



2010 Reunion Edition

1st Reunion 3-6 June 2010

Sixty Seven 87th APSA members and 29 guests attended the 1st 87th APSA reunion. The hospitality room was set up in Monks Hall and this is where people came to meet old comrades and meet new members of the association. We shared many memories and had three reunion dinners. On Thursday night 20 of us went to the HofBrau Haus. We enjoyed an authentic German dinner and a few drinks. There were numerous toasts and several hearty souls did the chicken dance to live music.



Seated from the left, Terry Scott, Harvey Hampton, Dave Ludinich, Alicia Lundinich, June McVey, Tom McVey, Don Newbauer, Leslie Contrell, Barry Hampton. Greg Doeffert is in the background on the left side.

Friday was a busy day with the arrival of many members and guests. Everyone enjoyed the pictures and aircraft models that were set up in the hospitality room. James Hampton displayed an original C-97 Stratofreighter load adjustor which was in mint condition. Our group of 30 dinned at the Montgomery Inn and enjoyed an evening out together.

Bob Cephuch managed to keep the original sign from building 147. The 87th served in building 147 starting in 1976. This sign was on display at the entrance to Monks hall.

Saturday was very busy as the majority of the members and guests arrived. The day started out with the business meeting. We began with the pledge of allegiance. Charlie Hampton spoke to the members about the reasons for starting the association and his appreciation for the founding members for the key roles they played in starting up the association. Terry Scott read the minutes from the last meeting; Bob Cephuch gave the treasure's report and addressed old business. Charlie Hampton and James Hampton read the constitution. The By Laws were ready by Charlie Hampton, Terry Scott, Harvey Hampton, Bob Cephuch, Dave Ludinich, Tom McVey, Don Newbauer and Paul Webb.

We then opened the floor to proposed changes and the members voted to incorporate a limit to the amount of gifts and honorariums. The original constitution and the modified By Laws were then voted on and adopted by the members in attendance. A vote for the 1st and 2nd place Newsletter articles was also conducted.

Trustees, officers and appointed governing members were voted on. Dave Ludinich was elected as a Vice President. Keith Bond, Don Fair, Ron Thomas and Paul Webb were elected as trustees. Bob Cephuch, Charlie Hampton, Harvey Hampton, James Hampton, Tom McVey and Terry Scott will continue in their current roles.

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Everyone then went out to various restaurants to have lunch with fellow 87th APS association members. We all then reassembled back in Monks Hall. Everyone greeted and mingled with all the reunion members and drank a few cool ones.

Around 5 PM we began to prepare for the evening dinner. The Honor Guard and all of the guest speakers had arrived. The dinner started off at 6 PM with the Honor Guard posting the colors. The MIA and POW ceremony was lead by MSgt Mike Bailey. We then proceeded to enjoy a buffet dinner and opened the cash bar. Jim Hampton was our MC and Jim introduced the

guest speakers and help in the presentation of awards and gifts.



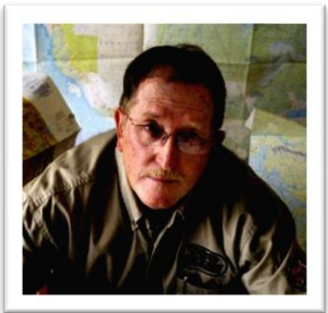
Pete Yingling was the first commander for the 87th APS. Pete was also our first guest speaker, he told us about the early days of the 87th. Pete told us that the 87th was at one time an active duty squadron stationed in McCel-

lan AFB in California. Around 1976 the squadron was transferred to the reserves. Members would join up at Rickenbacker AFB and then report for duty at Wright Patterson AFB. The unit worked out of building 147 which was reported to be an old wooden shack located right next to base Ops.



Major John Marang is the current commander for the 87th APS. John became the commander of the 87th in May 2010. His father, Richard Marang was also present. We were all touched as John told us that his father was a former aerial porter, who had served in the 40th

MAPS. The 40th MAPS was merged with the 87th APS in 1994. John also gave us an update on the many tasks and training requirements that the current members of the 87th have to now do in order to be ready for wartime support.



Colonel Dean Smittle who provides commentary on the Jim Scott Morning Show on WLW-AM, presented his slide show which showed pictures of the soldiers whom are now fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Smittle also

touched on the military technology of Net Centric Warfare, which integrates information gathered from satellites above and from battle commanders on the ground.

Cross Country Travelers

We had a few long distance cross country travelers come to the 1st reunion. Jeffrey Stamp drove from Rio Rancho, New Mexico. Per Google maps this is 1,420 miles. Pete Yingling came from Gettysburg, PA, 456 miles. Glen Ruswinkle came from Roswell, GA, 452 miles. I think these travelers came the longest distances. Congratulations for coming so far to our reunion. We hope you can make it back next year. I hope that I didn't miss anyone traveling over 400 miles.

MC Remarks

It was a great honor and privilege to have been asked to MC our first reunion. The dinner ceremony was, being our first quite long. But we didn't want to leave anyone out and needed to cover all the bases. From our first CO and 1st Sgt to the current CO and 1st Sgt as well as many others.

