

ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Column Branson - Plan B

It seemed like a simple enough enterprise. We've established a congenial pattern for our reunions over the years and Branson, with its wide array of options, seemed to fit right into that pattern: select some popular shows and tours, set up transport, assure plenty of free time for mixing and mingling and we'd have another hit on our hands. Alas, the best laid plans of mice and men often go astray.

One part of the problem was an "embarrassment of riches": there were **too many** options and no clear consensus from our members on which ones would be favored. The larger issue was that AFRI, our reunion coordinator, was unable to offer packages of shows/tours and transportation at prices that we considered acceptable. The danger was that the high costs would cause people to avoid the pricey packages (threatening the minimum-attendee thresholds) or, worse yet, skip the reunion altogether. In the words of that great American humorist, Yogi Berra, "If the people don't want to come out to the ball park, ain't nobody can stop 'em."

Consequently, the Reunion Chairman and the Association leadership decided to switch to the "Let The People Decide" model. Instead of trying to guess which shows and tours would be most popular during the week and creating a rigid schedule, we unloaded the leisure calendar (except for Friday) and are

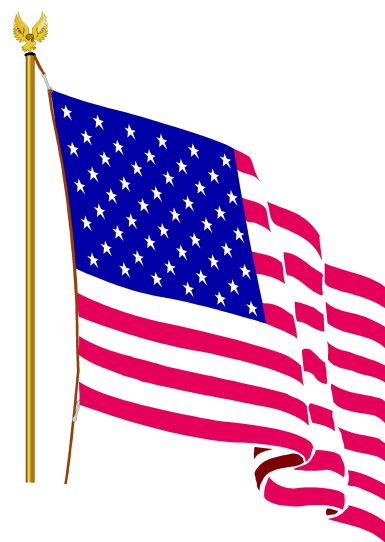
publishing options and contact information in this newsletter for you, the members, to decide **what** you want to see and **when**. What a concept!

Please read Brent Horn's article for all the detailed information you will need. For those of you comfortable with computers, you'll be able to do most of the scheduling online. If you prefer, you'll find toll-free telephone numbers included in Brent's column for you to call and schedule your entertainment to suit yourself. The most critical point is: **DO IT NOW!** The longer you delay, the greater the likelihood that the show(s) you want will be sold out. There are also important deadlines for reunion registration and hotel reservations that need to be observed.

The big question mark in our plan is transportation. We're counting on lots of people driving and being willing to carpool to various entertainment venues. We'll plan on putting sign-up sheets for carpooling in the hospitality suite. How well that works will be up to you. If everyone cooperates, we'll save a ton of money on bus rentals. Any other ideas on how to make things go more smoothly will be welcome.

Wendy and I are looking forward to seeing you at Branson in May. Travel safely and come join the fun!

Pete Todd



The Last Flight

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

Glenn A Anderson, 370th BS, Ft Dodge IA, 26 November 2007.

Jerold L Eustace, 372nd BS, 24 September 2007.

Ernest O Kirkpatrick, FMS, Oranget TX, 25 August 1994.

Albert C Pecuch, Buda TX, August 2000.

J Guy Ziegler, AEMS, Phoenix AZ, 3 August 2007.

*I heard the voice of the Lord, saying,
Whom shall I send, and who will go for
us? Then said I, Here I am; send me.
Isaiah6:8*

More Flying Wisdom

The difference between a fighter pilot & a pig? A pig doesn't sit at a bar until 0300 waiting to pick up a fighter pilot.

307th Bomb Wing B-47/KC-97 Association

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The Association is a non-profit Veterans Organization. All contributions to the organization are gratefully received, but presently are not deductible under IRS Code. The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are elected by majority vote of all members at each business meeting.



The Eleventh Standup 4 Month / Last Warning!!

THIS IS IT!! The last newsletter before the big show!! YOUR SHOW REQUESTS & CHECKS NEED TO BE IN TO AFRI NOT LATER THAN (NLT) MARCH 11, 2008 AND BE SURE TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS (NLT) APRIL 11, 2008!!

