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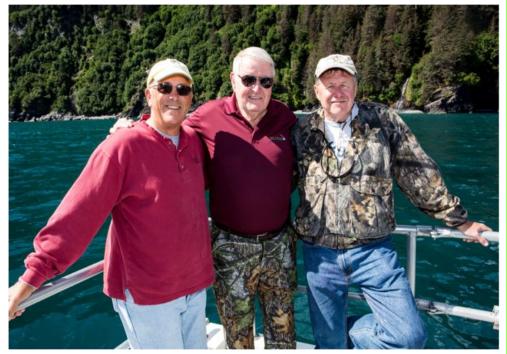
#### 2016 Reunion Update

I recently returned from the 91 TFS Reunion up at the National Museum of the Air Force in Dayton Ohio which is where we will be holding our reunion next September 8-11. I now have a pretty good feel for how this thing will go and who will be helping us make it happen. The Hotel contract is being finalized and will probably be signed within the next month or so. When that happens, we will begin sending out regular e-mails (approximately 1 per month). The first one will deal primarily with the hotel (costs, reservation procedures, etc.). Shortly after the first of the year, we will begin accepting checks. This truly will be a unique experience that everyone will remember for a long time. I hope to see you there.

Ted Drake

2016 Reunion Planner

#### Red Eagle Commanders Decimate Alaska's Silver Salmon Population!



The silver salmon population in Alaska's Resurrection Bay suffered a severe reduction during the last week of July. Three Red Eagle Commanders - Earl 'Obi' Henderson, Jack Manclark, and Mike Scott – were part of a 10 fisherman contingent determined to be responsible for this occurrence!



9-11, Fourteen Years Later.

# Never Forget!

#### Editor's Column:

Fall has arrived and it's time to prepare for Winter weather ahead.

- We're not getting any younger so make a to-do list before the first freeze. Don't forget to fertilize the lawn, put the Summer patio items in the shed or garage and drain and put away the garden hose.
- Make sure the temperature rating of your car's antifreeze meets the low temps for your area, put the snow tires on and if your battery is over 5 years old, you might want to think about replacing it.
- Break out your Winter coats and take them to the cleaners or wash them if needed.
- You can submit your stories or roster updates by emailing them to: 4477redeagles@gmail.com
- Or, mail to: Ben Galloway 3732 Bar 10 Road Calhan, CO 80808



Operating out of Seward, AK, the group fished four days and reached their fishing limits by early afternoon each day and their gastrointestinal limits were normally met by early evening! Evidence also indicated the halibut population was affected!

#### Museum of the United States Air Force

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 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 (s) and their relation to the Red Eagles
- f. Include a couple of digital pictures of the item(s)
- g. Send to: <u>NationalMuseum.Donations@us.af.miL</u> with a subject line of: Red Eagle Artifacts
- h. Download, fill out and save to your computer the attached PDF file "Donation Provenance Worksheet writeable" below, 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

#### AirExpo 15

Joe Lee Burns (original aggressor and MiG-21 pilot before Constant Peg), Rob Zettel and Gail Peck were in Minneapolis –Saint Paul, MN for AirExpo 15 at the Flying Cloud Airport in Eden Prairie on 11 and 12 July. They was a banquet and seminar on the night of 12 July and the three of them gave a presentation about the evolution of air-to-air training (including MiG operations) as a part of the seminar.

Gail Peck also gave the MiG talk at AirVenture15 in the Hilton Theater in the Experimental Aircraft Association museum in Oshkosh, WI on 22 July.

