

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #698
MAY 12, 2015

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FATHERS' DAY AND ASCENSION DAY IN GERMANY

Our German friends and Fathers will be celebrating their Fathers' Day this Thursday, May 14, 2015. In Germany, they celebrate Fathers' Day in May rather than like we do in the USA in June (Sunday – June 21, 2015). Happy Fathers' Day to all our German Dads and Friends – Enjoy your holiday!

ALLES GUTE ZUM VATERSTAG !

May 14, 2015 is a **HOLIDAY** in Germany for two reasons – It's Christi Himmelfahrt (**Ascension Day - 40th day of Easter – Thursday**), however, it is also the date recognized as Father's Day in Germany.

Unlike the tradition in the USA, German fathers follow a slightly different path in celebrating Fathers' Day. Large groups of men gather and go for a long walk or hike together. They either wander from Bier Garden to Bier Garden or they pull a wagon filled with bier. Often the wagon is specially built for this one and only purpose, and it's often decorated with lilacs and birch branches. Sometimes a horse carriage is employed, or even a bike with a trailer or an antique tractor. Nowadays, it's common to celebrate the day more as a family and it offers a short workweek since it lands on Thursday and most people take Friday off as well.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

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HENDERSON	Lonnie & Hazel – 37 Yrs	May 13, 1978
COWHERD	Larry	May 14, 1937

NICKERSON	Tom	May 14, 1939
SCHNEIDER	Veronica, wife of Al	May 14, 1951
POTURALSKI	Melvin	May 15, 1938
AUGUST	Larry	May 16, 1945
SPAETH	Sandy, wife of Tim	May 17, 1957
FONTES	John C.	May 18, 1930

We wish them all **Happy Birthday** and **Happy Anniversary**.

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RAY & PRISCILLA SLEEPER moved to their summer vacation home in New Hampshire on May 7, 2015 and will be there until mid-October.

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MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

HAROLD HINCHEY renewed thru 2016 (FY16).

NEW MEMBERS REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA

LARRY PATTERSON, 6915th, Hof '67-69, joined and paid dues thru 2015.

8927 Cross Crest Circle

Lorton, VA 22079

Phone – Unlisted Email – larryru@aol.com

ROBERT J. ROWE, 6915th, Hof '64-66

519 Voekel Rd,

Huntsville, AL 35811-9167

Phone (256) 852-1122

Email – rjrowe@hiwaay.net

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA

ROBERT J. ROWE, 6915th, Hof '64-66, listed on roster as missing, emailed Jerry Mangas and Jerry forwarded information onto Phil Ruth. Phil emailed Robert HRA information and forms last week. Robert joined this past week and paid dues thru 2015.

FLYBY LIST: None reported to us this past week.

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

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MEMORIAL DAY IS NEXT MONDAY, MAY 25, 2015

Memorial Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the last Monday of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates US soldiers who died while serving their country. First enacted to honor Union soldiers of the American Civil War, it was extended after World War I to honor all Americans who died in all the wars. It began as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the Civil War and by the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory as people visited the graves of their deceased relatives whether they had served in the military or not. It also began a long weekend devoted to shopping, family get-togethers, barbeques, fireworks, trips to the beach, and nation media events such as the Indianapolis 500, held on Memorial Day since 1911.

PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME THIS MEMORIAL DAY TO HONOR, AND REMEMBER OUR FALLEN COMRADE IN ARMS WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES, TO ENABLE THE USA, AND ALL OUR FAMILIES, LIVE IN A SAFER AND BETTER WORLD.

IF TRAVELING OVER THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, PLEASE BE CAREFUL AND DRIVE DEFENSIVELY.