When?? May 13th thru the 18th 2008... Where?? The Lodge of the Ozarks in the Entertainment Capital of the Ozarks – Branson, Missouri. You can see what they have to offer at www.lodgeoftheozarks.com. I have been asked to list the Lodge's phone number so here goes --- **800-213-2584 OR 417-334-7535.**

Well folks the time is finally here. Anne and I would like to express our appreciation in all of your responses. As of this date there have been **224** responses from members who are coming or thinking about it. **GREAT!!!** Please keep us informed, thru e-mail, phone calls or "snail mail", about your intentions. There are 90 rooms blocked and we would like to see about blocking more

For the flyers: This is the info I received from AFRI about transportation between Branson and the Springfield/Branson Regional Airport. This was used for their May 2007 reunion in Branson by another military group.

Four airlines (American, Northwest, Delta, and United) service the Springfield Branson Regional Airport. **Classic Shuttle Service** is an independent shuttle service in Branson offering veteran discounts. Please call **417-698-0227** to make your reservations. The current fare for one way service is \$50 for one person, \$65 for 2 people, \$80 for 3 people, \$25 each for a party of 4-10 people. **Happy Trails** offers service to and from the airport; current fare for one way service is \$50 for one person, \$75 total for 2 people; please call for other rates. Call **417-339-3420** to make your reservations and ask to speak with Kim. **Jerry's Shuttle Service's** current fare from the airport to the hotel for one way service is \$70 for one person, \$90 for 2 people, \$100 for 3 people and \$35 for each additional person. To reserve space please, call **417-334-5678**. **Reservations need to be made twenty-four hours in advance for all shuttle services.**

Car Rentals: Budget, Avis, Hertz, National and Alamo have lots close to the airport.

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Entertainment Section: You have already noticed from the enclosed sheets the show selection has been drastically cut down. The thinking behind this is – **cost to the members** and so many different types of shows to chose from. The cost of the shows combined with the transportation cost was getting out of hand. Your association leaders and I thought we would be better off picking our own shows and carpooling. The only scheduled shows are: **Luncheon cruise on the Showboat Branson Belle and Shoji Tabuchi on Friday the 16th**. For other ticket prices and times you can:

1. **Internet: bransontourismcenter.com.** Look at the show schedules and prices, then call the Tourism Center, order your tickets and pick them up on your way into town.
2. **Over the phone:** Call the Tourism Center at **1-800-785-1550** and ask them to mail you a current show schedule and price listing. After looking over the info call them back, order your tickets and pick them up on your way into town.
3. When you order your tickets thru the Tourism Center they **will give a coupon worth 20 cents off per gal of gas.** This coupon is good at the station at the Center – **One time good deal.**

Golf Section: For the golfers, I called around and found the following info:

1. All courses require soft (no metal) spikes and proper golfing attire. Carts are included in the pricing and they all have club/shoe rental. Branson has a 12% sales tax rate. The costs shown below are the base costs with out tax.
2. **Branson Creek:** 417-339-GOLF. \$90.00. 18 holes / par 71, 5032 to 7036 yds depending on the tees. **Reservations req. 30 days in advance.**
3. **Holiday Hills:** 417-334-4834. 0800-1200 \$55.00, 1200-1500 \$41.00, after 1500 \$29.00. 18 holes /par 68, 4414 to 5771 yds depending on the tees. **Reservations req. 30 days in advance.**
4. **Pointe Royale:** 417-334-4477. \$75.50. 18 holes / par 70, 4388 to 6167 yds depending on the tees. **Reservations req. 7 days in advance.**
5. **Thousand Hills:** 417-336-5874. \$65.78. 18 holes / par 64, 3616 to 5111 yds depending on the tees. **Reservations req. 60 days in advance.** This seems to be one of Branson's most popular courses and is close to the hotel.

Since these courses require from 7 to 60 days advance reservations, I suggest you golfers get together and set up your tee times. From your cards and letters the following have shown an interest in playing golf: Peter & Pat McKay, Tim Timmons, Earl Johnson, Arnold Bruland and Joseph Wratten.

