

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #692

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EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5, 2015

This coming Sunday is EASTER SUNDAY. The Hof Reunion Association Executive Board would like to take this opportunity to wish all it's members, spouses, family, and friends a Holy, Safe, and Happy Easter.

Wünschen Allen Mitgliedern und Gatten sowie Familie, und Freunden ein Heiliges, sicheres und Glückliches Ostern.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries this week and before next update.

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| JOHNSON | Dave & Jeannette | April 1, 1967 |
| BENDER | Larry | April 2, 1938 |
| WEBB | John & Marianne 'Teichmann' | April 2, 1971 |
| DESCH | Ed & Nancy | April 4, 1970 |
| ROBINSON | Jerry & Gudrun 'Stanke' | April 5, 1974 |
| SAGE | David & Pat – 63 Yrs | April 5, 1952 |
| ALEXANDER | Jim | April 6, 1946 |
| DELLACCA | Robert | April 6, 1937 |
| FUTRELL | Gayle, wife of Sidney | April 6, 1939 |

We wish them all Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

Rosie Queen, HRA Treasurer, has NEW email – Leimitzer22@yahoo.com

REGISTERED - 2015 HRA TRAVERSE CITY REUNION – 9/27/15 – 10/3/15
GREAT WOLF LODGE – 3575 N. US 31 SOUTH – TRAVERSE CITY, MI
ROOM RESERVATIONS - (866) 962-9653 and Code is 1509HOF

REGISTERING THIS PAST WEEK – GARY & SANDY CHERPES, DAN HOLDEN & GUEST MIKE BOGGS, JAY & SHERRI KALLAS, JERRY & RUTH SMEAL & GUEST BETH WEST.

MEMBERS REGISTERED WITH ADJUTANT OFFICE (34) – Mike & Ursula Assenmacher (MI), Gary & Sandy Cherpes (MI), Barbara Davino (FL), Pat & Eileen Gallagher (IL), Mel & Ilse Hamill (DE), Dan Holden & Guest Mike Boggs (KY), Jay & Sherri Kallas (TN), Ken & Gay Kielbania (FL), Tom & Inga Mikloiche (CT), Jerry & Hilde Middendorf (MD), Steve & Donna Murphrey (NC), Dave & Karin Natalie (MI), Claude & Susanne Niebuhr (MS), Rosie Queen (DE), Dan & Carol Scanny (CA), Jerry & Ruth Smeal & Guest Beth West (CO), Claude Spicer & Mary Richardson (KS), and Charles Shockley (IN).

REPEAT FROM LAST WEEK'S UPDATE FROM HRA PRESIDENT NATALIE 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.

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

GARY CHERPES renewed thru **2016 (FY16).**

BOB DELLACCA renewed thru **2022 (FY22).**

SIDNEY FUTRELL and **RAINER GEBHARDT** renewed thru **2017 (FY17).**

PAUL GENUNG renewed thru **2015 (FY15).**

NOTE FROM JEAN SINAGRA, WIDOW OF JACK

Please post in your Hofer newsletter my appreciation and thanks to everyone for their cards & prayers. I'll forever miss my big guy. He gave me 10 years of happiness.

Love, Jean Sinagra

FLYBY LIST: WILLIAM 'BILL' FORD – Born 10/22/31 Died 1/25/15

Tony Jordan emailed us last week and let us know that Bill Ford, 6915th, Hof '60-63 passed away on January 25, 2015 in Selby, South Dakota. Bill was 81 years old and never a HRA Member. Our condolences and prayers go out to his wife Mary, family and friends. His obituary can be read at: http://www.millerlienfh.com/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?o_id=2931479&fh_id=13305

RAYMOND HICKEY, 6915th OPS 'C' Trick, Hof '64-67

John & Carol Scholl received a phone call from Ray's wife Carol last weekend that **Ray died on March 18, 2015**. Ray has never been a HRA Member and lived in Oro Valley, Arizona. Ray had been fighting colon cancer, and left his body for scientific research. Our condolences and prayers go out to Carol, family and friends. A memorial service will be held on April 24th; however, currently there are no other details or obituary.

