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NEWSLETTER

"Serving the mace and matador missile crews and all support personnel who fought and won the cold war"



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Please read the important notice on next page about our newly designed Web Site and the opportunity to receive your future TAC Missileers Newsletter by email

Dayton Was Great - Hello San Diego

MAX WRITES: Well, another reunion has come and gone, and from all the positive feedback, it was a great success. I was keeping my fingers crossed all week that we had not forgotten anything, and that everything would run smoothly. For the most part, everything did. The only negative happening I can recall, is a member's spouse informed me on registration day, that her first name was misspelled on her name tag, and that she was not at all happy about it. Fortunately, I was able to work a little magic with some whiteout and a marking pen, to rectify this error. The lady in question did appear much happier after I worked my magic. I don't know how I managed to make the mistake as **Russ Reston** and I must have proof read the names, what seemed a dozen times, before they were sent to the name tag printers. Oh well, we're only human.

I think everyone that had never been to the National Air Museum, came away impressed. I know several folks returned to the museum on Friday morning to see what they hadn't seen on Thursday, due to the time constraint. I have been to the museum 3 times in the past 3 years, and it still impresses me. Of course, I find it doesn't take a whole lot to impress me anymore.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the banquet. I think the banquet staff did an outstanding job in the decorating, and especially the meal itself. I was wanting to have the banquet at the museum "Under The Wings", but because of conflicting dates with another organization, they had a little more "pull". Never the less, I was still very pleased with our 2nd choice, the Officers Club.

I, along with everyone else I'm sure, would really have enjoyed more of the **Air Force Band of Flights, Nighthawk Band**. Even though the session was short, the fact that we even had them was a big plus. Of course, another highlight of the evening, was to **Lois**, as well as to me, when **Ray Lischka** presented the autographed Missileer Poem to **Lois**. She was so "got", that I wasn't sure she was going to be able to stand there, and read it.

Ray and I had been e-mailing back and forth about a year, getting this "surprise" in place. Thanks again Ray, you made my wife very proud. By the way, the poem is now on the Tac Mis-

sileer website.

And then there was the air show. Everyone seemed to give the show the "cold shoulder", at least for awhile. Of course I'm eluding to the somewhat cool air we experienced for awhile. I think I could have sold my Tac Missileer jacket a number of times. Just goes to show you, the weatherman is not always correct, and in this case, not even close. Of course the temps warmed up some, and it all worked out, even with a little rain shower. Also, my hat is off to the Chalet staff, as they did an outstanding job keeping the food and beverages available. Of course the Air Show performers were wonderful. I held my breath when they did some of the "stuff" that they did. I had seen the Tora, Tora, Tora before, but it still makes me fight back tears thinking about what everyone went through on that day. Someday, I hope to see the Arizona Memorial.

The members that had to cancel out the reunion for health reasons, please know that you were missed. I truly hope your well being has improved greatly. Hopefully we'll all meet again in **San Diego**, in **2011**.

Julian Esposito and **Larry Emerson**. Thanks for being a part of the Tac Missileer staff since 2001. You both have helped make this organization what it is today.

And of course we welcome our newly elected President and Secretary, **William Simpson**, and **Russ Reston**. I'm sure you both will be a great asset to this organization.

Joe Perkins, you and **Sarah** did the Tac Missileers proud by the dedication of the Tac Missileer plaque. I sense this has opened a door in the recognition of us Matador and Mace Missileers, especially since we don't have to be so "secret" anymore.

Regarding our recognition possibilities, if anyone has anything to contribute to the museum, please contact **Art Gust**, our historian. Art has direct contact with the appropriate people at the museum. Who knows, someday in the near future, some of the contributions may well be on display along with the Matador and Mace that are in the museum. Hope to see you all in 2011 in San Diego, Ca. **Max**

*** WEBSITE ADDRESS CHANGE ***

PLEASE NOTE: Our website address has been changed. Along with the TAC Missileers website's new layout, sleeker appearance and user friendliness it has also moved, to www.TacMissileers.org. Russ Reston, website guru, would like everyone to start using the new address as soon as possible, please.

