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The 2009 Reunion Skinny



Okay y'all, everything is in place, regarding our reunion in Dayton, Ohio, next 15-18 July, 2009. I have high expectations that we will have a large turn out, for a couple of reasons. One reason is the location in being about the center of this good ole USA. Yes, I still call it "the good ole USA, even though things are a "Mess" right now. Surely, wiser minds will do the right thing and get this country "back on track." The one thing that really bothers me is, the respect that other countries have lost for America. Okay, I'll get off my soap box and go on to "happier" things.

Another reason for a large turnout is of course, the National Air Force Museum. For those that have never been to the museum, you are in for an awesome treat. We will be touring the museum and the presidential hangers all day Thursday. It takes at least a day, to see everything.

Friday morning, we will have our customary members meeting, probably around 11:00 a.m. Friday afternoon we will have the

dedication of the Tac Missileer plaque in the Museum Memorial Gardens. After the dedication we will be bussed on base to the W.P. Officers Club, for our banquet.

We will arrive at the officers club about 4:00-4:30 p.m. for a cocktail hour before dinner. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The dinner will be a sit down affair.

Due to the dinner being held on base at the officers club, I, as well as the rest of the staff, feel the dress code should be FORMAL.

We will be bussed from our hotel to the Dayton Airport for the air show. I might add, this air show is the Elite air show of North America. Lois & I attended the air show in 2006 and were in absolute awe. Of course it doesn't take too much to put us in "awe" anymore.

We will have our own private air conditioned Chalet tent to view the air show from. Bus transportation, air show ticket, Lunch, beverages, including beer and wine, is included in the air show ticket cost.

As you all can see, from the Registration Form, we are being bussed to all of the events.

The main reason for this, aside from the traffic, is security. As we will be touring the Presidential hangers from our own busses, I

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Continued From page 1 will need to get everyone's names to security the Monday before we arrive at the museum. Security will board our busses and check every ones ID, against the names I give them. We will need to assign everyone to a certain bus to keep the "ball" rolling smoothly. Everyone will get a wrist band to enter the presidential hangers.

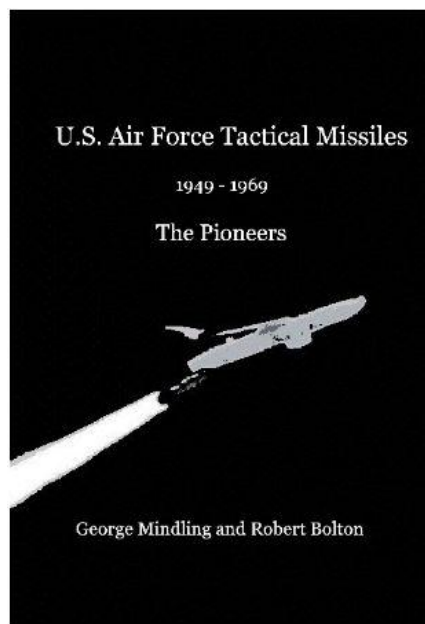
It is important to understand, we cannot get a refund of the air show tickets once I place the order them, I can not refund anyone's money. I'm going to wait until the 1st of June, 2009 to order the tickets. Everyone's money **MUST** be in by this date.

Normally, everyone has to go into a chalet parking area and board the air show busses and be shuttled to their respective chalets. But, after explaining to the "officials" in charge, of what we were all about, and that "some" of us weren't getting any younger, they have given us permission to stay on our chartered busses straight into our reserved chalet. "You can all bow down to me later." Show starts about 12:30 p.m. and gets over at 4:30 p.m.

Hope to see all of you regular reunion attendees and a whole bunch of new ones in Dayton. **Max**

Programmed Reunion Events

Wednesday	15 July 2009 Registration and Welcoming Day
Thursday All Day	16 July 2009 Tour Presidential Hangers and National Air Force museum
Friday Morning	17 July 2009 Business meeting
Friday Afternoon	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



