

the HOF CONNECTION newsletter

July 2004

2004 REUNION IN BILOXI, MS 25 - 29 OCTOBER

This is going to be ONE superb reunion attended by some of the greatest people in the world - you'll want to be one of them. Right now we have confirmed registrations for over 250 and the number is climbing. You'll run into old friends you haven't seen in years and you'll run into friends you didn't know you have. Don't just mark it down - make reservations - the earlier - the better. This gives us a more realistic headcount, allowing us to make better plans, leveraging the "large" group for getting special deals and/or better access. It really helps! This is essentially the last call as reservations are due by August 30th. And, a reminder, if you wait too long you'll be awarded the opportunity to pay the "Late Surcharge," from August 30th to September 10th the fee is \$10.00 and after that it will increase to \$20.00, bringing the total to \$101.00. We don't want any member to get stuck with this surcharge.

Two Association members are generously donating door prizes. Elizabeth Jung, wife of Robert, stationed in Hof in the '64 - '68 timeframe, is a novelist that currently has four novels out and a fifth one on the way. She has offered two of her adventure/intrigue novels, personally autographed, as door prizes for two lucky attendees. In fact we could possibly coerce her into autographing additional copies of her books that any member may have with them. Lonnie Henderson, an award winning Comanche artist of Anadarko, OK, will be donating two lathe-turned, wooden bowls. One bowl is for the member that travels the greatest distance to attend and the second for the (pardon the expression) oldest member attending. Each bowl will have an engraved brass plate commemorating the accomplishment. And if "Chief" turns wood as well as he played Fussball they're gonna be real treasures. There will be additional door prizes, they won't be personalized like these, but they will be nice.

Another highlight will be our guest speaker at the Banquet Dinner, James Bennicker and his wife Jan. Currently James is the President and CEO of the Air Force Enlisted Village and in a previous life was CMSgt of the Air Force. He has a great wealth of history and good insights into current and future events affecting our Veterans and current members of the Armed Forces. Visit their website: <www.afenlistedwidows.org>.

The Imperial Palace Hotel/Casino is our host, they are located on the shore at 850 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, and they have agreed to hold a block of rooms until September 12th. The rates are \$49.00 per night, Sunday through Thursday (\$69.00 Friday and Saturday), Jacuzzi King rooms are \$79.00 (\$99.00 Friday and Saturday) and King Jacuzzi Suites are \$129.00 (\$149.00 Friday and Saturday). For reservations, dial **888-946-2847**, select "Reservations Department" ask for "Reservations - Agent Red", identify yourself as being with "Hof Reunion 2004" to get the group rates and a complimentary buffet breakfast for each night's stay except Thursday. A credit card will be required to secure your reservation. In the event your Registration form got lost, you can download another form from our website, and complete Hotel information (the fine print) is available in the back pages of the newsletter.

The first major action you have to take is to find the Hof Reunion Hospitality Suite on the morning of October 25th - signs will be posted directing you there, but if you must ask at the desk, the secret codeword is "Hof Reunion 2004." We open the doors at 10:00 AM; you'll have to register and receive your Reunion Package that includes Souvenir Nametags, Tickets, Tee-shirts (if ordered), free show listings, special instructions - all the important items required to make this a successful mission. The Hospitality Suite will be the Operations Center for all activities. If you get lost, off schedule, confused or just lonely, return immediately to the Hospitality Suite you will find a cure for the problem. The Squadron Bulletin Board will be there with all the Duty Rosters and Schedules, there will be Coffee, Donuts and Assorted Beverages dispensed by Dick Obidinski, Tom Nickerson, Jo Murray and other, as of yet, unnamed volunteers. You will also want to bring your old photo albums to back up all the stories we have to tell - this is hard work and a picture is worth a thousand words.

EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD – Tom Bryson

“To renew old friendships, to perpetuate the memory of our service in the region, to promote fellowship and friendship among all of us interested in the Hof Association and to educate dependents and relatives as to the importance of our time in Hof/Saale during the Cold War.” These are the tenets of our existence and reasons for striving each year to plan and execute a reunion experience fulfilling those principles.

Anyone who has attended either of the last two events, in Hof then Las Vegas, can attest to the fact that these gatherings not only fulfilled the goals of the Hof Association, but went much further in providing several days of good food, music, nostalgia, field trips, hospitality and just plain fun. Imagine the pride and satisfaction on the part of each of the Association’s officers in being an active participant in such an outstanding “job well done.”

