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One Year and Counting Until Our 2009 Reunion at Dayton, Ohio.

This edition of your newsletter contains the first official release of the plans and information about our seventh Tac Missileers reunion, scheduled for July 2009. Please, carefully, read everything Max and Joe have to say and start making your plans and reservations. Let's get going, Y'all.

Be In The Know... The BOD has decided to mail this one edition of the Tac Missileers Newsletter to everyone on our mailing list; both active and inactive members alike. If you are not a member in good standing this will be the only notice that you will receive concerning the reunion. If you are interested in attending the 2009 reunion please contact Max Butler and renew you membership. Doing so will insure you are placed on the active roll call list of those members receiving all the future information about the 2009 reunion. Your Board of Directors

Hello Fellow Tac Missileers, I recently spent two productive days in Dayton, Ohio meeting with the Museum events coordinator as well as the Officers club Catering Manager. I Received some extensive banquet meal idea's etc. Also learned what we must do as an organization in order to be allowed access to the base. Mostly this will entail a list of everyone's name, in alphabetical order, to be given to security a week ahead of the event. This I will take care of, of course.

Also stayed at the hotel where our lodging will be, and met with the hotel manager to discuss our upcoming reunion requirements. This hotel is very close to just about everything that anyone would want to do. The museum is only about 15 minutes away and is easy to get to. Restaurants, shopping centers, points of interest etc. are also close by. The Dayton International airport is about 15 minutes away. And for the golfers, there is a golf course called Kitty

Hawk, about a mile away. Plenty of sand traps and water hazards to challenge even the best players. The hotel itself is just off I-75 at the Wagoner Ford exit.

Some of the itinerary that is in place are of course registration day, on Wednesday, July 15th, 2009. Thursday July 16th, 2009 will be the tour of the Presidential Hangers, and the main National Air Force museum. For those that have never visited the museum, you are in for a treat. Lois and I were there in 2006, and again in September 2007 when we traveled to Dayton to meet Joe and Sarah to scope out the hotels for our reunion. Of course I was just there this past week as I had promised my grandsons I would take them this year, as soon as school was out. Of course my grandsons reminded me of my promise. I really feel I could now be a museum tour guide and be knowledgeable in what I told the public. I will say, there were some new: **Continued next page**

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aircraft on display that weren't there last year, so it was sort of new to me. Of course my grandsons, age's 6 and 12 enjoyed themselves greatly. The museum souvenir shop enjoyed them greatly also.

On Friday, July 17th, 2009 we will dedicate the memorial plaque that Joe and Sarah have provided. The plaque has already been placed on the memorial wall in the memorial park. I must say, it looks very nice.

As Joe has mentioned he would like very much to be able to place a memorial in the park, like we had at Bitburg with the Missile insignia. This was designed by Colonel Vetter.

In my meetings at the museum this past week, I was told this is possible, as there is a new hanger and a new addition to the park, in the works. At this time, it looks like this may be a year, or two, down the road. I would like everyone to be thinking about this and maybe present some ideas and drawings at our business meeting at Dayton. One thing I would like to see on a large memorial, is all the units, in all the theaters, repre-

sented. The memorial can not be over 7' tall, and not cost over \$25,000 dollars. Any artist, out there ?

Friday night, July 17th , 2009, will be the banquet at the officers club. Saturday July 18th 2009 will be the Dayton Air Show. The show will last for about 4 hrs. At this point we don't have any event in place for Friday morning. This may change, of course, as we get closer to the reunion.

One thing I would like to ask relates to the banquet. Would everyone rather have a buffet, or a sit down meal? E-mail me, or write me. Majority rules, of course.

In case of a tie, Lois votes. No, I haven't told her.

See y'all at the reunion.....Max

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Planned Reunion Events

Wednesday	15 July 2009 Registration and Welcoming Day
Thursday	16 July 2009 Tour Presidential Hangers and National Air Force museum
Friday	17 July 2009 Memorial plaque dedication
Friday evening	17 July 2009 Banquet at the Officers Club
Saturday	18 July 2009 Dayton Air Show four hour aerial extravaganza

Joe Perkins has released the first official information on the **2009** reunion: “Many details are still in flux but, we can go ahead and start making our hotel reservations as of

1 August 2008

The room rates are \$89.00 a night and you can reserve up to 3 days before and 3 days after the official reunion days at the same rate. The official core days of the reun-

ion are **15-18 July 2009**. When you call the hotel, tell the reservationist you are with the **TAC MISSILEERS Group**. The code, if it is asked for, is “**TAC**”. The Holiday Inn Dayton North reservation telephone number **(937)278-4871**. We have initially set aside 150 rooms for the group and will increase that number if need-be. Keep checking our web site for any late breaking news of changes to scheduling.” Joe