EMAIL ADDRESS VERIFICATION / CORRECTION NEEDED

Quite a few email addresses we have for members are no longer correct. Russ discovered this when he tried to send an email note to individuals reminding them that their 2009 dues had not yet been paid. Everyone, if you haven't recently done so, please send Russ and Max a short email with your name, so that our data base can be updated. If you don't have an email address please mail Russ a short note with your latest contact information. Russ' address is:

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Changes To Your TAC Missileers Newsletter Delivery Method Pending

Like many other fraternal organizations our costs are escalating, revenues are declining and membership is stagnant. We have confronted that reality and think we may have found a workable solution that will still benefit all members and allow the TAC Missileers to continue to produce a newsletter to be received by all members. By unanimous vote at the Dayton business meeting the members present decided to stop, where possible, the mailing of the paper newsletter and issue an electronic copy via email to members wherever possible.

This issue of the TAC Missileers Newsletter, 11-3, is still being mailed to every member in good standing. We plan to initiate the delivery of all future newsletters to as many members as possible via the internet. We will either email the newsletter as an attachment or post the newsletter on our website and send out a notification that the newsletter is available to read and download there.

As an example of what the online newsletter will look like please visit our website and go to the newsletter section, click on any issue and you will see how easy it is to browse through, read in detail or download and print out a newsletter on your own equipment at home.

This new delivery method, by its very nature, can only be used for those members which we have a confirmed email address. Only those members that want to receive the newsletter in this way will get it this way. Please do not be concerned about losing a single issue of your newsletter in the future. If we can not confirm an email address for an individual or group of individual members, we will continue to mail the paper newsletter

to those members, if they have been receiving them in the past. We will not intentionally drop anyone from the mailing list because of the lack of an email address or internet access.

We are not ground breakers by doing this, many organizations have done away with their hardcopy or paper newsletter and use the Internet and email exclusively as the means to spread the word about events, happenings and keeping members connected with each other and their organization. It works well.

At this moment there are approximately 75 members that we have identified as having no email or that the email address we do have is no longer correct or is inoperable. Furthermore, because our active membership is declining, our Director and Secretary are hard at work endeavoring to update the entire membership address and contact list. We have lost track of a large number of members, whether by moves on their part or other circumstances, we don't yet know. Joe and Russ are trying to reach those missing members and others via telephone call, mailings and numerous bulletins placed on our website.

Until we have hard data on those AWOL members we will continue the quest of reestablishing contact with them. In the mean time the plan to modernize the delivery of the newsletter will go on and we intend to get the newsletter to everyone in the most efficient way at the most effective cost.

To reiterate, we want to insure everyone that all members will continue to receive the newsletters whether by the regular mailing method or by the soon to be initiated delivery via your email or by visiting the TAC Missileers website.

Bob Bolton

This from our new President **William Simpson**:

Well, another successful reunion is in the books thanks to Joe, Sarah, Max, Lois and our TAC Missileer Officers. All the planned events came off as scheduled and not even a small shower at the air show could slow down this group. But I must say that the TAC Missileer plaque presentation at the Air Force Museum Memorial Park was most impressive. Not only did Joe do an outstanding job explaining the program history, the Air Force Color Guard added a special touch to the ceremony. Now all future Memorial Park visitors can see the sacrifices our group made during the Cold War years. Not to mention the families that traveled to foreign countries to support their Missileers and the mission.

I want to thank everyone for supporting me as

your new president. As our first TAC Missileer president, Julian Esposito was extremely important in bringing our organization together to where we are today. Now it is my honor to represent our great group. Presidents talk about such things as stimulus packages and health care but I'll leave that to the experts. One topic I do want to discuss is Tricare for Life (TFL). This is a program that helps pay medical expenses for (military) retirees over 65. The Congressional Budget Office has proposed to drastically reduce funding for this program calling it "too expensive". Lifetime medical care is a benefit we earned and were promised when we enlisted. I have sent emails to my Senators and Congressional representatives asking for their support on this issue. For more details see the TLF article on our new TAC Missileer website. Russ the new site looks great.

