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(WELL - ALMOST !!)

REUNIONS, ETC.

With the 50-D mini-reunion just over, the 51-03 mini just around the corner, and the Orlando biggie in the final planning stages, this seems like a good time to bring everyone up to date.

50-D 1988 MINI-REUNION:

Forty-five men and women from the first aviation cadet class to graduate from Ellington after WW II met in Arlington, VA the 26th thru 29th of May, 1988. LOIS & DAVID BESANKO REALLY HOSTED A GREAT REUNION WITH TOURS TO: Mt. Vernon, The Whitehouse, The Smithsonian's Garber Facility, and a day of golf at Andrews AFB. We stayed at the Stouffer in Crystal City and had excellent service and many fine meals. We also were bussed to the Maryland Shores for a Crab Feast.

The guest speaker at our Friday Banquet was Captain ANDREW WEAVER, USAF, who was one of 50 young officers assigned to the Pentagon for a year. He was a GIB/Weapons Officer/Navigator on the raid on Libya. We realized after hearing this fine young officer talk about modern technology, that one has to be very intelligent to keep pace in today's Air Force. I'm just glad I retired with the recips!

CATHY & JOE GREGORY came from Rome, Italy via Yugoslavia and the WILLIAMSONS came from Hawaii. I wrote a recap newsletter for my class and not one classmate called me on the incorrect dates listed on the front page! But several of us who write to our classmates wonder if anyone actually reads what we write. Hopefully you will ALL read the words about Orlando in this letter and will fill out and return the survey form on page 15.

51-03 1988 MINI-REUNION:

On October 21-23, many 51-03 graduates and their wives will meet at the Hilton Hotel in Waco, Texas. GLENN AND ELIZABETH WENDELL have gone all out to assure a most entertaining schedule. Knowing a little bit about 51-03, I'm sure the makers of good Bourbons will profit highly from this event, and the 03ers will have a ball!

51-08 MINI-REUNION?:

A card from ANDRÉ PIAZZA said in part: "By now you know about our mini-reunion." No, ANDRE, I don't. Yours is the only mention I have received. Tell me about it, 51-08!

I have no word of any other minis held or planned for this year. Surely some of you have met or visited in small groups.

TEN/OA ORLANDO REUNION:

This promises to be the biggest and best reunion yet! With the Orlando area currently being the Number One tourist attraction in the entire world, how could anyone fail to come? Ken Johnson, working through Travel Banque International in Tyler, Texas, and Gus Cannon taking care of the on site details in Orlando, have firmed up a very economical vacation you can't afford to miss. Association events are held to a minimum both in time and dollars so you will be free to see all the sights.

Bring your entire family/s. You won't ever beat the rates we have at the Holiday Inn, and you can reserve those rates for 5 days either side of the reunion dates if you wish. They will all love Disneyworld, Epcot Center, Sea World, The Cape, and the many, many other things to see and do. Discount tickets to most of these attractions will be available. We have planned this for maximum time for visiting the area and old friends, but hopefully everyone will attend the Saturday night Banquet.

Of course we want all of you to stay together at the Holiday Inn, but if the only way you'll come is in your RV, there are many campgrounds in the area. We suggest that Friday night will be the best time for Class Minis. Gus will help you reserve a nice place for dinner if you will contact him in advance.

JUST SO YOU ALL WILL KNOW:

The cost of doing business continues to increase. As most of you already know, the major expenditure of the Association is publishing these newsletters. Over the years, printing costs have risen only slightly, but mailing (postage) recently took a 20% jump. In an attempt to hold costs down I have finally attained "Non-Profit Organization" status for TENOA. This will reduce mailing costs considerably, as well as make YOUR YEARLY DONATION TAX DEDUCTABLE! This involved a battle with the IRS and a \$150 one time fee for them to say we are "Non-Profit". Then a \$60 fee to the Post Office plus \$60 for this year and each year hereafter and we can now mail bulk rate at considerable savings. I'll let you know if it is worth the effort to sort everything by ZIP and bundle it like the Post Office demands. *ONE SNAG - WAITING FOR CALIF. FRANCHISE BOARD TO CLEAR US BEFORE THE POSTAL FOLK WILL GIVE US BULK RATES.....*

While this is not a dun, you will be pleased to know that I have included my usual pleas and threats concerning payment of dues elsewhere in this publication. We are reasonably solvent at present, but many of you are placing the burden of financing the Association upon those who contribute every year. With only 90% participation the dues could easily be reduced to \$5 per year.

In order to satisfy the Eternal Revenue People, I had to submit to them a copy of our By-Laws. Right on, folks, what By-Laws? OK, after a little library research, I put together the following myth. Now you know what you did at Houston last year.

