

Bits and Obits

Added to the article from Ted Raschke (see page 4) was a footnote of interest. His son-in-law, Lt. Bret Dresden (USN) and an Annapolis graduate is at this very time flying US Navy S-3 Aerial Tanker bomber off of the USS Enterprise in the Arabian Sea. Mostly refueling the F-18's before and after strike missions. Another son-in-law, Col. Hobart Smith (USMC) is assigned as part of the Strategic Planning Process at MacDill AFB, FL. "Both daughters just could not seem to leave those men in uniform alone."

On 3 August, 2000, Frank Angelone of the 427th, passed away in Las Vegas, NV from a triple aneurism. The news was relayed by his widow, Nancy.

On 2 August, 2001, George Gebhardt (429) had a four way heart bypass and he went home with his wife Beverly within four days. She said it had been a very stressful week for all as it was so totally unexpected. There were no signs of distress at all and even the EKG gave no indications that there was blockage. Thanks to care of their doctor all is well.

News arrived via Art Belenzon that

LET ME GO

When I have come to the end of the road
and the sun has set for me,
I want no rites in a gloom filled room,
why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not too long,
and not with your head bowed low,
Remember the love that was once shared,
miss me, but let me go.

From this Journey we all must make
and each must go alone
It's all a part of the Master's Plan,
a step on the way to home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart,
go to the friends we know,
And bury your sorrow in doing good
deeds, miss me but let me go.

Author Unknown

(This was one of the poems selected to be read during the Kent Zimmerman Memorial Service).



Louise Pelichoff passed away from cancer on Tuesday, 22 October 2001. Those of us who attended the reunion in Tampa were glad to have her and husband Ralph (421, 431) join the festivities and reunite with many of their friends.

SEARCHING: Wayne Warner (parkpines@webtv.net) is trying to locate the family of John Yelton. Anyone who can share info, please do so.

Larry Himel sent word to Dan Sloan that Norm Patter son has flown into the wide blue yonder. Belle had him buried next to his first wife Mary in Colorado. Not sure about the dates, but he had been ill and in a nursing home. Norm, Donald and Millie Sanders and Dan worked very hard to establish the 622nd Reunion.

Word from Carel Humme that a fellow classmate in Aviation Cadets Nav School, Bill Huff (427), passed away in July. They also served together in Korea. His wife Barbara lives at Rt. #3 Box 218, Georgetown, TX 78626.

Tom Wedel has also informed us of the passing of Joe Carnes, a mechanic in the 429th (KB-29s) and the 622nd (KB-50s) in the late 50s and early 60s. He had qualified for pilot training before leaving the service, and the Louisiana Guard asked if he would join and go learn to fly. He subsequently flew F-100s for them before becoming a pilot for United Air Lines. He was 64 in August and a good friend.

Military Announcements From the Web

Auto Stickers:

Removing the base decal when we sell a car has always been an important requirement. We appreciate the below information provided by Col. Ken Merchant, YH.

The following information is provided for your immediate consideration: It originated with the Joint Staff system.

* Early September: An individual at the Pentagon was approached about selling his car for \$3000. The car had a DoD sticker.

* 8 Sept.-Middle Eastern males approached an individual to sell her car for \$6000. She was not advertising her car for sale. The car had a DoD sticker.

ATLANTA AREA LAW- YER SELECTED AS NA- TIONAL LEGAL OFFICER FOR CIVIL AIR PATROL

(Press Release) At their August, 2001 National Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Civil Air Patrol, Auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force, selected George P. Graves of the Atlanta area, as the new National Legal Officer, with the rank of Colonel in Civil Air Patrol. This position of National Legal officer also included duties as National Corporate Secretary and National Parliamentarian for Civil Air Patrol. The announcement of the selection was made by the National Commander, Brig. Gen. Richard Bowling.

Congratulations!!!



- * 11 Sept.-Baltimore car with a DoD sticker and Middle Eastern owner missing.
- * 22 Sept.- Possible pre-operation acquisition of vehicles to transport improvised explosive devices. FBI information passed via Joint Staff liaison. Please disseminate widest.

If you are planning to sell your car, ensure you have removed your DoD/Base sticker, regardless if the individual states they are government employee or another military member.

ALERT: Those of you under the Military Health System are urged to check out the www.tricare.osd.mil/ web site for the latest information on new TRICARE For Life improvements. Some of the topics of interest are: Improvements, frequently asked questions, beneficiary services, Senior Prime to end December 2001, Baycol termination, etc.