Officers serve from reunion to reunion – including the Secretary. To provide Association stability, the President moves to the Executive Advisory Board and the 1st Vice President moves to the office of President unless he is unable to serve, then the 2nd Vice President will assume the office. The 3rd Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman and any vacant positions are up for nomination and election each reunion.

These positions need to be filled by competent, responsible and intelligent individuals with the ability to get their arms around a difficult concept and mold it into a cohesive, living organism – an improved Association and the next Reunion. If you are that kind of individual, in the words of Uncle Sam: “WE WANT YOU”

Do your part in improving and perpetuating the Hof Association and all it stands for. Seek office and serve well if elected. If you are willing to allow your name to be placed into nomination for any of the above positions, please send me an email <thebear1968@yahoo.com>. Be assured that previous Officers will be available for direction and advice if necessary.

EXECUTIVE ADVISORY BOARD – Tom Nickerson

Looking forward to our reunion in Biloxi? Monika and I certainly are. Biloxi has become a gorgeous resort area – you get History, you get Casinos, a chance to walk on the 26 mile long man made white beach, meet great people, and enjoy great weather in October. Join in, send your reservations to Chuck, tell him you just have to be part of this. If history is an indicator, you just can’t go wrong because a great time has been had by all at our past reunions, whether here or there or even Germany. We get to rehash old times, we get to win the cold war again, we can talk about the 50 DM bottles of “Yac” at Jakes, the Schwimmbad, Bratwurst, all the important things. For those that don’t want to just “hang out” at the pool or the Hospitality Suite, there will be some very good tours arranged covering a variety of events and sites that will make you glad you did it – Keesler AFB might even be available for viewing. How can you resist?

Amazing how the years pass but the memories remain. Old friendships are rekindled and new ones made every year. If you are undecided, I strongly encourage you to think hard on meeting old friends in Biloxi. You will go home happier for attending.

NOTE

If you have an Internet Provider and are not receiving the Association weekly email Update, we probably don’t have your current email address. Please contact <HofReunion@aol.com> to see what the problem may be. Please provide your name and correct email address. Your attention to this matter will assure that you receive all the weekly email updates.

SEEKING FORMER SECURITY POLICE

Bobby Sturdevant <stuclan@earthlink.net> and Tom Mikloiche <Mikloit@pweh.com> are requesting that all former Air Policeman (Security Police) and MP’s that were assigned to Hof, between 1960 and 1972, contact them as soon as possible. They would truly like to hear from anybody that knew them at Hof. Call Bobby Sturdevant at (210) 675-0011 and Tom Mikloiche can be reached at (806) 643-9004.

PRESIDENT – Jim Patterson

Even though we are excited about our upcoming reunion, let's not overlook another important function – payment of our annual dues. This isn't the most exciting topic but it's the one that keeps the organizational wheels turning. We operate on a fiscal calendar that runs from October 1st to September 30th of the following year and for the sake of our financial health it's important that we pay our dues in a timely manner. If everyone pays-up during July, August and September, it's "tidy" and "efficient," it's easy to pay the bills and organize the overall finances. An example of organizational efficiency: The Secretary is charged with sending out the Master Hof Roster to all members in good standing. The rosters are "bulk-reproduced" and "bulk-mailed" at a substantial savings. If the dues are received after the October 10th printing and bulk mailing, you will be required to wait until the 2nd bulk printing on January 12th. This is one of the ways we have to personally control operational costs and it is only a matter of timing, so please grab the attached renewal form, fill it out and send it in with your dues to the address at the top of the form.

We ask that Widows return the membership renewal form annually for Association records. The form lets us know that you are still interested in the Association and serves as a reminder to mail you a new copy of the Master Hof Roster. Failure to return the form could result in your name being dropped from rolls.

The last item concerning annual dues: please pay for one year at a time – advance payment creates a bookkeeping annoyance. However, if you feel like just "helping out" – add a \$5.00 donation. OK, enough of the commercial, lets get back to the party!

VICE PRESIDENT – Bruce Orr

Welcome to the "Playground of the South"

This destination in the classic "Deep South" is a great selection for our 2004 Annual Reunion. You will certainly enjoy this week in Biloxi, even if it is coming a year earlier than we originally planned, as San Antonio proved a little too rich for our blood.

