

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #686
FEBRUARY 17, 2015

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BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries this week and before next update.

DONOFRIO	Tony	February 17, 1942
SCANNY	Dan & Carol	February 17, 1978
DALE	Gordon	February 18, 1946
SCHEFFT	Paul	February 18, 1945
BROCK	Dick	February 19, 1961
HINCHEY	Inge 'Guenter', wife of Harold	February 19, 1937
SURIANO	Ronald & Marilyn	February 19, 1966
WARD	Virginia 'Ginny', wife of Bob	February 19, 1937
MOTHERWAY	John & Anni 'Woerl'	February 20, 1988
WILLIAMS	John H. – 87 Yrs Old	February 20, 1928
WILSON	Ursula 'Maidonski', widow of Don	February 20, 1926
JUERGENS	Ken	February 22, 1949
SCHUETY	Frieda 'Yes', wife of Ramon	February 22, 1939

We wish them all Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

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MEL HAMILL'S HOFER WEBSITE – www.hofgermany.com

Visit Mel's Hofer website for loads of HRA Information, Forms, and Photos.

REGISTERED - 2015 HRA TRAVERSE CITY REUNION

REGISTERING THIS PAST WEEK – Patrick & Eileen Gallagher.

MEMBERS REGISTERED WITH ADJUTANT OFFICE (9) – Pat & Eileen Gallagher (IL), Jerry & Hilde Middendorf (MD), Steve and Donna Murphrey (NC), Dave & Karin Natalie (MI), and Charles Shockley (IN).

WE KNOW IT IS VERY EARLY IN THE YEAR, HOWEVER, THE WAY TIME FLIES BY AT OUR AGE, IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO THINK ABOUT MAKING PLANS TO ATTEND OUR 2015 HRA TRAVERSE CITY REUNION, SEPTEMBER 27TH – OCTOBER 3RD AT THE GREAT WOLF LODGE IN TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN. WE ARE HOPING THAT ALL WILL LOOK AT YOUR SCHEDULE, AND SEE IF YOU CAN JOIN FELLOW HOFERS AT THIS YEARS' REUNION. HOPE TO HAVE A GREAT TURNOUT THIS YEAR.

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

Renewing thru 2015 (FY15) – Mark Clemons, Ken Meadows, Melvin Poturalski, Jack Rief, and Noel Sinchak.

Renewing thru 2016 (FY16) – Larry Davis, Charles Farris, Pat Gallagher, Bennie Hopper, Paul Laven, and Braxton Slappey.

Renewing thru 2019 (FY19) – Lonnie Henderson.

DONATIONS: Lonnie Henderson - \$25; Bennie Hopper - \$20.

NEW MEMBERS REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA – NONE.

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA

HOMER 'SKIP' GOTSCHALL, 6915th Security Cop, Hof '68-71

Bob Brock called and said he visited with Skip Gotschall, Security Cop in Hof '68-71 and sounded like he was interested in joining the HRA. Our membership chairman Phil Ruth will contact Skip and send him information and necessary forms for joining.

Homer 'Skip' Gotschall

1814 Catalina Dr, San Angelo, TX 76901-1006

Phone (325) 949-0685

FLYBY LIST: NONE reported to us this past week.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: JAYDELL JOHNSON, 3/4/39 – 2/7/15

JayDell Johnson, wife of Jimmy N. Johnson, 6915th, Hof '65-68, HRA member in 2011, passed away on Saturday, February 7, 2015 in Jacksonville, AL at the age of 75. “Jim said that daughters Jan, JoLynn and he had some fond memories and laughs looking at some pictures taken in Hof and on the Rhine River Cruise. JayDell and I were blessed with a good life, great daughters, and wonderful friends. She loved people, she loved life, and she will be missed by all who knew and loved her.” Our prayers and sympathy go out to Jimmy, daughters, family & friends.

