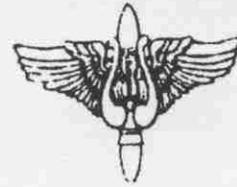




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The Singing Sergeants, Circa 1949

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2nd. Row: L to R: Kenyon Ewing, Glen Valmont, Burt Glick, Howard Martin, Jim Wall, Tom Eyon, Louis Lanyon.
3rd. Row: L to R: Joe Latinski, Chuck Foster, John Strylowski, H.K. Smith, Keith Roberts, Oscar McGregor.

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Instead of, or along with, all the jokes you pass around, how about just jotting a note to let everyone hear from you! It's so much easier now, you don't have to write, address and stamp a letter!!!

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TAPS...

Michele T. Kriebel

Micki, wife of W/O Lou Kriebel (retired) died at her home in Leesburg, FL on May 28, 1999. She was born on 21 Aug., 1925 at Dundee, Scotland. At age 11 years, she moved to London, England with her parents where she completed her education. Micki was a survivor of the London blitz during World War II. She met her husband in 1955 in London and was married at South Amboy, NJ in 1958. An outstanding mother and wife, she became a Nationalized American in 1963. Mrs. Kriebel is survived by her husband, Louis C. Kriebel, a son Lee S. Kriebel of Annapolis, MD, a daughter Lauren Neilson of Orlando, FL and four grandchildren. Micki loved sewing, cross stitch, reading and ceramics. She was a member of the Air Force Association and the Citrus Bells of the AFA. Memorial contributions can be made to: Hospice of Lake & Sumter, Inc. 12300 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778-9972 or Cancer Care Associates, Inter Community Cancer Center, 301 South Lake Street, Leesburg, FL 34748.

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I Remember...

by Dick Daugherty.

...Trying desperately to get an audience for a band concert at the Sewart Air Force Base Service Club. We put a Dixieland band on the sidewalk just as the movie next door let out. Everyone trooped in the front door of the club, saw that it was a band concert and trooped out the back door.

...Inspecting bands in Washington, Alaska, Japan, the Philippines and Hawaii on the same trip. Packing uniforms for 21 days was a lot of fun!

...Stopping our busses and equipment truck by the roadside in England so that the men could relieve themselves. Passing cars would honk and people would wave. I doubt that the Pentagon would have approved but there were very few restrooms in rural England in those days.

...Playing a concert before one thousand people in Zaragoza, Spain with a 10 piece tenor band. (I had been told we were playing for a dance and had left most of the concert band in Madrid.) It was a fun evening!

...Bill Stokes as the left-handed Drum Major of the Air Force Academy Band. At about 6'3", he was very impressive!

...Constantly seeking advice from Ed Grace. He was a font of knowledge.

...Ordering Karl Klemme out of a rehearsal! We later made up and became good friends.

...The WAF Band under Marybelle Nissly. It was great!

...Playing exhibition games against high school teams throughout Alabama with the band from Maxwell AFB. People were surprised we had such good players. (Basketball, that is!)

...Pulling the Third Air Force Band out of a parade during a torrential downpour shortly after my arrival in England. The Air Force was lambasted by the English press and, after that, it was plastic to the max and full raingear taken on every trip.

...Harold (Red) Johnson replacing me in England. My wife Arlene was about

8 1/2 months pregnant and I was glad to see Red and Jo!

...Being stranded in Des Moines, Iowa when President Kennedy was shot. SAC was on full alert and we couldn't get an airplane to return to Omaha.

Personals

Bob Kaler: Received the CODA...it is great! Since retiring, I played in several fraternal bands here in the area, and directed the Tacoma Shrine Band from 1992-1997. Old father time, along with physical problems brought this to a rapid close. Anyway in spite of all this, I feel pretty good. With kindest regards to all of the (old) warriors!

Larry Trautman: My limo driving job has gotten a little busier since the weather has improved and everyone has their charge cards paid off after the holidays. I've done several dinner trips with the boss lately, and I'm usually included, so that saves wear and tear on the ol' microwave at home.

A couple weeks ago we had dinner with the pro golfer Payne Stewart and his wife Tracy and 10 other invited guests. It was actually a charity event for cystic fibrosis that my boss set up with a considerable donation to the foundation. The dinner included a wine tasting that was hosted by actor Robin Williams' brother from California.

The real work involved driving a wedding party in Coral Gables (Miami) and a rather lengthy trip up to Hilton Head, SC, where we spent three days watching it rain sideways. The chill factor was only 35 degrees one day! I won't be going back to South Carolina anytime soon.

I still attend many Orlando Magic basketball games, thanks to the boss deciding to stay home frequently with his new wife. Go Magic!

