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43rd BOMBARDMENT GROUP NEWSLETTER

28th EDITION - JULY 1988

FROM BILL WILSON

It's that time again. It seems to happen so much faster than it used to. Maybe that's my excuse for not getting much done in the last 3 months, but anyway, here we go.

My big problem has been the memorial at Dayton. I had to call on MAX AXELSEN, DICK HENNIG, NEIL FAIRBANKS, & LLOYD BOREN for help. We did not get to make the Memorial as big as we had wanted, but we went ahead with what they would allow us to install rather than lose the choice location immediately facing the 5th AF Memorial. We hope at a later date they will allow us to add to the Memorial. They did give way on several small items, primarily the wording, which they had previously said no to.

The really great news on Memorials is Mareeba. For some of you who came after Mareeba, it is the first base set up by the Allies that the Japanese did not take. It became the spring board for the victory over Japan with the 19th, then the 43rd operating from that aerodrome. FRED COOKE, 65th navigator, visited Mareeba several years ago & told us of a small wooden sign saying we had been there. From that point on the 43rd Bomb Group Assn. has worked with the City of Mareeba to complete this project. Twenty of us were there last year, and added \$500.00 to get the marble. FRED COOKE returned for the dedication on Anzac Day as the representative of the 19th and 43rd Bomb Groups. They did a great job, the Memorial is to each of us and our departed comrades. Most fitting, a very, very, good job. You can see pictures at Dayton in the Memorabilia Room.

A nice letter from BRUCE HOY. After 10 years with the New Guinea National Museum, he is leaving to return to Australia this month. We'll get a new address later. He thanks everyone with the 43rd for our help, especially GEORGE WHITE. But when you wipe out 3 B-17's, you should be some help to a guy looking for wrecked ones. Best to you BRUCE on your new work.

A report from the 398th Bomb Group says there are 44 B-17's left. 13 flying, and 31 static. On August 19-21, at Geneseo, NY, the National Warplane Museum is having an Air Show. 7 of the 13 B-17's are going to be there. Sounds like a maximum effort for the 43rd in 1942. If interested, write to P.O. Box 159, Geneseo, NY, 14454, or call 716-243-0690. AIRPOWER magazine, March 1988, had a great story on B-17's you may want to check out.

MARION USSET, BERNIE'S wife reports that he passed away on February 28th. She recalls what a great time BERNIE had at Bossier City, seeing FRED EPPLEN, his navigator, JOE TINSMAN, and many others. MARION sent a very nice Memorial donation. We all share in your loss. GOD BLESS.

WILLIAM ALMAND, 64th line chief, was in the 43rd from November 1942 to January 1944, then off to school on B-29's. BILL, you must be ok with friends like O.K. Coulter. He is close to 10 on any scale.

Vice President DALE BARR, 403rd tail gunner reports he is getting lots of info for the 89 reunion. He'll present it to the board in Dayton. He had the balloon treatment on three arteries. Now they have him on a treadmill, riding a bicycle, or rowing a boat. Hey DALE, you better get well quick, all that's hard work. DALE says JEAN JACK called him and said "See you in Dayton"- Good show Yank.

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ROGER KETTLESON, 64th pilot, reports on the meeting of the 5th AF Reunion Committee's plans for the '90 reunion in Las Vegas. Their next meeting is in November. We will decide in Dayton if this is what we want to do, then ROGER can go from there.

FALCNOR and GOLDIE GIFFORD, 64th, stopped by to see ROGER and AUDREY KETTLESON in route to Phoenix.

Got a report that O.K. COULTER is back in school, Confederate Air Force. A refresher course on B-17's. Keep'em flying.

ELWYN HANSEN, 403rd, says shortly after the news letter, he had a call and a copy of "Smoke on the Water". DANA DAVIS, 403rd, from Laramie, WY, had the words. ELWYN and PHYLLIS were in a chinese restaurant and happened to see BURT ADEN, 403rd. They had a nice visit. Keep your eyes open, the 43rd is everywhere.

