



PROSIT!



News Letter of the 601ST, 615TH ACWRON Association Vol I Number 1 September 2009

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Message From The President

For sometime now we have been talking about a newsletter for our membership. We are now almost ready to put it forth to the members. We need ideas from our membership as to the name for this publication. We have so far received two suggested names and would like to have more from the membership. Please submit your suggestions to our officers committee and the suggested names will be announced on the website following our initial publication in September of 2009. The members will be asked to cast a vote for the title of their choice of those presented. The winning title will be the one receiving the most votes.

The names submitted so far are:

1. Ein Prosit der Gemuetlichkeit
2. Prosit!

The newsletter will be distributed as a PDF file downloadable for the web site at: <http://www.601st-615th-acw.org/index.html>

During the business portions of the 2009 reunion several major changes were made in the management of the organization which are described below.

Two new officers were added as Members at Large to aid in managing the affairs for the membership. Jeanetta Teague and JB Vaughan deserve a warm welcome since their help will greatly improve operations of our group.

Terry Troy of the 615th was elected to the position of Vice-president. He is replacing Eduardo Von Hatten who for personal reasons cannot continue in this position. Terry's assuming this position will inject some youthful "blood" and ideas into the group's operations.

A motion was made that the choice of future reunion locations be reduced to two. The motion was carried with the provisions that the site Fay finds to offer the best package value will be the 2010 site and the remaining option will be the site for 2011.

If you have material you'd like to have included in an issue of the news letter do the following:

Send your material via E-Mail to

k2ogd@suddenlink.net.

Include a means of my contacting you (phone, email) and be sure to get your material to me by the 20th of the month preceding the month of publication. Include your full name and unit with an indication of the years you were in Germany with the unit. (more on this later.)

Do not submit material that would be considered obscene, offensive or of a sensitive nature. Understand we will edit grammar and possibly change the content to fit into the space available in the publication. Any material you submit should not be subject to copyright laws unless you hold the copyright.

The 2010 reunion will be held in either Santa Fe, New Mexico or Colorado Springs, Colorado. In 2011 additional sites will chosen and submitted for consideration for future reunions. Fay Dickey will have more information on page six..

2009 reunion for the 601st /615th AC&W Squadrons Association

During the period from April 26 - May 1 2009 the 601st/615th AC&W Squadrons Association held their reunion at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Saint Augustine, Florida.

On Monday, the members registered at the hotel and were treated to a welcoming pizza party after everyone had settled into their accommodations.

A tour of the city was held on Tuesday the 28th. The Red Tour Train was used for travel. Trips to the Oldest School House and the Spanish Quarter were made and followed by photographing of the membership.

On Wednesday, the Red Train was used again to visit additional sites in the city. After visiting and viewing the Fountain of Youth, the Lightner Museum and the Oldest House the group was taken to the marina for a trip around the harbor. At the end of the tour members returned to the hotel to relax after a rather full day of fun viewing the sights of this oldest continuously occupied European city and port in the Continental United States.

On Thursday, the organization's meeting was held. After the business meeting a wonderful dinner was provided, followed by a magic show presented by Kevin Wilcoxson.

Friday, May 1st the members were treated to a surprise in the form of a going away breakfast before starting on the journey to their respective homes. The members agreed that Fay Dickey had once again done an outstanding job in providing a most enjoyable and interesting reunion.

Message from Secretary/Events Coordinator Fay Dickey

Hi to all,

I wish to thank all of our faithful members, who paid their membership fee of \$20.00 Annual Dues this year. With this membership fee, you will receive the up-dates for the reunions or any other events.

If you are not an ACTIVE member, who has paid dues, then eventually you will be dropped off our Active address roster and you will not receive notification by mail or e-mail regarding reunions.

You may not be able to attend the reunion that particular year, but the organization still would like to have your annual dues for support. There are expenses with any organization and only Active members can support our efforts. So please find it in your HEART and support the '601st&615th ACW&S Association', if you feel that we are doing a worthwhile job for our members.

Our web site is for your enjoyment, so please make use of it and view all the different pages.

Thanks you for your membership dues and hopefully this is a reminder for the rest of you to be part of the organization and continue paying your dues.