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

OFF THE BEATEN PATH: Fernweh Diner in Hof

Klaus Beer's Fernweh Diner has filed for bankruptcy.

https://www.insolvenzbekanntmachungen.de/cgi-bin/bl_aufruf.pl?PHPSESSID=8e659a897b0902342d8b964282f286f1&datei=gerichte%2Fby%2Faghof%2F15%2F IN 104 15%2F2015 03 27 11 00 15 Sicherungsmassnahmen.htm

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| ALEKSON | Bob | April 7, 1941 |
| SHIFFLETT | Walt & Virginia – 60 Yrs | April 7, 1955 |
| COEY | Joyce, wife of Ron | April 8, 1953 |
| PAULEY | Susie, companion of Ken Holley | April 8, 1947 |
| ANDERSON | Brent & Cindy | April 9, 2005 |
| BUNDRA | Leonard | April 9, 1943 |
| WILLIAMS | John & Lottie – 66 Yrs | April 9, 1949 |
| GOTSCHALL | Skip & Janalyn | April 10, 2014 |
| HINES | Norm & Ursula 'Träeger' | April 10, 1958 |
| TRIBBLE | Walter & Margot | April 10, 1971 |
| HALL | Karin 'Unger', wife of Billy | April 12, 1947 |
| SCHOLL | Carol, wife of John | April 12, 1939 |
| CALISTI | Hilde 'Pecher', widow of Bruno | April 13, 1935 |
| FLANNERY | Barbara, wife of Bruce | April 13, 1947 |

We wish them all **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** and **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**.

2016 HOF REUNION SITE VOTING ENDED APRIL 1, 2015

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There were 119 votes received by our HRA Adjutant Mel Hamill.

HOF, GERMANY got **57** votes.

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On July 25, 1987, Cherry Festival participants earned a place in the Guinness Book of World Records for baking the world's largest cherry pie. The pie was 17' 6" (5.33 m) in diameter, weighing 28,350 pounds. Now, that is a lot of cherry pie!

REGISTERING THIS PAST WEEK – DOLORES KESSLER & GUEST KATHLEEN DELANE; GREG & SANDY KRCMA; MARGIT NORWOOD.

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This is a great start since we still have five (5) months for members to register for the Traverse City Reunion. So check your calendars, make some plans, fill out the registration form, mail it, and come join fellow Hofers at our 2015 HRA Reunion in Traverse City, Michigan.

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

DICK BROCK renewed thru 2016 (FY16).

PHYLLIS PHIPPS and **JOHN 'Tony' WILLIAMS** renewed thru 2017 (FY17).

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA

Tony Williams ask Phil Ruth to see if he could locate Ken Kemp, 6915th, Hof '65-68. Ken was a member in 2001. He was from Kentucky and was listed as living in Colorado Springs on the Master Roster, however, Ken had since moved to Maryland. Phil located and talked to Ken. He is interested in rejoining the association but won't be able to make this years reunion in Traverse City. Phil snail mailed Ken HRA paperwork and membership form since Ken does not have a computer.

KENNETH R. KEMP and wife Frances

10 Powells Lane

Frostburg, MD 21532-2417

Phone – (301) 689-2182

Skip Gotschall had asked Phil Ruth about Jim Goins whose name is on roster, however, has never been a member. Since February Phil had been trying to contact Jim, former 6915th Cop in '69-71; after 6915th deactivated, he switched to 606th AC&W until 1973. Jim's phone is restricted and Phil never got an answer; SO, Phil finally had to call a neighbor and asked him to have Jim call Phil – it worked. However, due to Jim's medical condition, he is not interested in joining the HRA.

JAMES G. GOINS, wife Barbara

2710 W Pine Ave.

Enid, OK 73703-3916

Phone (580) 242-2657 (Restricted number). If you want to reach him, you need to send him email at his wife's email - bgoins@sbcglobal.net

FLYBY LIST: QUINCY L. ADAMS, 6915th, Hof '68, Died 2005

Phil Ruth while talking with Ken Kemp; Ken inquired about QL Adams. Phil called Becky Adams, wife of Quincy and found out that he died in 2005 in Valparaiso, Florida due to heart problems. Phil asked Becky, 80, if she would like to join the HRA, however, she declined.