Vegetarian Diners: Since AFRI is limited to listing two entrees, the vegetarian meal will have to be a **"write in"**. AFRI says to use the blank line "DISABILITY/DIETARY RE-

STRICTIONS" for the entry. The cost of the meal is **\$23.00**, so add the appropriate amount to the total to be paid to Armed Forces Reunions, Inc.

Items of Interest:

- You can now register for the reunion online at www.armedforcesreunions.com/307bw. This should be useful for those of us who no longer can locate a pen or pencil!
- We will be fortunate to have as our guest and banquet speaker, Brig Gen Frank J Kisner. Frank is currently assigned to US Special Ops Command at MacDill AFB, as Director Force Structure, Requirements, Resources, & Strategic Assessments. He has spent his career in special ops and airlift and has been involved in virtually all contingency operations within memory. In 1997 he and his Whisk 05 crew were awarded the MacKay Trophy for evacuation of civilians from deep in Africa. In case his name is familiar, his proud father is Frank J Kisner who is well known to us in the 307th BW. Franks official biography can be seen at www.af.mil/bios/bio.asp?bioID-8050.
- The NOAA climatology report for Branson looks favorable as they report an average 70 degrees for the area during May.

Remember!!! 1.) At our age time flies by rather fast when we are having fun and we tend to forget some of the important things, such as bills and **reunion stuff.** **2.) THE SHOW REQUESTS NEED TO BE IN NOT LATER THAN (NLT) MARCH 11, 2008 AND THE HOTEL RESERVATIONS (NLT) APRIL 11, 2008!! Also pack a swimming suit; they have an indoor and outdoor pool.** **3.) PLEASE re-read the paragraph above pertaining to the vegetarian meals.**

Sooooo, I know this is a repeat, but - Send those cards, letters, & e-mails about coming!! We will also keep the answering machine on so as not to miss your very important messages about COMING.

See y'all in Branson in May!!

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Coming to Branson

As of late December 2007, the following people have expressed an interest to attend the 2008 Branson Reunion. When guests are included this adds up to 224 people, which promises to be our best attended reunion since Lincoln in 2000/

Jim & Bidda Adams, Dick & Eloise Arens, Roger & Dot

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Beamer, Bill Bedinger, Vernon Biaett, Larry & Jan Boggess, Cecil & Maureen Braeden, George & Patricia Brannon, Arnold Bruland, Jim & Carolyn Carleton, Bill & Grace Carrier, Albert & Elaine Cinnamon, Johnny & Joan Clark, James & Barbara Cone, Neil & Maria Cosentino, Dallas & Julie Crosby, Don & Phyllis Daley, George & Rita Davis, Jim & Shirley Dayley, Bob & Shirley Delaney, Virgil & Millie Domino, Earnie & Suzanne Dotson, H.O. & Mary Evans, William & Joan Filpula, "Bud" & Jan Flanik, Mike & Jan Gingrich, Edward & Diane Godec, Hank Grogan, Merle Hahn, Lawrence C. & Kaethe Hall, Harlow C. & Gloria Hall, Robert & Gwen Hansen, Bill & Linda Hastings, Elvin & Pat Hills, Oliver & Dottie Hinde, R. Earl & Sue Johnson, Don & Ginny Johnson, Robert & Peg Jorgensen, William & Paula Kant, Don & Martha Kellum, Allan & Mary Kulikowski