"DUTCH" and MARJORIE BENEDETTI, sent in a nice Memorial gift. "DUTCH" was a pilot in the 65th. VINCENT STOPCZYNSKI, Hdqrs., from Kingston, NY also joined my "I'M IN" club. Thanks a lot.

GEORGE ANDERSON, 403rd pilot from New Jersey sent in a nice donation. Maybe GEORGE knows another GEORGE from New Jersey.

GEORGE WEICHLEIN, 65th bombardier on JOE NIECE'S crew reports in from Kerrville, TX. Americamp Leisure Resort. Maybe if you stop he will give you a free beer. I'm going to try it one of these days. We made a few missions together. See you GEORGE.

BOB CUTLER, Hdqrs., sends money and advice, give GEORGE WHITE back his stripes and no more promotions for CY MICHAELS. BOB says he and TONY IANPIETRO have enough trouble from CY without my help.

J.H. "JOSH" BARNES, 65th pilot, and one of the original cadre from Bangor, Maine, sent in a real nice donation. JOSH has had some health problems lately. Hope to see you in Dayton JOSH.

VICTOR and ANNA MARIE FRANCO, 63rd navigator, sent in a nice donation, they're in Colorado Springs. Tell my roommate "RAP" RAPISARDI, "HI".

WILLIAM J. SOLOMON, 403rd radio operator, joined the "I'M IN" club and says he will see us in Dayton. It will be fun, BILL.

JOHN B. CROSBY, 403rd navigator, sent in a new address: 1922 Clatterbridge Rd., Ocala, FL 32671. Also sent dues money and Memorial donation. JOHN was on MAX AXELSEN'S crew. They got together at Disneyworld. He hopes to make Dayton and see ODIS CLEERE and the rest of the fellows.

JOHN P. HARMON, 63rd navigator, needs some help. He's looking for the crew of Flight Officer CLARANCE "TEX" MOLDER. He and JIM SMITH, radio operator, are members and he needs the story on the rest of the crew, HERBERT FORET, co-pilot, PAUL INDYKE, bombardier, MANLEY GOSS, engineer, BAXTER MC CANNISH, armorer-gunner, JOHN BERNICKY, gunner, WILLIAM HARNER, arm-engr, ROBERT JACKSON, gunner, and CHARLES MEINKE, radio. Let JOHN know if you can help.

DICK WOOD, 65th navigator, really, I think of DICK as a transportation officer, he did a great job last year in getting me Down Under for a month. DICK sent a nice Memorial gift in memory of five crew members that have made their last earthly roll call. Good on you DICK.

We had several more donations to the Memorial Fund, PAUL PASKVAN, pilot 403rd, JESS and VIRGINIA GIBSON, 63rd, MICHAEL and SIGRUM DENEGAN, 64th, ISADORE and CHARLOTTE MILLER, 63rd, CLINTON and BETTY BRASSER, 65th, DICK and JANE HENNIG, 64th, (also they are our leaders for Dayton). We are in good hands with "HENNIG". STAN and BONITA CASEY, 63rd, and LES COFFMAN, 64th, were also most kind in their Memorial gifts.

ELDON LAWSON, sent money and a report on the Sunset Project. "BUD" was a bombardier in the 65th at Ishima, and he along with JOE RICHARD, and other bombardiers and gunners became the "abandoned ones". Sunset Project called for the B-24's to be returned to the states without them. Softball became the "abandoned one's" big deal. JOE RICHARD was an All Star, the pride of the 65th. OWEN ERNSTHAUSEN, GEORGE SEAVER, and DON MARSAGLIA weren't bad they say. May need to get an Old Time Game up at Dayton.

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**WALTER and FLORENCE KICHURA**, 403rd, sent money and a note saying maybe not the 5th AF Dedication, but the 43rd in October, for sure. See you there **WALT**.

