



Happy New Year – 2010

Our 1st Reunion is now only 4 months away

Veteran's Day 2009



When a group of professional people asked a group of 4-to-8- year olds, "What does love mean?" one replied, "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen."

This is what happened to me when I accepted to be the guest speaker at the first Veteran's Day Service at Western local school in Pike County Ohio. I arrived at the school an hour early to find out what the agenda was and to greet the other veterans as they arrived for the program.

The 9th to 12th grade students started talking to me about what military life was like and told me that in their eyes active service members and veterans are all heroes. I explained to them that we are ordinary people that have the privilege to serve our country when called upon to do so. Some twenty minutes had passed and the other veterans started to arrive, and me being the only one in uniform, they joked and said, "I was the only one who could still fit into the uniform."

I felt so humbled when I talked to some of the veterans about the experiences they had endured during their time of service. The World War II veteran who fought right after the Battle of the Bulge. The Korean War veteran who had endured fifty degree below zero weather in North Korea. The Vietnam veteran who fought in the jungles of South Vietnam, and some still suffered from the effects of Agent Orange. I spoke to veterans who had served during the Gulf War. I told them I worked with a group of

guys from the 40th MAPS and 87th APS during that war. I loaded aircraft and put together pallets to support operation Desert Shield side at Norfolk Naval Air Station in Virginia. A highlight was meeting a veteran who served on the Honor Guard at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington D.C. The program went really great, even my speech wasn't that bad, and all thirty veterans that attended will never forget the honor that was bestowed upon us that morning. And when you really think about it, maybe, just maybe, we truly are heroes in the student's eyes.

James Williamson, MSgt,
87th APS, Retired, October. 2005

Jim served in both the Army and Air Force. He is best known as a great public speaker. He constantly helped others understand the importance of doing the best job they could. He also stressed being ready for the next promotion. Jim finished his last few years of his service in the chemical warfare section in Building 72.

RE-UP FOR THE BENE'S

SMS Gary W Worrell (Retired)



While working at General Telephone & Electronics (GTE) in 1983, I was encouraged by co-workers and Aerial Porters George Wooten, Larry Bourdon, and Ron Noland," Mud Duck" to consider joining the 87th APS at WPAFB. I was 36 years

old and had a 15 year break from the US Army active duty. I was promised by these co-workers to have the opportunity to Patriotic Serve our country, travel the world, make new friends, and drink beer with both hands. I thought what a deal and I signed up. My first UTA with the 87th APS was in September 1983, I was counted as AWOL. I reported at O dark 30 on Saturday, only to find most of the Squadron had taken off to Dover AFB for a 3 day fly a-way week-end on Friday afternoon.

I was fortunate enough to be joined by fellow airmen newbie's Geoff Stamp, Bob Johnson, John Chapman, Jeff Fisher, Russ Baldwin and some young kid named Rick Little. We were assigned to the very meek training instructor permanent TSgt Steve Reynolds. After too many boring training weekends, I was finally assigned to TSgt Upshaw's ramp team, with such dubious characters as Bobby Orr, Mark Krucivich, Lester Cantrell, Roger Mink, Rick Little, and many others. For the first time in my military career, I found out that shaving waivers were available. We had a lot of fun and great teamwork moving Log Air cargo at the old Freight Terminal. Lunch breaks were usually enjoyed and consumed in the parking lot out of brown paper bags or at Victory Laps around perimeter road.

Finally in May 1984, I got orders for my first summer camp at "Roll Over In The Clover", Dover AFB. We got introduced to the C-5 flight line and humping cargo, seemingly all up hill. The big challenge after shift change, was to cross the highway without getting run over, going to the old Quonset Hut, "THE BROWN FOX". On Friday & Saturday nights, it was a little bit more than just entertaining. Some of us managed to find the "Heart Break Hotel" and have a rip roaring time, trying to stand up on the tide warped floor. The best kept 87th APS secret is that Roger Mink was hands down the 87th Beer Drinking Champion ever!!! While playing softball pass outside the "Ramp Shack" with Dick King, I uncorked a wild one and placed a huge dent in Hotdog's POV. Needless to say, that didn't make the fine line between Active Duty and Reserves any better.