Obituary: <http://www.klbrownfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Jaydell-Johnson/#!/Obituary>

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We did not have Darlene Weaver, HRA Member and widow of David, 602nd AC&W, on our birthday file (on it now). Darlene (Dee Dee) celebrated her 68th birthday on Sunday, February 22nd. Happy Belated Birthday Dee Dee!

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries this week and before next update.

CARRICO	Philip	February 25, 1947
MATTICE	Charles & Renate	February 25, 1966
BROWN	Sigrid 'Sobottka', wife of Clyde	February 26, 1935
NOTTINGHAM	C. Wade	February 26, 1942
BAKER	Ben – 80 Yrs Old	February 27, 1935
DETZLER	Laura, wife of Michael	February 27, 1941
MIDDENDORF	Hilde 'Wunderlich'	February 27, 1941
MOTHERWAY	John	February 27, 1949
WEBB	John R.	February 27, 1948
MCGOVERN	Jim	February 28, 1947
MONTIE	Karin 'Graebner', wife of Len	February 28, 1945
PHIPPS	Phyllis	March 1, 1945
SCOTT	Brent & Linda	March 1, 1975

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NOTE FROM GARY CHERPES OF CALEDONIA, MICHIGAN

Received the following email note from Gary Cherpes, 602nd AC&W, Hof '57-60 last week about things going on in Michigan around reunion time. Don – I was thinking about the TC reunion and wondered if anyone was interested in a before or after trip to see our Art Prize competition held in Grand Rapids from Sept 23 thru Oct 11, 2015.. It draws around 1500 artists from all over the world, has prizes totaling around \$500,000.00. You may google Art prize or visit www.artprize.org/visit or www.artprize.org/about. Grand Rapids is a major hub for flying into, also has the Gerald Ford Presidential Museum; Meijer Gardens; and a really beautiful downtown. Another big attraction in Michigan at Dearborn is the Henry Ford Museum; a real must, and next door is the World Famous Greenfield Village. People coming into Michigan could also rent a car to drive to Traverse City, use the car to drive to the bridge, the Soo locks and take a side trip to Mackinaw Island to see the Grand Hotel with the 600 foot front porch, and also stay if you are rich – rates are about \$700 to maybe \$2000.00 per night depending on the season. The TC area has wine country tours, casinos, and the Sleeping Bear Sand dunes. If anyone needs personal information or advice, they can email me at tmcphoto1@aol.com. Gary Cherpes

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AL CAMPBELL has **NEW** mailing address and phone number.

Al Campbell

8 Partridge Dr, Wolfeboro, NH 03894-4025

Phone – (603) 515-1954 Email remains same – alcampbell0467@att.net

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

Renewing thru **2015 (FY15)** – Robert Conrad, Norm Heggie, Dirke Vallo, & Rip Yarnall.

Renewing thru **2016 (FY16)** – Al Campbell, Tom Halbert, & Lance Peterson.

Renewing thru **2017 (FY17)** – Mike Assenmacher, & Gilbert Beckham.

Renewing thru **2018 (FY18)** – Don Spirk.

Renewing thru **2022 (FY22)** – Dan Feldkamp.

DONATIONS: Mike Assenmacher - \$10; Rip Yarnall - \$10.

NEW MEMBERS REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA

SUSAN ALEXANDER, wife of Jim, 6915th, Hof '68-70, joined this past week and **paid dues thru 2016 (FY16)**.

87 W. Lansdown Circle, The Woodlands, TX 77382-2722

FLYBY LIST: ERNEST STOKES, 12/19/34 – 1/9/15

Bill Little sent us an email informing us that Ernie Stokes had passed away on January 9, 2015 at the age of 80 in Arkansas. Ernie was a Russian Linguist with Det. 2, 6912th RSM and Det. 5, 6910th RGM at Hof 1955-58. He had been in a nursing home for a couple of years. Ernie was never a member of the HRA, but was indeed a fellow Hofer. **His obituary can be read at:** <http://edwards-van-alma.tributes.com/show/102058216>

NOLAN WAYNE CREEKMORE, 602nd AC&W, Hof '54-57, 10/18/36 – 2/17/15

Ron Pohle informed us that Nolan had passed away last week. Below is Wayne's obit. Our sympathy & prayers go out to Rebecca & family.

