

THE CHAMBLEY AIR BASE, FRANCE REUNION

April 26 - 28, 1994

Sands Hotel

Las Vegas, Nevada



Approximately September, 1954. Still a lot of work to be done says Lt. Col. Charles J. Hoey, commanding the 7002nd Air Base Squadron on the new Chambley Base to Col. Robert R. Rowland, 21st Fighter Bomber Wing Commander, on an inspection tour from George AFB, Calif. Base Tower is in the background.

21ST FIGHTER BOMBER WING

7122ND TACTICAL FIGHTER WING

25TH TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE WING

7367TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP

(INCLUDING ASSIGNED & ATTACHED UNITS)

1953 - 1967

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TO: REUNION ATTENDEES

As the Reunion Director for our CHAMBLEY AIR BASE REUNION, I sincerely hope that all of us have a GREAT TIME at our 1994 reunion in Las Vegas. Since Chambley Air Base was activated on December 13, 1954, this year marks the Fortieth Anniversary of the bases's official opening. That was a long time ago, but many of us were there and we still have numerous memories of that period.

I believe that we had a very successful first combined Chambley reunion in Atlanta in May of 1992, but this one is expected to be bigger and better. I started my efforts to contact Chambley people in early 1991, and by reunion time in 1992 we had over 200 contacts. My personal goal afterwards was to double the number of contacts for this reunion, and I am proud to report that we have nearly 500 contacts as of this date. My personal thanks to many of you for your help in this regard. We also found people through the Air Force worldwide locator, computer searches, notices in veteran publications, and through press releases. We have gotten the attention of a lot of people through these efforts, and I think that our next goal is to assure that CHAMBLEY AIR BASE, FRANCE is the best known of the American Air Bases and military installations in that country. With this effort, I don't think that Chambley Air Base will be forgotten for a long time.

I am especially grateful to Dutch Manuel who has served as Site Coordinator in Las Vegas. Both he and Rod Wood have helped me immensely from Las Vegas. I am thankful also to my wife Carolyn for her help with many tasks here at home. The Sands Hotel has been marvelous in assisting us with our planning. Therefore, a special thanks goes to Lana Costello (their National Sales Manager), her able assistant (Ginny Askren), and Antonio Rodriguez (Director of Catering). The Sands entire staff has been superb.

Sincerely,



CHARLES R. "CHUCK" TIMMS
Reunion Director

CHAMBLEY AIR BASE REUNION BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In early 1991, Charles R. "Chuck" Timms, began his efforts to try to locate members of his outfit at Chambley Air Base during the period 1954 - 1957. Timms arrived at Chambley around 8 September 1954, and was assigned to the 7002nd Air Base Squadron as an A/2C. The 7002nd Air Base Sq was absorbed into the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing in December 1954 after the 21st Wing arrived at Chambley from George AFB, California. Timms was assigned to the 21st Air Police Squadron where he initially worked in the Pass and Registration Section. He was assigned to the Provost Marshal's Office soon afterwards, and he worked there until May 1957 when he returned to the states for discharge.

Timms placed articles in the Air Force Magazine, the Air Force Times, and in other Veteran publications, and he immediately started receiving responses from Chambley people who were assigned during the period 1954 until 1967 when the base closed for good when American forces were moved out of France. Because of the response and support from responders, a combined Chambley Air Base reunion was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, during the period May 22-25, 1992. Most of the attendees were from the 21st Fighter Bomber Wing. However, there were a few members from other units like the 7002nd Air Base Squadron, the 25th TRW, Detachment 12, Atlantic Air Rescue Center, 2183rd AACS Squadron, etc. Attendees/contacts were there before and after the 21st Wing. We had 161 people at that reunion. That number included military personnel and their spouses and children. We had approximately 225 single and multi family member contacts on our listing in May 1992.

Because of the response and enthusiasm, it was decided at the reunion business meeting that another Chambley reunion would be planned in conjunction with the "Sabre Pilot's Assn." Reunion which was being planned for 1994 in Las Vegas. It was further agreed that members will voluntarily pay \$20 annually for dues for operations and reunion planning; and that if interest continued, a formal association would be set up at the next reunion.

Chuck Timms has continued to act as the Secretary-Treasurer and as the Reunion Director. "Dutch" Manuel agreed to assist as the reunion site coordinator for Las Vegas. Timms has continued to locate Chambley people (military, civilian, and dependent) from all units and all periods. He has also collected dues and issued periodic bulletins and contact listings. His methodology of finding people included information from members; letters that he personally wrote and some that he prepared for others to the AFMPC Worldwide Locator; paid computer searches; announcements in Veteran publications and press releases. As of April 1994, nearly 500 contacts are included in the Chambley Contact Listing and a record is kept on those that have been reported as deceased. Until September 1992, the contact listing included a brief biography on all contacts. Since then, because of cost of printing and postage, an abbreviated version has been sent periodically to all members with an update (addendum) with each bulletin. The Contact Listing has two Sections. Section I includes contacts and Section II is a listing of members reported as deceased.