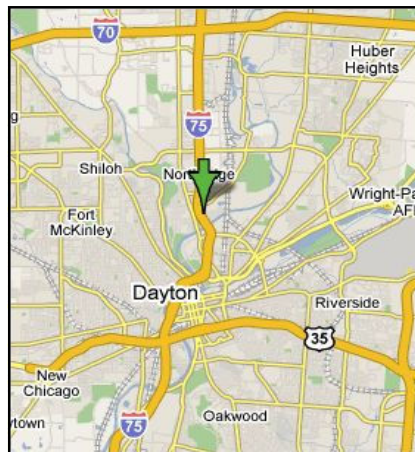
Our 2009 Reunion Venue

Holiday Inn Dayton North
I-75 & Wagner Ford Road
Dayton Ohio

Holiday inn Dayton north hotel, fabulous for fun, perfect for us. Dayton, Ohio birthplace of the famous Wright Brothers, Orville and Wilbur. Holiday Inn Dayton north hotel conveniently located only minutes from Dayton International Airport, downtown Dayton, the national museum of the United States Air force and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Amenities: health and fitness center on site spot facilities with Whirlpool activities and services for children of all ages holly dome, video game room, pool table, foosball, air hockey, ping pong table. Kids eat free, ATM, ice machine, safety deposit box available at front desk, newspaper service, air conditioned public areas,

dedicated lounge, laundry dry cleaning pickup. WiFi available.



Located off I-75, Exit 57B and just 3 miles south of I-70.



While Max was at the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force he came across the following wish list that the museum has. If anyone has any of the listed items that they would like to be donated to the museum please contact the curator.

Uniforms, insignia, souvenirs, memorabilia, photographs relating to us combat controllers, combat weather and tactical air control party (TACP) personnel.

Good luck charms: good luck charms, memorabilia, them into pieces and superstitious items carried in combat. Charms must have worked.

Uniforms, insignia, souvenirs, memorabilia, photographs relating to current U.S. Air force ground combat operations (truck convoys, dog handlers, security forces, etc.)

U.S. Air Force Academy light blue work suit (Bunny suit)

U.S. Air Force Academy class patches

Japanese World War To decorations

US Army Air Corps uniforms from the 1920s and 1930s including insignia materials

Technical information, images, contents, and repair parts (propellers) four B-29 aerial drop lifeboat and lifeboat fire extinguisher model CP-5b

Uniforms, insignia, souvenirs, memorabilia, photographs relating to U.S. special operations helicopter aircrews during the war in Southeast Asia

The research division is seeking to expand its collection of cold war era photography. They are looking for donations of original photographs and negatives of the SAC, TAC, MATS, MAC, and ADC related aircraft, ICBM's, personnel, operations, and installations. Also, Cold War posters related to USAF, photos and film slash videos of SAC and ADC alert facilities end activities, and USAF missile operations and training. See their web site:

<http://WWW.Nationalmuseum.af.mil/donate/wishlist>

There are a quantity of powered scooters at the National Museum of the Air Force they also a fleet of wheelchairs. There is no charge for the scooters. It is first come, first serve. There are 8-12 scooters. When they run out of scooters, they do have the manual wheelchairs available.

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ATRAN Sand Table Pictures Wanted

Does anyone have pictures of the ATRAN sand tables? Your newsletter editor is looking for original pictures of the sand tables used in the ATRAN film making process; If you have such pictures and would like to share them please contact Bob Bolton at olliesnapper@gmail.com. Thanks!

Our Newest Tac Missileers Members:

**Richard F. Beard Kenny H. Berry
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Allen Washington**

MEMBERSHIPS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE

Get 3 YEARS FOR THE PRICE OF 2

A three year membership is \$30.00, What A Deal! We still offer the one year \$15.00 annual membership option as well. It is always membership drive time. If you haven't sent in your membership dues for 2008 yet, please choose between either of the two options,

make your check out to Tac Missileers Corp., and send your membership request to:

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Ed Johnson started dancing in 1965 when he heard about the activities planned for the 2009 Tac Missileers Reunion. Picture sent by new member MCCC **Donnie D. Cabbage**.

Three of **Colonel Harry J. Sands** commemorative beer steins were recently sold on eBay. One for \$144.00, 1 for \$91.00 and 1 for \$67.00. They were sourced from his estate.



The Aurora, plastic model **Mace** 1/4 scale kit, sold originally for **79 cents**. An original still in the box, just sold on eBay for the grand sum of **\$219.00**.