BY-LAWS
for
THE ELLINGTON NAVIGATORS/OBSERVERS ASSOCIATION

Article I
Name and Location

Section 1. By unanimous decision of the members present at the last reunion (Houston, TX, 5 July 1987) we will be known as "THE ELLINGTON NAVIGATORS/OBSERVERS ASSOCIATION."

Section 2. The business address of the post will be that of the President and Editor of the Newsletter "DR AHEAD", hence in the City of Lakeport, County of Lake, in the state of California.

Article II
Membership

Section 1. Anyone who trained in or taught Navigation at Ellington USAF/AFB is eligible for membership. In addition any widow of someone who trained or taught at Ellington is automatically a paid up life member of the Association.

Section 2. The dues of this Association shall be \$10 / calendar year, payable on or before 1 January every year.

Section 3. The dues will be deposited in the Association Account in the Lake Savings and Loan Association, Lakeport, CA 95453

Article III
Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Association will serve from reunion to reunion at the advice and consent of the various Class Representatives. Until a reunion business meeting votes otherwise, it seems that the President will also serve as Editor, Secretary and Association Treasurer.

Article IV
Committees and Duties

Section 1. All committees and their chairman will be appointed by the Association President as the need arises, to serve their appointed roles, at his will and pleasure.

Section 2. Following committees may be appointed by the President: (a) Membership (b) Publicity (c) Memorial (d) Reunion

Article V
Expenditures of Funds

Section 1. Until an election changes the procedure, the President is authorized by the members to write checks to pay what he deems are proper bills of the Association.

Section 2. The adoption of this Article constitutes authorization by the members for the President to pay all bills which accrue in the process of publishing the several annual newsletters and rosters and in the posting of same to the members. In addition the President has now the authorization to effect checks for the purchase of items he deems necessary to promulgate the increased membership of the Association.

Section 3. No other payment or expenditure shall be made except on the specific authorization of the members, during a specific reunion business meeting.

Article VI Compensation

Section 1. No compensation shall be paid to any officer of this Association for his services.

Section 2. For services rendered, the Association Members may by majority vote, pay the annual dues of the elected officers for the years they serve as such.

Article VII Purpose

Section 1. The Purpose for the founding of this Association is:

- (a) To rekindle the friendships of our training days at EAFB.
- (b) To meet in small or large bunches (reunions) to regale each other with trivia and matters of importance.
- (c) And to Memorialize our classmates who went before us on the long celestial.

Article VIII Amendments

Section 1. These By-laws became effective on 6 July 1987 at the meeting of class representatives in Houston, Texas.

Section 2. They may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members at a stated meeting in the future.

Article IX Adoption of These By-Laws

These By-Laws were adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the business meeting of the Association, on 6 July 1987, in Houston, Texas.

Clarke S. Lampard, President

MISSING PERSONS:

PLEASE ADVISE US WHEN YOU MOVE!

John A. Doglione, John G. Bilson, William T. Jones, Willis S. Shelton, Robert C. Tanner, George Morrissey, Francis Garcia, Donald Dik, and Francis T. Martin.

We had "good" addresses on all of the above at one time, but our mailings have been returned as undeliverable of late. If any of you know their whereabouts or can locate them through your local telephone books or by any other means, please let us know.

EVERY "NOT AT THIS ADDRESS" RETURNED TO US, COSTS AN ADDITIONAL 30¢.

ROSTER:

You will note it is by ZIP Code this time to let you see who lives near you. Call up a stranger and make a friend. Talk up Orlando in your area with a few phone calls. Call or write your classmates and arrange to get together. On and on. If you play your cards right you might work up some great alternatives to Motel 6 when traveling across the country.

DID YOU KNOW:

The origin of the word "FLAK"? You knew that it was anti-aircraft artillery (some of you only too well), but did you ever wonder what FLAK stood for? Well, here 'tis: Fliegerabwehrkanon! The British called it Ack-Ack, the Army called it Triple A, but we and the Germans knew it was "FLAK." (From Ned Humphrey's "CROSSHAIRS".)

REUNION VCR TAPES:

To those of you who have purchased my tape of previous reunions, my apologies for the poor video quality. Here is a tip that will help. Ken Johnson tells me that the problem is head misalignment of either my camera or my VCR used to dub the tapes. If your VCR has a "tracking" adjustment (somewhere among the "hidden" tuning and programing controls), you can easily eliminate the lines you now see on the lower 1/3 of your screen. A 90 degree counter-clockwise rotation of this control works for Ken, your machine may differ. As for the shots taken in poor lighting, not much can be done. Try adjusting the "brightness" and "contrast" controls on your TV. At best, you will reach a compromise between a little too dark on the low light portions, and a little too bright on the rest of it. I'll try to do better next time, but as I have said before, "This ain't Hollywood."