TRIBUTE TO OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL WHO DIED FOR THEIR COUNTRY:

**"They answered their country's call to arms, into battle they did go,
Where their final destination was, no one will ever know.
May their final resting place, under some unknown sod,
Be forever hallowed, for it is known only unto God."**

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WRIGHT	Shirley, wife of Wm Frank	May 19, 1937
FELDKAMP	Marilyn, wife of Dan - 81	May 20, 1934
GEBHARDT	Cynthia, wife of Rainer	May 20, 1950
HOERATH	Robert & Hanna – 54 Yrs	May 20, 1961
NELSON	Miles	May 20, 1943
ROW	Vera, wife of E.T. - 82	May 20, 1933
BROWN	Kenneth & Kevin – 32 Yrs	May 21, 1983
GENTILINI	Elfriede, wife of Roger	May 21, 1942
PELTON	Harvey	May 21, 1939
ZIMMERMAN	Anne, wife of Dennis Burr	May 21, 1952
SMEAL	Jerry - 82	May 22, 1933
WOOD	Shirley, widow of James	May 22, 1941
YARNALL	Reverdy	May 22, 1940
COWHERD	Larry & Brigitte – 48 Yrs	May 23, 1967
LARSON	Sarah, wife of Jim	May 23, 1946
RECZEK	Thomas	May 23, 1936
ROCHA	Fern, wife of Lou - 87	May 23, 1928
MURPHREY	Donna, wife of Steve	May 24, 1948
RIGGIN	Traudl, wife of 1 st VP Jim	May 24, 1941
WITTHOFT	Roy & Jackie – 18 Yrs	May 24, 1997
HEGGIE	Norman & Norma – 47 Yrs	May 25, 1968
MILLER	Don	May 25, 1945

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**LARRY AUGUST & wife Jacqueline have moved from Anderson, SC to NEW address and also has NEW email address. Phone number remains same. Larry August, 12 Woodland Dr, Canton, CT 06019
Email - boatct115@yahoo.com
Phone Same - (864) 328-7646**

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK

**JOHNNIE LEE ALLISTON, member in 2002 rejoined the HRA this past week and renewed thru 2019 (FY19). Johnnie was with 6915th, Hof '63-66. 385 Graves Rd, Acworth, GA 30101-6173 – Wife is Luise 'Zenker' Alliston
Phone – (678) 574-3015 Email – john.lee.alliston@gmail.com**

DONATIONS: Johnnie Lee Alliston - \$25.00

FLYBY LIST: JAMES 'Jim' BAGLEY, 6915th, Hof '67-70, 1/14/41 to 9/27/13

Last week, HRA Member Steve Lawrence sent us the below obituary of Jim Bagley, Public Information Officer in Hof '67-70. Jim was member in 2006. Hugh James 'Jim' Bagley, 72, Rockford, IL died peacefully in his home on Friday morning September 27, 2013, after a short battle with cancer. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, and "Danda." His wise counsel and strong character will leave a long-lasting legacy. Jim was born in Manchester, GA, on January 14, 1941, son of Hugh and Elizabeth (Hill) Bagley. Jim attended both undergrad and law school at the University of Georgia. He proudly served 21 years in the US Air Force. In September 1967, Jim took a life-changing flight on TWA, where he met a stewardess named Milena Chomko. They married in 1969 and recently celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary. He was a savvy and intrepid traveler, and he always wanted to visit new and faraway places. He was a tireless advocate for his clients during forty years of legal practice. However, his greatest joy was investing time and energy in his family, especially his five grandsons. He truly set the standard for being a grandfather. Jim is survived by his wife, Milena; his children, Noelle (Chris) LaLiberty and Jason (Summer) Bagley; grandsons Kevin, Colin, Ryan, Jacob, and Connor. His parents and his sister, Barbara Staples, predecease him.

JACKIE LEE STEWART, 6915th, NCO Club, Hof '65-69, 6/30/32 to 5/10/15

It was reported to us last week that Jackie Lee Stewart, 82, passed away on May 10th in Hudson Oaks, TX. Jackie was married to Edith 'Schwertfeger' Stewart, native of Hof – jste105847@aol.com. Jackie was HRA member in 2012. Our condolences and sympathy go out to Edith, family and friends.

Jackie Lee Stewart, 82, passed away Sunday, May 10, 2015.

Jackie was born June 30, 1932 in High Point, NC to Robert Franklin and Eva Stewart. He spent 46 years in the United States Air Force, 26 years on active duty and 20 years as civil servant. His professional success was underscored with numerous awards (USAFE Club manager of the year, Best Club of the year SAC, Meritorious Service Medal among others). His tremendous professional success was only surpassed by his love for and devotion to his family. He was and continues to be the heart and soul of the Stewart Family. We miss him dearly,

Survivors: Wife, Edith Stewart; sons, Randy Stewart and wife June, Marc Stewart; daughter, Melissa Stewart Koehler and husband Doug, 7 Grandchildren, 6 Great Grandchildren and 1 Great-Great-Grandchild.

