

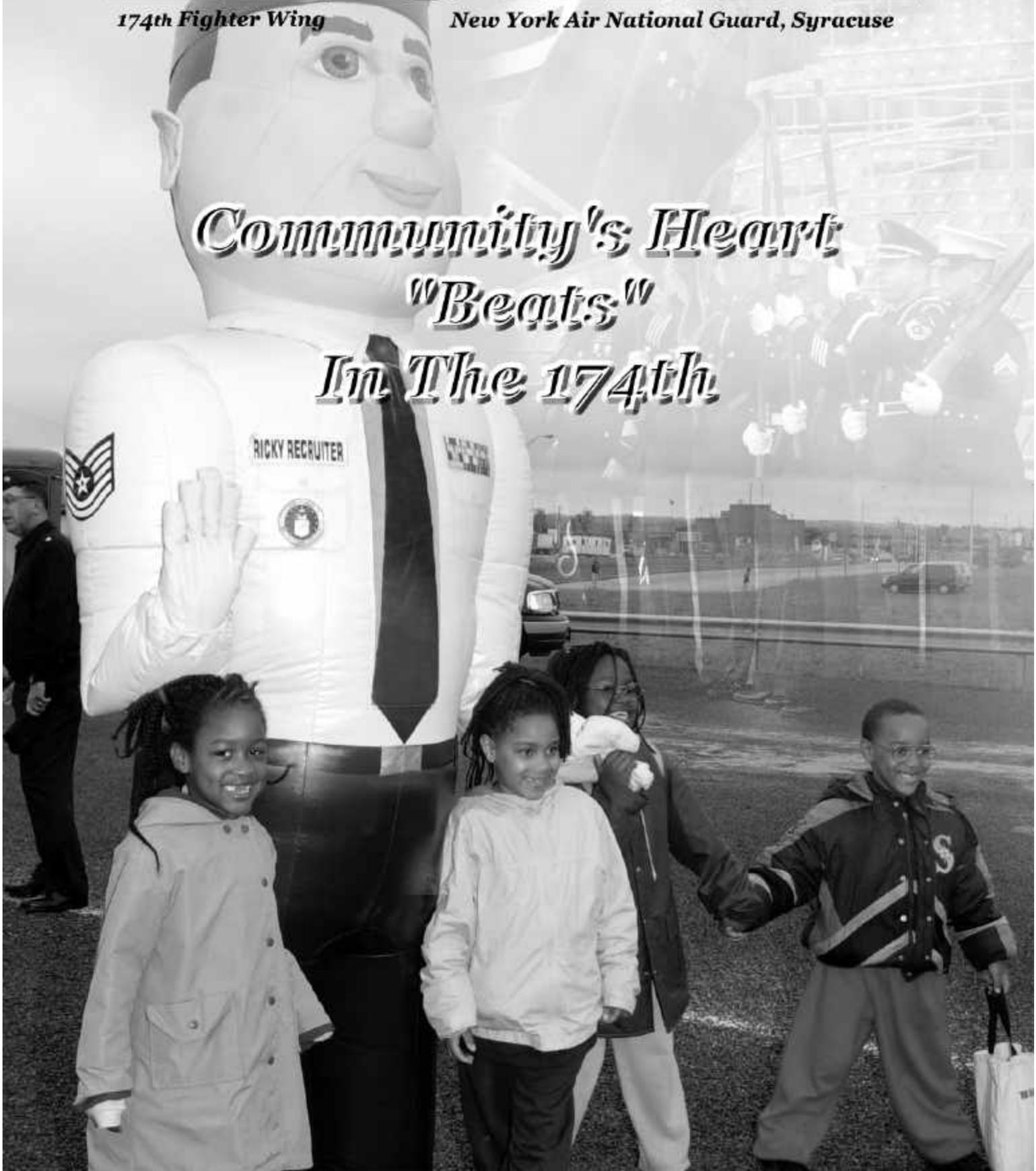
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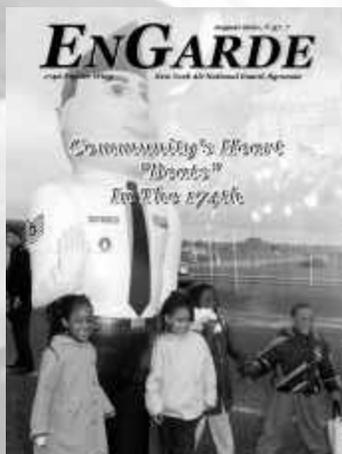
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COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Is That a Light??