OTHER GOODIES:

If you've always wanted an astro compass (maybe to help get from your home bar to bed) please add "CELESTIAIRE, Inc.", 416 S. Pershing, Wichita, KA 67218, to our list of friendly companies. They put out a great free catalog of equipment, well suited to both navigators and pilots, for marine and air craft. Send for their catalog and when you place an order please identify yourself as a TENOA member and they will send our treasury a rebate check of 10%.

Many of you send me names and addresses of friends and classmates. To each I send a BIO form and my "Findem Guide". I used to send Ken Johnson this data immediately for inclusion on our roster disk, but so few are responding to my invitation to join that we are just ending up with more "double zeros" (indicating "never contributed" or no response). Now I only send Ken data when it is accompanied by a check. If you don't see your friend's name on our roster or we indicate PD '00, please contact him and urge him to join with us in our QUEST. I truly expected us to double in size since our Houston Reunion, but my "SYSTEM" appears to have broken down. Y O U are my system--your friends and classmates--your Christmas Card List--your hometown newspapers and phone books--your magazines and trade journals. With this issue we stopped sending anything to non-contributors. If you see a friend's name on the roster with a '00 in the DUES PD column, know that he will not hear details about our Orlando Reunion unless you tell him about it.

Actually, we're stretching our hand out in friendship to many who haven't contributed since 1986, in hope that they will reconsider and join us in Orlando. We will send actual reunion forms and information only to those whose contributions are current for 1988 or later, OR those who return the Survey Form on page 15 with a response of "PROBABLY WILL" or better AND include their 1988 dues check. As a reminder to you good folks who ARE current, 1989 dues/contributions become due on Jan. 1, 1989. Round up your classmates, friends and families and have a great time with all the rest of us in ORLANDO next September. *Your DUES R TAX DE*

REST IN PEACE:

WILLIAM C. FERGUSON, Colonel USAF (Ret) died this spring. His wife Bette remains in their retirement home in Port Angeles, Washington. In September, 1987 they were guests of PACAF at the annual SABRE SPIRIT Weapons Loading Competition at Osan AB, Korea, where the Colonel William C. Ferguson Trophy was awarded for the first time, to honor his many years of support to the Munitions Community.

Bill graduated from cadet class 51-29 and flew 50 missions in RB-26s out of K-14. (formerly Kimpo, now Seoul International). He taught navigation until 1956, then he was tapped for nuclear weapons training. In the next 25 years he served at every level from Team, Squadron, Wing and on up to the Office of the Secretary of Defense. In 1968 he was Deputy Director of Munitions for 7th AF in Saigon. He concluded his career as Director of Munitions, HQ PACAF from July 1975 to July 1981.

JUST FOR FUN:

From an early issue of "The Navigator" comes this poignant story contributed by then Captain James W. Faircloth, Jr.: To those air travelers who have stopped at Midway Island in the Pacific, the Gooney Bird, or Midway Albatross is a familiar sight. What they might not know is that MATS navigators have for years used this bird as a valuable aid to navigation. The utilization of this natural resource is based on the uncanny ability of the Gooney Bird to return to Midway even when released from a point thousands of miles away. Veteran navigators are aware of this unerring capability and rely on it much more than they do the newer aids such as LORAN, Celestial and Dead Reckoning. To effectively utilize this aid the aircraft had to be modified in such a way that there is a cage installed beneath the navigator's table that is large enough to contain the Gooney Bird and allow him to move around unhampered. The top of the cage, which is the floor of the navigator's compartment, is made of heavy plexiglass with etched lines running parallel to the longitudinal axis of the aircraft. As part of his preflight duties prior to departing Tokyo the crew navigator checks out his Albatross from the Flight Planning Section. He paints an arrow on the bird's back terminating on the bird's head and installs him in the cage beneath his desk. When the pilot calls for a heading after becoming airborne, the navigator merely stomps on the floor of his compartment, which puts the bird into flight. The Gooney will naturally set sail for Midway, and at this point the navigator needs only to give the pilot a heading correction which will align the aircraft with the arrow on the back of the bird. Once on

course the navigator only needs to make an hourly check to ascertain that the aircraft is correctly aligned with the 68LL (Gooney Bird Lubber Line). We tried your system and you are absolutely correct, the Gooney Bird headed straight for Midway. Unfortunately, our planned destination was Bermuda--Editor

OTHER THINGS:

I hope that GEORGE and DEE COX, cadet class 50-F, won't mind that I am printing excerpts from his BIO form, because I am looking forward to meeting them in Orlando. I salute both of you for courage and spirit. They're at home in Hurst, Texas--look them up! GEORGE: graduated 2 Dec., '50 with a regular commission. Assigned to 92 BG, Fairchild AFB, WA. B-29s and B-36s after completing 1037 school at Mather. Transferred to Travis AFB, CA Dec '52 (B-36s) Ramey AFB, PR (B-36s). Only navigator in USAF history to log over 5000 hours in the B-36. Transferred to Eglin AFB, FL 1959, B-52Bs. To Kincheloe AFB, MI, B-52Bs. Chief of Bomb Nav 1965. Aneurysm May 1967, grounded me. All promotions thru O-5 below the zone. Transferred to Offutt AFB, NE, 1 Jan. '69 in Intelligence. Transferred to Osan AB, Korea June 1969 as Dir Oper, Intelligence. Retired 1 Nov. '70 at Wilford Hall Med. Center. Had 4-way by-pass 20 Feb. '85 in Ft. Worth, TX and both feet amputated at Carswell AFB Hospital, TX on 29 March and 17 April '85. Have hand controls on my automobile and electric cart that I get around on just great. Have prothesis on both feet that allow me to walk around in and outdoors. Hope to see you in Orlando..."Duke". Let's all meet the Duke in Orlando!

For those of you who were unfortunate enough to have been taken prisoner in any war or fracas, please see your local Veterans' Affairs Officer or Personnel at any base and ask for DD Form 2510, Feb. 88, to make application for the Prisoner of War (POW) Medal. Yeh I know MIKE, YOU'RE NOT HAVING ANY OF THAT STUFF!! Well, your Grandchildren might appreciate seeing it someday.

If you noted the slight change in our Association Name, it came about thisa way. I heard from several men that they were never navigators and hence had not written when they first saw the ads. Seems that after 1953 all they talked about at Ellington was OBSERVERS (and they taught everyone to OBSERVE their ways across the oceans and polar ice caps huh?) So I went to my favorite GURU in Whitehouse, Texas and asked for a WISDOM. Ken said: "Add the word OBSERVER to our name, Dummy" and so it was done.

DID YOU KNOW:

On June 27, 1950, Lt/Col James W. Little and 1/Lt. William G. Hudson, in F-51 Mustangs, were flying protective cover for C-54s evacuating American civilians from Seoul when two North Korean YAKs attacked the transports. Little and Hudson met the attack head on and the YAKs went down in flames. Lt. Hudson was credited with the first official aerial "kill" of the Korean War. On November 8, 1950, the first jet plane combat in history took place between USAF F-80 Shooting Stars and MIG 15s. In that fight a MIG was shot down by Lt. Russell Brown, becoming the first jet "kill" of the war.

When the F-86 Sabrejet was introduced into the war, it quickly became known as the MIG killer. Some 839 MIGs were shot down during the conflict. 800 of these were destroyed by Sabrejets with a loss of 59 of the F-86s, a ratio of 14 to 1. There were 40 American flyers who shot down 5 or more planes. The top jet ace was Capt. Joseph McConnell with 16 victories, including three MIGs in one day on May 18, 1953. Maj. James Jabara became the first jet ace on May 20, 1951. His final score was 15 enemy planes, a record second only to McConnell's.

Four Air Force flyers received the Medal of Honor in Korea. All four died earning it. Many have said that Medals of Honor should have been awarded to all who crewed the veteran B-26s for their noble service "above and beyond the call of duty" in Korea. The USAF suffered 1,200 killed and 350 wounded. Of the more than 7000 Americans captured and interned by North Korea, almost 3000 died or were killed in captivity. No POW figures specifically for the USAF are available. ("The UNITED STATES in the KOREAN WAR" by Don Lawson)

LET ME HEAR:

Since we know that most Americans are "joiners", and particularly ex-servicemen, here are a bunch of service organizations you might be interested in. If you happen to be a member of any one of these already, will you ask them to publish the word about our reunion in Orlando and ask others to join us if they attended Ellington U? AFA, Confederate Air Force, TENOA, Bombardiers, Inc., Grim Reapers (Korea) for B-26 types, 8th AF Assn. (had reunion in England last year), 731st Bomb Sq. (L-NA), Tachikawa AB Assn., 461st & 484th Bomb Groups, 303rd Bomb Gp (HVY), Air Rescue Assn., etc. Call REUNIONS, Inc. at 1-800-327-8010 except in Florida call 1-800-432-6293 and ask them if your old outfit is having or has recently had a reunion. They will be glad to put you in touch with the contact person. What Associations and Organizations do you belong to?

BE SURE TO FILL OUT AND RETURN THE SURVEY FORM ON PAGE 15SEE YOU IN ORLANDO!



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Friday, August 19, 1988

Travis AFB, Calif.

ABG commander leaves Travis

Col. Michael H. Wieland, 60th Air Base Group commander, will bid Travis members a fond farewell early in September to assume another role at Kirtland AFB, N.M.

Col. Wayne T. Fisher, 60th Civil Engineering Squadron commander, will assume command of the group.

