



The Crow Flight

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48th and 396th Bomb Squadrons May Join 820th and 47th at their joint reunion, April, 1998!!!!

Wouldn't that be a neat deal? A nice long visit with Don Rossbach who has been organizing the 48th reunions says that after talking with both Bill Childs with the 820th and George Tolbert with the 47th and getting a warm approval from both he is sending a newsletter which is going out to approximately 130 members about the same time as this one to suggest to the 48th folks that they join the 820th and the 47th at San Antonio, April 16-19, 1998.

Don also has the names of about sixty members of the 396th who will also be receiving that letter, and also invites them to join us. As far as we know, the 396th does not have any reunion structure at this time, and Don is the only one that I have talked to that has any appreciable number of names for the 396th. Anyone that can help with getting any more names and current addresses for Don may contact him by phoning (315) 858-3612 or by writing P.O. Box 1422, Richfield Springs, NY 13439.

While we're on the subject, no one to my knowledge has a current roster of people who were with the 41st group. It would really be nice to get this information out to them also.

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Notes from George....

More than three months have lapsed since our get together in SA and only about fourteen months until we do it again. I hope all that attended the past reunion have fully recovered and are planning to do it again. Those that did not attend for various reasons, health problems, previous commitments, etc., I hope that you are able and plan to enjoy the camaraderie with old and new acquaintances 16-19 April, 1998. Rooms have been tentatively contracted for at the same Holiday Inn; however some arm 'rasslin' is in order to get a few more "freebies." I still haven't obtained a reading as to whether a non-profit organization would eliminate the 15% room tax. If so, I would like opinions from members of the squadron. Kem Sitterley is still working hard to produce an interesting and informative newsletter. He is in dire need of input from all squadron members to report anything that may be of interest to others. So far many compliments were received about the newsletter previously published; however, Urb Gutting has received very few donations to keep the newsletter going. I almost forgot to mention, that Kem is up but not exactly running following a hip replacement. Wishing him a speedy recovery. I would also like some recommendations and/or suggestions about how to make the next reunion better. If you know of any members not included on the latest roster, please furnish this information to Kem for inclusion in the roster update in the newsletter.

CALENDAR REMINDER....

- April 22-26, 1997--Air Force Association in Las Vegas....call 1-800-552-5427.
- May 1-4, 1997 --820th Bomb Squadron Reunion at the Patrick Henry Inn, Williamsburg, VA, more details later.
- April 16-19, 1998— Joint reunion of the 47th and the 820th Bomb Squadrons at the same Holiday Inn as last time....more detail later.