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

OTHER DEATHS: USAF #9 CHIEF MASTER SGT JAMES BINNICKER

Chief Master Sgt. #9 of the US Air Force James C. Binnicker passed away March 21 in Calhoun, Ga. He was CEO and President of the Air Force Enlisted Village in Shalimar, Florida. He attended & spoke at our 2004 Biloxi Reunion. [PHOTO ATTACHED WITH UPDATE.](#)

Chief Binnicker was born in Orangeburg, S.C., on July 23, 1938. He was a leader and an Airman from the day he first joined the Civil Air Patrol as a high school freshman. His childhood dream was to become a pilot in the U.S. Air Force, but in August 1957, after doctors discovered high-frequency hearing loss in his right ear, he decided to enlist in the personal equipment – later called life support – career field. As a young Airman he found himself on the flight line with B-52s, KC-135s and fellow Airmen who became mentors and role models and put him on the path that would lead to his selection as the Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force in 1986.

“Chief Binnicker was an iconic Airman who truly elevated the status of our Senior NCOs,” said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Welsh III. “He was an innovator and a leader who cared deeply about Airmen. His legacy lives on today and is carried forward by the

professional enlisted force we have serving our nation. For that, and so much more, we owe him a huge debt of gratitude. He and his family are in our thoughts on this very sad day for our Air Force.”

“He was a leader in every room he entered,” said Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James A. Cody. “That was the case during his time in uniform and well after he retired. We often speak of legends, those Airmen who have gone before us and built the platforms from which we stand and fight today...Chief Binnicker is a legend among those legends. His impact on our Air Force is everlasting and we will truly miss his leadership, counsel and friendship.” Binnicker’s Air Force career spanned 33 years and a variety of roles. By 1964 he had crossed-trained into air operations and was planning flights for missions going to Vietnam. He later deployed to the war zone and served in the 22d Tactical Air Support Squadron from 1968 to 1969. He quickly moved up the ranks and began serving as the Senior Enlisted Advisor for the 4th Tactical Fighter Wing, 12th Air Force and, later, Pacific Air Forces and Tactical Air Command.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter established the President’s Commission on Military Compensation and, on the recommendation of then Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Thomas Barnes, Binnicker became the sole enlisted member on the commission. However, following Binnicker’s suggestion, the commission later added enlisted representatives from the other services.

Chief Binnicker served in the Air Force’s top enlisted position from July 1, 1986 to July 31, 1990. During his tenure he led the transformation from the Airman Performance Report to the Enlisted Performance Report, and developed the performance feedback system. He also worked to have Master Sergeants admitted to the SNCO Academy and to increase the opportunities for minorities and women throughout the Air Force. Chief Binnicker retired Aug. 1, 1990, but his heart never left the Air Force. He continued traveling around the world to speak with Airmen in different forums including professional military education courses. In 2000, he was selected as the CEO and President of the Air Force Enlisted

Village in Shalimar, Fl., and spent the next 15 years working tirelessly to provide more than 400 residents a loving, secure place to call home. “Chief Binnicker spent his lifetime serving our Nation and the Air Force he loved,” said Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James. “From the first moment he stepped onto a flight line it was clear he was an Air Force leader and would become a tremendous spokesman and advocate for our enlisted force. He was a man of honor and commitment to things greater than himself. His passing is mourned by all Airmen, past and present, around the globe.”

Chief Binnicker was always proud to wear the enlisted chevrons. He firmly believed enlisted Airmen should be given more responsibility and have the freedom to voice their opinion and be involved in the decision process. When asked years ago how he would like to be remembered, he answered, “That I did my best. I would hope most people would say the same thing...and that’s all you can do. That’s all that the country can ask of you...that you do your best.”

