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GAPES

Somewhat similar to the LAPES system the cover photo shows an unknown pilot at an unknown aerodrome (see other story) performing the GAPES maneuver. GAPES is Ground Altitude Parcel Ejection System. The resultant process is the pinnacle of sophistication for scientific air delivery.

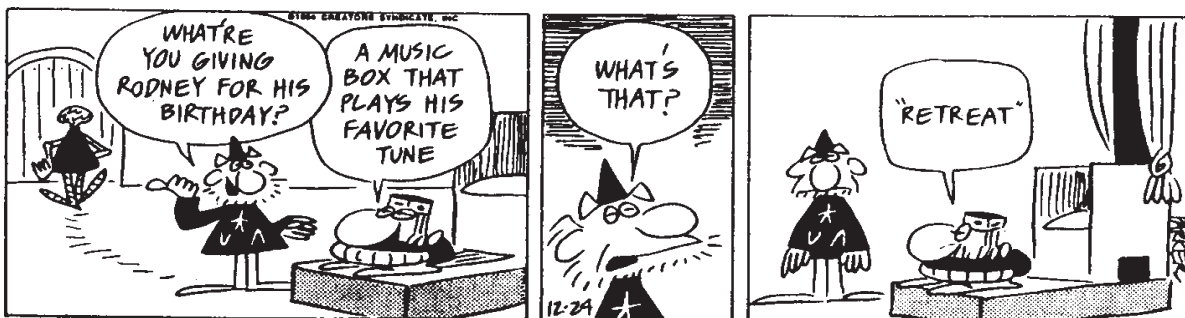
The process is as follows: After landing the pilot carefully determines the potential for damage to the cargo/passenger load to be gaped. Selecting the GAPES the co-pilot obtains ground traffic clearance to the approach end of the runway. Pilot aligns the aircraft for takeoff at the end of the active runway and applies brakes. Flight engineer (FE) removes all cargo/passenger restraining straps/chains and lowers the rear ramp to five (5) degrees below level. Upon clearance from the FE and take off clearance from the air traffic controller, pilot runs aircraft engines to max take-off power. Then abruptly releases the brakes. The dynamics of science and aerodynamics combine to accelerate the aircraft out from under the GAPES

load while the GAPES load is compelled by a higher force to stay in place. The GAPES procedure unloads instantly more or less at the approach end of the runway and in the same general (major) alignment as within the aircraft. Load will move forward only slightly dependent on an intricate interplay of roller friction, phase of the moon and the astrological sign of the flight engineer. Within seconds the vehicle changes from dump truck back to aircraft and once again soars majestically into the friendly skies of Vietnam.

There are four criteria that generally compel use of the GAPES at SF camps:

1. Threat of small arms fire.
2. Small arms fire.
3. Airfield under mortar attack.
4. Aircrew member with Ho Chi Minh's revenge.

Remember: if you have to fly — fly the C-7, the bird with the friendly tail.



CARIBOU REUNION 95

TACOMA, WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 7, 8 & 9

YOUR HOST: JIM FURLONG. Phone and FAX 206-925-1905

Plans for a great reunion are laid. We have selected the Sheraton Tacoma as Headquarters. They will be able to fulfill all of our needs from rooms to banquet catering. They have agreed to hold 75 rooms per night for us until **August 7th** at \$59/night for a double. Contact the Sheraton directly at **1-800-845-9466** to make your reservations and be sure to tell them you are with the Caribou Association. Auto parking \$5 or \$6 per night in local area.

CARLSON RECEPTIVE SERVICES 1-800-935-0454 THIS IS THE ONLY OTHER NUMBER YOU WILL NEED TO PLAN YOUR ENTIRE VACATION TRIP. This reunion is being planned to coincide with your family vacation plans, not just as a weekend. Carlson is a full service travel planning agency. They have secured 10% airline discounts with United and Northwest and have put together two tour packages for the Caribou people who are coming northwest for a big vacation. NOTE: Tell Carlson if you are a Senior citizen for an additional 5% airline discount.

1. A 6 day tour of the Pacific Northwest which begins in Seattle, cruises to Victoria, B.C. and tours the Olympic Peninsula. You'll be dropped off at the Tacoma Sheraton on Sept. 7th.
2. Start a 9 day cruise on the Star Princess on Sunday. A luxurious cruise from Anchorage to Vancouver, B.C. through the world's most beautiful scenery including Glacier Bay and the famed Inside Passage. Stops at Skagway, Juneau and Ketchikan. Other packages can be tailored to your individual tastes. Ask! The Pacific Northwest has something for everyone: fishing, ocean beaches, wine tours, great seafood and starbucks! Call the 800 number above, **ask for Tammy Guill** and tell her you're with the Caribou Association. She'll send you everything you need.

Some of our members who are Boeing Pilots have arranged for a tour of the 737/757 assembly line followed by a tour of the Flight Training Facility. Tours are limited to 30 people; first come, first in the seat! We'll leave Caribou HO at 1000 on Friday morning and return about 1600. We'll need your full name and social security number for security.

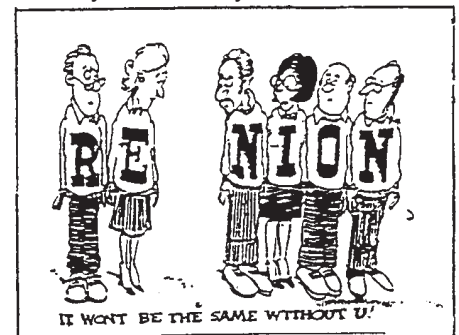
For those who don't find airplanes all that much fun, Greyline Tours will set up at the Sheraton with a full line of local tours for shopping or sightseeing. See schedule.

Golf tee times can be arranged for those who would like to drag their clubs. We will do this for Thursday or Friday if anyone shows an interest. Please indicate on your registration form. How about a tennis tournament? Any interest?

