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A WORD FROM OUR EL PRESIDENTA

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NOTES FROM JIM T MURPHY

ROLAND T. FISHER 63RD Pilot should be a news reporter. His description of the recent Oregon/Washington floods were very realistic. He included an example of the disaster:

AL CALATWORTHY 63RD pilot and his wife **JEANNE** sat on the roof of their truck for 3 hours-until rescued by boat. Most of their belongings were lost.

In addition, **ROLAND** sent me a copy of his letter to **AL O'BRIEN**. He quickly reacted to my April '96 newsletter request for information on **AL'S** brother **JIM**. I know that response was truly appreciated. Thanks **ROLAND**.

J.C. "CHUNKEY" WILFERT 63RD NAV-sent a fine donation to be used as "we see fit". He then added it's only for the 43RD not for my use! **"CHUNKEY"** and **CLAIR MARIE** have made every reunion since the start of our association.

JOHN TALLITSH 403RD NAV-sent in '96 dues and a new address effective 1st of July '96. He and his wife **ELEANOR** will not be able to come to Kissimmee due to health problems. His address is Friendship Manor Apt A 222 1209 21st Ave., Rock Island, Ill. 61201.

DICK WERTZ 63RD Gunner-is now recovering from a stroke. He spent 24 days in the V. A. hospital in Altoona, PA. and was high in praise of the entire treatment. They won't be able to make the reunion this year, but plan to be in albuquerque next year.

JANICE OLSON & FRED HAGEN will have slide/film presentations on Saturday morning 14th of September. I've heard from both. We will also have time for questions. **JANICE** will show crash sites of each of our squadrons in the 43RD. She has a fantastic history collection. **FRED** made one trip to New Guinea in Nov. '95. He is going back in July. His searches have been from underwater to high in the mountains. We have true real enthusiasts.

JIM DIEFFENDERFER pilot 63RD-called me in late May with a suggestion. He said: "let's get some of our younger members in position to keep our 43RD Bomb Group Association viable, alive and enthusiastic. I believe that makes good sense. Every business that is a success has to do that. Military Organizations do that. I helped do that in NASA.

I'm asking each of you to serch your conscience. Quite a number of you have the capability, age, background and enthusiasm to move into anyone of our jobs. I need to have you send a note to me with your past and current qualifications. I can then discuss that in Kissimmee with our Board of Directors. This also is good planning and will give us a chance to continue this fine organization for a number of years. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

P.S. I have received a note from BILL WILSON. He will get our newsletter out in July and in October then "He needs out as Secretary". He will stay a little longer as Treasurer. Bill has done so many, many things for our organization.

He deserves accolades and a rest! Please send me that note now!

REUNION UPDATE

For those of you who have not made up your mind about the Sept 8-15 Reunion, you had better decide pretty quick. In the report I have received from JIM DIEFENDERFER and also the Hyatt Orlando in Kissimmee, the rooms are filling up fast. Florida is our 3rd largest State, and actually, could fill our reserved space with people from Florida alone. So don't put off getting your reeservations in to the Hyatt for the rooms and to JIM for your reunion reservation. I doubt seriously if we will ever have a reunion spot with so much to do within easy reach. This is shaping up as the largest reunion turnout we have ever had.

REUNION RESERVATIONS @ \$90.00 PER PERSON TO: JIM DIEFENDERFER, 2042 GATLIN AVE., ORLANDO, FL 32806, PHONE (407) 859-1356.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS @ \$59.00 DAILY SINGLE OR DOUBLE. CONTACT: THE HYATT HOTEL & RESORT, 6335 W. IRLO BRONSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY, KISSIMMEE, FL 34747, PHONE (407) 396-1234, FAX (407) 396-5090. TAX IS IN ADDITION TO DAILY RATE.

REMEMBER: This is expected to be our largest reunion, so don't delay getting those reservations in NOW!!

Our #1 used car salesman has a few words for you-----

Hold on to your hat--it's News Time *****

NEIL FAIRBANKS 403RD and **ROGER KETTLESON** 64TH--report on the Air Force having an anniversary party --their 50TH birthday party. It's April 22--26, 1997 in Las Vegas. Air show at the Nellis Air Force Base--Thunderbirds and all--expect 500,000 to 750,000---others in Air Show will be Canada, Britain, Italy, Russia, Japan, France, Brazil and Chile--some show! The convention is expected to draw 15,000 to 20,000.