From Past President- Julian (Zito) Esposito

It was a great experience, as President of our Tac Missileers, working with our talented and enthusiastic board throughout the past 8 plus years.

Bill Simpson, our new President, is already involved and setting his sights on the next reunion.

I have attended every reunion & get-together since our initial Las Vegas reunion in June, 1999 and plan on attending all those in the future.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in San Diego!

Thank you for your past support.

Julian

Following is the text from the letter **Joe Perkins** sent to the Wight Patterson National Museum of the U.S. Air Force:

TO: M/Gen. (retired) Charles D Metcalf,
Director National Museum of the Air Force
6/27/09

FROM: Joe Perkins, (AF retired) Exec. Dir.
TAC Missileers

SUBJECT: Letter of Appreciation

Sir; As the representative of the TAC Missileers Organization, I wish to express our great appreciation to you and your staff for the hard work in setting up the TAC Missileer plaque presentation program. I would especially like to commend Ms Jane Leach for her outstanding assistance to our Organization in both the making of the plaque and the

great job of assisting me with the presentation Ceremony, without her guidance and help I do not think it would have gone as good as planned. I can not say enough about her skill and support.

I would like to thank you personally for taking the time out of your busy schedule to accept the Plaque and Gen. Fred Vetter's personal items for the Museum and also meet a great bunch of Officers and Airmen and their wives, who did an outstanding job for our country.

The Plaque was a tribute to them for their exceptional service and devotion to duty during uncertain times.

Respectively

Joe C Perkins A proud member of TAC Missileers
perkster@fcoll.com

Forty-three years later launch crew teams up for inspection at our Dayton reunion.

From Sembach's 887th TMS

RFML Crew members
L/O **Donnie Cubbage**,
Mech 2 **Arnie Hansen**.
NCOIC **Bob Kutulis**,
Mech 1 **Ed Johnson**



Time for the infrequent missile daze memory check.

- What colors were the bands on the four safety plugs that were assigned to the four birds in an RFML flight? Which bird - which color?
- Where were the safety plugs inserted during launch pad maintenance?
- Where were the safety plugs held during normal Victor Alert ?
- What was an L/O chair race? What was the Possum Fargo Report?
- At what launch site was the garrison cap an authorized part of the fatigue uniform?
- What were the voltages and cycles (hertz) of the three electrical systems incorporated into the MPPP
- What was the color of you bippy?
- At what % RPM did the Over Speed Light illuminate?
- At what temperature did the Hot Start Light illuminate?
- How much did the Rapid Fire Tester weigh?
- Where were the AFTO Forms 207 and 209 maintained? Was a LCC a Manpower Reporting center?

ANSWERS IN NEXT EDITION

First **San Diego** up date: **Joe** reported he is already starting to work on the 2011 reunion! Trying to have it in October and is inquiring about having an October Fest. He knows of an organization out there that specializes in that type of party. Prosit...zum Wohl!

Frank Roales, Jerry Brenner, Jiff Schiff and Raymond Williams all correctly named the quiz picture in the last issue as the B-Bird hard site at the Cape.

Who knew that Grünstadt had its own matador, Olé! In May, **Hank Barlow** had a real Corrida with one of his prize bulls. Hank reported that he got too pushy with that particular Toro and the big boy roughed Hank up pretty good, butting and stomping him to the ground. Hank recovered quickly after a short stay in hospital and was at the Dayton reunion none the worst for wear after the fight. Hank had the last laugh on that bull, however as he and Donna have been enjoying some steaks and roasts donated by the bull.

TAC Missileers Secretary **Russ Reston** and Director **Joe Perkins** are working hard to resolve the TAC Missileers members and their addresses, both of the snail mail and email variety. As of September 10, 2009 Russ has accumulated the following data.

