



## 2011 Reunion Edition

### Second Reunion 3-6 July 2011

Ninety Four members and guests attended the second 87<sup>th</sup> APSA reunion. The hospitality room was set up in the F-86 Saber room where people came, to meet old comrades and greet new members of the association and share memories. On Thursday and Friday evenings some of us went to the Wright Club for dinner and drinks. Several hearty souls disco danced to the live DJ music.

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.



Bob Cepluch managed to keep the original sign from building 147. The 87<sup>th</sup> served in building 147 starting in 1976. This sign was on display at the entrance to the Hospitality Room.

Saturday was when the majority of the members and guests arrived. The day started out with a business meeting. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. Terry Scott read the minutes from the last meeting; Bob Cepluch then gave the treasure's report and we addressed old business. Some members indicated they wanted to get their newsletters via email. We are working on a way to set this up.

Some members then went out to various restaurants in the area to have lunch with fellow 87<sup>th</sup> APS association members. We then reassembled back in the hospitality room. Everyone greeted and mingled with all the reunion members and drank a few cool ones.

Around 5:00 PM we began to prepare for the evening festivities. The dinner started off at 6:00 PM with the Honor Guard posting the colors. The MIA and POW ceremony was conducted by MSgt Mike Bailey. We then proceeded to enjoy a sit down dinner and open

cash bar. Tom McVey was the MC and Tom introduced the guest speakers and assisted with the presentation of awards and gifts.

Rob Jamison was the ART for the 87th APS for over 18 years and was also our guest speaker at this reunion. Rob took the podium and delivered a phenomenal speech.



I think Rob is ready for Saturday Night Live. He had one skit that had everyone in stitches. Rob was telling a story about Jim Tressel, Ohio State football and tattoos. Rob drank some water and took off his jacket. I thought Rob was just getting warm; after all it was hot under the stage lighting. I don't think anyone was prepared as Rob slowly rolled up his sleeves to show the colorful tattoos he had on his arms. There was surprise, laughter and applause from everyone.

Rob's main message was about the unit being a family. He described the feedback he always got from unit deployments that told how well the 87th worked with the active duty units. He said it was due to pulling together as a family in both good and bad times. However, even in times of tragedy, the unit has continued to value and hold together these family relationships. The members care for each other and help out in times of need.

The founding members of the 87<sup>th</sup> APS Association established the Association to keep the camaraderie and friendships made while serving fresh and alive. We want it to still be a part of our lives. I urge you to continue to stay involved and help us support our members and the 87<sup>th</sup> with annual events such as the upcoming grill out on October 15, 2011

Chris Stanley, Director of the Fisher House, presented the history of the Fisher families contributions to the members of the military and the positive impact individual donations were making. The evening ended with entertainment from the singing group "Something Good" who did an excellent job. Please read Charlie's special comments about "Something Good" in his message on page 7.

Tom McVey, Newsletter Editor

[Cross Country Travelers](#)

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

[87th Port Takeover](#)

In June 2011, the 87th participated in a joint port takeover at Andrews AFB MD. Helen Redwine-Smith served as the PAX Superintendent and was ecstatic for her airmen to experience the unmatched annual tour ever in their military career. SRA Eubanks actually worked Air Force One and got a very close view of President Obama boarding AF One. Other 87th airmen supported the airlift of Hiliary Clinton, several congressmen, high-ranking U.S. and foreign officials. See the 445th August Buckeye Flyer at:

<http://www.445aw.afrc.af.mil>

**87th APS takes over Joint Base Andrews port c**

*By Master Sgt. Charlie Miller  
445th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

The 87th Aerial Port Squadron deployed 87 Airmen to Joint Base Andrews, Md., June 6 to 17, to take over port operations.

While in Maryland, the reservists were responsible for running the air terminal operations center, cargo processing, ramp, fleet, passenger services, passport processing and administrative duties.

"It's really total force training," said Lt. Col. Dale Reed, 89th APS commander. "We are building a relationship with the 87th. They were here last year and found out that our mission here at Andrews is unique to any other aerial port in the Air Force."



Second from left, Senior Airman Tony Eubanks, 87th Aerial

The enarical air missions cartoon

[Balad Slideshow](#)

A slideshow with pictures of the 87th APS deployment to Joint Base Balad in the Spring of 2011 was posted to the public website of the 445th Wing. Please copy this link into your browser to see the troops in action in Balad. I recognized the faces of many of our Association members still serving in the 87th.

<http://www.445aw.afrc.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-110527-007.wmv>

The information on this page is available on USAF public websites.