Sincerely,
Fay Dickey
Secretary/Events Coordinator
601st&615th ACW&S Association

Health and Welfare Notifications

The following information concerning members and their families was received during the period from approximately July 1, 2009 to August 20th, 2009.

Arthur Arruda's wife Margaretha is ill and we offer them our prayers and wishes during this period of stress.

JB Vaughn's wife is ailing and she too, is in our thoughts and prayers for a quick and smooth recovery.

Howard Dickey underwent knee surgery in mid-July and has returned to the hospital for follow up on the surgery.

August 02, 2009 from Fay Dickey:

Hello Everybody!

We still need all of your prayers we can get! Howard's knee surgery is NOT HEALING! The wound is still bleeding and does not look as if it wants to heal.

I am here in Fargo, ND with him this weekend and will call his doctor next week. They are not going to let him come home until his wound has healed.

He is in a lot of pain and that of course effects his therapy.

I took him out for a meal at "Applebees" yesterday, but it got him really tired. So, you can see we need your positive thoughts and lots of prayers.

I'll keep you posted as to Howard's progress. I am driving home today, but will come back here on Friday for the next weekend.

Our Thanks and Blessings to All!

Fay

In June of 2009, Billie Uzzel passed on to join her husband Ernest Uzzel, who predeceased her in January, 2007. Billie will be missed by all who knew her.

On June 15, 2009 Dorsey (Deacon) Hollis of the 601st passed away. He was one of the founding members of our organization and served for a while as our Treasurer. We offer condolences to Darlene and members of the Hollis family.

Goodies from the Membership

From Denny I received a copy of "Top Secret Insider's Recipes Master Edition." This is a cookbook of dishes from a number of sources, some of which are very recognizable. The complete book can be seen by searching for "Insider's Recipes Master Edition" at E-Cookbooks.net.

A sample of a recipe is:

Arthur Treacher's Fish Batter

3 Pounds Fish Fillets	2 Cups "All"purpose flour
3 Cups Pancake mix	3 Cups Club soda
1 Tablespoon Onion powder	1 Tablespoon Seasoned salt

Dip moistened fish pieces evenly but lightly in the flour. Dust off any excess flour and allow pieces to air dry on waxed paper, about 5 minutes. Whip the pancake mix with the club soda to the consistency of buttermilk" pourable, but not too thin and not too thick. Beat in the onion powder and seasoned salt. Dip floured fillets into batter and drop into 425 oil in heavy saucepan using a meat thermometer. Brown about 4 minutes per side. Arrange on cookie sheet in 325 oven until all pieces have been fried. Then serve and enjoy.

ZIPLOC OMELET

From Francis Gosselin

This works great !!! Good for when all your family is together. The best part is that no one has to wait for their special omelet !!!

Have guests write their name on a quart-size Ziploc freezer bag with permanent marker.

Crack 2 eggs (large or extra-large) into the bag (not more than 2) shake to combine them.

Put out a variety of ingredients such as: cheeses, ham, onion, green pepper, tomato, hash browns, salsa, etc.

Each guest adds prepared ingredients of choice to their bag and shake. Make sure to get the air out of the bag and zip it up.

Place the bags into rolling, boiling water for exactly 13 minutes [we did 15 minutes]. You can usually cook 6-8 omelets in a large pot. For more, make another pot of boiling water.

Open the bags and the omelet will roll out easily. Be prepared for everyone to be amazed.

Nice to serve with fresh fruit and coffee cake; everyone gets involved in the process and a great conversation piece.



From William Hanson comes a URL for information regarding the 8th Air Force B-17s downed in the area of Kassel during World War II.

<http://www.thetroubleshooters.com/ww2/index.html>

Copy the URL into your browser. Look for the article entitled A "Wing and a Prayer." It is interesting reading.

Willie also has an excellent photo slide show with some very pastoral and beautiful photos of Kassel and its surrounding environment. It will soon be available on the Website.

Help Needed

In order to allow readers to identify and recognize contributors to the organization's membership we must create a means of connecting name and time in the 601st. Don Reed Wasserkuppe 53-56 would identify me having been at Wasserkuppe during the years 52-56. It would be helpful to create a list of abbreviations for the various sites that composed the units of our organization. I am not familiar with those beyond Winterberg, Wasserkuppe, St. Andreasberg, and Gunpost. Anyone want to undertake this task?

