

**HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #680**  
**JANUARY 06, 2015**

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**THIS IS THE FIRST UPDATE FOR THE YEAR 2015**

May 2015 be a great year, and find one & all in good health. Mark your calendars for our annual HRA 2015 Traverse City Michigan Reunion. Dates for reunion are September 27 - October 3, 2015, at the Great Wolf Lodge. Registration/Shirt Order Form and information will be in the 2015 January Hof Connection Newsletter and information in the Hof Weekly Updates throughout the year. You can also find information and forms in Mel Hamill's Hofer Website – [www.hofgermany.com](http://www.hofgermany.com)  
See you in Traverse City, Michigan in September 2015.

**BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries this week and before next update.

<b>CONRAD</b>	Robert & Carol	January 6, 1966
<b>RIEF</b>	Pat, wife of Jack	January 6, 1938
<b>SAMBERG</b>	Robert	January 6, 1948
<b>BROWN</b>	Clyde & Sigrid 'Sobottka' – 55 Yrs	January 7, 1960
<b>POHLE</b>	Ron – 80 Yrs Old	January 7, 1934
<b>JUNE</b>	Mary Ellen, widow of Curtis	January 8, 1940
<b>WRIGHT</b>	Marty & Judy	January 8, 2005
<b>CARNES</b>	Tandy, wife of Vince	January 9, 1945
<b>KEITH</b>	Robert	January 9, 1943
<b>PELTON</b>	Harvey & Linda	January 10, 1985
<b>SMEAL</b>	Jerry & Ruth	January 10, 2004
<b>SCHNEIDER</b>	Al	January 11, 1941
<b>SELF</b>	Allen & Hannelore 'Gebelein'	January 11, 1962

We wish them all Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

## **REF SKYTOP DEDICATION IN LAST WEEKS UPDATE #679**

For those that checked out the memorial dedication at Skytop at Syracuse University on October 4, 2013 to the seven airmen linguists that lost their lives in the barracks fire on January 6, 1959, you would have seen that our own HRA Member Lonnie Henderson gave the invocation at the ceremony honoring those that perished in the fire. Lonnie lives in Anadarko, OK with his wife Hazel, and was with 6915<sup>th</sup> Ops in Hof '61-64.

## **ATTENTION 602<sup>nd</sup> AC&W MEMBERS, HOF '57-60**

Dallas Ray Swartz, son of deceased member Dallas Swartz, 602<sup>nd</sup> AC&W, Hof '57-60 is asking for assistance in locating any pictures of his dad while in Hof. Any member that can help, please email Dallas at the following address - [drayswartz@icloud.com](mailto:drayswartz@icloud.com)

## **UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK**

PAT GALLAGHER has **NEW** email and phone number.

Email – [gallapatrack209@gmail.com](mailto:gallapatrack209@gmail.com) Phone – (630) 251-2475

## **MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK**

Marty Habecker renewed thru 2015 (FY15).

## **MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA**

Phil Ruth contacted Richard R. McComb, 6915<sup>th</sup> OPS, Hof '65-68. Dick has never been a member of the HRA and lives about 3 hours south of Traverse City, Michigan. Phil has emailed Dick HRA information and paperwork.

Email – [t-mccomb@comcast.net](mailto:t-mccomb@comcast.net)

432 Carrie Dr, Flushing, MI 48433-1922

Phone – (810) 659-1918

Thanks to Ray Szyperski, Phil Ruth contacted John C. Meyers, 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof '66-69, retired MSgt, last week. Phil emailed John all the HRA information and paperwork. Email – [jcmeyers13@gmail.com](mailto:jcmeyers13@gmail.com)

7902 Leeds Dr, Pasadena, MD 21122

Phone – (410) 255-6961

**FLYBY LIST:** None reported to us this past week.

**LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN:** None reported to us this past week.

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**JANUARY 13, 2015**

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**2015 JANUARY HOF CONNECTION NEWSLETTER**

The 2015 January Hof Connection Newsletter was mailed to current active HRA Members last week. ALL newsletters were mailed out as of 8:45 AM, Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. In the newsletter envelope is the 2015 January Newsletter, HRA Membership Form, 2015 HRA Reunion Registration Form, and 2016 Reunion Site Ballot. Some members have already received their copy. For any member not receiving their copy by tomorrow, 1/14/15, OR the wrong reunion registration form, let Don Riverkamp know immediately.

**BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries this week and before next update.

ROW	E.T. – 87 <sup>th</sup>	January 13, 1928
FONTES	Bertha, wife of John – 83 <sup>rd</sup>	January 14, 1932
KESSLER	Dolores	January 14, 1944
WRIGHT	Judy, wife of Marty	January 15, 1949
HERBERT	Shirley, wife of Dick	January 16, 1936
LAURY	Thomas	January 16, 1944
ENGELKEN	Dee, wife of Dan – 85 <sup>th</sup>	January 17, 1930
SAXTON	Doug	January 17, 1942
NORWOOD	Margit, member & wife of Cal	January 18, 1947
BENNETT	Clara, wife of George – 83 <sup>rd</sup>	January 19, 1932
COOPER	Gregory & Karen	January 19, 2011
SLOTHOWER	Jim & Peggy	January 19, 1971
WAY	Marianne, wife of Tresslar	January 19, 1942

We wish them all Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

**UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK**

**MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK**

Ruthie Blumenstein-Costello, Carmen Hardman, Shirley Wood, and Lorraine Zobrak renewed thru 2015 (WE15).

Claude Proctor, Dan Scanny, and Jerry Simonds renewed thru 2015.  
Loren 'Lynn' Johnson renewed thru 2016.  
Henry Quarterman renewed thru 2017.  
George McCorry renewed thru 2018.

**DONATIONS:** Dan Scanny - \$25.00

**NEW MEMBERS REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA – NONE.**

**MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA**

Phil Ruth contacted Edward F. Balliet, 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof '62-65 last week. Ed has never been a HRA Member. Here is what Phil had to say in his email to us: "I had a nice chat with Ed, a Hofer on the roster, who was one of those injured in the barracks fire at SKYTOP in 1959. I have e-mailed him appropriate paperwork and a couple of extra photos."

EDWARD F. BALLIET, wife Clara  
8 Balliet Lane  
Jim Thorpe, PA 18229-2655  
Phone – (570) 325-2376  
Email - eballiet@ptd.net

Phil Ruth has emailed Dallas Ray Swartz, son of deceased member Dallas Swartz, 606<sup>th</sup> AC&W Motor Pool, Hof '57-60 HRA information and paperwork for joining the HRA. Gary Cherpes found a couple photos of Dallas Swartz while he was in Hof '57-60 and emailed them to son Dallas. Anyone else locating any photos please email them to Dallas at his email below.

Dallas Ray Swartz - DOB: May 21, 1963  
1511 Blair Ct  
Middletown, OH 45042-1406  
Phone – (513) 727-1351  
Email - drayswartz@icloud.com

**FLYBY LIST:** KENNETH H. STARGARDT, 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof '64-68, Maintenance  
Received the below email from Ken's widow, Gisela 'Kensuitzer' Stargardt last week about his passing. Our sincere prayers and sympathy go out to Gisela, family members and friends. Email – [AusHof2@aol.com](mailto:AusHof2@aol.com)  
"I'm Gisela Stargardt (from Hof of course) and my husband Kenneth H. Stargardt was a member of the Hof Reunion Association for a very long time. He passed away November 19, 2014 at age 85 in Richmond, VA. Ken was stationed in Hof from 1964-1968."

**Obituary from Richmond, VA newspaper:**

**KENNETH HENRY STARGARDT (Lt. Colonel USAF Ret.), 85, of Richmond, passed away on November 19, 2014. He is survived by his beloved wife of 46 years, Gisela Stargardt; son, Lt. Col. USAF Clifton Stargardt (Beth); a devoted stepdaughter, Susi; two grandchildren, Hailey and Tyler; and two sisters-in-law, Barbara and Patsy Stargardt. Ken retired from the Air Force after numerous duty stations in the Far East and Europe. After his military career, he began a second career and subsequent retirement with the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Industrial Development. He was a faithful volunteer at the VA Hospital for 18 years and 4,855 hours as part of the service program with Masonic Lodge #14. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 137, where he was the Post Athletic Officer for the Youth Baseball Program. Interment will be at the Virginia Veterans Cemetery, Amelia. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of McGuire Veterans Hospital and Palliative Care Center for all their care, and a very special thank you to Dr. Coffey Vega.**

**LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None reported to us this past week.**

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### 2015 JANUARY HOF CONNECTION NEWSLETTER

The HRA Executive Board, and Publisher David Sallinger would like to apologize to those members that received the 2014 Colorado Springs Reunion Registration Form with their copy of the newsletter instead of the 2015 Traverse City Reunion Registration Form. It seems that this mainly happened to members with last names beginning with "R thru Z". If you received the wrong form, please let Don Riverkamp know and he will either get you the correct form via email or snail mail, OR you may go to Mel Hamill's [www.hofgermany.com](http://www.hofgermany.com) website and print a copy off.

### BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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GAMBONE	Adi 'Franz', wife of Tony	January 21, 1941
DENMAN	Robert	January 22, 1944
FRANK	Albert 'Gene'	January 22, 1944
KALLAS	Jay & Sherri	January 23, 1991
SMITH	Norene, wife of James	January 23, 1946
JOHNSON	Sandra, wife of Loren	January 24, 1945
SLEEPER	Raymond "Ray"	January 24, 1938
HAMILL	Melvin, HRA Adjutant	January 25, 1945
THOMPSON	Francis M.C.	January 25, 1945
ALLEY	Bonnie, wife of Don	January 26, 1944

We wish them all Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

### WEBSITE FOR VETS FROM HRA MEMBER MARGIT NORWOOD

"Don, I came across this website via my genealogy hobby. It occurred to me that some of our HRA members might be interested in the fact that they can get DD 214s and other military records from this site - whether it's for themselves or for one of their relatives." Margit

<http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/>

## **2015 HOF REUNION ASSOCIATION DUES REMINDER**

There are still quite a few members (71) and widow exempt (7) whose membership expired on December 31, 2014. **Dues are still only \$15.00 per year.** If you are not sure if you fall into this category, you can contact Don Riverkamp or Mel Hamill to find out. **Grace period for renewing your membership for 2015 expires on March 31, 2015.** Widow Exempts do not owe dues, however, we would still like an updated membership form filled out **OR** an email to Mel Hamill or Don Riverkamp informing them that no information has changed on your address, email or phone. Thanks!

## **NOTE FROM PHIL MURRAY ABOUT NATE SPARKS**

HRA Newsletter Editor Phil Murray and wife Jo took a trip up from San Diego to Sacramento last week to visit with Past HRA Treasurer Nate & wife Ute Sparks. “Nate is doing ‘well’ and his spirits are good; his sense of humor is holding up. Nate looks the same except for the fact he is down to about 125 lbs and he is energy limited. He and Ute still try to take occasional trips here and there, but they have to be short ones.” “While we were there, Chuck & Monika Wilson stopped by – they live about 5 blocks from Nate & Ute. Chuck & Monika have been part of the support team for the Sparks and both Ute & Nate are quite thankful for that” “Nate wishes everyone the best, and stated that he misses the reunions.” **Photo of Nate & Ute Sparks attached with this update.** Nate’s email is [sparks9513@aol.com](mailto:sparks9513@aol.com) if anyone wishes to contact him or Ute.

## **HONORARY MEMBER, OBERBÜRGERMEISTER DR. HARALD FICHTNER**

**Photo attached with this update of Hof delegation in Ogden, Utah.**

In Photo (L to R) – Mayor Dr. Harald Fichtner, Alexander Becher, Andrea Hering, Iris Leichauer, Ingeborg Buchta, Florian Strößner, Rainer Krauß, and Rudolf Buchta.

On Thursday, 1/15/2015, a delegation of Hofers that included Hof Mayor Dr. Harald Fichtner, arrived in Ogden, Utah to participate in the 29th Annual Anniversary of the Ogden Hof Winterfest and 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the sister city union with Hof Germany. The trip, paid for by the delegation members, had interim stops in Paris, France and Salt Lake City, Utah prior to arriving. Also accompanying the Hof delegation is the Hofer Accordion Quintet – Schnitz & Baggala, which will perform at the festival. A large sign by the City of Ogden; Mayor Mike Caldwell; City Council Members; the manager of Hof Winterfest, and other Ogden citizens greeted the Hof delegation warmly. Later this year, representatives of Hof’s Volunteer Fire Department will be visiting Hof’s Sister City of Ogden.

Besides touring the City of Ogden and attending the Annual Hof Winterfest, the delegation will be visiting Antelope Island at the Great Salt Lake where they can get close to a herd of Bison; Golden Spike Railroad Visitors Center; and singing at the Winterfest.

## **UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK**

**FREDDY BALES** now has an Email address – [balesfreddy@gmail.com](mailto:balesfreddy@gmail.com)

**INGE 'Mahner' GAITHER**, Dave's widow, has a **NEW** mailing address:  
410 Congress Dr, Radcliff, KY 40160

**PAUL GENUNG** has **NEW** mailing address:  
665 Canterbury Dr, Apt 149B, Myrtle Beach, SC 29570-4122

**MARTY HABECKER** has **NEW** email address - [marty@windstream.net](mailto:marty@windstream.net)

**JERRY SIMONDS** has **NEW** email address – [jerrylsimonds@gmail.com](mailto:jerrylsimonds@gmail.com)

### **MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK**

Renewing thru 2015 (FY15) – JERRY BURTON, PAUL FISHER, PAUL KERNAN, ALAN RABIDOUS, DAVID SAGE, AND DAVID SALLINGER.

**WIDOWS HILDE CALISTI, ROSWITHA FERRELL, AND INGE GAITHER** renewed thru 2015 (WE15).

Renewing thru 2016 (FY16) – FREDDY BALES, BARRY BROOKS, ROBERT DENMAN, DWAYNE JENIK, AND JOHN WECKERLY.

Renewing thru 2017 (FY17) – WILLIAM CAMERON, JIM FROST, AND STEVE MURPHREY.

Renewing thru 2019 (FY19) – DOUG SAXTON.