- 213 confirmed email addresses
- 48 unconfirmed email addresses. **Are you one of these? If you haven't already answered Russ' request for email confirmation, please send him a brief message.**
- 28 invalid email address (Joe is working on the invalid email addresses, by calling them on the phone.)
- 8 have no email address (confirmed)
- 79 unknown whether or not they have an email address **If you have not received an email from Russ asking to confirm your existing address please be proactive and send him a brief message confirming your membership contact information. We're sure that some probably have an email address.**
- 376 Total (active members)

If you see your name below please contact Russ so he may update our records:

russ@TacMissileers.org

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Have we missed you or do you know of a TAC Missileer that we may have missed or overlooked, that should be added to this list? If so, please contact us for yourself or ask your fellow missileman to get a hold of Russ (russ@TacMissileers.org) or Joe (perkster@fcoll.com) to update their contact information with the TAC Missileers organization.



Missileer **D. G. Rhodd** was in the 586th Comm. and Guidance Squad. for the Matador at the Idar Koph C&G Site. He also served at Hahn, Bitburg and Tripoli .

Correction

In the last issue we inadvertently misspelled Curtis McKee's name in his contributed item about the early flying history of the 89th.

TAC Missileers Reunion Dayton, Ohio, July 16, 2009 1630 Hrs:

The business meeting was called to order by President **Julian Esposito** at 1630 hours with 100+ in attendance. **Julian** thanked **Max** and **Lois Butler** for all the work they put into making this a fantastic reunion.

Larry Emerson, Secretary, read the minutes of the Tucson 2007 reunion which were accepted as read. **Max Butler**, Membership Director/Treasurer, announced a buffet would be served this evening by the hotel. He went on to say that dues need to be in when due. Postage and printing costs are up and the dues are needed to pay these costs. Someone asked about electronic newsletters but there has been no response in the past. Some members don't have internet but changing to electronic for the majority of our members would greatly reduce the newsletter costs. Please notify Bob Bolton if you would accept email newsletter.

Joe Perkins, Executive Director, talked about updating our web page and has a person helping with it. Newsletter would be included on the web page and could be downloaded. **Max Butler** gave a finance report. A copy of the report is attached. Current balance before paying for banquet, happy hour and breakfast is \$34,191.14. Treasurer's report accepted as read. A member of the audience asked about setting up life memberships. **Bob Bolton** recommended keeping current rates to insure a cash flow. **Lois Butler** stated that members MUST have a ticket for the bus to the air show on Saturday. She reiterated that members MUST show their ticket to get on the bus. There is a registration book at the registration table for names, addresses, phones and email addresses.

Joe Perkins stated that dress code for the banquet to be held at the Wright Patterson AFB Officer's Club is semi formal (coat and tie.) He also stated that if anyone wants to make donations toward the General Vetter memorabilia that we donated to the National Museum of the United States Air Force they could give to Max. Any money left over would go to the general fund. **Julian Esposito** called for new business. Election of officers. Two positions are open due to Julian, President and Larry Emerson, Secretary, retiring. Julian gave a short speech and thanked everybody for allowing him to serve for the past eight years.

Larry gave a short description of the secretary job and thanked everybody for allowing him to be secretary for the past six years. There were three nominations from the floor for President. **Bill Simpson**, **Bob Kuttulis** and **George Mindling**. George declined and nominations closed. **Bill Simpson** received 61 votes and **Bob** received 26 votes. **Bill Simpson** is new President. For the position of Secretary **Kenneth Roth** asked if the board would accept a volunteer for the position. His name was put into nomination. **Bob Bolton** nominated **Russ Reston** and gave a short resume of Russ's qualifications. Vote was overwhelming for **Russ Reston**, our new Secretary. The remaining board members were voted in by acclamation. Max personally thanked Russ for all the effort he has put in to updating the web page. Russ also designed and printed the name badges we received for this reunion and was instrumental in contacting numerous missileers pertaining to this reunion. Max went on to personally thank Lois Butler for her hard work to thank Julian for his work in obtaining the busses. Next new business was to select a site for the next TAC Missileer Reunion. Three sites were nominated, **San Diego**, CA, **Branson**, MO, and **Washington D.C.** **San Diego** received an overwhelming number of votes and will be the site of our next reunion.