Biggest event the Air Force has done---If we want a mini-reunion let **NEIL** or **ROGER** know--if you just want to go let them know.

NEIL also says **KEITH SKELTON** 403RD pilot passed away this past October.

PAUL LEDGER Sgt/Maj 63RD--has found three more for us
CHESTER BIALICKI, 63RD 65 church st., Wailingford, CT-06492
phone is 203-269-7546.
ROY K. NEIMEYER 64TH--625 Snyder Road, East Lansing, MI 48823
phone 517-351-5394
and **GORDON WICKSTORM** 64TH--Stephenson, MI 49887, phone 906-753-6993
Give these fellows a word of welcome and a special thanks to **PAUL** for the good work.

THERESA GILMORE wife of **THOMAS A. GILMORE** 64TH Arm/Gun reports his passing 6TH of February 1995--**THOMAS** was the Father of five and Grandfather of eleven--**TOM** will be missed by all.

BOB ROTH reports the three surviving members of **ERWIN C. ZASHOW'S CREW** will be in Kissimmee for the Big Reunion. See you all there **BOB**.

ROBERT W. WHITE 403RD gunner--gave me a little help--I had **VERN GASTON** as Vern Gastor. **BOB** also reminds me Vern is not unknown but was a pilot in the 65TH and a Darn Good ONE! **GEORGE WHITE** says that's why I'm having a hard time makeing PFC. Well maybe some day!

LLOYD "BREEZY" BOREN 65TH Bomb Aimer--got us another member.
FRANK BUNTING, wife **MARY LOU**--P.O. Box 70, Kenner, LA. 70063
phone 504-466-9855. **FRANK** was in the 64TH--We got him from the 19TH Bomb Group. He was a flight engineer.

HARRY & ESTER BRADLEY 403RD Turr/Spec--Sent in '97 dues so he won't forget--They are already packing for Kissimmee
See you there folks.

JAMES & JENS IVERSON nephew of **JAMES J. FRANKLIN** 65TH Pilot--is trying to find out about his uncle. His uncle was with us the last half of '44 and K.I.A. 18th of May '45--**JAMES** would like to know what the names (Artwork) of some of the planes he flew. Also, any information you might have on him. His address is **JAMES JENS IVERSON** 18W074 Williamsburg Lane, Villa Park, IL 60181-3857. Also if anyone has any information on **PAUL B. HANSEN**.

A new member **ASA L. LEWELLING** 64TH Pilot--his wife's name is **SHELLEY B.** He was with the Group from June '43 to February '44. He was **NICK ARABINKO'S** co-pilot. **ASA** is a lawyer and lives on 486 Mc Nary Road, Independence, OR 97351. Phone number is 503-399-9179. Drop him a note and let him know we are glad to have him.

It's always fun to hear from **NICK & SHIRLEY ARABINKO 64TH** Pilot. He wants the other pages of President **JAMES MURPHY'S** "Thoughts & News" and my new helper **JIM CHERKAVER'S** remarks--- Well-they went to the printer but some of the pages got lost. **NICK** says get your head out **WILSON**, number the pages--That is a smart man-----The Farmers Almanac 1892 states "Different Perspectives", In youth the absence of pleasure is pain. In old age the absence of pain is pleasure.

EDITH LOMBARDI, sister of **DENNIS J. LOMBARDI, 403RD** and **DORATHY (?) MARTIN** want to attend the Kissimmee Reunion. I have written and called them to be sure to come, they are great folks. **EDITH** came with **DENNIS** to some of our programs. I was very fond of **DENNIS** he did a lot of things but best of all he busted **DALE BARR** ever time he screwed up--Bet **DALE** needed it.

CLARENCE "KELLY" & ELEANOR O'CONNOR 63RD Pilot-Received a letter from **MARGRET BLAIR** telling of **FREDDY** passing--was quite a shock but the **BLAIRS** are trying to adjust. **FREDDY** was a good boy and we all miss him. **KELLY & ELEANOR** won't be at Kissimmee Reunion, they are going to be in Wakefield, Mass. The class of 42B is having a reunion---have fun.

