

# the **HOF CONNECTION** newsletter

January 2006

## **Nashville Comes Through**

It had a lot to offer and it offered a lot. The Hollerday Inn was easily accessible from the airport – a great convenience, especially with the free shuttle running about every 15 minutes. The hotel and the rooms were recently remodeled and provided a relaxing setting for our get together. The only negative was a little bit of roadwork in front of the hotel, but that didn't apply to just the hotel, that applied to Nashville on the whole – they are making a big effort to upgrade the entire city.

With 2 x 4 in hand and a whip in his hip pocket, Bobby Sturdevant (with a lot of help from Marcey) arranged a great force of “volunteers” to work the reception area, man the refreshment stand and direct traffic in the Hospitality suite. The enthusiasm of the volunteers was demonstrated when a record was set by Jo Murray and Karin Kingsley for the sale of beer during one 3 hour shift. The downside was Nate Sparks, Jerry Mangas and Andy Brads were working overtime as “beer runners.” If there were any hitches in the Hospitality Suite, Bobby covered them like a pro. Of course the stalwarts, Monika Wilson, Ute Sparks, Traudl and Jim Riggan, Monika Nickerson, Jody and CA Russell, Barry and Sue Springsteen, Pat Schiermeister, Eadie Patterson, Dick Obidinski, and Don Riverkamp were right in the midst of things like they normally are, handling the reception packages, the hat and t-shirt sales, arranging the banquet seating, the day trips/tours, answering stupid questions and all the other things we take for granted.

The business meeting was held the first afternoon with elections of officers and the ratification of changes to our by-laws. The changes included deletion of the office of 3<sup>rd</sup> V.P. and creating the office of Adjutant, with this coveted office going to Chuck Wilson – a new guy.

The daily tours were also well received. There was the “Discover Nashville” tour that gave an excellent overview of the town. The Grand Ole Opry, with the Martha White flour commercials, was a hoot and “Little” Jimmy Dickens is still performing (I remember him from my childhood days which was a long, long time ago). The General Jackson cruise down the Cumberland River offered great entertainment with equally great food. These were the only “organized” tours, but that town has a gazillion things to see on your own – you couldn't go wrong (Well ... actually you could ... there were a couple of ladies downtown that would show you the way). The town was loaded with all types of attractions – old battlefields, museums, theaters, music venues from Pickin' an' Grinnin', Blues, Honky Tonk and Rock, not to mention, the Classics, there were great restaurants and even a shopping mall or two for those that were suffering from pangs of shopping withdrawal. The list goes on forever – there are so many things to see you gotta go back.

And how did the Social and the Banquet turn out? Well, amazing! At the start, it looked like it was going to get bummed-out big time by Hurricane Katrina.

The Tuesday afternoon Social was hit pretty hard. The entertainment program was centered around Tanja Riggan, who is a pretty and good country entertainer. Father, Jim, had set up the program, burning the appropriate background music on CD's, setting up the sound system, lights, and all the other “roady” tasks. Tanja, however, had another challenge. Being a civilian with the Fort Polk Transportation Division, she was given the opportunity to see Hammond, Louisiana, just north of New Orleans, from a different perspective – that of disaster relief. Each day presented a different challenge but she and Jim were hopeful that she would still be able to appear, but the final result; she couldn't make it, leaving a big hole in the entertainment.

The show must go on, so Jim, who is quite agile on his feet, restructured the whole show on the fly. Our in-house performers, Traudl Riggan, Brenda and Archie Emery, and John Pace stepped up and did a superb job of singing. Ralph Glover did a little song and dance, and some comedy, and JoAnn Fukumoto provided a show of grace from the Islands. What a bunch of troopers!! And, not to forget, the talk given by Margot Payne as she describes the “shock and awe” upon arriving in America from Germany for the first time. As a young lady running barefoot

through the Frankenwald in a dirndl, collecting mushrooms and picking Himberrn, then thrust into the high-pressure caldron of the U.S.. She captured the moment quite well.

While this part of the show was going on, Andy Brads, attending his first Hofer Reunion ever, contacted Jim to see what songs his play list had, and Andy, a great fan of country/western music, knew the words to just about all of them and was willing to sing. What a break, right? Well, Jim, with Pete and Margot Payne, auditioned Andy's voice and thought it would be a good idea to have a real auction instead of just the Silent Auction, and decided to take the chance, making Andy the auctioneer instead of singing. The rest is history. Andy took the stage (Jim went and got a Bier) and proceeded to get people into a competitive bidding war that was a really fun time. Everyone feels that Andy, by getting everyone into the spirit, generated more cash for our Biloxi Hurricane Relief Fund than any other effort, while at the same time, provided a very entertaining event. The top items auctioned off were a beautiful, patriotic themed, handmade quilt by June Parnell, bought by a very happy Walt Whisner, and a large pair of "Hummels" hand-painted by Hilde Middendorf. There were many, many more items donated by our generous membership but there's not enough room to list them all.

The Thursday night Banquet fared a little bit better, but there was still enough "unknown" to keep the tension level up.

After the local Air Force Reserve Unit and the Army National Guard failed to return calls to Archie Emery (our local "feet on the ground" Nashville guy), Chuck Wilson contacted the Commander of the 118<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Wing of the Tennessee Air National Guard, Colonel Kenneth Jones, to see if he could arrange a Color Guard. Colonel Jones was quick to mention they had a group, led by SMSGT Steve Williams, which goes beyond the presentation of the Colors; it's a historical program about our Flags and what they mean. Also, while they were on the phone Chuck convinced the Colonel to be our Keynote Speaker. All was well – that is until a couple of days after Katrina, Col Jones called and had to cancel his speech because of Disaster Preparedness. Chuck checked with SMSGT Williams, and even though his group had a similar problem, they would be able to muster enough people to do the show. So Chuck lost one and saved one.