With the kind, generous okay and backing of Tac Missileers Director, Mr. Joe Perkins, we present the official introduction of the new book by two of our own Tac Missileers, the *U.S. Air Force Tactical Missiles, 1949-1969, The Pioneers*, now in print and available from Lulu.com. The 317 page book offers the rich, fascinating history of the first surface-to-surface tactical missiles of the U.S. Air Force, the winged, nuclear-armed Matador and Mace missiles, and their units and personnel in West Germany, Taiwan, Korea, Okinawa and the United States. The *U.S. Air Force Tactical Missiles, 1949-1969, The Pioneers* ties that unique era and those of other tactical missiles together in a remarkably broad, deep and valuable perspective that also includes the World War II German V-1 and sets the stage by reaching back all the way to the first flight in the United States in 1916 of an aircraft not controlled by a pilot. Many little known and until now elapsd or overlooked facts about the Matador and Mace, the units, development, deployment and evolving application of the Martin missiles are covered in this book. The authors, **George Mindling** and **Robert Bolton**, were both Mace missileers. Using their combined personal knowledge of the Mace A and B, their own extensive personal collections pooled with

their methodical and in-depth research of numerous Air Force historical archives and collaborative input from other missileers have combined to produce what will surely become the go-to, authoritative reference book on the Matador and Mace missiles. **Ed.**

More Call Sign Updates

Doug Drews emailed the following; "I have been trying to remember the call sign for Steinborn. I believe it was "Stovepipe" . That was 40 some years ago, maybe this will jog someone else's memory. During WWII The German's had a radar site there, so goes the story."

Ollie Maier former 38th TMW SimMissile pilot sent information in on their call signs, Ollie said: "Although we SimMissile pilots did not have a site call sign, we did have a call sign. And even though I believe they did change occasionally, the only one I remember is "Nippy." (Maybe that call sign is embedded in my memory because I was "Nippy 20" when I had an engine come apart climbing out on a night mission with not the best weather... And feel the Good Man Upstairs was the only reason the T-bird and I made it back safely.)

Dale Lake emailed the following: "I am responding to the request in the latest edition of the Tac Missileers Newsletter for call sign information. I was a Matador controller at the Hamm MSQ Site in 1959-1961. The Hamm site was OL10 of the 601st Tactical Control Squadron, 38th TMW. Our call sign was **Hacksaw**. I note that very little, in anything, is ever mentioned about the control (AN/MSQ1A) sites but only the launch sites and local communities. The control sites of course got the missiles to the targets, which changed every day. We got a lot of practice with T-33s and F-100s and some real live fun in Tripoli. I have yet to recognize a name on the membership list. Anyway, we were there, open 7/24. I started at **Gun post** at Wasserkuppe, then to the 615th AC&W SODN in Pruem, then to Hamm (**Hacksaw**) then back to a relocated **Gun post** at Rothwesten. The MSQ sites generally had 100 plus residents, maybe 6-7 officers. We were always in the boonies and had a lot of fun in the small villages around us. We were, in fact, in the British Zone, and unless we drove to Rothwesten, got our BX supplies from the Brits. I enjoy your publication."

Dale later sent a follow-up email: "Upon reflection and after reading the newsletter for a long time, I often wondered if the folks who launched the Matador wondered how it got to the targets) which was never mentioned but which we planned several times a day depending on target changes provided by the 38th TMW. OL10 (Operating Location) was located about 15 miles Northwest of Hamm which is located about

20 miles Northeast of Dortmund (where we took all the visiting brass to whoop it up). OL10 was closed in the Summer of 1961 and the call sign (Hacksaw) was probably given to another unit. I was at Sembach several times from some kind of cross training but I don't remember with who. The AN/MSQ/1A Training was done at the small community of Bonn, near Ramstein Air Base. You remember that in those days, Ramstein was on one side of the road and Landstuhl on the other. I am still in contact with some of my (now) old controller buddies and we talk about this stuff from time to time."

Back in April, **Max** forwarded to Ollie the following email; "With the help of **Bob Beardslee**, Crew Chief, Crew 18, "Gopher Broke" and **Jeff Schiff**, Maintenance Supervisor. I have been able to put together most of the Okinawa site call signs Would you get the update to whoever can get it in the newsletter? Thanks much in advance for all your hard work. **Chuck Winners**." Well, Ollie got the message from Max OK but, dropped the ball and didn't get the updates posted last issue, sorry men, for his oversight, Ollie has received 10 days extra duty policing the local garbage dump.

Jim Denman emailed; "While You Are on Call signs does anyone remember the call sign for the headquarters at Osan. I frequently would answer the red phone on the launch console and it would always say Foster(1-6) The is _____ with a **HOTDOG** with a follow on. do you copy. The Hotdog was the short count. When we got that call whoever answered the phone hit the claxon and left to his duty station. We usually had a warning because we would see the fire truck hiding behind one of the support buildings. Ever see anyone try to hide an O11A fire truck? The one thing I dreaded being on at night was having to authenticate with the Greenwich mean time tables I always got the time wrong and would be on the wrong page. I would give the time and the guy on the other end would say "what?" and I would turn the page and give him a different answer."