Ending a two-year tenure as group commander, Colonel Wieland will usher in a new era in his Air Force career. He will be named as the 1606th

Air Base Wing vice commander at Kirtland.

As Travis' group commander, he sought to improve the welfare and benefits of Travis members, military and civilians alike. The colonel managed all base activities supporting the 60th Military Airlift Wing, 22nd Air Force Headquarters, David Grant Medical Center and 25 other tenant units.

Under his command are the 60th Security Police, 60th Civil Engineering, and 60th Services squadrons, the Consolidated Base Personnel Office, Airfield Management division, Morale, Welfare and Recreation division and other agencies.

Born in Fort Worth, Texas, Colonel Wieland was commissioned in November 1962. Air Force commitments took him to assignments stateside and overseas including a tour in Vietnam in which he flew more than 100 combat missions in an EC-47 aircraft as a navigator.

The 25-year Air Force veteran is a master navigator with more than

8,000 flying hours and has flown in C-124, C-130, C-141, EC-47, VC-135 and VC-137 aircraft.

He was welcomed at Travis and named deputy to the 60th Air Base Group commander in June 1986. He assumed his current duties in March 1987.

Colonel Wieland is married to the former Jane MacDonald of Naperville, Ill.



Colonel Wieland

Editor's Note: Colonel Wieland also served for a time as Navigator on Air Force One. We thank his mother, Mrs. Lois Wieland, of Tyler, TX for keeping Ken Johnson updated on the career of this outstanding Air Force officer. Although not an EAFB grad, we hereby make him an honorary TENDO member. Our best to you, Col. Mike!

NOTE OF INTEREST

The following International NOTAM, submitted by Jack Mudie, was promulgated several weeks BEFORE the downing of Iranian Air Flight 655.

IRAN - - PERSIAN GULF

In response to the recent attack on the USS Stark and the continuing terrorist threat in the region, U.S. naval vessels operating within the Persian Gulf, Strait of Hormuz, Gulf of Oman, and the Arabian Sea, north of 20 degrees north, are taking additional defensive precautions. Aircraft (fixed wing and helicopters) operating in these areas should maintain a listening watch on 121.5 MHz VHF or 243.0 MHz UHF. Unidentified aircraft whose intentions are unclear or who are approaching U.S. naval vessels, will be contacted on these frequencies and requested to identify themselves and state their intentions as soon as they are detected. In order to avoid inadvertent confrontation, aircraft (fixed wing and helicopters) including military aircraft may be requested to remain well clear of U.S. vessels. Failure to respond to requests for identification and intentions, or to warnings, and operating in a threatening manner could place the aircraft (fixed wing and helicopters) at risk by U.S. defensive measures. Illumination of a U.S. naval vessel with a weapons fire control radar will be viewed with suspicion and could result in immediate U.S. defensive reaction. This notice is published solely to advise that measures in self-defense are being exercised by U.S. naval forces in this region. The measures will be implemented in a manner that does not unduly interfere with the freedom of navigation and overflight. (FAA FDC 052/87)

Had our media published this rather than criticize the actions of our navy, our National interests would have been better served.

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515 NAMES ON OUR ROSTER — 12 ARE WIDOWS —
338 HAVE EVER CONTRIBUTED — 242 ARE CURRENT FOR '88
OR BEYOND!

ADDENDUM 6a

DUES ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

You surely have noticed that there isn't much in the way of class information in this issue. Perhaps all the Class Representatives have been very busy organizing MINI REUNIONS. We have received some very kind comments on the last issue, but most of what you appreciated was gleaned from the cards and phone calls generated by my by-passes. Neither Ken nor I are willing to go through that experience again to get your comments. How can we solicit more information from you? I know I haven't answered enough of your letters personally, but please bear with me. Following the 51-03 MINI in Waco, Texas, 21-23 October, I accepted the Johnson's invitation to their home in Whitehouse and we had many hours of discussion about our mutually favorite subject: TENDA.

Our dialogues ranged from next year's CONTRACTED ASSOCIATION REUNION in ORLANDO to the DISSOLUTION paragraph in our BY-LAWS (required by the IRS and US Postal Service). Notice we went from an ALPHA to an OMEGA, OR FROM AN EXPECTED HIGH to an unwanted, but possible low. I played my usual role of pessimist and Ken, his of the eternal optimist. Along that line you have read our BY-LAWS on pages 2 & 3. The DISSOLUTION paragraph became Article X and reads as follows:

If the membership decide NOT to hold an association reunion within a three (3) year period following the last one, the TREASURER is ordered to pay all existing bills and then send a check for any funds remaining in the Association Account, to the Air Force Historian, USAF Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB, OH, to purchase a memorial plaque. The plaque will honor all Ellington Navigators/Observers, both students and instructors, who have "gone on the long celestial mission"

So what you may be asking. So where are we going--or have we already reached our zenith? Some negative feelings were expressed this year at two of the Minis I attended. They all concerned the Association Treasury and why I (as Treasurer) could not "cover" cost overruns at Minis or costs of individual class newsletters. Here is as good a place as any for me to PUBLICLY PROCLAIM that the DR AHEAD watch I gave to Ken and the one I have, were samples I ordered and personally paid for, thinking they might be a source of revenue for our Association Treasury. With fifty ballcaps in my closet I should have known better and after seeing the watches, decided noone would order one.

