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

Keeping up with the latest Missileers goings-on is so easy, just check in often at our official web site -

<http://tacmissileers.homestead.com/MISSILEER.html>

Joe Perkins keeps current and the most important information and a link to a copy of the latest newsletter on the home page. There are also links to 34 member pages full of personal pictures and other Matador & Mace Memorabilia. Each of those pages alone are well worth a visit to the site.

If you haven't seen them yet, you might be interested in looking at the 2007 Tucson, AZ reunion pictures embedded in the

site. There is a Home Page link to about 140 photos, at last count, of some of the good looking missileers and their dates who were at the reunion. You can also read the new GUEST BOOK and look for those long lost friends and buddies from your glory days in the Tac Missiles.

Another great site to visit for the historical aspect of the Mace and Matador is George Mindling's award winning 38th Tactical Missile Wing Web Site. George has recently revamped and streamlined the entire site layout, give it a visit you'll be glad you did -

www.mace-b.com/38TMW/

REUNION 2009 NEWS IN THE MAKING

Max and I were in Dayton, OH from the 24th to the 26th of September to look things over and talk to some people about our housing and transportation needs for the 2009 reunion. We needed this very early advance visit there to insure we will have a place at the table, so to speak. Our next reunion is scheduled in Dayton, OH at one of the busiest times of the year there and we needed to insure we will have enough space held for us to do our advanced planning.

Look at the Tac Missileers web site frequently and keep your dues paid up so you will continue to get the newsletter, we will use those two means to communicate with

you on the reunion planning and progress and what we will need from each of you in turn when that times.

Keep in mind we will probably need to ask you for a guaranteed commitment on attending the 2009 reunion much earlier than we have in the past for the other reunions.

It appears from all the early excitement that has been generated we will have a real big turn out for the 10th anniversary of our reunions.

Joe Perkins

Thank you Tac Missileer **John Maschler** from Hesperia, CA for sending in the following letter and some very interesting pictures of an MSQ System he worked on in Germany in the late 50s. John also included the Matador setup and launch pictures taken in Tripoli. John wrote:

“Dear Max Butler & Bob Bolton,
My compliments on your find of the MSQ-I System Picture (MPS-9 Radar & Analog Computer and Communications Vans) that you published in the recent issue of the TAC Missileer Newsletter. Like **Don McDermott**, I have made a number of attempts to find pictures of a MSQ-IA System on the Internet. However, to no avail. I’ve found pictures of the SCR-584, the fore-runner to the MPS-9 and the successor to the MPS-19 the MSQ-33.. . But not the MSQ-IA. A review of my old photo albums revealed a few surprises that I forgot about. See the enclosed pictures.

- ◇ The FIRST MSQ-IA system that was put into service in Germany — 1957
- ◇ A complete system that was used to guide Matador’s in the Libyan Desert — 1958
- ◇ A series of pictures relating to a Matador Launch in the Libyan Desert — 1958

Feel free to publish these and or pass them on to Don McDermott I know he will enjoy them. My compliments on the quality of your publications. Yours truly, John Maschler”



Landsberg am Lech southern Germany. This was the first system to be put into service in Germany.

Vehicles: 1. MPS-19 Radar 2. OA-626 Analog Computer Van 3. Ground to Air Communications and Spare Parts Van.



MPS-19 Radar Part of MSQ1A System



Northern Germany MSQ1A System
Libyan Desert (SE of Tripoli)
1. MPS-19 Radar
2. OA-626 Analog Computer
3. Ground to Air Communications and Spare Parts



MATADOR
Libyan Desert (SE of Tripoli)
Preparation for launch — Check out



MATADOR
Preparation for launch
Positioning Ramp



MATADOR
Power Up



MATADOR
Lots Of Noise, Dust and smoke
Missile Away!

Bill Waggle, launch, 822nd, not only gets credit for the good input on the call sign question (see page 7) but, he earns another Editor's Award of thanks for correcting another article about the so called "ONLY" public demonstration launch of the Matador being from Patrick AFB, in 1956. Bill sent in very interesting information about several other public demonstration launches of the Matador that took place at Eglin AFB.

Bill wrote, "I was on a crew that launched two Matadors from Eglin AFB for a Fire Power Demonstration in October 1958. One show was open to the general public and the other was for military dignitaries, both were attended by approximately 5,000 people.

