



March 2011 Edition

Featured Article – It's a Wonderful Life



Ron Dale on his 2 week annual tour
at Hickam AFB in 2002

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

I was born in 1952 and raised to believe that the military was just a way to kill off the young men of the country. Besides, my family always told me that I wouldn't have to worry, because I was too skinny, and my eyes were too bad, so the service would ever want me anyway. With this in mind, I didn't give much thought about serving my country.

In 1972, I received a notice from the draft board, informing me that my lottery number was 29 and that I needed to report for a physical. I still didn't concern myself about the reality of this matter until I was told that I had passed my physical. It was then that my whole life changed, and I began to believe in myself. When I went home, I told my wife that I had passed my physical. We were both saddened because of the unknown.

We had only been married for a year and this looked like the beginning of the end for us. After sitting there for a while worrying about what we were facing, I told my wife Judy that if it would make her feel better, tomorrow I'll go and join the Air Force. After all I would rather spend four years in the Air Force then two years in the Army.

We both felt good about that decision, and looking back I can say that my military experience has been a highlight of my life.

I went to the Air Force recruiter, and he told me that there was an opening in Egress. "Great," I said, "what's that?"; he explained that it was working on airplane doors and seats. I couldn't imagine what could go wrong with a door or a seat on an aircraft that it would take four years to fix.

In August of 1972, I went to San Antonio Texas for basic training. I still was unsure about Egress, but, unlike some of the airmen basic trainees, I knew what career field I was going into before I ever started. Six months later I went to technical school at Chanute AFB Rantoul, Illinois. This is where I realized that the recruiter "just happened" to fail to tell me about Martin Baker ejection seats and canopies (DOORS AND SEATS OF AIR CRAFT) HA! HA! I made the best of it and found myself going to Alconbury AB, England for two years. My next assignment was at Shaw AFB, South Carolina for 18 months. In 1976, I completed my active duty enlistment. I then had a 13 year break in service.

In April of 1989, I joined the 87th APS and began to learn from the experts at the 87th about air transportation. I will never forget the many UTA weekends that we would be given box lunches; the Dining Facility was out of the question because of the cargo work load. Log Air was here then, and we experienced a lot of hands on training. I have always enjoyed my Annual Tours (Dover, Charleston, Norfolk, Hickam, Ramstein and Elmendorf) and the teams that I've have been a part of in the 87th.

In 1992, I was given the position of the Safety NCO. The support that I received from the Unit Commander, the senior NCO's, and the members of the 87th made the safety program a success for

the next seventeen years. Now, as a Pax Superintendent, I have a lot of new challenges, but I'm enjoying this new opportunity that has come my way again.

My remaining career with the 87th is short, I overcame the negative slurs of my youth and I have enjoyed serving my country. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, and I can only hope that I have been able to leave a positive outlook on life for others to follow.

SMSgt Ronald Dale

I can remember Ron's many safety briefings while at the squadron and during annual tours. Ron always found some unique ways to keep our attention focused on safety. Ron works for the US Postal service and he is tall and strong like a pro football player. Ron recently was prompted to SMSgt, and he will retire in 2012. Maybe we can persuade Ron to give us a safety briefing at the next reunion.

Facebook Page for the 87th



Back in 2010 James Hartsell set up a Facebook group for the 87th. This group has 70 members and is a place where we can post information about events and news.

I urge you to check it out and decide if you want to get involved with this form of communication.

When in face book search for
 "87th Aerial Port"

87th History Update

We have found more information on the early history for the 87th APS and the 40th MAPS. I have uploaded this history on our website. The 87th history shows that the 87th was first formed up on 8 June 1960. We also found a complete description of the squadron patch and the symbolic meaning of the squadron patch.