Perhaps I'm slightly paranoid, but I sensed a minute change in attitude toward me, during and after the Houston Reunion. THAT DARN SUITE on the 13th floor. The ASSOCIATION DID NOT PAY FOR IT!!! Some PERKS come with being on a reunion committee. The Lincoln Post Oak Hotel graciously gave us the suite and we tried to share it with all who came to Houston. I paid for every function at Vegas, Houston, Arlington and Waco and will continue to do so in the future. For those of you who can't accept this, come to Orlando and RUN FOR ANY OR ALL THE POSITIONS I NOW HOLD!!

Having vented some steam, I feel great again and hope all of you are in good health and enjoying life to the fullest. I'm enjoying doubles tennis and walking golf courses again. I'll wish all of you A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON with those you love. We have no plans to return to Letterman Resort this year, but the memories of all your cards and calls last year, will always give me a glow!

Before I went off on my tangent a page ago I alluded to the 51-03 Mini Reunion in Waco, Texas. MICKEY and GLENN WENDELL hosted an exciting and eventful weekend for 13 classmembers and 8 of their wives; all of whom will recall with mixed emotions the appearance of a lovely BELLY DANCER in our midst. They are already making plans for 1990 in Dayton, OH. I was able to "throw off" a major failure of my life in Waco, as I washed out of pilot training there in 1949.

DR AHEAD ACCOUNT BALANCE ON 31 OCT = \$2135.38
COST OF PRINTING AND POSTAGE FOR
THIS NEWSLETTER NOT YET DETERMINED OR PAID.

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WE NEED ALL OF YOU AND YOUR CLASSMATES, TO
CONTRIBUTE \$'s AND INFORMATION FOR NEWS LETTERS.

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED FOR YEARS IN ADVANCE
BUILT THIS FIGURE. THANKS !!! I HOPE ALL OF YOU
CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE ASSOCIATION IN LIKE MANNER.

Part of my joy in Waco was a short visit with my classmate BOB SCHLEGEL and DOTTIE, who were attending a Good Sam Club gathering. Later in Whitehouse, KEITH and MYRNA UNDERWOOD joined us at JOHNSON MANOR for a great evening of dialogue and bourbon. I flew down to Texas on a Med-evac C-9 and back to Travis on a C-5. Both were thrills for me, but flying space "A" didn't permit me the freedom to visit more of my classmates in Texas. The price was right though! Who have you visited this year? Please tell us about it. On the following pages is the updated ROSTER by ZIP CODE. DO YOU KNOW the "other" 3 in NH, 3 in CT and NJ, 9 in NY, 10 in PA, 7 in MD, 17 in VA, 8 in NC, 5 in SC, 10 in GA, 47 in FL, 5 in AL, 7 in TN, 14 in OH, 8 in IL, 6 in MO, 9 in NE, 3 in AR, 3 in OK, 93 in TX !!!, 23 in CO, 3 in ID, 6 in AZ, 7 in NM, 6 in NV, 83 in CA, 2 in HI and 14 in WA? If not, why not reach out and talk up the Orlando Reunion and imagine how many more Ellington Graduates and Students are HIDING in your State waiting to share our joy!!!

SPADSJ

Who had the most hours in: B-52s, B-47s, C-141s, C-124s, SA-16s, B-17s, B-24s, C-47s, C-82s, F-4s, F-89s, C-5s, C-130s, C-123s, T-33s, Cessnas, XXXXs ????? Who is our leading GRANDFATHER? over 15, 12, 10 Grandchildren? Who is a Great Grandfather or Mother? Who has the youngest child still living at home (Not a returnee), under 18, 16 or 14? Don't laugh at these questions; our members range in age from 52-70; who is our youngest and oldest?

Who will help us gain some eager members by writing a letter to the editor of any of the following (or any newspaper and magazine you read): "All students, graduates and instructors of Ellington AFB Navigator or Observer Training are invited to attend the 3d Annual Reunion, 27 Sept 1989 in Orlando, FL. Write: DR AHEAD, 5830 Robin Hill Dr #2, Lakeport, CA 95453, or Phone 707 263 7397," AARP, Modern Maturity, AF Times, ROA, TRDA, Air Force Association, The Observer (Mather), VFW, Am Vets etc. If I can get it duplicated and included, note the form I send to new inquiries.