The Gulf Coast of Mississippi is popularly referred to as the "Playground of the South"; a temperate year-round climate with 26 miles of white sandy beaches, there is no question about how the area earned its nickname. Recreational opportunities and adventures abound, ranging from para sailing to golfing, deep-sea fishing, sailing and dinner cruises. Other activities include historic exploration, gourmet dining, art and antique hunting, and museum tours. Gaming (the polite term for Gambling) was legalized in Mississippi in 1990, allowing casinos to pop up all over the coast.

We are fortunate to have found a great site location in the magnificent Imperial Palace Hotel/Casino located directly on the Gulf in Biloxi. The Casino portion of the hotel is open 24-hours a day and features 70,000 square feet of quality gaming: more than 50 game tables and 1,600 slots. They also feature fine restaurants and other entertainment. Both Biloxi and nearby Gulfport have additional casinos.

This gulf coast area offers many other attractions and nearby day-trip possibilities. The city of New Orleans will be a must day-trip for some. Keesler AFB where many of us spent some time, many years ago, continues as the premier electronics and communications training center for the USAF and could also be worth a memorial trip. The Bus Tour schedule, cost, and sign-up form is on the back page of this newsletter.

Your Convention Site Selection Committee continues to explore possible venues for 2005 and beyond. For next year we are looking at the first or second week in October. So far the three leading contenders are: Atlantic City, NJ;

Branson, MO; and Nashville, TN. The 2005 Reunion Location Ballot is immediately below the FY5 Membership Renewal Form. The Association Board is attempting to hit all geographic areas so that as many ex-Hofers as possible can attend these reunions. We always try to hold expenses down, while selecting attractive locales and meeting facilities.

Robert Hoerath has requested that "Hof/Saale" be considered for the 2006 Association Reunion. We will discuss and vote on this issue at the Biloxi General Membership meeting October 25th.

Looking forward to seeing "Y'all" in Biloxi!!!!

2nd VICE PRESIDENT – Richard Obidinski

There was a time when our young men and boys were selected to do their part in the military. They were selected from cities large and small, rural America and the farms and ranches scattered around the Mid-west. After extensive training these young men were placed in strategic locations around the world, one such location was a little hamlet in far eastern section of West Germany called Hof. Unknown by most, including a few Germans, and off the beaten path.

In Hof we were assigned tasks as early alert (scope dopes) and communications interceptors. If you think about it, we were the first contact with hostile forces in this sector. These tasks were important, even if we felt we were just wasting time, especially on slow mid-shifts, and even if the “sparks” of excitement were rare. But, in the end, most of us came away with a feeling that we had done something worthwhile for our country.

Being so close to the Grenz, travel was somewhat restricted. The most reasonable direction was west or toward the Bayreuth area, maybe even as far as Nuernberg, but because everything was so far away, we stayed mostly around home base. Even though restricted, maybe even because of it, we formed a bond with our comrades, got to meet and understand more of the local people than those stationed in the big towns with bright lights. We “hung” together, shared successes and failures and became a nice, tight, group of "friends".

Good choices were made there and it reflects years later when this hardy group meets for the fifth time (to my knowledge), enmasse, to catch up on the latest among the old "friends" and establish new friendships with those we didn't get to meet the first time around. This year we're gonna be in Biloxi, Mississippi where a few remember going to Tech School a millennium ago, this is going to be a sentimental journey for many – the term “Kessler AFB” will bring a tear to the eye of many of our group, and how can you blame them? I wish for all to hook-up with the old comrades and to make new "friends" in Biloxi, to rediscover the common bound we have, how important our tour of duty was and to tighten the spirit of “the family.”

3rd V. PRESIDENT - Jim Riggin

Traudl and I have been busy planning the Biloxi Social-Reception entertainment. In Las Vegas we followed the German theme but plan a more mingled description in Biloxi. Brian Stoneback has promised support with his Accordion and Comical Skills, Ralph Glover will sing a song or two and our daughter will also join the show in Biloxi. If any of you would like to offer your talent as part of the Tuesday afternoon program, send an email or give us a phone call some time after August 15. We'll be in Hof, enjoying Bier and Bratwust the remainder of July and beginning of August. Our email address is: [<jimriggin@yahoo.com>](mailto:jimriggin@yahoo.com) and our telephone number is 719-260-9481.

Remember, this Association is one big family so please don't wander around talking to yourself and acting shy - reach out to others by introducing yourself and getting involved. - Smiles and Hugs can be contagious.

