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## General



By Gene Walker

Gene is busy starting up a new business and asked if I'd take a crack at writing something for him. Gee, unaccustomed as I am to doing this sort of thing I really don't know what to write about. Give me a minute and let's see what I can come up with. There are so many things that I've written about on the website that I wish everyone could have read. It would be a whole lot easier for me if everyone had a computer and access to the website. Ah so, now I've got it:

I never was one for computers and for years fought the urge to get one. Oh sure, I used them at work but that was a necessity but what the heck did I need one at home for. I had met up with Gene by virtue of the computer at work and the only time I could communicate with him was while at work. This also became the case with Pete and Tom. All of a sudden I noticed I was spending a lot of company time keeping in touch with them. Well my wife, of all people, finally made up my mind for me. We went to Best Buy on a Saturday and bought a Compaq system.

Little did she know that she had created a monster, and it lived in our basement. I would get home from work eat and get on the computer, on weekends I'd get up early and to the basement I'd go, only coming out later in the evening. I was hooked, there was a completely different world out there and I needed to explore it. No matter what the subject or question, I learned you could find out about it on the internet.

When I retired it was a turning point in life. Communications with the guys was always a big time consuming part of the day and now it wasn't interrupted by work. We could even get together of an evening on IM and this would take up hours. At this point in time we also started talking about a reunion and the computer and internet were going to play a very big part in finding former members of the 707<sup>th</sup>. In no time at all I went from 8 names in my email list to 135 and then to over 200 until today I have close to 400 on it. We have used it to organize family reunions, military reunions, state conventions and community projects. The more people we meet the bigger the list gets and the more use we have for the computer.

One day I went to the basement for a session on the system and when I turned it on all I had was a blue screen. My beloved system had a virus it looked like a goner. I put a call into the computer doctors and they made an emergency house call. I watched as they tore out the insiders and replaced parts, then they tried to bring it back on life. After about 2 hours of working with it, my system was pronounced healthy

again. So all was well and life was good. Things went along real good until last Christmas. I'd had a few minor problems, since it was worked on, but nothing that couldn't be worked out. I'd lost some files, during crashes of the system, but all in all it was still working.

Christmas day arrived and my wife gave me a digital camera and I started taking pictures. Right away all the children started saying that my system was entirely too slow to download pictures. I was going to show them, I headed to the basement to print them out. Then I saw it, a brand new Dell computer system all hooked up and working. I'd never encountered anything this fast. Why I could make 3 times the mistakes in a quarter of the time. So now I'm learning all about how to use this speed demon. It has bells and whistles on it I will never use but so far the one's I've learned are a great help in keeping up the 2 websites and 6 family trees.

So that's my advertisement for computers. I hope all of you that don't have one, at least have a child or grandchild that does. Ask them to bring up the 707<sup>th</sup> website and enjoy a trip down memory lane. I'm sure they will enjoy looking with you, might just see a picture of you in the photo gallery. Were proud of the site and what it offers and would sure like to have you enjoy it when you can.



**Bulletin Board** by Barney Fisher: As stated in the last newsletter, if we were going to continue offering the site and letter, I was going to need some financial assistance. Well THANKS to the generosity of 15 members you're going to continue receiving the newsletter this year. Might be a bit close for 4 issues but we'll make it one way or the other. Just to give you a short break down 6 of the donors were new and 9 have responded for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. A little quick math tells you that these folks went above and beyond the call of \$8.00 a person. My personal THANKS to those that made this year possible. I know it's hard for those of you that do not have computers to garner anything from the website but I'm sure neighbors and friends would be happy to bring up the site so you can see what's going on. In most area's you can use your local library and do the same thing. Just type in [www.af-acw.com](http://www.af-acw.com) and enjoy what I've been told is a pretty good site. This year might be taken care of but there is always next, so start thinking about that \$8.00 – any donations received the rest of this year will go toward funding 2007. Please if you're interested in this project don't let the other guy/gal carry the weight. Make your checks payable to the 707<sup>th</sup> AC&W Reunion, or myself. Thanks.

