

463rd AIRLIFTERS
NEWSLETTER
June 2010

FROM THE SECRETARY

This is the second Newsletter of 2010 and I hope its finding everyone well.

Linda and I have been working on the Door Prizes for this year's reunion, and I believe you'll be surprised in what we have gathered. Linda also thought that the women that come with there spouses, etc, should get a goodie bag at registration. She has been working on items that the female patrons of our reunion will enjoy.

We have a new supply of 463rd Hats, Polo Shirts, and Sweatshirts in both black and white. They will all be available at the 2010 reunion.

I am going to attach a registration form for the reunion to this newsletter, Even though we were hoping for the registrations to be in by July 10th, if you want to attend this gathering we will accept later registrations. Just try to get them to Jerry as soon as possible. Our registration count for this reunion is really low. So get those registrations sent in.

Rick Kirkpatrick

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Fellow Airlifters, well it's that time again for our annual reunion. Many things have been accomplished since we last met in Pigeon forge. Rick got new wearing apparel that I am sure everyone will appreciate and I went ahead and got the Association Challenge Coin, which will be available at the reunion. The reservations for the reunion are coming in real slow, so if you plan to attend

please get them in to me so I can plan on seeing your smiling faces, also try to figure out as to where you want next year's reunion.

I received a note from the DeArman family of the passing of James who was a Charter Member of the Association also our Treasurer Ralph Fischer's wife Pat had a heart attack and was in the hospital when I last talked to Ralph. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the DeArman family and to Pat we wish you a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing you in Dayton.

If anyone has any news or any information to get out in the newsletter, please get it to Rick and he will put it in the newsletter for all to see.

That's all I have for now and once again I look forward to seeing you all in Dayton with a few surprises for all to enjoy.

Jerry Haines

FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

Remembering MSgt John Beatty.

I was on active duty from June 17, 1963 to June 16, 1967. And during that time I was mostly in the 463rd OMS. The 463rd had a rotation to Panama in 1964 and 1965. We would be there for some where between 30 and 90 days using Howard AFB as our staging place. It was common to go down country (South America) for at least a week, stopping in each of the countries. Sometimes we would be lucky enough to get a little R & R in Rio or Buenos Aires. Then it was back to Howard for some needed repairs. Roll call was at 0700 in the hangar. I had been out a little late the night before and over slept --- I was about two hours late to work. As I was walking from one side of the hangar to the other, I wondered what exactly was

going to happen to me. When I saw TSgt John Beatty (my crew chief) walking toward me I knew I was in for something, but what??? John came up to me and said, "Bob, the Flight chief told me to chew you out for being late; so consider yourself chewed out and now lets go get a cup of coffee". That's the type of man John was. He wouldn't get on your back in front of people; if you needed to be taken aside and talked to, he would do it, but it would be just the two of you. And when it was over, it was over and you got back to work.

After I got off active duty in 1967, we lost contact. However, about five years ago I contacted Air Force Personnel and was able to reach John again. We remained in contact with each other for the past five years and had many conversations and would relive the good old days at Langley, Mactan, Viet Nam, South America, and Central America. John was my Crew Chief or Flight Chief for my entire four year tour in the 463rd and then the 316th (at Langley when we came back from Mactan). John died in April of this year from cancer. Toward the end of his life, he kept talking about the wonderful times we had and how he loved the people in the 463rd. Thanks for the memories, John. You won't be forgotten.

Bob Powell

FROM THE ARCHIVIST

I've got a request for the new members that may have some Old Orders, Pictures, etc, of there times in the 463rd. Please bring them with you to this year's reunion. I'd also like everyone to be thinking about a location where they would like to have the next reunion. Then finally start thinking about the elections of new officers, who do you

want to represent your Association for the coming year.

Mike Gaylor

ANNUAL DUES / MEMBERSHIP

Your annual dues of \$10.00 are due on the first day of July. Please send your dues to Rick Kirkpatrick, 1676W. 300S., Peru, Indiana 46970-7331. Please make checks payable to 463rd Airlifters Assoc.

In the last newsletter I sent out new membership cards, if you didn't receive your card please let me know at kirkrl@comcast.net or the above address.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Mark Sierzchulski has sent me a web site that you can order decals of the 463rd TCW or TAW if interested check out this site www.military-graphics.com I also saw a decal of the 774th as I was roaming the site.

The only way we are informed of the passing of one of our members is notification from a friend of that member or by one of you. If you know of any members that have fallen to bad health or has passed away please let Jerry, Bob, Joe Mobley, Mike, or myself know.

James Williams is having some health problems and won't be able to make this years reunion. Jim, you and Kat will be sorely missed at Dayton. Get yourself on the road to recovery and we'll see you next year.

Anyone who knew Mike Graziano in 1967-68 at Mactan, he needs your help with information concerning his in-

country TDY's. Please contact him at vipertrash@gmail.com , or contact me.