Jim & Darleen Lancaster, Jerry & Penny Lanning, "Flip" & Sandy Latham, Billy & Laree Lyons, Janie Marvel, Bob & Doreen Matich, Steve & Carol Mattick, Larry & Bobbi Mau, "Mac" & Margret McCarthy, Peter & Pat McKay, F.C. "Mac" & Roseanna McMillin, Robert E. Merick, Tom & Andrea Mills, Tony & Bev Minnick, Wally & Pat Mitchell, George & Wauneta Nigh, Don & Angie Nigro, Albert & Virginia Opitz, Frank & Kay Ott, Thomas & Lori Parson, Pat & Norma Patterson, James & Barbara Powell, Donna Reilly, Gerald & Beverly Ridley, Dean & Bonnie Roelle, Bill & Mary Rogers, James Rusher, Jesse & Arlene Sears, Clarence & Charlotte Southerland, Paul Strump, Jim & Ellen Sutton, Ken & Kaye Tarwater, T.R. Taylor, Noble "Tim" & Gladys Timmons, Pete & Wendy Todd, Jo Tuin, James Villa & Bobbi Karsteter, Les & Emilie Walrath, Frank & Rose Wanek, Charley Watkins, Wally & Peggy Whitehurst, Billy & Jean Williams, Robert & Janice Wise, Joseph Wratten, Merle & Oleita Young.

Added 5 August 2007:

Jerry & Joan Sparks, Mike & Judy DeCarlo, Paul Koski, Phillip & Ida Mae Walters, John & Virginia Ogren, Eileen Rich & Beverly Irwin, Harry & Carol Jones, Frank, Delores, Jeanne & Carol Kisner, Carlos & Anne Jones, Les & Lola Shobe, John & Jan Allen, Paul & Lorraine Trudeau, Clarence & Joyce Padgett, Joseph Wratten Jr, Jess & Virginia Diehl, William & Hazel Lawson.

Added Oct 2007:

John Defenbach, Jum Shelton, Jerry & Helen Hoffman, Bob Weidner.

Added Dec 2007:

Buck Buchanan, Laurie & Donna Bunton, James & Ethel Flavin, Earl Johnson, Jim Myer, Jerry & Helen Otten, Paul & Grace Palmer, Jack Polski, Stan & Irene States.

307th BOMB WING B-47 KC-97 ASSN. REUNION MAY 13 – 18, 2008 LODGE OF THE OZARKS – BRANSON, MO

Tuesday, May 13

12:00pm	-	11:00pm	Hospitality Room open
2:00pm	-	7:00pm	Reunion Registration open
			Evening and dinner on your own

Wednesday, May 14

9:00am	-	11:00pm	Hospitality Room open
4:00pm	-	6:00pm	Reunion Registration open

Thursday, May 15

9:00am	-	11:00pm	Hospitality Room open
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Friday, May 16

9:00am	-	11:00pm	Hospitality Room open
10:30am	-	2:45pm	SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE LUNCH CRUISE (description follows)
6:00pm	-	10:30pm	SHOJI TABUCHI (description follows)

Saturday, May 17

9:00am	-	12:00pm	Business Meeting
Squadron photos will be taken immediately following meeting			
12:00pm	-	5:00pm	Hospitality Room open
4:30pm	-	7:00pm	Cash Bar Reception and Couples' Portraits
7:00pm	-	12:00am	Dinner Banquet

Sunday, May 18

Farewells & Departures

**Register online at www.armedforcesreunions.com/
307bw**

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**CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY FOR
ARMED FORCES REUNIONS, INC.**

For attendees canceling reunion activities prior to the cut-off date, Armed Forces Reunions, Inc. (AFR) shall process a full refund less the non-refundable AFR registration fee (\$10 per person). Attendees canceling reunion activities after the cut-off date will be refunded to the fullest extent that AFR's vendor commitments and guarantees will allow, less the non-refundable AFR registration fee. **Cancellations will only be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00am until 5:00pm Eastern Standard Time, excluding holidays.** Please call (757) 625-6401 or email cancel@afri.com to cancel reunion activities and obtain a cancellation code. Refunds processed 4-6 weeks after reunion. Canceling your hotel reservation does not cancel your reunion activities.

TOUR DESCRIPTIONS

SHOWBOAT BRANSON BELLE LUNCH CRUISE

Friday, May 16

Cruise the waters of Table Rock Lake on board a brand new paddle wheeler, the Showboat Branson Belle. Enjoy a served lunch and great entertainment. The show features a talented cast of singers, dancers, and musicians, who will take you back to the time when showboats were once famous.