PLEASE FILL OUT YOUR REUNION SURVEY NOW and MAIL IT WITH YOUR DUES CHECK TODAY. WE HAVE TO START OUR HEAD COUNTS. DON'T PROCRASTINATE!! BRING ALL YOUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS TO ORLANDO!!



AT THE
SI-03
MINI
IN
WACO, TX.

DO WE HAVE TO SEND FATIMA AFTER YOU?
SEND YOUR DUES (TAX DED) AND REUNION SURVEY NOW!!

DR AHEAD ----- ⊕

AND OBSERVERS

THE Ellington NAVIGATORS' ASSOCIATION

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IF YOU TRAINED IN, OR TAUGHT
NAVIGATION AT ELLINGTON-----
WELCOME TO OUR ASSOCIATION!

I began this QUEST in 1985, with an attempt to find my classmates of 50-DNE. Through various methods--many listed on the attached sheet--I located most of them and in the process "found" many others, who asked to be included in any reunion plans we made. In April 1986, 160 of us sat down to break bread in Las Vegas and celebrate our living, while honoring our deceased classmates. Our WIDOWS become life members.

The Vegas group elected me President (for life perhaps) and tasked me with locating "everyone who ever trained or taught Navigation at Ellington". That seems like a simple problem and I've saluted and charged up the hill. Since Vegas I've discovered that over 18,000 men graduated there and as of this date we have 515 of them on our roster.

1-5 July 1987, 140 of us DRd to the Lincoln Hotel in Houston and had a great time. We toured San Jacinto Monument, Clearlake and the NASA Visitors' Center, watched a Memorial Missing Man Fly-over next to the old control tower and walked the empty grass areas, where our barracks once stood. Dr. Story Musgrave kept us breathless while he described the two flights he made in and on Challenger and our hospitality room was filled with people, grinning from ear to ear. We voted to continue the search and will meet again as an Association in Orlando, Florida in late September 1989. Two of our members are working with the convention people in Orlando right now. You have time to find all of them!

In the interim, individual classes will be having MINI REUNIONS all over the country. These will be directed by individual Class Reps, who are also tasked with finding their missing classmates and bringing them into our fold. I act as a HQ Clerk and write NEWSLETTERS at least twice every year. KEN JOHNSON in Whitehouse, Texas keeps our files up to date with his COCO III Computer, so that once every year we will publish a complete roster for everyone WHO MAKES A SUGGESTED ANNUAL DONATION of \$10. (feel free to give more)!! We urge you to share the joys all of us have experienced in renewing old friendships and making new ones!!

Please make copies and send to anyone you know from Ellington AND submit our plea to your local papers and magazines (see reverse).

Sincerely,

Clarke Lampard

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THE ELLINGTON NAVIGATORS' INFORMATION SHEET

LAST NAME, FIRST, MI	HOME TELEPHONE	CLASS NUMBER/DT GD
STREET ADDRESS	SPOUSE'S NAME	OFFICE TELEPHONE
CITY, STATE & ZIP CODE	NICKNAME	CURRENT PROFESSION

IF YOU HAVE A CLASS REP. SEND BIO TO HIM.
PLEASE TYPE A BRIEF BIO (what have you done since leaving Ellington?):

Do you know of any of your classmates who are deceased? If so please list their complete names for our roster. Widows become Life Members and several have joined us in Vegas and Houston & were glad.

WILL YOU ASK YOUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS & MAGAZINES TO PUT SOME FORM OF THE FOLLOWING IN THEIR "LETTER TO THE EDITOR" PAGE?: ↘

"Anyone who ever trained in or taught Navigation at Ellington AAF/AFB, Houston, Texas is encouraged to reunite with hundreds of others by joining the ELLINGTON NAVIGATORS' ASSOCIATION. Write: DR AHEAD, Clarke Lampard, 5830 Robin Hill Dr #2, Lakeport, CA 95453."

We ask you to make an ANNUAL DONATION of \$10., as of 1 Jan each year and with checks made out as above, ie DR AHEAD---etc..... TAX DEDUCTIBLE!!

Start planning a mini reunion right after making some copies of this and the "findem" guide. We must have donations to keep solvent! Good hunting and submit your finds to either me or: KEN JOHNSON, 16002 McELROY, Whitehouse, TX 75791. GOOD LUCK!!

DR AHEAD

OBSERVERS

THE Ellington NAVIGATORS ASSOCIATION

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FINDEN GUIDE

1. Right off the bat you have to decide that it really is important that you find your classmates from Ellington!! You will be attempting to bridge a 30-35-40-45 year gap and though it's easy--at times it's frustrating!! I've tried many sources and believe me when I say that the following will work:

A. First check your (or your wife's) Christmas Card list; each one on your list may have kept track of several classmates. Write to each of them; inclose a copy of my DR AHEAD intro and this guide and of course send a personal letter to ask how they're doing.