In August 1985, I went on my first overseas Annual Tour to Rhein Main AB,

Germany. The exchange rate was 3.5-1 and shopping for Hummel's, Tours, and Bier Gardens were real affordable. Several of us went on the 3 day, 3 country tour "Austria, Switzerland, and Liechtenstein", for about \$50. During the first week of that AT, Roger Mink and I were suddenly awakened about 0700 hours at the Transit Quarters after a long night at the NCO Club by a super loud explosion and our room window was shattered. I at first thought a plane had wrecked on the flight line. I noticed a large piece of auto headlight on my bunk and we immediately evacuated the Transit Quarters. We found later that, the Red Faction Army Group, was claiming responsibility, and had detonated a car loaded with TNT beside the Headquarters building across the street. The explosion created a hole 6 feet deep through the blacktop and sent debris including tree limbs flying. Some were stuck side-ways in brick buildings in the surrounding area. The tile roofs were peeled up from the tremendous blast. An American was killed in an attempt to take out the Base Commander. Jesse Pope and other 87th members were just walking back from shift change, and luckily escaped Harm's Way.

There would be many more annual tours, UTA's, deployments, Christmas Party's, and military events to follow over the years, as friendships strengthened, lasting great memories were formed, and that burning desire to Patriotic Serve our country through our 87th Aerial Port Squadron.

"GO AIR FORCE"!!!!!!

SMS Gary W Worrell, Retired, September 2006

Gary was a four stripper in this photo. He was preflighting a C5. Gary was promoted many times and was appointed the SNCOIC for Ramp Services in 2000 he retired in September 2006. Gary helped to prepare many Aerial Porters for their next promotion. Gary was a great mentor and he made sure people stayed focused on the mission and the big picture.

Consistency

By Tom Kanoza



What is it about the Air force Reserves that make us get up on a nice Saturday morning and spend that weekend getting gassed, poked, prodded, stuffing ourselves at lunch, listening about what you didn't do right, or the need to do it differently ---- oh and don't forget the training.

We all have our reasons for spending 25% of our weekends in the Reserves. Could it be patriotism, camaraderie, friendship, sense of family, travel, honor, pride, or being part of something bigger?

Over the past 30 years all of these words have come to mind for me as I have had a lot of weekends to think about it. I still remember the first day of boot camp, the first day at training school, the first annual tour, and now I'm reminiscing towards retirement. I still remember the reason I joined; that was to be a part of something bigger and to actually serve my country.

As the years passed, I learned many things, was involved in many events. I was proud to be a part of the big picture, but there was one word I continually heard in my mind and that was - consistency.

Consistency in knowing what I had to do to succeed, consistency in knowing that I was friends with individuals that had similar reasons for being in the Reserves. The consistency in knowing that if you truly worked hard, had a good attitude, and participated in what wherever opportunities came by that you would gain rank, make more money, build confidence and become a leader. We all know the words; Integrity, service before self, and excellence in all you do.

As an Air Force Reservist, I have traveled all over the world, been involved in activities that few people get a chance to be involved in, to meet and be associated with a great group of individuals, to be a part of something big. As a civilian or "regular guy" I have also traveled all

over, I have flown airplanes even jumped out of one, I'm an engineer by trade working in a career that is truly rocket science. I have helped coach sports teams, been a Boy Scout, a Boy Scout mentor, a spiritual mentor, and many other things. I have had the opportunities to do and see things in my life that still give me goose bumps when I lay my head down on the pillow at night.

I'm sure many of you have had similar wonderful things in your life, many things to be thankful for. I'm also sure that from time to time you wanted consistency in your life to help get through the rough times.