LEXINGTON, NC - Nolan Wayne Creekmore, 78, of Lexington, previously of Fayetteville, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2015, in his residence, surrounded by his family. Wayne was born Oct. 18, 1936, in Ardmore, Okla., a son of the late Clarence Creekmore and William and Lanora Hitch.

Wayne was a graduate of Compton High School, Compton, Calif. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, and worked for the FAA as a regional manager. Wayne was a member of First Presbyterian Church of Lexington and was a former commander of the Winston-Salem and Fayetteville Sail and Power Squadron. He was a worthy patron of the Order of the Eastern Star and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Panama Canal Zone, and the Shriners. Wayne also was an amateur radio operator. Wayne enjoyed golfing, but was happiest when on the water in one of his many boats.

In addition to his parents, Wayne was preceded in death by his brother, Charles. Wayne is survived by his wife of more than 53 years, Rebecca Mills Creekmore, who he married April 2, 1961; sons, Todd Mills Creekmore (Beth), Terry Matthew Creekmore (Diane) and Troy Mitchell Creekmore; daughter, Tara Creekmore Witham (Donald); grandchildren,

Meagen and Zachary Witham, Parker, Cameron and Peyton Creekmore and Grayson Creekmore; brothers, Ronnie Smith and Eddie Creekmore; and sisters, Irene Hultz and Annette Creekmore.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 2015, in First Presbyterian Church of Lexington, conducted by Pastor Lee Zehmer.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church of Lexington, 300 S. Main St., Lexington NC 27292, (youth group Acts Alive); or to the Sail & Power Squadron of Winston-Salem or the Sail & Power Squadron of Fayetteville.

Online condolences may be made at carolinacremation.com.

TOMMY E. NELSON, 602nd AC&W, Hof '54-57, 10/11/35 – 4/30/14

Charles Stankich talked to Ann Nelson last week, and let us know that Tommy passed last year on April 30, 2014 in Knoxville, TN at the age 78. Tommy was member in 2004, and our prayers go out to Ann & family.

OBIT: NELSON, TOMMY EDWARD - age 78, of Knoxville, born October 11, 1935, went to be with Jesus on April 30, 2014. Mr. Nelson served in the US Air Force from 1954 - 1957, was a 1964 graduate of ETSU, and was a 21-year employee of Levi Strauss & Company. He was a member of the Smoky Mountain Hiking Club, and a 54 year member of the Boy Scouts of America; having received the Silver Beaver Award and District Award of Merit, member of Order of the Arrow, received Distinguished Service Award Vigil Honor, 1977 - 1981 Pellissippi Lodge Advisor, 2011 Legends of Pellissippi Lodge 230. He was faithful and active in the Christian Church, Men's Fellowship, and Johnson University. Survivors: wife of 54 years, Ann Hicks Nelson; son, Stephen E. Nelson of Mississippi; grandson, Bradley Edward Nelson; daughter and son-in-law, Tim and Susan Amos; granddaughter, Tatum Elizabeth of Loudon; brothers and sisters.

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CUTTER (John Lamb's Daughter & Son-in-Law)	Caroline & Robert	March 3, 1991
FROST	Judy, wife of Jim	March 3, 1952
HABECKER	Marty & Alice – 64 Yrs	March 3, 1951
ASSENMACHER	Mike	March 4, 1947
GHOLSTON	Homer – 83 Yrs Old	March 4, 1932
GALLAGHER	Margaret, wife of Bruce	March 5, 1951
ENGELKEN	Dan – 80 Yrs Old	March 6, 1935
KERNAN	Angelika 'Rasp', wife of Paul	March 6, 1943
NONNENMACHER	Robert	March 6, 1954
COOK	Bruce & Brigitte	March 7, 1970
TURNER	Mary Ann, companion of Hurley Blackmon	March 7, 1948
FRY	Maria, wife of Richard	March 8, 1946
SHIFFLETT	Walt – 85 Yrs Old	March 8, 1930
SMITH	Dave & Di	March 8, 1981
BERGER	Donna, wife of Larry	March 9, 1943