As you read these words, the last major event for the 174th Fighter Wing in 2001 is underway. When you look at the pace of the last 12 months with 2 ORIs, a Stan Eval Inspection, ESOHCAMP, Joint Patriot Exercise, AEF deployment ... whew! It's good to see some light at the end of this long tunnel. However, we're not out of this tunnel yet. As important as all those inspections and exercises are, none of them compare to the importance of this AEF rotation. Unlike all those previous events, this is where we execute the mission that we train so hard for. This is where we send our people into harm's way.

If you are deploying, regardless of where, keep your heads up and your eyes open. This is not routine, and should not be treated as such. You have been trained well to perform your duties in a safe and efficient manner. You are now tasked with executing those duties in an operational environment, accomplishing the mission during our rotation vulnerability period, and returning with all personnel and equipment safe and accounted for. Good luck and Godspeed.

If you are not deploying, you are not out of the tunnel either. We have people and things deployed, and there will undoubtedly be calls for support in the quest of mission accomplish-

ment. There is no time to rest until all of our people, and all of our equipment is back on the property. Once we have completed this mission and everyone has returned safely, we will be able to catch our breath and don our sunglasses as we finally emerge from this tunnel.

While all this training and inspecting and deploying has been going on, we have somehow still found some time to give to the community effort. Unit members have given up their time to support events such as Memorial Day celebrations, Race For The Cure, the Boilermaker, the State Fair, Watkins Glen race, and many others too numerous to name. These events are extremely important to the 174th for a number of reasons. First and foremost, they are community events, and we are part of the community. It is incumbent upon us as neighbors to help improve the quality of life in the community in which our Wing is located. Remember that support is a two-way street, and that the local communities support us in many ways also. Remember, also, that every time a 174th FW member supports a local event, especially in uniform, it helps our positive standing in the community, and it doesn't hurt our recruiting efforts, either.

Let me close this month by thanking all of you for the outstanding ef-



Colonel Anthony Basile
174th FW, Vice Commander

fort you have put forth for the 174th FW. Whether deploying or supporting from home, preparing for inspection or serving on an honor guard detail for a World War II veteran's funeral, your commitment to this Wing is both obvious and appreciated.



174th Fighter Wing Vision and Mission Statements



Vision Statement

Our Vision is a world class fighter wing comprised of diverse individuals empowered to meet all challengers, and win. We accept nothing less.

Mission Statement

Provide combat ready personnel, aircraft, and equipment prepared for world wide deployment. To deter or attack and destroy enemy surface and airborne forces in support of joint operations; and to support civil authorities at the direction of the governor.

Key Results Area

**Readiness: Equipment-Training-People
Effective use of People and Resources
Environmental and Compliance Awareness**



Chaplain's Corner

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) R. Paul Mathis, 174th FW



Tragedy

In March, the Army National Guard lost 18 members of one of its Civil Engineering Red Horse units in an aircraft accident in Virginia. I am sure you can imagine the terrible pain, grief and loss that a tragedy such as this can cause many people. In fact, the loss of those 18 people represented one-tenth of that unit's total membership.

An important issue that arose out of this terrible tragedy was the fact that many of the soldiers who were killed did not have their DD Forms 93 (Emergency Data Form) up to date. This form lists important information about you and who should be informed in case of an emergency or death.

For the Commanders and Chaplains who were involved in responding to this incident, it was a nightmare trying to notify next of kin and family loved ones

because many DD Forms 93 were out of date or had wrong information.

My question to all of us is Who gets cheated? or Who gets hurt? when we do not pay attention to basic information in reference to our loved ones.

Can you imagine one of your loved ones not knowing if you were on that airplane because you did not put down the right information on your DD Form 93? Or worse yet, if you omitted important information, notification to your loved ones may be delayed.

Two examples of the pain that can result from such omissions come to mind from this air crash. In one instance, it took ten days to notify a wife of her husband's loss because he put his girlfriend's name down instead of his wife as next of kin. In another instance, a father found out about his son's death on public television because the DD Form 93 was not filled out properly.

Please don't let this happen to you! Remember, we all leave behind loved ones when we deploy. Make sure your DD Form 93 is up to date and has correct information. You



Lt. Col. R. Paul Mathis

truly could save your loved ones from a great deal of embarrassment and hurt if you take care of this simple, but most important, issue.