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

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DAVIS	Charles & Roberta – 53 Yrs	May 26, 1962
HENSLEY	Penny, wife of Paul	May 26, 1949
NELSON	Miles & Janice – 9 Yrs	May 27, 2006
NORMAN	Robert	May 27, 1942
ALEXANDER	Susan, Mbr & wife of Jim	May 29, 1952
BURR/ZIMMERMAN	Dennis & Ann – 23 Yrs	May 29, 1992
NEISWANDER	Fran, wife of Ron	May 29, 1947
ZAREMBA	Cookie, wife of Chet	May 30, 1945
HOLDEN	Dan & Darlene – 30 Yrs	June 1, 1985
MCGUIRE	Paul	June 1, 1937
SCHEFFT	Paul & Valerie – 2 Yrs	June 1, 2013
SORENSEN	Grant - 83	June 1, 1932
WARD	Bill	June 1, 1942

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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, assisted by Elfriede Schuety. Great Job John and Elfriede!!

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.

Jerry Middendorf

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Phil Murray

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Email – hra.philm@wildblue.net Phone – (760) 723-1726

2015 TRAVERSE CITY REUNION SHIRT DESIGN LOGO

Attached with this update is the design logo that will be on the 2015 Traverse City Reunion Navy Blue polo shirts. SEE ATTACHED PHOTO.

Be sure to order your shirt(s) when filling out reunion registration form.

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**MONDAY –SEPTEMBER 28, 2015 AT TRAVERSE CITY REUNION
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – 4 PM TO 6 PM**

Just a reminder to all HRA Members that at the General Membership Meeting in Traverse City, election of HRA Executive Board Members for 2016 will take place. President Dave Natalie will enter the Executive Advisor position, 1st VP Jim Riggin will move up to President, and 2nd VP Walt Murch will move up to 1st VP per the HRA Constitution/Bylaws. ALL other board member positions (2nd Vice President, Adjutant, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Webmaster, Newsletter Editor, German Affairs Representative) need nominations, and the elections will take place during the meeting. ANY and ALL INTERESTED MEMBERS with internet service should let our Nominating Committee Chairman Walt Murch their interests in becoming part of the 2016 Executive Board via email to Walt – murchw@aol.com or give Walt a call at (714) 893-7544 at your earliest convenience. Now is the time to step up to the plate, and keep our Hof Reunion Association the #1 in military reunion associations. Thanks!

FOR THOSE RUSSIAN LINGUIST HRA MEMBERS

The following is from Claude Proctor, 6915th OPS Flight Cmdr, Hof '68-71.

Claude O. Proctor, Ph.D., Linguist

Russian-English Translation Domains: Air Forces, Ground Forces, Naval Forces, Strategic Missile Forces, Aerospace Operations

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Georgetown, TX 78627

WEB PAGE: <http://pages.suddenlink.net/russianlinguist/>

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FLYBY LIST: RAYMOND E. CHMIELEWSKI, 6915th, Hof '68-71 Died 3/16/95
HRA President Dave Natalie had asked Phil Ruth a while ago to see if he could locate his AF Sergeant supervisor on base after his marriage to Karin in 1969. Dave's boss' nickname was 'Ski' and wife's name was Norma. Phil found out that Raymond E. Chmielewski, born 10/3/39 and died 3/16/95 in Manistee, MI.