The Puget Sound is a few blocks from the hotel and a local specialty is cruising on the calm waters of the Sound at sunset while sampling the great foods of the Northwest. At \$25/plate this is a great bargain. The only problem is that we have to pay in advance for 90 meals. This obviously has to be done (or at least guaranteed) to reserve the boat. All aboard! If this is something you'd like to do Friday evening, send a separate check for \$25 per person. We'll hold them until we get enough and return them to you if the event cancels.

Proposed Schedule of Events

THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER -	Arrive from Short Cruise
1200-2000	Registration and check-in at the Tacoma Sheraton. Hospitality Suite Opens.
TBA	Golf and Tennis (if enough interest).
1200-1700	Greyline Tours desk open for sightseeing tours on Friday or Saturday.
1700	Dinner on your own on the town.
FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER	
1000-1600	Tour Boeing Plant and Flight Training.
100-1800	Registration and check-in at the Sheraton
1000-2400	Hospitality Suite Open.
1800-2200	Dinner Cruise on Puget Sound (pending)
SATURDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER	
1000-1700	Registration and check in at the Sheraton.
1000-1600	Hospitality Suite Open.
1600-1700	Business Meeting. All members should attend.
1800-2030	Cash Bar at 1800 and Banquet at 1030.
2100-2400	Hospitality Suite Open.
SUNDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER -	Checkout, review financial planning and leave on long cruise.



OTHER THINGS TO DO AT A REUNION

Caribou Craft Show

At BNA a couple of wives brought crafty/jewelry items for sale (to anybody that waked past). It seemed to add flavor to the event. Wives are invited to display their wares (please, no nudity) so drop a card with a description of your stuff and space requirements to Jim Furlong for space/time planning. Note: 10% of gross sales is cheerfully requested for the Reunion Fund.

Caribou Flea Market

VHS VIDEO: Kugler VHS-Day in the life of a Caribou pilot. This is a story line from 0 Dark Thirty get up thru pre-flight and a birds eye view of several of the fields we remember and a few we are trying to forget. Capt. (DR.) Kugler was the "live in 457 house doctor so the tour is mainly Blue Tails. The flight begins and ends at the resort center nobody wants to return to, Cam Ranh Bay. This is followed by the outdoor evening squadron brawl and hose job. Yours truly has a cameo blink. There is some losses in transfer from 25 year old 8MM film **parts** (now parts) but CB Kugler left us with a great flashback. Recommended. Still \$25.00.

AF VIDEO: This is a compilation of several tins of genuine AF Caribou 16MM film from official archives. Film was located and borrowed by Master Sluth and locator wizard Jerry York and transferred to VHS for your pleasure. We have viewed both the film and now the VHS at reunions and it is offered because many people have asked for copies. 16MM seems to be sharper than Kugler. No story line. Just a recovery of several reels of official photos. We are happy to provide at a minimum \$10.00 cost.

CARIBOU STAMP: For \$10.00 we will send you the Boo stamp. You can snap a caribou on all your communications, create your own cheap letterhead stationery, ID your comic book library or just amaze your friends. Please hold off on photo orders while I try to get the duplication effort back on track.

REUNION FINANCIAL PLANNING (What Will It Cost?)

Single member less than \$100.00 per day...that's money left over. About \$50.00 per day for guest/wife/significant other/pal sharing a room. Add the big variable...individual transportation cost...and you have a healthy estimate. You can't take it with you...look at OJ!

CARIBOU WATCH!

Of the 160 or so that were originally purchased by the Army...We have some information on the location of most Caribous and that includes one in Fairbanks. SN 120 in Southern California, several at various museums/airfields and military gawking locations for the civies.

Army Caribou association member James J. Davis, 6602 Cromer, San Antonio 78239-2841 has done a magnificent job in tracking by serial number each Bou as it left the factory in Downsview, Canada, through the Army life, to the AF squadrons, then the reserves and to the final resting place. Some 20 NC seem to be flying in Spain. What I am asking each member to do is jot down any CARIBOU SPOTTINGS wherever they may be and forward the info to either me at the Gulfport Hq or direct to James Davis. For Jim. My latest sightings. 63-09737 was at the Navy Museum as of a month ago. They had transferred 61-02392 and 60-03430 to Navy Lakehurst. Two of these birds came thru the State Army Guard facility at Gulfport where they were parts chase aircraft for the last 14 years or so.

If you spot a Caribou take notes and report in.

SECRET PLAN EXPOSED AT CARIBOU HQ

Final plan to **double membership** was exposed last week. Each member is requested to locate a deadbeat non-member and get him into the fold. Several guys have informed me they have advised so-in-so to call and trust me, few make independent contacts. My observation is that on the basis of personal recruitment an individual calling up and signing in is about as likely as a volunteer to go nude bathing in shark infested waters. We really need to bite the bullet (no pun) and look for the lost. Look in the cracks, through the cracks, in the closets or for the airline types check across the cockpit. EVERY MEMBER GET A MEM-BER and don't plan on the shark bringing a member in for ,you!

It has been determined that some 1696 AF pilots were pushed through the wartime pipeline to the friendly skies of Vietnam. I estimate 1000 Flight Mechs and God only knows how many wrench turners ratcheted through

CARIBOU CHIPS AND DIP HEADQUARTERS SPEAKS VIDEO ALERT!

We have had some returns on KODAK VHS tapes. Use of trademark is intentional. It seems that some of the **tapes** have been **defective**. Since they both have been Kugler Video's lets see what we can determine. First, taken from 25 year old 8MM we never expected perfection. The automatic light meter was severely stressed when going from cockpit to bright sunlight for instance. Could I say that if most of the video shows some fairly crisp resolution then you probably have as good a shot as can be had. On the other hand (or foot) if squiggles and poor quality is consistent, you possibly have been shafted. Our standard of member satisfaction is consistently supported by our motto: SORRY ABOUT THAT! Seriously, if things don't look right drop a card or call with the briefest explanation and your staff of highly trained video reproducer volunteers will cheerfully administrate your complaint away.