**CHARLES MARVEL**, 403rd and 65th, served on **BILL SMITH'S** crew on B-17's, and **GEORGE PUTMAN'S** (403rd) crew on B-24's. **BILL SMITH** brought his crew from the 403rd when he moved to the 65th to become C/O. **CHARLIE** wants his donation to honor **BERT BREDENIER** who was KIA with **KEN MC CULLAR**. **CHARLIE**, your praise of **BERT** reminds me of some others, a real honor to have served with those fine young men.

**ARTHUR MATTESON**, pilot, 65th, sent a nice donation and reports early October will find him in Dayton, not Portland. This will be **AUSTIN'S** first reunion, so let's all greet him and see that he and his wife **PATRICIA** have fun.

**DON WATKINS**, 65th navigator, sent a nice check and says "HI" to all. **BILL** and **LORA BROWN**, 64th radio-gunner, were very kind in their support of our Memorial. **BILL** and **ART MULLIGAN** had a nice visit the other day. They're set for a better one in Dayton. Oh, yes, **BILL'S** zip code needs to be corrected - 01339, try that and see if it works.

**JOE TINSMAN**, 63rd tail gunner, sent a super donation in memory of **BERNIE USSET**. **JOE**, in spirit, **BERNIE** will be with us in Dayton.

**JACK FAERBER**, 65th stat clerk, really likes **BREEZY BOREN'S** new roster. He already got a call from Dr. **LEROY HOCKENSMITH**, 65th nose gunner, and letters from **WARREN KAESS**, 65th, and **TOM WHEDON**. **JACK**, that's what it's all about. And while we are talking of **LEE HOCKENSMITH**, he called **BREEZY** the other day and is looking for the other members of his crew: **JACK HAWKINS**, pilot, **JOHN HESTER**, co-pilot, **HAROLD WATSON**, navigator, **CARL DANKWORTH**, engineer, **EDWARD STITCH**, radio/oper, **ALL GOOD**, ball gun, **MICHAEL MAKAR**, top gun, and **JESSE GLENN**, armorer/gun. Anyone having any information on these fellows, contact Dr. **HOCKENSMITH**.

**JOHN COOP**, a 403rd fellow who's still "Down Under", sends a nice note. He says the new roster and the 27th edition of the newsletter made the trip somewhat quicker than the Queen Mary. **JOHN** is from Niagara Falls, and sends a copy of the Niagara Falls Gazette dated 9 September 1944. A B-26 Marauder crashed shortly after take off and the passenger list had a Lt. Col. **J.P. ROUSEK** on board. Is this the 43rd Col. Rousek? **JOHN'S** mother and father were driving by when the crash occurred.

More from **JOHN COOP** on the circling B-24 mentioned in the last newsletter. The pilot was **WILLIAM R. GOWEY**, 403rd. He damaged the landing gear on take off and later he and his crew were ordered to bail out. **WES COWAN** was one of the crew that bailed out. **GERALD OBERMEYER** was crew chief and gets credit for naming the plane RIO RITA. Hey, I have a picture of RIO RITA in her better days. More on the B-24 and P-38 fight. Judge **LEWIS B. WHITWORTH**, 64th flight engineer, came forth to confirm **HENRY DAY'S** report in the last newsletter. Also, **ANGELO CIOTTI**, **RICHARD HICKSON**, & **MAURICE KOPEL** were on the flight. That's really not fair, **HENRY** has no less than a Judge to confirm his war stories, and if that's not enough, three crew members. I can't get any help at all on mine. **GEORGE WHITE** says he has made a very in depth study and I wasn't even over there.

**RUDOLPH CHERKAUER**, 65th pilot, reports on a couple missions out of Clark Field in March of 1945. Wish we had space for the full report, but am saving it for our history.

**ALBERT FLORIO**, 65th, got an address for **JOHN STUPOK**, it's 10 Morse St. Norwood, Mass. 02062. Thanks **AL**. Sent him a copy of the newsletter.