ATTENDEES REGISTERED AT SECOND CHAMBLEY AIR BASE REUNION

APRIL 26-28, 1994

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

ADAMS, Charles/Carole (416 FBS)
ARMSTRONG, W.C./Sandra (7367 CSG)
ASKEW, Eddie/Elaine (21st TAC Hosp)
AUGER, Gerald/Nancy (21 FMS/531 FBS)
BARRY, Don/Anita (21st Inst. Sq)
BATSON, Ken/Ann (21 FMS)
BELL, Paul/Helen (72 FBS/416 FBS/Hq 21st Wg)
BEMIS, Jim/Esther (21st Inst. Sq/Fire Dept)
BLANCHARD, Elton/Nicole (416 FBS)
BOSCH, George/Joyce (21st TA Hosp)
BOSWORTH, Al/Joyce (Hq 21st FBG)
BRADFORD, John (531st FBS)
BROOME, Paul (21st FMS)
BRAUN, Louis (72 FBS)
CARLSON, Leif/Mary (72nd FBS)
CARTER, George/Elaine (416 FBS)
CASADA, Bonnie (72 FBS). Also Penny Cassada/Dau & Stan Love
CAYER, Pete/Nancy (21st ABGp). Also Kitty Cayer/Dau
CHANDLER, Charles/Rita (72 FBS)
COCKREL, Bob/Carolyn (416 FBS)
COLLINS, Mike/Pat (72nd FBS)
CONANT, Norm/Barbara (531st FBS)
CRAFT, Lessie (21st Sup Sq)
CREEL, Wm/Lillian (416 FBS)
CROSS, John/Ethel (Hq 21st FBW)
CUMMINGS, Bob/Gladys (21st AP Sq/Hq 21st ABGp)
CURRY, Bettie (72nd FBS)
CURTIS, Carle (21st/7002 Hosp)
DAVIS, Dan/Mickey (21st AP Sq)
DEDINAS, Joe/Sandra (21st FMS)
DIXON, Don/Lola (416th FBS)
DOAN, Robert D. (21st Inst. Sq/Fire Dept)
DOBYNS, Alice (72nd FBS)
DOBYNS, Bob (72nd FBS)
DODENHOFF, George/Priscilla (416 FBS. USMC Exch. Off)
DORR, Robert "Bob" (Author)
DRAGE, Don/Rosalind (72nd FBS)
DUFFIELD, Ned/Ruth (531st FBS)
DUNN, J.D./Betty (72nd FBS)
FABRICIUS, Tom/Darlene (21st FMS)
FERGUSON, Bob/Ellie
FINCH, Bill/Huguette
FLANNIGAN, Ray/Linda (531st FBS/Hq 21st ABGp Base Flt)
FLETCHER, Robert/Anne (72nd FBS)
FRANKEL, Jackie (Daughter of Jack & Ann Peachey. Was Dependent Dau.
at Chambley