TREASURER – Nathan Sparks

Our Association is recognized as a nonprofit, tax exempt, charitable organization under Internal Revenue Code, Section 501 (c) (19). Under the IRS Non Profit rules each year we should make a contribution to a charitable cause such as the Golf Tournament for Legally Blind Veterans, Iowa City, Iowa, the Enlisted Widows Foundation, Shalimar, Florida or other IRS recognized charitable institutions. This matter must, and will be voted on by the membership in Biloxi, Mississippi.

The Reunion in Las Vegas was considered a very joyful and successful reunion by all that attended. The cost in dollars and cents are as follows: Social, Banquet and Band in the Trianon Ballroom in Stardust Resort & Casino \$23,659.50, Bus Tour to Hoover Dam and Valley of the Fire \$3,554.45, Souvenir “T” shirts \$1,219.82, Gifts, Gratuities, and Miscellaneous expenses \$290.49, and Donation to the Enlisted Widows Village \$1000.00. The total cost of the Las Vegas reunion was \$29,724.26. We are anticipating a larger attendance at the Biloxi Reunion. We have budgeted for the Social, Banquet and Band \$32,500.00, Bus Tours in and around Biloxi \$4,500.00, Souvenir “T” shirts \$1,500.00, gifts, gratuities and miscellaneous expenses \$500.00, charitable contribution \$1,500.00. An estimated cost of \$40,500.00

Our goal is to provide all members the best service for their money. Each new member and the renewing members receive an updated copy of the Master Hof Roster. The Association operates on a Fiscal Year that runs from October 1 through September 30 of each calendar year. We urge you to utilize the membership renewal form provided with this Newsletter to renew your membership in late July thru early September. We can then bulk reproduce and mail the Master Hof Roster on October 12, at a reduced cost to the Association.

The Association's finances are in excellent condition with more than \$5,000.00, as of May 31, 2004, in our Association bank account, however we are confronted with some heavy expenses in the near future. The publication and mailing of the July 2004 Hof Connection Newsletter and deposits for the upcoming reunion in Biloxi. The Association books will be available in Biloxi for Fiscal year 2003 and 2004 open for inspection by any member with a desire to review them.

SECRETARY - Chuck Wilson

"Thank You" to all the magnificent members of this wonderful Association that have put forth "that little extra effort" by reaching out to former Hof Colleagues and asking them to participate in the Biloxi get together. That is what this Association is all about; "Reaching out to others, renewing old acquaintances, and making many new friendships with folks that have shared the common experience of "serving at Hof." We also want to thank all the current Association Officers for their unselfish commitment to assuring that the Association functions smoothly. We encourage recently retired members of the Association to seek office by allowing your name to be placed into nomination. You can improve and make this Association ever stronger. Internet service is the only prerequisite. Please Let Tom Bryson know that you will accept nomination for office and will serve to the best of your ability if elected by the membership.

As the majority of you know, we will be calling on you to serve a couple of hours in the Hospitality Suite or help with the registration. A duty roster will be posted in the hospitality suite. The major duty of both jobs is to smile and chat with reunion participants looking for a friend.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN - C.A. Russell

I appreciate the contribution of "old orders" that many of you have made. As the Membership Chairman, I get to do the searches, but I'd like to say we could all be "Searchers."

Here are some of the search engines that I use, they are pretty reliable and they are FREE.

<http://www.ussearch.com> Use this to narrow down age group and region.

<http://www.switchboard.com> Use this for general phone and address info.

<http://person.langenberg.com> Another engine for a variety of info, foreign countries, obituaries, professional, email, zip codes, etc.

I use others occasionally, but these are usually all that are necessary to locate someone with a known middle initial, approximate age, and Serial Number (the first two numerals indicate what region of the U.S. the veteran enlisted in, and that info is provided on the back page of the roster). Close friends would know what city their buddy came from, and I have found that over 90% return to the same state or region. The rest move to Florida or get discharged in Texas and stay there. So, PLEASE help us out the best you can, give what info you have to the new find, and notify us by phone or e-mail so we can finish the job. We still have work to do!!!!
<russca@bellsouth.net>, (478) 296 9118

Send old Hof Orders to: C. A. Russell, 1206 Achord Road, Dublin, GA 31021-0715

WEBMASTER - Barry Springsteen

ASSOCIATION WEB SITE STATUS

The migration of the association web site <www.hofreunion.com> to a new hosting service is complete and the service has proven to be very reliable and stable. Response to the new look of the site has been very favorable.