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| FELDKAMP | Dan | April 17, 1928 |
| CARNES | Vince & Tandy | April 19, 1969 |
| FAHRBACH | George | April 19, 1939 |
| HERBERT | Dick | April 19, 1940 |
| SALLINGER | David | April 19, 1941 |
| SURIANO | Marilyn, wife of Ron | April 19, 1942 |
| LITTLE | William | April 20, 1936 |
| MCKINNEY | Thomas | April 20, 1941 |

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REPEAT OF LAST WEEK'S UPDATE ON 2016 REUNION SITE

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NEWS ON JOE DERNOGA FROM HIS SISTER LORRAINE

Joe is currently in Perry Point VA Medical Center, 515 Broad Street, Perryville, MD 21902. You can call him directly at **(410) 642-2411** and when the recording comes on, just **punch in 1606** and that connects directly to him. Sometimes you have to let it ring for quite a while or just call back because his dressing changes are extensive and he either can't reach the phone or they are doing something with him at the time. We have no clue

as to how long he will have to stay there because the sores are bad and the healing is just so slow. He spends most of the time in bed since when he is in his chair; the pressure on the sores hurt him so much. Anyone can give Joe a call; please do so, since he gets lonely, and it would help cheer him up.

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Bill 'Smiley' & Elaine Hansberger will have a **NEW mailing address** as of **May 18, 2015**. They are moving from Magnolia, DE to Ocala, FL.
8113 SW 81st Loop
Ocala, FL 34476

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MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK – NONE.

FLYBY LIST: NONE reported to us this past week.

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

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| SMITH | Carl & Linda | April 21, 1963 |
| FRY | Richard & Maria | April 22, 1989 |
| JOHNSON | Richard & Vickie | April 22, 1972 |
| ROSS | Del | April 22, 1935 |
| ROBERSON | Rachel, wife of Clint | April 23, 1968 |
| HOERATH | Hanna, wife of Robert | April 24, 1941 |
| COOPER | Karen, wife of Gregory | April 25, 1953 |
| WICKER | Helen | April 25, 1938 |
| WRIGHT | Frank & Shirley – 60 Years | April 25, 1955 |
| LIVESEY | Robert | April 26, 1938 |
| FISHER | Marianne 'Schoedel', wife of Paul | April 27, 1938 |
| LIBRIZZO | Erika 'Bloss', wife of Jerry | April 27, 1950 |
| TAYLOR | Craig | April 27, 1942 |

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Peter Dougherty, a Presbyterian missionary and the first European settler in the Traverse City Area, also became the first cherry grower when he planted a cherry orchard on Old Mission Peninsula in 1852. Perhaps he planted it as an agricultural experiment or maybe he did it to help satisfy his own sweet tooth. Then, quite unexpectedly, the cherry trees grew. Native Americans and American settlers alike were amazed that the trees had thrived on the peninsula. For the cherry trees, as it turned out, the sandy soil as well as nearby Lake Michigan tempering the Arctic wind in winter and cooling the hot air of summer provided an excellent growing environment.

Today, with 3.8 million tart cherry trees, Michigan produces 70-75 percent of the tart cherries grown in the USA. In 1998, a particularly good year, the figure was 76 percent and meant that 228.5 million pounds of the total US 302 million pounds went to processors. Leelanau County, in fact all the counties in the Traverse City area, grew most of these. These tart cherries, mostly of the Montmorency variety, were grown for pies, preserves, jellies, juice, dried fruit and other products; seldom for eating fresh.

Most of Michigan's sweet cherry production is also concentrated in the Traverse City area. Many of the golden sweet varieties are made into maraschino cherries. In July and early August, the countryside around Traverse City is dotted with stands, markets, and u-pick signs offering cartons of sweet, dark cherries. Sometimes the cherries soak in the ice-cold water to keep them fresh.

Appreciation of the cherry has a long history. In 1924, Traverse City held a spring ceremony known as the "Blessing of the Blossoms" to celebrate the cherry and the region's affinity for it. The event eventually became the National Cherry Festival held in Traverse City each July.

