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Dear Phoenix,

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With the exception of one short update just prior to the reunion, this will be the last of the semi-regular bulletins that you have been receiving over the past 18 months. To date, we've located 57 Phoenix pilots, have identified another 83 and listed 25 Phoenix casualties, for a total of 165 accounted for. Thanks to all who have provided names, addresses, information and input.

This bulletin will be a little longer than usual in order to disseminate as much information as is currently available concerning the reunion and who is planning on attending.

PLANNING TO ATTEND

Paul Almer	John Trotter
Jeff Bulmer	Frank Metsker
Jack Glennon	John Kamps
<del>Gary Elliott</del>	Roy "Twiggy" Miller
Bruce Ianacone	<del>Bob Kelly (probable)</del>
Don Davis	Bob Brooks (probable)
Otto Offereins	Don Cornwell
David Rayburn	Ken Mayberry (probable)
Bob Marrs	<del>Layne Heath (probable)</del>
Larry Pluhar	Steve Rotsart (probable)
Bruce Fairley	Dean Grau (will know in June)
Mark Groover	
<del>Pat McKeany</del>	<del>Randy House - Chuck Doty</del>
<del>Wayne Moline</del>	<del>Gene Updike - Tom Marshall</del>
<del>Skip Lee</del>	<del>Butch Dean</del>

UNABLE TO ATTEND

Jamie Navarrette
Don Mears
Sean Moore
Bob White
Bob Scarbrough
<del>Rick Scrugham</del>
John Hodges
Phil Rutledge
Gary Earls
Mike Cataldo
<del>Gary Elliott</del>
<del>Bob Kelly</del>
<del>Layne Heath</del>
<del>Ted Olson</del>

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING

(This category represents those who have responded favorably to a reunion, but could not or had not confirmed their intentions by "press" time.) There are at least 8+ names on this list, that from past conversations, I would be surprised not to see in Chicago.

Pat McKeany	
Monty Davis	Rick Morrow
<del>Gary Sherman</del>	<del>Randy House</del>
John Hodnett	John Jenkins
Aaron Brown	Larry Frazier (maybe)
Rick Kincaid	Larry Karajala
Paul Burke	<del>Butch Dean</del>
Dave Wolfe	Dennis Rude
Gerald Lord	
<del>Wayne Moline</del>	

HAVE NOT HEARD FROM

Lonza Rich	Ed Zick
Richard Dykes	<del>Paul Rademacher</del>
<del>Bruce Updike</del>	Eugene Wittenoff
Robert Moon	<del>Ted Olson</del>

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PURSUING LEADS ON

Steve Lewis	Bill Majors
Ron Nyhan	John Eaton
<del>Skip Lee</del>	Bob Coleman
Jim Rademacher	
Bob Sauers	
Ken Montgomery	

NOTES

1. Frank Metsker came up with an excellent suggestion concerning the room reservations at the Hyatt, which was to make arrangements to have all the Phoenix rooms together. Since the Hyatt will receive hundreds of reservation forms, and will assign rooms at random as people check in, the only way to reserve a block of rooms would be to send the reservation forms en masse. If you fill in the VHPA provided reservation form and send them to me, I will forward them to the Hyatt and request a block of the appropriate number of rooms be reserved together. Even though the reunion officially begins on Thursday, June 29, you may want to consider a Wednesday afternoon or evening arrival, if so, remember to so note on your reservation form. I will send all forms that I have by May 10. For you guys that are more proficient with a FAX than you are with a mail box, you can FAX me your form at 804-431-8754.

2. For those of you that do not belong to VHPA and do not receive the newsletters, and therefore the registration and reservation forms, I am enclosing copies of both. Our Phoenix reunion is a part of, and a by-product of, the VHPA reunion. VHPA membership is \$20 per year. There is a VHPA reunion fee of \$15 and fees for activities that you may or may not choose to take part in (ie.. luncheon, dance, banquet, etc.)

3. As I mentioned, I'd like to send out one more short bulletin just prior to the reunion listing any last minute information that might be helpful, including additions to the guest list, whether or not we were able to secure a block of rooms and if a hospitality suite has been reserved. At this time, suites are available with varying numbers of connecting bedrooms. Due to the volume of people that will be in attendance, and the size of our group, it would be nice to have a suite to serve as the Phoenix Nest and be large enough to accommodate our group and their wives.