Many of us have had challenges and changes in our lives. Some of you know that I went through a life-changing event of losing my wife at a young age to cancer. My life chanced as a result, my way of thinking, my friends, my career, and my family. The one thing that stayed consistence was my Air Force unit (the 87th APS). They were always there and were always supportive. Yes, I still get poked, prodded, and I'm still learning, but the consistency that the Air Force has provided in my life has helped maintained my focus, it has maintained my integrity, and has helped me to continue to excel in all that I do.

Tom Kanoza

SMS Air Force Reserves, Active Reservist

Tom started out in Supply and served on active duty at WPAFB in the late 70's, he then joined 73rd APS Reserve unit in Texas. He was selected Carswell Airman of the Qtr and was introduced to ride the F-4 Phantom, plus pick-up CAT B officer slot. Timing was off due to job opportunities and a move from Dallas to Cincinnati, he has no regrets. He joined the 87th APS in 1980, and then transferred to the 40th MAPS at Rickenbacker AFB to do some camping out as he calls it. He returned to the 87th during the 40th/87th merge. Tom is still with the 87th and is well known for his retirement roasts. He has a real interest in mentoring younger Airman just as he, and truly puts service before self.

Membership Information

Members as of Nov 30 42 The names of the first 42 members are listed in the last newsletter.
 New Members 35
 Total Members as of Jan 25 77

New Members

Last Name	First Name	Street Address	City	St	Zip
Anders	William R	1508 South 36th RR#10	Quincy	IL	62301
Andrews	Robert E	2523 Aberdeen Ct	Troy	OH	45373
Bishop	Pam	2175 Mississippi Drive	Xenia	OH	45385
Bond	Keith D	5973 W Reformatory RD	Fortville	IN	46040
Bowman	Beth	7008 St. Rt. 66	Fort Loramie	OH	45845
England	Ronnie E	2285 Hazelton Ave	Riverside	OH	45431
Grulick	Steven L	4684 Elysian Way	Dayton	OH	45424
Hampton	Barry G	3105 Spring Valley Drive	Erlanger	KY	41018
Haught	Deborah	515 Ridgefield Rd	Newark	OH	43055
Hodge	Samuel E	12801 Walnut Creek Drive	Alexandria	KY	41001
Jamison	Robert G	3565 Wilkinson Road	Eaton	OH	45320
Jones	James M	3910 Old Springfield Rd	London	OH	43140
Kalmar	Joseph M	112 E West ST	Troy	OH	45373
Kanoza	Thomas	5475 Creek Bend DR	West Chester	OH	45069
Knorr	Stephen	7110 Motts Place RD	Canal Wincheste	OH	43110
Little	Richard	4855 Open Meadow DR	Independence	KY	41051
Lyons	Michael G	4151 Stonewall Circle	Dayton	OH	45415
Markham	Charles R	329 East Avenue	Panama City	FL	32401
Moosbrugger	Richard C	913 Chesire Cr.	Celina	OH	45822
Muir	Kevin	4191 Fox Fern CT	Beavercreek	OH	45432
Palmer	Marshall J	7916 W Prospect Road	Hillsboro	OH	45133
Parker	Roger E	145 Front ST	Groveport	OH	43125
Perry	Charles L	1042 Antioch RD	Wilmington	OH	45177
Redwine-Smith	Helen	577 Winona DR	Fairborn	OH	45324
Smedley	Michael D	10110 Markley Road	Laura	OH	45337
Smith	Barry L	320 Beechgrove Drive	Englewood	OH	45322
Smith	Ed	577 Winona DR	Fairborn	OH	45324
Smith	Ralph D	6533 Clearview Lake DR	Hamilton	OH	45011
Theiss	Judith	3115 S Parsons Ave	Columbus	OH	43207
Warren	Richard P	3066 Crawford Toms Run RD	Brookville	OH	45309
Williamson	James	37 Green Ridge RD	Peebles	OH	45660
Williamson	Kevin E	1863 Muskegon DR	Cincinnati	OH	45255
Worrell	Gary W	102 West Walnut Street	Farmersville	OH	45325
Young	Timothy D	388 Lincoln Drive	Carlisle	OH	45005
Zorb	Charles R	649 Amber Trail	Cincinnati	OH	45244