Starting the evening with the Flag Presentation Show, which SMSGT Williams and his people did with great professionalism, an outstanding performance that brought a few tears to a few eyes. To conclude the performance, SMSGT Williams led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain Francis Fukumoto, assisted by Tom Bryson and Brent Scott, gave a memorial service for our former colleagues, with Barry and Sue Springsteen providing a memorial plaque honoring them. Mrs. Billie Townsend, widow of the late Chaplain James Townsend (Hof 1961-64) gave the Banquet Invocation.

We then enjoyed a great dinner; some short talks from selected guests and then the "hired" band, a group brought in by Archie Emery, called "The Bandaleroes." took over. The overall opinion I heard was it was the best ever band that we have ever had at a reunion.

During band breaks, the Silent Auction winners were announced and then the 50/50 drawing, organized by Bobby Sturdevant, was held (it was set up with 50% going to Biloxi Disaster Relief and 50% going out as cash prizes). All the winners in the 50/50 drawing donated their 50% back to the Relief Fund.

After all was said and done, the Hof Reunion Association was able to present a check for \$4,137.50 to the Biloxi Salvation Army for hurricane relief. Maybe its not mega-bucks, but not too bad at all, so pat yourself and each other on the back for a job well done.

To recap the event organization, Dick Obidinski, Jerry Mangas, with the able help of our local guy, Archie Emery, took a long list of hotels available in Nashville, eliminated the ones with less than 200 rooms, leaving about 50, broke it down by price, accommodations and locations, ending up with a final three and picked a winner. They did a great job and it was reflected in the mood of everyone – I didn't hear a single disparaging word. A real win/win situation, and they are to be congratulated and thanked for a job well done.

Friday morning, the Auf Wiedersehen breakfast, one last omelet from Walter, the Cajun Omelet König, another bowl of prunes and we're outta here. Thanks Nashville, we had a great time.

## The 2006 reunion in Hof/Saale – September 17 - 23

This is going to be a great event. Again, the Quality Hotel, in Hof, has been selected as the central gathering point for the 2006 Hof Reunion Association get together. The Quality Hotel was constructed in 1981 and has 111 rooms with shower, WC, telephone, Cable TV, & Pay TV. A sauna, fitness center and Internet service are also available for use by Hotel Guests. The Quality Hotel Management has agreed to block 80 rooms at a rate of 58€ (\$72.50) per room, per night and includes breakfast. Questions may be sent to [hofreunion@dejazzd.com](mailto:hofreunion@dejazzd.com)

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Reservations can be made between April 1 and June 15, 2006 by contacting the Quality Hotel via any of the methods listed above. Please provide your AMX, VISA or Master Card number and expiration date. Discover Card **CANNOT** be used in Europe.

Registration fee for the Reunion is \$77.50 (62€) per person, a fully refundable \$50.00 (40€) per person deposit must be received by April 1, 2006. The \$50 will be applied to the registration fee of \$77.50 (62€) which must be paid in full by June 15, 2006. After June 15, a \$22.50 (18€) Surcharge will apply to late registrations, for a total of \$100.00 (80€). The sign-up sheet is toward the end of the newsletter with all the disclosures and rules, check it out and fill it out.

This is the tentative itinerary of events.

Sep 17 1000 Reunion packages containing official preprinted Name Tags, Tour Tickets, Banquet Tickets, and Oberfranken Visitor Information.

1700 General Membership Meeting (one person per membership please).  
The evening is open. Gather in the dining area or go out on the town.

Sep 18 0700 Buffet Breakfast

0845 Briefing in Hotel Foyer and Dining Area

1100 Reception at Rathaus, with the Lord Mayor of Hof

1300 Fernweh Park, the sign forest, with Klaus Beer - TV & News Media.

1400 Teddy Bear Museum (donations at door welcome – nice Café)

1500 Souvenir Shopping Tour led by Christa Devine.

The evening is open. Renew acquaintances and make new friends.

Sep 19 0600 Buffet Breakfast

0700 Tour 1A - Berlin tour bus departs Quality Hotel – returns 2300

0700 Tour 1B - Dresden tour bus departs Quality Hotel – returns 2300

Note - Reunion Attendee's not participating in one of the above tours should review their reunion package to check the local bus schedules and tour possibilities so they can adventure about out on their own.

Sep 20 0700 Buffet Breakfast

0830 Tour #2 – Kaserne, Hof Site, Döbraberg, Surprise, Mödlareuth.

1830 Group Dinners – 3 Minute Talks – Divide 2 Groups – Check the bulletin board.

Sep 21 0600 Buffet Breakfast

0800 Kulmbach & Vierzehnheiligen

Evening Open for Socializing & Hof at night.

Sep 22 0700 Buffet Breakfast

1800 – 1830 Social - Open Bar

1830 – 1930 Introductions – Award Presentations

1930                    Banquet Dinner (Rouladen, Schweinebraten, Schnitzel)  
                          Bavarian Dance Group - Magician - Music – Dance

Sep 23 0800    Auf Wiedersehen Breakfast at the Quality Hotel for those that wish to participate. (9€ for those not staying at Quality)

Although the 2006 Oktoberfest will begin September 16, we do **NOT** recommend going to the Oktoberfest before September 24 or 25<sup>th</sup>. And due to the large crowds, we do recommend using a money belt. You could consider forming some groups so you'll have some festing partners in the tents.

## **The site selection for 2007**

The site selection committee has come up with the following possible sites for the 2007 reunion. Please bear in mind we are trying to move the reunion around the country so that sooner or later, everyone will have a reunion in their backyard, but these sites have to have enough "draw" to bring people in from other areas too. While a major consideration is the quality and cost of accommodations.

The sites being offered:

### **AUSTIN, TEXAS - CAPITOL OF THE LONE STAR STATE**

HOWDY from the Capitol of Texas, I'm Austin, Texas, and I'm located in central Texas.