Renewing thru 2021 (FY21) – GARY LINDQUIST.

Renewing thru 2027 (FY27) – DAN HAYGOOD.

**DONATIONS:** Gary Lindquist - **\$5.00**

### **NEW MEMBERS REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA**

**Dallas Ray Swartz**, dependent son of deceased member Dallas Swartz, 606<sup>th</sup> AC&W Motor Pool, Hof '57-60, joined and paid dues thru 2015.

#### **DALLAS RAY SWARTZ**

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Phone – (513) 727-1351

Email - [drayswartz@icloud.com](mailto:drayswartz@icloud.com)

**MEMBERS REGISTRATING FOR 2015 HRA TRAVERSE CITY REUNION - 3**  
**Steve and Donna Murphrey (NC), Charles Shockley (IN).**



**FLYBY LIST:** Ralph Armstrong, Edwin Ashlock, Jerry Bailey, and Sherman Clayton were on our HRA Master Roster as missing (M) and Phil Ruth found them to be deceased in 2006, 1975, 1979 and 1996.

**RALPH V. ARMSTRONG, 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof '62, Born 5/12/35 – Died 10/13/2006**  
**EDWIN H. ASHLOCK, 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof 65-68, Born 10/7/41 – Died Dec 1979**  
**JERRY S. BAILEY, 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof '59-62, Born 3/13/36 – Died 5/25/1996**  
**SHERMAN B. CLAYTON, 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof '68-70, Born 3/10/41 – Died 5/22/1975**

HRA Membership Chairman Phil Ruth is requesting that any fellow Hofers that knew Ralph V. Armstrong (**Photo of Ralph attached with this update**) with the 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof 1962, to please email him at [afnsagdret@cox.net](mailto:afnsagdret@cox.net)

**LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN:** NONE reported to us this past week.

**OFF THE BEATEN PATH:** Amanda Johnson – McDonald All-American Nominee Georgetown Lady Eagle Senior Amanda Johnson, granddaughter of HRA Secretary Don Riverkamp, is among the 823 male & female players nominated to compete in the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual McDonald's All-American Basketball Games on April 1, 2015 at the United Center in Chicago, Illinois. The number of nominees will be reduced to 24 girls and 24 boys for the contests. Only 1 Austin Area girl's player has ever played in this game (2011). The announcement of the games' rosters will be televised on ESPNU at 5PM, January 28, 2015. Amanda Johnson, 6'1", has signed with Division I Houston Baptist University, and is the Lady Eagles' leading scorer this year. She was an all-tournament selection in the recent Queen of the Coast Classic in Ft Myers, Florida. Amanda was a member of the 2013 4A Class Georgetown Texas State Championship Team; also on last year's squad that made the Texas State 4A Semi-finals. She is also in the Top 5 academically. The Lady Eagles are currently ranked #2 in Girls Texas 5A Classification with a record of 22-3.

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**JANUARY 27, 2015**

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**BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES**

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JOHNSON	Loren (Lynn)	January 27, 1939
PELTON	Linda, wife of Harvey	January 27, 1948
SWEENEY	Karen, widow of Terry	January 28, 1951
FELDKAMP	Dan & Marilyn – 61 Yrs	January 29, 1954
AUGUST	Larry & Jacqueline – 46 Yrs	January 31, 1969
COOK	Bruce	January 31, 1948
WILSON	Samuel & Ursula – 52 Yrs	January 31, 1963
JOHNSON	Vickie, wife of Richard C.	February 1, 1944
KIELBANIA	Ken & Gay – 51 Yrs	February 1, 1964
MCKINNEY	Tom & Jan – 53 Yrs	February 1, 1962
SIKES	Christa, widow of Bob	February 1, 1940
THRUSH	Hermine (Marie), wife of Bob	February 1, 1941
WILLIAMS	David	February 1, 1947
ALEKSON	Sandy, wife of Bob	February 2, 1943
CHESNEY	Don	February 2, 1941
POTURALSKI	Madonna, wife of Melvin	February 2, 1943

We wish them all Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

**NOTE FROM JERRY MIDDENDORF ON 2015 HOF VOLKSFEST**

At our 2014 reunion in Colorado Springs a few members expressed an interest in attending the 2015 Hof Volksfest. The purpose of this note is to reinforce the thought of the few members interested in attending the 2015 Hof Volksfest this summer. This year's Hof Volksfest begins on July 24<sup>th</sup> with parade to beer tent, and ends on August 2, 2015. See attached poster. If you plan on being in Hof during the Volksfest, please let me know via an email ([j.middendorf@comcast.net](mailto:j.middendorf@comcast.net)) or call me (410-776-3637). If you're on the fence about attending the Hof Volksfest; may attend; let me also know.

For those of us that will meet in Hof for the Volksfest we could also make this get together a mini reunion and come up with a few side trips that would be agreeable to all.

