



NEWSLETTER



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General



By Barney Fisher

Seems to me that no matter what I do, some how I manage to put my foot in my mouth. Think before you speak is good advice but, as a lot of you know, I never follow all the advice I'm given. As you've more than likely noticed this Newsletter is a bit later than the 1st quarter. As a matter of fact there are only going to be 3 Newsletters this year. Let's just say that Donations for the Website and Newsletter didn't reach past levels and I've had to make some adjustments to the schedule. We've been here before and we'll make it through the year and I will barely manage to keep afloat in 2010. Cutbacks are a daily occurrence, now a days, so we ought to be use to it. With the reunion being in 2010 I can't let the website and newsletter falter, so we'll be cutting corners where ever needed. I just paid another bill for the website and I think that's the last one for awhile. I wasn't able to work any deals this year but that doesn't mean I'm not looking. With Ryan's help I think we've squeezed everyone we can to the point there just isn't anything left to negotiate. Now I'm sure the economy has something to do with it but that can't be the whole problem. There has been a decline in the number of letters, phone calls, hits on the website and emails. Is this an indicator that we don't want or need these lines of communication any longer? Does it mean there isn't any interest in the 707th any more? Could it mean we're all getting older and figure we can't make the reunions? Only you know the answer to these questions and I sure hope that you'll share them with me.

Speaking of getting old and not getting involved let me say this isn't the case with me. The Radar Site Veterans website was founded by Woody Woodworth back in 2002 and along with Radome's (founded by Gene McManus) has been very instrumental in bringing together many AC&W types. We have breakfast in different states and they are hosted by members, in most cases, once a month. Well from all this has come a camaraderie with many new friends and a desire that the legacy of AC&W sites continues. We have taken steps to find locations that might just possibly become the location of an AC&W museum. The first stage has been completed and we are entering the second stage of actually Inspecting and Evaluating the potential of each. Some of these will be completed by the time you receive this but, we are asking for volunteers to help with these I&E's in the coming months. If you're interested, please let me know ASAP. I really think this is something that is needed. Most civilians when asked about radar think of weather. We all know it was much more and a museum would be a lasting tribute to all who served. Here is a listing of those sites that might possibly be used and the date of the scheduled I&E, as of this printing.

ANTIGO Air Force Station, Antigo WI (8 July)
 BELLEVILLE Air Force Station, Belleville IL (13 May)
 BELLEFONTAINE Air Force Station, Bellefontaine OH (24 Apr)
 CALUMET Air Force Station, Calumet MI
 COLD WAR & PEACE MUSEUM (Stewart Airport) Newburgh NY
 HISTORIC ELECTRONIC MUSEUM, Linthicum MD
 KEESLER Air Force Base MUSEUM, Biloxi MS
 MOTTS MILITARY MUSEUM, Grove City, OH (5 May)
 NORTH CAROLINA MILITARY HISTORY MUSEUM (Fort Fisher) Kure Beach NC
 NORTH TRURO Air Force Station, North Truro MA (15 June)
 OSCEOLA Air Force Station, Osceola WI
 PETERSON AIR SPACE MUSEUM, Colorado Springs CO
 TEXARKANA Air Force Station, Texarkana AR



Bulletin Board by Barney Fisher

The 2010 Reunion will be 17 – 19 September at the Sawmill Inn. This is going to be a laid back and informal gathering. There aren't going to be any scheduled event's just a lot of good old fashioned camaraderie. Many folks have indicated that this might be the last one they attend so make your calendars and plan on attending. As the time draws closer I'll be posting more information.



Day Room by Barney Fisher

Words of Wisdom:

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have.



Inform and be Informed by Barney Fisher

With all the natural disasters in the past few weeks, blizzards, floods, volcanoes and what ever else mother nature could throw at us, seems our country is still holding our own. Quite a few of our members have been affected by one or more of these, and I'm hoping and praying that all are safe.

Sick Call: We've had a few members that have had medical procedures since the last letter. Dan Capece had quadruple by pass surgery. The last I heard he was on the way to a full recovery. Jose Mila is having some problems with his legs, but is still active in his business. We have many members, or members of their families, that have been having medical problems or procedures. If you have, or know of any member with, a medical problem let me know, and I'll add them to the prayer list. Please keep praying for all our members and their families.

A loss for Alabama, but a win for Ohio. Gene and Joan Walker moved back to Ohio after her retirement. They have family in the area and are the first folks I know of that ever retired to the North. They now live a short distance from us. We have gotten together a couple of times and plan on visiting quite regular in the coming months. You can contact them at the following:

5290 Elk Green Court Hamilton, Ohio 45011

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Give them a call I'm quite certain they'd be happy to hear from you.



From Headquarters

by Barney Fisher

I received word from HQ that there was a problem with the Memorial Marker in that the blue background was starting to flake off. I contacted the manufacture and as of this writing we are taking steps to return it to them. They will refurbish it and hopefully it will be back up by summer, naturally at no cost to us.



Sound Off

by Barney Fisher

If you haven't already done so, photos of the reunion are posted on the website in the photo gallery. For those that don't have computers go to the local library or have a relative and check it out by going to www.af-acw.com

I've mentioned it before but if any of you can get to a computer check out this website, very interesting to those that served in AC&W. it's <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/USAFRadarSitesVeterans/> I'm sure you'll enjoy it.



Taps

by **Barney Fisher**

It's hard for me to post this kind of information, especially when it applies to someone I was close to. Ron Schumacher passed away on 21 March 2009. Ron came to the 707th in 1956 and left in 1960. Ron was a good guy and will be missed by all that knew him. So, as has become my custom to all our departed brothers, I'll have a drink to toast his life and then say a prayer. During this time frame Mike & Margaret McKeever suffered the lost of their granddaughter, Courtney Rae, she was only 22 years old.

Please take a few minutes to reflect and say a prayer for a friend now gone ahead. 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**

In closing I'd like to ask everyone to keep me informed of any change of contact information regarding our members and yourself. PLEASE, I need help, send me stories/memories of the 707th. I'm still asking for everyone to submit a BIO. If interested and don't know what to include, give me a call. Pictures of your days with the 707th 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!