In a follow-up email he wrote, "I was looking through my old stuff the other day and found some old orders for project **Riptide**, as it was called by the 4505 Tac Missile Wing in Orlando. Two launch crews were sent to Eglin AFB in April 1958 and September 1958. Both times was for a Fire Power demonstration, we launched two missiles at each show. For each show there was a wet run and a main run, the wet run was open to the public, and the main show was for all kinds of military dignitaries. The Matador launch was just a small portion of the show, the main reason was to show off all Air Force aircraft and armament. I know there were

other shows that I did not participate in. I am sure there are some guys out there that were involved in other live launches. Sincerely, **Bill Waggle**"

If like Bill, you were involved in project **Riptide** or any other live demonstration launches for the public and would like to share you experience with the group please send in your comments or a short story describing your Stateside live-fire to your editor. Your fellow Tac Missileers would enjoy reading about your experiences in launching the Matador or Mace for the tax payers.

Bill Waggle's information is an example of what your editor has often written about; There is so much history out there in the collective memory of all of our Tac Missileers. However, we are starting to lose that history. We need to get it written down and recorded for posterity. What you as an individual know and think that everyone else knows also, just doesn't hold water. In some ways we were very compartmentalized in our work and jobs with the Matador and Mace So please share your memories. Nothing is to silly or to minor to not be recorded. Be it personal or technical information, it doesn't matter Send it in to your editor for publication.

Lance Moorman who recently found us after all these years was a launch Mech II at Sembach and Grünstadt. Lance wrote about pulling Guard Duty at the Hill one night.

"Here's my only stint at guard duty. During the summer of 1963, Europe became embroiled in a large NATO ORI exercise. It involved US, British, French, and German forces and was to check the effectiveness of operational plans and levels of cooperation. We at Grünstadt got called up to report for duty at the missile site. Not being on blockhouse duty at the time, I thought it was going to be great and could just lounge around the site doing nothing. We were informed that those who were not on duty were being assigned to a security supplemental force to protect the site. Rangers were coming to infiltrate our defenses, I was confused, wondering why we had to worry about a bunch of hockey players. I was quickly informed, "Army Rangers, smart ass!". "You will be posted at strategic positions, outside the site security fences." "Each of you will be given a whistle which you will blow three times if anything happens and the Air Police will come to your assistance." This not going to be good, I thought, if these Rangers find us in the dark they will not be kind. I took assessment of my defensive equipment. What defensive equipment??? I had a steel helmet, a carbine, a pocket knife, a pistol belt loaded with empty magazines for the carbine and a canteen. And the canteen, through my lack of foresight, was filled with water. Fat chance of defense, if those Rangers find me, I will probable swallow that damn whistle. I don't know where others were

posted, but I was put somewhere close to the picnic grounds. This place was eerie in the daytime. The trees were gnarly and gothic looking and scrub brush grew in clumps everywhere. But at night it was even worse. The bright lights from the missile site cast weird shadows, distorting small things into monstrous shapes and the slight breeze blowing made them seem alive, moving in grasping tentacles out into the darkness. I set for a while atop a small hill until I realized how exposed the position was. Moving to a depression I began to feel better but realized there was still way too much of my body above ground. This was exactly the reason I never considered joining the army, one must get enjoyment or satisfaction for the events in one's life, this was providing neither. What was that? Sounded like a snapping twig. Peering off into the darkness, I could see nothing. But there it was again. Definitely a twig. Straining to see, I could not determine anything. But occasionally could hear the muffled clank of a canteen against something solid. Gradually, I began to see forms moving through the brush. Men creeping on hands and knees carrying their equipment in packs on their backs. I blew the whistle three times. The Air Police did not arrive in the next 30 seconds, so I blew it again. After an eternity, about two minutes, the Air Police arrived in a flurry of speed and flashing lights. The stealthy forms converging on my position said, "BAA". The Rangers had gotten lost. Hope you enjoyed it. I got a lot of ragging about it." **Lance Moorman**

Our always on the job, Treasurer and Membership Director, **Max Butler** is looking for more than a few good men. In fact there are nearly 200 Tac Missileers members who have gone missing either through moving, death or being in arrears for dues.

This first list is of the members who's past couple of Newsletters have been returned as undeliverable. Please read over the list. If you see a name you recognize and you know where that person may now be living or if you know that the member is no longer with us please contact Max with whatever information you may have.