**DOUG CRAIG**, 64th top gunner, is still trying to get me going in the right direction. **DOUG**, is not **WILLIAM**, but **H.T.** from Roanoke, VA. We do have a **WILLIAM CRAIG**, but he is from Whispering Pines, NC, and is a pilot in the 63rd. Please make their change in your new roster. **DOUG** was on a crew with **ED HEED**, **ANDY ANDRUS**, and **GEORGE ROARBACK**. Please, someone write to **DOUG**, and get me off the hook.

**CHUNKY** and **CLARA MARIE WILFERT**, 63rd navigator, are all booked up for Dayton. They received a newspaper clipping from Mareeba Tableland Advertiser on the Memorial there. Also reported on **FRED** and **MARGARET BLAIR**, 63rd bombardier. Australia Television is doing a thing on "Brides to America", and **MARGARET** seems to be the star. Also, a new book "The Love of a Soldier", stars our girl. The 43rd picked her a long time ago, why is T.V. so slow?

**DALE BARR**, 403rd, and Vice President of this famous outfit is helping **MATT HOLOHAN** find new members. He reports 7 new ones confirmed.

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DALE, like all of us, is very pleased with LLOYD and HELEN BOREN'S hard work on the new roster, correcting my spelling, working on the reunions so we can all enjoy them, etc., etc. You are right, BREEZY is something else. Almost as nice as your 12th Grandchild.

DON BAKER, 65th, reports DOUGLAS S. DONALDSON has made his last earthly mission. He recently had a heart attack. We will all miss DOUG.

THEODORE ROMANOWSKY, 403rd gunner, sent more information on circling B-24, plus a report on his two zeros. He has pictures of Club 403 at Doba Dura, etc. He was on L.A. YOUNG'S crew and Capt. DURBACH'S. Good report TED.

FRANK HOHMANN, 65th flight engineer, is leaving Florida for the summer and will be in New Jersey. Watch it Frank, that GEORGE WHITE country is going to catch the 19th Bomb Group reunion in St. Louis, then on to Dayton. He thinks we need to work on caps, patches, glasses, etc. with the 43rd insignia. Getting lots of requests. Will vote in Dayton.

MAX OSBORN, 65th navigator, thinks BREEZY is hot stuff. Really pleased with the new roster, was disappointed BREEZY did not note, he was the top 43rd member in Cheyenne, Wyoming. There MAX, I said it, maybe you will say something nice about me. MAX also has some ideas for our "PX". Maybe it would work. LUCKY STEVENS sent MAX a 5th AF patch so maybe he will be happy for a few days. See you in Dayton MAX.

STUART CAMPBELL, 63rd navigator, reports the new roster is great. I only made a few errors. STUART was a navigator not a pilot. Don't feel bad, after some of my landings, the crew thought I should have been a navigator. I missed his zip code, it's 32925, and the area code is 407. I didn't do too bad for a used car salesman. STUART'S brother, Capt. ROBERT C. CAMPBELL, was also in the 43rd, armament officer in the 64th, April 43 to December 44. He got typhus at Biak, and passed away in March 1962.

JESS GIBSON, 63rd mess hall, Woodland Park, Colorado, hopes the 89 reunion will be in Colorado Springs. Thinks he can get help to put the show on. Also wants to know if anyone remembers a B-17 aborting take off at Townsville in 1943. Ran off the end of the runway and other good stuff. Can't remember crew's name, were in enroute to New Guinea. Drop JESS a note if this rings a bell, JESS was sandbagging on the flight.

DON BAKER, 65th, had cataract surgery a while back, and his daughter DONNA sends in a report in case some of the rest of us may need the same operation. The report is, super success!! I may have to check in for the same to be able to finish this news letter. Now see you won't have to get the Reader's Digest for medical advice this month. All kidding aside, if you are having difficulty seeing for any reason, and think you are just getting old, think again. The operation is quite simple, and common nowadays. Less than an hour usually. Usually covered by Medicare, and what's really good, is an outpatient procedure. Modern science is really something. Thank you DONNA.