I am one of the possible sites that you, the members of the Hof Reunion Association, will be voting upon for a chance to host the 2007 reunion. I am approximately one hour north of San Antonio, three hours south of Dallas, and two and a half west of Houston. In addition to being the State Capitol, I am the home of the University of Texas (Hookem Horns), St Edwards University, Concordia University, and Huston Tillotson College, the LBJ Presidential Library, Zilker Park with natural Barton Springs, the Governor's Mansion, Lake Austin, Lake Travis, and the famous "Sixth Street." Just west of us is Fredericksburg, which is home of the Nemitz Museum, German Restaurants, and numerous Antique Shops, and just south of us is New Braunfels, where the annual Wurstfest occurs every year starting the Friday before the first Monday in November and lasts for ten days. In 2007, that will be November 2-11<sup>th</sup>. If I am chosen by you to host in 2007, I would host between November 5<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for considering me for your host city in 2007.

### **DENVER, COLORADO – "THE MILE HIGH CITY"**

Denver is the state capitol of Colorado, and if you stand on the 11<sup>th</sup> step on the state capitol building, you will be "A Mile High." It is the home of Lowery Air Force Base with an Air & Space Museum. Denver is in the Top Ten of safest downtowns in America. Denver brews more beer than any other city in the world. Over 80 different beers are brewed daily with Rocky Mountain water. Denver's airport offers 1300 daily flights. Denver has three colleges, the Denver Mint, White Water Rafting, \$100 million aquarium, and over 300 restaurants. In nearby Fort Collins is the Anheuser-Busch Brewery. In nearby Golden is the Coors Brewery, and the Mother Cabrini Shrine with 22 foot statue of Christ on a hill overlooking Denver. South of Denver in Colorado Springs is the United States Air Force Academy. Other attractions in Colorado Springs are Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Cave of the Winds, and Seven Falls. The surrounding area of Denver has many mountains, rivers, and streams to enjoy, and if Denver is chosen by the membership, the annual reunion will probably be between Mid-August and Mid-September 2007. Denver is known to have 300 days of sunshine. And there is 24 hour legalized gambling available in the foothills, about 45 minutes west of Denver.

### **OGDEN, UTAH – WILLKONNEM FROM THE SISTER CITY OF HOF**

Located at the base of the Wasatch Mountains just north of Salt Lake City, Ogden's majestic landscape compliments the beauty of the rolling hills of Hof, Germany. Like Hof, Ogden has a rich railroad history, small town charm, fabulous food, and great locally brewed beer by Ogden's own award winning brewmeister. Ogden features many attractions sure to please. Hill Air Force Base with the Hill Aerospace Museum boasts a vast

collection of aircraft, vehicles and artifacts dating from 1903. Step back in time on our notoriously charming Historic 25th Street. Hear the tales of Mountain men, Pioneers, Indians, and Troops that traveled through Ogden by rail during the war. Visit Union Station and enjoy the Browning Firearms Museum, Utah Railroad Museum and Browning-Kimball Car Museum. Admire the Great Salt Lake and experience Antelope Island. See where East met West at the Golden Spike National Historic Site. Visit Olympic Venues of the 2002 Winter Olympics. Spend time at the world famous Temple Square and listen to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. Experience the true West. Ogden, the Sister City to Hof would be honored to host the Hof Reunion Association's annual get together in 2007.

## **RENO, NEVADA – THE BIGGEST LITTLE CITY IN THE WORLD**

Reno is located in the western part of the state near the California border – in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. What the city lacks in glitz or reputation it more than makes up for in attractions and amenities. There are first-rate, reasonably priced hotels, golf courses and casinos to rival its southern counterpart, Las Vegas. Reno has access to many fine attractions such as Lake Tahoe, Emerald Bay, Truckee River, Pyramid Lake, Virginia City, Francis Newland's home, Nystrom House, National Bowling Stadium, University of Nevada, and the State Capitol, Carson City. Other Reno recreational places are Wingfield Park Amphitheater, Peppermill Hotel Casino, Silver Legacy Resort & Casino, Atlantis Casino Resort and Comstock Hotel & Casino. Don't forget about El Dorado Hotel Casino, Circus Circus, the Keck Museum, the Wilber May Museum, the Nevada Museum of Art, the National Automobile Museum and the Nevada Historical Society Museum. The National Championship Air Races are held the 3rd week of September. Among Reno's art places are A Wildflower Village, Acquavella Modern Art, Addi Galleries, Alexandratos Gallery, Amaranth Gallery, American Visions Art Gallery, Art on Earth and Artistry in Bronze Gallery.

We look forward to hosting the Hof Association 2007 Reunion.

So, there they are, if you have any doubts about selecting a site, you can check them out on the web, check with their local Chambers of Commerce and/or with the Auto Club Tour Guides. There are many attractions that aren't obvious when you first take a look and you will be surprised how much all of these places have to offer. You just might find that one of these places might be a destination that you been looking for. So do your research then go to the end of the newsletter, grab your crayon, fill out the selection ballot and mail it in – it's that simple.

## **Membership Chairman, C.A. Russell**

It will be great going back to Hof/Saale for the 2006 reunion as it has all the makings of being as great or greater than the 2002 reunion. We hope that all of you will make every effort to attend. Bear in mind; many that would love to go, just aren't physically able to make the trip anymore, and in 4 more years there will be even more of us in that situation. So we hope to see you there this year!!