CARL E. TIPTON 65TH Nose Gunner-says I've got the wrong phone number. It should be 803-481-4470-- Someone try it and see if I have it right this time---If **CARL** answers hang up--it won't cost much that way-----.

JOE & CORAL STRONG 64TH-sent in their '96 & '97 dues. Time is flying by--Too hard to keep up with--Maybe at Kissimmee-have to wait and see how things are looking for September--Give her a go Yank you all can do it---See you **JOE**.

LLOYD BOREN 65TH has another new member--**ARLO B. ROTH, Route 2 Box 24Q, Burnett, TX. 78611**-phone 512-756-8811, Pilot, 403RD. Thanks **BREEZY**. He also reports **STEVE BIRDSALL** has a new book out "CLAIMS TO FAME-THE B-17 FLYING FORTRESS". It can be ordered from Sterling Publishing Co. INC. 387 Park Avenue South, NY, NY 10016-9910--The cost is \$24.95 plus \$7.00 postage, Total \$31.95. **STEVE** is an Australian. The B17's were the 19th and 43RD.

CHARLES & INGRID FARHA HDQRS Intell--enjoyed Cheyenne but Kissimmee is just an hour's drive from their house--**CHARLIE** was saddened by the passing of **JIM DAVIS**--They worked together in HDQRS then **JIM** went with NEWSWEEK magazine--Both in New York City **CHARLIE** with a brokerage firm--**CHARLIE** checked an old Newsletter and corrected me--**COL. JAMES JABARA** was a fighter pilot, an ACE, not in the 43RD Bomb Group--Well maybe he was in the air at the same time some of us were---Pickey--Pickey--See you in Kissimmee.

CLAIR & JULIA WRIGHTS 63RD Radio operator--left Chambersburg, PA. and spent 3 months on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Mail got mixed up but everything is OK now--Don't tell **GEORGE WHITE** he keeps score on me. They made a nice donation to help on postage, that's a little short, thought about me--But it didn't work.

A note from **WILLIAM F. & RENE HERRE 63RD** Pilot 1948-1950 saw a note in the February issue of "MILITARY" about our Kissimmee Reunion--Bill I hope you and Rene have all the poop from Group on the Reunion and are all signed up for the Reunion. Big **JIM DIEFFENDERFER** and his crew have a great program for us so we'll see you there.

JIM & BERT HARCROW 65TH Pilot --sent in dues and a report on **BERT**--She is on sick call once in a while--Hopes to get the green light for Kissimmee by 1st of July. I have been very close with them for a long time. I seem to sweat out more some one so close--Guess we all do--God bless and keep you both in His care.

ALTON "DOUG" & ILIENE LEAMAN 403RD Tail Gunner--DOUG is on sick call and having a rough go fo it. Reports ,**MAJORIE BENEDITTI** writes that "**DUTCH**" 65TH Pilot, is in the Sick Bay in Monterrey Park, Calif. Take a minute and send these fellows a note--Tail Gunners are sorta special to me. Even then I couldn't sit up there and drive and look back to see if anyone was coming--**DUTCH** you and **DOUG** hang tough---God Bless.

ANGELA FARIA widow of **RICHARD** 64TH--would like to hear from some of you fellows that knew her husband-Let's hear it from the 64TH--I know you're all busy but you're not too busy sitting on your bottom to drop a note to **ANGELA**. Address is **ANGELA FARIA** , 5398 Belleville Road, West Palm Beach, FL. 33417- It would mean so much to hear some tell about Dick--Take care girl, we do care.

PATRICK TUTTLE--my ex-helper is with the Industrial Training Office at Crowder College in Joplin, MO. Well, while I wasn't watching him he ran for City Council and **WON**----**PAT** will do a good job. He is one of my good boys--.

WILLIAM SONDEY 65TH Gunner--His mail has been returned marked deceased---I have no other information on **BILL**.

ALEX SEDILKO 63RD Rad/oper--Flew his 1st tour with the 90TH Bomb Group 1942 & 1943 then with the 43RD in 1944 and 1945. He made the Cheyenne Reunion had a great time--But this year he will be with the 90TH in Omaha--Said to say hello **ORION ROGERS** & **ED HARRIS**, also several of the other crews.