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FRANK	Pat, wife of Gene	June 5, 1942
FREDDIE	Mary, wife of Al	June 5, 1937
LINDQUIST	Gary	June 5, 1947
MIKLOICHE	Inga, wife of Tom	June 5, 1949
SMITH	Di, wife of Dave	June 5, 1945
BURTON	Jerry & Dorothy – 49 Yrs	June 6, 1966
GAITHER	Inge, widow of Dave	June 6, 1946
SWANK	Monika, Mbr & Widow of George	June 6, 1946
JOHNSON	Lynn & Sandra – 47 Yrs	June 7, 1968
SCHWANDT	Rodney & Brigitte – 46 Yrs	June 7, 1969
DONOFRIO	Tony & Joan – 47 Yrs	June 8, 1968

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2016 HRA HOF REUNION – HOF/SAALE, GERMANY

HRA German Representative Robert Hoerath has informed us that the dates for the 2016 HRA Hof Reunion at the Quality Inn Hotel in Hof will be **September 4-10, 2016**. The dates are due to room availability at the Quality Inn Hotel and lower rates than any other time period. Further details will be in the 2015 July Hof Connection Newsletter, and then FULL details and registration form/schedule/tours will be in the 2016 January Newsletter.

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Aufwiedersehen Coffee and Goodbyes

NOTE FROM HRA MEMBER GARY CHERPES ON MICHIGAN

If anyone needs help with planning Michigan trip - A few of the places are Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village near Dearborn (Detroit, MI), Mackinaw Island and the bridge (5 miles long), the Sault St. Marie locks (the 'Soo'), many casinos, the Art festival at Grand Rapids (9/23 – 10/11). Many of these could be done before or after reunion. For individual help contact Gary Cherpes tmcphoto1@aol.com or call 616-891-8214. I am happy to help – also you may always Google any of the places mentioned for much more information. Gary

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK – NONE.

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA

MARTIN KAPSH, 6915th, Hof '70, Tacoma, WA

Phil Ruth spoke with Martin Kapsh last week. He doesn't travel much anymore; he said he might join. Phil mailed him HRA paperwork and Membership Form. Martin does not have email. Roster data remains valid.

FLYBY LIST: None reported this past week.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None reported this past week.

END OF WEEKLY UPDATE #701

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #702

JUNE 09, 2015

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

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries this week and before next update.

O'BRIEN	Theresa, wife of John	June 9, 1942
ZAMOSKY	Stephen	June 9, 1944
BUNDRA	Marianne, wife of Leonard	June 10, 1947
SMITH	James & Norene – 49 Yrs	June 11, 1966
MILLER	Kenneth - 95	June 12, 1920
ROBINSON	Helga, wife of Harold	June 13, 1943
DAVIS	Charles L.	June 14, 1941
MORRISSON	Sue, wife of Bob	June 14, 1948
TONI	Bill & Helen – 52 Yrs	June 14, 1963

We wish them all Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary.

FLAG DAY 2015 - SUNDAY - JUNE 14, 2015

People across the United States celebrate Flag Day on June 14 each year to honor the United States flag and to commemorate the flag's adoption. **On the same day, the United States Army celebrates its birthday.**

Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity.

Many people in the United States honor this day by displaying the American flag at homes and public buildings. Other popular ways of observing this holiday include: flag-raising ceremonies; Flag Day services; school quizzes and essay competitions about the American flag; musical salutes; street parades; and awards for special recognition.

Organizations such as The National Flag Day Foundation are actively involved in coordinating activities centered on the event and keeping the

flag's traditions alive. Following Flag Day is Honor America Days, a 21-day period through to Independence Day (July 4) to honor America. During this period, people hold public gatherings and activities to celebrate and honor the nation.

Although Flag Day is a nationwide observance, it is not a public holiday in many parts of the United States. It is a legal holiday in a few areas in the USA, such as Montour County in Pennsylvania.

On June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress replaced the British symbols of the Grand Union flag with a new design featuring 13 white stars in a circle on a field of blue and 13 red and white stripes – one for each state. Although it is not certain, this flag may have been made by the Philadelphia seamstress Betsy Ross, who was an official flag maker for the Pennsylvania Navy. The number of stars increased as the new states entered the Union, but the number of stripes stopped at 15 and was later returned to 13.

In June 1886 Bernard Cigrand made his first public proposal for the annual observance of the birth of the flag when he wrote an article titled “The Fourteenth of June” in the old Chicago Argus newspaper. Cigrand’s effort to ensure national observance of Flag Day finally came when President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for a nationwide observance of the event on June 14, 1916. However, Flag Day did not become official until August 1949, when President Harry Truman signed the legislation and proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. In 1966, Congress also requested that the President issue annually a proclamation designating the week in which June 14 occurs as National Flag Week.

