cold winds!

We all remember what it was like trying to stay warm for 14 to 16 hours or so while fixing up the Old Girl for the next mission. Sam, in his infinite wisdom had issued us all Artic clothing that was marvelous and snuggy pooh. One major problem though, you had to take it off to get at anything on the bird. We all know what warm skin does when it contacts

20 below metal. But every one had their particular way to get around this issue. Some wore fat mans clothes with many layers of whatever they could find, under it. Others tried to use ground heaters whenever possible. Downside was that only worked if you were in the cockpit or the crawlway. Not too many boost pumps or EGT probes in there.

My garb was a mix of military clothes, civilian clothes and navy long underwear. Lets start at the top. Russian pile hat with flaps. Upper torso, t-shirt, navy knit long underwear top, fatigue shirt, OD brown army sweater, civilian suede zip-up jacket covered by a black and yellow diamond flight-line taxi jacket. Lower torso, jockey shorts, navy knit long underwear bottoms (no trap door), levies covered by fatigue pants. Feet, one pair black socks, one pair knee length heavy wool socks (2 if below 20 degrees) and mukluks. Hands, a real show stopper, elbow length buffalo skin mittens with curly buffalo hair everywhere except the palms and bottom side of thumbs. Present from my wife's grandmother who had immigrated to Nebraska when there were still hostile Indians in this part of the country. They were the real McCoy! There were many who would have stolen them, but how the heck would you have hidden the fact that they were one of a kind. They obviously weren't mil-spec, but due to the weather conditions a lot of considerate people let it slide.

Enter Strangers

A transient 47 from Dyess Texas was on its way to Anchor-

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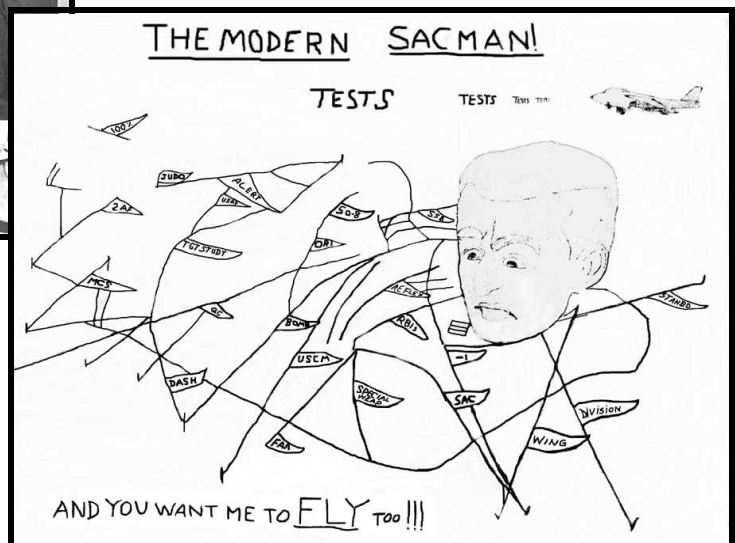


Photo by Joe Anthony. "Crew members who participated in a successful "Pacesetter" mission, the identification of which escapes me. However, two of the competition targets were Little Rock Arkansas, and the other was at Houston Texas. Perhaps some of the old timers can remember which Pacesetter this was." Rear row: third from left- Tony Minnick. Front row: extreme left standing – Bill Holden. Extreme left sitting – Joe Anthony. Second from left – Marv Pelletier.

The cartoon below was liberated from a wall in the Alert Barracks a long time ago, by Chief Liberator and Flight Surgeon, Doc M Vernon Ordway.

The cartoonist is unknown, but the thrust is understood by all who ever spent a night in that home away from home.

If anyone knows more, speak up!



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age, Alaska and dropped in for minor maintenance and fuel. Guess who got the transient, oh yeah. Met them by pit 20 and taxied them into place. Opened the hatch, dropped the ladder and climbed up to see how they were doing and if they needed anything special. The Navigator had already shut down the set and was standing in the walkway by the A/C's seat looking at me. The Copilot is also giving me the once over. The A/C turns in his seat and asks where he is. I reply pit #20. He asks if this is an Air Force Base. My reply, 'absoluto mundo, sir'. I tell him this is Mr. Corbin's place and he and his crew are on hallowed ground for the Famous 307th lives at this end of the ramp. He then asks if I am in the Air Force. My reply, "Yes Sir". His reply, in 17 years of service he has never seen an airman dressed like me. He also stated that he thought his navigator might have been lost and put him down at a Russian air base. I took that as quite a compliment as I had always prided myself on being the picture of sartorial splendor in uniform or out! I saluted, left the cockpit

and set up to refuel the bird. Looking back now, I wonder if they thought it would only get worse the farther north they went. Desert chiefs only wear t-shirts, Boon Dockers and jump boots I am told. Must have been boring in Texas!

Sad Ending

Week's later, working at about 0100 hours, I entered the radio truck to order parts. I had been working on the fuel system and some JP had gotten on my gloves. Some JP turned out to be a lot more than I thought! Some one on the radio truck lit a cigarette about 4 feet from me and my gloves blew up. FIRE, SMOKE and the most God Awful smell you ever put your nose to. There was no saving them; I suppose. Age, old hair and leather had a lot to do with it. This "SAC Trained Killer" lost a good friend that night.

Who's In Control?

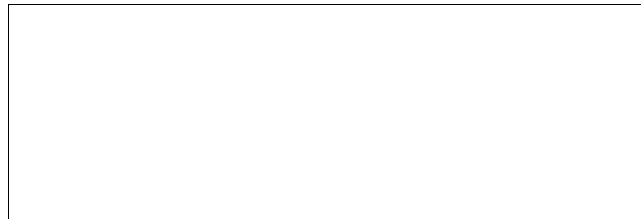
As the crowded airliner is about to take off, the peace is shattered by a five-year-old boy who picks that moment to throw a wild

temper tantrum. No matter what his frustrated, embarrassed mother does to try to calm him down, the boy continues to scream furiously and kick the seats around him.

Suddenly, from the rear of the plane, an elderly man in the uniform of an Air Force General is seen slowly walking forward up the aisle. Stopping the flustered mother with an upraised hand, the white-haired, courtly, soft-spoken General leans down and, motioning toward his chest, whispers something into the boy's ear. Instantly, the boy calms down, gently takes his mother's hand and quietly fastens his seat belt.

All the other passengers burst into spontaneous applause. As the General slowly makes his way back to his seat, one of the cabin attendants touches his sleeve. "Excuse me, General," she asks quietly, "but could I ask you what magic words you used on that little boy?"

The old man smiles serenely and gently confides, "I showed him my pilot's wings, service stars and battle ribbons and explained that they entitle me to throw one passenger out the plane door, on any flight I choose."



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