ARIO ROTH sent in the details of his return to U.S.A. starting 23RD October '45--ARIO was a Pilot--got in 30 years--Had time in B-24, B-25, B-26, C-46, C-47, C-54, C-119, AT6-T33 and F104. Sent a copy of the crew and orders to head home 1ST LT. **PAUL PINKO** signed as Operations Officer---That's the papers we were all looking for!

CLARENCE & VIDA CREAMER FH/ENGR 64TH--Say they would love to see us but it's a far piece from Olympia, Washington to Kissimmee. Put em down for New Mexico next year. I'll get someone to have a beer for you. You all stay well now--hear?

KATHLEEN TOEPPERWEIN widow of **LINDON (TOP)** 403RD--"**TOP**" was stationed at Tyndell AFB in '43, '44 & '45--was a great base. Sends best regards to all and a super Reunion.

LELAND J. MLNARIK HDQRS RAD/OPER--says it's sad news to hear of **BOB MILLER'S** passing--They were tentmates for several years. And **BOB** was a great fellow. Don't worry about being a little late on your dues they got here and are in the bank--Thanks **LE**.

DR. MILTON GUSACK, M.D. FLT/SURG.--sent in a real nice donation. Says he is still having trouble with his leg and may not make it to Kissimmee. Doctor you may need to go on sick call. some outfits had a few gold bricks that liked to make sick call---Of course the **FAMOUS** 43RD had none---Take care **BUD** we all love you and miss you.

PHILIP ADAMS 64TH NAV.--wants **HELEN BAUDER'S** address. It's 4936 South 130th, Omaha, NE 68137. **PHIL** wants to tell **HELEN** what a great Pilot **BILL** was. Also, had nice words for **DOCTOR BLANK & GUSACK**. **PHIL** started at Milne Bay then Nadzeb, Owi, and finally Leyte--He and his wife plan a trip to New Guinea shortly. Have fun--

JOESPH & JANE PECORARO 403RD--were sorry to hear of **DON PURDY'S** passing. **JOE** is going to write to **DON'S** wife **MARGARET**, and let her know our thoughts. **JOE & DON** both arrived at Layte on a LST. **JOE** said it was really rough at that time. I thought it was rough even on a so called "Milk Run"--Be a good boy **JOE**.

HOWARD SHOMO 64TH Gunner--is not sure he will remember to pay his dues so he paid up through the year 2000--- Well **HOWARD**, to show you the kind of friend I am I'm going to take real good care of my health, tie a ribbon around my finger and call you in 2001 if you forget---See you.

ROBERT & SHIRLEY RICHARDSON 63RD Top/Gun--they think **DICK WOOD** (2nd youngest in group) is a old man. **BOB** is a March 11, 1926 model--So **MR. BOB** you are our youngest Vet. of WWII--I guess when I left they turned it over to a bunch of kids--Well, you did a hell of a job--My bunch only started it, you kids finished it up.

JACK'S AIR GUNS of 1225 n. 46th street, Lincoln, NE 68503 phone 402-466-9223--sent in dues. **JACK** was in the 63RD Spring of 1945. He wants to locate **TECH SGT. DAVIS** ? A Crew Chief and Electrician--This **DAVIS??** Came on board the Spring of '45--Any help???--The note was signed Thanks **JOSH?**--Well if you like crossword puzzels, work on this one--Also if you see **JACK'S AIR GUNS** tell hime HI---Hay-**DALE BARR** this is your state and your kind of job--Don't screw up-you're getting too old to get busted again!--

ROBERT I. DE WITT 63RD Pilot--**BOB** wants to know if I'm **GENERAL WILSON**--NO--I have met him--He is a very strong leader and I like him--Hope to get him to our Reunion in Kissimmee. I was a Major until **GEORGE WHITE** got me busted back to a private. **BOB** started at Nabzab and ended up at Is Shima. Says Hello to **EARL BUTTS, ALBERT BROWNFIELD, HARRY STENGLE AND AL GOOSHENS**.

JOHN AND MARJORIE LANDT 63RD--sent in dues and a Big Hello--**JOHN** checked his lable on his Newsletter and sure didn't want to be one of my Bad Boys--So take warning check your lable and if it doesn't say '96 or later the Bad Boy list comes in October---

The **TURNER PUBLISHING CO.**, P.O. Box 3101, Paducah, KY 42002 -3101 is offering us a 40% discount on the B-29 Super Fortress History Book--\$29.95 and \$2.75 postage to total \$32.70.