The **Call Sign Box** is on page 4 in this issue.

A Salute To: Doug Drews, Ollie Maier, Dale Lake, Bob Beardslee, Jeff Schiff, Chuck Winners and Jim Denman.

We really appreciate your Call Sign input to the newsletter. It is great stuff. Thank You! If anyone else has call sign or communications jargon used during our Matador or Mace era, please send it in to our editor Bob Bolton.

Still seeking any input on Matador, Mace and Support unit Call Signs and communications jargon — Sent to editor Bob Bolton

(* new additions to the list)

17th AF - *Cap Gun*

38th TMW Command Post - *Yellow Tail*

SimMissile Pilots, Nippy*

Sembach AB Mace A (RFML)

Site I 822nd Mehlingen - *Char Girl*

Site II 823rd Enkenbach - *Invent*

Site III 887th Grünstadt - *Hacksaw*

Sembach Matador Pads ???

Hahn AB Mace A (RFML)

Site IV 89th Wüschheim - *Veronica*

Site V 405th Kirchburg - *Pot Fuse*

Site VI 405th Hundheim - *Heroin*

Hahn Matador Pads ???

Bitburg AB Mace B

Site VII 71st Rittersdorf - *Bolivia*

Site VIII 71st Idenheim - *Revenge*

*Steinborn Matador - Stovepipe**

Kadena AB

498th TMG

Missile Maintenance, Rendezvous

873rd TMS,

Site 1 Bolo Point, **Dinty Bird***

Site 2 White Beach, 1 flight (8 missiles)

874th TMS,

Site 3 Camp Hansen, Nightlong

Site 4 Mt. Ishikawa, **Conestoga***

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)

Matador Short Count, **Hotdog***

Taiwan TM-61A 17th TMS *Pin Point Kilo*

MSQ Sites*

Wasserkuppe,
Rothwesten)

Gun Post (moved to

HammOL10,
Rothwesten,
)

Hacksaw (later 887th call sign)

Gun Post(Wasserkuppe relocated

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Mace previously moved from Calhoun, GA to Savannah now in Maryland.

“The one day operation by the MD Air Guard went off with no major issues and the components are now secure in storage on the Guard side of the Martin State Airport” reports **Stan Piet**, Museum Archive Director of The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum. He said “I am waiting to get a written report on the details and photos of the move”, and will share some of those details with the Tac Missileers members. Keep in mind that the acquisition is not ours but, is on loan to the Air Guard by way of the U.S. Air Force.” Stan characterized the Mace move as a “rescue mission” because in Savannah it was in jeopardy of being disposed of at some point or used as a fire fighting practice vehicle.

Tac Missileers **Bob Bolton** and **George Mindling** sent the MD Air Guard, via Stan Piet, a copy of T.O. 21-TM76A-2-8, Mace A, Erection Manual which was used during the move. Look for more coverage of this Mace rescue in our next edition. **Ed.**

MEMBERSHIPS ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE Get 3 YEARS FOR THE PRICE OF 2

A three year membership is \$30.00. 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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TAPS

Michael Schaubach, Okinawa 1961-1963

**TAC MISSILEERS - DAYTON REUNION
JULY 15-16-17-18, 2009**

Reunion Activities Form

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____ Zip _____

Email address: _____@_____

Former Base, Sqdn., dates. _____

I am attending the Reunion with _____

I have made reservations at the Holiday Inn North () yes () no

I intend to stay elsewhere while at Dayton () yes () no

My ACTIVITY Selection:

REGISTRATION FEE — \$10.00 per member (members only)= total \$ _____

ACTIVITIES FEES PER PERSON:

Thu. July 16th **BUS** to National Air Museum #___ @ \$15.00 pp = total \$ _____
(includes Presidential Hangers)

Fri. July 17th **BUS** to National Air Museum #___ @ \$15.00 pp = total \$ _____
(for Plaque Dedication, then to Officers Club for banquet)

BUS to Officers Club only, for banquet #___ @ \$15.00 pp = total \$ _____

Fri. July 17th **BANQUET**, Officer's Club #___ @ \$30.00 pp = total \$ _____

Sat. July 18th **DAYTON AIR SHOW** #___ @ \$90.00 pp = total \$ _____
(includes bus, Chalet, food, beverages, & Air Show Ticket)

DUES RENEWAL = total \$ _____

GRAND TOTAL = total \$ _____

MUST HAVE REGISTRATION & MONEY IN BY JUNE 1, 2009

NO AIR SHOW REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 1, 2009

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Any questions? Call Max @ 812-307-0187

FROM MR. PRESIDENT

Hi folks. Well, Oktoberfest in Munich is over and the next big, upcoming, worldwide celebration is the Tac Missileers 2009 Reunion in Dayton, Ohio. The highlight of the reunion will be the Dayton Air Show. This year, 57,000 people attended the show and they saw a large collection of classic and new aircraft including the B25, F16, P51, F18, C17, C130 and helicopters.

