

BASKET-CLUB de MONTBRISON
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Montbrison (Loire), France

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OR

The Honorable Mayor of
Montbrison, France

Greetings from Texas:

First of all, I hope this letter reaches you. It has been nearly 50 years since I was in your fair city playing basketball in your tournament of 20-21 April 1957.

I was going through my chest of memories and came across your booklet about the tournament of that distant time. I carry great memories of my three years at Chambley AB, France and our basketball tours.

I just want to say thanks for some great memories and of course we were all taken with your lovely queen (photo enclosed). Most of my team mates have passed away, but we all enjoyed your tournament and the hospitality of your city and fans. The base (21st Fighter Bomber Wing, Chambley AB, France - 21st FBWg) closed in March 1958.

Every 2 years, for the past 16 years, officers, airmen and families of Chambley gather for a reunion and to reflect on the good and bad times we had opening a new air base at Chambley.

Plans are underway to develop Chambley as an European Aero Park with a hotel and museum featuring the 21 FBWg. I plan on sending your tournament booklet of April 1957 to the museum for display. I have enclosed a power point disk on the future plans of the base.

For me, I have been back to Chambley and Metz to visit many times. You might be interested to know that one of our pilots, Mike Collins the astronaut, married a girl from Gorze. My regards to all and thanks for the memories,

Sincerely,