

DR-AHEAD # 6 July 1985

The good news: 32 have been located thru various and nefarious means but only three of you have typed out a BIO as requested for an updated annual. I know many of you have written many pages to me, but only you can give me 3/4 page recap with a B&W picture in the remaining upper corner. Maybe I should scrap this portion of my quest??????I have an offer from one of our "32" to duplicate as many annuals as we'll need-----FREE!!!

I'm advised that Wentworth was repatriated and my letter to him, thru the locator has not been returned to me. LLQYD, where are you?

Since the May letter I've had calls and letters from many of you and I apologize for not answering each. Know by this letter and your address in the locator/directory that I received and do appreciate your news and good wishes. I've forwarded the 19 letters USAF Locator could not find data on to John Dinsmoor, who will try a few resources he has, including the USAF Reserve Locator. Maybe there's a way to query the Air Nat'l Guard Units in each of the states--any ideas will help.

Most of you say you're ready to go anywhere for a reunion. I opted for Denver this Oct 11-13, to hit a weekend, 35 years after our graduation. It's also centrally located (statistically) for all of us (Sorry East Coast). Pongrace and Meier like Las Vegas in March 86, during "a gathering of eagles" week, because they figure more of you will attend if the carrot looks good. What do you like? My goals for DR-Ahead were three:: renewed contact between us; an updated annual and an actual yearly reunion weekend. If the last two fizzle, I'll assure you an updated directory if you'll keep me posted on your current address and phone.

Some bad news: Bill Barlow has been in a coma since early June... His wife, Marie, is coping and would appreciate your prayers, calls and letters. Byrom (Bill) Fuller is learning to use two artificial legs (an aftermath of the TET offensive) and I'M betting he'll out walk most of us a short order. Give him a call for a real personal lift.

I am fascinated and awe-struck over what each of you have done with your lives, not just during your USAF careers, but afterward. Next time around I promise myself I'll try harder and play less. But with #three score looking directly at me, I think tennis, golf and sailing will have to be my cross to bear--and searching for lost navigators.

Look over the directory; maybe then you'll remember where a few more are living. I found Gurgevich from a reference Bill Fuller made over the phone ie I think I heard Mike was living in Brownsville. I called information and got his quaint address from the operator. He hasn't answered the phone but I figure he's out on his south forty. Reach out and touch some one you haven't seen or talked to in years--maybe they'll pay back the advance they got from you to buy a graduation Buick. Just for kicks, here are the missing that USAF had no info on: E.C. Davis, B.W. Divencenzo, R.E. Fine, J.M.Glasgow, W.C.Haacker, R.V.Jaminski, R.D. Johnson, G.F. Julin, R.E. LaFave, C.E.Langley, D.L.Matson, D.H.Pryor, R.W. Riddle, R.C. Tanner, J. Tine, J.L. Tracy, H.B. Watson and Al Yurgel. Add these to those who have just not found the time to respond. I challenge all of you to join me on this quest. It's a kick. There are 4 of you in New England, 4 more on the eastern coast and 3 in Florida; 6 in Texas and 5 in Colorado and Nebraska; 3 in Washington and Idaho and at least 7 in California. If we divided the nation in 1/3 we'd have 11 in each region (well, 10 on w.coast). Get up a mini-reunion in your region ie Reno, Denver, Houston, Tampa, Memphis and Concord over the Labor Day Weekend (Spokane? San Francisco?). Time is fugiting and you don't need all of that dough anyway.

Respectfully

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