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Happy St. Patrick's Day

News Letter of the 601ST, 615TH ACWRON Association Vol I Number 3 March 2010

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Message From The President

We have started a new year with our newsletter and shortly we will be having our reunion in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Fay has once again out done herself with putting together a program we can all enjoy.

We all need to now put on our thinking "caps" and come up with ways to help our newsletter editor with items of interest to share with our members.

If you have gone on a trip lately, contacted another member that hasn't been seen or heard from by other member's, or have information or interesting items you would like to share with the members, please submit this material to the editor, Don Reed, for inclusion in "Prosit." His Email address is:

k2ogd@suddenlink.net

Folks this is your newsletter and we need your help to make it interesting and meaningful to the membership.. It is up to you all to help make this newsletter interesting and meaningful to all the members.. Share some of those stories you use to talk about at night with the rest of the guys.

We are all getting up there in life so let us spread some joy and happiness to all our members while we still have the time to chat and share memories.

Hope to see many of you all in Santa Fe.

From the Reunion Organizer

If you have a talent and wish to share it with the group, please prepare something for the reunion in Santa Fe. A short selection of songs or something played on an instrument, or teaching the group something you wish to share would be fun.

I have in mind that we can set aside an evening to entertain each other. If we have enough entertainment it would be a fun-filled evening.

If you plan to attend the reunion, please make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. Some of you have paid me the agenda money, but you have not made your hotel reservations yet. So this is a friendly reminder to make you hotel reservations as soon as you can.

The Courtyard Marriott
3347 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, NM 87507

1-800-777-3347 or 505-473-2800

See you in Santa Fe in April 2010

Fay Dickey, Reunion Organizer

Helpful Information

Cleaning for a Reason

If you know any woman currently undergoing chemotherapy, please pass the word to her that there is a cleaning service that provides FREE housecleaning - once per month for 4 months while she is in treatment.

All she has to do is sign up and have her doctor fax a note confirming the treatment. Cleaning for a Reason will have a participating maid service in her zip code area arrange for the service.

<http://www.cleaningforareason.org>

This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

Internet source unknown

Good Vision While Driving in Rain

I can vouch for this! We are not sure why it is so effective. Just try this method when it rains heavily. This method was given to me by a policeman friend who had experienced and confirmed it. It is useful even while driving at night.

Most motorists turn on the high or fastest speed of the windshield wipers during a heavy downpour, yet visibility in front of the windshield is still poor. In the event you encounter such a situation, just try putting on your *sun glasses* (any kind will do), and miracle occurs! All of a sudden, your visibility in front of your windshield is perfectly clear, as if there is no rain. Make sure you always have a pair of sun glasses in your car, to help yourself to drive safely with good vision.

You might save a friend's life by giving him this idea. Try it yourself and share it with your friends! Amazingly, you still see the drops on the windshield, but not the sheet of rain falling. You can see where the rain bounces off the road. It also works to eliminate the "blindness" from passing tractor and trailers spraying you too. Help avoid the "kick up" when you are following a semi-rig or car in the rain. They ought to teach this little tip in driver's training.

Art Leighton

www.snopes.com/ says the validity of this claim is yet to be determined.

The Editor

Grape Juice Can Reverse Memory Loss

Drinking 100 percent purple grape juice can reduce or even reverse memory loss, according to research by the University of Cincinnati.

In a study led by Dr. Robert Krikorian, 12 men and women between the ages of 75 and 80 were divided into two groups. All had been diagnosed with early memory loss. One group drank 100 percent Concord while the other group drank a placebo matched for calories for twelve weeks.

The participants were given memory tests, such as memorizing lists and placing items in a specific order, at regular intervals during the three months. "While there were no significant differences between the groups at baseline, following treatment, those drinking Concord grape juice demonstrated significant improvement in list learning," Krikorian said in a statement. "In addition, trends suggested improved short-term retention and spatial (nonverbal) memory.

"These results with Concord grape juice are very encouraging," he said. "A simple, easy-to-incorporate dietary intervention that could improve or protect memory function, such as drinking Concord grape juice, may be beneficial for the aging population."

A Vanderbilt University study found that people who drank grape juice more than three times a week lowered their risk of developing Alzheimer's by 76 percent.

Additional studies have shown grapes to have heart healthy benefits including keeping arteries supple and blood pressure low. Researchers believe the benefits in Concord grape juice come from antioxidants in the grape's skin and fruit.

Various internet sources

Thank A Soldier

If you go to this web site:

www.letssaythanks.com

you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and send it to a soldier that is currently serving overseas.

You can't pick out who gets it, but it will go to some member of the armed services.