We make every effort to locate our Hof friends, and many times are successful. We have about 3100 names on our roster, and discounting the "missing" we have approximately 2300 that are eligible to be a members, but of those people, only about a third of them have become members. It is discouraging to go down the list of names of people that we have found, only to see that they never did send their registration back in to us, or they joined for a year then dropped out. We aren't trying to create a large roster, we are trying to reunite a group of old comrades so we can get together and reminisce about the good ole days and fill each other in on the lives after service. When you see the name of an old acquaintance appear in the weekly update as a "new find" or you see their name on the roster, get in touch with them and let them know you are glad to see them surface, urge them to join and encourage them to participate. We will send you a complete copy of the roster, and you will receive weekly email "Updates." Please communicate this information to your friends, and ask them to be a part of the second largest military reunion association. And if finances are a problem, membership in the HRA is free if you request it, as it states on the membership form.

## **The Financials from Nathan Sparks, Treasurer**

It has been a great pleasure working with the officers and members of the Hof Reunion Association this past year. The Reunion in Nashville, Tennessee was considered a very joyful and successful reunion by all that attended. All the bills have been paid and the cost in dollars and cents were as follows: Social, Banquet and Band in the Holiday Inn Select \$22,848.01, the tours of Grand Ole Opry, General Jackson Luncheon Cruise, and Discover Nashville \$12,905.56, Souvenir, "T" shirts \$744.28, gifts, gratuities, and miscellaneous expenses \$268.81, and donation to the Enlisted Widows Village \$1000.00. The Association donated \$500.00 from treasury and the members attending the reunion donated \$3,637.50 by cash, checks, and fundraisers. A check for \$4,137.50 was delivered to the Biloxi Katrina Salvation Army Corps.

We are anticipating a great attendance at the Reunion in Hof Germany where it all began. We have budgeted for the Social, Banquet and Band \$17,050.00, Bus Tours in and around Germany \$14,340.00, Souvenir Sweat shirts \$3,630.00, gifts, gratuities and miscellaneous expenses \$500.00, charitable contribution \$1,500.00. An estimated cost for the reunion \$31,890.00; of course the actual amounts will depend on the conversion of Euro in Europe.

The Association voted in Nashville to change the Fiscal Year in the Constitution & by-laws to run from January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year. 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. All paid membership in the association expired on December 31, 2005; the 90-day grace period ends March 31, 2006. To keep your membership current, please mail in your renewal check at your earliest convenience. If the \$15 a year annual membership fee will create a financial hardship for any person meeting Association membership criteria, the Board of Directors may grant a FREE membership upon request by the individual.

The Association's finances are in excellent condition with a balance of \$16,716.41, in our Association bank account, as of November 30, 2005. However, we will be confronted with some heavy expenses in the near future. The publication and mailing of the January 2006 "Hof Connection Newsletter" and much larger deposits required than in the USA for the upcoming reunion in Hof. The Association books will be available in Hof Germany for fiscal year 2006 for inspection by any member with a desire to review them.

## **Association status from Jerry Mangas, Secretary**

We are currently pursuing a membership drive to update old or non-renewing members from FY1 thru FY4 with postal mailings and email teasers. The registration effort for Hof2006 is ongoing as well as the continual hunt for new finds and new members by our elite headhunter team. The weekly connection Email update is now much expanded in format and content and has more and more input coming from the members and is sent to known active email addresses weekly and weekly tracking and correction of null or changed email addresses is a continuing priority

Association status: Currently (12/27/05) there are 3450 last names on the roster, consisting of 3084 potentially active names of which 1092 are listed as missing, and including the 74 women and 384 men on Final Flyby. We have people in the group from 1946 to 1985 and located from Japan to Afghanistan. Currently we have 669 active members with the Connection Update reaching 544 every week via email.

## **Website Status from Barry Springsteen**

Over the summer the Association Web Site received two updates in the software that is used to create, maintain and load our site. Both updates went without incident and now we can move forward with additional features.

One item that has been causing concern for the membership for a long time is navigating through the pictures. Available features for the photo albums did not support navigation buttons. Two processes were developed this summer to display pictures and help correct this problem. The first process created a slide show that could be

viewed using a broadband connection. The second process created a photo album that looked like a separate web site (subdomain). Both are available for membership use and can be accessed from the association home page.

The Bulletin Board is still available to all members and would be a great way to communicate. For example, someone heading out on a trip can start a discussion of gas prices and the stations and the exits that offer the best value. The use of the Bulletin Board is only limited by our imagination and perhaps several state and federal laws.

Future plans are centered on the expansion of photo display processes. Our main concern is still with those members that have dial-up access and their access to quality pictures.

As always, comments about the Association Web Site, suggestions for improvements or the description of a new feature can be E-Mailed to [hofreunion@comcast.net](mailto:hofreunion@comcast.net).

## **Official History of the Hof Reunion Association**

The first advertised Hof Reunion was organized in 1996. The reunion was open to anybody that had ever been assigned to the Hof Kaserne or Döbraberg and was advertised in the V.F.W. & American Legion Magazines. Leon & Dotty Weston and Mike and Barbara Jean Buttell organized the reunion. (Leon, A former 606<sup>th</sup> Commander and Dotty had been a teacher at the dependent school. Mike was a former USAF Officer and B.J. had also been a teacher). The primary motivation for the reunion was to welcome a group of Hofer's that had worked with the USAF in Hof. The Hofer's were led by Helga Lange, Erika Thümling, Anna Müller, HannsKarl Ritter, Erich Rohleder, Helga Würdinger, and a few others.

The Westons & Buttells selected the Sahara Hotel-Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada. In attendance were several former teachers and Officers. Also in attendance were John & Inge Traub, Rees & Susan Dews, Larry Thall, Phil Hughes, Art & Karen Weatherwalks, Bob & Mary Fernandez, and Art Darling. Everybody had such a great time that a committee was formed, led by John & Inge Traub, to plan a 1998 get together in Hof.

In 1998, our German Friends reciprocated: Franz Anders, Robert Hörath, Erika Thümling, Anna Müller, Erich Rohleder and Helga Würdinger joined with the Traubs to plan a fantastic gathering in Hof in which the Americans marched in the Hofer Volksfest Parade. Approximately 37 Americans traveled to Hof for the event.