This July 2015 Hof Mini Reunion Meeting in Hof has nothing to do with the voting ballot for the 2016 HRA reunion site. In fact the mini reunion has nothing to do with the HRA. Guess you could say it would be similar to a mini reunion in the states, but it just happens to be in Hof, Germany. Just a group of members/family/friends getting together for comradery, war stories and of course, the Hof 2015 Volksfest. Looking forward to hearing from you. Jerry

### **HRA GERMAN REP ROBERT HOERATH PRESENTS HONORARY MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATE TO HELGA WUERDINGER**

Attached with this update is photo of HRA German Representative Robert Hoerath presenting Honorary Membership Certificate to Helga Wuerdinger at the Hof St Elisabethan Orphanage on January 21, 2015.

### **UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK**

JAY & SHERRI KALLAS have a NEW email address – [jsmk91@att.net](mailto:jsmk91@att.net)

### **MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK**

Renewing thru 2015 (WE15) – Denise Bryson and Kay Putman.

Renewing thru 2015 (FY15) – Sam Brady, Philip Carrico, Bruce Cook, Leroy Green, Charles Higginbotham, Glen Kohlerschmidt, John Neiser, and John Webb.

Renewing thru 2016 (FY16) – Bill 'Smiley' Hansberger.

Renewing thru 2017 (FY17) – Larry Cann, Dan Engelken, Richard Johnson, Ted Kenish, and C. Wade Nottingham.

Renewing thru 2018 (FY18) – Larry Cowherd, Gene Wetzel, and Chet Zaremba.

Renewing thru 2020 (FY20) – Billy Thomas.

### **DONATIONS:**

Hilde Calisti - \$15.00; Bruce & Brigitte Cook - \$10.00; Charles & Eleanor Higginbotham - \$10.00; C. Wade & Phyllis Nottingham - \$10.00

### **MEMBERS REGISTRATING FOR 2015 HRA TRAVERSE CITY REUNION**

**TOTAL SO FAR – 5**

Joining Steve and Donna Murphrey (NC), Charles Shockley (IN) from last week are Dave & Karin Natalie (MI).

**MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA**

Phil Ruth contacted and talked with **RONALD R. MOECKEL**, 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof '63-66 last week. Ron has never been a member of the HRA. Phil emailed Ron HRA information and paperwork.

Ronald R. Moeckel

513 Ofarrell Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501-3469

Email – [rrmoeckel@comcast.net](mailto:rrmoeckel@comcast.net) Phone – (714) 842-0744

**FLYBY LIST: MICHAEL RAY WILLIAMS, 602<sup>nd</sup> AC&W, Hof '58-61**

**Born February 18, 1938, Died January 17, 2015**

Pete Payne received an email from Mike's wife, Elfriede 'Geiger' Williams that Mike had passed away on Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> in Ringgold, GA.

Our sincere sympathy and prayers go out to Elfriede, family and friends.

Anyone wishing to get in touch with Elfriede, Phone – (706) 937-7151 or

Email - [elfriedewilliams@gmail.com](mailto:elfriedewilliams@gmail.com)

Mailing Address – **Elfriede Williams, 336 Sutton Dr, Ringgold, GA 30736**

**OBITUARY:** Michael Ray Williams, 76, of Ringgold, GA passed away Saturday, January 17, 2015 in a local healthcare facility. He was a US Air Force Retiree, Master Sergeant, where he served as a radar technician during his long career. He was very patriotic and was a wonderful husband, father and Papaw. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Carl Williams; parents Carl Lester Williams and Louise Tarkington; brother Carl L. Williams Jr. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Elfriede Williams; daughter Tina (Steve) Thompson; Grandchildren Steven, Jake, and Lexi Thompson; Katie, Bucky, and Reid Williams; two sisters, Linda Williams and Anita Sloan, and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, January 23, 2015 at 1 PM in the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home with Rev. Ron Ragon officiating. Interment will follow at the Chattanooga National Cemetery with Military Honors. The family will receive friends on Friday from 11 am until 1 pm in the funeral home. Arrangements by the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home and Crematory located at the end of Historic Missionary Ridge, Rossville, GA.

Condolences may be sent to [www.lane-southcrestchapel.com](http://www.lane-southcrestchapel.com)

**PAUL E. BRYAN, 606<sup>th</sup> AC&W, Hof '64-67, Died 3/7/2003**

Freddy Bales informed us last week that Paul Bryan, M on master roster, passed away on March 7, 2003 in Mansfield, OH.

**LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: LINDA J. SEVER, 6/16/1945 – 1/15/2015**

Jim Sever, 606<sup>th</sup> AC&W, Hof '66-69 informed us that his wife Linda, age 69, passed away Thursday, January 15, 2015 in Picayune, Mississippi. Our

prayers and sincere sympathy go out to Jim, family members and friends. Anyone wishing to get in touch with Jim, below is his information:

**Jim Sever, 67 Alsobrooks Rd, Picayune, MS 39466**

**Email – [jsever1@charter.net](mailto:jsever1@charter.net) Cell Phone – (228) 326-3610**

**OBITURARY:** Linda Jean Sever, age 69, of Picayune, MS, passed away Thursday, January 15, 2015 in Picayune, MS.

Burial will be in Silver

under the direction of McDonald Funeral Home and Marion Nelson Funeral Home. A

native of Bartow, FL, she was a waitress and a member of the Baptist faith.

She was

preceded in death by her father, Hammie Neil Little and wife Doris; mother, Virgie Wilson Little; and sister, Martha Jo Horne.

Survivors include her l

years, James Robert Sever; daughter, Beverly Lynn Wright; son, Paul Roy Holt II; two grandchildren, JoAnn Daubenschmidt and Shaun Holt; and Aunt, Dorothy Fowler.

**VERA ARD, ex-spouse of James Ard, 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof '64-67, Died 1/22/2014**

**Margit Norwood let us know this past week that Vera 'Kandler' Ard passed away on January 22, 2014 in Austin, Texas. Margit was in school in Hof with Vera, and that Vera married Jim while he was stationed at Hof. Neither Jim nor Vera were ever members of the HRA, however, are fellow Hofers.**

**Vera 'Kandler' Ard - Born - January 26, 1946 Died - January 22, 2014**

Vera Kandler Ard passed away the morning of January 22, 2014. Her two children and daughter-in-law were fortunate to be by her side holding her hands while listening to the sounds of her grandchildren's laughter.

She was born on Janu

Sudetenland, now part of the Czech Republic. After World War II her family made their new home in Hof, Germany where she grew up with her three sisters Dani, Gisela, and Barbara. They were all loved and adored by their amazing mother Josefine.

She was

fortunate to travel all over the world as a young woman. Along the way, she worked very hard to achieve her dream of becoming a teacher. She did this while raising her two children, often working multiple jobs while attending school. That effort cumulated with her completion of her Master's degree with the highest honors in Education from Southern Illinois University. After 35 distinguished years, (which included District Teacher of the Year in 1993 and Teacher of the Year in 2002) she retired in 2008.

But it was the mo

she became a mother that she discovered that her true love in life. That was her family. She devoted herself to her children, Martina and John. Her love of family became evident again with the birth of her grandkids, and she never missed a single game, gymnastics meet, or any other chance to be with them, even when her health often made it difficult to do so. She proved to us that you never give up and that every moment with your family is precious.

~~Shared with the love of life, her unyielding will, her~~

compassion for all, her joyful spirit and her endless love for her family.

She is survived

by her three sisters Dani, Gisela, and Barbara; her two kids, Martina and John; her daughter-in-law Annie; and her beloved grandkids Matthew and Grace.

She will be

greatly missed by all that loved her and she will always be a part of our family through many great memories and the many traditions passed down by her and her mother Josefine. She will be laid to rest in her family plot along with her beloved mother in Hof, Germany.

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## FEBRUARY 10, 2015

### HOF REUNION SECRETARY

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Mel's Hofer Germany Site – [www.hofgermany.com](http://www.hofgermany.com)

### VALENTINE'S DAY – SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 14, 2015

Saint Valentine's Day, commonly shortened to Valentine's Day, is an annual holiday held on February 14<sup>th</sup> celebrating love and affection between intimate companions. The day is named after one or more early Christian martyrs named Saint Valentine, and was established by Pope Gelasius I in 496 AD. It is traditionally a day on which lovers express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards. The day first became associated with the romantic love in the circle of Geoffrey Chaucer in the High Middle Ages, when the tradition of courtly love flourished. Modern Valentine's Day symbols include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged Cupid. Since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, handwritten valentines have given way to mass-produced greeting cards. **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

### BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries this week and before next update.

CHURCHILL	Sue, wife of Dallas – 82 Today	February 10, 1933
NOVELLI	Joe & Doris – 53 Yrs Today	February 10, 1962
QUEEN	Rosie 'Egelkraut', HRA Treasurer	February 10, 1946
LARIMORE	Steve	February 11, 1950
STANKICH	Evi 'Flügel', wife of Charles	February 11, 1940
TONI	Bill	February 11, 1937
WRIGHT	Marty	February 11, 1945
BACON	William – 85 Yrs Old	February 12, 1930
PECORA	Joseph	February 12, 1937
CARRICO	Philip & Kathryn	February 14, 1981
LINDQUIST	Gary & Mary	February 14, 1980
BALLOU	Willies & Cathye	February 15, 1969
MIDDLEDORF	Fred	February 15, 1948
MÜLLER	Anna	February 15, 1937

We wish them all Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

## **PRESIDENTS' DAY – NEXT MONDAY – FEBRUARY 16, 2015**

**History of President's Day** - Celebrated on the third Monday of February, President' Day is a United States federal holiday that honors George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and our nation's presidents. Though the holiday is currently held as a celebration for all Presidents of the United States, this was not its original intent.