The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation to: Call on government officials in the USA to display the flag of the United States on all government buildings on Flag Day; and to urge US residents to observe Flag Day as the anniversary of the adoption on June 14, 1777, by the Continental Congress of the Stars and Stripes as the official flag of the United States.

**REGISTERED - 2015 HRA TRAVERSE CITY REUNION
GREAT WOLF LODGE – 3575 N. US 31 SOUTH – TRAVERSE CITY, MI
ROOM RESERVATIONS - (866) 478-9653 and Code is 1509HOF**

**REGISTERING FOR REUNION PAST WEEK – ROD & BRIGITTE
SCHWANDT.**

**LESS THAN THREE (3) MONTHS LEFT TO REGISTER FOR OUR 2015 HRA
TRAVERSE CITY REUNION. MAKE PLANS AND JOIN US.**

MEMBERS REGISTERED WITH ADJUTANT OFFICE (52) – Mike & Ursula Assenmacher (MI), Jim & Gert Berry (WI), Clyde Brown (IL), Gary & Sandy Cherpes (MI), Bill & Marcia Combs (MI), Barbara Davino (FL), Pat & Eileen Gallagher (IL), Mel & Ilse Hamill (DE), Dan Holden & Guest Mike Boggs (KY), Jay & Sherri Kallas (TN), Dolores Kessler & Guest Kathleen Delaney (OH), Ken & Gay Kielbania (FL), Greg & Sandy Krcma (WI), Tom & Inga Mikloiche (CT), Jerry & Hilde Middendorf (MD), Steve & Donna Murphrey (NC), Dave & Karin Natalie (MI), Miles & Janice Nelson (MO), Claude & Susanne Niebuhr (MS), Margit Norwood (TX), John & Aggie Pace (GA), Rosie Queen (DE), Don Riverkamp (TX), Phil Ruth (VA), Dan & Carol Scanny (CA), Rod & Brigitte Schwandt (IL), Jerry & Ruth Smeal & Guest Beth West (CO), Claude Spicer & Mary Richardson (KS), and Charles Shockley (IN).

THINKING ABOUT JOINING YOUR FELLOW HOFERS AT THE 2015 HRA TRAVERSE CITY REUNION? MAKE YOUR PLANS, FILL OUT THE REGISTRATION FORM, AND MAIL IT INTO THE HRA ADJUTANT'S OFFICE IN DOVER, DELAWARE. NO NEED TO WAIT – COME JOIN US IN THE CHERRY CAPITAL OF THE WORLD.

UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK
BILL 'SMILEY' AND ELAINE HANSBERGER have moved from Delaware back into their house in Florida. **NEW Mailing Address is:**
8113 SW 81st Loop, Ocala, FL 34476. Same cell phone – (352) 250-9889.

FLYBY LIST: None Reported this Past Week.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None Reported this Past Week.

END OF WEEKLY UPDATE #702

HOF CONNECTION WEEKLY UPDATE #703
JUNE 16, 2015

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FATHER'S DAY – SUNDAY – JUNE 21, 2015

This coming Sunday, June 21st is Father's Day. The HRA Executive Board would like to wish all the members who are DADS, and their Dads, if living, A Very Happy Father's Day. **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY GUYS!!**

Mrs. John Dodd of Spokane, Washington established Father's Day in 1910. The custom spread throughout the United States, and in 1936 a National Father's Day committee was formed. Many people of the United States and Canada celebrate Father's Day as a day to express gratitude and appreciation to their fathers by giving them presents, greeting cards, and/or dinner with the family. Father's Day is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of June yearly in the USA. Whatever you and your family do, please enjoy the day, be safe, and have a fantastic time.

BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries this week and before next update.