Also performing were a number of heritage flying teams and acrobatic aircraft. The new USAF F-22 Raptor was the star of the show! Max Butler has arranged for us to have a private Chalet, with food, at the Air Show, and bus transportation will be available if you prefer. There will be a dinner at the Wright-Pat Officers Club and a plaque dedication and tours to the Air Force Museum. Best of all, there will be plenty of quality time to spend with our Air Force friends. So, contact Max with your plans and get ready to party!! **Julian (Zito) Esposito**



We received this great old photo from **Robert F. Mittel**, "The Matador Pioneers", "C" Flight, Assembly #6, 17th TMS. Taken in 1957 at Orlando AFB. Bob identified those in the picture as follows: Front row (L-R) are: Airmen **Comminoski, Daily, Buchanan, Earol, Bob Mittel, Walker, Wadsworth**, SSgts **Holand** and **Paget**, Back row (L-R) are: Lt. **Welch**, Airmen **Hutchingson, Waloma, Jones, Conway, Mehler, Tollison, Carter** and Tsgt **Ferrel**. Bob was the Guidance System Mechanic on the crew.

A significant new Missileer web site, www.SembachMissileers.org, is now on line. The website is owned and maintained by **Walt "Russ" Reston**, a former member of Crew #2-15, 823rd Tac Missile Squadron, Sembach Air Base. Not only dedicated to maintaining and growing his **Sembach Missileers** web site, Russ is also an avid supporter of our **Tac Missileers Organization**. Russ outlines on his site the following: "The Sembach Missileers is an informal group of people that were associated with the Mace Missile (TM-76A / MGM-13A) program at Sembach AB, Germany, and that were members of the 38th Tactical Missile Wing (1959-1966). It is not a formal organization. There are no officers, dues, membership list nor social/recreational activities. If you were associated with the Mace Missile program at Sembach, you are a "Sembach Missileer."

RUSS STATES, "OUR GOALS ARE:

To document (via the website) the names, photos and assignments of individuals involved with the Mace program at Sembach AB.

To reconnect friends and colleagues from long ago.

To generate interest in the TAC Missileers Organization and its reunions."

Russ has designed his own Sembach Missileers patch and has caps and T-shirts emblazoned with his striking patch and another series with an Air Force logo for sale on his site.

In the nine months since his site was launched, Russ has accumulated an extensive and impressive *online* collection of old orders, photographs and newspaper articles from the missile days at Sembach Air Base. The home page features a count-down clock showing the number of days until the next Tac Missileers reunion in Dayton.

Included on his site is a page that Russ has named "This 'n' That", a wide-ranging collection of articles and related pictures that Sembach Missileers have sent to him. Be sure to read the "*Saga of Lee's Mini-Cooper*", a fantastic, but, true story of how Russ' Sembach Missileers web site, when just a few weeks old was instrumental in re-uniting Lee Kyser (887th TMS) with a Mini-Cooper he hadn't seen in over 40 years! Lee Kyser was one of your editor's Launch NCOICs and I had the scary pleasure of taking a couple "VERY FAST" runs with Lee, through the German countryside and towns in that Mini, it was exciting! That car could corner like a go-cart. **Ed.**

Max reports that the attendance list has grown by 29 additional missileers since the last edition of our newsletter went out in June. We trust that everyone receiving this edition of the newsletter will continue to talk-it-up and remind those of our regular attendees, not yet on the list, about the reunion. We encourage you to recruit fellow missileers you know of that have never attended one of the reunions to contact Max for sign-up.