From William Hanson comes the following: It is significant in light of what happened in Kentucky this week.

Subject: 2010 Census Cautions

This information is being distributed by the Dallas / Ft. Worth IBM Organization to warn it's thousands of members of fraud associated with the 2010 Census (some pre-census activity is already underway). However, this warning is for ALL citizens, so you may want to pass it on to everyone you know.

2010 Census Cautions

By Susan Johnson - August 3, 2009 12:07 pm

Be Cautious About Giving Info to Census Workers

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.

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

From the Editor

There are a number of issues to be resolved regarding the Newsletter. We need input from the readers regarding ideas for a more picturesque or dramatic masthead (At the top of page one). Or does any one have the ability to create a masthead which would be more meaningful than the simple one on the first page? I have had great difficulty scanning the 601st emblem. Can any artists out there help with the emblems.

We want additional suggestions for the title. I will devote a major portion of the December issue to presenting any ideas which come in. Without participation by the membership such a publication cannot succeed.

NO INPUT NO OUTPUT.

Contributions from the same members on a continual basis will lead to publication that is dull and uninteresting. You can send materials as attachments to E-mail or in the body of the E-Mail. If you can send attachments in Microsoft word format it would be helpful. I will not publish E-mail addresses unless the writer gives specific permission in the body of the message. The machine I use for this work is used for several other purposes which prohibit my using it at will. So please have all materials to me before the 20th of the month preceding the month of publication.

A Personal Inquiry

Communications was a large part of our duties at the 601st. I am curious as to whether or not there are any members who have been or are active as radio amateurs (hams). I have been an amateur operator since 1962 and have held several calls, WB2OGD, N2LQY, KF2XF, and K2OGD. It would be interesting to contact any other members who are active as amateurs. I may be reached via E-mail at k2ogd@arrl.net

Don Reed Wasserkuppe 53-56.

This is the information for the 2010 Reunion Hotel

The 2010 Reunion will take place on April 25-30, 2010 in Santa Fe, NM.

We will be staying at the "Santa Fe COURTYARD by Marriott"

3347 Cerrillos Road Santa Fe, NM 87507

The cost per night is \$75.00 (all tax included) For reservations please call: 800-777-3347 or 800-321-2211

We have a block of 20 rooms. Reservation due date is: Friday, April 2, 2010, after which rooms not reserved will be returned to the general inventory.

Please make your reservations under "601st&615th"

Accommodations:

Mini refrigerators

Room service, dining, wine, cocktails

remote control flat screen TV's

In room movies and HBO

High-speed wireless Internet

Individual climate control

Speakerphones and desk

Ironing facilities and hairdryers

For your pleasure, we will have our own Hospitality Room!

You will receive a 20% discount for a Full Breakfast every morning.

Complimentary shuttle to Santa Fe's historic plaza!

Free Parking! Some RV Parking!

The hotel features:

Castle Ranch Steakhouse & Lounge

Heated indoor swimming pool and whirlpool Contemporary fitness center Poolside grill; courtyard fire pits,

24-hour business center with guest Internet and printer Expansive lobby, atrium and conversational areas

Three landscaped courtyards for added guest relaxation

Massage therapy and spa services by appointment

The Santa Fe Courtyard integrates the timeless beauty of colonial Spain with the aesthetics of Native America, while assuring the modern conveniences and refreshing service expected from Marriott Hospitality.

The Courtyard is located just minutes from the historic Santa Fe plaza, and to scenic natural wonders, championship golf, whitewater adventure, world-renown eateries, mineral springs and spas, casinos and to a myriad of fabulous galleries and theaters.

Also, be aware, that Santa Fe is located 7000 feet in the mountains. The air is thinner and it takes a bit of adjusting to the high altitude.

We hope that many of you will take your vacations during this time and attend the 2010 Reunion of the '601st&615th ACW&S Association.'

This is definitely an opportunity of a lifetime.

An Agenda for the week will follow in January.

Here is the website for the hotel, in case you wish to study all the features:

www.santafecourtyard.com