I strongly encourage you to stop by Military Personnel Flight (MPF) in the Wing Headquarters (Bldg. 174) to update your DD Form 93. The MPF is here for our best interests and to assist us with our most basic needs - caring and love.

FOD Fighter Award goes to Staff Sgt. Marc Dwyer

The Foreign Object Damage (FOD) Fighter of the Quarter Award is presented to an individual who shows FOD awareness both in and around their work area, has made outstanding contributions to the FOD Prevention Program, and has given overall support to the Wing FOD Prevention Program.

In order for an individual to be considered for this award, their accomplishments and/or contributions must be sub-

mitted in the form of a letter or nomination form to the FOD NCOIC. The final decision on who receives the award rests with the FOD Committee, which meets bi-monthly and decides which of the nominees has made the greatest contribution to FOD prevention.

The FOD Fighter of the Quarter Award for the second quarter of 2001 has been awarded to Staff Sgt. Marc Dwyer. While doing an inspection of an aircraft

LRU rack, Sgt. Dwyer found a 7 1/2 " screwdriver lodged inside a cut-out section of the compartment. This is an exceptional find, since this tool does not belong to the 174th FW; it is believed that it was left in the aircraft during a visit to depot. For his contribution to FOD prevention, Sgt. Dwyer will receive a \$50.00 U.S. Savings Bond and a FOD Fighter plaque. If you see Sgt. Dwyer, please congratulate him on a job well done!

Latest Updates on the Government Travel Card Program

New Administrative Fee: You can pay your Bank of America bill by telephoning the bank and having money electronically transferred from your checking or savings account to the bank. While this is a good way to pay the bill "just in the nick of time", the bank will soon be assessing a \$10 administrative fee if you use this payment method. This fee is non-reimbursable.

Card Receipt Verification and Account Activation: Of the 1,211 account holders supported by the Wing, 307 have not verified receipt of their cards and activated their accounts. When members receive the credit card in the mail, it is critical they call the toll-free number on the card and activate the account. Doing so ensures your card works when you go TDY. We have en-

countered an increasing number of cases where members are TDY and "their card won't work" because they have not activated it. If the member doesn't verify receipt and activate the account when it is received, they will not only have to call the bank to activate, but also contact Senior Master Sgt. Judy Van Wie at 454-6484, Agency Program Coordinator.

We Need You!

By Master Sgt. Rita Scheirer, 152nd AOG, All Services Club Membership Committee

The officers and board of directors invite all 174th Alumni to become members of the 174th All Services Club. All of us with military service know that the Service Club system exists for the purpose of morale and esprit-de-corps. Socializing with comrades in arms has benefits upon which we cannot put a price. As the 174th is the only active Services Club within fifty miles, you could on any given evening enjoy the company and "old war stories" of anyone from World War I to present service, with members from any of the branches of the Department of Defense and foreign services.

We have been informed that the Club facility will be required to relocate this year. As the Club is a Not-For Profit, Non-Appropriated Fund activity, the Department of Defense and USAF cannot fund any expenses involved in the move, beyond supplying the shell, basic heat and water support systems associated with the new facility. Your \$10.00 membership to the 174th All Services Club will go far toward keeping a Services Club alive at Hancock Field.

We are a fully reciprocating service Club. This means we gratefully accept the business of any other member Service Clubs. Although this reciprocal service is at the mercy of each Base or Post Club Manager, our members enjoy the benefits of active and reserve Air Force, Army, and Navy Officer and Enlisted Clubs around the world! Should our card ever not be accepted at a military service Club, we ask that you inform us as soon as possible. The Club office is (315) 454-6200.

What about other benefits? The 174th All Services Club allows members to lease the facility for private parties and community functions. We have special events throughout the year in which our members enjoy specific discounts. Among others, the Club has sponsored events to include Super Bowl parties, Pig Roasts, Steak-Bakes, Volleyball Tournaments, and Holiday parties. There is a Tuesday night shuffleboard league during the winter months. We have events scheduled almost every Drill weekend. You have probably already enjoyed the meeting of the 174th Alumni Association on the third Thurs-

day of each month at the Club. As a 174th All Services Club member, you'll never pay a cover charge, and will enjoy some of the lowest refreshment prices you'll find anywhere!