In 1999, Chuck & Monika Wilson organized a 602/606 Reunion in Reno, NV. The event was held at the Circus Circus Hotel Casino. Some of the folks that attended were Bob & Jeanette Thornburg, Nate & Gwen Fetrow, Stan & Betty Rushton, Hank & Sally Green, Marty & Alice Habecker, Eddie & Dot Crump, Wayne Bennett, Larry & Jackie August, Wade & Gladys Fink, Larry & MaryLou Shriver, Bob Alekson, Francis & JoAnn Fukumoto, Tony Donofrio, Rich & Terri McGoldrick, Tom & Monika Nickerson, Claude & Myrtle Spicer, Rees & Susan Dews, Dick Nelson, Phil Hughes, the Darling's and about 50 others.

Shortly after that, a Hof Reunion for 2000 was being planned, to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Colorado Springs. The 2000 Reunion was being planned by Richard & Beverly Hurliman, Assisted by Hal & Dot Olson, Jim Smith, and Jim Riggan. As the word spread via the Internet, an all out effort was made to promote the three-day get together. About 215 people attended. The tours were all very well planned. The Banquet consisted of a buffet luncheon, short memorial service, and introduction of Barron Ernst Von Waldenfels a Host of the 1998 Reunion.

At the Banquet, Hal Olson asked, "How many people are interested in returning to Hof in 2002?" Nearly everybody in attendance held up his or her hand. Hal then asked, "Do we have any volunteers that could help with a 2002 Reunion in Hof?" Chuck Wilson raised his hand - Hal then announced, "Chuck Wilson just volunteered to plan and organize the 2002 Reunion to be held in Hof/Saale." Ho-Ho-Ho!

Hal Olson's roster was combined with Chucks list and the Master Hof Roster was created. Phil Ruth provided a list of about 200 names that he had extracted from old orders. Dick Metz contributed names and Gordon Allbritton and C.A. Russell soon joined the search effort. Many more names and addresses were added to the newly formed Association Roster.

Tom Bryson, Tom Nickerson, Jim Patterson, Dan Scanny, Sam Suber (deceased), Dean Reed, Mike Becker (deceased), CA Russell, Barry Springsteen, Francis Fukumoto, Ted Bey, Bob Alekson, Tony Donofrio and several

others were contacted and asked if they would serve as Association Officers until an official organization was formed. A mail-in ballot, containing the names of officers, was provided to the membership with the Hof Connection Newsletter. The membership officially elected the first slate of officers. The membership was also asked to vote for the month they wanted to hold the Hof/Saale Reunion. September was selected by a majority vote.

In the meantime, Chuck & Monika Wilson flew to Germany to seek support for the planned 2002 Reunion. They met with Hanns Karl Ritter, Erika Thümling, Robert Hörath, Manfred Köhler, Klause Beer and Frau Kara. All of the above offered suggestions, guidance, and support. A tentative itinerary for the 2002 reunion was agreed upon and tour contracts with Alexander Viol Tours were signed.

It became clear that it would be necessary to officially form an Association to organize the group and provide financing to search for former Hof Colleagues, and produce a Newsletter four times a year to maintain the interest, and keep everybody on the same sheet for planning. Chuck produced a Constitution & By-laws of Association that were reviewed by Attorney Jim Slothower and approved by the newly formed Board of Directors. The Hof Reunion Association was then registered with the State of California, Secretary of State. The Hof Reunion Association was "OFFICIAL." Initial Association membership fees had been set at \$10 a year. The Board of Directors soon realized that \$10 would not be sufficient for printing and mailing a newsletter four times a year, administrative postage, telephone service and the many other expenses involved when running the organization, so the membership fee was raised to \$15 a year and the Hof Connection Newsletter publication was reduced to two times a year.

The Hof Reunion Association held its first official reunion, organized by Chuck & Monika Wilson & Robert Hörath, at the Quality Hotel, Hof/Saale, Germany, September 15-22, 2002. Approximately 150 Association members and 35 German Guests were in attendance. President Tom Bryson called the first General Membership Meeting to order at 1700 hours, September 17, 2002. The first order of business was membership ratification of the Constitution & By-laws of Association. Tom Bryson then turned the meeting over to the incoming President, Tom Nickerson. Nathan Sparks was officially elected to replace the deceased Sam Suber as Association Treasurer. Jim Patterson was confirmed as 1<sup>st</sup> V.P., Bruce Orr replaced Dan Scanny as 2<sup>nd</sup> V.P., Dick Obidinski as 3<sup>rd</sup> V.P. and C.A. Russell, Membership Chairman.

The first official Hof Reunion Association get together was very successful. The Bürgermeister held a reception at the Hof Rathaus and each attendee was presented a "Hof in Bayern Ganz Oben" coffee cup. Ken Putman presented the Bürgermeister with a red, white & blue baseball cap. We were then served Wienerwurst, Bier and wine. After the Bürgermeister's reception, we went to Klaus Beers' Fernweh Park for a TV promotional, pictures, and city sign display. This activity was followed by a visit to the Teddy Bear Museum. Ladies from the Hof Chamber of Commerce (Pro-Hof) prepared cake and coffee.

On the third day we toured the Kaserne, Döbraberg, Security Service Site and Mödlareuth Museum; the German Air Force treated us to a wonderful luncheon at the Kaserne; The German Air Force Commander gave us a briefing about their Sound Research Mission and allowed us free access to the dorms and the other facilities we once called home.

The fourth day was a tour of Tettau Porzellan Fabrik and lunch with the Bürgermeister of Tettau. Following lunch, we proceeded to the Hummel Factory near Coburg where many members purchased figurines at a discount and were treated with a small Hummel gift to commemorate the occasion.