Incidentally, Col. Stephen King and L/C Walt Wells have graciously donated their time and extensive equipment to satisfy the growing demand for Caribou Video. We do appreciate it!

A woman drove me to drink... and I never had the courtesy of thank her.

W. C. Fields

HQ PASSES THE HAT

Donations for Hq - ITEMS REQUESTED

Please lookout for smaller **MICROFISCHE READERS** at garage sales and/or local flea markets. **Anybody tossing a computer that will adapt CD-ROM we have a lifetime position of great honor awaiting your donation.** Also looking for 18-24 year old Nordic blond to **occasionally** do windows. Scrofulous female must have good superstructure and total absence of morals and scruples. Window requirement may be waived. Contact this Hq.

FAX MACHINE: If upgrading to paper fax, we would welcome a thermal throw away if it will **perform any function.**

ALL MEMBERS:

Current (?) 1995 roster supply is exhausted. May develop another for Reunion. How about some input? It is fairly expensive, over a buck to print and ship, so lets hear your druthers. Note in registration form.

Until then please get all corrections filed. Include people you know. Can I suggest changes be submitted on 3 x 5 size slips so they can be alphabetized with minimum shuffling.

HQ WORKLOAD CUT IN HALF

Not really, but the other day I logged about 15 \$10 tax checks. Not griping mind you, money is always welcome but can I suggest paying Charlie taxes **TWO YEARS** at a time. Without boring details, I would bet the savings to you, one less check, stamp, trip to mailbox, etc. would more than offset the slight interest loss.

We (me) try to get the checks deposited quarterly so please don't get excited if you think your check is not cashed immediately.

CARIBOU FLEA MARKET

I apologize for the delay in providing tapes and pictures. Some were ordered in January. Our production pipeline had a problem, seems the pipeline went on vacation and had an equipment problem, presently repaired. A couple of dozen tapes are now 'in the mail' to Hqs for distribution.

PHOTOS: Expect a bit more delay. Am trying to massage the photo situation to improve the product...IFR and Red tail. Please hold tight for now and after the newsletter is on the way there will be a bit more time to scratch the flea market department.

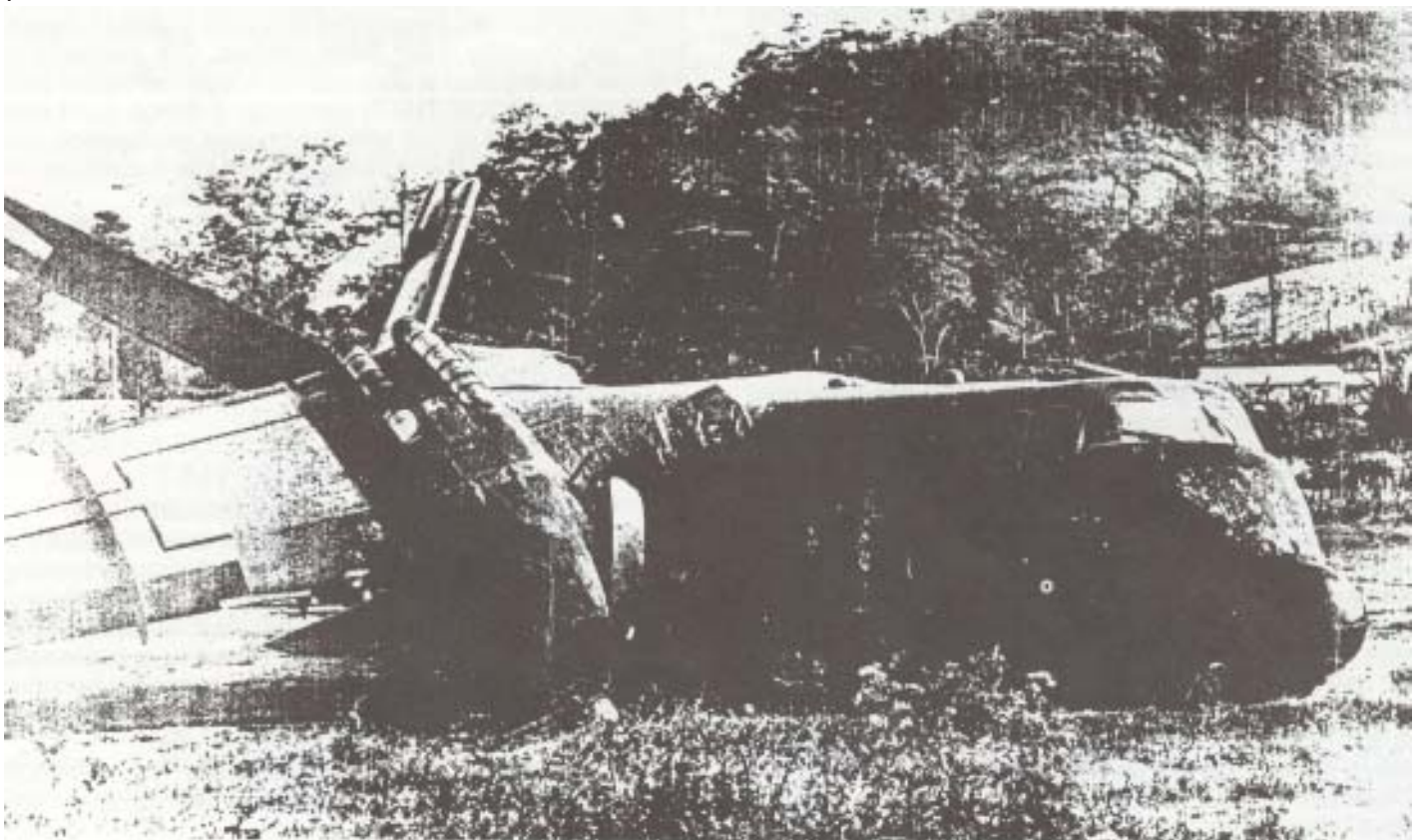
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A FAMILY AFFAIR:

457/69er MSgt Clarence Osborne, Sonora, CA paid up his taxes and included another crisp \$20.00 for his son, Lance E. Osborne, Merced, CA who was with 483rd Secur-ity Police Sq at Cam Ranh Bay 72/73 **AND** son-in-law MSgt Lloyd Lalicker, Medical Lake, WA. Lloyd either flew or fix-ed Caribous since he logs in under 458/70 which Clarence notes was ??? Red Tails at Vung Tau. **ANYHOW**, if por-tions of this family show up at the reunion we will be glad to reserve a table or two. Hope to see them all!



John Godfrey 537/67



REUNION RECAPS

R-4 COLORADO SPRINGS REUNION

(Two Years Ago)

Guest Speaker: 483/66 Col Paul J. Mascot
Wing Commander

In the last mailout we just touched on Col Mascot detailing the facts surrounding the 'friendly fire' fatalities. This became almost a saga by the time Col Mascot on a golf course met up with the Army Artillery Commander 25 years later. If you have any interest in this event it comes across very good on Video R-4(CS). We did some other things of interest there at 'the Springs'. Over 100 went to a country western chuck wagon dinner complete with western trail entertainment. All good fun! A day earlier over 30 of us were, at great effort, processed through security at Cheyenne Mountain, the home of NORAD. Take away the Russian and Haitian threat, and believe it or not, security hasn't let up much. Enter Doc Kugler. Seems his teenage daughter was not a card carrying kid. She couldn't show her social security number. Yours truly, having submitted the list well in advance, merely stood by and prayed for a tour vs leg irons. Silver tongued Kugler won out and to my great relief, in we went.

You may ask why I stood back while Kugler did all the talking? Well, I observed Kugler was wearing a very noticeable RUSSIAN WATCH, complete with hammer and sickle so I wanted to distance myself from...er...who was that guy anyhow?

One of our guys sat in Gen Homer's chair while we all got briefed. Of interest was that this control center knew when Iraq shot off a scud before they were detected over there. The biggest problem in that effort was for NORAD to get the fresh info over there to the battlefield commanders in time to make their response (patriot on switch in the **ON** position - **ON**). Later we were briefed by a B Gen James Savarda. Gen Savarda was a Lt in Vung Tau in the early 70s. Including some SR-71 service, he seems to have progressed quite well.

On a much less happy note, long time dues paying member, supporter and former president of the Army Ot-ter Caribou Association, Jim Lybrand, planned to attend the Army reunion in Colorado Springs. Many of you will remember him. Jim attended our first really big reunion at Warner Robins. At the Springs we had adjusted our date to be in town along with the Army bunch and did meet up with many of them for a few hours one evening. A couple days before departing for C'Springs, Jim took a turn for the worst and canceled his trip. Jim had been fighting the Big 'C' for some years and made the grim statistics a couple of weeks after the C'Springs Reunion.

One of our own guys had been in touch with Hq and appeared at the Saturday banquet. It was before Christmas the same year (1993) that I noted in the Daedalian Flier that Vern Vannier had also passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to family and the wide circle of friends these gentlemen had collected.

Please check the R-4 list of attendees. If you are not on it, you missed a good one.

We Be At Colorado Springs: (R-4 Aug. 93)

Here is a list of most of the people that came through the R-4 at the Springs:

457: Nick Evanish, Jerry Trolinder, Don Sidie, Warren Pierce, Jim Gross, Bud Weideman, Bill Combest, Auto (Ot-to) Terrell, Bill Flannagan, Jim Fairweather, Gene Sheldon, John Vickery, Bob Davis, Hank Glover, Capt. Morris (Band Aid-3) Kugler, MD, former 457 and 483rd live-in Flight Surgeon and on the spot moviemaker, was also present and counted.

458: Allan Gustafson, Jan Gerstner, Frank Felix, Don Irwin, Bob Cooper, Steve Elsasser, Bill Altemus, Dave Rogers, Ike Daugherty, Dennis Fox, Vern F. Vannier.

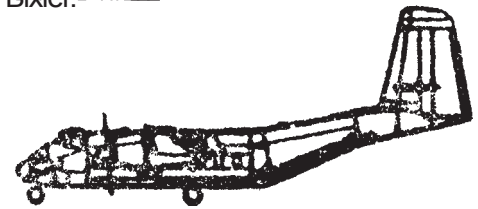
459: Paul Peoples, Dub McClinton, Bud Weidman, Bob Neumayer, Don Dana, Mike Nassr, Derel Schrock, Guy Pro-nier, Allan Davis.

535: Paul Whelan, Leroy Crawford, Richard Anderson, Don Harris, Joe Faulkner.

536: Robert Hustler, Steve Kelly, Don Foster, Bob Hodges, Dave Lawton, Don Griffin, Herbert Laing, Stan Metcalf, Ed Madigan, Dana Kelly.

537: Glenn O'Banion, Pete Stogdill, Jerry York, Bob Lamberet, Dave Wilson, Paul Pulse, Dale Erickson, Max Allison, Lawrence Carter, Cecil Bouler, Bobo Dugan, Gordon Bredvik, Bob Croach, Tom Eller, Jim Davis, Joe Grimsley, Jerry Smith.