The history also shows that during the 70's and 80's that the 76th MAPS merged into the 906 APS and 907 APS. These two APS squadrons then merged in 1981 to form the 40th MAPS, and the 40th MAPS merged with the 87th APS in 1993. I think you will find the history reading interesting. Please visit the web site at www.87apsa.com and go to the history page. A special thanks goes to 87th APSA members Terry Thompson and Judy Theiss for their help in the months of February and March of 2011. Terry mailed in a typed history for the 40th MAPS and the official closing ceremony as conducted by SMSgt. Roger Parker in 1993. Judy sent me this picture from the 1980's in which the 87th and the 40th were working side by side to load supplies destined for Russia. I think the plane is a Russia Antonov An-124 aircraft.



Thanks for Helping

Bob Cepluch, Helen Redwine-Smith, Jim and Katherine Williamson thanks for your help with the editing of this newsletter

Wishing for a speedy Recovery

Nancy Newbauer is having surgery on her foot.

In Memory



Cy Shannon passed away on February 28, 2011. Cy retired shortly after the 40th and 87th merged in 1994. Cy served in the 76th and 40th MAPS. John Curry told me that he remembers that Cy served at Clinton County AFB in the 1960's. Jim Williamson said that Cy was a great person to work with because he knew everything about air transportation.

Cy always helped others and took care of his buddies, was considerate, caring, a great leader and model NCO. Cy worked with Tom Kanoza me at GE in Cincinnati. Cy worked in the engineering department and build model aircraft for tests in wind tunnels. Bob Cepluch, Karl Schultz, Ralph Smith, Tom McVey, Jim Williamson, John Gibson, Tom Kanoza and Norman Hayes attended the visitation.

Article by Tom McVey

Contact Information

Please send us a email or a letter to our PO Box when you change your address, phone number or email address so we can keep our records accurate and current. If we are sending emails to an old address, then please let us know.

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UTA Schedule for 2011

- Oct 16-17
- Nov 20-21
- Dec 11-12 Christmas Party
- 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

Presidents Message

Springtime is only a week away, and our 2nd reunion is fast approaching. The reunion committee, with Helen Redwine-Smith in charge, has made excellent preparations for us, and we are looking forward to seeing everyone there. Included with this newsletter is the reunion registration form. Please mail this form with your check for the banquet dinner to the P.O. Box as soon as possible. Mail the completed form and check to 87th APSA, P.O. Box 15585, Covington, KY 41015. The sooner we receive this form, the better. We need these forms so we can finalize all of the preparations. You will also find information for Hotel reservations. Please call the Hope Hotel to make your room reservations at 937-879-2696.



I am happy to report to the members that the annual audit of the financial books was completed on January 29, and we got a clean bill of health. The audit committee was very helpful to the Treasurer and recommended a few changes to our accounting procedures. Thanks to Keith Bond, Ron Thomas and Don Fair for conducting the audit. The Finance Report can



be found in this Newsletter submitted by our Treasurer Bob Cepluch.

In our last newsletter, I asked for member suggestions on items to be included in the design of the Association coin. We received several ideas,



and the coin has been designed. We will place an order in the next few days with the Coin Company. The new

Coins will be available for sale to members at the reunion. I think you will be very happy with the final design. Thanks to everyone that submitted their ideas.

Please help Tom McVey and Dave Ludinich in their effort to increase our membership numbers. They are asking every member to sponsor one new member. Please call an "old friend" that you served with in the mighty 87th. Get them to join in the fun with you. Several ideas for future events are being discussed such as different functions with the Squadron and a Caribbean Cruise

You can now order items from the store on the web site www.87apsa.com. We had some quality issues but those have now been resolved. Check it out, and place an order for your favorite items.

Many of you know that my Son Robert is serving in the 87th APS. When Rob deployed in January, several members of my family convoyed to the Dayton Airport and arrived at 0330 to see Rob off. Also at the Airport that early morning were LTC John Marang, First Sergeant Mike Brimmer, CMSgt Sean Storms, CMSgt Rob Haye and Master Sergeant Linda Thrasher, all of whom were there in case the deploying Airmen encountered issues that needed to be resolved, and to give the Airmen their support.

I was very happy to see them there. Their presence reminded me why the 87th Aerial Port Squadron is the best in the Air Force reserve. Our thanks and gratitude to all who are still serving our Squadron.