In 1880, an Act of Congress deemed George Washington's birthday, February 22, a federal holiday for government offices in the District of Columbia. In 1885, the holiday was implemented in all federal offices across the United States. This holiday was known as Washington's Birthday because its purpose was to commemorate the first President of the United States. For decades, Washington's Birthday was celebrated on the actual day of his birth, until January 1, 1971 when the Uniform Monday Holiday Act took affect, shifting the holiday to every third Monday in February. The purpose of Uniform act was to schedule certain holidays on Mondays, as opposed to sporadic fixed dates throughout the week, in order to allow federal employees to have long weekends during the year. When drafting the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, it was proposed to rename the holiday from Washington's Birthday to Presidents' Day to honor both Washington and Abraham Lincoln, as the holiday falls between both of the president's birthdays. Congress declined changing the name, leaving the holiday's legal name to be Washington's Birthday. By the 1980s, Presidents' Day became the commonly accepted name for the holiday due to a push from advertisers, retailers, and people of the nation, hence the designation that is publicly used to name this patriotic holiday. Throughout the country and in Washington D.C., celebrations, ceremonies, and parades are held to honor George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and the accomplishments of all Presidents of the United States.

## **UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK**

**BOB ALEKSON** has a **NEW Street Address** in Trinity, FL. Everything else remained the same. **1442 Warrington Way**

**RALPH CHRISTIANSON** has a **NEW email address** - [christy508@twc.com](mailto:christy508@twc.com)

**BILLY D. HALL**, 7307<sup>th</sup> DISP has moved and has a **NEW Mailing Address & Phone Number**. Email remains the same [eltigre60@q.com](mailto:eltigre60@q.com)  
Address - 5322 E. Jenny Dr, Hereford, AZ 85617-8717  
Phone – (520) 378-2247



**MEMBERS REGISTERED - 2015 HRA TRAVERSE CITY REUNION – 7**

Registering this past week – Jerry & Hilde Middendorf (MD).

Previous members registering with Adjutant Office – Steve and Donna Murphrey (NC), Dave & Karin Natalie (MI), and Charles Shockley (IN).

**MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK**

Widows renewing thru 2015 (WE15) – Helga Durham, Barbara Mollahan, and Ivey Mossell.

Renewing thru 2015 (FY15) – Bob Alekson, Tony Cameron, Lloyd Geigley, Ned Imboden, Steve Lawrence, Jerry Middendorf, Hilde Middendorf, and Don Ross.

Renewing thru 2016 (FY16) – Gordon Dale, Mike Detzler, Jerry Robinson, & James Smith.

Renewing thru 2017 (FY17) – Jack Adams, and ET Row.

Renewing thru 2018 (FY18) – Brent Anderson.

Renewing thru 2019 (FY19) – Suzanne Eberhardt, and Gerald Mitchell.

Renewing thru 2021 (FY21) – Ray Szyperski.

**DONATIONS:** Jack Adams - \$5; Suzanne Eberhardt - \$15; and Ray Szyperski - \$15.

**NEW MEMBER REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA**

**GORDON DALE, 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof '66-69 Joined & Paid Dues thru 2016.**

Gordon Dale

P.O. Box 1166, Newport, OR 97365

Email - gordon-dale@peak.org Phone – (541) 563-2723

**MEMBER FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA**

**JOE HORTON, 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof '64-67, signed in our HRA guest book last week.**

Joe has never been a member, and did not leave a message on website.

Our membership chairman Phil Ruth got in touch with Joe, but he was not sure if he wanted to join but will think about becoming a member.

**JOSEPH E. HORTON, wife Marsha**

15171 U.S. Hwy 62

Brinkhaven, OH 43006-9222

Phone (740) 599-2664 Email horton.joe7@gmail.com

**FLYBY LIST: NONE REPORTED TO US THIS PAST WEEK.**



**LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: NORMA E. JENIK, 4/11/40 to 2/1/15**

Dwayne Jenik, 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof 67-70 informed us last week that his wife Norma passed away on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> in Colby, KS, after fighting ovarian cancer for 5 years and 8 months. Dwayne said that Norma always wanted to get back to Hof, but the reunions that were there always happened to be at a bad time for them. He said Norma was a real “Trooper”. Our prayers and sympathy go out to Dwayne, family and friends on the lost of Norma.