[C-17 – Operational at WPAFB](#)

The 445th received their first C-17 in July, 2011. In August, they had a mission to pick up and deliver the USAF Thunderbirds to the Dayton Airshow. The unit is now sending the C-5's to the bone yard. Ron Gregoncza and I ran into each other at the Dayton Airshow and saw both the C-17 and C-5, which was crewed by the 445th. This shows that over the years the USAFR is continuing to upgrade the equipment used by the Reserves.

[87th History Update](#)

Here is some more of the history of the 87<sup>th</sup> APS.

Unit Emblem Heraldry - This describes our patch before it went to the subdued colors:



“On an ultramarine blue disc, a white oval globe grid lined in ultramarine blue above two brown crates with white centers in base and between a pair of yellow wings fimbriated gold brown; all within a narrow white border. Attached below the disc a yellow scroll edged with ultramarine blue border and inscribed READY SUPPORT in ultramarine blue letters.

Attached above the disc is a yellow scroll edged with an ultramarine blue border. Significance: Blue and yellow are the Air Force colors. Blue alludes to the sky, the primary theater of Air Force operations. Yellow refers to the sun and the excellence required of Air Force personnel. The globe and wings indicate the unit's worldwide capability to deliver both cargo and passengers. The crates refer to the squadron's cargo responsibility.”

This history was provided by James Klein, a former officer of the 87th APS. Around 2000, James went to the MAJCOM historian's (AFRC/HO) office to secure this information of the unit's lineage. James became the commander for the 32nd APS in Pittsburgh PA.

See the original version of the patch on Page 8.



Bob



John

Barry



Jim

Dave



Paul

Keith

Larry



Carol

Dave

Leslie

Barry

Bob



Bob

Rob

Keith



John

Paul

Mike



Sharon

Rhonda

Sharon



Carl

Helen



Leslie

Tom



Barry

Bob

Don



Tom

Carol

Bob

Dave

Hospitality Room and visit to the Air Force Museum.



Robin Mike Bob Leslie



Liza Rich



Steve Geoffrey Mike Gary Jim



Sharon Suzanne



Keith Leslie Ron Larry



Bob Leslie Chong Greg



Terry Sam



Charlie Susan



Ralph Larry Cindy



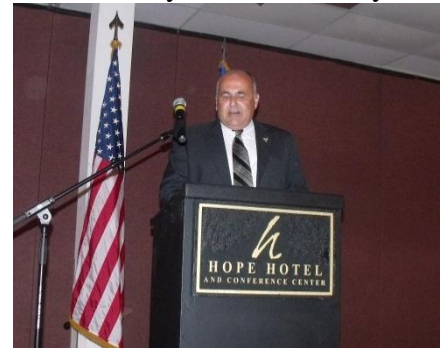
Dave Harvey Paul Jim Terry Charlie



April Rob



Honor Guard



Rob

Saturday Evening Dinner and Banquet



Larry



Don



Rat Pack 2011



Glenda Helen Leo



Holly Robert



Tom Helen Charlie



Something Good



Seven Hampton's and Carl



Jim Suzanne Carl Tom



Cathy Coreen Rich Kevin Charlie



Bob Cathy Rich Kevin Coreen



Bob April

After Dinner – Drinks and Fun in the Hospitality Room

## List of Members

Steve Adams  
 William R Anders  
 Robert E Andrews  
 Charles G Arthur  
 Michael A Bailey  
 Duncan N Barth  
 Beth Bohman  
 Keith D Bond  
 Larry Bourdon  
 John C Brice  
 Stephen E Bright  
 Michael D Brimmer  
 Sally L Brown  
 William M Bryant  
 William D Burns  
 Leslie D Cantrell  
 Larry Cardiff  
 Richard M Carey  
 William R Castle  
 Robert F Cepluch  
 John S Chatman  
 Brian H Childers  
 Keith A Cline  
 Cliff Cooper  
 Gary W Cremeans  
 John M Curry  
 Rodney F Dailey  
 Ronald E Dale  
 Rodger A Dils  
 Gregory E Doerfert  
 Sean P Donelan  
 Ronnie E England  
 Donald E Fair  
 Phillip E 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 S 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  
 Russell Rusnak  
 Glen G Ruswinkle  
 Karl B Schultz  
 George Scott  
 Terry L Scott  
 Tracy Sease  
 Michael D Smedley  
 Barry L 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  
 John Webb  
 Paul A Webb  
 Suzanne A Westfall  
 Clark B Wierda  
 Sharron Williams  
 James V Williamson  
 Kevin E Williamson  
 Robyn L Wilson  
 Gary W Worrell  
 Paul V Wright  
 Carl G Yingling  
 Rodney E Young  
 Timothy D Young  
 Charles R Zorb

### Please help us grow

Consider contacting your pals who are not members and let them know about the association. Membership forms are on the website We will gladly mail out forms upon request..