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME 2015 – SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Saving Time 2015 starts at 2 AM, Sunday, March 8th, and most U.S. states spring forward an hour. Remember to **set your clocks ahead an hour before retiring on Saturday night**, or you may be late to church on Sunday or breakfast with family and friends. Time will fall back to Standard Time again on Sunday, November 1, 2015.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN OUTREACH FROM PHIL RUTH

“I just finished a 17-day leisure trip primarily to Texas, Oklahoma, and Alabama. After a two-day ballroom dance event in Houston, TX, I headed west and had lunch with HRA members Calvin and Margit Norwood in Schertz, TX; and dinner with Rich and Maria Fry in San Antonio, TX. Non Hof-related visits with my granddaughter and two great-grandkids in Graham, TX; and daughter and granddaughter, who delivered a great granddaughter on Feb 10 in San Angelo, TX.

While in San Angelo, I spent two relaxing hours visiting with Homer ‘Skip’ Gotschall and his wife. Skip recently expressed interest in joining the HRA, and I have emailed him appropriate paperwork.

Then on to visit my daughter (born in Hof) and family near Tulsa, OK.

On Feb 20 I spent two delightful hours in Auburn, AL visiting HRA member Dr. John ‘Tony’ Williams and his son Michael, who was visiting from Lincoln, NE (PHOTO ATTACHED). Last year I reunited Tony and his son who had not seen each other since the mid 1960’s, when Michael was 3 years old. Story was in 2015 January Newsletter.” Phil (Membership Chairman)

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NEW MAILING ADDRESS - CHARLES & EVI STANKICH & HEIDI POUCH

Charles & Evi Stankich and Heidi Pouch have moved into NEW HOME in Arilington, Texas.

5800 Dry Creek, Arlington, TX 76017

NO CHANGE IN PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESSES.

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

Christenson	Larry	FY17
Christianson	Ralph	FY17
Coons	George	FY15
Dixon	Anni	FY15
Donofrio	Tony	FY15
Hoover	Charles	FY16
Jordan	Charles	FY17
Meyers	John	FY15
Pirozzi	Pat	FY18
Queen	Rose	FY18
Rankin	Robert	FY16
Scholle	Tom	FY17
Tringhese	Karl	FY16
Way	Tresslar	FY15

DONATIONS: Ralph Christianson - \$5; Karl Tringhese - \$10.

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FLYBY LIST: RICHARD L. COOK, 6915th Security Cop, Hof '65-68

Peggy Adams & Dwayne Jenik informed me that Richard died on Sunday morning, March 1, 2015. No other details at this time. Richard was a HRA member in 2005.

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WILLIAMS	Lottie, wife of John H.	March 11, 1942
STURDEVANT	Stu, 2008 HRA President - 81	March 13, 1934
MEYERS	Deborah, wife of John	March 13, 1956
CAMERON	William 'Bill'	March 14, 1941
SCOTT	Linda, wife of Brent	March 14, 1949
OLSEN	Paul & Vikki	March 14, 1971
MCDANIEL	Jim & Mary	March 15, 1979
CURTIS	Auby	March 16, 1938
ROBERSON	Clint 'Robby'	March 16, 1940
GENTILINI	Roger, HRA Sgt at Arms	March 16, 1942

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2015 HRA DUES – TIME IS RUNNING OUT

TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR MEMBERS whose dues expired on 12/31/2014; only three weeks left to renew your membership for 2015. There are still a few members (21) 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 will expire on MARCH 31, 2015.** **WIDOW EXEMPTS** do not owe dues, however, we would still like an updated membership form filled out **OR** at least an email to Mel Hamill or Don Riverkamp informing them that no information has changed on your address, email or phone. Thanks!