Frank Roales, representing the Indiana Military Museum, spoke briefly seeking donations of military artifacts to the museum.

George Mindling thanked all those that helped he and Bob Bolton in the production of their book "The U.S. Air Force Tactical Missiles, 1949-1969, The Pioneers" Joe talked about having some original paperwork, orders, tech data, etc. on display along with The Mace and Matador missiles in the National Museum. A member of the audience asked about notifying members of their dues on the web site. The answer was that the dues could be listed on the web site if the members voted on it. Motion and second and passed unanimously.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned at 1721 Hrs.

Respectfully submitted **Larry Emerson**, outgoing Secretary



Out Historian Art Gust submitted the following on his quest to find a suitable home for our TAC Missileers Memorabilia:

Fellow

TAC missileers please note that after 4 years of searching for a home for our memorabilia we have found one (thanks to Joe Perkins). I have been in contact with Doug Lantry the Research Historian for the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright Patterson AFB Ohio. They want to see all of our items, with some restrictions of course. I am enclosing parts of the letters I have so you can get some sort of idea what they want and why. After I mail to the museum all the items we already have, including many pictures and AF manuals, I believe we should all look in our own storage areas to see what else we can give up. Please donate any of your treasures to help build our place in the history of the "cold war".

Since we now have a place for our history, please start looking through your things and sending them to me.

Please note the enclosed letter from the museum we need original items.

You can reach me with your questions at:

Art Gust

903 589 9701

Or by email abgust@ckswireless.com

Mail items to me at:

Art Gust

P.O. Box 1015

Jacksonville, TX 75766

Text of Letter Follows

Hello Art,

I'm glad we got in touch! I've been in and out, unfortunately (and am in and out again today). At any rate, I'm told you have a large collection of original photos and that your organization is looking for a permanent home for them.

The National Museum of the USAF is the Air Force's official home for materials like the ones you described—we preserve original photos, slides, films, documents, and artifacts. We concentrate on cultural materials that help tell the story of life in the USAF, and assist with the restoration and preservation of aerospace vehicles and related equipment. Our facilities are state of the art, including a large climate controlled film vault and an archival preservation laboratory, and our staff are trained professionals. Donated materials become property of the Air Force, and are carefully cataloged, stored, and made available to researchers. I strongly believe this is the right place for the type of collection you and Joe described. In addition; we don't have a large collection relating to TAC missile operations and people.

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We all know the confusion this picture and others like it have caused these many years, as a "Matador" passes in review at a Dwight D. Eisenhower Inaugural parade. The TM-61B was soon after redesignated as a new weapon system, the TM-76A.

Photo from LIFE magazine / Google collection

Richard T. Boverie, 77, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, a retired Air Force major general and corporate executive, died on June 21, 2009. Gen. Boverie was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1932. He graduated in 1950 from Christian Brothers College High School, where he was class president, hurdler and relay runner on the Missouri state championship track team, and candidate for governor of Missouri Boys State.

He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1954, at which time he was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force. **He was a launch officer with the Air Force's first operational surface-to-surface missile, the Matador**; was a project officer in some of the Air Force's earliest space systems development programs; and served over time in various other Air Force and Office of the Secretary of Defense capacities in the U.S. and abroad. He completed his Air Force service in 1982 in the rank of major general. At that point, he was a deputy assistant secretary of defense, International Security Policy. He served

on the National Security Council staff at the White House during the administrations of three presidents: President Nixon (1974) and President Ford (1974-1976) when Gen. Boverie was on Air Force active duty, and President Reagan (1982-1983) immediately after Gen. Boverie retired from the Air Force. Gen. Boverie earned three master of science degrees: M.S., aeronautical and astronautical engineering, University of Michigan; M. S., instrumentation engineering, University of Michigan; and M.S., business administration, George Washington University.

General Boverie was an enthusiastic advisor and counselor to **George Mindling** and **Bob Bolton** as they worked on their book **U.S. Air Force Tactical Missiles 1949 - 1969 The Pioneers**.