JAMES KIRACOFE, C/O of the 19th Bomb Group Assn., reports their National reunion is Sept. 5th to 10th, 1988 at the Clarion Hotel, St. Louis, MO. Reservations in by August 4th. If you need more information, contact JAMES at 274 Quinn Rd., West Alexandria, Ohio, 45381, 513-839-4441. It would be worth the trip to see Capt. BARR, (Col), and thank him again for helping we pilots who had never see a B-17 until we got to Mareeba. COCHRAN, BALDWIN, SHAKO, RAPISARDI, CARVER, WILSON, and others. Then get Capt. CHILDS to take one more bite out of our rears. Great bunch and much success on your reunion. FRED COOKE needs to send them a picture of the Memorial at Mareeba.

ROBERT WHITEHEAD, 63rd, started in Bangor and has a roster of the 63rd dated November 1941. Drop him a line if you would like a copy.

ISADORE MILLER, 63rd, sends in a note from V.F.W. magazine. A D.R. Mahoney, 1303 Darlene Way #105a, Boulder City, NV. 89005, is trying to locate the crew of a B-24 Snooper that crashed at Sador, New Guinea in 1944. Maybe one of us. Someone see if he was in the 43rd. IZZY also told HERB HILLMAN about the 43rd. Good work.

ALTON LEAMAN, 65th tail gunner, sent in a picture of MELANGTON'S emergency landing. The picture only shows MELANGTON and about 20 native girls without any tops on. I wonder if he ever got back to the base, if so, what for? ALTON also sent a good picture of Col. ROUSEK'S crew which he was a part of. FRANK HOHMANN and ALTON want to know if anyone has anything on a Lt. CORRIE.

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**VIRGINIA MATHIAS** reports the passing of her husband **FRANK** on the 20th of April, 1988. **FRANK** was a pilot in the 65th. **VIRGINIA**, we all join in your sorrow. May God Bless.

**HARRY YOUNG**, 64th, reports the passing of **JAMES A MEYER**, his pilot, March 25, 1988. **JAMES** went with National Air Lines, and ended up Chief Pilot. Then on to Pan Am as a captain. **HARRY** wants to thank **LLOYD** for a super roster. It helped him find his nose gunner, **GEORGE CHOPYAK**.

**RICHARD WILLIAMS**, a 403rd tail gunner, found **DELWYN SWANSEN**, shot down 3 times, and still flew 104 missions. One hell of a record. Thanks **RICHARD** for finding **DELWYN**, and helping to update the roster.

A nice note from Charles A. Anderson, VP and General Manager of General Dynamics, Fort Worth Division. Big things are planned for the B-24 50th Anniversary reunion, May 17th to 21st 1989, Fort Worth, Texas. Charles says "Diamond Lil", Confederate Air Force's spotless B-24, will be on hand. Fort Worth's Air Force plant #4 built 3150 B-24's. That's faster than **GEORGE WHITE** could wreck 'em. Also Charles plans to show off their F-16 and other aircraft. The F-16 can fly twice the speed of sound and carry twice the weapons load of a B-24. All this with just one person. No wonder there are so many unemployed.

**CYRUS MICHAELS**, Hdqrs. Sgt. Major (my new Colonel), reports the title "KEN'S MEN" is from General Kenney in his remarks to General Mc Arthur on the Nadzab operation. This should clear the air on this one. So the Memorial Bench was OK'd for General Kenney's remarks "KEN'S MEN". When **CY** says it, that's the way it is. Thanks Colonel.