Buy or pick cherries (u-pick cherries). This delicious fruit is useful. The cherry has anti-inflammatory properties (inhibiting enzymes that cause joint pain) and two antioxidant compounds (kaempferol and quercetin) that improve memory vision and concentration. Generally antioxidants are recognized as good agents because they help prevent cancer and the development of cardiovascular disease.

Restaurants in Traverse City find dozens of ways to use cherries. The dried cherry in particular has achieved tremendous popularity in salads, baked goods, and pork and chicken dishes. For beef lovers watching their weight, a Leelanau County butcher has used them to create a low-fat hamburger/cherry mix that's popular in restaurants and cafés all over town. You will taste cherries at gourmet restaurants and small coffee shops and breakfast and lunch spots. You can begin to accumulate your own list of your favorite uses for dried and frozen cherries. It may be long -- ranging from low-fat hamburger and sausage meat to special salads, nut mixes and baked goods.

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Phil Ruth contacted Michael Kormanicki, 6915th, Hof '70 and currently living in Winter Springs, FL. Michael's name and information is correct on HRA Master Roster, but has never been an active member. Phil provided HRA information to Michael; however, he was not interested in becoming a member of the HRA.

FLYBY LIST: JOHN H. WILLIAMS, 6915th, Hof '67-70, 2/20/28 - 4/9/2015

Lottie Williams, wife of HRA Member John Williams, emailed us last week that John had passed away at home in North Las Vegas on April 9, 2015 at the age of 87 and on their 66th wedding anniversary. **NOTE FROM LOTTIE:** "With a grieving heart I report John Williams went to his home in Heaven on April 9th (our 66th wedding anniversary)". Our prayers, condolences, and sympathy go out to Lottie and the entire family. God Rest His Soul.
(Photo attached with update)

John H. Williams was born on February 20, 1928 at Oak Hill Hospital in Oak Hill, Ohio. John passed away on April 9, 2015 at his home in North Las Vegas, Nevada. He fought a brave battle against cancer of the bones. He is survived by his wife of 66 years Lottie; his son James; daughter Linda; granddaughter Aondrea and his two great-granddaughters Savannah and Sierra. Services were held at Palm Northwest Mortuary in Las Vegas, NV. John was laid to rest in the Sacramento Valley Veterans Cemetery in Dixon, CA. All who knew him would agree that John was a pillar of the community. He lived his life with his feet firmly on the ground. He had a strong work ethic, was pragmatic in his thoughts and acts, and constantly sought the means for self-improvement. He was willing to share his ideas and knowledge for the benefit of others, so that they could accomplish more in their lives. John Herbert Williams did his best to ensure that his family, friends, loved ones, co-workers, and everyone whose life he touched were given the chance to become a better person.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None Reported To Us This Past Week.

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| RANKIN | Robert & Ellen – 59 Yrs | April 28, 1956 |
| TRIBBLE | Margot, wife of Walt | April 28, 1948 |
| LANGE | Helga | April 29, 1941 |
| SMITH | David | April 29, 1945 |
| ANDERSON | Cindy, wife of Brent | April 30, 1955 |
| CHRISTENSON | Larry | April 30, 1942 |
| COONS | George & Sue – 17 Yrs | April 30, 1998 |
| BENDER | Larry & Elisa – 39 Yrs | May 1, 1976 |
| MCGUIRE | Marlene, wife of Paul | May 1, 1936 |
| WIEMANN | Brigitte, wife of Bill | May 1, 1950 |
| CHERPES | Sandy, wife of Gary | May 2, 1940 |
| DAVIS | Roberta, wife of Charles | May 2, 1943 |
| ENGELKEN | Dan & Dee – 51 Yrs | May 2, 1964 |
| SLEEPER | Priscilla, wife of Ray | May 2, 1938 |
| DURHAM | Helga, widow of Bill | May 3, 1949 |
| KERNAN | Paul & Angelika – 49 Yrs | May 3, 1966 |
| CUTTER | Robert, son-in-law of John Lamb | May 4, 1965 |
| JOHNSON | Jeannette, wife of David | May 4, 1946 |

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CALL FOR DOOR PRIZES – 2015 TRAVERSE CITY REUNION

A few photos from past reunions attached with this update.