On the fifth day, 3 buses departed the Quality Hotel for an overnight tour to Prag (Prague). This Tour was the highlight of the 2002 Hof/Saale Reunion. We visited old town Prag and then enjoyed a sunset cruise on the Moldau River. There was a band on each deck for dancing and of course, everybody enjoyed the lighting of the city. We continued the guided sighting tour the following day. On the return trip to Hof, we visited the Becherovka distillery in Karovary, and sang all the way home to the Quality in Hof.

On the seventh Day, the Hof Family held its Auf Wiedersehen Breakfast. Helen Tony closed the 2002 Association Reunion with her Scottish Ballad, "Haste Ye Back".

Since the great 2002 Hof Reunion, and membership ratification of the Constitution and By-laws, many improvements in Association operating procedures have been made. Treasurer Nathan Sparks researched and prepared the documents for obtaining Internal Revenue Service, nonprofit, charitable, tax-exempt status under

section 501 (c) (19) of the IRS Code. Barry & Sue Springsteen reconfigured the Association Website and has continued to make improvements to the Associations greatest exposure for public viewing. Phil Murray accepted the position of Hof Connection Newsletter Editor and continues to improve the semi-annual publication. Membership Chairman C.A. Russell has employed his skills and uncanny ability to find the missing by locating more than 800 former Hof Colleagues. Chuck Wilson has submitted proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-laws that have resulted in improved volunteer workload and has resulted in increased management efficiency.

Since the first official Hof Reunion Association event, the reunions have progressively improved with each gathering of the Hof Family.

The 2003 Association Reunion was held at the Stardust Hotel-Casino, Las Vegas, NV, organized by Tom Nickerson, President, and Chuck Wilson, Secretary. We had 330 members in attendance. The Stardust provided connecting hospitality suites with a patio near the pool. Tom Bryson provided the duty schedule for volunteers and Tom & Monika Nickerson made sure beverages & snacks were plentiful. Ute Sparks made the Association photo albums available for everyone to view. Unfortunately, a few, one of a kind pictures were removed from the albums. We hope that those photographs will one day show up in the Association P.O. Box so everybody will have the pleasure of viewing them at our annual get together.

Tom Nickerson called the General Membership Meeting to order, Nathan Sparks provided the financial statement, and we waived the reading of the minutes giving Chuck Wilson a rest. Tom then turned the meeting over to incoming president Jim Patterson, with Bruce Orr moving to 1<sup>st</sup> VP, and Dick Obidinski moving to 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. Jim Riggin was elected to the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, while Nathan Sparks was reelected Treasurer, Chuck Wilson was reelected Secretary and C.A. Russell was reelected as Membership Chairman. The 2004 Site Selection Ballots were counted and Branson, MO. Won by 14 votes. Jim Beard, the Branson coordinator recommended we bypass Branson and go with the runner up, San Antonio, Texas. (The Association Board later moved the 2004 Event to Biloxi, MS due to a breakdown in negotiations with San Antonio Hotels & Visitors Bureau.) The membership then approved a \$1000.00 donation to the Air Force Enlisted Widows Home and \$350.00 to the V.A. Blind Veterans Golf Tournament.

Jim & Traudl Riggin, JoAnn Fukumoto, Ralph Glover, Dick Obidinski and several others put on a great Reception-Social program. Traudl's beautiful voice filled the Stardust Convention Center with the singing of German & American folk songs. Steve Murphrey, E.T. Row, and Tom Mikloiche delivered magnificent 5-minute talks about their experiences at Hof.

A Tour of Boulder Dam, lunch in the Lake Mead Recreation Area, and a visit to the Valley of Fire served as an escape from the quarter machines.

The Banquet was marvelous. Francis Fukumoto provided the memorial service, and Col. John Eledge the invocation. Boeing Eng. Norman Hines, Col. John Stevenson, Col. Marion Bacon Oelke, Col. Leon Weston and USAF Thunderbirds Executive Officer, Capt. Sean Cotter, delivered humorous but informative messages. Bruce Orr "M.C.'d" the show and German dance music was provided by the "Dummkopfs" which reminded us of the great times at the Hof Freiheitshalle.

The 2004 Reunion that was held at the Imperial Palace in Biloxi, MS, organized by Jim Patterson, President, and Chuck Wilson, Secretary. With more than 370 members in attendance and a few non-members showing up for a quick look. We were honored with the presence of the 9<sup>th</sup> CMSgt of the Air Force, Jim Binnicker, who also serves as Chief Executive Officer of the USAF Enlisted Foundation.

Dick Obidinski and Tom Nickerson operated the hospitality suite and bar, keeping it well stocked with beverages and snacks. C.A. Russell provided a DVD player that was hooked up to the T.V. for a continuous display of photos from the good old days at Hof. Ute Sparks provided the Association photo albums.

Jim Patterson called the General Membership meeting to order. Chuck Wilson suggested the Las Vegas minutes be accepted as published in the Hof Connection Newsletter. Nathan Sparks gave the financial report. 1<sup>st</sup> VP Bruce Orr passed away ten days before the Biloxi Reunion therefore 2nd VP Dick Obidinski became the Association President. Don Riverkamp was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Bobby Sturdevant was elected 3<sup>rd</sup> VP, Nathan Sparks was reelected as Treasurer and Jerry Mangas was elected Association Secretary.

Tours of the Biloxi area and Keesler AFB were held Tuesday morning and a tour to New Orleans on Wednesday.

Another great reception and social program was provided by Jim & Traudl Riggin and their talented daughter Tanya. Brenda & Archie Emery also contributed to the outstanding roster of talent, Norman & Sandi Gunther demonstrated the Carolina Shag and "The Top Hats" (Don Riverkamp, George Fahrbach, John Pace) had the audience rolling in the aisles with their "Top Hat Dance". E.T. Row and Bobby Sturdevant gave 5-minute talks.