A PDF copy of the membership form is located out our web site at www.87apsa.com. It is on the Forms and newsletters page. We are actively looking for active and former 87th APS members to join our association. Please share your copy of the newsletter and help us recruit new members. The membership rules are listed in the constitution and the bylaws which is listed on our web site. Having more members will make for better reunions and will keep everyone in touch.

Here is a reprint from the 1st newsletter. Many members have not seen this.

June 3-6, 2010 Reunion in Fort Mitchell, KY

Please plan to join the current and former members of the 87th APS at the 2010 reunion. This is a 4 day event that will allow you to enjoy your off duty time, dinner and drinks with your military pals. You will also be able to visit the local Cincinnati area attractions.

We understand that not everyone can attend all 4 of the days. Please consider coming even if it is only for the Saturday dinner banquet. The reunion dates are June 3 thru 6, 2010 at the Drawbridge Inn. The Inn is located in Fort Mitchell, KY. This is just south of the Ohio River along I-75 at exit 186. The Inn will have rooms available for a June 2nd check-in for early arrivals. People who will fly to the reunion and come in early can make a small vacation of this reunion. You can also consider calling up your local buddy in the Cincinnati area to see if you can stay with them for a few nights.

Terry Scott has been working with the Northern Kentucky Convention & Visitors Bureau on activities for the week-end. Maybe you will enjoy a River Boat cruise with lunch. There is the Newport on the levee for shopping and leisure activities. There is also the Hofbrau Haus

for those of us who can't seem to get enough German Beer.

The reunion dinner and banquet will be Saturday evening with a buffet style dinner. Our plans are to ask the first Unit Commander (Col Yingling) and some of the former commanders to give speeches. They will highlight the changes the 87th has gone through during the last 33 years.

Every attendee will be responsible for making their own reservations and meal choices.

We plan to vote for officers and review the constitution and by laws. We will also plan for the next reunion. We can use the banquet dinner to announce the discuss association business and vote on association issues.



Membership Committee

Don Fair, Rob Jamison, Jo Ellen Mason, Don Newbauer, Dave Ludinich, and Paul Webb are helping us find these below listed people. If you have a good address or phone number for them then please mail it to us and we will make sure the committee gets this information.

Looking For

William Adams
James Baker
Michael Beatty
Albert Belcher
Tony Caldwell
Evelyn Carr
Diana Cheatham
Craig Clark
Mary Clause
Jamie Cook
Cliff Cooper
Terrence Cox
Don Crawford
William Delaughter
Janet Durbin
Kenneth Elking
Natasha Estes
Carlton Francis
Jeffrey Fulton
Michael Gloeckner
Jerimee Graham
Leslie Hamilton
Dallas Hanna
Jessica Hebert
Brad Hoelscher
Charles Ingram
Joseph Jorgensen
Anthony Kapalczyns
Michelle Kimble
Kimberly Kirkland
Robin Lee
Larry Lehman
Julie Lundberg
James Lutz
Michael Martini
Eric Masters
Randy Merrow
Cynthia Morris
Tina Perry
Brian Petrucci
David Pettigrew
Pamela Reed
David Robinson
William Schneider
William Shanks
Andrew Stephens
Kenneth Thomas
Ernist Travis
Sammie Whitman
Antoni Williams
Orlando Wyatt

Treasurer's Report

By Bob Cepluch

As of January 17th, 2010

Beginning Balance \$568.26

Income

Membership Dues (38@\$20.00) \$740.00

Donations \$ 80.00

Total Income \$820.00

Expenses

Office Supplies and Postage \$123.30

Ending Balance 1/17/2010 \$1285.56

All donations will remain anonymous unless donor gives permission to use his/her name.