My weekends, when we're in town, are spent at the lake riding SeaDoos and terrorizing the neighborhood. Keep in touch and let me know what the rest of you retirees are up to. My e-mail address is: LarryLimo@aol.com

Aloha!

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The President's Column

Each time we publish our CODA, I will endeavor to give you some background about our society.

This society goes back to the close of the John Philip Sousa Band. The members of the band, when disbanded, started to correspond. One member was a coordinator and kept the roster of those concerned. He copied letters sent to him by members of the band, and consolidated them into a band bulletin. He then mailed a copy to the former members. This was carried on until they all passed away.

Herman Vincent contacted **Col. George Howard** and said he thought it a good idea to organize some sort of retired bandleader organization to keep in touch with each other. He agreed and suggested, as I had a card file on everyone, I was to be the first field representative.

Col. Howard contacted me and asked if I would be interested in the same kind of undertaking for retired USAF Band Directors. So in the interest of keeping in touch with our colleagues, the first staff was established in March, 1980. President: **Col. George S. Howard**; Vice-President: **Lt. Col. P.P. Weckesser**; Secretary/Treasurer: **Maj. Harold Copenhaver**; Field Representative: **CWO Louis C. Kriebel**.

A Special Note: Those members who have a computer with a modem, and have access to send e-mail, send a few lines to: **CODA@Laol.net**. You can include anything you would like included in the next CODA; a few lines or an epistle. We look forward to hearing from each of you.

Louis C. Kriebel, President

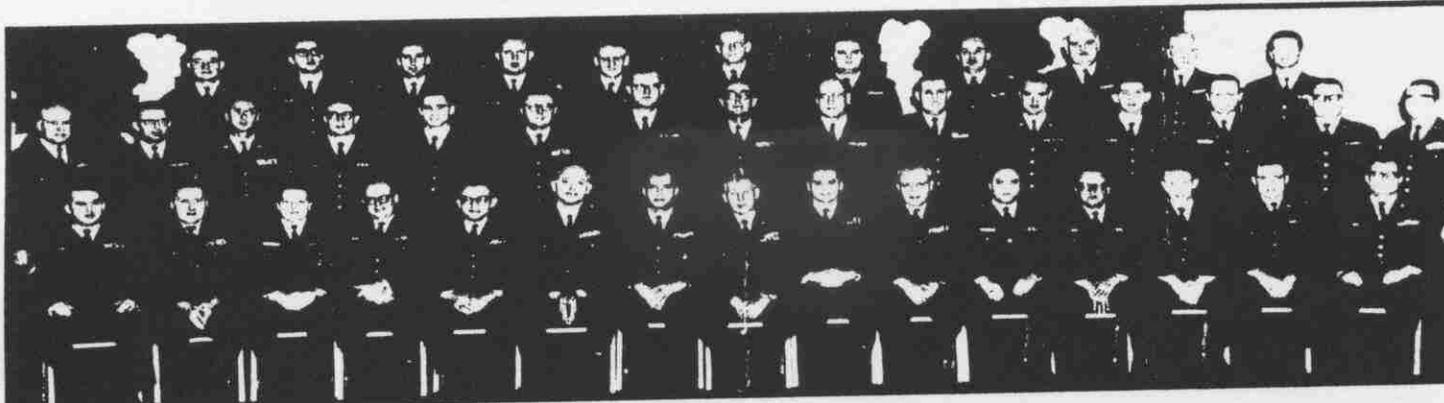
Did You Know?

That Myrtle Beach, SC is the site for RAFM 2000?

That John Norse is the Chairman for the reunion?

SHERMAN HOUSE, CHICAGO, 1964

Sent to the CODA by Harold Waite. Can you help identify the unknowns?



1st. Row: L to R:
Merle L. Gartrell, Joe Losh, Unknown, Pat Veltre, Loy A. Ebersole, Harry Meuser, Vic Molzer, Paul Weckesser, Arnald Gabriel, Frank Lockwood, Eddie D'Alfonso, Herman Vincert, Dwane Hoff, Jim Johnson, Joel Sanger.
2nd. Row: L to R:
Unknown, Harold B. Roberts, Unknown, Unknown, Richard Daugherty, Unknown, Unknown, Henry R. Uhland, Gregory S. Rodgers, Lloyd Overton, Ernie Greer, Robert Allee, Ed Bridges, Jim Whittenton, Benny Knudsen, Unknown.
3rd. Row: L to R:
Robert Kaler, Unknown, Mel Huyett, John Nalezny, Unknown, Harold C. Johnson, Unknown, Carl W. Costenbader, Herman Englert, Harold Waite, Jack Tardy.

Some people will do anything to get out of a parade!