10:30am board bus, 2:45pm back at hotel

\$66/Person includes bus, escort, and lunch cruise.

SHOJI TABUCHI THEATRE

Friday, May 16

Branson's hottest ticket is the Shoji Tabuchi Theatre. Enjoy the show that's become the "talk of the town" as one of Branson's most delightful family shows. Shoji and his magic violin will dazzle you with practically every kind of music. Listen to country, bluegrass, Cajun, swing, jazz, and even a little Classical music. His wife and daughter will perform as well, and you'll understand why this is truly a family show.

6:00pm board bus, 10:30pm back at hotel

\$74/Person includes bus, escort, and show.

Driver and Guide gratuities are not included in the tour prices.

Please plan to be at the bus boarding at least five minutes prior to the scheduled time.

All tours must have a minimum of thirty people, unless otherwise noted.

Around the Wing

As you undoubtedly noticed, this newsletter is a mite thinner than usual. Coming right on the heels of the November issue, there has been little intervening time to accumulate fresh news from members or to gather new material. All of this has been brought about by the need to get Branson reunion and registration forms into your hands so that you may respond expeditiously on the timeline that the lords of Branson demand for group activities. That being that, we aim to get back onto the normal cycle of things with our next newsletter in July 2008.

Ken Tarwater, former ARS-er, sent in the nearby photo showing a group of ground support and flight crew members at the 1959 Bomb Comp that helped win the Fairchild Trophy. Flight Crew kneeling in front of KC-97 804, L to R: Aircraft Commander Murray V. Jett, Co-Pilot Lt. Reinhardt, Navigator Ron Monk, Flight Eng. John (Roundo) Bradley, and Boom Operator Wilber W. Martens, with Col Corbin speaking to the group. Ken is in the back row standing under Com in Competition.

LAFB's Gift to Lincoln - Bowling Lake Rehab

According to a recent article in the Lincoln Journal Star, the rehab of Bowling Lake should soon be complete. Constructed in 1958 at LAFB to support water skiing, under city ownership it transitioned to a fishing lake and in recent years has deteriorated, filling with silt and trash fish. As a result, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission has taken rehab steps designed to make it a "great place to fish" The lake has been desilted, and is now 20 feet deep at the deepest point with an average depth of 8 feet. Water clarity and aquatic habitat is improved and the shoreline has been improved for angler access. Stocking with largemouth bass, bluegills and channel cat is planned so in two years it will be a prime fishing spot.

The Hoisington Family

Most of us remember **MGen Perry M Hoisington**, who was our Division Commander until he departed for the Pentagon in the summer of 1958. But, only a few of us know that he had a younger sister of military renown. Major General Elizabeth P Hoisington led the Women's Army Corps in the 1960s and 70s during a period of dramatic change. Elizabeth, one of the first two women promoted to general rank in the US Military, passed away 21 August 2007, in Springfield, Virginia, at the age of 88, according to a Washington Post obituary, forwarded by **Ivens "Buck" Buchanan**. She had an illustrious career and oversaw many changes before she retired in 1971. Based on the foundation she laid down the WACs were integrated into the regular army structure in 1978. Post retirement, she served on the board of visitors for the Virginia Military Institute and was a fund raiser for the Army Women's Museum at Fort Lee. She never married, saying "The Army is my first love".

Gen Perry Hoisington took his last flight in April 2006, but Elizabeth is survived by a younger brother, Lt Col

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Robert H Hoisington. Robert had been captured during WWII and became a German POW. Elizabeth personally located Robert in the prison camp following its liberation by allied forces. Perry and Elizabeth were the first brother/sister set of generals in the armed forces, and came from a military family, their grandfather being a founder of the Kansas National Guard, and their father an Army marksman and Colonel.

