



# The Crow Flight

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## Alley Oopers Fun Party!!!! 820<sup>th</sup> Reunion Great Success Jean and Bill Childs Honored!!

The 820<sup>th</sup> always puts on a great show, and this one was no exception. Everything went well, and there is probably simply no more historically oriented community than Williamsburg, VA. They bill themselves as the world's largest "living museum," and this is certainly easily believed. Part of the reunion was a tour which went around to many of the historical sights including Jamestown Island and Yorktown, and everyone who went thought it was great. For their thousands and thousands of hours spent over the years on the 820<sup>th</sup> reunions, history and other documentation, Jean and Bill Childs were awarded airline tickets first class round-trip to Hawaii. This accolade was a very popular one and was surely well deserved as was demonstrated by a standing ovation when announced. Present from the 48<sup>th</sup> were Jan and Johnny Davis and Mary Jo and Bill Kessler. The 47<sup>th</sup> was represented by Carolyn and Urb Gutting, Polly and Kem Sitterley and George Tolbert. A few widows and several kids and grandkids were present also.

### Notes from George....

Please see page 9. George is very busy planning our next reunion and his column this time is telling us about it and asking us to give him our early plans so far as attendance is concerned. *Editor's Note--Don Rossbach with the 48<sup>th</sup> did send out a letter to about 115 on the 48<sup>th</sup> roster and about another 30 on 396<sup>th</sup> roster that he had, so we are optimistic that he will have a real good show here. Possibly the attraction of having the whole group could bring out as much as 90 from the 820<sup>th</sup>, 45 each from the 47<sup>th</sup> and 48<sup>th</sup> and 20 from the 396<sup>th</sup> making a grand total of 200! **WOULDN'T THAT BE SUMP'N?***

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### CALENDAR REMINDER....

April 16-19, 1998— Joint reunion hopefully with all four squadrons amply represented.