The attendance numbers were a little lower than we expected but that didn't deter the officers and committees from forging ahead. We are in the early planning stages of our next reunion in 2011. In all probability it will be in the WPAFB area and hopefully on a UTA weekend. Seeing guys and gals I hadn't seen in 25 years was just fantastic. Hopefully by the next reunion we will see a lot more.

Near the end of the reunion you may recall that I got a little emotional. Looking around the room I spotted my son Jimmy and his lovely wife Candace. Jim was an 87th member late 70s/early 80s. And at the same time for some reason, I thought of my late wife. She lost her life in a tragic accident in October 1995. Killed while crossing the street, it was a tragic time for my 8 children and me.

Maybe she was looking down over the reunion and letting me know she was there. What ever the reason, I got a lump in my throat and couldn't speak. Unusual for me. Once again it was a GREAT honor. Until next time.

JIM HAMPTON

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Harvey Barry



Steve Steve Geoffrey



Steve Ron



Ron



Karl Sharon



Don Dave



Charlie Jeff



Kevin Mike



Bob Mike Rob John



Phyllis Leslie



Charlie Rhonda



Pete Glen



Harvey Keith



Don Charlie



Honor Guard



Charlie gets a gift Clock

Good times and a few drinks were enjoyed by members and guests in Monks Hall.



We had a buffet dinner, a cash bar, awards and a 50/50 raffle. There were three guest speakers.



A VIEWPOINT FROM A FIRST SERGEANT'S SIDE OF THE DESK

As I look back over my years as 87 APS First Sergeant, I recall what a great squadron it was and still is. Those were very enlightening years for me and what made them that way was the PEOPLE in the squadron. During my 7 years as First Sergeant, I was very fortunate to have been able to serve in that position for the first three squadron commanders: LTC Carl (Pete) Yingling, LTC Donald Stallard and LTC Karl Schultz.

All of the officers and enlisted were very special people. I noticed when I first joined the 87th in 1979 that all personnel were professional people. They wanted to be there! With very few exceptions, there were no serious discipline problems. Given the number of personnel we had, that was an amazing fact. Sure, we had the occasional issues, but those problems were easily resolved. I can honestly say we had excellent mid level team chiefs and our senior leadership was always operating in a mission with safety first mode. I don't recall much grumbling as sections were charged with performing the tasks assigned to them.

When new members arrived, they were assigned to a team chief and were soon working with their team as if they had been a part of it all along. What camaraderie we had! Our senior NCOs were well suited in their duties and could take a team of people anywhere and accomplish the tasks assigned. When a team came home, there was always a letter of commendation to follow from that faraway station. The world was aware of the 87th APS!

I was very humbled and at the same time, very proud to be an 87 APS First Sergeant and I feel that each First Sergeant before and after me felt the same way. The First Sergeant position is not a popularity contest. Sometimes decisions had to be made that were based on completion of our

mission. I liked and respected every member of our great squadron equally. I still today talk of all 87th members with fond memories.

In summary, when I attended the First Sergeant Academy, I can remember going into the building and seeing a big poster saying, simply:

**I AM A FIRST SERGEANT
MY JOB IS PEOPLE
EVERYONE IS MY BUSINESS**

I know I and all other 87 APS First Sergeants feel that way.

Paul A. Webb SMSgt, USAF (Ret.)

Treasurer's Report

By Bob Cepluch

Activity 1 September 2009 to June 15th 2010.

Income

Membership Dues	1,760.00
Donations	363.00
Reunion Registrations & Meals	2,467.95
Raffles	269.00
Sales of T-shirts, hats and coins	820.00
Total Income	5,679.95

Expenses

Office Supplies and Postage	557.34
T-shirts and hats	518.54
PO Box Rental	48.00
Logo Ink Pens	191.49
McHale's Catering, LLC	2,314.02
Total Expenses	3,629.39

Ending Balance June 15, 2010 2,050.56

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

Member	Last Name	First Name
001	Hampton	Charles A
002	Hampton	James G
003	Hampton	Harvey L
004	McVey	Thomas E
005	Cepluch	Robert F
006	Scott	Terry L
007	Doerfert	Gregory E
008	Johnson	Dannie L
009	Schultz	Karl B
010	Cline	Keith A
011	Young	Rodney E
012	Carey	Richard M
013	Ruswinkle	Glen G
014	Webb	Paul A
015	Yingling	Carl G
016	Miller	Michael
017	Thomas	Ronald P
018	Arthur	Charles G
019	Stamp	Geoffrey T
020	Cantrell	Leslie D
021	Fair	Donald E
022	Hampton	David F
023	Hampton	Robert W
024	Indalecio	Juan M
025	Gregoncza	Ron J
026	Newbauer	Donald E
027	Ludinich	David A
028	Thwaites	Thomas W
029	Orr	Robert L
030	Mason	Jo Ellen
031	Meade	Barry D
032	Neblett	Terry W
033	Nakoff	Michael H
034	Hampton	James A
035	Johnson	Jeffrey P
036	Rusnak	Russell
037	Robbins	Larry E
038	Chatman	John S
039	Barth	Duncan N
040	Ware	John
041	Moorman	Larry E
042	Post	James C
043	Smith	Ralph D
044	Palmer	Marshall J
045	Markham	Charles R
046	Jamison	Robert G
047	Bishop	Pam
048	Hampton	Barry G
049	Worrell	Gary W
050	Jones	James M