**GET TOGETHER:** I haven't heard of any body putting any type of mini get together or such but if you are let me know. Be more than happy to publish it on the website and in the newsletter. If at all possible I promise to attend. I'm pretty well booked for 2006 and don't think I can find my way clear to organize one but there is always 2007. I'm really looking forward to Grand Rapids come 2008, hope to see you there. I received an email from Dick Cole in Florida and he had been visited by Odd Nordbo from Washington state. Seems they go to Florida each year and looked Dick up on the Master Roster and stopped in for a visit. I'm glad to hear that people are using the Roster, that's why I do my best to keep it updated. Pete Sessions and Gene Walker got together in Montgomery, AL for a few days and as usual had a great time. Gene and Joan are coming into Cincinnati this weekend and we plan on visiting for awhile. Anyone else got any stories about meeting up with some one, I'd like to hear them.

**2006 CRUISE:** The "Fun in the Sun" gang is back from the cruise and from what I hear it was a great success. They all enjoyed each others company and had a great time. From those I've talked to there isn't anyone that wouldn't do it again. I've posted the details of the cruise and their activities on the web site so stop in and take a look. Also I haven't received any pictures yet but they will be on the site as soon as we get them. It sounds a lot like my kind of trip, lots of friendship, eating and drinking. Once again my THANKS, to Dino, for taking on the job of organizing this outing.



**Day Room** — by Barney Fisher:

If you have something you'd like to share here's the place. Send your comments to me and I'll make sure they get posted.

**Ferd's Words of Wisdom:**

The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with watches you shave his face in the mirror every morning.

Don't worry about bitin' off more'n you can chew; your mouth is probably a whole lot bigger'n you think.

Don't squat with your spurs on.

Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.



**Inform and be Informed** by Barney Fisher

**Changes to the Master Roster:** Since you received the Master Roster the following changes have taken place:

Bill Benner has been located: e-mail [willyben@yahoo.com](mailto:willyben@yahoo.com) snail mail 101 Clointon Ave. Apt 1-J Mineola, NY 11501 Phone: 516-248-0242

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The following have not received or not responded to e-mails so the e-mail addresses have been removed:

Dale Cline – Jim Remley – Bobbie Ross – Del Turner – Bill Varner

**Sick Call:** Please remember the following members that have been having medical problems over the past months: Bill Allison – Barney Fisher – Harley Jenson – Judy Johnson – Mike McKeever – Marg McKeever – Stanley Sakai – Ronald Sam – Ray Sanders – Ron Schumacher – Ken Shoup – Gene Walker

I'm sorry if I missed anyone, if you have any input on our members Please let me know.



**From Headquarters**

by Barney Fisher

Last report from our inside man at HQ says that everyone is doing alright and holding their own. The monthly dinners are going strong and stated that anyone traveling in the area is invited to attend.



**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.**

**PICTURES:** There have been new pictures and orders added to the website. Don't forget 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.**

Since the last newsletter we have received word of 2 more names to be added to Taps. It took years to find Fred Heim only to learn that he passed away in May of 2005. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. His wife Joan's contact information is listed under Master Roster changes.

I haven't been in contact with Len Lutomierski's daughter Karen lately, but at last report she would still like to talk with anyone that knew Len. You can contact her at [karenlutomierski@email.com](mailto:karenlutomierski@email.com) or contact Gene or myself. We got a chance to help someone folks, lets see what we can do for her.

If you know of anyone that has suffered a loss, or is ill, please keep us informed so we may acknowledge them, and keep the members aware. Thanks



**Dismissed** by Barney Fisher

In closing I'd like to appeal to everyone to PLEASE keep me informed of any information regarding our members and yourself. Also, another big PLEASE, send me stories/memories of the 707<sup>th</sup>, my contact information is on the Master Roster, Thanks.

That's it for this issue, Take Care and **God Bless America**

**Be safe and be happy!**

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