A high school student who was suspended for comparing his band teacher to Adolf Hitler in an e-mail says his free speech rights are being violated. "The school is spitting in the face of anyone who's fought for free speech," a high school junior told a local newspaper.

But city officials say they have the right to punish student for "behavior that is a danger to the school," said the school superintendent.

The student referred to the bandleader, his wife and an assis-

tant as "Hitler, his wife, and Hermann Goering."

The student was suspended for a day and banned from playing in the annual Christmas parade.

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Flip Hoopes: Irene and I just got back from a week cruise to Bermuda. It was great, but a week of pampering is all I can stand. It's good to be back with friends and playing music again.

Irene and I are both retired now. Actually, I've retired three times; Air Force, Civil Service, and Social Security, but I continue to play. It's really fun now because I can play what I want and with who I want. It couldn't be better.

Jim Lantz: was remarried last December to Ellen. His new address is: 5825 Winterhaven Drive, Windcrest, TX 78239. He says he is gradually retiring, but still plays a couple times a month. He plays with Ed Geimer, Nick Rossi and "Speedy" Gonzales.

David L. Hale (Mary G): Address is 135 Pembroke Lane, Wichita Falls, TX 76301-2929. Phone # (940) 322-2082.

John F. Norse: Address is 617 13th. Avenue S. #123, Surfside Beach, SC 29575. Phone # (803) 650-4162. John is chairman for RAFM 2000.

Alfred H. Sanders (Gail): Address is 5013 Ashley Drive, Nashville, TN 37211. Phone # (615) 333-3134

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Eleanor Rae Trowbridge Schafer

Ellie Schafer, wife of Arnold Schafer, retired trombonist with the USAFA Band, died May 25, 1999, at a Colorado Springs hospital. She was retired from being Director of the Colorado Springs Senior Center after 23 years of service. Mrs. Schafer was born July 17, 1933, in Dows, IA She was married June 20, 1954 and is survived by her husband; a son, A. Richard; two daughters, Lizabeth Renae Prutting and Lee Anne Wasinger; a brother, Thomas John Trowbridge; a sister, Ella Mae Rae; and five grandchildren. A memorial service was held at the First Lutheran Church in Colorado Springs and internment was at the USAF Academy Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to First Lutheran Church, 1515 North Cascade Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80907.

USAF Band Collection of Graduate Studies in Music

The USAF Band Collection of Graduate Studies in Music was begun in March of 1996 and is housed at the Band's facilities in Washington, D.C. The purpose of this project is to collect, organize and catalogue the graduate-level papers and musical research projects of military musicians. When sufficient numbers of papers are in the Collection, it will be opened as a research library and its holdings made available to music students and researchers around the world.

While the performance abilities of military musicians are well known, less well known are their academic talents. The written papers of these personnel represents an immense, unpublished store of knowledge that has heretofore been inaccessible to others.

Any military musician from any branch of the Armed Services who has pursued graduate study is eligible to participate in this project. Former members and retirees are also invited to participate. All types of papers are solicited, including but not limited to: dissertations, essays, class projects, masters theses, or annotated bibliographies. Papers of a graduate degree is not a requirement, nor must the study have taken place during service.

Papers may be submitted on hard copy or on 3.5" disc in most major word-processing systems. Please submit all papers to the following address. Further information is also available. Contact:

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This is a wonderful opportunity for the academic efforts of a military musician to be used in further research and for that member to be recognized and cited as an expert in their field. This project is unlike any ever undertaken by a military band and promises to be of significant value to music students, researchers and military musicians everywhere.

News Flash!

Maj. Mark Peterson reports that **LTC Ray Toler** (retired) was a passenger on the plane that crashed in Little Rock! Fortunately, he is one of the survivors. He was on his way to visit family in Little Rock. He is out of the hospital and resting at his son's home.

Major Peterson also reports the following officer movements: **1Lt. (Capt. Select) Dan Price** will move from Director of the Singing Sergeants to Deputy Commander of the Heartland of America Band at Offutt AFB. **2Lt. Chad Steffey** will move from Offutt AFB to the USAF Band to take a staff officer position. Finally, **1Lt. Matt Henry** will move from the Band of Mid-America to the Band of the Rockies in Colorado Springs as Deputy Commander.

Retired U.S. Air Force Musician's Reunion 2000

August 16-19, 2000
 Myrtle Beach, SC

For more information contact:
John Norse
 1-800-344-5590

Dues

Check your mail address label, it will show your dues date. If it says 1/1/99, then please send \$10.00 to Lou Kriebel.

Thank you!

Things We Can Learn From A Dog

- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a joyride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When loved ones come home, always run to greet them.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps and stretch before rising.
- Run, romp, and play daily.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by, and nuzzle them gently.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and put...run right back and make friends.
- Bond with your pack.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.