WING WEENIES AND MAINTENANCE: Harley Jergensen, Leon C. Kincaid, Jim Lynch, Chas. Pax Hayes, Omer Liefer, Al Davis, Mike Nassr, Col Paul Mascot, Vern Vannier, Stan Bixler.-----



NEXT REUNION ALERT...R-7

Even with the anticipation of the fine reunion at Tacoma this year managed by Jim Furlong and his staff of hundreds there on the spot, we have cumulatively let this announcement drag on to the point of being marginally late for some members to attend due to minimum 4 month lead time. Credit OJ and Oklahoma catastrophe. Again our sister squadron of the Army guys that professionally introduced us to the realm of slow flight at Fort Benning 25 years ago, now have their reunions planned one year in advance! We have copied much of their lead in shaping this AF Association but still need to get ahead of the reunion game.

If you have interest in gathering a band of thugs and running the next reunion in your town please contact Hq. I only suggest places like Abilene, where they have a nice air-craft museum that includes a Caribou and the possibility of having the dinner on the Flightline at sundown. Tumbleweed and all. Nice touch. Also suggest San Antonio, Austin or Tucson. Only suggestions, but please contact Hq and be prepared at the reunion with a battle plan, costs, potential events, etc. Hopefully we can outline next year's event and get off to a running start!

Not attending Tacoma? We will accept a video or written presentation for you to host the next reunion and review it at the business meeting. And we thank you for your support.

CARIBOU CENTERFOLD SECTION

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"You've sure had an interesting life, Granddad. Was it based on a true story?"

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KEEP SMILING!



it makes people wonder
what you've been up to!





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Jim Luntzel, Apple Valley, California



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'You have to expect some cutbacks with the Clinton health plan . . .'



MacARTHUR

Eloquent Speeches of a Controversial War Hero DUTY, HONOR, COUNTRY

General Douglas MacArthur (1880-1964) is one of America's greatest war heroes. History books describe his campaigns and battles, and also how he was fired by President Truman. Most history books, however, neglect MacArthur's eloquent speeches which characterized his lengthy career.

This brilliant, controversial general comes to life again in a 43-minute program presented by **Col. Bob Blanchard** of Belleville.

R-5 - LAST YEAR AT NASHVILLE

Guest Speaker: Gen. Douglas MacArthur

We were able to inspect Arnold Air Development Center which seems to demonstrate what a year of national production of stainless steel can create. We stood in wind tunnels that could hold a full size F-16. Lots of work spilled over to Arnold from the space program. Nuff said. Then we got over to the interesting stuff. Many of the unsecured stockholders of Jack Daniels converged on the diggins to observe shine made under the Federal eyeballs at Lynchburg, Tennessee. Our guide lifted a lid and fanned a 10 foot vat. Now we know what heaven is. They really try to accommodate visitors and soft sell their product(s). Quaint little town. If in the area it is worth a few hours to take the tour. No plans necessary, just show up.

We found a really nice theme restaurant on the border of BNA runway. It was just like the British airfields I remember when flying the Spitfire in the Battle of Britain during a previous life. Great atmosphere and equally great food. We are slowly learning that banquet fare can be bland.

As mentioned in previous correspondence, former IP and now retired (Reserve Col) Blanchard offered to be the guest speaker and did so with a flair. He first put on a skit of a drippy former 458 Red Tail whipping up some old jokes of Vietnam vintage. He played a reporter (?) and ponied himself with a printed rag he called Caribou Crap. It is well below the dignity of this organization to publish the stuff for posterity, but we are not above having his notes available for review at future reunions.

Then after a quick trip to a telephone booth and a uniform change, back comes Col. Blanchard in the full uniform of Gen. MacArthur. Bob traced 'his' (Mac's) life from his birth

Blanchard traces highlights of MacArthur's career with excerpts of these speeches:

— "I shall return," when he escaped through Japanese lines.

— "I have returned," when he made it back to the Philippines.

— "The guns are silent," on the day peace was officially restored.

— "Old soldiers never die," addressing a joint session of Congress after he was relieved of his duties as com-mander in Korea.

— "Duty, honor, country," his last address to the cadets at West Point.

This patriotic program has been well received by schools and by historical, civic and church organizations. It has been featured in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the Belleville News-Democrat and the Belleville Journal.

Blanchard presents this program as a patriotic duty, at no charge to audiences. His own background contains service in the Air Force, flying transport planes in Vietnam, Japan and Korea. He is a retired Air Force Reserve officer (although NOT just fading away) and a former editor/reporter at the old St. Louis Globe-Democrat. He is now the public relations director of the St. Louis Regional Commerce and Growth Association. He also presents a "Davy Crockett" show.

For more information and to schedule the program for your group: call "The General" at (314) 444-1170 during the day or (618) 233-5884 during evenings.

through to his final speech at West Point. Personally I remembered listening to Gen. MacArthur's addressing Congress as his final official duty. My own memory placed me about the 11th grade. Computations put me in 8th grade. I was impressed. The entire high school was assembled in the auditorium for the simple reason of witness a moment in history. I remember it to this day and Blanchard brought back the moment as if Doug himself was there spellbinding his listeners. So, thanks Bob. I can only touch



on the 30 to 40 minute performance and can suggest that anyone interested can get it and the entire banquet proceedings on video R-5 BNA for \$10.00 cheep.

Another story that emerged from BNA was George Moore. I had been talking with George for a couple years and he was finally able to appear at Nashville. His wife was out of town, but George came anyhow. This is not without some inconvenience to George.

Well, George served a year in Vietnam flying the Caribou (536/67) then rotated back to the States into F-100's. George then rotated back to Vietnam in the jet set and participated in another tour. All went quite well until he was vectored to a runway under repair. With his trusty F-100 back on the ground and in mid rollout, about 100 plus NMPH, George noted the repair in progress. It seemed the VC, also known as Red Horse Construction, had ditched across the runway of choice and a now helpless George just took the hit. The ditch won! Stripped off the landing gear flipped the aircraft wiping out the wings then the craft rolled 13 times. That was not unlucky enough but George ended upside down **ON FIRE. George was rescued but paid a heavy price.**

So for Nashville. George arrived in a wheelchair and a specially equipped van. Over the years George has lost both legs, has a hook for a right hand and lost several fingers on the left hand. He is self sufficient. In fact George holds down a full time job at the VA in Jackson, MS along with wife, kids and a farm he keeps tabs on.

