



# NEWSLETTER



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## General



By Barney Fisher

Well I'm taking pity on Gene this issue. Gene and Joan actually retired the 1<sup>st</sup> of this month and I'm sure Gene has more to do than write this article. They were able to meet us in Buffalo, North Dakota for the Yellow Hat get together and joined us in Grand Rapids for the 2008 Reunion Meeting, but then it was home to finish the retirement move. They were in Montgomery, Alabama but have a home in Anniston, Alabama about an hour north and east of Montgomery. From what I understand they will be opening a little antique shop, just to keep busy and have an excuse for traveling. This home has a great big porch and, being the nice guy that I am, I volunteered to help Gene break it in with rocking chairs and a few beers. We even have the work schedule figured out, the girls can go antique shopping and we will watch the store, beer in hand of course. Gene was looking real good in SD and MN so I hope he continues on this road. Joan looked a bit tired but figuring she has to put up with Gene I guess she was doing alright. I hate to say this about my buddy but he isn't the best patient in the world. In any case the best of luck to you both, in health and your new endeavor.



## Bulletin Board by Barney Fisher

I'm sorry, but this is going to be a short version of the newsletter being as I've attached the 2008 Reunion Information and the registration form. Please let me know what your intentions are in regard to attending. As of 1 September 07 you can make Reservations for your room at the Sawmill Inn and also send in your Registration Fee to me. The enclosed information will give you all the details.

You'll notice on the Registration form I forgot to put a comments line. If you have a special dietary need other than Diabetic or Vegetarian, or just want to bring something to my attention please use the back of the form. Also please indicate in the block how many people require that need. For instance; 2 people registered and only 1 needs Diabetic. Thanks.



## **Day Room** — by Barney Fisher

Ferd's Words of Wisdom:

**The road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called Jobs.**

**But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called Jesus, you will make it to a place called Success. Amen!**



## **Inform and be Informed** by Barney Fisher

There has been so much going on it's hard to bring you up to date in such a short space. We now have 82 names on the deceased list - that is almost double what we had in 2003. A complete list, as of the 13<sup>th</sup> is included in this mailing. We have also added 11 names to the master roster but alas only 4 are located. I would like to put all the names etc in the newsletter but space, time and money don't allow that luxury. If you have access to a computer, that's on line, you can check the website at [www.af-acw.com](http://www.af-acw.com) and view the two master rosters – known and un-known locations, Taps and Donor's List to both the maintenance/upkeep of the website and newsletter, and the big one this year Grace House. A quick note on Grace House, we're not doing too well reaching our goal of \$1,000.00 by November 2007, we are currently at \$800.00 and have less than 2 months to go. Can you help out for this most worthy cause? Hopefully there will be a new facility when we have the Reunion and we've been invited to look it over.

**NOTICE:** As in other states Minnesota now has a No Smoking Law. In essence what this means is, the reunion being held in a public hotel, there will be no smoking except in designated areas. These areas are posted by the hotel, which include outside areas, the lounge, and some rooms which have been designated as smoking rooms. Smoking is not permitted in the pool area, (that's where the hospitality suite is located) restaurant, banquet hall and hotel hallways & restrooms. You'll see the other change under "Inform and Be Informed."

No alcoholic beverages will be provided by the Reunion Committee in 2008. This doesn't mean you can't bring your own drinks or you can buy them in the lounge and carry them out. A couple of things changed the committee's mind on this change. The first being a change in the law and second the fact that we could not purchase the required insurance to cover us. Now this isn't exactly true, we could have bought the insurance but at a cost of about \$3,000.00 or better if we had more folks show up. The committee didn't think you all would have enjoyed a registration fee large enough to cover that. We will make sure there are enough non-alcoholic beverages available at all the functions. By the way there is a strict enforcement of no alcohol in the park, just like in 2003, so you'll have to leave your bottles at home for a few hours.

**Sick Call:** Please remember all our members that have been having medical problems over the past months: Don't forget that we have quite a few members that have family going through medical problems, so please add them to your list. If you have, or know of any other member with, a medical problem - Please let me know.



From Headquarters

by Barney Fisher

As stated earlier and as promised in earlier newsletters, the 2008 Reunion is now set in stone and, for all practical purposes, we're ready to party. The website has had all the information posted and you'll get yours in this mailing. Emails have been sent to all those folks telling them to check the website and to send in their registration and to make their hotel reservations. We will be calling everyone to conduct a survey as to how many may attend. We need this number for logistics. I will give you fair warning, get your hotel reservation in. We only have 50 rooms blocked and 11 are already booked, this applies to those that are going to be bringing RV's as well. There is a lot of construction scheduled for Grand Rapids in 2008 and rooms are at a premium. Mark your calendar for the 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2008. There have been some changes to criteria given in the last newsletter so check the attachments carefully.



### Sound Off

by Barney Fisher

You got a gripe, not happy about the way things are going. Here's your chance, let me know and it'll appear right here for all to see. You know trying to keep the site and newsletter going on my own is pretty hard. Well I was pleasantly surprised when Dan Capece contacted me and said if I needed help he'd try. I really want to Thank him for stepping forward. At the present time he is going to be my back up, just in case something were to happen to me. I'm sure he's hard at it trying to learn the ins and outs for when he has to take over. In the mean time if anyone has ideas or suggestions on how to make it more interesting, let me know. Still haven't had any of you gals say your interested in writing an article of interest for the ladies?

**PICTURES:** There have been some new photo's added to the Photo Gallery, we're always looking for pictures from the past or present. Thanks.



### Taps

by Barney Fisher

This spot reserved for reporting the passing of our brothers. Also, please visit the website and take a few minutes to reflect and say a prayer for a friend now gone ahead.

A full list of the deceased can be viewed on the website, and in this mailing. If you know of anyone that has suffered a loss, or is ill, please keep us informed so we may acknowledge them, Thanks.



**Dismissed** by Barney Fisher

**These items went over very big at the 2003 Reunion and some folks have asked about them again. Do we want to have these items offered in 2008? We need to know ASAP so we can get things rolling. I need to contact Dan, he needs to contact the supplier and I need to get the order forms created and sent out. Lead time and up front money on this project is considerable. Please take the time to send me an email, letter or call with your comments on having them. It doesn't have to be fancy, Just something like Shirts & Hats Yes or No. Thanks**



Long Sleeved in Blue and Natural



White Cap w/Logo Blue Bill



Polo Wht/slate collar or all Wht all Grey

**In closing I'd like to ask everyone to keep me informed of any information regarding our members and yourself. PLEASE, send me stories/memories of the 707<sup>th</sup>. Pictures of your days with the 707<sup>th</sup> or after are always welcomed. My contact information:**

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**Till next issue, remember to Thank a Veteran, Pray for our Troops and God Bless America.  
Be safe and be happy!**

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