

463rd AIRLIFTERS NEWSLETTER

01/15/2010

FROM THE SECRETARY

This is the first newsletter composed since being voted into the office of Secretary. Writing isn't my forte but it comes with the job, so bare with me.

All members that didn't make the last reunion at Pigeon Forge received a letter requesting information to update our association records. Letters were also send out to non-members that put there information on our web site. Some of the association's information dated back to 2004 and was incorrect. I want to thank all of you for your quick response in the return of the letters, applications and dues. I have updated the association records and I'm glad to say we have had 35 new members join our association since the middle of October. We have also collected a huge amount of dues with the return of the letters.

I have taken the updated information and made new membership cards that are inserted in the envelope of these newsletters. If you receive your newsletter without a membership card, let me know by email at the following kirkrl@comcast.net or by phone at 765-472-7595.

2009 ASSOCIATION REUNION

Our last reunion went really well with 82 individuals enjoying the festivities. We had 46 members and 36 guests. The long distance award went to Bob Showronski from the state of Washington. We had two raffles one was for a C-130 model and was won by Don Wilson, the other was for a Quilt and was won by Gloria Ludwig, the 50/50 was won by Jerry Haines.

Mike Gaylor our Archivist researched and located his entire flight crew that he flew with in 1967 – 68 while assigned to the 463rd. After locating his crew, he persuaded them to attend the 2009 reunion. The picture below is that crew, names from left to right. Mike Gaylor Loadmaster, Art Druckenmiller Navigator, Stan Levy Flight Engineer, Larry Smith Co-Pilot, and Delmar Burkett Pilot. It was great to see a complete crew at our reunion from the Mactan / Clark era.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another reunion has come and gone and we are looking forward to our next gathering August 8 - 12, 2010 at the Hope Hotel and Conference Center at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. We are in the planning stages at this time and we have many things to discuss. If any member has any suggestions please don't hesitate to let me or Rick know what they are. The reunion at Pigeon Forge was a success and many new faces were in attendance. New officers were elected whose names will appear in this newsletter. Again I would like to thank Sandy and Linda for their tireless efforts with the drawings, sales of merchandise and the up-keep of the Hospitality Room. I would also like to thank Mike Gaylor for his up-keep of the memorabilia. I can't mention all the people that assisted because my typing

finger will only go so fast and these keys on the key board keep moving around on me.

If you know of any person who was in the 463rd and are not members, please make them aware of the Association and the Reunions.

I would like to mention one other thing and that is when we all meet at the reunions, we talk about the good times that were had by all, but you never hear about the hard hours and effort that was put in on the flightline. As the expeditor on the flightline at Clark (Cargo-5) and (Blue-2) at Cam Ranh Bay, I noticed all the sweaty troops with the bruised knuckles and knots on their heads for the antennas, etc. but these events are never mentioned. I would like to thank each and everyone for their dedication and time served. It was a pleasure to serve with each and everyone of you.

Thanks
Jerry Haines

2009 ELECTIONS

The Association Officers and Board of Directors election was held September 2, 2009 with the following results:

President:	Gerald Haines
Vice President:	Robert Powell
Secretary:	Rick Kirkpatrick
Treasurer:	Ralph Fischer
Chaplain:	Joseph Mobley
Archivist:	Mike Gaylor
Eastern Director:	Eugene Carriker
Central Director:	Earl Shuerman
Mountain Director:	James Williams
Western Director:	Phil Tenny

2010 REUNION INFORMATION

Your 2010 463rd Airlifters Association Reunion will be held at the Hope Hotel and Conference Center at WPAFB, OH. The dates for the event are August 8 (Sunday) thru August 12 (Thursday) with activities beginning on Monday and

ending Wednesday night. The price this year is \$60.00 per person, this includes Breakfast Monday thru Wednesday at Packy's, the restaurant inside the Hope Hotel. The Hospitality Suite and Refreshments, the cookout on Tuesday and the Banquet Wednesday evening.

The Cookout Menu is as follows: Potatoe Salad, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, BBQ Pulled Pork, Hamburgers, Sliced Cheese, Corn on the Cob, Assorted Buns, Chef's Choice Desserts, Coffee, and Tea.

The Banquet will be Buffet Style with the following Menu:

Hope Salad Bowl, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Chicken Supreme, Sliced Roast Beef W/Gravy, Garlic Whipped Potatoes, Chef's Choice Vegetables, Assorted Pies, and Cake, Rolls, Coffee, and Tea.

We are working on activities to do during the day, the Air Force Museum is a great place to visit on WPAFB. Jerry is looking into a tour of the C5A aircraft and Facilities. If any of you have any ideas or suggestions please let Jerry or myself know what you'd like.

Rooms at the Hope Hotel are being held by the organization. So when you call to make your room reservation tell then your with the 463rd Airlifters Association. Room rates are as follows: Singles are \$76.65, Doubles are \$82.13 tax included. To make Hotels Reservation Phone # 1-937-879-2696.

A Reunion Registration form is attached with your newsletter. Please notice that we need to have your registration by July 1, 2010. We know sometimes things run late, but this is our target date.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The 772nd and 774th Expeditionary Squadrons are active in Afghanistan

Have info for this newsletter, let me know, I can use the help.