A communiqué from **Ollie** to the "Grünstadt Gang":

Does the story by **Doug Jones** and **Jim Avery** on page 6 remind anyone of a certain polar bear episode at Grünstadt? Now that we have the water buffalo incident on Taiwan aired, its time for an exposé of the big white bear that roamed "The Hill" one night during a fasching season long ago. Don't be embarrassed, tell us the hilarious details. I'll keep your name out of it, if you insist. I would like to publish first hand description from at least one of the actual participants. For once, I wasn't involved, and can't tell the polar bear story nearly as well as someone who was, in fact, a polar bear enabler that night. I hope to hear from you know who, soon.



Going RFML ... Earl H. Bennett emailed the following:

"I was at Sembach / Grünstadt in 1962-63. Attached are two photos; first is of the birds (in the "sterile area" with nose warmers nearby) as they looked after we installed the (RFML) pads.



The second is our crew working on the power lines after the concrete trenches had been installed during construction of the hard pads. The trenches routed the power cables from the backup generators installed when the site was made permanent. The guys "in the trenches" from left to right are **Roberts**

(with his constant shades); a contractor; "**Davey**" (our crew chief); **me**; and **Jim Meirs** working in the box. Sorry about not having full names, but it was a long time ago.

All of the airframe crews got early outs and were shipped home early in 1963 or 64 except myself and **Gary**



Bergt (the weapons mechanics) who were sent to Ramstein to finish our tour working on F-100s. When I was there we had a cook who produced some incredible meals. "Midnight Chow" was a real treat. We started de-icing the birds in winter after the hard pads were built and I remember that maintenance could be brutal in January."

Doug Jones sent in this Asian tale as reported to him by **Jim Avery**: "This happened at Makung city, in the Pescadores Islands, which were under Chinese military martial law in 1959. The U.S. Air Force manned an MSQ-1A radar guidance site there for Matador guided missiles based on Taiwan at Tainan Air Base. The Matador was the very first ground-based, fully loaded, online guided missile in the Air Force inventory. One late Sunday evening in July, two very loaded young airmen (who will forever remain unnamed) were walking back to the Makung Hostel after a two day 4th of July party at the famous Green Door Hotel in Makung. (It

was the green door, but we airman could still get in and we did know what happened behind the green door). The two airmen came upon a water buffalo in an alley wandering around with a big ring in its nose and a rope attached. It looked lost, so they decided to take it back of a hostel. They took it to the Hostel bar, where it tried to eat the green felt off of the pool table (apparently thinking and was grass) everyone thought it was hilarious! They then told friends asleep in the hotel about the water buffalo in the bar, but their friends did not believe them and made the mistake of saying, "yeah, show me." So they did. The water buffalo readily followed the two up the stone stairs to the second floor, by the ring in the nose and the rope, and into a sleeper's room. Leading the water buffalo until its head was directly over the sleeping airmen, they then woke the sleeping airmen. Naturally, he screamed and went halfway up the wall. By the time they finish laughing, the water buffalo took a dump on the teak floor, which initiated another round of hilarity; then the water buffalo pissed on the floor, too. More hilarity. They had so much fun in that room, that they did it in another room, also. By this time, the Chinese house boys were awakened and scurrying about, not too happy with the situation. It was time



for the commander to return, so the two airmen had to get the water buffalo out of the hostel. Only problem was, the water buffalo would not go back down the stairs he had very readily climbed! Since no one could figure out what to do, to airmen simply went to bed and left the water buffalo at the top of the stairs, looking down... The CO arrived back at the hostel about an hour later and found a very unusual situation on-going: In addition to the water buffalo, an irate Chinese farmer was on hand, raving about a stolen water buffalo, to the on-hand Chinese local civilian police, the Chinese military police, and the Chinese foreign affairs police. No one could get the water buffalo to go down the stairs. They finally had to go out to the edge of town and gather large bundles of straw, which they then spread on the stairs and used to entice the water buffalo to finally go back down the stairs and out of the hostel. The

aftermath: No one could tell the CO who did it. Needless to say, the CO was furious about the international incident. It was a big mystery. I understand the local Chinese military guard at the hostel had much difficulty explaining to his military supervisors how the water buffalo got past him, since there was only one gate by which to enter the grounds, and the hostile was surrounded by a large concrete fence, topped with jagged pieces of glass for security. Another gem: when they went outside town to gather the straw, they found the local U.S. Army MAAG commander, and American Army Colonel, passed out in a field and brought him back to the hostel, also. Needless to say, there was more than a little drinking going on at Makung! All in all, it was quite a night to remember! ***There are variations of the store around, but you can be assured this is the true one!***

A little teaser... **Below...**The list of and application form later this year. Early-bird missilemen who have already contacted Max and told him they plan to attend the reunion next year.