**Obituary:** Norma E. (Hines) Jenik, 74, of Colby KS, passed away at Citizen Medical Center on Sunday, February 1, 2015. She was born on April 11, 1940 in Waldron, AR to Othel & Inez Hines. Norma married Dwayne Jenik on August 8, 1958 just prior to his first Air Force assignment. She & their children accompanied him to each AF Base for 20 years until his retirement in 1978. They then lived in Ft Collins, CO for 18 years, Waldron, AR for 4 years, and returned to Colby in 2001. Her parents, and her brother Kenneth Hines preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband Dwayne; two daughters Sheila Crouch of Ft Smith CO & Sheryl Carter of Ft Collins CO; son James Jenik of Marino Valley CA; sister Linda Barnett of Waldron AR; Eleven grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Services will be held at 10 AM, Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Oakley with Rev Robert Alexander officiating. Burial will follow at the Oakley Cemetery. Memorials in Norma’s name in care of Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr, Colby, KS 67701.

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### BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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KRCMA	Greg & Sandy	February 3, 1968
POUCH	Heidi	February 3, 1946
WAY	Tresslar	February 3, 1942
WETZEL	Gene	February 3, 1945
HAMILL	Ilse, Member & wife of Mel	February 4, 1940
SINAGRA	Jack & Jean	February 4, 2008
KENISH	Catherine, wife of Ted	February 6, 1948
THOMPSON	Dean	February 6, 1936
JUERGENS	Briana, wife of Ken	February 7, 1949
HARLAND	Bernard & Lisa	February 8, 1964
RECZEK	Thomas & Ute	February 8, 1964
THOMPSON	Janet, wife of Francis M.	February 8, 1945
UNGER	Loran & Estelle	February 8, 1988
HOLLOWAY	Bill	February 9, 1940
JOHNSON	David L.	February 9, 1946
JONES	Virginia, wife of Harry	February 9, 1943

We wish them all Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

### 2015 HOF REUNION ASSOCIATION DUES

A reminder to those members whose dues expired on 12/31/2014. There are still a few members (59) and widow exempt (8) whose membership expired on December 31, 2014. Dues are still only \$15.00 per year. If you are not sure if you fall into this category, you can contact Don Riverkamp or Mel Hamill to find out. Grace period for renewing your membership for 2015 will expire on March 31, 2015. Widow Exempts do not owe dues, however, we would still like an updated membership form filled out OR an email to Mel Hamill or Don Riverkamp informing them that no information has changed on your address, email or phone. Thanks!

## **NOTE FROM HRA MEMBER CHARLIE FARRIS, HOF '58-60**

“Just to bring some old memories – During my stay in Hof, '58-60, I used to go to Kulmbach because I thought that was the best beer on the planet. After returning to civilian life, I never thought I would see the day where I could drink another Kulmbacher. To my surprise, recently a new German Deli nearby opened and they have Kulmbach. I bought two cases although I seldom drink one (every few months). I thought maybe some former Hofers might enjoy these old memories. I'll share the memories, but not the Kulmbach.” Charlie Farris

1515 Barbara Lane, Arlington, TX 76018-2036

Cell Phone – (817) 939-2772 Email – [charles.farris@att.net](mailto:charles.farris@att.net)

**There are three German Deli Stores in the Metroplex. The one Charlie goes to is in Colleyville and their add states** - Enjoy thousands of German and European food and groceries in our 5,000sf retail space along a major highway! We are less than 15 minutes from DFW Airport. In addition to food specialties from Austria, Switzerland, Holland, and other European countries, we feature beer and wine (for take-out), t-shirts and gear, magazines and more. We provide a 10% Military discount and we offer a loyalty program we call "Deli Deals".

Store and location is:

**GermanDeli European Food Store**

**5100 State Hwy 121**

**Colleyville TX, 76034**

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**MEMBERS REGISTERED FOR 2015 HRA TRAVERSE CITY REUNION – 5**

Registering this past week – **NONE** this past week.

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## **MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK**

Renewing thru **2015 (FY15)** – Ken Brown, and Doyle Dean.

Renewing thru **2016 (FY16)** – Larry Bender, Vince Carnes, Paul Fisher, and Christa 'Husmann' Sikes.

Renewing thru **2017 (FY17)** – Johnnie Adams, and Robert Nonnenmacher.

Renewing thru **2018 (FY18)** – Roy Tiller.

Renewing thru **2019 (FY19)** – Dave Wymard.

Renewing thru **2021 (FY21)** – Grant Sorenson.

**DONATIONS:** Christa Sikes - **\$25**; Roy Tiller - **\$20**; Dave Wymard - **\$5**.

**MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA**

Phil Ruth located and talked to **GORDON DALE**, 6915<sup>th</sup>, Hof '66-69 last week and emailed him HRA information and paperwork. Gordon was on the roster as missing. Phil did not get mailing address, however, Gordon's email is [gordon-dale@peak.org](mailto:gordon-dale@peak.org)

**FLYBY LIST: NONE** this past week.

**LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: NONE** this past week.

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