The total number of attendees at the 2010 reunion was 97. We are hoping for at least 150 at the 2011 reunion. Please get those registration forms mailed quickly. We want to see you there!

Charlie Hampton

Treasury's Report

Calendar Year 2010	
Expenses	Amount
Office Expenses	574.05
2010 Reunion Expenses	3,024.05
Donations	175.00
Operation Hamburger at the 87 th	328.69
IRS/Legal Zoom and Non Profit incorporation	671.95
Ending cash Balance 12/31/2010	3,058.72

Bob Cepluch

Member Directory Update

I am working on a member directory that will have for each member's picture and a short biography. I currently have 30 biographies completed.



Robert W Hampton

Samantha and Logan.

Enlisted in 87th APS November 20, 2004. Annual tours in Hawaii and Germany. Enjoy Golf, Reading, Target Shooting and time spent with my Wife Holly and three children; Kandis,



Helen Red-Wine Smith

Active member in the 87th APS since October 1979 to present. Currently employed at 711 Human Performance Wing, Warfighter Interface Division, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as a Program Analyst since November 1971. I enjoy traveling and spending precise time with my grand boys: Noah and Justin, other family members and dear friends.

Please fill out the biography form on page 10 and mail it in so we can complete the member directory. Our plan is to hand out a printed member directory at the 2011 Reunion.

Tom McVey

87th APSA Membership

Our membership is now up to 123 members. During January, February and March these new members joined the 87th.

Cliff Cooper
Eric Pierce
James Gill
Phyllis Plear
Sharron Williams
Shawntel R Golden
David Kalb
April M Murdock
Terry Thompson
George Scott
Rodney F Dailey
Phil Finnegan
John Brice
Paul Wright

Dave Ludinich and I ask you to call some of your 87th friends and let them know about the association. Ask them to consider joining and invite them to attend the next reunion at the Hope



Hotel. If everyone can get just 1 member to join then we can easily get to 200 members. Dave and I can help by mail-

ing out membership forms and newsletters to prospective members. Just contact us at 513-677-6651 (Tom) or 740-828-9707 (Dave). 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.

Full List of Members

Steve Adams
William R Anders
Robert E Andrews
Charles G Arthur
Duncan N Barth
Pam Bishop
Beth Bohman
Keith D Bond
John Brice
Stephen E Bright
Michael D Brimmer
Sally L Brown
William D Burns
Leslie D Cantrell
Richard M Carey
William R Castle

Robert F Cephuch
John S Chatman
Brian H Childers
Keith A Cline
Cliff Cooper
Rodney F Dailey
Ronald E Dale
Rodger A Dils
Gregory E Doerfert
Ronnie E England
Donald E Fair
Phillip Finnegan
Fay M Foster
Craig Gauger
James Gill
Shawntel R Golden
Ron J Gregonczka
Steven L Grulick
Barry G Hampton
Charles A Hampton
David F Hampton
Harvey L Hampton
James A Hampton
James G Hampton
Robert W Hampton
Deborah D Haught
Robert L Haye
Charles E Himes
Samuel E Hodge
Juan M Indalecio
Robert G Jamison
Dannie L Johnson
Jeffrey P Johnson
Timothy L Johnson
James M Jones
Clell Justice
David Kalb
Joseph M Kalmar
Thomas Kanoza
Stephen Knorr
Jack B Lake III
Steven R Lambright
Jacqueline J Larrison
Victor S Lauterbach
Catherine L Little
Richard E Little
David A Ludinich
Michael G Lyons
John M Marang
Charles R Markham
Jo Ellen Mason
Thomas E McVey
Barry D Meade
Michael Miller
Larry E Moorman
Richard C Moosbrugger
Robert F Mosley
Kevin Muir