### Annual Dues

Annual dues are just \$20 per year.

Your annual membership dues are due on the month in which you first joined the 87<sup>th</sup> APS Association. Starting in October, we will again send out postcards in the mail. These will notify you to send in your annual membership dues.



**We are planning a cruise in  
 April or May of 2012.**

Please let us know if you are interested in cruising with your pals from the 87<sup>th</sup>. We will be glad to send you information.

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### Presidents Message

Our second reunion at the Hope Hotel was an excellent reunion. We had ninety-four registered guests, a little shy of last year's ninety-seven but because it was held on a UTA week-end, many people from the unit stopped in to see us in the hospitality room. Many thanks to Helen and her team for all of their hard work. I am pretty sure everyone had a good time. CMSgt (Ret) Rob Jamison was the guest speaker at the Saturday evening dinner. Rob's speech was about the people that served in the 87<sup>th</sup> APS and how the Unit and the Association is one big family. I couldn't agree more with Rob. That's why the Association was formed in the first place. The Saturday evening's entertainment was provided by a very fine singing group named "Something Good", and boy were they ever. Their harmonizing and song selections were just excellent. I hope they will perform for our Association again in the future. Although, I do question why they would ask Paul Webb and Bob Cepluch to sing along with them. Very Entertaining.



### Fisher House

As reported to you in a previous Newsletter, the Association has adopted the Fisher House at Wright-Patterson. At the Banquet dinner we wanted

to present a check to Mr. Chris Stanley, Director of the Fisher/Nightingale House. The Association voted to donate \$300.00 and Tom McVey suggested that we set a goal to raise \$700 at the Dinner and present a check to Chris for \$1000.00. Tom and others visited every table at the dinner and we had \$460.00 in donations, a little short of our \$1,000.00 goal. Then the unexpected happened, "Something Good" donated back to the Association their fee for the evening's entertainment and that put us over our goal. I cannot express enough our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the ladies for their donation. We are forming a Fisher House Committee that will explore ideas for fund raisers and to work with Chris Stanley during their annual fund raiser. Please call me if you would like to volunteer as Chairman or be a member of this committee. It will be a rewarding experience.

The Association will sponsor our annual grill-out for the Squadron on the UTA Saturday, October 15, and we need volunteers for this grill-out. Please come out for this function and help support the Squadron, we had a great time last year and the Squadron members were very appreciative. Call Bob Cepluch for details.

We will not have a Reunion during the year 2012. Our next reunion will be scheduled for 2013, probably somewhere very near Wright-Patterson. Maybe we will be at the Hope Hotel again.

Bob Cepluch and I are making arrangements for a Caribbean Cruise during April or May 2012. This cruise is not an official function of the Association, just a bunch of friends getting together for a lot of fun. If you think you may want to go along please contact either Bob or me. The more people that go along the better price we will receive. Personally, I'm looking forward to this cruise, for two reasons: 1. You're on a boat with all the adult beverages you could possibly want. 2. You don't have to drive anywhere for a whole week.

Sign Me Up!!

Charlie

## Info from Sean Storms



Tom attached are the new signs we had made for Bldg 15. They came out really nice. We have come up with this as a legacy type wall. We are going to have a coin from any place the 87th has been and put it on the back of the wall. So if any member has an extra coin they would like to donate to the wall then we ask them to get to us and we will put it on the wall.

Sean Storms

### Editor Comments

Please consider writing an article for the next newsletter. I will be glad to include your articles.

Also please let me know if you prefer to get your newsletter in an email format.

Tom Mcvey



## Operation Burger 2011

15 October, 2011 9 am to 1 PM.

We are planning a grill out for the 87<sup>th</sup> APS guys and gals. We will be serving burgers and hot dogs for lunch. Sean has already reserved a large grill from MRW and has a 120 quart cooler to hold sodas and water.

Please call Bob Cepluch at 513-607-1207 to volunteer to help us support the 87<sup>th</sup> members whom are still serving. You can meet some of the newer members and greet some of your pals whom are still in the unit.

## [UTA Schedule for 2012](#)

Oct 15-16  
Nov 5-6  
Dec 17-18  
Jan 7-8  
Feb 4-5  
Mar 3-4  
Apr 21-22  
May 19-20  
Jun 23-24  
Jul 14-15  
Aug 4-5  
Sep 8-9