



FOR THE MEN WHO FLY 'EM • FOR THE MEN WHO KEEP 'EM FLYING

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Sorry to be offering you this abbreviated version of our 'Ad Lib.' Seems that the funds for printing and mailing a full size newsletter, such as we've done in the past, has almost become *'a thing of the past.'* The donations and contributions are becoming fewer and fewer, due mainly to our diminishing ranks ... From close to 2,000 mailings at our height, now down to barely 550, not counting widows, children and complimentary members that wish to be involved in our history.

Of course there are some very generous members out there that offer sizeable donations to keep us afloat. Most of these monies go into office, postal and research expenses.

But I just wanted you to be aware of our recently deceased and those at are honored in our Memorial Tributes section.

OUR DIMINISHING RANKS

Headquarters

Julius J. Chambless, 21 June 2010 - Weather

Section

Gerald P. Laracey, 27 January 2010 - Secretary to Commanding Officer

Joseph F. Werner, 8 May 2010 - Weather Section

724th Squadron

John M. Anderson, 11 June 2010 - Squadron

Commander

Ira C. Diehm, 4 September 2010 - Message

Center

Jack H. Engle, 6 June 2010 - Gunner

Joseph M. Flanery, 31 May 2009 - Navigator

Charles R. Haun, 20 June 2010 - A/C Commander

Carl V. Heimaster, 22 April 2010 - Gunner

Robert L. James, 29 March 2010 -

A/C Commander

John L. Kearney, 21 June 2009 - A/C Commander

Donald V. Kelly, 13 June 2010 - Gunner

John Marius, 11 May 2010 - Cook

Frank J. Michaels, 17 May 2008 - Bombardier

Ernest W. Roebke, 4 March 2010 - Gunner

Edward J. Ziegler, 6 April 2010 - Gunner

725th Squadron

Carsten E. Anderson, 24 March 2010 - Copilot

Dominick L. Arleo, 20 December 2009 - ROG

George J. Bianco, 30 December 2009 - ROG

Everett E. Caldwell, 4 December 2009 - Gunner

Damian Cihivsky, 2 December 2009 - Armament

Charles C. Clark, 10 December 2009 - AEG

Joseph B. Denari, 9 June 2010 - Navigator

Charles D. Eber, 8 February 2007 - Copilot

Andrew J. Ensley, 9 October 2007 - AEG

Laurie T. Hartzog, 10 August 2010 - Navigator

Hugh K. Hedger, 10 July 2009 - Copilot

Walter P. Lee, Unknown - Aircraft Commander

Saverio R. Lepre, 9 January 2010 - Gunner

William E. Loranger, 4 September 2010 - Navigator

Anthony Luzzi, 27 April 2010 - Bombardier

Arnold R. Silverstein, 23 December 2009 - ROG

George E. Tudor, 20 April 2010 - A/C Commander

William A. Underwood, 29 March 2010 - Navigator

Elwood V. Wilson, 13 October 2000 -

A/C Commander

Joseph E. Wilson, 23 December 2008 - Gunner

726th Squadron

Robert E. Ashba, 28 May 2010 - Navigator
 William G. Barros, 16 June 2010 - Bombardier
 James L. Collins, 20 December 2009 - AEG
 Donald O. Crizer, 17 May 2010 - ROG
 Raymond Crompton, 4 August 2010 - Bombardier
 Woodard E. Davis, 10 February 2007 - Bombardier
 Albert L. Haggerty, 29 July 2010 - Crew Chief
 Stanford D. Herlick, 4 February 2010 - Navigator
 Vernon K. Klem, 21 May 2010 - Sheet Metal

Section

Howard O. Kristofferson, 2003 - ROG
 Michael F. Loch, 8 July 2010 - AEG
 Ervin J. Sutschek, 25 August 2010 - ROG
 John S. White, 28 August 2003 - Gunner

727th Squadron

Thomas H. Audley, 28 February 2007 - ROG
 Daniel P. Cotrupe, 16 July 2010 - Public Relations
 Samuel L. Dickey, 6 May 2005 - Bombardier
 Thomas A. Gallagher, 26 March 2009 - Ordnance
 William C. Hysell, 30 June 2010 - Mechanic
 Lewis G. Jeaudoin, 30 June 2010 - Ordnance
 Wayne W. King, 27 February 2010 -

Communication

Albert Kulb, 5 June 2005 - AEG
 James E. Smith, 25 January 2010 - Bombardier
 Raymond T. Travis, 27 September 2009 -

Navigator

Wilburn B. Trunmire, January 2007 - Gunner

60th Service Squadron

Stephen F. Hatt, 19 October 2008 - Mechanic
 Woodford C. Lindley, 3 July 2010 - Sheet Metal

Section

SPECIAL MEMORIAL TRIBUTE OFFERED IN THE NAME OF:

Robert E. Ashba, 726th Navigator - From Crewmate, David Eagles
 Ernest W. Atkins, 727th Engineer Gunner - From Crewmate, Jack 'Little' Jones
 James E. Burns, 727th Radio Operator Gunner - From Crewmate, Jack 'Little' Jones
 James L. Collins, 726th Engineer Gunner - From Wife, Rosa
 Samuel L. Dickey, 727th Bombardier - From Crewmate, Winson 'Big' Jones
 John H. Dilks, 724th Navigator - From Wife, Elizabeth
 Carl V. Heimaster, 724th Gunner - From Wife, Patricia
 Carl V. Helmster, 724th Gunner - From Comrade, Herbert Klossner

Gerald W. Hopkins, 727th A/C Commander - From Crewmate, Winson 'Big' Jones
 William C. Hysell, 727th Mechanic - From Wife, Louise
 Frank J. Lather, 727th Squadron Commander - From Wife, Sally
 Stanton Leiter, 725th Copilot - From Wife, Florence
 Saverio Richard Lepre, 725th Gunner - From Wife, Marlon
 Harold I. Moe, 727th Tail Turret Gunner - From Crewmate, Jack 'Little' Jones
 Glen A. Swearingner, 724th Mechanic - From Wife, Barbara

FINAL COMMENTS

I have chosen to send this missile, via First Class Mailing rather than as our usual Bulk Mailings. The Postal System has placed so many regulations, restrictions and costs (annual Bulk Mailing fees, sorting requirements and various other deterrents) that I find it more convenient and less expensive just to give this small mailing a First Class stamp on the envelope and send it out so you can get the benefit of its contents.