Fellow Hofers and Crafters – Before you know it, once again we will be together at the 2015 HRA Reunion. There is plenty of time to make a donation for the 2015 Door Prize Program. In the past years, our Auction & Door Prize Program has been very popular. HRA President Dave Natalie has asked Phil Murray and Jerry Middendorf to act as co-chairmen of the

committee. The HRA membership is loaded with many talented members and spouses, and the door prizes will again add that little extra touch to make the 2015 Traverse City Reunion one of the most memorable to date. Reiterating article from the January Hof Connection Newsletter, the live and silent auction took in **\$996** that helped in reducing operating cost of the 2014 Colorado Springs Reunion. Our thanks to all that donated items (110 donations) and participated in the door prize/live & silent auction. We also cannot forget John Pace who volunteered as auctioneer in Colorado Springs. Great Job John!!

The committee is looking for donations such as craft items, art work, books, gizmos, etc. that can be presented as door prizes or for auction items. At previous reunions, items included crochet doilies, wood carvings, hand crafted quilts, embroidered table runners, dirndls, oil paintings, decorated handmade jewelry, puzzles, German bier steins, German/Austrian musical CD's, USAFSS hat pins, collector plates, and many other items.

Let your imagination be the only limitation as to what you would like to donate and bring with you to Traverse City. However, PLEASE give Phil Murray and/or Jerry Middendorf a heads-up via email, telephone call, or snail mail informing them of what you plan on bringing as a donation.

One request for documenting your donation(s) – IF you have the capability, please take a photo of your donation, download to your computer, and email to Phil & Jerry. If you don't have the capability of doing this, just forget the request and bring the item(s) with you to the reunion. Thanks!

The committee encourages wide spread participation with the door prize donation initiative, but if you are unable to attend the reunion and would like to donate an item, find someone living close to you that is attending the reunion, and have them bring it to Traverse City. DO NOT snail mail any items to the HRA Adjutant or Door Prize Committee.

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**REGISTERING FOR REUNION THIS PAST WEEK – JIM & GERT BERRY,
CLYDE BROWN.**

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UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK
DON & BONNIE ALLEY has NEW email address – alleydb8@gmail.com

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK – NONE.

NEW MEMBERS REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA – NONE.

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA

JOHN LEE ALLISTON, 6915th, Hof '63-67 was re-contacted by Phil Ruth last week. Johnnie was a member in 2002. The information on roster is still valid except for his new email address of john.lee.alliston@gmail.com. In conversation with Phil, John said that he would not be able to attend the reunion in Traverse City, however, is interested in going back to Hof in 2016, especially since his wife Luise 'Zenker' Alliston is from Hof. Phil emailed him HRA information and paperwork.

385 Graves Rd, Acworth, GA 30101-6173 – Phone (678) 574-3015

FLYBY LIST: LAWRENCE LONGEWAY, 6915th, Hof '64-67, 2/21/41 – 4/11/15

Len Montie informed us of the passing of Larry Longeway this past week.

Len remembers several guys sitting in the Schoenblick with Larry and his guitar, singing Kingston Trio songs. Len remembers Larry being a very nice guy. Larry was a HRA member in 2003. **OBITUARY FOLLOWS:**

Lawrence B. Longeway, 'Larry Burda', age 74, of Marine City, Michigan, died April 11, 2015 unexpectedly at home with his family by his side. Larry was born February 21, 1941 in Detroit. He married Fern A. Hilla on July 22, 1976 in Marine City. Larry proudly served eight years with the USAF, where he was a Russian Linguist serving at SAC Headquarters and Hof AS, Germany. He was honorably discharged with rank of Staff Sergeant. Larry was Past President and member for over 35 years with the Marine City Rotary Club. He was also a 32nd Degree Mason. Larry loved entertaining by playing his guitar. He played for 40 years traveling across the USA and Canada. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Fern, children – Charles & Richard Dery, Margaret (Javier) Valdaz, John (Matt) Longeway, Carrie (Desmond) McConnell; grandchildren – Chardwick & Hannah McConnell, and Casey & Connor; four great grandchildren; sister – Celia Thibault; his beloved cat Tori; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two infant sons, parents Harry & Marguerite Longeway, and brother Paul Longeway.