Presidents Message

At this writing the temperature outside is 21 degrees and our thoughts are on June and the Reunion. The Holidays are behind us and we are returning to our normal routines. The Committee is refreshed, re-energized and focused like lasers on the job of finalizing all of the little details for the reunion. Just to let you know the dedication of this committee some of us stopped at the Hofbrau Haus one evening last week to make sure they were still brewing beer and would have an ample supply for the reunion. I am happy to report the beer is still as fresh and delicious as ever and there is plenty of it.

Included with this Newsletter you will find the information to reserve your rooms at the Drawbridge Inn. When you call the Hotel tell them you are with the 87th APSA Reunion to get the special rate. The Reunion dates are June 3 - June 6 but if you arrive on June 2nd the special rate still applies.

Also included is the Reunion Registration Form. THIS FORM IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THE

COMMITTEE because this is where we get the names to put on the nametags you will wear while at the reunion. Also on this form please select your meals for the Buffet Dinner on Saturday evening, number of people attending the dinner and the reunion fee. Total it at the bottom and mail the form along with your check to, 87th APSA, P.O. Box 15585, Covington, Ky. 41015. We are only 4 months away from the Reunion so please make your reservations and return the registration form to us ASAP.

Tom has set up our website so please check it out. www.87apsa.com. There is a lot of info there for you to peruse at your leisure. Hoping to see all of you very soon.

Charlie Hampton
President

Contact Information

Please send us a email or a letter when you change your address, phone number or email address so we can keep our records accurate and current. If your information as listed in the newsletter is incorrect, them, please let us know.

Mailing Address

87th Aerial Port Association
PO Box 15585
Covington, KY 41015

Email the.87apsa@yahoo.com

Governing Body

President	Charlie Hampton
Vice President	James Hampton
Vice President	Terry Scott
Treasurer	Bob Cepluch
Newsletter	Tom McVey
Supply	Harvey Hampton

June 2010 - Reunion Registration Form 87th Aerial Port Squadron Association

When requesting motel reservations let the Drawbridge Inn know that it's for the 87th APS Association reunion. Nightly room rates for this event will be \$78.00 (plus tax). Reservations can be made by contacting the:

DRAWBRIDGE INN
2477 Royal Drive
Fort Mitchell, Kentucky 41017-3599
www.drawbridgeinn.com
Telephone 800-354-9793 Fax 859-341-5644

Please complete this form and mail it back to the association for banquet planning. There are a number of behind the scene logistics that require getting this information in a timely manner. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation and prompt response.

87th APS Members Name _____

Guest (First Name Only) _____
(preferred first name of guest for name badge purposes)

Registration Fee \$15.00 member - **\$15.00**
Registration Fee \$10.00 per guest - Number of guests @ **\$10.00 each** ___ = \$ _____

Registration fees helps pay for non-alcoholic drinks and snacks in the hospitality room for the three day event. We are also responsible for paying the bartenders during the banquet.

There will be a cash bar available during the banquet. We ask that everybody be seated by 1800 hours so we can have the POW/MIA ceremony prior to dinner at 1830 hours.

Saturday Night Banquet \$17.95 or \$16.95 per person. Choices of Entree:

Hand Carved Top Round of Beef - **Number** ___ x **\$17.95** = \$ _____
Served with Au Jus

or

Tuscan Chicken - topped with **Number** ___ x **\$16.95** = \$ _____
Tomato, Mozzarella & Parmesan Cheese

Total \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD Check or Money Order payable to: 87 APS Association. There will be a \$25.00 fee charged on checks returned by the bank due to insufficient funds.

Please mail registration forms and money to : 87th APS Association
P.O. Box 15585
Covington, KY 41015

Did you call the Draw Bridge Inn and make a reservation? _____ Y/N

What date do you plan to arrive _____ depart _____ .

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Covington, KY 41015



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