The Club is open at 1630 hours nightly, except when the 174th Fighter Wing has a "down" Friday. The Club is closed on those Fridays and on non-UTA weekends. Bar supervisor Tech. Sgt. Darryl Elkie can be contacted for a calendar/schedule. He is also your contact should you wish to book the Club facility for a party. Darryl is located in the Weapons shop at (315) 454-6461, Mon. through Fri., 0730 to 1600 hours. If you ever have any questions, or if we can be of any service, please feel free to also call either the Club office (315) 454-6200, or myself at (315) 454-6606. Thank you for your support and welcome to the Club!

TO APPLY, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING AND SEND WITH \$10.00 CHECK, MADE PAYABLE TO THE "174TH FW ALL SERVICES CLUB", OR BRING IT WITH YOU ON YOUR NEXT CLUB VISIT!

NAME:		UNIT:
RANK:	OFFICE SYMBOL:	DUTY PHONE:

The Education and Training Office has initiated a resource center for our members. This resource center, located in the Education and Training Office in the Wing Headquarters building, has information available about college scholarships, DANTES/CLEP tests, Regents college tests, distance learning courses and Community College of the Air Force requirements.

Of special interest, we also have study guides for the ASVAB tests, the officer candidate tests and the emergency medical technician examination. Our Scholastic Resource Network scholarship

News from the Education and Training Office



program is currently available for use on the computers located in our testing room.

We receive a substantial amount of new information each month. In order to meet the needs of our members, we have centralized our research area and added many new items of interest.

A member of the Wing Training and Education Office will be available to answer your questions or to assist you in any way. Please call (315) 454-6147, 6148 or 6409 for an appointment.

Armed Forces Day



Boil



174th FW Annual

By Maj. Kate Vaughn

As I look back over the past year, I am again amazed at the number of community events supported by the Wing, despite our high operational tempo. During 2000, I tracked over 450 requests. What's even more amazing is that this year (with 5+ months remaining), we have already received over 330 requests!

The more visible we are in our community, the more phone calls and requests we receive. This heightened awareness has a positive impact on our unit and can improve many areas, including our recruiting and our rapport with local employers.

My challenge to you is to continue to find the proper balance of commitment to your family, community and the Air Guard. Your community successes continue to speak volumes. The photos surrounding this page are just a small representation of the many outstanding events we have been involved in this year.

Starting in the upper left, you can see a photo of our Joint Color Guard, under the direction of 1st Lt. Ed Cook, proudly displaying The Colors during a rainy Armed



State Fair



Galaxy



aker

Children at Work Day



The Community

FW, Community Manager

forces Day Celebration at P&C Stadium. Immediately under this photo, you can catch a glimpse of our State Air Surgeon, Dr. Shah, who threw out the game ball and holds is 174th Fighter Wing baseball cap high.

In the top center of this page, unit members are seen supporting this years Boilermaker Road Race. In addition, our unit impressed the crowd with a flyover and recruiting exhibit. In the upper right corner, you can see our munitions experts teaching children of unit members during our annual "Take Your Child to Work Day".

To the right, photos highlight our first "Flying Field Day" with our Partner School, Roberts Elementary, as well as several base tours. Under these photos, our Base Honor Guard marches tall in the Oswego Parade. In the bottom center of the page, one of our Galaxy Aerospace education classes proudly displays their completed rockets during graduation ceremonies.

The remaining photos in the left corner represent our static display, exhibit tent and children's face painting during the New York State Fair.



Program



Oswego Parade


UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
FOOD SERVICE

SATURDAY BBQ CHICKEN CORN ON THE COB SALT POTATOES SALAD BAR FAST FOOD LINE	SUNDAY SUB SANDWICHES MACARONI SALAD POTATO SALAD FAST FOOD ICE CREAM
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Meal Counters: Report at 1000
Saturday CES Sunday LSF



August UTA
Pay Date:
22 August 2001



Next UTA 8-9 September 2001



Zeros Take Volleyball Tournament

The 8th Annual Volleyball Tournament, held during the July drill at the All Services Club, was won by the Zeros team. The team consisted of Maintenance and Public Affairs officers playing together for the first time. A total of eight teams participated in this year's tournament, run by Master Sgt. Tom Lathrop. Upon besting the rest of the field, team captain Nick Lotito was philosophical, "the Zeros showed that we represent more than the sum of our parts. Our game plan was simple: bump, distribute and spike the ball. After losing an early game to Security Forces, we never looked back."