Just received a letter from **JANICE OLSON**, daughter of Col. **CHARLES "CHUCK" OLSON**. She reports the death of her mother, **BETTY OLSON** in November 1987, and her father in February 1988. It was an honor to have served with your father, and we will each miss him. On a happier note, **JANICE** recalls times with **DAVY CROCKETT'S** family and **RAY HOLSEY'S** bunch. At 8 years of age, the **HOLSEY** kids were mean to her. What a memory. That's great **JANICE**, and we will remember your father for the good times. We will also keep sending you the newsletters. Maybe you will get a laugh out of my goofs.

I have one for you. How many made the July 1942 run from San Francisco to Australia on the Mount Vernon? I recall, **JIM HARCROW**, **JIM CARVER**, **RAYMOND BALDWIN**, **JUDD**, **MASON**, **GEORGE SHAKO**, **JOE COCKRAN**, **AUGUSTIN RAPISARDI**, **HARRY DAHL**, and **ME**. There were many more. We went to Mareeba and the 19th, then the 43rd.

One last bit, my son Bill and his family gave me a pair of shorts for Father's Day. The last time I had on shorts was at Mareeba, and Capt. **ARTHUR FLETCHER** made me take them off. He said I had the worst looking knees he had ever seen. **ARTHUR**, if you will make roll call at Dayton, I'll wear my new shorts. (Note from Lloyd, Please don't let this stop you from coming to the reunion.)

Haven't heard from **JIM HARCROW** or **DUTCH EHLERS**. they must still be on the Senior Golf Tournament. **J.T. BRITTON** I guess, got up another Bridge Game. Be fun to hear from **BILL CRAWFORD**, maybe he's writing another book. Tried calling **SHAKO**, no answer. **BOB BUTLER** still watches over me. Hope **JAY ZEAMER** makes Dayton and **CARL HUSTAD** shows up with more rice.

I'm about out of gas, be sure and get your name in for Dayton. It will be worth while. See you there.

FROM LLOYD

Received a nice letter from **JOHN "PINKY" HANLON**. **JOHN** has had a pretty rough time of it health wise, but insists he is "Winning the War". **JOHN** and **JULE** are going to be moving to Connecticut soon and it is uncertain whether they will be at the reunion. They have heard from **JIM WARREN** who says both he and **JOE HENSLER** plan on making the reunion. All these guys are 65th men. "PINKY" has a lot of friends in this group, and I am sure he would like to hear from you. All the best John.

A few remarks concerning the new Roster. It appears that I am confusing quite a few of you in the heading. The word "ERA" means your period of duty in the 43rd, ie: Forties, Fifties, etc.. Under "DUTY", you will have to use your imagination in some cases, ie: Arm = Armament or Armorer, Ord = Ordinance, Ops = Operations, etc.

I have rosters left, and they will be sent to each member who sends in his dues for 1988.



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If your address label on this newsletter does not have "PAID" after your name, then you are not listed as paid for 1988. Sending your dues in (10.00) will get you a roster by return mail.

I also have a very few caps left from San Antonio, and quite a few from Bossier City, they are \$7.00 each while they last.

We have ordered Jacket Patches for the 63rd (both the Winged Castle and the Sea Hawks), the 64th, the 65th (the Red Moose Express, and the Lucky Dice), the 403rd Mareeba Butchers (these courtesy of one of our biggest supporters), and last but not least, the Group Patch. These should be available by the time you receive this newsletter, with the exception of the 65th Lucky Dice which will be available about the 10th of September. These patches have been requested by quite a few of the members, and have been ordered in limited quantities. They will run \$10.00 each. Along this line, Lt. Col. DON CANN, Guam, with the present 43rd was kind enough to send me Patches for the present day 43rd Group (which is basically the same as ours), and the present 65th Strategic Squadron. In return, upon their arrival, I will forward one of each to DON for his Heritage Room Memorabilia. DON, if you are able, I would appreciate a 60th Patch also. I want to display them along with ours at the upcoming Reunion.