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BROCK	Robert H.	FY16
CHESNEY	Don	FY17
CROMER	Thomas	FY15
FAHRBACH	George	FY18
HESTER	John	FY17
JOHNSON	David	FY16
NELSON	Miles	FY18
NOVELLI	Joe	FY15
PERSONS	Terry	FY16
SMITH	Carl D.	FY16
WARD	Robert	FY16
WIBLE	John	FY16

DONATIONS: Tom Cromer & Bob Ward - **\$10 each**

NEW MEMBER REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA

Last week we reported that John C. Meyers renewed membership for 2015. John actually joined the HRA. We apologize for not having this correct in last weeks update. Welcome John and wife Deborah.

John C. Meyers, 6915th, Hof '66-69

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Email - jcmeyers13@gmail.com

Phone – (410) 255-6961

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA

Phil Ruth, from the Special Orders he got from Richard Fry in February, found and talked with Harold A. Atwater (**Not on HRA Master Roster**), 6915th, Hof 65-68. Harold is 83 and lives in Goldsboro, NC. Phil invited him to join the HRA, however, does not think Harold will join due to his health.

Harold A. Atwater

308 Ervin Dr., Goldsboro, NC 27534-8032

Phone – (919) 778-0826 Email – scab1949@yahoo.com

FLYBY LIST: RICHARD LEE COOK, Born 10/5/42 Died 3/1/15

ST. MARYS, PA – Richard Lee Cook, 72, of 307 Main St., Kersey, passed away Sunday (March 1, 2015) at Penn Highlands Elk Hospital in St. Marys. Cookie was HRA Member in 2005, and while in Hof '65-68, 6915th Security Cop, was roommate of HRA Members Tom Mikloiche and Dave Dickson. Rich had both knees replaced years ago, and also had emphysema. These problems prevented him from attending any of our HRA Reunions that he so wanted to attend. Our Sympathy and Condolences go out to his family members and friends. God Rest His Soul.

OBITUARY: Richard Lee Cook, 72, of 307 Main St., Kersey, died unexpectedly Sunday, March 1, 2015 at the Penn Highlands Elk. He was born Oct. 5, 1942 in Renovo, son of the late Catherine Cook Page. He was a graduate of the Bucktail High School Class of 1960 and lived in the Kersey area since 1989. He was married to Erika Wilkinson, she survives. He was preceded in death by his second wife, Clare Grunthamer.

He had worked at the Philadelphia and Virginia Naval Shipyards, served as police chief of Chapman Township and was a retired employee of the Department of Public Welfare. He served in the U.S. Air Force Police during the Vietnam era, was an avid hunter and fisherman, was involved in the Cub Scouts in his early years and loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by a daughter, Catherine Shuttleworth (Joe) of Kersey; three sons, Markus Cook of New Jersey, Thomas Cook of New Jersey and Robert Cook (Janell) of Chambersburg; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; six sisters, Dottie Stoltz (Oscar) of Renovo, Barb Lullo of Renovo, Shirley Young (Ken) of Kittanning, Laura Snyder (Jack) of Salona, Judy Long (Leon) of Lock Haven and Doris Williams (Steve) of Lock Haven; and two brothers, Harry Page of Renovo and Luther Page (Brenda) of Lock Haven. He was preceded in death by a brother, George Page, and a sister in infancy, Yvonne. Family and friends of Richard Lee Cook are invited to attend a memorial service to be held in the Lynch-Radkowski Funeral Home on Wednesday, March 4 at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Ross Miceli officiating. The Fox Township Servicemen's Burial Detail will accord full military rites. Memorials may be made to the Elk County Humane Society, 1029 E. Eschbach Rd., St. Marys, Pa. 15857.

