

RED EAGLES NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY



Reunion Update:

As previously announced, the next Red Eagle Reunion will be held 8-11 September 2016 in Dayton, Ohio. The main dinner will be Saturday, 10 September at the National Museum of the United States Air Force (NMUSAF) "Under the Wings" in the Modern Flight Area. Due to the large number of aviation related attractions in the Dayton area (including the NMUSAF and many Wright Brothers related historical attractions), this reunion is scheduled for 4 days instead of the usual 3 days of previous reunions. Please save those dates and plan to attend. It should be a memorable event. We hope to see you there.

Also, in the next few days, we will be sending out a "Reunion Attendance Survey" in order to help us estimate how many rooms to initially reserve at the host hotel. Tentative agenda and costs along with a list of some of the aviation related attractions will be included. Please review this survey and send a response to the e-mail address provided in the next 2-3 weeks.

Ted Drake

The Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB

The following is a reprint of an email sent out to the Red Eagles on January 21, 2015. All the information below is still current and it would be nice to see some Red Eagles items on display at our next reunion.

The planning process for the 2016 Reunion to be held at Dayton OH on the weekend of 10 Sep 2016 is progressing nicely, thanks to Ted 'Gabby' Drake. It is hoped

that the reunion will include the unveiling of a Red Eagle Exhibit at the Air Force Museum, Wright-Patterson AFB. It is our understanding that, due to earlier efforts by several Red Eagles, our program is included in their list of future displays; but, as of this writing, we are unsure of the planned time-frame. To that end, our historian, Gail 'Evil' Peck has initiated additional contact with museum officials to indicate our desired timing and to determine the feasibility of making it happen by the reunion. One thing we do know, however, is that without 'stuff' to display, there cannot be a display!! So, to ensure that there is 'stuff', Red Eagles need to provide it. Neena Wright has corresponded with the Museum and her point of contact sent her the following methodology to follow if you have something to contribute. **IMPORTANT** - do not assume you have things that are redundant or 'unworthy of display' - the museum folks will sort that out. You will be surprised - that which we might consider as trivial, they might consider exceptional!

Neena's correspondence included the following:

"Please have any individual wishing to donate send an email to:

NationalMuseum.Donations@us.af.mil

with the subject line of "Red Eagle Artifacts ."

Include any background information about the items and their relation to the "Red Eagles". In addition, please include a digital image or two of each

Editor's Column:

The 4th of July is upon us and time to celebrate!

- Make plans to celebrate the 4th. Make sure to clean and check the grill. Refill the propane tank or buy enough charcoal.
- When going camping, make a list of all the things you'll need. Don't forget the first aid kit and jumper cables. Let someone know where you are going and when you'll be back.
- Don't forget to fly the flag.
- Enjoy this time with family and friends. Please don't drink and drive or forget to take rest stops while on long road trips.
- You can submit your stories or roster updates by emailing them to: 4477redeagles@gmail.com
- Or, mail to:
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item. Our collections committee will review all offers and decide what items to consider for retention in the National Collection. Please understand that due to museum policy we can never guarantee that any items donated will be placed on exhibit. However, even if they are not placed on exhibit we look forward to enhancing our study collection, which is used to further research on the "Red Eagles" and their place in the history of the United States Air Force."

Your correspondence with the museum should include, as a minimum, the following information:

- a. Donor's (your) name and the rank you held when you retired/separated
- b. Donor's phone number and email
- c. Donor's address
- d. Donor's timeframe with the Red Eagles
- e. Describe/Provide background information on the item or items and their relation to the Red Eagles
- f. Include a couple of digital pictures of the item(s)
- g. Send to:

NationalMuseum.Donations@us.af.mil with a subject line of: Red Eagle Artifacts

h. Download, fill out and save to your computer the PDF file "Donation Provenance Worksheet writeable" attachment with this newsletter email, fill it out and attach it to your email

Remember this is a Red Eagle effort and you are reading this because you are a Red Eagle! Stuff is needed and the sooner it gets to the museum folks, the better!! Please be part of the effort!!

The Red Eagles Alumni Association



Events for the Month of July

From Gail Peck:

Joe Lee Burns (original aggressor and MiG-21 pilot before Constant Peg), Rob Zettel and I will be in Minneapolis–Saint Paul, MN for AirExpo 15 at the Flying Cloud Airport in Eden Prairie on 11 and 12 Jul. They are having a banquet and seminar the night of 12 Jul and the three of us will make a presentation about the evolution of air-to-air training (including MiG operations) as a part of the seminar. Tickets are required for the airport exhibits and for the banquet. <http://airexpo-mn.org/> Banquet tickets may be sold out, Inquire at 952-746-6100

Also I will be giving the MiG talk at AirVenture15 in the Hilton Theater in the Experimental Aircraft Association museum in Oshkosh, WI on 22 Jul. Time is 2:30-3:45 PM. No charge except for entry to the EAA AirVenture15 and for parking. <http://www.gaillardpeck.com>

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