



# NEWSLETTER



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## General



By Barney Fisher

I'd asked Gene to write an article for this issue but he's very busy creating a website for his son, and as you'll see under Sick Call, he's been under the weather lately. Which brings me to our website, I've been trying to come up with a new format and as usual I've run into technical difficulties which are beyond my limited ability. I've called on the experts for help and hopefully I'll be able to overcome the problems in the near future.

Back to writing about this newsletter, I'm very much open to any one and everyone sending in articles or to share ideas on what to have in the newsletter. Your wish is my command. Many of the pages in use today have come via your ideas. Come on folks it's your website and newsletter, let's have some new ideas. If you would like to submit an article let me know.

I've mentioned this before but if you have or can get access to a computer check out the following websites, <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/USAFRadarSitesVeterans/> also <http://www.radomes.org/> they are quite informative for those that served in AC&W. I'm sure you'll enjoy them.



## Bulletin Board by Barney Fisher

The big project we have going on right now is Grace House. It's coming up on the time for everyone to dig out that \$1.00 a month I talked about, or better yet, open up that jar you've been putting your change into. We actually have a little extra time to work with this year but I'd still like to have all the donations in by November. Same procedure as last year, send your donation to Skip Brunetta and make them payable to Grace House. That way you can take a tax deduction. Just for the record Skip's address is 728 NE 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Grand Rapids, MN. 55744 If you have any questions you can contact either Skip or myself. (See the flyer on the last page of this newsletter.)

**Don't forget the 2010 Reunion will be 17 – 19 September at the Sawmill Inn.** Being as this is going to be a low keyed affair, there isn't too much activity to report on. If you have any questions you can contact Skip, Judy, or Mike. I've received some correspondence in regards to the event and sorry to hear that so many don't think they'll be able to make it. Old age and medical problems seem to be the culprits. I sure hope that most will be able to see the way clear to attend. This could very well be the last one, but I hope not.



## Day Room

Words of Wisdom:

If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.



## Inform and be Informed

Sick Call: Gene Walker has been in and out of the hospital with different problems and scared the daylights out of us. I'm happy to say he's doing alright now and hope we can keep him that way. All the prayers and well wishes helped and Gene/Joan Thank You. The latest on Gene is that he's going to have back surgery on 13 Aug so keep those prayers coming.

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.



## 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 flaking off, this was back in the first quarter of the year. I contacted the manufacture and we sent it back to be refurbished. I'm happy to report that the HQ folks got it back up in June. From what they report it looks good as new. All cost were covered, by the manufacture, under the warranty.



## Sound Off

by Barney Fisher

If you haven't already done so, photos of the last 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](http://www.af-acw.com) We are always in need of photos, old or new. If you visit with someone from the 707<sup>th</sup> take a few pictures and share them with the rest of us.



## Taps

by Barney Fisher

Well folks we have another member to add to taps. Robert C. Tolonen passed away on 12 July 2009 after a long illness. Bob was always ready to help and could bring a room to life with his wit. He served in Ops from 1957 – 1960.

Our condolences go out to Bob Ross and Bill Allison on the passing of their wives during the past year. In the same message I learned that Bob's daughter has brain cancer, your prayers are requested.

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 in your contact information**, if you have any input on other members let me know. Thanks. PLEASE, I need help with the website and newsletter, send me stories/memories of the 707<sup>th</sup>. 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 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!

# Grace House Needs Our Help



Our goal is to raise \$1,000.00 in the next 3 months. Folks have asked about making a tax deductible donation, so we'll do the same as last year. **Please make your check out to GRACE HOUSE and on the Memo line write 707th Member then mail it to Skip Brunetta.** He will give the check to Grace House and keep a record of who donated. This way the check can be cashed and you won't be waiting for the check to clear. You will receive a thank you from Skip and Grace House acknowledging your donation. The total amount donated will be announced at the annual fund raiser to be held in December. If you send your check directly to Grace House, please make sure the MEMO line states 707th Member, Grace House will keep track and give the name and the amount of the donation to Skip. By doing this, those donations will be added to our total. **So here's the procedure: Checks made out to - Grace House with Memo Line to read 707th member**

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May God Bless and We Thank You**

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