April M Murdock
Michael H Nakoff
Terry W Neblett
Donald E Newbauer
Timothy Opp
Robert L Orr
Marshall J Palmer
Roger E Parker
Charles L Perry
Evelyn Petrosky
Eric Pierce
Phyllis Plear
James C Post
Helen Redwine-Smith
Larry E Robbins
Russell Rusnak
Glen G Ruswinkle
Karl B Schultz
George Scott
Terry L Scott
Tracy Sease
Michael D Smedley
Barry L Smith
Ed Smith
Ralph D Smith
Donald L Stallard
Geoffrey T Stamp
Barry Storer
Sean D Storms
Larry D Sutherland
Judith L Theiss
Ronald P Thomas
Terry Thompson
Linda S Thrasher
Thomas W Thwaites
John Ware
Richard P Warren
Paul A Webb
Clark B Wierda
Sharron Williams
James V Williamson
Kevin E Williamson
Robyn L Wilson
Gary W Worrell
Carl G Yingling
Rodney E Young
Timothy D Young
Paul Wright
Charles R Zorb

Let's keep
growing.

**87th Aerial Port Squadron Association
2nd Reunion, 07-10 July 2011
Hope Hotel, Wright-Patterson AFB OH**

You are cordially invited to attend our 2nd reunion of all personnel of the 87 Aerial Port Squadron and the Association. As many of you know, our last reunion at Fort Mitchell, Kentucky was a great success. We had approximately 97 in attendance and “all” had a great time. We are hoping the attendance for this reunion will double since we’re having it at the [Hope Hotel](#).

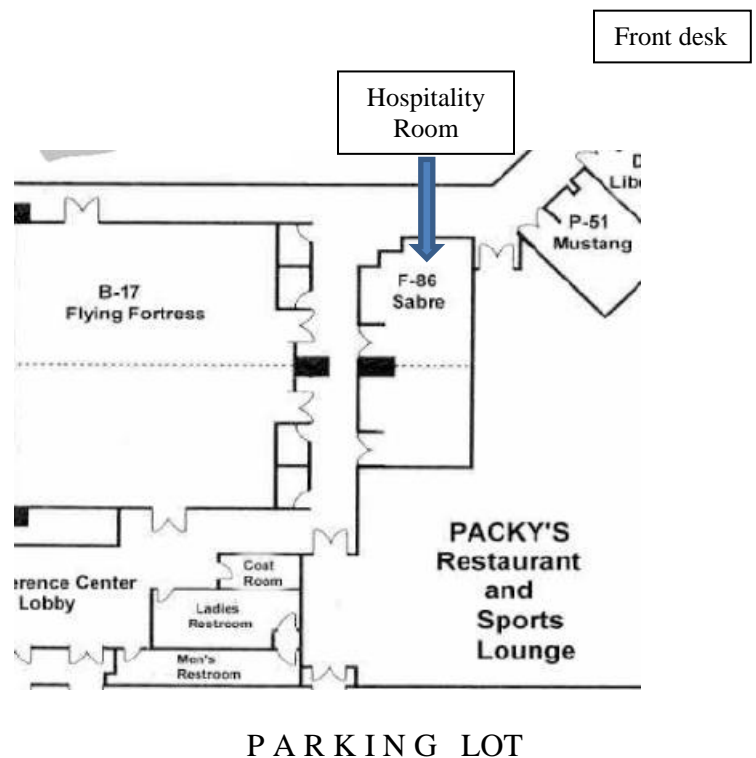
We have many exciting activities planned for you to partake. I would like to give a warm heart thank you to our Reunion Committee: Jim Hampton, Helen Redwine-Smith, Craig Gauger, Sharron Williams and Barry Smith and their volunteers : Rob Jamison, Michael Lyons, Shawntel Golden, John Chapman, Bob Andrews, April Murdock, Cheri Smith, Rhonda Hampton, Alicia Ludinich, Faith Gauger, Patty Cephuch and June McVey for the outstanding work they’re doing to make this reunion a great success. We look forward to seeing you at the reunion.