Cremation has taken place following organ donation, and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements provided by Young Funeral Home, China Turnpike.

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

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MOTHERS' DAY - SUNDAY - MAY 10, 2015

The HRA Executive Board would like to take this opportunity to wish all the Mothers in the Hof Reunion Association, and in the world, **A VERY HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY! YOU ARE VERY SPECIAL TO ALL OF US!**

MOTHERS' DAY IN UNITED STATES:

When the United States congress approved Mothers' Day in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed it into national observance, declaring the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. While the president proclaimed the event, some mothers who lost a child used it to protest against war.

Typically a family in the United States will devote Mother's Day to activities in honor of Mom, whether playing games, going out to dinner, taking the weekend off, or just going on a walk in the park. Flowers are popular, dating back to the original celebration on May 10, 1908 at Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia where Anna Jarvis handed out carnations to the churchgoers in memory of her Mother. Two white carnations were given to every Mother in attendance.

MÜTTERN TAG IN GERMANY:

The tradition of annual public holiday came to Germany from the USA in the beginning of the Twentieth Century. It was the time when a new custom to celebrate Mother's day in May became stronger and fixed.

There was a Sunday in Thuringia (One of 16 federal areas of Germany) in Middle Ages when relatives used to visit and congratulate each other with a new come spring. Spring was associated with the beginning of life, and women gave to humankind that life. Nobody worked; everybody went to parents' place and natives blessed mothers on that day.

Mother's day was first celebrated in Germany in 1923. Then it was accepted as a national holiday in the honor of motherhood in 1933.

Today, German children visit their mothers, and give them flowers, small souvenirs, pleasant presents and unexpected surprises. But as you know the main gift for any Mom is children's attention. On Mothers' day German families try to be together, especially for the wonderful meal. It is also a tradition that children go to a Mother's gravesite if deceased, and either plant some "Forget Me Not" flowers or bring a plant of them to the grave.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries this week and before next update.

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| BERRY | Jim | May 5, 1936 |
| FROST | Jim & Judy – 42 Yrs | May 5, 1973 |
| MEEKER | Doyle | May 5, 1943 |
| CRUISE | Robert | May 6, 1946 |
| NIEBUHR | Claude, Exec Board Advisor | May 6, 1943 |
| CUTTER | Caroline, daughter-in-law, J.Lamb | May 7, 1965 |
| DAVINO | Barbara | May 7, 1936 |
| TWEED | Theresa, wife of Dewey - 81 | May 7, 1934 |
| WITTHOFT | Jackie, wife of Roy | May 7, 1953 |
| CHANEY | Bobbie, wife of Bill | May 8, 1948 |
| RUPPRECHT | Harry - 85 | May 8, 1930 |
| JONES | Ken | May 9, 1954 |
| WARD | Bill & Edie – 51 Yrs | May 9, 1964 |
| BECKHAM | Mary, wife of Gilbert | May 10, 1939 |
| ROOT | Leo & Ilse – 47 Yrs | May 10, 1968 |

We wish them all Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

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MESSAGE FROM HRA HONORARY MEMBER GINA INMAN

Guten Tag! Danke für Ihre/Deine Nachricht.

Ich bin von 27.04. bis 11.05. unterwegs und kann nur gelegentlich nach Emails sehen. Daher bitte ich verspätete Antworten zu entschuldigen. Viele Grüße aus dem sonnigen Indien und Sri Lanka. Ihre/Eure. Gina Inman

Ladies and Gentlemen,

**Thank you for your emails. I will be out of country from 27 April to 11 May and will only rarely have access to my email account. Therefore, please excuse any belated replies. All the best from sunny India and Sri Lanka!
Gina Inman**

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