Glen & Lucy Hesler's daughter, Nancy, tells us they would love to hear from old friends, and they are doing about as well as can be expected. They are now located at 700 Mark Hill Drive, Apt 44, Sevierville, TN 37862. The phone number is 865-453-4795, and email is lucyglen@bellsouth.net.



Bad Email Addresses. In November we published a long list of names of those for whom our automated “new newsletter notification” was returned as undeliverable. Since then, we’ve received about two dozen updates, and found that some of the rejections were because of filled mail boxes and spam rejection. So, we really don’t know how many of those were truly bad addresses, and we’ll just have to see what happens in the future and hope you receive the next message thru the spam filters and other obstacles.

Bards of the Flight Line. Over the past several years, we’ve benefitted from a number of talented writers and their stories concerning life as encountered in support of the B-47 and KC-97. **Ernie Pence, Paul Koski, Earl Hill, and Jim Villa,** have all contributed greatly to the lore of life in the 307th, and are to be thanked for their effort in telling tales, and facts that would otherwise disappear from memory and record. We hope they continue and that others will join in their effort. The newsletter has a large backlog of stories that thus far we have not had room to publish. This is not bad, as it makes the newsletter editor’s job easier, in filling what may otherwise be idle space. So, keep it up guys, and you others, feel free to join in! In the long run, we’re looking for a good way to make this library of “history” available through the web site.

Reunion Memory Book. Over many past reunions, we’ve

been given tummy aches by the reunion photographers and book publishers, so taking the bull by the horns, we have decided to cast them aside and do it ourselves! It looks as if we are about to enter the new world of self-publishing. Current plans are for the ace photographic staff of Todd and Gingrich to snap the portraits and unit pictures and we call upon those of you with digital cameras to cover reunion life and activities and send us the photo files. Todd, Gingrich, and Horn will screen the photos and produce a 20 page book in full color. We hope to make this available at a cost of \$12-15 as opposed to the \$30-35 we have paid in the past to commercial operators. We’ll let you know more about this at Branson, but we ask that you please don’t diss the photographers.

Others we’ve heard from over the past several months: Bill Novetzke, John Puckropp, Bill Schuck, James Smith, Bill Biford.

Why He Didn’t Get Promoted

A young captain is working late at the Pentagon one evening. As he clocks out of his office at about 8 PM, he sees a General standing by the classified document shredder in the hallway, a piece of paper in his hand.

'Do you know how to work this thing?' the General asks. 'My secretary's gone home and I don't know how to run it.'

'Yes, sir,' says the young captain, who turns on the machine, takes the paper from the General, and feeds it in.

'Thanks,' says the General, 'I just need one copy'.

Why I Love Nebraska at Christmas

**When it's Christmas in Nebraska,
And the gentle breezes blow,
About seventy miles an hour
And its fifty-two below,
You can tell you're in Nebraska
'Cause the snow's up to your butt.
You take a breath of Christmas air
And your nostrils both freeze shut.
The weather here is wonderful,
So I guess I'll hang around,
I could never leave Nebraska--
My feet are frozen to the ground!**

----Unknown

Treasurer's Report			
307 th Bomb Wing B-47/KC-97 Association			
Ending Balance from last report October 26, 2007: \$6,096.76			
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Deposits</u>	
General Fund Balance			\$6096.76
Expenses:			
Postal	398.20		
Printing	<u>634.38</u>		
	- 1032.58		-1032.58
			5064.18
Income:			
Donations	170.00		
Interest on account	<u>2.29</u>		
	172.29		+ 172.29
Ending Balance January 3, 2008			5236.47
Tony Minnick, Treasurer			

Jim Villa's Memories

On the Flight Line

Brake and Approach Chutes

Whenever some aircrew member needed to do a takeoff or landing to fulfill his requirements, we would need to have a couple people to load another brake chute. The airplane would return and land early from a mission. We would meet the airplane and guide him into a parking place. We would connect with ground cord and headsets and then the AC would shut down engines 1, 2 and 3. The right side engines (4, 5 & 6) would remain running.