Hope Hotel Guest Rooms and Amenities include: Refrigerator, Microwave; Ironing Board and Iron, Complimentary Wireless High-Speed Internet Access, Safety Deposit Boxes (no charge), Rollaways/Cribs, Cable TV, Pay Per View Movies, Wake up Service, Outdoor Patio, Packy's Sports Bar & Grill (Sunday thru Thursday, 6:00 AM – 10:00 PM and Friday & Saturday, 6:00 AM – 11:00 PM) Newsstand, Fax/Copy/Postage Service, Gift Shop/Sundries, Ice and Vending, Complimentary Lighted Parking, Avis/Enterprise Car Rental, RV/Motorcoach Parking, Charter Vans Airport Shuttle (reservations required), and Kitty Hawk Shuttle (official base business only).

After you check-in the hotel, please proceed to the Sabre-Phantom Hospitality Room for your name tag and registration packet which will contain information on all local attractions with street maps of the cities and other pertinent information for the surrounding areas.

Current List of Attendees as of 15 March 2011

- Bob Andrews
- Michael Bailey
- Bob and Patty Cephuch
- John Chapman
- Craig and Faith Gauger
- Charlie and Rhonda Hampton
- Harvey Hampton
- James Hampton
- Rob Jamison
- Dave and Alicia Ludinich
- Tom and June McVey
- April Murdock
- Don Newbauer
- Helen Redwine-Smith
- Barry Smith
- Cheri Smith
- Sharron Williams



2011 REUNION AGENDA
FOR
87th APS ASSOCIATION SCHEDULED EVENTS

THURSDAY, 07 July 2011

NOON – 5:00 PM	Registration in Sabre-Phantom Hospitality Room
3:00 PM	Hotel Check-In
6:00 PM	Dinner @ Officer's Club or The Greene

FRIDAY, 08 July 2011

6:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet available at Packy's for \$6.95
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	Personal Tour of a C-130A (reservations required, please contact Helen via HFrbrn@aol.com NLT 15 June 2011
0915 AM – 10:45 AM	Guided tour of the AF Museum (reservations required, please contact Helen via HFrbrn@aol.com NLT 15 June 2011
11:00 AM – 12:30 AM	Lunch at the AF Museum
1:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Sabre-Phantom Hospitality Room – Open
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Shop to you Drop Ladies @ The Fairfield Mall or The Greene
3:00 PM	Hotel Check-In
5:30 PM	Bingo and Dinner at the Officer's Club

SATURDAY, 09 July 2011

6:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet available at Packy's for \$6.95
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	*Business Meeting - Hospitality Room (Members only)
9:00 AM – 5:30 PM	Sabre-Phantom Hospitality Room – Open
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	On Base Activities: Golf, Jarvis Gym, Wright Field Fitness Center, Kittyhawk Lanes, Community & Family, Movie Theater, etc
1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Tour of the 87 th APS
3:00 PM	Hotel Check-In
6:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Banquet & Entertainment in the Super-Flying Ballroom

*Charlie Hampton will conduct a business meeting in the Hospitality Room on Saturday, 09 July 2011 @ 0730-0830 am. Only paid Association members accompanied with their membership card will be able to attend the meeting. Elections and appointments will be held during the meeting so please join the Association if you haven't already done so. We will accept membership application and payment during the reunion.

SUNDAY, 10 July 2011

6:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet available at Packy's for \$6.95
8:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Hotel Check-Out

87th APS Association - Reunion Guest Speaker

Chief Robert G. Jamison



Chief Master Sergeant Jamison was born in Dayton, OH in 1953 and graduated from Eaton High School in 1971. He enlisted in 1972 and completed Basic Training in October 1972 graduated from Loadmaster School in 1973. He was assigned to the 355 Tactical Airlift Squadron at Lockbourne AFB, OH and later to the 356 Airlift Squadron at Rickenbacker ANGB, OH until 1989. He transferred to the 87th Aerial Port Squadron at Wright Patterson AFB, OH in November 1989 where he served as the Air Reserve Transportation Specialist.