ROBERT E. LEY-President of the 19TH Bomb Group Assc.--advises us the 19TH is having their reunion the 18th to 22nd of September, 1996 in Fort Worth, Texas at the Ramada Down Town Hotel, phone **GEORGE SAVAGE** at 817-244-5600--address is 353 Diamond Bar Trail, Aledo, Texas 76008-3623.

GERALD "JERRY" SNYDER 403RD Rad/Oper--reports the passing of **MERO CHLUDIL 403RD Tail Gunner** 4th of April 1996. **MERO** was in the north part of Michigan and got in a snow storm. He finally got out then went to work trying to help others out--He over did it. May his soul Rest in Peace--God Bless his family.

COL. PETTUS reports **BETTY** is on sick call with her back--Big **JIm** is the cook and dishwasher--I guess if we are lucky we all find our calling--Sir, if we were closer **PRIVATE WILSON** would releave you--Hang tough--Sir.

ALLEN & ESTHER CHRISMAN 65TH Nav.--will miss Kissimmee Reunion. They will be at thier place in Montana with their children & grandchildren at that time. Next year slip off and we will be looking for you in New Mexico. That should be a fair trade.

MORRIS & ELLEN PETTY 65TH Pilot--sent me a note that say's "Don't forget" They didn't, sent in their dues--Thanks and I hope your helping the Confederate Air Force. There is a real Bad Yanke in New Jersey--must be ready at all times.

RICHARD W. COOPER 65TH Nav. --found a little mistake "I" made--it seems he is a life member not paid '95. Then his home town was misspelled--. I can not believe I did this--Well, Facks are Facks--I think **DICK**, I have it correct now. His town is Conneaut, Ohio pronounced conn-ee-ot. If I ever get ther maybe I will have learned how--See you **DICK**.

The **PECOS ARMY AIR FIELD** in Pecos, Texas is planning a Reunion Sept. 30th, Oct 1st & 2nd in Pecos, Texas. This will be the second in 50 years. Contact **LINDA BRATLAND**, 3100 Moore street, Pecos, Texas 79772 phone 915-447-2147--The 19TH was station there the fall of '42 -on.

JOHN & MARY GWYNN 65TH Bombader--sent in dues for 96-97 & '98 and a donation--They are sweating out "Our Book"--Maybe so this Fall **JOHN**--keep in good health someone will need to be around when it happens.

JOHN & FANNIE PONTILLO 64TH ORDN--are enjoying the New Roster and say the Newsletter brings back memories. **JOHN** feels very proud to have been a part of the 43RD Bomb Group (H). and well you should--As the British say "We did our bit".

GEOUGE & MARY KATHERN DIRR, JR 63RD Eng--sent in dues for '96 & '97--Thanks we need em--

OLIVER M. CSONTOS 63RD Flight Eng--flew with **HARRY STALEY** some--That's like being with Alstate--You were in good hands. Then **EVERETT C. SUNDERMAN** & crew sounds like you went first class all the way. **OLIVER** corrects my spelling of his last name--Hope I got it right this time--it is off your return address label--

DAN & MARY JOE Mc KIRNAN 63RD RCM/OBSR --sent in dues for '96 & '97. Pleased to hear **CLAIR BLACK** is alive and well--So is **CLAIR!!!**

JIM AND BERT HARCROW 65th PILOt--Just called and **BERT** is off sick call. They all are booked in at Kissimmee-- **BERT & MARY LOIS** are ready for a little (?) shopping--looks like this Reunion is going to be a Really Big One.--Great News **BERT**.

CLARENCE & JEANNE BROKKE 63RD Arm/Gun--sent in '96 & '97 dues. They are all set for a while--You know I was just thinking I bet she is the "Jeanne with the light blue eyes".

D. ORLEY & JUDY CAVDILL 403RD Navigator--sent in dues with these remarks--I could have sworn--but I guess it really was last year--**ORLEY**, thats me with Hilery--Gosh that woman spends a lot of money.