Baldwin, Gerald - Barker, D.R. - Beard, Thomas Jr.
 Barnes, George - Bishop, Lee - Bavuso, Joseph
 Houten, John Van - Brady, Tim - Isaacs, Terry
 Brooks, Andy - Johnston, Dave - Bush, Larry
 Jones, Warren L. - Buster, Lue - Kibling, Bernard L.
 Butterfield, Cortland W. - Klevens, Sidney
 Clayton, Kenneth I. - Koehn, Richard - Coffing, Chester L.
 Kravos, Michael R. - Congdon, David - Cook, James
 Lawler, John - Croce, Carlo - Lambert, Eugene
 Lee, Duane E. - Dickerson, John - Leichy, Harold
 Doak, Robert - Leon, Roy - Dockery, Noel - Lewis, Jerry
 Doescher, Ron - Lewis, Doug - Dworek, Edwin L.
 Lomax, Gilbert E. - Estep, Richard - McIntyre, Donald C.
 Falcon, Normand - Meade, Charles H. - Foore, Robert
 Miller, George B. - Forster, Arthur C. - Mollert, John Franklin
 Glenn - Moody, Jack - Frye, Gerald R.
 Mueller, Lloyd L. - Gates, Gordan (Wes) - O'Brian, Richard E.
 - Glasgow, Robert - Paul, Joe
 Guraedy, Richard - Peirson, Walt - Gutlovics, George
 Phillips, Robert - Haas, Victor - Pollock, Ronald
 Hamilton, Robert N. - Regula, Ronald L. - Harris, Richard
 Reimer, Paul - Hesseling, Donald - Riester, Terry
 Johnson, Bob - Ruth, James M. - LaFavor, Paul G.
 Sheldon, Jack - Latshaw, Bob - Slegel, Eugene W.
 Lockhart, Casey G. - Stansbury, William - Ramsey, Frank
 Stayton, William H. - Raya, Joseph - Stewart, John M. Santaferra, Jim - Wells, Jack - Stone, Charles Jr.
 Wilson, Tug - Stoppelbein, Gene - Wingate, Clark
 Tufts, Richard - Yates, Harry - Walter, Rodney
 Welch, Michael - Willams, Robert

And this is the list of the 112 active Missileers who have forgotten to send in their 2007 dues. Time's running out, we'll have to stop your newsletter if we don't receive your dues. If your name appears here and you have sent in the dues for 2007 get with Max Butler to correct his records.

Ashberry, Edgar A. : Baker, Charles A. : Barber, Lewis Jr.
 Barlow, Henry : Becker, Eugene : Beeding, Noah
 Bennett, George R. : Berdin, Richard H.
 Biggar, Kay H. : Biondo, Michael : Bircher, Lowell E. : Bledsoe, Russell E. : Boverie, Richard T.
 Bragualia, Raymond J. : Brewster, Robert L.
 Brown, James J. : Brown, Wade K. : Camacho, Abel
 Cambell, Thomas : Cannon, James F. : Cerbes, John F.
 Champy, Harry D. : Chase, Richard : Corbin, Carl
 Corcoran, Arthur L., Jr. : Cupp, Leo D. : Davis, Paul E.
 Debacker, Albert : Delgado, Angel : Doyle, Richard
 Drews, Douglas G. : Elder, Carnell L.L. : Englehart, James C.
 Farrell, Calvin R. : Fellers, Julian C. : Freshour, Charles D.
 Godwin, Frank D. : Goggans, Roy : Golden, Ronnie L.
 Juzzetta, George J. : Haines, Stephan A.
 Hamerski, Michael D. : Hauswald, Arnold C.
 Hernandez, Andrew : Hinek, Roderick : Hogan, Eugene J.
 Holliday, Bill : Hopping, William : Horky, Frederick P. Hynds, Bruce : Innis, Edward L. : Johnson, Robert
 Jones, Harry L. : Keller, Andrew : Kennedy, George B. Kusel, Newton S. : Kyser, Lee : LaRue, Gerald
 Lake, Dale F. : Lannon, Robert W. : Lembke, Howard Lopper, Roger J. : Lidderdale, Kenneth L. Mandert, Tracy J. : Marney, John C. : Martizes, Adolf L.
 Mathews, Richard E. : Maxwell, Norris J.
 Merriman, Gilbert : Moffet, Richard H.
 Moore, Maxine L. : Moorehouse, David E.
 Moss, Trevis : Newkirk, Vernon : Ogletree, Gregory W. Ottman, Wayne R. : Owens, Richard E. : Padgett, Richard
 Page, Frank B. : Pisle, Standford C. : Poche, Stephan S. Pyburn, Claude E. : Ouigley, Wayne R. : Reimer, Paul E.
 Renninger, Harold J. : Reynolds, George : Ristine, Beryl C. : Robinson, Hunter R. : Romanczuk, Leonard : Ruvolo, Sam J.
 Sandor, Paul J. : Saylor, Max C. : Schiff, Jeffrey M. Shoepe, Victor G. : Short, Roosevelt : Siders, Jerry R.
 Singleton, Ben : Stenerson, Edgar J. : Story, Charles C. Summerll, David K. : Swartzmeyer, Elmer G. Trimble, Eric G., Jr. : Tucker, Larry E. Uhland, Charles
 B.III : Vanderman, Guy R. : Verka, Phillip J.
 Weyn, Edmund C. : Wilder, Daniel L. : Williams, Richard D.
 Witcher, Richard : Wylezik, Felix F. : Wylie James K.