One guy that knew George took the spill in Vietnam commented that he was surprised to see him alive. Well, tell everybody George is alive and well, mobile, in good humor, articulate and contributing to society.

We have no desire to spread hate and ill feelings in this world but I freely suggest that everybody step out and deck the first draftdogger they come across. Don't tell them I suggested it, just tell them "George sent me!"

By the way, we only touch on the highlights of Reunions in this missive. To get the full enjoyment on a first hand basis, check in to Tacoma and see for yourself.

WE MISSED YOU AT BNA - R-5 AT NASHVILLE 15 October 94

535: Richard "Andy" Anderson, Jim Buckley

536: Steve Kelley, George "Mac" Moore, Cliff Tyler, Jim Furlong, Russell Riggelman.

537: Bob Dugan, Cecil Bouler, Max Allison, Jim Collier, John Godfrey, Bob Taylor, John Jolley, Jim Pentz, Cal Hartman, Lawrence Steve Carter, Wayne Isaacson, Dale Erickson.

457: Bob Davis, Ralph Fitzgerald, Gene Sheldon, Bob Ferguson (Fergie), Milt Golart, Nick Evanish, Wayne Ervin, Skip Berry, Andre Ricou.

458: Dave Rogers, Allan E. Gus Gustafson, Bill Altemus, Ike Daugharty, Tom Stubbs, Wm. C. "Hutch" Hutchinson, Chuck Jordan, Bob Blanchard, Jim Beach, Chris Nevins, BG Wayne Delawter.

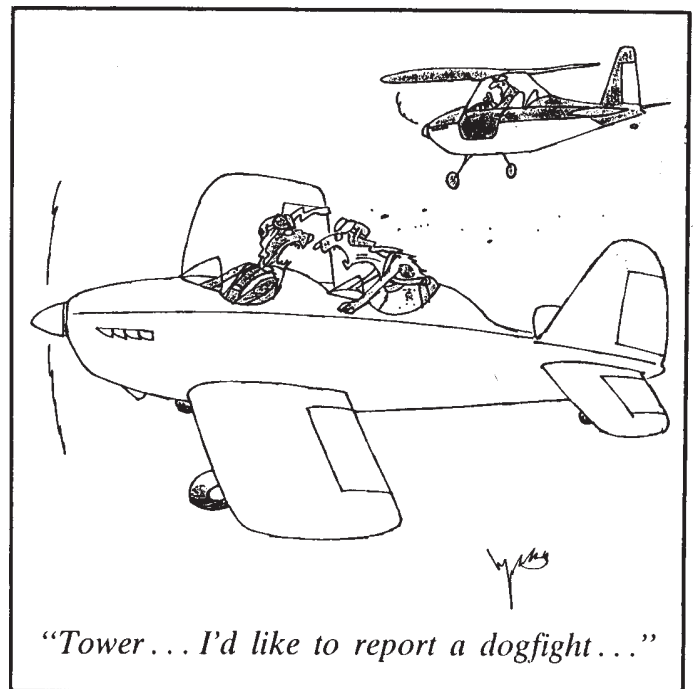
459: Paul Peoples, Dan L. Roy, Fred Mills.

4449CCTS (IP's): L/C Wayne Witherington, Bill Elmer.

Other 4449/18TATS Instructors included: Fitzgerald, Tyler, Erickson and Danish, Bob Hodge. Editor/typesetter was, due to inconsistent records, unable to accurately report the welcomed presence of the many wives and children (Fergie) who attended these reunions. We will make an effort to get complete recognition at the future.

HELP! HELP! HELP! HELP!

Everybody is invited to contribute to this rag. We need some appointed coordinator(?) or unappointed writers to capture the essence of each squadron for the newsletter. Need same to summarize the squadron events at the reunion for inclusion in the follow-up newsletter. As you can observe, no special talent is required to look and report (as was clearly evidence by a consistent string of OER raters in my case of overacid grapes). Lets have some of the wit and wisdom of each unit featured in every issue. How about Jack Saux, Current Overwater Delta Captain telling us about the flight into Saigon with a somewhat anxious in-digenous female. Could be a good story. Somebody has to come out of the woodwork and really explain what the Caribou Calling Card and Milo Minderbinder was all about. We share the profits. There has to be more than the mere speculation I conjured up. PUT IT IN PRINT!



COMPUTER HACKER ALERT!

Otis Lutz former 457/67 maintenance officer, address 1069 Peachtree Lane, Fort Mill, SC 29715, phone not reported, states he is INTERESTED IN COMPUTER CONTACTS. States E-Mail, USENET or Listserv etc. inter-change, prodigy, Amer-on-Line, Compuserv, etc., etc. His address at work, York Tech College is LUTZ@YORK.TEC. SC.US. Local internet address is Otis.Lutz@Sunbelt.Net Calls welcome. When you hackers get organized let us know!

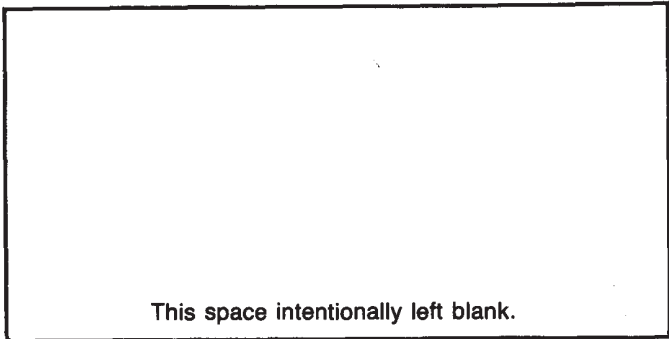
HELP US LOCATE MEMBERS

If anybody was a CD-ROM and can bring it to Tacoma, please bring it. We have a national phone directory and this will help us find members. Everyone should put in an hour of search and find. We will show you how. Contact Jim Furlong on the computer.