B. By this time you've rooted around in your garage, attic or storage shed and found a copy of your graduation orders and the home addresses they all had umpteen years ago. Don't laugh! I found one third of my class (69 graduates) from sending postcards;

- (1) First to the grad's name
- (2) Second to the "Family of"
- (3) Finally to the "Postmaster of" and asking them to check

ALSO TO: RESIDENT OF

C. Place ads in the following: TROA (great source for those who went on and later retired); ROA (for those who got out and stayed in the reserve); VFW and AMERICAN LEGION etc and any other national organ you can think of; I scored two classmates from the Good Sam Club for RV types. Use your imagination and reach out--I've spent hours on the phone with directory service and the operators like to help. (MILITARY REUNION GROUPS)

D. While waiting for your postcards to find a home, make up a cover letter for the AIR FORCE LOCATOR SERVICE and inclose your letters in individual envelopes with the Addressee's Full Name and your return address. Seal the envelope and affix sufficient postage. In your cover letter give info about yourself and as much info as you have about each of your classmates; ie Retired as a Major in '70. The key to rapid findings is to know the SSN of each, which most of us didn't have when we graduated. USAF Retired Registers around 1970 cross reference both SSN and AFSNs. Try to locate one if you have access to a base. If not AFSNs will help and they're on the graduation orders. I inclosed a cy of the grad, orders with my cover letter. In addition I inclosed sufficient postage for them to return the envelopes they could not forward. Mail your request to;

IF YOU ARE
NOT RETIRED
THEY CHARGE
\$3.00 EACH
NAME!

HQ AFMPC/DPMD 003

9594 IH 35 N

San Antonio, TX 78233-6636

You can drop in there and get a very cordial welcome. Also ask in your cover letter to be notified if your addressees are deceased. I wish I'd known that when I was entering this program,....



2. Any letters AF Locator returns to you will now be sent to the VA, with a new cover letter. If anyone has ever filed with the VA you should findem. Write to your regional Privacy Act Officer.

3. I found many of the 50 and 51 graduates thru the auspices of USAA Insurance Co. It's amazing that so many men got out after a three year tour and dropped their USAA Insurance. Anyone who had a commission is eligible still and all of your offspring as well. I wrote to: AIDE MAGAZINE, USAA, San Antonio, TX 78288 and inclosed postcards with a printed message, names from our annual and asked that they forward them to any hits on their computer. USAA 800 # 15 1-800-292-8852 (ALL INS. NEEDS).

4. Use your public library and their phone books for major cities in the USA--saves on directory calls. After a few hours your eyes get bleary but when you score, you get a rush!!

5. Of course if you have an in with the CIA, TRW or a Congressman you can really save all of the above. I repeat our ad in the AF Times, Air Force Assoc and RDA so we may have saturated those sources--BUT it's just a little different when a classmate is searching, instead of Clarke Lampard. I've called some classmates several times and got no response. Be prepared for rebuffs and realize that getting together with classmates is not everyone's cup of tea!!

6. When you score a hit, contact Ken Johnson, Rt 2 Box 171, Whitehouse, TX 75791 or Clarke Lampard, 5830 Robin Hill Dr #2, Lakeport, Ca 95453. We'll put the data on our disks and update the rosters. Insure that each knows how expensive membership is (\$10./year) and start getting together with them soon!!

↳ TAX DEDUCTIBLE !!!

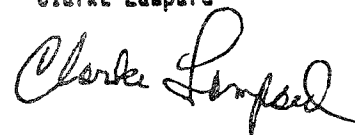
7. You may want to do as I did and update your graduation annual with an updated BIO from each classmate. I sent 42 of mine a 42 page BIO book last year with the pages each had sent to me. It wasn't great stuff, but it was cheap!!

8. Our reunions in Vegas and Houston were successful beyond my fondest hopes. The years melted away as each new arrival walked in the door of the hospitality room and the s___eating grins spread from ear to ear as they recognized a classmate after 30-35 years separation. The ASSOCIATION gains us clout with hotels, but the strength lies with individual class integrity. The class reps form the Committee, which decide our course ahead, be it Mini Reunions or an overall get-together. NEXT IS ORLANDO - SEPT '89.

Good luck with your search and let us know what worked for you. Maybe we've overlooked a great resource--we're not proud--let us know! I know from the thanks that I've received that everyone appreciates the efforts we've made, bringing this group together. Please join me in the Quest and share my joy!!

Respectfully,

Clarke Lampard



THERE WERE NAV, CLASSES @ ELLINGTON
FROM 1942-45 AND 1949-1958
18,000 ESTIMATED !!