The two of us maintenance guys would open the brake chute compartment and place another chute in place, lace the containing canvas and close the brake chute spring loaded doors. The AC who would not be going around again would come down out of the cockpit and would come back with us and hook the brake chute clevis in its attachment point. We would close up the brake chute compartment and get prepared to start up the shut down engines. This would be the usual sequence.

One particular day, I reported in for the day shift with "A" section and there wasn't much going on. The airplanes which were being flown that day

had been launched in the wee hours of the morning. After we had a short briefing, we did the flight line FOD policing and straightening up of the flight line equipment. Our flight chief told me and one other guy to hang around the rest of the day to put another brake chute on an airplane when it came back from its mission. The airplane would be down around two in the afternoon.

Well, my partner and I then did some "coffee time" at the base ops snack bar, made early chow and were back out on the flight line at the appointed time. I always carried my tool bag whenever I was out on the flight line. This particular day, that practice would bear fruit.

The airplane was on time and when they taxied in, we guided them into a parking slot, chocked her and I plugged in the ground cord. As soon as I made contact with the AC, he shut down 1, 2 & 3 engines. My partner opened the entrance door and we proceeded aft with the packed brake chute. We opened the brake chute compartment, placed the chute into it, laced the chute in and was about to close the brake chute doors when we found the latch on the doors was broken. My first thought was that the go around couldn't be done. I went and climbed the entrance ladder to inform the pilot what had taken place. The pilot who was going to do the go around was sitting in the AC's seat and the AC he had replaced was standing in the walkway aisle

DEFINITION OF A VETERAN

A veteran -- whether active duty, retired, national guard or reserve -- is someone who, at one point in his/her life, wrote a blank check made payable to The "United States of America", for amount of "up to and including my life."

That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.

talking to him. I quickly recognized the AC in the seat was Colonel John Allison and a solution to the broken latch problem quickly came to mind. The colonel looked down at me and I told him (via intercom) about the problem and we were going to remedy it as quick as we could.

We weren't supposed to cannibalize but this required haste.

I told my partner to take the broken latch off and I would take a latch off of an idle airplane parked close to us. We did the change out and I informed Colonel Allison. The departing AC came down and we hooked the brake chute. We then started the shut down engines and away they went. Before my partner and I left the flight line, we put the broken latch on the idle airplane and I wrote the problem in the form 781As. When we got to the section trailer, I told the flight chief what I had done and needed the latch requisitioned. He told me that he would pass the repair to the swing shift since it would take some time to get the part delivered.

Orders are orders and he told us to "get lost". That we did without much effort.

Brilliant insults

These glorious insults are from an era when cleverness with words was still valued, before a great portion of the English language got boiled down to 4-letter words.

The exchange between Churchill & Lady Astor: She said, 'If you were my husband I'd give you poison,' and he said, 'If you were my wife, I'd drink it.'

A Member of Parliament to Disraeli: 'Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease.' 'That depends, Sir,' said Disraeli, 'on whether I embrace your policies or your mistress.'

'He had delusions of adequacy.' Walter Kerr

'He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire.'
Winston Churchill

'A modest little person, with much to be modest about.' Winston Churchill

'I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure.' Clarence Darrow

'He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary.' William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway).

'Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?' Ernest Hemingway (about William Faulkner)

'Thank you for sending me a copy of your book; I'll waste no time reading it.' Moses Hadas

'He can compress the most words into the smallest idea of any man I know.'
Abraham Lincoln

'I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it.' Mark Twain

'He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends' Oscar Wilde

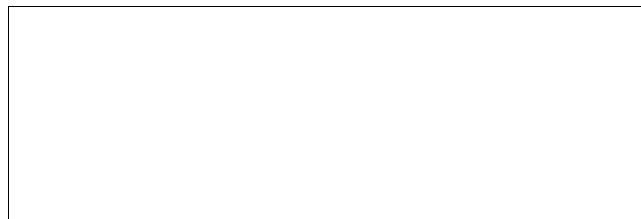
'I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend....if you have one.' George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

'Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one.'
Winston Churchill, in response.

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