Tell them they can sign up by calling Max at **(812) 307-0187** or emailing him at thebutler@live.com. Don't be a stranger, we encourage missileers' wives and significant others to attend the reunion too. For those days you may be there before or after the official reunion, Dayton, OH offers a myriad of interesting and enticing things to see and experience. Everyone will find something of attraction around the City. **Ollie**

Armbruster, Bob & Claire	France, Garland & Wife	Larimer, James	Robertson, Robert & Wife
Armstrong, Bruce & Friend	Fuelling, Robert H. & Wife	Lemerson, Larry & Wife	Russell, Bill & Wife
Baertsch, Ron	Garner, James	Lewinski, Tim	Schraedley, John & Wife
Baird, Ron & Kathy	Garwig, Lee & Wife	Ley, Robert & Wife	Schuller, William & Wife
Baldner, Roger	Glaush, George	Lindblom, AL	Schwartz, Ron & Lorilyn
Barlow, Hank & Donna	Godwin, Frank & Wife	Lischka, Ray & Caroline	Shiple, Larry
Bianchi, Frank	Gust, Art & Wife	Lombard, Jack	Simpson, William & Awe
Black, Charles & Wife	Guy, Wendel	Lucas, John & Marion	Sisson, Charles
Blair, Charles S. & Mary	Haehnel, Kenneth	Lyscik, Ron & Wife	Slusher, Leon
Bolton, Robert & Ingrid	Hagan, Marc & Shirley	Manjarrez, Ralph	Snell, Waymon & Wife
Brenner, Jerry	Hansen, Arnie & Jacque	Marasi, John & Wife	Snyder, Stephan J.
Butler, Max & Lois	Harrison, Jim & Anne	Martin, Charles & Wife	Soboleski, AL & Wife
Cagle, James & Susan	Hasse, Rick & Fiance	McBride, Bill	Spitzer, Bill & Annette
Calkins, Len	Hedberg, Ernie M. & Visser	McKee, Curtis & Sandy	St.Gemain, Roger & Wife
Clark, Don	Henderson, Gene	Miller, Harry C. Jr. + 4	Steadman, Jim & Ellen
Cooper, David	Hernandez, Andrew & Cathy	Mindling, George & Ilsa	Sweeny, Mike & Wife
Corl, Ken & Wife	Horky, Fred	Molinaro, Joe & Wife	Trods, Alan & Wife
Cubbage, Donnie & Katherine	Hosiner, Robert & Linda	Moore, Steven	Valovich, Tony & Wife
Davenport, C.R. & Ruth	Idleman, Larry	Mozham, Ahmed	Walker, Elby
Delaney, John & Guest	Isaacs, Ray	Nickelson, Nick	Walworth, Robert & Wife
Demco, George & Wife	Isik, Ray	Oliver, Jack	Washington, Allen
Denman, James	Johnson, Ed & Rita	Orpurt, Carl & Frankie	Weyn, Ed
Denton, Richard	Johnson, Richard T & Wife	Paine, Fred & Gisela	Wheatcraft, Lynn & Wife
DeRain, David & Claudia	Johnson, Gerald & Son	Parkhurst, Wayne	Wilczynski, Michael & Carolyn
Douhit, Samuel & Emily	Jones, Douglas	Perdue, Walter & Wife	Williams, Samuel
Downs, John	Kammerman, Dennis & Barb.	Perkins, Joe & Sara	Wormer, Clark
Drews, Douglas	Knapp, Ken & Wife	Raff, J.O. & Irene	Yoder, Jerry M. & Peaches
Ebbinga, Ted & Sandy	Krebs, Bill & Wife	Reston, Russ	Yuhas, John
Emerson, Larry & Jan	Kutulis, Bob & Caroline	Richards, Gil & Friend	Zumbrunnen, James
Esposito, Julian	Lake, Dale	Rinker, Bill & Ginni	Wiatrowski, Ronald
Fenley, Walter		Roales, Frank & Wife	Williams, Ray & Wife
		Roberts, Ken	

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Watchful Eye...Capt. Don R. Kehn of the Flight Test Division, Air Force Missile Development Center, flies formation with a pilotless Mace missile on its Hollo-man to Wendover AFB, Utah test flight. Should anything have gone wrong during the 1958 test flight, with the push of a de-

struct button, Kehn could have dumped the Mace over any designated empty area along the more than 600-mile flight corridor. Kehn's and a second F-100 chase plane flew the range safety escort mission.



(AP Wirephoto)

To learn more about the little known, long, over-land, test and development flights that the Mace flew from New Mexico to Utah, and what happened at the end of those flights, read the new book by **George Mindling** and **Robert Bolton**, "***U.S. Air Force Tactical Missiles 1949-1969 The Pioneers***", now in print and available from Lulu.com. If you don't have access to the internet and would like a copy, I understand that the authors will have the book for sale at the reunion in Dayton. **Ollie**