In addition to providing a new look for our site there are also several new features and programming tools now available. The first new feature that has been incorporated into the web site is a bulletin board. This feature will allow for a series of ongoing dialogs and the sharing of all forms of information between association members.

The photo album has proven to be a major project but Jerry Mangas has stepped forward, accepted the challenge and is making great progress. There are several issues with the albums that are being addressed. One concern with the album is returning to the web site after viewing a series of pictures. At this moment, it is not possible to place a permanent navigation button within the album. There are two temporary solutions available. The first is to enter www.hofreunion.com/links.html in the address field of your browser and click on GO. A second solution would be to add the PHOTOS AND LINK PAGE of the web site to your favorites list and transfer back in that manner.

Comments about the current web site, suggestions for improvements or a description of a new feature can be E-Mailed to <hofreunion@att.net>.

CHAPLAIN - Francis Fukumoto

A Prayer for the Nations

Eternal God, the creator of all things and called it good. We are thankful for the sign of your peace in our lives. For the lifting up of human dignity and community for every expression of love, justice, reconciliation; for every act of self-giving on the behalf of others.

We commit ourselves individually and as a community to the way of truth, to seek the abundant life for humanity, to struggle for peace with justice and freedom, to risk ourselves in faith, hope and love,

We pray for the blessing of America the Beautiful, a country that stands united, a country that embraces all nations for the cause of freedom, a country that is bound by your divine image for your continued blessings, we pray.

We pray for our comrades in harms way, brave men and women loyal to the ultimate sacrifice for the freedom, that we live and enjoy each day, and to the future generation, for the best is yet to come, we pray

We pray in the name of God the creator, God the sustainer, God the redeemer.

AMEN

SERGEANT OF ARMS - Bob Alekson

Wow ... can you believe it. In just a few months we will be enjoying another great Hof reunion, this time in Biloxi. Last year in Las Vegas you all were extremely cooperative in wearing your name tags in the Hospitality Suite and at all the Association functions. This was not only helpful to us monitoring the functions, but also helpful to the members trying to identify all of their long lost buddies. We are asking that the same cooperation be offered in Biloxi. We will be getting acquainted with more new members of our family that will be joining us for the first time. I think that perhaps we could also try and find one of your Hof pics of many years ago and wear it next to our nametag. Sounds scary, doesn't it? (Chuckle) I think that it would add an extra smile when we bump into a "stranger" at our event.

SERGEANT OF ARMS - Tony Donofrio

You all remember seeing notices of “Group Dinners” in the weekly updates. The Groups Dinners will be formed by organization and year of service at Hof; the purpose is to create a small reunion within the reunion by assuring that folks who served and worked directly together have an opportunity to find each other without too much hassle. The Group Dinners are “dutch” and we hope that all reunion participants will take advantage of these mini gatherings, using them as an opportunity to renew old acquaintance with former colleagues. Be prepared to introduce yourself, your spouse, or guest, and give a 2-3 minute dissertation about yourself and your experiences since the Hof years.

Group Leaders names and signup forms will be posted in the Hospitality Suite on October 25th, look for them and sign-up.

HISTORIAN - Gary Dempsey

As your Historian, I am interested in gathering as many of your memories of the days at Hof as you all can give me. It's important, as we have just seen with the - yes, 60th-anniversary of D-Day, that we leave something tangible behind while we still can. If I can get enough material, I'd like to put together an official, or semi-official, memorial book of the 6915th and the other units that were stationed at Hof or the old Kingsley Kaserne in the "60s-'80s.

Please use the new Association Bulletin Board to post your thoughts. I'll be checking it frequently, and if I need more info, I'll e-mail you directly, if you want. I can also be reached via my own website <gary@thedempseyarchives.com>.

PHOTOSITE HISTORY - Jerry Mangas

While I've got your attention, here are some of our needs for the web site picture pages ...