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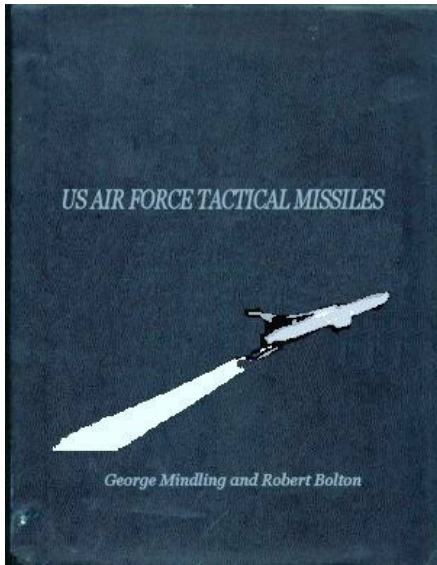
yet, please choose between either of the two options, make your check out to Tac Missileers Corp., and send your membership request to:

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US AIR FORCE TACTICAL MISSILES

Coming In 2008



US Air Force Tactical Missiles ©2007

George Mindling and Robert Bolton

Inspired by the 38th Tactical Missile Wing Website, George Mindling and Robert Bolton are co-authoring US Air Force Tactical Missiles ©2007, due to be published in 2008

From the first guided, unmanned aircraft, the Kettering Aerial Torpedo to the final deactivation of the CGM-13B at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa and beyond, the equipment, the people and places that laid the foundation for today's Cruise Missiles. Stories and photographs, unit histories, and the information that sets the records straight. Finally!

Bob Bolton and I are deeply involved in writing a book called the *US Air Force Tactical Missiles* and we are looking for stories and photos to consider for publication. The cover and the book are already copy righted. Unfortunately we know we cannot print everything, but if you would like to have something considered, please contact me at myakka@embarqmail.com or Bob at olliesnapper@gmail.com.

We are doing our best to tell our story, from the Mator to the Mace, from Taiwan, Korea , and Okinawa to Germany, including Lowry, Orlando, Holloman, Santa Rosa Island at Eglin, and even Camp Happiness! Yes the MM-1 is in there, and so is MAST if we can dig up enough history. Technical stuff, yes, but a lot of personal stories and histories. We are trying to set the records straight. Please let me know if you have material, photos, old patches, stories, even old orders you would like to have considered.

George Mindling Port Charlotte, FL

From Mr. President,

Thinking 2008 for the Dayton 2009 Reunion. As you know, our 2009 reunion will be held in Dayton, OH during the BIG annual air show. We will be smack in the middle of all of the Air show activities and excitement at the Dayton Int'l Airport. The National Museum of the Air Force at Wright Patterson AFB is near-by. This reunion is very different from all of our previous get-togethers; it will be held in mid-summer and will be during the air show with thousands of additional people attending. We will have to have our reservations and commitments made by early 2008! Constantly check our web site for information in the coming months and think 2008 for the Dayton 2009 Reunion.

