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Editors Note:

As you can see I am trying a new format for the newsletter. I'm hoping it will meet with every ones approval. If not please let me know. You will notice on the front cover there is a picture of the B-17G. That is there to show our heritage. As you may know, during WW 11, the 463rd was first commissioned as a Bomb Group. Then at the end of WW II it was decommissioned. Then during the Korean War it was re-commissioned as a Troop Carrier Wing.

From the President

I hope that everyone has survived the winter and all is well. This has been a bad winter as far as weather and health goes, but things are starting to get better and I'm getting in the reunion mode. In this news letter all the information about the upcoming reunion should be available and plans can be made according to your schedule. I'm looking forward to seeing all you troops in Pigeon forge, TN. If you know of anyone that doesn't get this info please notify them. This year should be a good one with a lot of things to do.

Again I hope to see you all in PIGEON FORGE, TN.

Jerry

From the Vice President

Well winter is all but over and it's getting time to start planning your summer events. As everyone knows our reunion this year is in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee at the Mainstay Suites and we're looking forward to a great taken the lead for this year's event setting up the

reunion and making it all happen. So remember to mark your calendar for the 2008 reunion 25-28 August. We hope to see every one there.

Now on a different note. This is for military retirees that are receiving a service connected disability payment of 10% or more. If you are not in the CRSC (Service Related Special Compensation) program, you need to apply. This program will save you a large amount of money. What it does is match the amount that your military retirement is reduced due to the drawing of a disability allowance. Plus they match it tax free, so it's like doubling you disability payment. If you are interested in checking this out go to <http://askafpc.randolph.af.mil> then click on retiree services, then under "Useful Links" click on "Combat Related Compensation". Check it out; it will be worth your While. For those of you who don't have Internet, there's a toll free number 1-800-616-3775 then select 1,1,2. I hope this information is helpful for those in our membership that can use it. I pulled this information from the [Air Force Retiree News Service Newsletter](#) which I receive monthly. Anyone interested in subscribing to the Air Force Retiree Newsletter send an e-mail to lyris@afpclist.afpc.randolph. In the subject block type in "Subscribe AFRNS". Do not type anything in the text block, and remove any automatic signature information. Then click Send. You will receive a confirmation that requires you to reply to complete the subscription process. This newsletter has all types of information for the retired military members. I've kind of used my space, but again I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at Pigeon Forge in August. As always I know we'll have a great time.

**From Gene Carriker, Reunion
Coordinator**

The 463rd Airlifters Association reunion will be held in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee **Aug 25-28** at the Mainstay Suites, 410 Pine Mountain Rd. Please make your hotel reservations by Aug 11. Dial too free at **888-428-8350** or **865-428-8350**. The fax number is **865-428-5217**. Say that you are with the 463rd Airlifters Association. Plan to enjoy some eating, good entertainment, good fellowship and lots of fun. The present plan at this writing is a Smoky Mountain Luau with live music on Tues. night, August 26, and the banquet on Wed. night August 27. Other than your room rent, your only cost is the \$50.00 per person registration fee. Room rent is \$69.00 per night.

Now for the vittles

For the Smoky Mountain Luau

Tropical fruits with a Pina Colada dip
Fresh tossed greens with condiments and honey lime dressing
Slow roasted whole hog
Baked Tilapia with ginger/soy glaze
Sweet/sour pineapple grilled chicken breast
Broiled red potatoes
Vegetable medley
Key lime pie
A refreshing fruit punch
Tea
Coffee

For the Banquet

Caesar salad
Roast beef
Grilled chicken breast
Corn
Parsley potatoes
Southern pecan pie

Book

Many of you have enjoyed reading the of "The Airlifter" papers that Gene Carriker brings to each reunion. He has donated this book to the association. Some have expressed an interest in owning a copy. If you would like one, let it be known when you send in your registration fee for this year's reunion. Gene paid \$60.00 for his copy several years ago, but a new one may run as high as \$100.00. This is a part of history, which we were all a part of, which will become even harder to come by in the future.

Correspondence:

From now on all correspondence pertaining to the association will be sent to me at the address on the front of this newsletter. My address, phone number, and e-mail address is also listed in the association membership roster. That includes dues, membership applications, and reunion registrations. I will forward all dues to Ralph Fischer our treasurer. We are doing this because I have all the records and this will cut down on errors and extra mailings.

Registration Form:

I'm including a registration form with this newsletter. Those of you who are going to attend, please return it to me by the 1st of August.

Well that's it for this time. I'm looking forward to see all of you in Pigeon Forge in August. Have a good and safe trip there.

Well after year of pain, my wife Pat finally has a new knee. She had the surgery last October and is doing fine. She will be throwing away the cane shortly.

Disclaimer:

Any typos were strictly intentional

463 Airlifters Association
2008 Reunion Registration
25-28 August at The Mainstay Suites, Pigeon Forge, TN

Return this form not later than 1 Aug 2008 to V. G. Bristol at the address below.

Registration fee: \$50.00 per person. Please print names of persons attending.

Registration fee includes Hospitality Room & Refreshments:

Activities:

Banquet
Cookout

Banquet

Caesar Salad
Corn
Roast Beef

Parsley Potatoes
Grilled Chicken Breast
Southern Pecan Pie

Cookout

Tropical Fruits with a Pina Colada Dip
Vegetable Medley
Slow Roast Whole Hog
Key Lime Pie
Baked Tilapia With a Ginger/Soy glaze
Fruit Punch

Sweet/Sour Pineapple Grilled Chicken Breast
Tea
Fresh Tossed Greens w/condiments and Honey-Lime Dressing
Coffee
Broiled Red Potatoes

Total Enclosed: _____

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