Member	Last Name	First Name
051	Smith	Barry L
052	Smedley	Michael D
053	Moosbrugger	Richard C
054	Parker	Roger E
055	Young	Timothy D
056	England	Ronnie E
057	Hodge	Samuel E
058	Kalmar	Joseph M
059	Redwine-Smith	Helen
060	Smith	Ed
061	Knorr	Stephen
062	Muir	Kevin
063	Williamson	James
064	Theiss	Judith
065	Haught	Deborah
066	Kanoza	Thomas
067	Little	Richard
068	Bond	Keith D
069	Bowman	Beth
070	Warren	Richard P
071	Zorb	Charles R
072	Anders	William R
073	Grulick	Steven L
074	Perry	Charles L
075	Andrews	Robert E
076	Lyons	Michael G
077	Williamson	Kevin E

Member	Last Name	First Name
078	Sease	Tracy
079	Little	Catherine
080	Dils	Rodger A
081	Sutherland	Larry
082	Haye	Robert
083	Justice	Clell
084	Lambright	Steven
085	Stallard	Donald
086	Dale	Ronald
087	Brown	Sally
088	Opp	Timothy
089	Gauger	Gordon
090	Wilson	Robyn

Annual Dues

The governing body has agreed to keep the annual dues at just \$20 per year

Your annual membership dues will now be due on the month in which you first joined the 87th APS Association.

Starting in September, we will begin to send out postcards in the mail. These will notify you to send in your annual membership dues.



Operation Burger 2010

11 September, 2010 9 am to 1 PM

We are planning a grill out for the 87th APS guys and gals. We will be serving burgers and hot dogs for lunch.

Please call Tom McVey 513-377-0472 or Dave Ludinich 740-334-1272 to help us support the 87th members whom are still serving. You can meet some of the newer members and greet some of your older pals whom are still in.

UTA Schedule for 2011

- Oct 16-17
- Nov 20-21
- Dec 11-12
- Jan 8-9
- Feb 5-6
- Mar 5-6
- Apr 16-17
- May 21-22
- Jun 25-26
- Jul 9-10 (Reunion)
- Aug 6-7
- Sep 10-11

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Newsletter History

In September, 2009, we established our newsletter in order to communicate with members and to help with membership drives. We reprint stories that we receive from our members and publish our lists of members.

In May 2010, we voted on the official name for the newsletter. After two rounds we agreed upon the 87th APSA News 'N Views.

Votes for the top two articles were collected during the business meeting on Saturday, 5 June, 2010. Harvey Hampton won first prize and was presented the rooster award. Harvey promised to return the rooster to the next reunion so it can be a traditional gift which will be presented at the next reunion. We hear that Nancy is anxious for the next reunion and is looking forward to having the rooster out of her house. Hang in their Harvey, only 10 months to the next reunion.

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, then, please let us know.

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Presidents Message

In March of 2009 Harvey and I walked in to the Drawbridge Inn and told them we wanted to schedule a Military Reunion. She said great how many people are you expecting and I said 300. She said you don't know what your doing do you and I said no I don't. She said let's start with 14 people. One hour later we left the Hotel with a date and a contract for the reunion and we hadn't contacted one person. Our work was cut out for us. We had fourteen months to get this thing together. We soon enlisted help from

Jim Hampton, Bob Cepluch, Terry Scott and Tom McVey and we were off and running.

I am happy to report to the membership that our total attendance was 96 people. A far piece from my original 300 but much better than 14. The reunion was a great event and we want to thank all of you that attended and made our first reunion a great success. Everyone there had a wonderful time renewing old friendships, laughing, golfing, socializing or just reminiscing. Our attendees stayed at the Drawbridge Inn more than 50 room nights in total so the Association was presented a \$250.00 check from the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitor's Bureau. We were surprised but happily accepted the check on behalf of our members.

We also conducted the first business meeting of the Association and held elections for Officers and Trustees. I was elected President and wish to thank the members that were present for the faith and confidence in me to fill this position. Please know that the business of the Association will always be conducted with the best interests of our members as first priority. I also want to thank the Officers and Trustees that were elected and installed into their respective offices. Visit our web site to view the elected and appointed officers and be sure to thank them for filling these positions.

We have many exciting things to plan and organize and you will be notified when we have more details. Committee assignments are being made. Jim Hampton has agreed to be Chairman of the reunion committee. Jim has already started planning the reunion for next year and he may be calling on some of you to help on this committee. Organizing a reunion is a lot of work and Jim will appreciate your assistance. The next reunion will be at the Hope Hotel on 7-8 July 2011. I asked Tom McVey to be Chairman of the membership committee and he has agreed. Tom will need help with this committee and may be calling on some of you also. Contacting past members of the 87th APS is where our membership comes from so please help and spread the word. We currently have 90 members and would like to add 50 to that number before the next reunion.

Until next time.
Charlie

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