Dick Barry, M.C. began with the introduction of the Guest of Honor, 9<sup>th</sup> Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Jim & Mrs. Binnicker. Association Officers, and Peggy Cicutto Adams and Aubrey Shaw were provided special recognition for their part in making the Biloxi Reunion a success. Dick Barry then called on the Keesler Air Force Base Honor Guard for presentation of the Colors. Francis Fukumoto and his ten assistants delivered the memorial service. Jimmy Johnson, Gail Norvell, and CMSgt Binniker gave 5-minute talks. Chuck Wilson presented Chief Binniker a \$1500.00 donation for the Air Force Enlisted Foundation.

The Nashville reunion is well stated above in Dick Obidinski's introduction Some added facts: The Constitution was amended to drop the 3<sup>rd</sup> VP slot, limit the "Advisor" position to one year, add the Web-Master position to the Board of Directors and change the fiscal year to read the same as the calendar year. All elected positions were re-elected or advanced per the Constituion.

## NASHVILLE REUNION ATTENDANCE ROSTER

254 Of the Greatest People In the World

Johnnie & Wilma Adams, Bob & Sandy Smith Alekson, Ron & Karen Atwiid, Jim & Dolores Aue, Chuck Babcock, Freddy & Helga Bales, Jim & Gert Berry, Gisela Blankenship, Ruthie Blumenstein, Andy & Martha Brads, Aubrey Brewer, Tom & Denise Bryson, Hanna Bryson, Dennis & Anne Zimmerman Burr, Ken & Marianne Cash, Barbara Chapman, Gary & Sandra Cherpes, Dallas & Sue Churchill, Bill & Marcia Combs, Bruce & Brigitte Cook, George & Irmgard Coursey, Jim & Sue Coyle, Eddie & Dot Little Crump, Jim Pierce, Garrett & Sue Dempsey, Joe Dernoga, Alois & Rosi Dietz, Tony & Joan Donofrio, Rick & Sonja Douthit, Erich Duenne, Joe & Sue Eberhardt, Jim & Mary Eccles, Bob & Jean Epperson, Archie & Brenda Emery, George & Christa Fahrbach, Anna Flamos, Al & Mary Freddie, Francis & JoAnn Fukumoto, Sidney & Gayle Futrell, Jack & Vanda Blackburn Gallimore, Roger & Elfriede Gentilini, Milton & Virginia Gibbs, Ralph & Joan Glover, Dan & Barbara Haywood, El & Ilse Hamil, Jerry & Mary Hartjes, Jim Helfer, Dick "Herb" & Shirley Herbert, Hertha Hetzel, Dan & Darlene Holden, Bennie Hopper & Sophye Pullen, Jesse & Judy Jones, Lee & Shirley Ingram, Bob & Marilyn Jarboe, David & Jeanette Johnson, Jay & Sherii Kallas, Karin Kingsley, Donn & Sue Koenig, Greg & Sandy Krcoma, Dick & Doris Kreuzer, Bill & Roberta Landers, Ed & Bonnie Leach, Billy Main, Jerry & Pat Mangas, Keith & Mary Martin, Bob & Pauline McAullife, Phyllis McKeag, Ken Meadows, Jerry & Hilde Middendorf, Len & Karin Montie, Steve & Donna Murphrey, Walt & Shirley Murch, Phil & Jo Murray, Dave & Karin Natalie, Ron & Fran Neiswander, Miles Nelson, Arthur Nichols, Tom & Monika Nickerson, Wade & Phyllis Nottingham, Dick & Evi Obidinski, John & Aggie Pace, Chuck & June Parnell, Jim & Eadie Patterson, Eldon "Pete" & Margit Payne, Bernie Pieper, Rod & Marion Pintello, Ron & Zella Pohle, Heide Pouch, Larry & Heidemaria Prince, Jack & Patti Rief, Jim & Traudl Riggin, Larry & Nancy Riney, Don Riverkamp, Robby & Katrina Roberson, Jerry & Gudrun Robinson, Robert & Mary Rodamer, E.T. & Vera Row, C.A. & Jody Russell, Phil & Rosalie Ruth, Brent & Linda Scott, Dan & Carol Scanny, Lis Siefried, Pat Schiermeister, Gary & Ann Schilling, Harvey Schmit, Mike & Connie Shannahan, Bob & Lilo Scherwood, Walt & Ginny Shifflett, Jack Sinagra & Jean Jackson, John & Eva-Maria Slutz, Jerry & Ruth Smeal, Carl & Linda Smith, Nathan & Ute Sparks, Barry & Sue Springsteen, Bobby Starr, Raymond Startz, Bobby "Stu" & Marcey Sturdevant, Ray & Mary Szyperski, Billy Thomas, Dean & Shirley Thompson, Ray & Jo Thompson, Billie Townsen, Walt & Margot Tribble, Bob "Troj" and Mary Trojanoski, Kate Unger, Dirke Vallo, Russ & Pat Vandermartin, Jean Vinson, Bill & Jeanette Waitman, Bill & Eadie Ward, Bob & Ginny Ward, Gene Wetzal, Walt Whisner, John Wible, John & Lottie Williams, Chuck & Monika Wilson, Frank & Shirley Wright, Rip & Jeannie Yarnell, Lorryne Zobrack.

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

The Hof Reunion Association operates on a fiscal year that runs from 1 January to 31 December of the calendar year.

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

The Master Hof Roster & Constitution is mailed immediately upon receipt of a new membership application and at the end of the quarter in which a membership renewal is received. Please select how you wish to receive the Master Hof Roster below.

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, voting 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 her 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 ASAP**

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**MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL for 2006**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (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: \_\_\_\_\_

What form do you wish to receive the Master Hof Roster (Please check one)  
 Email       Excel CD       Hardcopy

PLEASE CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Enclosed is a check for \$15.00 made out to: Hof Reunion Association. I understand the annual dues are to be used for the printing of "the Hof Connection Newsletter" mailed each January and July, the Master Hof Roster, mailed to all members upon payment of the annual dues, and the associated fees for postage, printing, envelopes, address labels, telephone expenses, search for missing colleagues, web site, Insurance and other operating costs.