1. Pictures of individuals or small groups, two to three people that can be identified, with or without background activity is fine and with names where possible. Pictures of larger groups would have to be cropped to be visible on the web page (This can be done, no problem). The Medical and Food Service Dets have been well shown for the 60's but where is everybody else? We know that everyone bought a great camera and a lot of film – where are the pics?
2. Pictures of Official Ceremonies, such as the change of command ceremony in 1964 are also welcomed. But we need to ID what is happening, i.e., What? Who? When? and Where?
3. Pictures of historical interest. Old Hof pics; prior to, during and after WW II. Descriptions and credits where possible.
4. We also have insignia missing from the Wappenschild page, particularly the Bundeswehr and Luftwaffe side of things, not to mention the 50's Army and ASA side. There was also the Russian Liaison unit there from 1945 – does anyone have any info on them, name and insignia?
5. And, in general, any pics from the 40's, 50's and 70's that fit the above descriptions. The 50's and the 70's are totally lacking.

One of the probable major problems is at that time and place in history, we all did a lot of 35mm slide work. Those slides today are deteriorating and difficult to scan. When you have something really important, a local photo lab can digitize your pics for posterity; I found several of my own that turned out to be quite frame-able and now deck the walls. But the cost makes you shy away from doing “bulk” projects. So, if anyone knows of a good source for “bulk” scanning old slides, or a similar solution, please speak up as there are many of us that would be glad to hear about it and it would have a direct effect on our website.

PUBLICITY – Tony and Lynn Cameron

We would like to start a data bank of “local newspapers” ... A Public Information sheet will be in your reunion package. Be prepared to give the name of your local newspaper(s), email address, and US Postal Address. If you don't have the information with you, take the form home to complete and then return it to the Hof Reunion Association.

LAS VEGAS TESTIMONIAL – Tom Mikloiche

Three days after returning from our vacation in Hof, my wife, Ingrid, and I, frantically un-packed and repacked. Braving jet lag, we headed off to the Las Vegas reunion wondering if we shouldn't have just stayed home and rested. At least we didn't have to go through customs again.

We arrived in Las Vegas on Saturday, got situated in the Stardust, relaxed a little, then the adrenalin took over and we wandered through the Casino looking for familiar faces from long ago.

Monday we registered at the Hospitality Suite and it didn't take long before we found a few familiar faces. Inga spotted Greg Krcma and his wife, Sandy, and while we were talking, in walks Lt. Kielbania and his wife Gay. As we are getting into the “war story” mode, Delbert Henry arrives. Not only were the guys getting into the “war story” mode, the ladies were hitting it off like sisters and telling the other side of the “war stories”. We talked and talked and the group grew and grew. We finally met Milton Gibbs and his wife Virginia for the first time – the irony being Milton was stationed in Hof in '57, long before I was there, but we live only about a mile from each other.

I could go on and on and on ... it would fill a book ... just let it be said, we had the time of our lives – enjoyed every second and we're looking forward to seeing everybody again in Biloxi. If there is anyone reading this that is worried they WON'T have a great time, you can forget about it right now. I can promise that you'll have tears in your eyes upon meeting the first person that you knew and it will get better from there! Ingrid and I hope to see you there, stop and say hello when you see us!!!

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Don Ridgeway would like to hear from any golfers who would like to play a round (or two) in Biloxi. Contact Don direct at <martind@direcway.com> or write Don Ridgeway, 8090 Gulf Blvd, Navarre Beach, FL 32566, Tel 850-939-1217

Elizabeth J. Jung, (Widow of Robert, stationed with the 6915th, 1964-68) draws on her real life experiences to write thought provoking spy novels. Elizabeth will attend our Biloxi Reunion and has offered a couple of her books as door prizes. Elizabeth has written four intrigue novels; Game Between Spies, Budapest Connection, Project Eve, and Assignment: Reno, Nevada. She is expecting her fifth novel, Iowa's Double Agent, to be released shortly before our get-together in Biloxi. Her books are available through any major bookstore. For an autographed copy, go to <www.elizabethjung.com>. You can also go to <www.hofreunion.com>, click on the Photos & Links Button and scroll down to her website.

Lonnie Henderson, (member of the 6915th, 1961-1964) an Award Winning Comanche Artist and Owner of Henderson Wood, Anadarko, OK. He will provide two lathe-turned bowls as awards at our Biloxi Reunion. Each bowl will have an engraved brass nameplate. One bowl will be awarded to the reunion participant that must travel the farthest distance to attend the Biloxi Reunion and the other will be awarded to the most senior (oldest) participant.

.Lonnie writes:

“From Anadarko, Ok, the Cultural Center of the World and possibly the entire Universe.”

If you haven't registered for the Biloxi Reunion because the registration form has “run away” and it's hiding, you can download the form from the Association website <www.hofreunion.com>. Login and click the “2004 Reunion” button and scroll to the bottom of the page – it's right there, waiting for you. And if you don't have computer access, give Chuck Wilson a call at 916-366-1811 and he'll get the registration form in the mail or FAX it to you.