STAN & ELAINE LEBAR 403RD Gunner--have a little trouble. Seems their computer is getting a little age on it and forgets things like dues. Stan is making a list of all the things the computer forgets--Then he can remind it. Good thinking **STAN!** His tour was Clark Field and Ie Shima--Most everyone left with the 7th Fleet just before the Typhoon. **STAN** and a few others wondered around the island for a couple of months The Island Commander finally heard about them and sent them to Japan--They became the Fire Department of Irumagawa--Not mush like a B-24.--If you remember **STAN** drop him a note-- Someday's he is not sure about this.

JANICE OLSON wants a little help on finding out about a B-17. It was a B-17E 41-9015 and/or nose art "SALISBURY'S SILLY SAPS." If you can help send the info to JANICE at 15100 Tuscola Road, Apple Valley, Calif. 92307-4863, phone 619-242-0973--JANICE will be in Kissimmee and tell us about her latest trip to New Guinea(?).

LON AND MARJORY WEYLAND 64TH--want to know where to send their dues--Try Me-- A used car salesman always has a place for money--BILL WILSON Sec. & Treasury.

EDGAR & KATHLEEN THORNHILL HDQRS--sent in dues and wished they could send a bunch more. No sweat, you're doing your part. This outfit runs on a Balance Budget--

LESTER "LEROY" & VALARIE MOORE 403RD Nos/Gun--are having fun with the New Roster--Seeing who might live close by and how many they can remember--

JOHN M. BUSLINGER, JR. 64TH Tail Gunner. JOHN joined the team in December '44 to the end. Left Ie Shima December '45. He is a new member--His address is 349 Riley Ave N.E., Palm Bay, FA 32907. Nice to have you.

Just talked to LARRY HICKEY, our book writer. He says for sure the book will be under the Christmas Tree this year--That will be 10 years as I remember it. I have the flame torch on his rear and he has a Big Bottom-- Says our next call will tell us the book is at the printers. I hope to get the call at Kissimmee----He is not saying. (whew) I think this is a good sign.

SGT/MAJ CYRUS MICHAELS HDQRS--has been a little under the weather but is better now and may try the Reunion in Kissimmee--MIKE and FATHER SHEA were very close. His address is SGT/MAJ. CYRUS MICHAELS, 1034 Unruh Avenue, Philadelphia PA. 19111--Drop him a note and tell him we sure want him at the Reunion. Counting on you makeing it MIKE.

Our Reunion Director (no that's not right) D0-er has signed us up with a picture taker. If you can't make the Reunion send them a picture of you & wife if together,-- I mean in a picture--It will be in our Reunion Souvenir Memory Book: If you want the book it will be \$20.00 postage and all. So send them a picture--Pictures will be made at the Reunion of those that show up. A mailer is with the Newsletter.

NO. 24 SQUADRON ASSOCIATION New South Wales RAAF--send us their News letter. We send them ours--A great bunch of fellows--Some of our troops have marched with them on ANZAC Day. If you get back to Austra ? look up the RAAF ASSC in any town. They will be a big help to you.

This report is from a Diary of a young Co-pilot dated Wednesday 16th Sept., 1942, has just been informed he is on the alert for a mission to Rebaul--His first mission--The JAPS are only a few miles from Port Morsby and this is some of what he wrote. "Gosh I wonder how I'll act and feel under fire--I sure hope I'll behave like a man I'm not ready right now. Wonder what it will feel like to get shot at". I think his words express what we all thought.

ROBERT T. PLOWMAN 63RD Bombadier-needs help--Did anyone get a picture of the B-24 crash on the runway on 29th of April 1945?? Bob says it made quite a mess. He didn't get a picture He and the rest of the crew were busy getting out of what was left of the plane--The best part. They all made it. If you happened to get a picture, send him a copy at 4311 Sarong, Houston, Texas 77096. He still remembers how it looked wants to show PLO--To stay on my Good Boy list send '96 dues and send '97, TIGER MILLER 63RD Navigator-is at the top of the "Good Boy" list. He paid up a long time ago.

NOTICE

CHECK THIS PICTURE OUT: IF YOU CAN TELL WHO THESE B-17 CREW MEMBERS ARE, GET IN TOUCH WITH: BOB ROCKER, HISTORIAN FOR THE PAINTINGS IN OUR BOOK. 1201 NE 2ND ST., POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA 33060.