Front, L to R: 2nd Lt. Nick Lotito, 1st Lt. Jeff Brown
Back: Capt. Jim Oaksford, Maj. John Balbierer, Capt. Mike Brunner



L to R: Senior Airman Louise Cage,
Staff Sgt. Ruth Taber

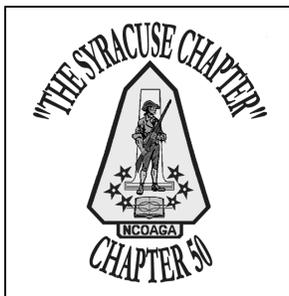
New Look in the Dining Facility

If you ate in the dining facility during the July UTA, you may have noticed the Services members have a new look. The Air Force has changed over to an official chef's uniform for all Food Service members, and it applies to the Air National Guard as well. The uniform consists of a white chef's jacket with the member's name embroidered on it and dark blue pants. Stop in and check it out. We're proud of our new look!



Senior Airman Scott Childress

174th Fighter Wing Dining Out



Chapter 50, the Chief's Council, the Enlisted Council and the First Sergeant's Council have rescheduled the Second Annual Wing Dining-out for Saturday, 13 October 2001 in the Wing Dining Facility. A cocktail hour is planned for 1800-1830. The dinner hour will be between 1830 and 2030. Cost of the event will be determined as soon as a caterer has been selected, but we anticipate the cost will be between \$10 for Junior Enlisted members, and \$15 for Top Three NCO's and Officers.

Maximum seating capacity of the Dining Facility is 175 people. Attendance is open to all members of the 174th FW, 152nd AOG, 274th ASOS, and the 174th Alumni, on a "First Come, First Sign-up" basis.

The dress for the affair is as follows: Mess Dress Uniform for Officers, Mess Dress or Semi-Formal Dress Uniform for Enlisted members, and Formal Evening Wear or Business Dress Attire for civilian guests.

The guest speaker for the event is the Chief Master Sgt. James C. Hatchell. Chief Hatchell is the Chief of Recruiting Operations for the Air National Guard.

We are also looking for volunteers to work the following committees: Kitchen Set-up/Food Prep (POC: Services); Kitchen Clean-up (POC: Chief's Council); Entertainment Committee (POC: Enlisted Council); Hall Set-up & Clean-up Committees (POC: First Sergeant's Council); Honor Guard (POC: Master Sgt. Mark Graham); Protocol (POC: Maj.. Vaughan); Publicity Committee (POC: 1st Lt. Brown). Please contact Senior Master Sgt. Gianetto, Master Sgt. Farley, Master Sgt. Tom Lathrop, Chief Master Sgt. Potter, or Command Chief Master Sgt. Mosley if you are interested in working on any of these committees

Anyone needing miniature medals, devices, or miniature medal holders for your mess dress uniform may contact Master Sgt. Farley at 454-6699 or Senior Master Sgt. Gianetto at 454-6404. There will be an order placed for these items on 15 September 2001 to ensure they arrive in time for the Dining-out. Don't wait to identify your requirements.

Last years event was a very enjoyable affair and we anticipate this years Dining-out to be just as enjoyable.

I plan to attend the Wing Dining Out on 13 October 2001

GRADE:

NAME:

UNIT:

NUMBER OF GUESTS (COUNT YOURSELF)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: CHAPTER 50, ANG NCOAGA

Please return this form to MSgt Jeremia Farley, 174th Logistics Support Flight/LGLP As Soon as possible, but NLT 4 October 2001, to allow us to get a head count of those attending.

SPONSORSHIP: Senior NCO's and Officers are encouraged to sponsor a Junior Enlisted member.

THE MAXIMUM SEATING CAPACITY OF THE WING DINING FACILITY IS 175 PEOPLE. ATTENDANCE IS OPEN TO ALL CURRENT MEMBERS OF THE 174TH FW, 152ND AOG, 274TH ASOS, & THE 174TH ALUMNI ON A "FIRST COME - FIRST SIGN-UP" BASIS.

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In our continuing effort to improve the quality of the EnGarde, please take a few moments to fill out this brief readership survey. **Completed surveys should be torn out or copied and returned to:**

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Alumni News

By Chief Master Sgt. (Ret) Jim Monroe, 174th FW, Alumni Association President

We first want to apologize for the lack of an Alumni page in last month's issue of the EnGarde. The Wing's need for additional space to cover forthcoming deployments mandated that we relinquish the space normally devoted to the Alumni News.