Congrats! Another Caribou Retires!

On the right former U458/66 Lt/Capt receives his retirement papers from Maj Gen Carpenter, AF Reserve. Our own Brigadier General Wayne DeLawter retired from the AF Reserve about a year ago and continues to fly for U.S. Air and safaris through the wilds of eastern Pennsylvania. Our best wishes to BG and Mrs. DeLawter.



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SAFE-CONDUCT PASS TO BE HONORED BY ALL VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND ALLIED FORCES



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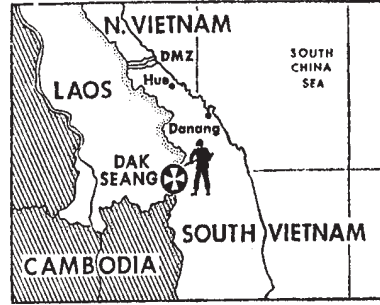
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이것은 각 영감호에 의해 인정된 안전 보장 된 괴소인짜

SAFE PASSAGE!

Please check the Get Out of the War Card directed to the VC. Check the serial no. 300003 AD. Suppose a North Vietnamese showed up at your door with a photo copy of no. 300003 AD? What would you do? Arrest him! Charge: unauthorized duplication of officially controlled documents.

Siege Tightened at Green Beret Camp



Dak Seang is in jungle near the Laotian border

A Border Retreat

Bigger Red Area In Cambodia

Prasat, Cambodia

The government lost military control of four districts on Cambodia's eastern border yesterday as the front moved seven miles toward the capital under Vietnamese Communist pressure.

Refugees began streaming westward in taxis and on bicycles.

Government troops abandoned the village of Chiphou where only Monday several hundred soldiers were digging defensive positions and military briefings were conducted for visiting journalists.

Yesterday Chiphou was a ghost town. Several trucks and buildings had been hit by Communist mortar rounds during a battle which continued sporadically through the night.

HIGHWAY

By afternoon Prasut was as far as one could drive with reasonable safety along the national highway which runs toward Saigon in South Vietnam.

Here at nightfall a company of Cambodia soldiers were awaiting new attacks by the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong in the tree-lined streets along the road. The streets and roads were deserted.

"Where is the military?" said one small Cambodian soldier at the town crossroads. "Monsieur, the military it is me. This is the frontier."

EVACUATION

Government troops evacuated Chiphou early in the afternoon and pulled back into the provincial seat of Svay Rieng.

Even there, however, the government troops are vulnerable to encirclement by the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese who roamed the woods and marshes only a few kilometers from the national highway.

In Svay Rieng, normally a bustling trading center, store entrances were closed and the residents of the town were, as one of them put it, "staying quiet in the house."

GOALS

The dramatic collapse of government authority in the face of the newly-intensified Communist attacks suggests that North Vietnamese military objectives in Cambodia may be larger than anyone in Phnom Penh had anticipated.

In the meantime, the Viet Cong grows daily in its stridency on the government radio and in the press.

Until now the principal Communist objective was considered to be the embarrassment of the government that ousted Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who followed a far more lenient policy of accommodation with the Communists, though he too protested the Vietnamese Communist presence in Cambodia.

Situation Critical for GIs, Allies

Salgon

North Vietnamese troops outnumbering the American and South Vietnamese defenders by more than 3 to 1 intensified the siege of Dak Seang yesterday and U.S. headquarters said the situation there is "critical."

Fighting around the Dak Seang Green Beret outpost near the Laotian border raged into its second week as heavy battling broke out along the Cambodian frontier.

Official communiques and field reports indicated North Vietnamese and Viet Cong commanders are trying to step up the spring offensive launched March 31.

The focal point is Dak Seang, a jungle fortress 290 miles north east of Saigon and seven miles from the Laotian border. About 3000 South Vietnamese troops and a unit of about 15 U.S. Army Green Beret advisers are believed surrounded by a force of at least 10,000 North Vietnamese regulars.

"The situation at Dak Seang continues to be critical with no apparent letup in sight," the U.S. command reported in a communique.

South Vietnamese commanders said that more than 800 North Vietnamese and Viet Cong have been killed in a week of fighting around Dak Seang. Allied losses, most of them South Vietnamese, were placed at about 40 killed and 130 wounded.

The Communist casualties, according to South Vietnamese headquarters in Saigon, included 466 men slain Monday. But field reports said only 10 Communist weapons were found on the battlefields and official spokesmen said they were unable to explain the discrepancy.

Military sources said the ratio of weapons captured from a battleground in Vietnam should be, at the minimum, 10 to 15 per cent of the total dead. Communist forces make every effort to retrieve the weapons of men killed in action.

Allied troops have reportedly found the bodies of 33 more Communist soldiers in jungles around Dak Seang but it was not clear when they had been killed.

First Lieutenant Harry F. Orne of Malvern, Pa., a co-pilot aboard one of the U.S. Air Force C-7 Caribou transport planes resupplying Dak Seang said anti-aircraft fire around the outpost was awesome.

"We take mortars while we're coming in," he said. "There's rocket fire. There's everything you can ever believe. It's just like the Fourth of July. We just try to get that load into the camp and get ourselves out alive."

U.S. 25th Infantry Division troops yesterday reported heavy fighting with Communist units about 47 miles northwest of Saigon near Tay Ninh City.

The Americans battled a Communist regiment — up to 2900 men — until nightfall before pulling back until daybreak. The Communists shot down a UH-1 helicopter, killing one American crewman and wounding two.

