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REUNION CAPS ARE BIG HIT

Reunion memorabilia item was big hit. In fact, I had 11 orders for caps after the reunion closed. The supplier graciously agreed to embroider some more to accommodate our member orders. Thank you M&N Sports.

MEMORIAL DONATION

A donation will be made to the American Cancer Society in memory of Vic Matsko's name. I was informed by a Matsko family member that was Vic's favorite charity. God bless the family.

MEMBER ROOTS CARDS TO WORLD SERIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Committee member **Joe Baillargeon** getting ready to board the Metro Link to attend the Final game of the World Series. As you all know, the Cards are the World Champions. Nice going Joe you saw a heck of a game. The Cardinals played a remarkable series and thrills were plentiful. Joe said he is looking forward to the 2012 season with much anticipation.



NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION DELAYED

Most of you are probably wondering why this newsletter is so late. This letter should have been published in December. The delay was due to my hip replacement. I was admitted to a skilled therapy facility for most of the month of November and December. Upon my release I did not immediately take up my reunion duties. I plan on foregoing the 4th newsletter of 2011. This will be the first newsletter of 2012. Some of the info you will find a little dated. Bear with me, things will get better.

NEW MEMBER JOINS GROUP

I received an email from **David Coen** who was stationed at the site from 1965-1967. Dave was assigned to a Gap Filler crew. He was in radar maintenance and serviced unmanned sites at Vichi and Bowling Green. I

was happy to welcome Dave to our reunion group. Dave and his wife Sheri, hail from Neoga, IL which is north of Effingham, IL off Interstate 70. Welcome to the group Dave. Hope to meet you and Sheri at our next reunion in 2013.

MEMBER RECOVERING

Committee member **Lloyd Wilson** had a bad scare recently. He experienced a severe pain in his leg, he told his wife to call 911 and he was taken to St. Elizabeth's hospital where they discovered he had a blood clot on his leg. They had to operate immediately and for a while Lloyd thought he would lose his leg. God was looking out for Lloyd he came through the surgery and is now recuperating at home with his wife Dorothy. Take care of yourself Lloyd; we need you around for a long time. Send Lloyd an email and wish him well. His email address is coffeedrinker101@hotmail.com

SCHROCKS LOSE FAMILY MEMBER

I was notified by Member **Ed Schrock's** daughter, Carolyn Breder that Sally Schrock's mother passed away on 21 January 2012. She was on her way back to her room after breakfast and she just crumpled to the floor. What a peaceful way to die. Sally's dad passed away in 2007 and Sally was the sole caregiver for her mom. Knowing Sally, her mom wanted for nothing. Ed and Sally please accept the condolences of the entire 798th Reunion Group on the passing of your mom. She is in the hands of our Lord and has deserved her place at the right hand of God.

2011 REUNION VIDEO

Chairman, **Dave Creamer**, shot a very nice video of all the proceedings at our reunion. He made distribution to all the attendees. I am sure this was greatly appreciated by all who received this video. I also understand after receiving an email from Dave, that he had an unfortunate accident and broke a rib in a fall outside his home in Michigan. I certainly wish him a speedy recovery and so can you. Email Dave at osucreamer@aol.com he will appreciate your concern.

For those of you who are wondering, my hip replacement went well and I am just about 100% back to a normal life without pain thank God. I appreciate all the

show of concern from our members. Thanks, you are all wonderful, compassionate people.

WINTER?????

Don't know about your part of the country, but here in the Midwest, winter has been extremely mild to say the least. We have had many days of over 60 degrees in January. So far over that we broke records of near 70 degrees that have stood for many decades. I am not complaining, but how long will this keep up. Winter is half over and we have not had winter yet. I hope you have been as lucky in your part of the US.

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT.....

1. The two antennas that met on the roof and fell in love, the ceremony wasn't much but the reception was great.....
2. A jumper cable walked into a bar, the bartender said "I'll serve you, but don't start anything..."
3. A dyslexic man walked into a bra...
4. Two cannibals are eating a clown, one says "does this taste funny to you"....
5. An invisible man marries an invisible woman, the kids were nothing to look at either...
6. What do you call a fish with no eyes, a fsh.

Credit for these puns is given to member **Bob Olinick**

THIS ONE DESERVES its OWN PARAGRAPH

A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One goes to a family in Egypt and is named Ahmal, the other goes to a family in Spain and is named Juan. Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, the mother tells her husband that she wishes she had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, they are twins, if you've seen Juan, you have seen Ahmal;

Credit also goes to **Bob Olinick**

2011 REUNION

This plea is sent to all the attendees of our 2011 Reunion. In an attempt to stimulate interest and possible attendance by the members who did not attend, I am asking each member who attended the reunion to submit comments to me about why they liked the reunion, why they think other members should attend. This might result in a few more attendees at our 2013 reunion. I have never spoken to an attendee who didn't think that the friendships were not outstanding. Some of those who don't attend think they will not know too many people. That is not a valid reason for not attending. We all have so much in common that friendships are made on the spot and will last the rest of your lives. I understand that some of you cannot attend due to health concerns. Some of you are too far in years to safely drive a vehicle. If you think you would like to attend let me know and I will do a little research to find somebody near your location who does attend and who might

consider picking you up. This is not as farfetched as you would think. Heck, we have people who actually live in the city of Belleville who do not attend. Just think about it and read the comments of our attendees in the next newsletter.

Thank You For Serving

The events of 9/11 galvanized the nation with patriotism. The very next day, American flags were seen flying from car windows. Homes were displaying the flag and flag sales rose to an all time high.

There were patriotic songs written as a result of the attack on 9/11. Lee Greenwood, Alan Jackson just to name a few.. The support for American troops seemed to be as high as it was in WW II.

I don't know where the phrase started, but it was heard being used on TV, radio and in the entertainment world "Thank you for your Service" The Public picked up on it and started to thank veterans who displayed their military hats and Jackets..

I for one has been approached many times while wearing my 798th hat and been thanked for my service to my country.

To show you how appreciative some people were. I was sitting in my car waiting for my wife to come out from a store she was shopping at. I have Veteran plates on vehicle. A woman was walking by, noted my veteran license plates and came up to the window and tap on it. I lowered the window and she gave me an envelope. It was address to "My Hero" the Card inside was a thank you card, Signed "Thank you for serving"

Another instance was I was refueling my car at a gas station. The gentleman ahead of me was filling up his vehicle, After he finished his fill up, he came back to me and said "I like your plates and I Like your hat" and shook my hand..

Last week while doing some grocery shopping, I was looking in one of the frozen food cabinets, when I felt a tug on my sleeve. I turned around and there was a young lad about 4 years old in the grocery cart being pushed by his mother. He asked "Mister, were you in the military?? I replied that yes I was. He said "Thank you for your service" I thanked him and his mother shook my hand and also thanked me.

Since we of the 798th are all veterans, if in your daily travels you see a veteran, Go up to him and "**Thank him for his service**"

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