Julian (Zito) Esposito

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there in Valle, AZ. Arnold said that the Matador is still equipped with its J-33 turbojet.

Arnold Hansen, Launch Mech II, Grünstadt, sent in this picture of himself, taken on his way to our Tucson reunion. He found the Matador sitting just south of the Grand Canyon in the Flintstones Camp ground parking lot and is part of the History Air Museum

That bird looks to be in good shape all-in-all. That high desert, dry climate makes outdoor storage easy on the old Tactical Missile.

Thanks for the pictures and note Arnie.

Missileers After Retirement Jobs

More than a few of us have now hit that magic age when we can, if we want to, kick back and enjoy retirement. Be it drawing single, double or triple retirements as some of are doing or still working every day for a living, each take on that special age with a different outlook and way of handling it.

This little article features two of our missileers who have found themselves running successful, thriving and unique after retirement businesses. Though completely different in business plan and end product these two companies are actually interrelated at one level. Its interesting to note that both Hank Barlow and Lance Moorman had totally unrelated professions during their regular working lives when compared to what they are now enjoying.

Hank Barlow, Mace launch, 887th, TMS is the owner and operator of Barlow Beef in Sharon, Connecticut. Hank has 140 employees, that would be his 52 head of Hereford and Piedmontese cattle, 80 chickens and 8 young pigs. Hank raises the pampered, grass fed, premium all natural beeves for sale as fine cuts of meat and other beef by-products. His Pork goods are from the stock of a cross between Tamowrth and Gloucester Old Spot pigs. All eggs are pasture raised. Barlow Beef is committed to the idea of sustainable agriculture and local food production. Visit Hank's Farm and products on line at his great web site: www.barlowbeef.com

Lance Moorman, Mace launch, Sembach AB and 887th TMS, is the owner and operator of New Edge Sharpening and Professional Grooming Products. Lance and his wife specialize in the sales, sharpening, honing and refurbishing of animal care, show preparation and grooming implements. He also takes on fine butcher cutlery as well. Transplanted from the Mid-west some years ago, Lance now has his brick and mortar shop for walk up customers in Burkburnett, Texas but, draws most of his thriving business through his internet web site: Visit Lance's business at www.newedgesharpening.com

And what is the tie-in between theses two diverse companies that I mentioned? Well, it's a stretch by your editor I guess, but you can't cut that great steak without a sharp knife and somewhere, sometime that person enjoying a Barlowbeef steak just might be cutting it with a knife honed by New Edge Sharpening.

Ollie

Curtis Wants To Get You On A Sea Cruise

TAC Missileers, I'm **Curtis McKee** the publisher of the TAC Missileers News Letter. Several of the members asked me if we could not do something out here on the west coast. As you know I had a stroke last June so I am still limited on what I can do. Through a travel agent I have reserved 100 cabins on Royal Caribbean Cruise Line for a 4-night Baja Mexico Cruise departing Los Angeles on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, San Diego: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Catalina Island CA. 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Thursday, Ensenada, Mexico 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday, returning to Los Angeles 6:00 a.m.

Prices per person double occupancy, prices include all taxes: Inside cabin: \$375.47 to \$335.47 depending on deck location. Ocean View: (window) \$365.47 to \$405.47 depending on deck location. Junior Suite: (balcony) \$665.47 Third and Fourth Person in same room, \$295.47 per person. Prices will be adjusted downward according to the number of cabins booked. The ship will give us a place to meet, one or more hosted cocktail parties depends on the number of people.

A valid Passport will be required. Contact Barbara MacKirby at Noah's Travels 909-971-9950. Or 800-662-4740. A \$50.00 deposit per person by September 29, 2007 will be required at the time of booking. Cabins for 3 & 4 people are limited so book early! Barbara will set up a payment plan for the balance due.

If you plan on coming please E-Mail me at topmckee@yahoo.com. My home phone 626-960-2414. Thanks Curtis McKee.

In a last minute up date Curtis said to not worry if you couldn't make that September 29th cut off date, he is trying to get it extended.

TAPS

Ted Hollings

George Sherman

As promised in the last edition, here is the list of the top C&W hits from 1955 through 1967. The staff of the newsletter is sure that even the rock and rollers among us, at that time, will remember hearing these on AFN radio's "Stick buddy Jamboree". This hits list is certified by "Bill Board" Magazine.

