

I'd like to take a minute and explain why I end up coming around asking for donations to help keep the Newsletter and Website in operation. As most of you know during the years leading up to the reunion, the Yellow Hats picked up the full tab. After the 2003 reunion, 4 folks donated monies and those in attendance at the reunion authorized using the money still in the convention fund to keep things going. That money ran out in August of 2004. At that time I made an appeal for donations and 40 people answered the call, this gave us enough to operate until October of 2005 when once again I came with hat in hand, this time 16 folks stepped forward and we were able to stay up and running until April of 2006. Yep, you guessed it I asked for help again and 8 people saw their way clear to help out and here I am again in January of 2007. I don't like doing this anymore than you all like me knocking on your door, but if we could get this ship on an even keel I'd only have to do this every 2 years. Read on and see how this might work.

In the early days and up until 2005, expense for the Newsletter and the Website was in the area of \$1,200.00 a year or better. As I got more involved with the day to day operations I started to work on cutting expenses. I changed the site server, made a multi year deal on the domain name and by hook and crook I've gotten the cost of the Newsletter down by condensing it and making some bulk purchases of materials. I also started emailing the Newsletter to those with computers to cut the mailing expense. By doing all this I've been able to cut the yearly cost to about \$800.00 thus making our funding go a bit further. Hopefully with your help we'll be able to continue these valuable assets to our extended 707th family.

In the past I have asked for \$8.00 a person. If everyone would respond we could easily run both the Newsletter and the Website for 2 years, but as you saw from the numbers above this isn't going to happen. Over the years, we have had a total of 68 people donate, some of those folks gave many times, and in amounts larger than \$8.00. Most of the folks that have donated in the past have not wanted their name posted, I would have really liked to, but I respect all request.

OK, so what I'd like to do is the following. Enclosed is a form which you can fill out and return to me, hopefully with a check in an amount of your choosing. Also there is a block for you to check if I may post your name as a supporter, I WILL NOT DISCLOSE THE AMOUNT OF YOUR DONATION.

Here is what the donations will cover:

Each year we have 4 Newsletters, and 1 Master Roster mailed to all those without computers.

Being as we have a Reunion coming up there will be extra mailings. This will mean extra printing cost, and materials cost – paper, envelopes, labels, postage and other incidentals. As for the Website there is the server cost, and the domain name cost. I've worked a deal on the domain name so we won't have to pay that again until September 2009.

Now if you'd be so kind as to fill out the form and return it to me:

Barney Fisher

5791 Valley Vista Way

Cincinnati, Ohio 45247

This form also acts as an update for your contact information and your intention of attending the 2008 Reunion. Thanks.

Sorry, but our funding doesn't allow for return envelopes and postage.

Please return this form, even if you don't make a donation, so I can verify your contact information and reunion intention. Thank You

Name: _____

Address: _____

City-State-Zip: _____

E:Mail Address: _____

Phone: _____

Will you be attending the 2008 Reunion: YES _____ NO _____
(Scheduled for June 18–22, 2008 at the Sawmill Inn in Grand Rapids, MN.)

Comments: _____

Please X the appropriate amount:

(\$8) _____ (\$10) _____ (\$15) _____ (\$20) _____ (other) \$ _____
(Please make checks payable to either 707th AC&W Reunion or to me.)

You may publish my name as a supporter: YES _____ NO _____
(The amount of your donation will not be disclosed)

Return to: Barney Fisher or 707th AC&W Reunion
5791 Valley Vista Way
Cincinnati, Ohio 45247

Questions: 513-574-7431