Jeanetta Teague

United States.Jobs

Try this whenever you have to talk to a customer service representative and you cannot understand them. I did not know that we could do this, but, I tried it and it worked. Help bring jobs back to the U.S.A. Ask for an American! Everyone, I want to share with you some great information that I found purely by accident. I believe it can save and create jobs in America while giving people better customer service.

How many times have you called a company's service phone line and found that the representative can barely speak English? Once with a major mortgage company it was so bad I demanded to speak with someone who spoke English. Right at that moment I broke the code; the secret password for customer service. I learned that every American company using overseas operators must transfer you to an American representative if you simply say, "I want to speak to a representative in America."

Don't take no for an answer on this. The American representative that I spoke with confirmed that the agent must transfer you if you make that request. I've tried it on a half a dozen major companies including cable, bank, phone and mortgage companies. It works every time and I actually get my issues resolved.

Bob & Lyn Perry

Census Jobs are available

Positions are available for the 2010 US Census
Good Pay - Flexible hours - Work close to home
Paid Training - Temporary./Part-time jobs

Positions available include:

1. Census Takers
2. Crew Leaders
3. Crew Leader Assistants
4. Recruiting Assistants
5. Census Clerks

**To schedule a test, call Census toll free jobs line at
1-866-861-2010**

**More information, including a practice test, is
available at www.2010censusjobs.gov**

Clerical and Field Position Available

**Salary Range
\$13.50-\$2025 per hour**

2010 Census Cautions

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data. The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist? BBB offers the following advice:

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should **never** invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. **Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone**, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census.

While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, it will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers, nor will employees solicit donations.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, they will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census Bureau.

Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit www.bbb.org.

Will Hanson

Submissions to Prosit

Please use your **spelling** and **grammar** checkers when preparing material for submission. The few minutes you take to do so will help save me time and result in a more readable newsletter for everyone. Take a moment to verify facts in your material before submitting. A good source for debunking items you may receive is:

www.snopes.com/

The editor

2010 Reunion Agenda for the 601st&615th ACW&S Association
April 25-30, 2010 – In Santa Fe, NM

Location: Courtyard by Marriott, 3347Cerrillos Rd., Santa Fe 1-800-777-3347 or 505-473-2800

Please make your own Reservations under: 601st& 615th ACW&S Association

Room Price per night: \$75.00 (tax included)

20% Discounted Breakfast – Our Own Hospitality Room!

Free Hotel Shuttle to Town!

The cost for the week's Agenda is: \$170.00 per person

All the Agenda money is payable by March 15, 2010.

You can pay half by February 15th and the rest by March 15, 2010.

Since the vendor's are paid by the first week in April the cut off for cancellation is the 3rd of April as we will be unable to reimburse after that date.

Make payment to:

Fay Dickey, 27382 450th Street, Leonard, MN 56652

Home Phone: 218-968-2376 Cell Phone: 425-422-5171

The Agenda includes bus transportation, professional tour guide, admissions to Loretto Chapel, San Miguel Mission, Bandelier National Monument and lunch at Rancho de Chimayo, also bottled water and gratuities.

Agenda for April 25-30, 2010 Reunion in Santa Fe, NM

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday	04/25/10	All Day Every Day!	Hospitality Room Open
Monday	04/26/10	9:00-11:00 5:00 pm	Registration Welcome Reception
Tuesday	04/27/10	10:00 am-4:00 pm 10:15 am	Guided Bus Tour of Santa Fe Museum Hill for a group photo. Photographer: Babak Dowlatshahi - \$13.00 for 8x10
Wednesday	04/28/10	10:00 am-6:00 pm	Guided Bus Tour to Chimayo/ Los Alamos Bandelier National Monument
Thursday	04/29/10	10:00 am 5:00 pm	Annual Meeting Entertainment? Annual Dinner
Friday	04/30/10	8:00 -10:00 am	Breakfast

“Auf Wiedersehen”

2009 Annual Meeting, 601st&615th AC&WS Association-Secretary Minutes.

The 2009 Annual Meeting of the 601st&615th AC&WS Association took place in the Hospitality Room of the "Howard Johnson Inn" in St. Augustine, Florida on April 30, 2009. The meeting was called to order by President Francis Gosselin at 10:00 A.M.

President Gosselin offered a moment of silence and prayer for our deceased and sickly members and our Troops in Iraq. President Gosselin gave a report of the history of the AC&WS Association.

He also encouraged members to send their requests and complaints to an Executive Board Member five weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

One suggestion came from Jerry Hicks to print the address roster larger.

The 2008 Secretary Report was read approved and accepted.

The Treasurer Report was presented by Howard Dickey:

2008 the treasury contained \$2938.00; 2009 the treasury has \$3500.00 in the bank

The treasury report was seconded and accepted.

A breakfast will be offered at 8:30 A.M. to all members and guests paid by the Treasury as a token of appreciation.