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/smdailypress/obituary.aspx?pid=174296714#sthash.suiNOuPV.dpuf>

QUINTON L. TSCHIRHART, 6915th, Hof '68, Born 4/15/28 Died 12/1/90
Quinton was not listed on the HRA Master Roster. While Phil Ruth was visiting Richard Fry in February, he got his name from a copy of 6915th Special Order AB-18 dated August 1, 1968. When Phil tried contacting him, he discovered that Quinton had passed away December 1, 1990. Quinton is buried at Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, TX.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: LOUISE MORGAN – 4/5/26 to 2/18/15

Susan Holloway informed us that Louise Morgan, 88, wife of Robert Morgan, passed away February 18, 2015 at the Chapman's Health Center in Alexander City, AL. Robert was with 6915th, Hof '69-71 and HRA Member in 2005. Our condolences and prayers go out to Robert.

Louise was born April 5, 1926, passed away February 18, 2015. She was a resident of Alexander City, Alabama at the time of her passing. Her husband Robert survives her. Funeral services were held at the Chapel of Radney Funeral Home on Friday, February 20, 2015. Burial followed at Hillview Memorial Park. Dr. Randal Stoner and Rev. Lamar Veazey officiated.

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HINES	Norm	March 17, 1936
SAGE	Pat, wife of David - 84	March 17, 1931
FUKUMOTO	Joann, wife of Francis	March 18, 1950
HALE	Marvin	March 18, 1936
BURTON	Dorothy, wife of Jerry	March 19, 1944
COONS	George	March 19, 1938
DUNIGAN	Maurice	March 19, 1942
ROWE	Margot	March 20, 1945
HANSBERGER	Bill 'Smiley'	March 21, 1939
KELLY III	Hannelore, wife of Ken	March 21, 1940
CAMPBELL	Al & Karin	March 22, 1968
NICKERSON	Monika, wife of Tom	March 22, 1943
RILEY	Norm	March 23, 1939

We wish them all Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

ST PATRICK'S DAY – TODAY – TUESDAY – MARCH 17, 2015

St Patrick is one of Ireland's Patron Saints and many Americans with Irish ancestry remember him on March 17. St Patrick's Day is always March 17.

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

OLD IRISH BLESSING:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind always be at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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REGISTERING THIS PAST WEEK (3) – BARBARA DAVINO; KEN & GAY
KIELBANIA.**

MEMBERS REGISTERED WITH ADJUTANT OFFICE (21) – Mike & Ursula Assenmacher (MI), Barbara Davino (FL), Pat & Eileen Gallagher (IL), Mel & Ilse Hamill (DE), Ken & Gay Kielbania (FL), Tom & Inga Mikloiche (CT), Jerry & Hilde Middendorf (MD), Steve and Donna Murphrey (NC), Dave & Karin Natalie (MI), Claude & Susanne Niebuhr (MS), Rosie Queen (DE), and Charles Shockley (IN).

JEAN VINSON, widow of James, now has an active email address – JCMV1935@gmail.com

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

**JEAN VINSON renewed thru 2015 (WE15).
PAUL HENSLEY renewed thru 2015 (FY15).
KEN KIELBANIA renewed thru 2016 (FY16).
ROBERT DELLACCA renewed thru 2018 (FY18).
ED GOOTEE rejoined and renewed thru 2019 (FY19).**

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA

Phil Ruth re-contacted ED PITTMAN, 6915th, Hof '58-60, last week and emailed him HRA paperwork. Ed has never been a member.

Edward L. Pittman

594 Placer St., Grand Junction, CO 81504-4860

Phone – (970) 241-1849 Email - elpbiker@gmail.com

Re-established contact with ED GOOTEE, 6915th, Hof '61-64 last week and emailed him Membership Form to rejoin the HRA. Ed was member in 2008.

Ed Gootee

1291 Hule St., Prattville, AL 36066-5536

Phone – (334) 361-7727 Email – barreves56@knology.net

FLYBY LIST: JAMES E. POMPLUN, Born 8/6/42 Died 2/27/15

Eloise Jasken, Jim's significant other, notified us last week that Jim had passed away on February 27th. Jim was with 6915th in Hof '63-66 and was HRA Member. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Eloise, family & friends.

