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Treasurer and Membership Director Max Butler reminds us that it is time to submit our 2005 Membership Dues

CEO Joe Perkins would like to stress that you need to get your reservations in for the River Boat Show & Dinner and for the Grand Ol Opry. Here is where we stand on Nashville: Grand Ol Opry 90 places reserved at \$27.50 each, General Jackson river boat 100 places reserved at \$65.50 each. Roughly 78 folks have signed up for both events. We have a total of 105 member names on the Hotel and events list. Joe wants to remind you that if you intend to go to either or both events and haven't reserved your place, do not delay, call him NOW, he needs to know for he is severely time limited for adding more spaces to the reserve lists before they cut us off. We have heard it through the grape vine that quite a few others have said that they are planning to attending but, until we see your names on the list we can't count on you being there. Make that commitment to attend the reunion. You never know where you will be the next time around.

**Time Is Running Out To Reserve Your Suite For The
Tac Missileers 2005 Reunion**

CALL NOW TO RESERVE ONE!

Embassy Suites Nashville Hotel Nashville Airport

10 Century Blvd

Nashville, TN 37214

Tel: 615 871 0033

Tell The Reservations Clerk You Are With The Tac Missileers Reunion

2005 attendee List. These 98 individuals are attending the 2005 reunion in Nashville, Should we have your name on this list? Please reserve your space at the hotel as soon as possible so you will be assured of getting a suite. Time is running out.

Akre Terry , Armbruster Robert, Armstrong Bruce, Bailey Robert, Baird Ronald, Baldner Rodger, Baldwin Gerald, Barlow Hank, Berg Ted, Black Charles L, Blair Charles, Blann Robert, Bolton Bob, Butler Max R., Carpenter Bill, Clark Don, Corbin Carl L., Daniels Ronald, Davenport Dave, Davis Paul, Derain Dave, Doi Randy, Doyle Richard, Emerson Larry, Esposito Julian P, Fischer Robert D., Freshour Charles, Gardner Harry, Gay Richard, Gent Dennis, Glaush George, Goshay Paul, Goudeau Jim, Haines Steve, Hall William, Harrison James, Haveman Larry, Henderson Gene, Holiday Bill, Hosiner Robert, Idleman Larry, Isaacs Ray, Jamiolkowski Dianne, Jett Lanny, Johnson Gerald, Johnson Richard, Johnson Ed, Kammerman Dennis, Kutulis Robert, LaRue Mary, Lindblom Allan, Liscehka Ray, Lomax Gil, Lucas John J, Maher Frank, Margeson Hector, Marney Johnny, McBride Bill, McKee Curtis, Moffett Richard, Molinaro Joe, Moorehouse David, Moss Travis, Padgett Richard, Paine Fred, Perdue Walter, Perkins Joe, Pettitt Richard, Pierce Walter, Pisle Standford, Raff Jennings, Reynolds Charles L, Rinker William, Ristine Beryl, Russell William, Saloom Ameen, Sand Gary, Scott Robert L., Simpson William, Singleton Ben, Sisson Charles R, Skrobacs Ralph, Slusher Leon, Smith Earl, Snell Waymon, Snyder Joseph, Steadman James, StGermain Roger, Tallent James, Tobin Frank, Vanderman Guy, Waggle William, Walker Elby, Walworth Zelma, Wheatcraft Lynn, Wilczynski Michael, Wildrick Bob

Grand OL Opry Attendees

Please Let Joe Perkins know if you plan to attend the Grand Ol Opry. Reserve your place as soon as possible so you will be assured of getting a seat that night Time is running out. Missileers ready to Hee Haw so far are:

Skrobacs, Ralph & Mary // Fischer, Dave & Ruth // Corbin, Carl & Francis // Baird, Ron & Kathy // Davenport, Clarence & Ruth // Perdue, Walter & Chrystal // Lucas, John & Marion // Snell, Waymon // Idleman, Larry // Slusher, Leon & Cheryl // Armstrong, Bruce // Baldwin, Gerald // Akre, Terry // Scott, Bob & Linda // Reynolds, Charles // Bolton, Robert // Barlow, Hank // Gent, Dennis // Paine, Fred & Geisela // Pettit, Richard // Black, Charles & Katheline // Blann, Robert & Sarah // Butler, Max & Nancy // Esposito, Julian & Genevieve // Freshour, Charles & Anne // Haines, Steve & Elizabeth // Henderson, Gene & Merle // Kammerman, Dennis & Barbara // Margeson, Hector & Janet // Perkins, Joe & Sarah // Sisson, Charles, & Ruth // StGermain, Roger & Joyce
Simpson, Bill // Isaacs, Ray & wife // Wheatcraft, Lynn and Joan // Wildrick, Bob and Anna

General Jackson List

Our big, group night out. We need to know if you plan to spend the exciting evening with the Tac Missileers. Dining and entertainment on the big river boat. Please contact Joe Perkins as soon as possible to reserve you spot on board.

The following folks are already seated and ready to enjoy the evening, so why don't you join them.

Baird, Ron & Kathy // Corbin, Carl & Francis // Davenport, Dave & Ruth // Fischer, Dave & Ruth // Kammerman, Dennis & Barb // Lucas, John & Marion // Perdue, Walter & Chrystal // Skrobacs, Ralph & Mary // St. Germain, Roger E. // Snell, Waymon // Idleman, Larry & Edith // Slusher, Leon & Cheryl // Daniels, Ron // Armstrong, Bruce // Takre, Terry // Scott, Bob & Linda // Reynolds, Charles // Bolton, Robert // Barlow, Hank // Gent, Dennis // Paine, Fred & Geisela // Baldwin, Gerald & Anna // Black, Charles I. & Katheline // Blann, Robert & Sarah // Butler, Max & Nancy // Esposito, Julian & Genevieve // Freshour, Charles & Anna // Haines, Steve & Elizabeth // Henderson, Gene & Merle // Margeson, Hector & Janet // Perkins, Joe & Sarah // Pettitt Richard // Sisson, Charles R. & Ruth // Simpson, Bill // Isaacs, Ray & wife // Wheatcraft, Lynn & Joan // Wildrick, Bob & Anna

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Faux pas from Mace Missile Gets A Face-Lift

Several members took the time to respond with their discoveries of the various mistakes in the Fall 2004 edition of the Tac Missileers article about the I-75 landmark Mace getting a face-lift. As a refresher, the article covered the refurbishment of the Mace B on display at exit 146 on I-75 near Robins AFB, Georgia. The article, as published, in the Macon Telegraph contained several mistakes that would be known only to those of us who worked with the Martin Matador and Mace Tactical missiles. Here are the correct responses in the order that they were received:

George Mindling wrote:

"I look for that Mace on I-75 every time I go past Warner Robins, I wouldn't think I was on the right road if it weren't there. I hope they don't take down the Mace, bullet holes or not. There are two faux pas in the article: One about the mobile trailer launch, and the other about Korea. Unless you consider Okinawa near Korea! The B-Bird was only deployed at Bitburg and Karella. School was originally at Orlando AFB but moved to Lowry when the A-Bird shut down. (I was permanent party GSC at Lowry during the move)." **George** is the web mister of the award winning web site, The 38th Tactical Missile Wing 18 June 1958 — 25 September 1966. If you haven't visited George's wonderful tribute to the 38th please check it out at <http://home.quixnet.net/~ilsem/38tmw.htm>. You nailed it George!

Richard Mathews wrote:

"Concerning the I-75 Mace that needs a face-lift. It is about time. Mace was never in Korea, Matador was in Korea. Mace was on Okinawa at four different sites (Eight birds per sites). I know because I was assign to the 873 Tac Missile Squadron, 498 Tac Missile Group at Site two from Activation until March of 63." Right On Richard!

