

# 463<sup>RD</sup> AIRLIFTERS



## News

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## Letter

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Well, another reunion has come and gone and from what I could see everyone survived. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. I know that I did. Today I got a letter from one of our members saying that he had met another member that he had not seen in 50 years (I myself met a member that I had not seen in around 40 years). It's like he said in his email, that is what these reunions are all about. Getting reacquainted with old friends and acquaintances. You don't have to attend every reunion (unless you want to). Every year we see new faces and every year there are faces missing. That is what makes (to me anyway) these reunions so much fun. Start thinking about it now, so when reunion time comes next year, prior plans will not interfere. (Just a suggestion).

This year we had a good turnout for the reunion. Following is a list of those attending.

Shaky Bristol	Rich & DJ Burnett	Gene Carriker
Larry Chase & Son Brian	Harry & Lucy Cleet	Maynard & Beverley Cusworth
Robert & Lorena Dawson	James & Margot DeArman	Jimmie & Dolores Farris
Dan & Sandra Flanagan	Henry Freeman & Guest	Ralph & Pat Fischer
Mike & Patty Gaylor	Merritt Gill & Son Merritt	Larry & Ginny Giller
Jerry Haines	Howard Hallenbeck	Paul & Wilda Issacs
Rick & Linda Kirkpatrick	Bruce & Linda Langerlan	Brad & Gloria Ludwig
Anthony Moody	Dennis Moody	Morris & Wanda Patrick
Bob & Marge Powell	Sam & Barb Roysdon	Joe & Eileen Sant
Earl & Ginny Schuerman	Mark Sierzchulski	Robert & Maggs Skowronski
Jon & Shari Slinde	Raymond & Doreen True	Robert & Jean West
Don Kaly		

I hope I did not miss anyone or misspell any name. If I did I apologize in advance. There was one person who got to the reunion late. He did not pre-register and we did not record his name. If anyone remembers who this person is please get in contact with me so I can get in contact with him.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The 2007 reunion is now history and we are looking forward to 2008. We had a few glitches at the last minute but they were resolved as fast as they came thanks to the "Bucket Ladies" and their quick thinking. There were a lot of old faces along with a lot of new faces. I particularly liked the tales that were told in the hospitality room, I remember being there

but I don't remember doing some of the things mentioned.

On Friday the group went to the flight line of the 445<sup>th</sup> AW and went through a C-5 Aircraft which was manned by the 89<sup>th</sup> Squadron who answered all questions about the aircraft and its mission. The aircraft was opened from top to bottom and for a group of old people, they scaled the ladders for the flight deck and passenger compartment like pros. After the flight line the group went thru the Job Control section and saw how the "Now Air Force" works without grease pencils. The tour was enjoyed by all (I hope). The Association voted and decided that we would go to Pigeon Forge TN. in 2008. Eugene Carriker is going to take care of all the details and I am sure we will have a good time. The Associations financial situation is sound so we should have a good time in Pigeon Forge. I would like to thank Linda and Sandy (The Bucket Ladies) for all the help that they provided for the entire reunion. I would also like to thank Wendell Helms for pitching in at the cookout. I hope to see you all at Pigeon Forge in 2008, please call anyone that you know that was in the 463<sup>rd</sup> and tell them about our reunions and urge them to come and enjoy themselves.

## MINUTES OF 2007 BUSINESS MEETING

### Business Meeting of The 463<sup>rd</sup> Airlifters Association

President Jerry Haines opened the business meeting of The 463rd Airlifters Association at 0912 Hrs 18 August 2007, at the Hope Hotel, WPAFB.

The minutes were read by Secretary Bristol and accepted.

The treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Ralph Fischer. A motion to Accept was made by Raymond True and seconded by Bruce Langerlan. Motion carried.

### Old Business

Raymond True suggested we advertise our reunions in the Air force Association and the Military Officers association magazines. I will attempt to get addresses for these publications and request that they publish our reunion.

It was also suggested that the four squadrons be identified in the announcement. I will add (463<sup>rd</sup> TCW/TAW) to the announcement.

### New Business

Gene Carriker reported on the facilities available for the 2008 reunion. After he and Hank Freeman looked at several locations they selected the Main Stay & Suites in Pigeon Forge, TN (by Gatlinburg, TN.)

Bruce Langerlan made a motion to have the 2008 reunion at the Main Stay Inn & Suites. Seconded by Jon Slinde. Motion carried.

Denis Moody made a motion to hold our 2009 reunion at Branson, MO, seconded by Harry Cleet. After discussion the motion was tabled till our 2008 business meeting.

President Jerry Haines made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 1010 Hrs.

I (and I'm sure Jerry) would like to thank two of our ladies, Linda Kirkpatrick and Sandy Flanagan, for their tremendous help during the reunion. They worked the registration desk, sold raffle tickets, and just generally helped in every aspect of making the reunion run smoothly. Hats off for a job well done ladies, I'm sure all those who attended appreciated your efforts.

I just got an e-mail from Gene Carriker informing me that the dates for the 2008 reunion are the 25, 26, 27, and 28 of August at the Mainstay Inn & Suites in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. The confirmed room rate is \$69.00 per day. Gene tried to get the week before but there were no vacancies for that week. Not at \$69.00 per day. It would have cost \$79.00 per day. So that is it, next year at Pigeon Forge, TN starting the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. Gene blocked 50 rooms so let's fill them up.

Again I'm asking for input from the membership. The only way I can inform you as to what is going on within the Association is through your input. Things like illness or passing (God forbid) of a member or member of the family. If one of you get in contact with a former member of the 463<sup>rd</sup> and I'll get in contact with them. This past reunion I heard so many times someone saying they tried to find someone through the internet and came up empty handed. Mainly because of the amount of people with the same name. One thing I ask you NOT to send me are items with political or religious overtones. We are not that type of organization. I'm not pretending to be a journalist or editor of any degree. This newsletter is my first attempt at something like this. That is why I'm asking for your help.

I just received a check for dues made out to me. PLEASE, DO NOT MAKE CHECKS OUT TO MYSELF, JERRY OR RALPH. Make them out to the 463<sup>rd</sup> AIRLIFTERS ASSOCIATION.

My address is still  
P.O. Box 165  
Marcellus, MI 49067-0165

My phone number is still  
269-646-2462

My email is still  
[Shaky52601@aol.com](mailto:Shaky52601@aol.com)

If I'm not at home when you call, leave a message and I will return it. I will respond to all emails and snail mails. So don't hesitate to contact me.

Email from Earl Schuerman. (Artificial Shoulder)

Greetings, Lock your keys in the car???? Superman failed to save the school bus from going over the cliff????? Lois is only 100 yards from the Daily Planet and discovered she forgot her lunch bucket?????? OK have no fear the man with the bionic shoulder is on his way. Went to Surgery at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis last Thursday, came home today-27-'07 Surgery went good as far as the doctors are concerned, I think the aftermath hurts like hell .. but all seems to be working OK now. I had a few problems with the plumbing