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Your organization's photos would help us fill that hole in the USAF's collection, and of course if other materials came to light from your members—more images, uniforms, patches, diaries, etc—we'd be very happy to consider them for preservation as well.

By original material, I mean original photographic prints/slides and documents that are not digital copies or photocopies. I should have been more clear. No stamps are required, and we frequently receive photos from private collections that show "life on base" or similar scenes, and have no stamps at all—they're personal scrapbook photos, and the donors can usually give us a rough estimation of time and place. Some of our best stuff is from GIs who were eager shutterbugs and took a lot of pictures. I'll go ahead and send out the labels. I'm excited to see what treasures we can preserve re TAC missileers—as I mentioned, that's a thin spot in the USAF's collection, so your group's donation will help greatly in preserving the story.

I thought I'd pass on some winnowing tips to help you as you go through the TAC Missileers collection. The following items generally do not fit our collection needs: newspaper clippings, reunion newsletters, reunion photos, and related items that do not directly

reflect or illustrate the actual time of service.

What we concentrate on preserving is material directly related to the period of service, i.e., photos, uniforms in good condition, diaries, documents, unit keepsake histories, and equipment from a particular Air Force place/time/event. I hope that helps you as you go through the collection. Thanks again for your efforts! //SIGNED// DOUGLAS N. LANTRY

Art Gust and **Joe Perkins** will act as the filter and as the official conduits for all of our donations to the National Museum of the USAF. Art has asked that we pay special attention to and fully understand and follow the submission guidelines on the types of material and artifacts you may want to consider giving to the museum, Please read the guidelines as mentioned in the above letter.

He also request the following; That to insure the proper handling and submission to the museum in a coordinated manner that you first contact him or Joe before submitting any material for the museum.

A TAC MISSILEERS NEWSLETTER MILESTONE HAS BEEN REACHED

All past TAC Missileers Newsletters from the very first issue in 1999, Volume 1 Number 1, to the latest edition are now online and available for you to read or download and print. The newsletters were converted to PDF format by the combined efforts of Bob Bolton and Russ Reston. You can browse, review, read or print anything you choose, from one page, a whole issue or the entire 43 issues, including this one, of our historic Newsletter. Point your browser to http://www.tacmissileers.org/?page_id=123 to see the entire library.