New Officer

We are pleased to announce that Rita Scheirer was recently appointed our new Alumni Secretary. Rita, a former member of the 174th and currently a member of the 152nd AOG, graciously volunteered her services to fill the remainder of Art Blankman's term of office until new elections can be held in September. Rita's appointment was approved by the Board of Directors on 12 July 01.

All Services Club

If you remember, back in the June issue of the Alumni News, we made a special appeal for Alumni members to support the All Services Club in their effort to raise the money that will be needed when the club is moved to Building 614. The initial response was very good. Not only did a number of people join the club, but also others made some very impressive donations.

Normally, we do not support fundraising activities, but the All Services Club has been a good friend and has supported us since our inception. They still have a long way to go in their fundraising before they attain their goal. So if you haven't yet contributed, and feel you would still like to, the opportunity is still there. Yearly membership is only \$10.00. If you decide to join or would just like to help out with a donation, send your check to the 174th All Services Club, 6001 E. Molloy Rd, Bldg 740, Syracuse, NY 13211-7099. Include your name, address, organization (174th Alumni), and telephone number. Make checks payable to the "174th All Services Club", or if you'd like, you may also drop off your dues or donation

the next time you visit the club.

Memorial Service

It seems like a long time ago, but we do want to mention that a memorial service was held on May 30th at Alumni Park honoring the deceased members of the 174th Fighter Wing. This is the 2nd year in a row that the base has honored its deceased comrades. Approximately 50 people attended the ceremony, including Alumni and active members of the Wing. It was a solemn occasion with the reading of the script, placing of a wreath, taps being played and the



"Arrival of Snoopy, 1971"

L to R: Paul Jennings, Bill Currier, Jim Shanahan, Unknown, Dave Frachetti, Bill Slattery and Charlie Butterfield.

Honor Guard presenting a gun salute. We can't thank the members of the 174th Honor Guard enough for this show of remembrance of those that served with honor our state and our nation.

Taps

Bruce R. Brummitt, died 2 Feb 01 in Latrobe, PA. Bruce was one of the original 138th members, first assigned to the 138th Base Weather Station then prior to leaving, worked in the Intelligence Section.

Richard J. Harroun, died 14 Jun 97. Dick was assigned to the Intelligence Section from 51-53.

Donald P.(Butch) Houde, died 2 Jun 01 at the age of 64. Butch was assigned to the Security Police section. He married one of our favorite nurses Rena Graziadei.

Sidney J. Stolusky, died 4 Jun 01 at

the age of 71. Sid served in Base Supply from 1966 until 1969. He was the brother of Bernie Stolusky, who worked in Crash Rescue for many years.

Donald E. Wood, died 20 May 01 at the age of 67. Don retired from the unit in 1993 after 31 years of service. He worked in various sections throughout his career, first in the Engine Shop, then Crash Rescue and finally the Medics.

New/Re-instated Members

Ed Andrews, Jim Bell, Ron Jones, Willard Jones, Ed McHale

More News & Trivia

* In case you haven't heard, Manny Pereira and John Traino have been added to the retirement rolls. Both were to retire as O-6 Colonels, but leave it to our former Chief of Maintenance to go one better, as he somehow managed a brevet promotion to Brigadier, retiring as a One Star. During the same retirement ceremony, Brigadier General James C. Burdick, former 174th Commander, also received a brevet promotion to Major General. Our congratulations and best wishes to each of them.

* Three others that retired a little while ago, but only recently had a retirement party were Jack Grosso, Jim Mirra, and Don Piscitell. Their combined retirement party was held on the 8th of June at Barbagallos. It was a great party; one that they will remember for a long time to come.

* This month's Comrel Luncheon is on the 29th beginning at 12:00 noon in the dining hall. Doors open at 11:30AM. Cost is \$7.25 per person and the guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Charlie Savage, Regional Representative for Lockheed Martin.

Next Meeting

Thursday, August 16, 2001, at 7:00 PM in the Base All Service Club. Snacks and drinks will be served. Come on out, we'd love to see you.

Korean War Dinner

The Korean War Veterans Association and
the 174th Fighter Wing

Invite you to a dinner honoring the contributions of the
United States Air Force to the Korean War

Keynote Speaker: Maj. Gen. Nels Running, USAF (Ret)
Executive Director, DoD 50th Anniversary of the
Korean War Commemoration Committee,
Washington, D.C.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2001, 6 p.m.
174th FW Dining Facility

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