Bill gave you some information about the Memorial, and I want to add some more he was too nice a guy to say. We have enough for the Memorial at the present time. Linda Smith who took over Dick Baughman's place in charge of the Memorials, gave everyone concerned a pretty rough time. We were turned down on everything we submitted. We were not allowed to place ANYONE'S name on the memorial including "KEN'S MEN". We were not allowed to have anything but a BENCH, and the wording had to be brief and Concise. No Pylon was allowed to be added to the BENCH as others had. And that was that, we could either go along with them or lose our choice spot. We went along, however, we did manage to get "KEN'S MEN" ok'd and were allowed to list all the Squadrons. The front of the seat will have "43RD BOMBARDMENT GROUP (H)", and the two ends will have the Squadrons. "KEN'S MEN" will be on the back of the seat. On the bottom of the pedestal will be "DEDICATED OCTOBER 7, 1988". On the front of the pedestal will be 5th Air Force, WWII, and below, Southwest Pacific.

We had sufficient money to defray this cost with some remaining. We hope that if the present administration at the Museum is ever replaced, we can at least add a Pylon with lettering to the Bench.

At any rate, the Bench should be in place by the end of this month, it will be mounted on a concrete pad, which we were allowed to make larger by two feet on either side to provide walking room. The Bench will be in the best Midnight Black Granite with deep carved lettering.

### FROM DICK and JANE HENNIG

First: A reservation card for the Daytonian Hilton is included in this mailing for the benefit of those who have not yet made their reservations. This should be sent directly to the Hotel along with the first nights deposit. The rate will be \$50.00 single or double.

Second: Your registration for the reunion is \$65.00 per person, and this should be sent to the 43rd Bomb Group Reunion % DICK HENNIG, address at the end of this newsletter. A word of warning, the Hotel has 212 rooms. We have never used that many, however, from all indications, we will top that easily. Arrangements have been made for additional rooms at another nearby hotel, but we cannot guarantee the room rate, so get your reservations in as soon as possible to insure staying where all the action will be.

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY OCT. 5TH ---** Registration and Memorabilia Room. Note: Golfers sign up \$15.00 all fees: Board meeting in Board Rm. 7:00 pm.

**THURSDAY OCT. 6TH ---** 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Registration and Memorabilia Room.  
8:00 am - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast.  
11:00 am Golf Tournament.  
11:00 am - 1:30 pm Pay as you go buffet.  
7:00 pm Ladies program.  
7:00 pm Squadron Meetings.

**FRIDAY OCT. 7TH ---** 9:00 am Buses leave for Air Force Museum

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**FRIDAY OCT. 7TH --- 11:00 am** Dedication of 43rd Memorial. Note: Buses will return to the hotel as they fill up.  
11:30 am Group Picture  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Cocktails in Ball Room. Cash Bar.  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Buffet Dinner.  
8.30 pm - Music .

**SATURDAY OCT. 8TH --- 8:00 am - Ladies Breakfast**  
8:00 am - Men's Breakfast followed by General meeting (Ladies may attend).  
5:30 pm - Buses leave for Wright-Patterson Officers  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Cocktails . Cash Bar  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Dinner  
8:30 pm - Music for dancing. Air Force Band  
10:00 pm - 11:30 pm Buses leaving as they fill up.

**SUNDAY OCT. 9TH --- 8:30 am - 11:00 am Brunch.** Check out time 1:00 pm.  
Asmissions, Buses, Programs, Continental Breakfast Thursday, Ladies and Men's Br Saturday, Friday night buffet, Saturday night Dinner dance, and Sunday Brunch are all included in your \$65.00 per person registration.

For those of you who have RV's, there is a covered hookup only 4 blocks from the Hotel. The Hotel itself has indoor valet parking at no charge for those driving

Just one more note, JANE and I attended the 5th AF Memorial Dedication along with about 12 of our members and wives, and 800 to 1000 other Fifth AF members. The Ceremony was beautiful and will provide a lasting memory for all of us.

**PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR ROSTER  
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