Another battle was reported on the Cambodian frontier 120 miles southwest of Saigon where Viet Cong supply trails knife into the Mekong delta from Cambodia. A spokesman said 14 Communist soldiers were killed and 20 weapons captured.

United Press

CARIBOU HALL OF HONOR

Gordon Caldwell is Charlie Seven Tax paid through T-98.
Tom Adams is paid up through T-99.

Old airlifters never die... they just get diverted.
Compliments: Tom Hansen

OTHER AVIATION EVENTS OF NOTE

Army Otter-Caribou Association Reunion #10.
16-20 August (1995) Braintree Sheraton-Tara 12 miles South of Boston at 37 Forbes Road. We have an informal invite to stop in and mix it up with the grunts if anybody is in the area (as we also welcome them). Anybody needing further information please contact me at 601-863-8688. Nick.

Stewart AFB Bi-Annual Reunion
24-30 May BNA Marriot. Call Wilma at 1-800-231-8434.

EAA - Experimental Aircraft Association Annual Fly-in and Convention. 27 July to 2 August at Oshkosh, WI. It takes some pre-planning to and/or some tour guide to enjoy the initial visit...enlist a friend. This is the world's biggest aviation event. You will see it all here over a period of say three visits.

OSHKOSH (AN INVITE)

Caribou enthusiasts TDY to Oshkosh during the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Airshow and International Convention 27 July thru 2 August this year ARE INVITED to observe, review and report on current TDY living conditions of this establishment vs. previous personal TDY experiences in say er, Denang or Pleiku. First hand review reports filed with this Hq will be published in future NL's. In the meantime, persons in transit of OSHKOSH are directed to Camp Scholler and the motorhome near the 3 foot Caribou on the wood fence 150 yards (or so) due South of the Red Barn. Former 459/69 (Det-A at DaNang) member Tom Finkler INVITES members to inspect his digs and avail themselves to some hospitality. Trip reports will be required.

TEMPORARY DOWNSIZE HEADQUARTERS C-7

HQ has been asked to provide one C-130 pilot to perform civilian airlift duties in Luanda Angola, Africa for three months starting the end of May. Myrna has decided to stay home. She will collect the mail and forward union information to the on scene command post at Tacoma c/o Furlong and Company. I expect to be back in time for Tacoma. There will be a cool one waiting for any Caribou people traveling through Angola. Update in Tacoma.

VIETNAM TOURS

A tour company has been bugging this Hq about organizing a tour of Vietnam. Sure. Personally I seem to recall an all expense paid tour there some years ago compliments of Mr. MacNamara and some factions of the U.S. government to include the USAF. I seem to be well satisfied on that endeavor. If in fact there are any individuals prepared to part with substantial bucks to take part in a return to the scene, say next year, please drop me a card for a head(?)count. Results will be published in the next newsletter. Thanks.

Be Alert!
The Air Force needs more lerts.

MANDATORY REUNION CHECKLIST PROCEDURES	
	Co-Pilot Response
Locator information complete	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Reservations - Sheraton Tacoma	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Live in area or bunk elsewhere	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Contact Carlson Receptive for:	
Flight scheduling and discounts	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Advise Carlson Receptive if 65	
for added senior discount on air travel ..	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Vacation package/info as required	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Separate check for Puget Cruise	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Addition checked	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Caribou tax current	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Return Registration Form	YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Bring: Movies, slides, photos, memorabilia	.YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Before Departure:	
Program VCR to record OJ trial	YES <input type="checkbox"/>



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

CAPTAIN ERNEST E. "BUCK" ANDRY 457/66
Approximately June or July 1967 at Cam Ranh Bay RVN, Capt. Andry personally provided instant medical treatment for an unknown American Officer. Said visibly suffering unknown officer appeared at the sleeping quarters of Flight Surgeon (Dr.) Capt. Kugler, Capt. Andry and 6 other pilots at 2200 hours (10:00 p.m.)

In the absence of Dr. Kugler, pilot officer Andry, dressed in skivie shorts, cordially greeted the prospective patient, reviewed his medical complaint, provided a diagnosis of the suspected ailment and prescribed a wide variety of federally controlled drugs. In further demonstrating humanitarianism toward his fellow man Capt. Andry, himself, a practicing hypochondriac, provided the unsuspecting patient several bottles of drugs from his own extensive cache of medications.

While believed to be meritorious, the success of this ministration has never been determined scientifically since the unsuspecting patient was never seen again.

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New Member Application

R-6 TACOMA - CARIBOU REUNION REGISTRATION FORM

(Please provide all information — Hqs will send copy to Furlong)

SQ/arr year/rank/ _____ Area Code _____ Phone No. _____

Name _____ Wife _____
Last First Middle

Address _____

City _____ State _____, Zip plus 4 _____

Reunion Yes No. Number at Banquet _____

Interests: Professional Bus Tour Shopping Sightseeing Other tour destination _____

Other interests: Free guided trail walk Saturday morning Golf Tennis Best Day/Time: _____

Flea Market: What do you want to sell? _____
(Check in with Furlong and Co.)

Boeing Tour: Your social security number _____

Wife/Guest full name and social security number _____

Puget Sound Dinner Cruise: Yes No (see below)

FINANCIAL

Caribou Tax: current? _____ \$10.00 year - '93 '94 '95 '96 _____

Reunion Fee: Receive before 7 August. Member: \$40.00 Guest \$30.00

Receive after 7 August. Member: \$50.00 Guest \$40.00

TOTAL _____

NOTE: Reunion fee includes reunion tax, choice of meal for Saturday banquet, t-shirt, hospitality goodies, etc.
Separate Check Please:

Puget Sound Dinner Cruise Number x \$25.00 = _____

Date checks 15 August, payable to and mail to: Caribou Association
210 48th Street
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I need a January 95 roster: Yes No

I have a FAX. The number is (home) _____ (work) _____

Want new roster printed: Yes No

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