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"Life may not be the party we hoped for... but while we are here we might as well dance.

BILOXI REUNION T-SHIRT

T-Shirts are Fruit of The Loom, 100% Preshrunk Cotton..

White with 5 Color Front & 2 Color Back

SIZE: S, M, L, = \$9.00 Each

SIZE: XL, XXL, XXXL = 10.00 Each

T-Shirt order must be received by September 15. Delivery at Imperial Palace during Registration

FRONT OF T-SHIRT



October 2004

Biloxi, MS

BACK OF T-SHIRT

Hof

*Way up in
Bavaria*

Germany

T-SHIRT ORDER FORM ON NEXT PAGE

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BILOXI REUNION T-SHIRT ORDER FORM.

SIZE: S, M, L, XL = \$9.00 Each SIZE: XXL, XXXL = 10.00 Each

The Association must receive your order and payment by September 15th, 2004

Name	SIZE S,M,L \$9.00	SIZE XL,XXL,XXXL \$10.00	Number Ordered	Sub Total	Total

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Biloxi Reunion Tour Registration & Payment Form

Name of Participant (s)	
1. _____	2. _____
3. _____	4. _____

TOUR DESCRIPTION	Limited to Tickets Available 106	Number of Tickets Requested	Cost Per Ticket	TOTAL
Tuesday, October 26 - 0800 5 Hr (2 Buses) Biloxi Antebelum & Historical Tour: 300 years of history of Gulf Coast, antebellum homes, museums, Keesler AFB, Beauvoir, Jeff Davis home & library, Tallis-Toledano Manor, Maritime & Seafood Museum, & Casino Row. (Entrance fee's Included in ticket price.)	First come First Serve		\$25.00	
Wednesday, Oct 27 – 0800 11Hr (2 Buses) NEW ORLEANS – FRENCH QUARTER A scenic drive along the Longest Man Made Beach in the world to New Orleans for a 2 Hr Guided Tour of City. After the City Tour we will enjoy about 2 hours in the famous French Quarter where we can enjoy shopping and lunch	106 Tickets Available First Come First Serve		\$28.00 (Does NOT Include Lunch)	

on our own. (Failure to return to the Bus Pick Up point <u>on time</u> will result in paying your own taxi fair to return to the Imperial Palace.)				
TOTAL				

Hof Reunion Association

P.O. Box 276883
Sacramento, CA 95827-6883

All association work is accomplished by volunteers. No salary or wages are paid to any member.

The Hof Reunion Association operates on a fiscal year that runs from 1 October to 31 September of the following year.

The Hof Connection Newsletter is mailed to members in good standing 2 times each year (January and July).

There is a provision in the Association Constitution and By-laws that allow the Executive Board to grant a FREE membership in situations where the \$15 membership dues will create a financial hardship. Free membership must be requested.

Free membership is provided to widows (widowers) of previous members in good standing and they are entitled to all the privileges of membership except the paying of dues and holding office. We ask that Widows complete and return the Membership Renewal form for the purpose of maintaining records and to assure a new Master Hof Roster is mailed to you. Failure to return the form could result in your name being removed from the roster.

If your spouse is from Hof/Saale or Oberfranken, please include maiden name. This information will assist the ladies from Kreis Hof in their quest to locate former friends.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING FORM & RETURN TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FY-05

Last Name: _____ First: _____

Spouse: _____ Spouse Maiden Name: _____

Email Address: _____ AFSN: _____
(You may use the email address of a relative or friend)

Street Address: _____ Tel. No.: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ -
(Nine Digit Zip Code Please)

Years stationed at Hof: 19__ to 19__ Organization: _____

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

____ Enclosed is a check for \$15.00 made out to: Hof Reunion Association. I understand the Association operates on a FY which is from October 1 thru September 30 of the following year.

____ I am a widow (widower) of a previous member in good standing and want to continue my membership in the Association.

____ I am no longer interested in the Hof Reunion Association. Please remove my name from the email and US Postal listing.

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2005 REUNION LOCATION BALLOT

Name: _____

____ **Branson, MO**

____ **Atlantic City, NJ**

____ **Nashville, TN**

Please return to Hof Reunion Association before September 15, 2004 (With FY5 Member Renewal Form)

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