I am the widow (widower) of \_\_\_\_\_ and want to be a member of the Association.

I request to be granted a FREE 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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## 2006 Hof/Saale Reunion Registration Form

The 2006 Hof/Saale Registration fee is \$77.50 (62€) per person. The registration fee is to cover the cost of The Banquet Dinner, Hall Rental, Group Dinner, Floor Show, Music, Dance, Special Awards, Nametags, Kaserne Lunch, and other administrative cost. *A \$22.50 (18€) Surcharge will apply to registrations received after June 15, 2006.*

**Cancellation and Refund Rule:** Registration fee's are 100% refundable until August 15. After August 15, tickets are only 100% refundable for certified & documented emergencies. Otherwise, due to Association cost and contract commitments a 50% forfeiture will apply.

First and last name as you want it to appear on your Name Tag, Banquet Ticket and Tour Ticket's.

Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Friend: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_

### DINNER MENU

Dinner #1 = Beef Rouladen with red cabbage and Bavarian dumplings

Dinner #2 = Hunter Schnitzel with mushroom gravy and home made Spätzle.

Dinner #3 = Pork roast in beer gravy with Sauerkraut and Bavarian dumplings.

Dinner #4 = Vegetarian meal: Vegetable Lasagna

Desert will be Apfelstrudel with Vanilla sauce and vanilla ice cream, coffee or tea.

I choose Dinner # \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Friend chooses# \_\_\_\_\_ Guest if Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

A fully refundable \$50.00 (40€) per person deposit must be received by April 1, 2006. The \$50 will be applied to the registration fee of \$77.50 (62€), which must be paid in full by June 15, 2006 to avoid the \$22.50 (18€) surcharge for late registration.

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2006 TOUR REGISTRATION FORM

The 2006 Hof/Saale Reunion Tour Registration form and payments will be accepted until the limited supply of tickets for each tour are depleted. A standby list will then be established. All tickets are available on a first come, first serve basis.

**Cancellation and Refund Rule:** Tickets are 100% refundable until August 15. After August 15, tickets are 80% refundable for certified & documented emergencies only. Otherwise, due to Association cost and contract commitments, a 100% forfeiture will apply unless the tour tickets can be resold to another reunion participant.

You must make a choice between tour 1A – Berlin, and 1B – Dresden, because these tours will be held on the same day, Tuesday, September 19, 2006. A limit of 70 Tickets is available for Berlin and 70 Tickets are available for Dresden.

**Tour 1A – Berlin** Depart the Quality Hotel at 0700. Stop in Leipzig, short coffee break. Arrive Berlin at 1100 hours. Visit Reichstag. Lunch (Dutch) will be in a typical Berlin restaurant. An English Speaking Tour Guide will then join us for a 2.5 hour sight seeing tour of the most important places in Berlin such as: Brandenburg Gate, Potsdam Square, Check Point Charley, City Hall, Victory Monument, Bellevue Castle, Memorial Church, Olympia Stadium, and the Soviet Memorial. We will have about 2 hours to shop on the famous Kurfürstendam (Main Street) for souvenirs. On the return trip to Hof, we will stop for dinner at a special restaurant. We will arrive at the Quality Hotel in Hof about 2300 hours (11pm).

I/We want \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the Berlin Tour at (39€) \$48.50

**Tour 1B – Dresden** Depart Quality Hotel at 0700. We will stop at the Goeltschtal Bridge (Worlds largest all brick bridge) and arrive in Dresden about 1100 for a guided tour through the gorgeous old Semper Opera House and then go to lunch (Dutch). The English-speaking guide will then take us on a sight seeing tour of Dresden. The drive by tour will include Theater Square, Castle, Taschenbergpalace, Old Residence Church, Bruhlache Terrace, and Historical monuments. We will then take a short break to view the Elbe River. We will board the Tour Bus for the return trip home at 1730 and stop at a special location for dinner. We will arrive at the Quality in Hof about 1100.

I/We want \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the Dresden Tour at (44€) \$55.00

**TOUR 2 – I/We want \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the former Kingsley Kaserne, Hof Site, Döbraberg and Mödareuth Tour at (16€) \$20.00 each for a total of \$/€ \_\_\_\_\_ . Lunch included at a surprise location. ( Limited to 160 tickets on a first come, first served basis)**

**TOUR 3 - I/We want to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the Kulmbach, Plassenburg, Souvenir Shop, a Brauerei Tour (Free Beer-Dutch Lunch), and the pilgrimage church of Vierzehnheiligen (Balthasar Neumann), perhaps the greatest of Rococo churches and return to Hof. Cost is (18€) \$23.00 each for a total of \$/€ \_\_\_\_\_ . (Tour limited to 120 tickets on a first come, first served basis)**

Please find \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ (1A - \$48.50 / 39€) (1B - \$55 / 44€) for a total of \$/€ \_\_\_\_\_  
( Black out one of the above.)

Please find \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 (16€) for a total of \$/€ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover Tour 2 Tickets.

Please find \_\_\_\_\_ X \$23 (18€) for a total of \$/€ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover Tour 3 Tickets.

**A TOTAL OF \$/€ \_\_\_\_\_ ENCLOSED.**

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Member name: \_\_\_\_\_

MY CHOICE FOR THE 2007 HOF REUNION ASSOCIATION REUNION SITE IS:

AUSTIN, TEXAS \_\_\_\_\_ DENVER, COLORADO \_\_\_\_\_

OGDEN, UTAH \_\_\_\_\_ RENO, NEVADA \_\_\_\_\_

**Vote for only one, please**

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2006.

Mail to:

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