Obituary from Bloomington MN Star Tribune Newspaper:

Pomplun, James Edwin Age 72, of Bloomington, died 2/27/15 at the Prelude Cottages Memory Care in Woodbury from complications of Fronto-temporal Dementia. Born 8/6/42 in St. Paul, MN to Edwin Pomplun and Alma Hanevik. Retired as a thirty-three year employee of the Walker Art Center in 2004. Passionate about birds, literature, chess, poetry, music and much more. Jim did everything with intensity, precision and skill. Preceded in death by his parents. Survived by significant other, Eloise Jasken; best friend since fifth grade, Stephan Rolf; sister, Susan Pasiuk (Jim); nieces, Jackie Christian (Louie) and Stephanie Bacigolupo (Tom); great-niece, Cassie Christian; great-nephews, Louie Christian Jr. and Timmy Bacigolupo; many cousins and friends. Thank you to the Prelude Cottages for welcoming Jim in his need and, along with St. Croix Hospice, caring for Jim with respect and compassion in his last days. Thank you also to Jim's caregivers prior to his admission to the Prelude and to Pat McGrath, the VA volunteer who became a friend. Special thanks to Stephan Rolf, devoted friend to Jim from childhood to the end. This is what friendship is all about. Memorial service 11 AM Thurs., 3/12 at the Cremation Society of MN, 7110 France Ave. S., Edina, MN 55435 (952-924-4100). Visitation 10 AM. Private interment at Sunset Cemetery, Mpls., MN in the spring, when the bluebirds are singing. Memorials to the Woodlake Nature Center, 6710 Lakeshore Dr., Richfield, MN 55423.

BARRY R. CHUMBLEY – 6915TH, HOF '68 – BORN 12/25/47 DIED 2/26/1981

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: BEVERLY KAY GOOTEE – Died 3/27/2010

We received an email from Ed Gootee, 6915th, Hof '61-64, member in 2008 that his wife Beverly Kay had passed away on March 27, 2010. Beverly was a resident of Prattville, Alabama at the time of her passing. She proudly served her country as a Veteran of the United States Air Force.

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Don Riverkamp – don.hofsecretary@sbcglobal.net

HOF REUNION ADJUTANT

Mel Hamill – melvinhamill@yahoo.com

Mel's Hofer Germany Site – www.hofgermany.com

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

I would like to apologize to Ken Hager and his wife Judy for overlooking their birthdays on our birthday/anniversary file. Judy celebrated her 62nd birthday on February 27, 2015 and Ken celebrated his 72nd birthday on March 10, 2015. **Happy Belated Birthdays to Judy and Ken Hager. DON**

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries this week and before next update.

LIVESEY	Ruth, wife of Bob	March 24, 1938
MEADOWS	Ken	March 24, 1937
WILLIAMS	David & Lynn	March 24, 1972
DENMAN	Alice, wife of Bob	March 25, 1943
LAVEN	Paul	March 25, 1944
POHLE	Zilla, wife of Ron	March 25, 1941
BECKHAM	Gilbert	March 27, 1937
KRCMA	Greg, HRA Sgt at Arms	March 27, 1946
MIDDENDORF	Jerry & Hilde – 50 YRS	March 27, 1965
LARSON	James & Sarah	March 28, 2005
NATALIE	Dave, HRA President	March 28, 1943
ADAMS	Wilma, wife of Johnnie	March 29, 1939
HAESE	Helga & Joachim	March 29, 1968
STANFIELD	Jerry	March 30, 1944

We wish them all Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

MEL IS OUT OF TOWN AND THEREFORE, THIS WEEK'S UPDATES CONTAIN ONLY THE MAIL RECEIVED THROUGH WEDNESDAY, MARCH

18TH AT MEL'S HOUSE IN DOVER, DELAWARE, AND EMAILS RECEIVED BY SECRETARY DON RIVERKAMP.

JOHN BIENKO has a **NEW** email address – jwceb64@sbcglobal.net

ED GOOTEE was in Hof '67-70. In last week's update I had Ed in Hof '61-64 and that error has been corrected.