Even though VHPA has negotiated much reduced room rates, the suite rates, as they now stand, are beyond our means. However, I've asked Larry Pluhar, who lives in Chicago, is on the VHPA reunion committee, and is a Ft. Riley charter member of the Phoenix, to check on some sort of discounted suite rate. There are only about 8 suites in the hotel, so we may have to move quickly if it is feasible.

If any of you own or work for a corporation that could be persuaded, coerced or cajoled into assisting in the sponsorship of a hospitality suite, that would be great. If so, please let me know, as it certainly will affect our planning. Since this is a one shot deal, it would be nice to do it up right.

4. Since everyone is identified by a SSAN, the task of locating people would be a piece of cake if, (A) we had full names and SSAN and (B) we had access to a computer data base with the capability to accept that information and produce an address. The only two data bases that I know like that belong to the IRS and the Social Security Admin. Anybody have access?

5. Jamie Navarrette is trying to put together a video and asks for any assistance that you might be able to lend in the form of video, film, photos, etc. Jamie is trying to sneak out of Texas for the reunion, but is not sure if he will make it. If you can assist Jamie, contact him at:

Jamie Navarrette

## NOTES (con'td)

6. Due to the fact that not everyone who is interested can attend an annual reunion, I have received several letters suggesting an effort every 3 to 5 years to organize a Phoenix reunion in conjunction with the VHPA. This 3 to 5 year schedule would attempt to maximize the Phoenix in attendance. While VHPA would continue with the annual reunions, a concentrated effort to gather the Phoenix would be on a somewhat less frequent schedule.

Frankly, this project was undertaken with a short range goal in mind. I haven't really given any thought beyond 6/29/89. I guess if anything, I thought that since this was the first attempt to organize any type of reunion on a large scale in 20 years, that once the names and addresses were collected and disseminated, any future attempt at a reunion would be an informal matter of a few post cards or phone calls. So for you guys out there who may be sitting on the fence between going to Chicago and holding off for some other year, all I can say is that this may be the first of many Phoenix reunions, or it may be the first and only. Nobody knows.

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The following information was provided in the current VHPA newsletter. Remember, the HOTEL REGISTRATION comes to me prior to May 10 if you are interested in the block of rooms that we are trying to set aside, after May 10 send it to the Chicago Hyatt. The REUNION REGISTRATION goes to Greg Ross, Reunion Chairman.

## **Sixth Annual Reunion General Information**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **Early Bird Bonus:**

In an attempt to get those of you who are planning to attend to register early, VHPA is offering the following incentives:

- All registrations received prior to June 1, 1989 will have their registrations reduced by \$10.00 per person.
- All individuals who have registered by 1 June will have their names go into a hopper and the lucky individual whose name is drawn will have Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights room fee, (based on \$65.00 per night), paid by VHPA, a \$195.00 value.

All registrations received after 1 June 1989 will be charged the regular registration fee.

**Airline Discount — American Airlines:** American Airlines is again offering a discounted rate if tickets are purchased at least seven days in advance. Call 1-800-433-1790 and ask for star number S83503.

**Unit and Class Reunion Hospitality Rooms:** The Hyatt has given one room to be used for Class/Unit reunions. Hopefully one or two more will be forthcoming. So far, three Class/Units have requested space if available to have a get-together of their own. All rooms made available for such get-togethers will be allocated in three hour intervals on a first come, first served basis. If your Class or Unit would be interested in having a three hour period set aside please contact Greg Ross 616/375-3628 and get put on the list.

*Note will  
have on 6/6  
Steve  
Fridays  
of June*

**LZ Chicago:** To facilitate keeping our members in one area and thus add to the cohesiveness of the Reunion. VHPA will have its own "Watering Hole" known as LZ CHICAGO. This "Oasis and respite from the hell going on around us," will be located in the area of the registration and vendor rooms. It will be available **ONLY** to the members of VHPA and their invited guests. Check the schedule for hours of operation. Cash bar only.