Awards were presented to: Howard Dickey, Treasurer and Ed Von Hatten. An award was given to Silvia Heise from Germany for her contribution of special projects to the Association. This award was for her many hours of dedicated service to the welfare of the members. These awards were in the form of framed certificates.

Old Business: Newsletter

A newsletter will be sent quarterly via e-mail and also posted on our web site.

It was mentioned that the Newsletter can only be a success if members contributed items of interest.

New Business: Job descriptions for the Executive Board were brought up as a non-profit organization versus a friendship organization. This will be revisited in the future.

Officers Election:

President must be elected every year and Francis Gosselin remained in office.

The Vice President is elected when need arises. The office was open and members felt that the vice president should be elected from the membership of the 615th.

Terry Troy was nominated as Vice president, seconded and accepted.

The Treasurer is in office until he resigns.

The Secretary/Events Coordinator is in office until she resigns.

Two Directors were appointed to the Executive Board by the President:

Jeanetta Teague, Membership Chair

J.B. Vaughan, Consulting Chair

George Bisco, Official Reunion photographer

President Gosselin presented the selections for the 2010 reunion site:

Rapid City, SD; Phoenix, AZ; Sacramento, CA; Colorado Springs, CO; Seattle, WA; Branson, MO

Rapid City, SD was replaced with Santa Fe, NM and Seattle, WA was replaced with Omaha, NE.

Members were given paper and pencil and instructed to pick three locations

(1, 2, 3,) for the 2010 reunion location. The tallies showed:

1. Santa Fe, NM (7) 2. Colorado Springs, CO (7) 3. Phoenix, AZ (6)

Since there was a tie, George Bisco suggested that the Events Coordinator, Fay Dickey should decide which town is the best to go to first and the other selection will be a possible reunion site for 2011.

The date for the 2010 Reunion was set for late April, early May.

A suggestion made by members that we obtain Air Force Flag and American Flags. This will be considered.

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 A.M.

The minutes are submitted by

Fay Dickey

Secretary/Events Coordinator

601st&615th AC&WS Association

Wrong Email Address

This one is priceless. A lesson to be learned from typing the wrong email address!

A Minneapolis couple decided to go to Florida to thaw out during a particularly icy winter. They planned to stay at the same hotel where they spent their honeymoon 20 years earlier.

Because of hectic schedules, it was difficult to coordinate their travel schedules. So, the husband left Minnesota and flew to Florida on Thursday, with his wife flying down the following day.

The husband checked into the hotel. There was a computer in his room, so he decided to send an email to his wife. However, he accidentally left out one letter in her email address, and without realizing his error, sent the email.

Meanwhile, somewhere in Houston, a widow had just returned home from her husband's funeral. He was a minister who was called home to glory following a heart attack.

The widow decided to check her email expecting messages from relatives and friends. After reading the first message, she screamed and fainted.

The widow's son rushed into the room, found his mother on the floor, and saw the computer screen which read:

To: My Loving Wife
Subject: I've Arrived
Date: October 16, 2005

I know you're surprised to hear from me. They have computers here now and you are allowed to send emails to your loved ones. I've just arrived and have been checked in. I've seen that everything has been prepared for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you then! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.
P. S. Sure is freaking hot down here!

Willie Hanson

Hi Willie,
A Happy New Year to you!
Maybe you have already looked at my website
www.fliegerhorste.de/rothwesten.htm
If not, just have a look.

Do you know that Rothwesten is closed now and the site is up for sale? Building by building, lot by lot. So, there is still a chance to reserve your favourite building or your old quarters for you - smile.

Best regards
Bernhard Weiss

Willie Hanson

Returnees

The names listed below belong to persons who have recently discovered our association or who are returning. Include your name, current home location and dates and sites of 601st/615th service if applicable.

David A. Gatlin

Crawfordsville, IN 47933-1955
601st ACW; 601st Tac Con Sq
Rothwesten; Sembach
Aug 1960 - Mar 1963 Rothwesten
Mar 1963 - Apr 1964 Sembach

Marvin Shults

Satsuma, Fl. 32189
601st Rothweston 1952-1953

Billy Sconyers:

Tampa Fl 33616
601st 1954-1956

Gary E. Champion

Eau Claire, Wi 54703
601TCW 69-73

George Gorman

Bergenfield, NJ 07621
615th 1953-54. Bitburg, Pruem, Rothwesten,
Regensburg.

Links to Interesting Sites

Here are some links to sites which readers may find of interest. If your browser does not respond to clicking on the link, copy the link and paste it into your browser.

Trace Adkins and USMA Cadets
http://media.causes.com/611645?p_id=44185871

Francis Gosselin

The Vietnam Memorial
<http://www.virtualwall.org/index.html>

Willie Hanson

Happy St. Patrick's Day