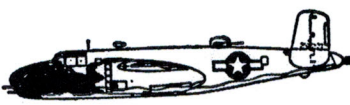




501st BOMB SQUADRON UPDATE



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Please take a moment to THINK and try to imagine the emotions of the members of the 345th Bomb Group who are fortunate enough to attend the Dedication of the Memorial Monument at the Air Force Museum during the reunion in Columbus, Ohio! The ceremony and unveiling of the monument is scheduled for Friday morning, September 7th, and we're looking forward to a crisp, clear Fall day for the ceremony --complete with a "fly-over" salute.

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	Carved Beef Baked Ham
Salads _____	
	Three Bean Salad Cole Slaw
Starch _____	
	Whipped Potatoes with AuJus Gravy
Vegetables _____	
	Buttered Corn
	Buffet includes rolls and butter Coffee or tea
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There have been a number of inquiries about the availability of Air Apache caps, shirts or jackets. Artistic Abilities here in San Bernardino made them before, so I got a current price from them. Brown caps, with a white front and the Apache colors would be \$4.00 each. It will cost \$1.50 for me to package and ship one. (In the event costs are a little less we'll put it in the Squadron fund. If you want a cap or a His and Hers duo, send a check (\$5.50 each) to my wife, Virginia Bosworth, before July 15th and you should get your caps before August 1st.

They will make a separate four inch patch to put on a jacket or shirt for only \$2.00 - it's too large for a cap. Brown shirts with pockets with the Air Apache on it would be \$15.00, and lined jackets would be \$23.00. There's a minimum order on these, so if you're interested let Virginia know, and the size.



FINDING CURRENT ADDRESSES TAKES TIME

It has been suggested we ask Jerry Murphy to tell us at the Squadron dinner just how he tracked down the current addresses for 250 men from the 345th Bomb Group. That would give us an opportunity to applaud his persistence. The only thing he has said so far is that he gave up television and other hobbies for three years to make time for this accomplishment. During that time it was Jerry and Jones Burson who kept the Reunion Association going and growing. If we had 8 more men in the Group with that kind of dedication we would know the whereabouts of a lot more of the almost 3,000 men unaccounted for.

A roster is enclosed with the latest addresses of over 300 members of the 501st Squadron. Anyone knowing the current address of others who should be included on this list PLEASE get in touch with Al Bosworth.

How many people on the list have YOU encouraged to be in Columbus at Reunion time? The 501st always plans to have the most people there - just a little rivalry among the Squadrons. Rumor has it we already have 53 men registered at the hotel.

We have attempted to keep a list of the Known Deceased, and if you know of any names to be added to this list please let Al Bosworth know. It would be very helpful if you would also let him know how you learned about it.

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"WE BAND OF BROTHERS" will complement your well worn "WARPATH" and it's only \$15.95!

LET US HEAR FROM YOU

The 501st Squadron has money in the fund for mailing, because at the time of the 1982 Reunion about one quarter of the men on the mailing list made a small contribution to defray such costs. Before that time the Squadron had no treasury.

Printing costs and postage rates keep increasing. Printing of the updated roster is the one largest printing item. Many of the men appreciate the roster, but there are still over 200 people out there who have never responded. It's time to say 'If we still haven't heard from them indicating a desire to remain on the mailing list by the time of the Reunion their names will remain on the roster, but removed from the mailing list.' Fair enough?