GALLOWAY, Ed (21st Sup Sq)
GIACCHI, Carmelo/Lorraine (21st FMS)
GLASS, Ilsie (21st FMS). Also, Marion Kesner/Dep Dau at Chambley
GRAFE, Harry/Marilyn (531st FBS)
GREVE, John/Jacqueline (21st Trans. Sq)
HAMLET, Russ/Betty (21st Inst. Sq) Others in party: Doyle/Judy MARTIN
HARRIS, Lee "Cowboy" (72nd FBS/416 FBS)
HARTMAN, Charlie/Vi (531st FBS)
HEINZMANN, Fred/Patricia (7122 TFW)
HEMM, Wayne/Ruth (72nd FBS)
HINCHMAN, Ed/Bea (21st FMS)
HOAGLAND, Ken/Norma (25th Trans. Sq)
HOCHHALTER, Roman/Donna (21st AP Sq/Hq 21st FBW) Others in Party:
Jim/Georgia LANDIS, Don/Dawn LANDIS, Ruben & Ernie LA
HOEY, Charlie/Gene (7002nd AB Sq/Hq 21st ABGp)
HOLLANDSWORTH, Vic/Bea (531st FBS/Hq 21st FBW)
HOLLIKER, Bob/Susan. Bob was teenager at Chambley in mid-60's.
HOPKINS, Bob/Ellen (21st FMS)
HUMPHRIES, Afton/Kathryn (21st Inst. Sq/Fire Dept)
JENKINS, Richard L.
KARABIAN, George (416 FBS)
KELLY, Bob (Flt A., 7373rd Sup Sq - earliest known mbr of Chambley)
KENDALL, George/Lometa (25th TRW)
KOCH, Ewald/Fern (531st FBS)
KRIEG, Bernie/Norma (21st FBW..Teachers at Chambley Dep. Elem. School)
KUCKLICK, Dick/Betty (72nd FBS/Hq 21st FBG)
LEWIS, Lloyd/Anne (72nd FBS)
MCBRAYER, Jim/Janet (531st FBS/Hq 21st FBW/Hq 21st FBG)
MCCALL, Harry A.
MCCAULEY, Ray/Lis (531 FBS/Hq 21st FBW)
MCCUTCHAN, Gene/Liz (Hq 21st FBG)
MCFEETERS, Jim/Nancy (416 FBS)
MCKELHEER, Jane Dobyngs. Was Dep Dau of Bob/Alice Dobyngs at Chambley
MANUEL, L.W. "Dutch"; (72nd FBS)
MARTIN, Jimmy K. (21st AP Sq)
MATHENY, Bill/Woodie (416 FBS)
MILLER, Horace "Whitey"/Katie (72nd FBS)
MORROW, Don/Theresia (531st FBS, Det 1, 21st FBW)
MORRIS, Quentin J. (72nd FBS). Also son (Quentin, Jr.)
NOOGER, Al/Cleo (531st FBS/Hq 21st FBW)
O'CONNOR, Clyde L. (21st Inst. Sq/Fire Dept.)
O'LEARY, Joe/Lil; (531st FBS)
OLDS, Ben/Kathryn (21st AP Sq)
OLSON, Norm/Jeanette (21st Inst. Sq)
PEACHEY, Jack/Ann (21st TAC Hospital). Also, Jackie Frankel/Dep Dau at
Chambley
PERRON, Rod (21st TAC Hospital)
PIECUCH, Joe/Janene (531st FBS)
POTTER, Harold/Nicole (21st Inst. Sq)
PRUETT, Ernest/June (Hq 21st ABGp)

RAMO, Joe/Maria (416 FBS)
 RHOADES, Ken "Dusty"/Rose (Hq 21st ABGp Base Flt)
 RIGAS, James/Anne (7367 CES)
 ROGERS, Lee/June (Gq 21st M&S Gp)
 SANCHEZ, Alfredo (Hq 21st FBW)
 SALMEIER, Dean/Carlene (531st FBS)
 SCHELL, Judy (72nd FBS)
 SCHOMER, Bill/Helen (21st Inst. Sq)
 SHAW, Vestus/Dot (531st FBS)
 SHEEHAN, John/Marilyn ((21st TAC Hospital)
 SILVER, Allan/Barbara (21st TAC Hospital)
 SISK, Bob (Hq 21st FBG)
 SLEDGE, Terry & Husband (Chuck). Terry is Dau of Wayne/Ruth HEMM &
 was Dependent Dau. at Chambley
 SMITH, Dick/Joyce (72nd FBS)
 SNOW, Evelyn (Hq 21st FBW)
 STEGALL, Roy "Duke"/Virginia (21st MVS/Hospital)
 STOKES, George/Maxine (7002nd ABSQ/21st Sup Sq)
 STUMPP, Loren V.
 TARSITANO, Pat (21st TAC Hospital)
 TATE, Lyndall/Anne (7002nd ABSq/21st FBW)
 TIMMS, Chuck/Carolyn (7002nd ABSq/21st AP Sq)
 TUCKER, Irene (Hq 21st FBW, Legal Ofc)
 TURNER, Merrill (21st AP Sq)
 VAUGHN, Vikki (72nd FBS)
 VILK, Andrew/Isabel (21st Inst. Sq)
 VOILS, Cecil/Jan (Hq 21stFBW)
 WARD, Warren/Virginia (Hq 21st FBG)
 WATSON, Laverne (72nd FBS/21st FMS)
 WAXMAN, Gene (21st Sup Sq)
 WEBSTER, Leonard (21st ABG Base Flt)
 WEIR, Bill/LaDonna (531st FBS/Hq21st ABGp). Also, Chip Weir, Patty Weir
 LaDonna Boyd, John Boyd, and Mary Morgan.
 WELLS, Oscar C./Gerda (21st Inst. Sq)
 WHITTEN, Forrest/Jean (7122 TFW)
 WHITMAN, Carl (21st AP Sq) Also, Sister & Bro in Law (Darlene/John
 ALARCON
 WILHITE, Wilton/Jackie (21st AP Sq)
 WILLIAMS, Richard "Wee Willy"/Gloria (72nd FBS)
 WINTERS, Clarence "Pete"/Jean (531st FBS)
 WOOD, Rod/Marge (531st FBS)
 WUERZ, Al/Agnes (531st FBS). Also, Dau & son-in-law Patricia/Phillip
 HATFIELD & Dau. Mary Alice WUERZ
 YAGGY, Phil/Midge (Hq 21st FBW)
 YOUNG, Joe