For the first timers to (our / your) reunion, they are family events and the wives or significant others get as much enjoyment from the reunions as the Missileers do. Don't see your name on the list below? Then give Max a call or send him an email or post him a snail-mail note to let him know you plan to attend.

(Max's address info on page #2). Max finds it very helpful for his preparation to get an idea of the number of potential attendees. Don't see your cronies names on the list, then give them a wake-up call about of the reunion!

We will publish the official attendance

With that form, as in the past years, you can make your official commitment and select the events you wish to attend.

It looks like Max, Joe, Julian and the behind the scenes guys are setting us up for another superior reunion, they and the rest of the Board encourage everyone to spread the word and mark those planners and calendars for 15 -18 July 2009, the core days of the festivities. Start planning now and tell Max of your intentions. We hope to see all the faithful regulars and many first timers next year as well.

See page 3, in this issue, for the information on making your hotel reservation beginning **1st of August** this year for the **2009** get-together.

Ollie

Armbruster, Bob
Armstrong, Bruce
Baird, Ron
Baldner, Roger
Bianchi, Frank
Blair, Charles S.

Bolton, Robert

Brenner, Jerry
Butler, Max
Cagle, James
Calkins, Len

Clark, Don

Corl, Ken

Cubbage, Donnie D.

Davenport, C.R.

Delaney, John

Demco, George

Denman, James

Denton, Richard

DeRain, David

Drews, Douglas

Ebbinga, Ted

Emerson, Larry

Esposito, Julian

Fenley, Walter

France, Garland

Fuelling, Robert H.

Garner, James

Garwig, Lee

Glaush, George

Godwin, Frank

Gust, Art

Guy, Wendel

Hagan, Marc

Hansen, Arnie

Harrison, Jim

Hedberg, Ernie

Henderson, Gene

Hernandez, Andrew

Horky, Fred

Idleman, Larry

Isaacs, Ray

Isik, Ray

Johnson, Ed

Johnson, Richard T.

Jones, Douglas

Kammerman, Dennis

Krebs, Bill

Kutilus, Bob

Larimer, James

Lewinski, Tim

Lischka, Ray

Lombard, Jack

Lyscik, Ron

Manjarrez, Ralph

Marasi, John

Martin, Charles

McBride, Bill

Miller, Harry

Mindling, George

Molinaro, Joe

Mozham, Ahmed

Nickelson, Nick

Oliver, Jack

Orpurt, Carl

Paine, Fred

Parkhurst, Wayne

Perkins, Joe

Raff, J.O.

Reston, Russ

Rinker, Bill

Roales, Frank

Roberts, Ken

Russell, Bill

Schuller, William

Schwartz, Ron

Shiple, Larry

Simpson, William

Sisson, Charles

Slusher, Leon

Snyder, Stephan J.

Soboleski, AL

St.Gemain, Roger

Steadman, Jim

Sweeny, Mike

Trobus, Alan

Valovich, Tony

Washington, Allen

Wheatcraft, Lynn

Wilczynski, Michael

Williams, Samuel

Wormer, Clark

Yuhas, John

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Walworth, Robert

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Still asking for input on the Matador and Mace Site Call Signs and communications jargon — Send anything you may have to editor Bob Bolton

17th AF - *Cap Gun*
38th TMW Command Post - *Yellow Tail*
Sembach AB Mace A (RFML)
Site I 822nd Mehlingen - *Char Girl*
Site II 823rd Enkenbach - *Invent*
Site III 887th Grünstadt - *Hacksaw*
Hahn AB Mace A (RFML)
Site IV 89th Wüschheim - *Veronica*
Site V 405th Kirchburg - *Pot Fuse*
Site VI 405th Hundheim - *Heroin*
Bitburg AB Mace B
Site VII 71st Rittersdorf - **Bolivia**
Site VIII 71st Idenheim - **Revenge**

Bitburg Matador Pads ???
Hahn Matador Pads ???

Sembach Matador Pads ???

Kadena AB
498th TMG
Missile Maintenance - **Rendezvous**
873rd TMS,
Site 1 Bolo Point 1 flight (8 missiles)
Site 2 White Beach 1 flight (8 missiles)
874th TMS,
Site 3 Camp Hansen - **Nightlong**
Site 4 **Mt. Ishikawa** 1 flight (8 missiles)

Korea TM-61C 314th Air Division,
58th TMG (588TMG until 1958)
Osan AB - **Foster 1,2,3,4,5 & 6**
Kimpo AB - Flight 2 (20 missiles)
Chichon Ni - Flight 3 (20 missiles)

Taiwan TM-61A 17th TMS ???

Pin Point Kilo