Chief Master Sergeant Jamison was promoted to Chief on 1 May 2000 and served as the Superintendent of the 87th Aerial Port Squadron until his retirement in Oct 2008. He deployed to Manas AB, Kyrgyzstan, Jan – May 2007 where he served as the Superintendent of the 376 ELRS and was responsible for 180 deployed personnel. He also deployed twice to the European Command Joint Movement Center at Patch Barracks, Germany where he served as the night supervisor for OIF/OEF/ European/African airlift. He completed Senior NCO Academy in August 1988, NCO Academy in 1976, Transportation Proficiency School 1990 (Distinguished Graduate), Inspector General School 1990, NCO Academy 1976 and Airdrop Rigger School, 1983

Chief Master Sergeant Jamison's military honors include the Air Medal, the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Air Force Achievement Medal with two oak leaf cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with two oak leaf clusters and Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two oak leaf cluster. He has also received the 5000-Hour Accident Free Flying Award from AMC.

Chief Master Sergeant Jamison is a **member of the 87th Aerial Port Squadron Association**, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Air Force Sergeants Association.

He currently works as a Logistician in the C-17 Foreign Military Sales office at Wright Patterson AFB, OH. He worked the C-17 stand up at Papa AB, Hungary and is currently working the C-17 stand ups for Kuwait, United Arab Emirates and India.

We look forward to having Rob as our guest speaker. Hopefully, Rob will decide to bring in the best pictures from his famous Christmas party slide shows to share with us.

**87th APS Association - 2nd Annual Reunion Registration Form
07-11 July 2011
Hope Hotel, Wright-Patterson AFB OH**

The site of the Reunion is the "Award Winning" Hope Hotel at W-PAFB. Fifty-two rooms have been blocked for the 87th APS Association. King and double sized accommodations are available on a first-come basis. Price is \$75.00 per day per room, tax exempt. Reservations are being accepted NOW through 30 June 2011 via www.hopehotel.com or 937-879-2696. When calling, please mention that you are booking for the 87th APS Reunion.

Please complete the form below and mail it to the Association NLT 27 May 2011. There are a number of behind the scene logistics that require getting this information in a timely manner so your attention in completing and returning this form would be greatly appreciated.

Registration Fees	Qty	Fee	Total	Dinner Selections	Qty Meals
87 th APSA Member		25		#1 Herb Baked Chicken w/Thyme and Rosemary	
Guest Non Military		10		#2 Roast Pork Loin w/Dried Cherries and Cranberries	
Guest Military E6 & above		12		#3 Roast Prime Rib of Beef w/Au Ju	
Total Registration Fees			a)	#4 Penne Pasta sautéed in Olive Oil and Fresh Garlic, Sundried Tomatoes, Asparagus, Mushrooms and Fresh Parmesan Cheese	
<p align="center">Military guests in grades E1 to E5 are exempted from registration fees</p> <p>Pease note: These registration fees pay for expenses related to the rental of the banquet room, hospitality room, dinner surcharges, give away items, 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.</p>				Total meals ordered	
				Total meals times \$22 per meal	b)
				<p>Saturday Night Banquet and Dinner is \$22.00 per person. Above Entrée will be served with Mashed Potatoes, Chef's Choice Veggie, Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Decaf, Tea, and Iced Tea. Desserts: Cheesecake w/Fresh Strawberry or Chocolate Mousse w/Fresh Strawberry</p>	

Total Enclosed \$ _____ a+b (Include both the registration fee and meal selection totals)

PAYMENT METHOD. Before May 27th, Please send a Check or Money Order payable to: 87 APS Association. There will be a \$25.00 fee charged on returned checks.

Your First and Last Name _____

Your guests (*First Names Only*) _____
(Please list the first names of your guests so we can create badges)

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____ Your Hotel name _____

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

Biography form is on reverse side.

If you have not already sent in your short biography then:

- 1) Please write a short 450 character biography similar to the biographies found on page 4.
- 2) Email to me the picture you want me to use
or US mail me your picture and I will return it to you at the reunion.

Your Name

Your short biography – 450 characters.

Tom McVey
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