**REGISTERED - 2015 HRA TRAVERSE CITY REUNION – 9/27/15 – 10/3/15
GREAT WOLF LODGE – 3575 N. US 31 SOUTH – TRAVERSE CITY, MI**

REGISTERING THIS PAST WEEK (4) – DAN & CAROL SCANNY; CLAUDE SPICER & MARY RICHARDSON.

MEMBERS REGISTERED WITH ADJUTANT OFFICE (25) – Mike & Ursula Assenmacher (MI), Barbara Davino (FL), Pat & Eileen Gallagher (IL), Mel & Ilse Hamill (DE), Ken & Gay Kielbania (FL), Tom & Inga Mikloiche (CT), Jerry & Hilde Middendorf (MD), Steve and Donna Murphrey (NC), Dave & Karin Natalie (MI), Claude & Susanne Niebuhr (MS), Rosie Queen (DE), Dan & Carol Scanny (CA), Claude Spicer & Mary Richardson (KS), and Charles Shockley (IN).

MEMBERS RENEWING THIS PAST WEEK

BOB TROJANOWSKI renewed thru 2015 (FY15).

CLAUDE SPICER renewed thru 2018 (FY18).

NOTES FROM HRA PRESIDENT DAVE NATALIE

SILENT AUCTION & DOOR PRIZE COMMITTEE – The HRA is looking for volunteer(s) to assist Phil Murray with the 2015 Silent Auction and Door Prizes at the Traverse City Reunion. Anyone wishing to assist Phil and be part of the committee with this task should email Dave Natalie at davenatale@chartermi.net as soon as possible. Thanks!

GREAT WOLF LODGE ROOM RESERVATIONS – Per our HRA contract with the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City, the standard suites are **\$79 per night, plus tax and resort fee**. The resort fee for our HRA attendees is **\$9.99 per night**, however, when making room reservations, the registration computer automatically charges the normal \$19.99 per night, BUT, when you actually check into the lodge in September, they will adjust it to the \$9.99 per night so don't panic when you are making room reservations. The number for room reservations is **(866) 962-9653** and **Code is 1509HOF**. The room rate (ALL SUITES) is also for good for 3 nights prior and 3 nights

after reunion for HRA members/guests based on availability. Room upgrades are also available at a higher room rate per night.

FLYBY LIST: JACK K. SINAGRA, 6915th, Hof '67-70 – Died 3/15/15

On Monday morning last week, I heard that our HRA Member Jack Sinagra had passed away. I called his wife Jean to confirm this and found out that Jack (82) had died on Sunday, March 15, 2015 while in the hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. Our sincere sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to Jean, family and friends for the lost of their loved one. Reunion attendees and everyone that knew Jack will miss Jack's smiling face, wit, and humor. Per Jack's request, there will be only private visitation and services held. Jack requested cremation and that his remains be placed with his first wife and son. God Rest His Soul. (PHOTO FROM OBIT ATTACHED WITH UPDATE)

OBITUARY: Jack K. Sinagra, 82, of Woods Run, formerly of Crestview, Fla., died Sunday, March 15, 2015. He was the beloved husband of Jean Jackson-Bonenberger and the late Nancy (Jordan) Sinagra; father of the late Jack and Mark; stepfather of Ed, Lynda, Steve (Ame) and Dean (Kim) Bonenberger; father-in-law of Madeline Sinagra; grandfather of Mark, Angie (Joe), Mitchell, Morgan, Luke and Garrett; great-grandfather of Ivy, Ava and JoeJoe; brother-in-law of Joyce Johnson; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Tech Sergeant, retired, Jack served in the Korean War and had 21 total years of military service. Service and interment private. Interment in Barrancas National Cemetery, Pensacola, Fla. Arrangements by SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME and CREMATION SERVICES INC., West View, PA 15229. In lieu of flowers, family suggests donations to Wounded Warriors, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Please pay tribute at www.schellhaasfh.com.

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

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