Received a phone call the other night from a MARY MC GINNIS calling from Sydney, Australia. She would like any information about the following American airmen who were over in that area during WW2. The information is a little sketchy.

These fellows were either in B-17s, B-24s or both. ERIC "JOE" MC CORMICK, radio operator from San Francisco, JACK HOWARD from Los Vegas, and last, JOE BUCKWALTER. The time frame was 43-44.

Her address: MARY MC GINNIS, 26 GREENS AVE. 30, OATLAND, NSW 2117 AUSTRALIA. Phone 011-612-638-5930.

Incidentally, I asked how Kings Cross was now-days, and she says it's the GAY center of Sydney. Far cry from our days.

CY MICHAELS, Hdqrs., our Group Sgt/Major, and the fellow responsible for getting out the original edition of DOWN UNDER, wrote me the other day and says his health is much better, and he is coming back to us. He will be in Florida for our reunion.

Keep receiving the AIR FORCE ENLISTED WIDOWS HOME FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER, and they are really going strong and have quite a nice place in Florida. The place is set up in villages. The Teresa Village celebrated their 20th anniversary in 95, and the Bob Hope Village their 10th this year. The Home is located between Pensacola and Tallahassee. For those of you who might be interested, their address is: AIR FORCE ENLISTED MEN'S WIDOWS AND DEPENDENTS HOME FOUNDATION, INC., 92 SUNSET LANE, SHALIMAR, FL 32579-1000.

Received a letter from BRAXTON BRADFORD, 4513 S. OAK DRIVE #Q 72, TAMPA, FL 33611. He is seeking information, pictures, etc., concerning WILLIAM ROBERT GOWDY, who flew with the 43rd from 9/42 - 9/43. He was a pilot, and flew in both B-17s and B-24s. Anyone having information pertaining to Capt. Gowdy, write to him.

The BEVERLY HILLS AIR FORCE, 8306 Wilshire Blvd., Hanger 2659, Beverly Hills, CA 90211-2382, has published an illustrated catalogue containing many items they have

for sale to collectors of B-52 memorabilia. They state that they have acquired 70 B-52s which were scheduled for demolition, or as they put it, due to become car bumpers. They are selling off parts mounted on plastic bases, and to name a few, how about a FUEL FLOW GAUGE mounted on a 3/4" plexiglass base engraved with original B-52 logo. Price —\$195.00. Or for those of you who need an extra chair in your home or office, how about a pilot or co-pilot EJECTION SEAT at only \$1495.00 each. Postage and handling NOT included. These are only a couple of the items offered, others include a THROTTLE QUADRANT (the B-52 is the only plane in existence with 8 throttles) mounted on a base. This little item is only \$4995.00. Another is a CROSS WIND LANDING CONTROL, mounted at only \$495. Anyone interested may write for their catalogue.

*****LATE BREAKING NEWS*****

PAUL LEDGER 63RD just FAX me two more members. They are JAMES L. OPPERT, 64TH--8233 Delaware Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32208 phone 904-764-4362 and VINCENT J. SARNICOLA 64TH-- 1322 Ravanna AVE S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich 49508, phone 616-243-6015. TAPS for EVERETT C. KEIRNS 64TH--Oct '64, EDMUND "PAT" PALACEK 64TH-May '75, NEIL G. KIRBY 63RD March '77", JOHN W. LUKE 64TH-March '78, & SAMUEL DESTRO 64TH- 1990. PAUL is working hard trying to locate our comrades--Thanks very much from all of us.

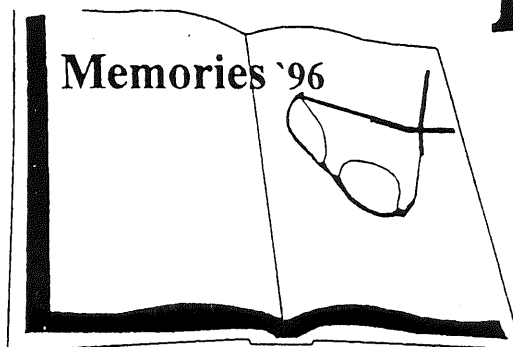
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