Garland France wrote:

First of all, it would be almost impossible for someone not even born yet to distinguish the difference in the 3 birds. Yes, he winds up talking about all 3. When he mentions "in or near Korea" he is talking about the Matador. When he mentions "portable launcher" it obviously is the A Bird. Finally, he mentions "inertial guidance" which as we all know is the B Bird. He is not the first to make these mistakes, a few years ago the Air Force Museum at Wright Pat. AFB had the A and B Birds incorrectly labeled in their official guide. I guess only the few of us that worked on all three really know the differences.

Matador-1960 Korea-Crew Training , A Bird-1961-1964 Lowry-Launch Training, B Bird-1970 Okinawa-Chief Crew 5. Exactly right Garland!

Ernie Edberg and **Marge Visor** correctly pointed out something totally unintended by writing:

"Ernie and I were happy to receive the latest newsletter of the Tac Missileers. And, yes, we did catch the faux pas and I'm sure many other of your discerning readers will find it also. Unless my calendar is wrong, August 27 was on a Friday!"

Mea Culpa, when I wrote up that little piece I accidentally mixed the day and date of the actual refurbishment process with the day and date that the article was published. The refurbishment was conducted on Thursday, August 26th and the article was published in the Macon Telegraph on Friday, August 27th. Just another example of the proofreader (me) letting the editor (me) down. Good catch Ernie and Marge.

Now for my input, the article also mentioned the "earlier CGM-13A". Now if I'm not mistaken, the Mace A was first designated the TM-76A and late in its service life was assigned the designator **MGM-13A**. or [**Mobile Guided Missile**]**13A** where as the Mace B was the TM-76B and during the designator changes for Air Force and Army missiles became the **CGM-13B** or [**Coffin Guided Missile**]**13B**.

I am sorry that this issue of the Tac Missileers Newsletter is so lacking in content and short the normal center section. I have run up against the curse of a lot of active retired folks. I over committed myself and volunteered for a few too many projects around the area. I will try to make up for this poor showing in the next issue.

Bob Bolton

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Sidney Klevens, Donald A. Lowery,
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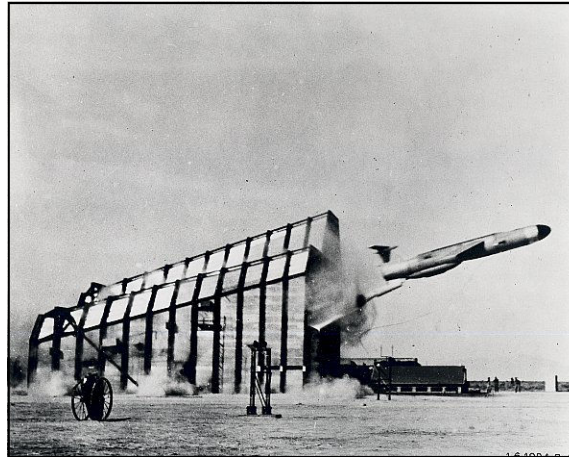
Tac Missileers Financial report As of 12/29/04	
Beginning Balance as of 6/20/04	\$14,920.18
Donations received	\$135.00
Deposit-Dues paid	\$2,690.00
Unit patches	384.50
Expenses	
Postal Service	37.00
Badges-Berle Ristine (Per Joe Perkins)	22.50
Website fee	99.99
Embassy Suites	500.00
Postal Service mailing fee	150.00
McKee's Printing	235.20
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Ending Balance as of 12/29/04	\$16,655.21

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Official U.S. Air Force Photo Legend states "First Mace B Launch. An Air Force MACE tactical missile is launched from a simulated ground shelter at Holloman AFB, NM, and flown successfully a distance of 500 nautical miles. Using the self-contained inertial guidance system for the first time, the Martin-built surface-to-surface missile flew from Holloman AFB to Wendover AFB, Utah."

Notice the ventral air-bag container for use during landing with the three cargo parachute recovery Bolton collection



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SHELTER LAUNCH — This USAF TM-76A Martin tactical missile is shown being launched from a simulated shelter during tests at the Air Force Missile Development Center, NM

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