Members Attending the Dayton Reunion

Adams, Nixon	Derain, David & Claudia	Johnson, "Johnny" & Bobby	Roales, Frank & Loretta
Terry Akre & Darline	Doi, Randy & Mary Gen	Johnson, Ed & Rita	Roberts, Ken & Gertrude
Alexander, Michael & Pat	Downs, John	Johnson, Richard	Roth, Kenneth & Kim
Armbruster, Bob Claire	Dugger, Ray	Jones, Douglas & Carolyn	Rozic, Stephen & Marie
Armstrong, Bruce & A.K.	Ebbinga, Ted & Sandy	Kelly, Michael & Richard	Ruizi ,Chico & Lucy
Arnold, Richard	Emerson, Larry & Jan	Krebs, Bill & Ingrid	Russell, Bill & Jan
Bailey, Robert	Esposito, Julian	Kutulis, Bob & Caroline	Schuller, William & Wife
Baird, Ron & Kathy	Fenley, Walter & Evelyn	Laag, Werner & Jackie	Schwartz, Ron & Carol
Barlow, Hank & Donna	Fisher, John	Larimer, James & Judy	Shipley, Larry
Bayliss, Warren & Susan	Fuelling, Robert & Dorothyh	Lee, James & Irma	Simms, Robert
Beaumont, George & Dee	Gardner, Harry & Mic	Lewinski, Tim & Peggy	Simpson, William & Auroa
Blair, Charles S. & Mary	Garner, James	Lileck, Peter	Snell, Waymon & Eleanor
Bolton, Robert & Ingrid	Garside, James & James	Lindblom, Allan L	Soboleski, AL & Elsie
Brashear, Mike & Betti	Gent, Dennis & Judi	Lischka, Ray & Caroline & Kailea	Spitzer, Bill & Annette
Brenner, Jerry & Jonna	George, David	Lucas, John & Marion	Steadman, Jim & Ellen
Brewster, Robert & Guest	Glaush, George & Carol	Maas, David	Tobin, Frank & Irene
Brite, Hanley	Godwin, Frank	Marasi, John & Christine	Tracy, Hank & Kathy
Butler, Max & Lois	Goshorn, William & Helga	Marasi, John & Wife	Traina, Joseph V.
Cagle, James & Susan	Groft, Al	Martin, Marty & Linda	Trodus, Alan & Mary
Calkins, Len	Gust, Art	McLearran, William	Valovich, Tony & Linda
Cashiola, Buck & Nowana	Guy, Wendel & Lorraine	Miller, Gerald & Madelyn	Vanderman, Guy & Ing-Britt
Chesney, Ray & Barbara	Hagan, Marc & Shirley	Mindling, George & Ilse	Walker, Elby
Chyle, Jack & Renee	Haines, Steve & Elizabeth	Molinaro, Joe & Johanna	Walworth, Robert & Velma
Coddington, David & Josie	Hall, Frank & Leslie	Moore, Steven & Wiltrud	Weyn, Ed & Anna
Colsch, Gary & Patricia	Hamerski, Michael	Mozham, Ahmed	Wheatcraft, Lynn & Joan
Cook, Lowell	Hannasch, Leonard	Nozolino, John	Wiatrowski, Ronald
Cooper, David	Hayes, Bill & Anita	Paine, Fred & Gisela	Wilczynski, Michael &Carolyn
Corl, Ken & Pat	Havemann, Larry & Virginia	Perdue, Walter & Christel	Wildrick, Robert & Anne
Cubbage, Donnie & Katherine	Hedberg, Ernie M & Visser	Perkins, Joe & Sara	Williams, Ray & Loretta
Currie, Jerry & Sylvia	Henderson, Gene & Merle	Plowden, Jim	Williams, Brian & Heidi
Dager, Richard	Holcombe, Andy	Quatrochi, Carmen & Natalie	Williams, Samuel
Dams, Harold & Vicki	Hosiner, Robert & Linda	Rea, Joe & Lupe	Woodling, Barry & Sandra
Davenport, Clarence & Ruth	Idleman, Larry & Claude	Reston, Russ	Wylezik, Felix
Demco, George	Isaacs, Ray & Trudi	Richards, Gil & Friend	Yoder, Jerry M. & Peach
Denington, Mick & Marilyn	Jarvi, Ted	Rinker, Bill & Ginni	Zumbrunnen, James

We can not stress enough to you how important it is to the TAC Missileers Organization to have your correct mailing address in our records. We have found that many members have changed residences without remembering to advise the TAC Missileers of their move. Email addresses are also something we need to get updated, we understand that emails come and go with some

frequency and folks often forget to insure that those on their contact or mailing list are notified of the latest email address change. Please, take a few moments to advise Max and Russ of you latest mailing and email addresses. You will find their contact information and addresses on page 8 in the TAC Missileers Corp. and BoD information box.

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It Has Become A Reunion Tradition

For the third consecutive reunion **Steven "SAM" Moore** and **Ronald "Ski" Wiatrowski** held the biennial **Albert Griese Memorial Flight**. SAM and Ski conducted the model plane flight in memory of departed Missileer Al. SAM and Al, among others, were avid model flyers during their missile days at Grünstadt, Germany. For each reunion flight SAM has found a unique battery powered free flight machine with which to conduct the cheerful remembrance ceremony. This year the flights were held in the motel back parking lot where several short hops by the little flier



were made. In the photo taken by Ski Wiatrowski, SAM Moore is seen giving instruction to the pilot of the little plane as other participants of the brief ceremony, Bob Bolton, Ingrid Bolton, Ray Chesney and Wiltrude Moore, await the first flight that occurred that day.

Bob