FULLMER	Paul	June 16, 1939
MATTICE	Charles	June 16, 1942
SEVER	Linda, wife of Jim	June 16, 1945
BROCK	Robert & Christa – 15 Yrs	June 17, 2000
HOLLEY	Ken "Buddy"	June 17, 1942
	Rosie, HRA Treasurer, and	
QUEEN	Gary – 20 Yrs	June 17, 1995
CHERPES	Gary	June 18, 1936
FARRIS	Karin, wife of Charles	June 18, 1947
TRUJILLO	Joey	June 18, 1945
BROCK	Leslie, wife of Dick	June 19, 1961
CAMPBELL	Jay & Mary – 7 Yrs	June 19, 2008
CHRISTENSON	Larry & Mary – 50 Golden Yrs	June 19, 1965

MEIER	Ron	June 19, 1939
ASSENMACHER	Ursula, wife of Mike	June 20, 1951
LITTLE	Dot – Companion of Eddie Crump	June 20, 1943
SPARKS	Nate & Ute – 38 Yrs	June 20, 1977
FUKUMOTO	Francis, HRA Chaplain	June 21, 1940
SELF	Allen	June 21, 1940

We wish them all **Happy Birthday** and **Happy Anniversary**.

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SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 3, 2015 AT GREAT WOLF LODGE
3575 N. US 31 SOUTH – TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN
ROOM RESERVATIONS - (866) 478-9653 and Code is 1509HOF

REGISTERING FOR REUNION PAST WEEK – JIM & SUSAN ALEXANDER.

CANCELLATION – CLYDE ‘WORMY’ BROWN had to cancel his plans for attending the reunion due to health issues.

LESS THAN TWO AND A HALF MONTHS LEFT TO REGISTER FOR OUR 2015 HRA TRAVERSE CITY REUNION. PLEASE HELP THE HRA BY REGISTERING NOW, AND JOINING YOUR FELLOW HOFERS FOR A GREAT TIME AT 2015 HRA REUNION.

MEMBERS REGISTERED WITH ADJUTANT OFFICE (53) – Jim & Susan Alexander (TX), Mike & Ursula Assenmacher (MI), Jim & Gert Berry (WI), Gary & Sandy Cherpes (MI), Bill & Marcia Combs (MI), Barbara Davino (FL), Pat & Eileen Gallagher (IL), Mel & Ilse Hamill (DE), Dan Holden & Guest Mike Boggs (KY), Jay & Sherri Kallas (TN), Dolores Kessler & Guest Kathleen Delaney (OH), Ken & Gay Kielbania (FL), Greg & Sandy Krcma (WI), Tom & Inga Mikloiche (CT), Jerry & Hilde Middendorf (MD), Steve & Donna Murphrey (NC), Dave & Karin Natalie (MI), Miles & Janice Nelson (MO), Claude & Susanne Niebuhr (MS), Margit Norwood (TX), John & Aggie Pace (GA), Rosie Queen (DE), Don Riverkamp (TX), Phil Ruth (VA), Dan & Carol Scanny (CA), Rod & Brigitte Schwandt (IL), Jerry & Ruth Smeal & Guest Beth West (CO), Claude Spicer & Mary Richardson (KS), and Charles Shockley (IN).

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UPDATES FROM ADJUTANT'S OFFICE THIS PAST WEEK

ROBERT DENMAN has a **NEW** mailing address effective 6/15/2015.
931 NW Fresco Way Apt #108, Jensen Beach, FL 34957

MEMBERS RENEWING WITH HRA THIS PAST WEEK – NONE.

DONATIONS: Clyde 'Wormy' Brown donated his **\$150** Traverse City Reunion refund to the Hof Reunion Association. Thank You Clyde!

NEW MEMBERS REGISTERING AND JOINING THE HRA – NONE.

MEMBERS FOUND OR RECONNECTING WITH THE HRA

TOMMY L. SAWYER, 6915th, Hof '64-67

Phil Ruth found Tommie on facebook, and spoke with him last week in Fort Worth. Phil will be snail-mailing him paperwork, when he gets back to VA on June 15. While Tommie does have an e-mail address, it only works on his tablet, so he doesn't have a printer to print off paperwork. Roster information has changed and listed here:

Tommie L. Sawyer, wife Teresa

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Fort Worth, TX 76140-7532

Phone (682) 224-5105

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FLYBY LIST: None Reported to us this Past Week.

LADIES SERVING IN HEAVEN: None Reported to us this Past Week.

END OF WEEKLY UPDATE #703