



GLADIATORS REUNION COMMITTEE

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Fellow Gladiators [Brothers In Arms]

Enclosed are both Steve Hayduk's after action report and your FOB patch. For those of us fortunate enough to attend that fantastic Gladiator reunion it seems unbelievable that it has been over seven months since that fantastic weekend.

For those able to stay until the end, a concensis was taken and a motion passed to have another reunion tennitively planned to piggy back with the Special Operations Association in Oct. 95, in Las Vegas. So all of you start making plans now to attend. Everyone should attempt to contact as many fellow Gladiator as they can between now and then and let's make it a real gathering of Eagles. I have perssonally contacted 3 persons that were out of touch prior to the reunion and hope to get in touch with many more.

There was some discussion on ways to locate individuals via social security numbers, anyone having that capabilitiy let me know, and everyone else should look for orders ect. which have social security numbers of fellow Gladiators on them and we will follow up on them. There are locating services but the cost would be exorbint so lets do it internally if possible. Lets not foget picking up the phone and calling the area of your fellow Gladiator and see if he or his family is listed and give him a call. I'm sure ithe call would be well recieived and will bring back some of the great feelings we all experienced at the reunion. So touching base, and setting up a data base on all Gladiator pilot's, crewchiefs, gunners, maint. personnel, operation personnel, and support personnel, is our NUMBER ONE mission between now and Oct. 95. Don't put it off, it may seem like a long way off, but look how fast the last 7 months have gone. Mission

number two; Everyone one of you has a story or souvenier that you brought bac with you. These are a part of you and of all of us as Gladiators. If you would, write it down or put it on a cassette and send it to me. This is our history and needs to be recorded. The story may be funny sad, of an event, operation, mission, fellow crew member, or any thing that you still remember from that time period of your life. On souvenier's send a pic if possible and details on how it was optained. With the help of the history committee we will cronologically put it in order and have it available for all Gladiators to pass on to family and friends. There are some great crazy stories out there that need to be put down before we kill too many more brain cells, or pass on. You have my permission to take a little poetic license with these stories, and if you come out the Hero so be it. The rest of us can figure out what realy happened. Again nothing formal just tell it as you remember it and we'll put it together. There was talk of donating the souveniers to Ft. Rucker's museum but lets see how much intrest there is in that and discuss it at the next reunion. If everyone gives us just one story, recollection, or souvenier explanation, we will have one hell of a book on the life's and times of the Gladiators, that all of us would enjoy, and would give a



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Glimse of our unique story to our families and friends. Mission number three is to have a great 2nd reunion. Topping reunion number one will be difficult, but with help and the knowledge gained from reunion 1 we will certainly try.

The last thing any one of us wants to hear is someone asking for money, but the fact of the matter is in order to get the word out to you we need dues. It was decided that \$25 per year, starting 1 Jan. 94, would be requested. Costs for the next reunion would be based on activities planned, and would be separate. Our financial picture is as follows.

monies received from Pat \$1090.24

Check to Wings[patchs] \$184

Check to Reunion's [Memory book] \$90

Cost of this mailing ?

Capt. Ross says the Memory Book came out great and all inquiries on that should be directed to him. Enclosed are the names and addresses of the officers for the next Reunion, and departments. Call or write them with any and all your ideas. Thanks for all your support.

Stan [Steamer] Steenbock

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Chuck Brainerd

Bobby Ross

Darrel Anthony

Charles Deming

Bob Acklen

Lee Westbrook

Bob Thibeault

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