- 1955 "Sixteen Tons" Tennessee Ernie Ford
- 1956 "Blue Suede Shoes" Carl Perkins
- "I'll Walk The Line" Johnny Cash
- 1957 "Four Walls" Jim Reeves
- 1958 "Oh Lonesome Me" Don Gibson

- 1959 "White Lightning" George Jones
- 1960 "Wings of a Dove" Ferlin Huskey
- 1961 "I Fall to Pieces" Patsy Cline
- 1962 "Wolverton Mountain" Claude King
- "Devil Woman" Marty Robins
- 1963 "Ring of Fire" Johnny Cash
- 1964 "Together Again" Buck Owens
- 1965 "King of the Road" Roger Miller
- 1966 "Flowers on the Wall" Statler Brothers
- 1967 "Gentle on My Mind" Glen Campbell

MM-1 Driver Training Orlando AFB FL

Missileer **John Poluos** shares some personal pictures from his MM-1 training in Spring 1960 in Orlando AFB,



Florida. John assures me that he wasn't the one who knock down that building while learning the ropes of maneuvering with the Teracruz Translauncher rig.



As you can see from his stein and coffee cup John served in Germany at Hahn AB, site 5 of the 405th.



CALL SIGNS REVISITED—YELLOW TAIL

Looks like the YELLOW TAIL question may be settled and **Hank Barlow** wins the Editors Appreciation award for best memory of trivial matters that really do mean a lot to some old missileers. Hank received confirming support of his knowledge from **Bob Scott**, MM, Hahn 89th and **Bill Waggle**, Launch, of Sembach's 882nd

17th AF call sign *Cap Gun*

38th TMW Command Post call sign *Yellow Tail*
Sembach AB

Site I 822nd Mehlingen - *Char Girl*

Site II 823rd Enkenbach - *Invent*

Site III 887th Grünstadt - *Hacksaw*

Hahn AB

Site IV 89th Wüschheim - *Veronica*

Site V 405th Kirchburg - *Pot Fuse*

Site VI 405th Hundheim - *Heroin*

Bitburg AB

Matador A Pad Steinborn ???

Site VII 71st Rittersdorf ????

Site VIII 71st Idenheim ???

Mace and Matador in the Pacific region. Is this accurate? If not please send your editor the information to correct any errors and fill in missing names and call signs. You did have Call Signs didn't you?

Korea TM-61C 314th Air Division,
Osan AB 58th TMG (588TMG until 1958)

Osan AB - Flight 1 (20 missiles)

Kimpo AB - Flight 2 (20 missiles)

Chichon Ni - Flight 3 (20 missiles)

Taiwan TM-61A 17th TMS ???

Okinawa Kadena AB

498th TMG

873rd TMS,

Site 1 Bolo Point 1 flight (8 missiles)

Site 2 White Beach 1 flight (8 missiles)

874th TMS,

Site 3 Camp Hansen 1 flight (8 missiles)

Site 4 ?? 1 flight (8 missiles)

Your Editor

Dean Hamilton wrote to say he remembers Cap Gun but not Yellow Tail. Oh Well Dean, I don't recall Yellow Tail either but, its existence has been confirmed and was used in the communications traffic with 38th TMW.

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Just a note to let everyone know Lois and I fully enjoyed ourselves at the Tucson reunion. It was great seeing a majority of you once again and especially great seeing some of you for the first time. Lois says please don't be upset with her because she tried to keep order at the reunion. She just wanted everyone to feel like they were back in that "other" life when we all had to listen to voices of authority.

We the staff are already working on getting things in order for the July 2009 reunion in Dayton, Ohio. I feel this will most likely be our biggest and best reunion we have had, from the e-mails and phone calls I have received from members asking me to put them on the Dayton reunion list. We do need to know this as we will need to select a hotel this year even though the reunion is not until July 2009. This is because of the Dayton Air

Show that is held annually in July, which typically attracts 100,000 people plus.

The air show as well as the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum, (now known as the National Museum) will be part of our reunion. Of course the fact of the Museum having the Matador and Mace on display indoors should make everyone sign up immediately. Correct ?

I have noticed quite a few "new" former Missileers have signed in on our web site's Guest Book. I would like to welcome you to the Tac Missileers and invite you to become a member of this great organization. Contact me for membership information at:

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