



ADC's Finest

798th Turkey Hill Newsletter

'Turkey Hill', the Finest Radar Site in the U. S. 1951-1968



Jerry Wilkerson

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FEATURED PHOTO

Featured photo this month is of member **Jerry Wilkerson 1953-1956**. Jerry attends our reunions after travelling great distances from California. He is to be commended for such loyalty and devotion to his friends from his 798th days. Dave Creamer disclosed at our last reunion that Jerry was a survivor of pancreatic cancer. Once a hulk of a man at around 220 or so, he has fought a successful fight against that dreaded disease and came out a winner. Jerry informed us that he went down to about 120 pounds but is now back up to around 180 and feeling great. Great going Jerry, we love you and expect to see you again at our 2011 reunion.

REUNION AUCTION RESULTS

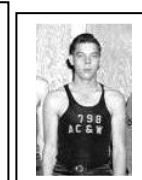
Fund reporting shows that we took in a total of \$839 from our auction event. I wish to thank each and everyone that bid on items and I hope that all had a good time. I wish to comment on our Auctioneer Jake Roberts. 'Jake you did a marvelous job and we appreciate it very much.' The total proceeds from our reunion event totaled \$1228.45. This amount includes a subsidy of \$400.00 that we used from the treasury that was returned to our treasury due to reductions of banquet fees by Bi-State Bistro management personnel. I trust that all folks in attendance read my discussions with Mr. Truitt, Head Operations Officer of the Tricorps Corp. who runs Bistate Bistro and Friday's. We will again use the Ramada for our 2011 reunion to take advantage of their published concessions they offered for our 2011 reunion. Dates will be announced in due time.

THANKS

My sincere "THANKS" to Henry Bevis & Joe Hartley for the hundreds of photos of our September reunion that they submitted to me. I really appreciate the time and effort by these two members. The donation of their photos will allow me to create a slideshow of our 2009 reunion and distribute it to the membership. Without you, the slideshow would not be possible.

MEMBERS VISIT GRAVE OF EX TURKEY HILLER

798th Reunion Group members **Tom Farley and Joe Hartley** visited the grave of ex Turkey Hiller Leon Gool during our reunion weekend. Leon played basketball for the 798th team during the 54-55 season. Tom, Joe and



Leon Gool

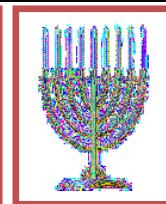
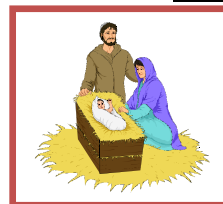
Leon were good friends and Leon is thought of very highly. Leon's wife and daughter are also

buried at Jefferson Barracks National cemetery. Leon died in 2001 at age 69. He also served in Korea and Vietnam. God rest this former Turkey Hiller. Tom and Joe it is a wonderful thing you do visiting the grave of an old friend. God Bless Leon Gool and his family may they rest in peace.

REMINDER

To all members. Those of you who did not attend our 2009 Reunion do not know that I have moved. I now live in Glen Carbon, IL. I still use my gmail address for reunion online communication which is 798thgrp@gmail.com and when you remit your dues, please use this mailing address: Vic Francoeur, 406B Cottonwood Trace, Glen Carbon, IL 62034-2722. Please make out your dues check to Vic Francoeur. My home phone is 618-205-3341. Thanks for your time.

CHRISTMAS IS UPON US



The Christmas season is upon us in all its glory. What a wonderful time of the year for young children and, yes, even us old timers.

Although some factions of our society are trying their darndest to keep Christ out of Christmas, we all know the reason for the season. I want to wish each and every one of you a very Merry CHRISTmas and a glorious New Year filled with health and happiness. To our members of the Jewish persuasion, a very Happy Chanukah. Have to insert something for the young at heart.



Are you on his list of nice folks?



I thought this photo to be especially appealing to the eye. It exudes Christmas peace and serenity.

REUNION BUDDIES

These 5 reunion members had a great time recalling past reunions and memories. They are from left to right: Dave Creamer, John Yurcak, Ed Twigg, Tom McMahill and Bob Olinick. It is



always a great personal pleasure for me to see our members enjoying each other's company. My only wish is that there would be more members in attendance. I understand that we are all getting to the age where our physical condition is not what it used to be and travelling is sometimes a chore. Kudos to those of you who made the trek. God willing we will meet again in 2011. Stay tuned for particulars.

DIEHARD HAWKEYE FANS



Ed and Sally Schrock are truly Iowa Hawkeye fans. They recently attended a football game and much to their surprise this appeared on the



jumbotron. I am sure this surprise was arranged by family members. Especially daughter Carolyn Breder. In any event I want to extend my personal wish for a very Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary. Sally, how

could you put up with Ed for so many years????? I have personal knowledge; he was my roommate while at the 798th. Many happy returns to the both of you.

NOTE: Ed and Sally are very faithful reunion members, they have attended most of our nine reunions.

MINI NH REUNION

Pat and I recently took a vacation to my home state of New Hampshire. We visited with my brother in Raymond, NH. What a beautiful time of the year for leaf peepers. While we were in NH, John Yurcak, Reunion Committee member, made some calls to other New England Turkey Hillers. We all met at the T-Bones restaurant in Hudson, NH for dinner and a very enjoyable evening. People in attendance were Pat and I, John Yurcak and his wife Betty, Frank Ball and his wife Marge, Rod Horton and his wife Barbara and my brother Normand and his wife Barbara. Unfortunately no one thought of bringing a camera to record this event for posterity. I for one had an unusually good time as did everyone in attendance. Frank Ball is from Salem, NH, Rod Horton is from Braintree, MA, John Yurcak is from Nashua, NH where I was born and raised, and my brother Norm is from Raymond, NH. A grand evening with grand people.

2009 REUNION FINANCIAL REPORT

Here are the final figures submitted by Ed and Shirley Quinn:

TOTAL INCOME	\$3488.00 (INCL AUCTION)	
REFUNDS	\$ 105.00	
NET INCOME	\$3383.00	
BANQUET		-\$1179.75
BRUNCH		-\$ 510.00
ROOM RENTAL		-\$ 400.00
DESSERT CAKE/CUPCAKES		-\$ 64.80
TOTAL EXP		\$2154.55

NET RETURN TO OUR TREASURY \$1228.45

FOR THOSE BORN IN 1934

Here are little known facts for those of us born in 1934.

1934 TIMELINE

- January – The First state liquor store opens in PA
- February – First high school driving course offered in State College PA
- March – First Masters Golf Championship begins in Augusta, GA
- April – First Laundromat opens in Ft. Worth TX
- May – Wallace Carothers mfrs first nylon
- Jun – First Donald Duck cartoon released (“Wise Little Hen”)
- Jul – First total body x-ray performed in Rochester NY
- Aug – The LA police Captain claims movie stars contribute to communist party
- Sep – Thousands watch in NJ as luxury liner Morro Castle burns leaving 130 dead
- Oct – Charles “Pretty Boy” Floyd is shot and killed by Feds on Ohio farm
- Nov – George “Baby Face” Nelson is found dead in roadside ditch outside Chicago
- Dec – Wiley Post discovers the jet stream
- 1934 World News –US pulls out of Haiti, Austrian Nazis assassinate Chancellor Dollfuss, USSR joins League of Nations, Riots threatens order in Paris, Hitler elected president of Germany, Puerto Rico requests statehood, Queen Mary luxury liner launches in Scotland