

SATAN'S ANGELS

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It's Miami in 1982!

Sometime in the Fall — Details to Follow . . .



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It was SATAN'S ANGELS finest reunion at the Frontier Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. What a great experience, enjoying the tremendous hospitality of the new version of POSSUM SQUADRON, the 433rd Fighter Weapons Squadron. The new "Fighting Blue Devils" offered an outstanding briefing on the current posture and programs of the 433rd, a great static display of America's finest fighters, an F-15 Eagle straight up demonstration and an A-10 Intruder demo in which the pilot made square turns reminiscent of those performed by Zekes and Oscars over Papua, New Guinea and P.I. so long ago.

We were welcomed by Colonel T. C. Skanchy, former CO of the 433rd, now kicked up the ladder to "Red Flag," and by Colonel Lee Alton, current chief honcho of America's leading fighter squadron.

A FANTASTIC DAY at Nellis AFB courtesy of the United States Air Force and the 433rd. An unforgettable moment when Colonel Alton stood shoulder to shoulder with seven-victory ace, former Captain Calvin C. Wire, the World War II POSSUM SQUADRON CO in the Philippines. There may be gray on top, but Wire was rarin' to go. All he needed was America's PREMIER FIGHTER PLANE, the LOCKHEED P-38 LIGHTNING with the appropriate number 170 on the booms.

Group CO JOHN LOISEL and his lovely wife RAE and a big MOB from the 432nd were on hand at the Frontier and at Nellis, the biggest turnout yet for CLOVER SQUADRON. Where have you guys from the 432nd been hiding all these years???

Chief Honchos for this reunion were JACK and MARIAN NAYLOR, BOB and VIRGINIA ANDERSON, JOE and JANIS FORSTER and PETE and ANN MADISON with help from CHARLES and MARDELL SENTNER, RAE LOISEL, ANN SCHOENER, HOWARD and RUTHIE MAX and A FLOCK OF OTHER PEOPLE like DENNIS GLENN COOPER, ALICE BABEL, GENERAL FRANKLYN NICHOLS, and many others.

All I had to do was to show up at the banquet to introduce dignitaries COLONEL P. J. DAHL and his charming wife, BOBBIE. "P.J." can join us 433rd laughers anytime. Anyone with a crazy sense of humor like P.J.'s qualifies. It was a pleasure introducing one of America's GREAT AVIATION ARTISTS, Nixon Galloway, prior to the unveiling of his work of art showing Mac's 19th victory at Jefman. How's about FRANK NICHOLS bending General Cunningham's ear at Nellis. Can't keep those 431st WW II types from telling the new breed how it's done,

Somewhere along the line in introducing guests of honor I offered the comment that Satan's Angels WAS THE BEST DAMNED FIGHTER GROUP IN THE AIR FORCE. One of our guests was famed aviation historian and author COLONEL RAY TOLLIVER, who I think began to understand why we wear the name SATAN'S ANGELS with such great pride. The 475th led the way in the 5th Air Force. The 475th made its own traditions, from scratch, and now those traditions are carried on by the new men of the 433rd and the re-activated 431st at McClellan Field at Sacramento, California.

It was a great reunion, probably the greatest . . . BUT WAIT UNTIL MIAMI IN '82 with HOWARD MAX (and RUTHIE).

Who attended the bash at Vegas? Just about everyone . . .

Does anyone want a copy of the "Blue Book" . . . the unit history of the Satan's Angels? The Battery Press of Nashville, Tenn. 37219, is thinking about reprinting the original version by modern lithographic methods. Their address is P.O. Box 3107, Uptown Station. Write them direct if you're interested . . . the cost is in the area of \$20.00. They'll answer with all the details.

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SPECIAL NOTICE:

We've been having these reunions since 1965. We've had a lot of fun organizing and financing them. However, some of the Satan's Angels have never acknowledged these efforts in any manner.

We're going to up-date our mailing list (it's expensive to produce and send out mail these days).

Everyone who wants to remain on the mailing list . . . please send us your current name, address, phone, and anything else you want us to have.

No reply — No listing.

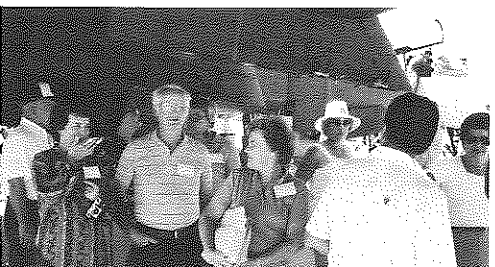
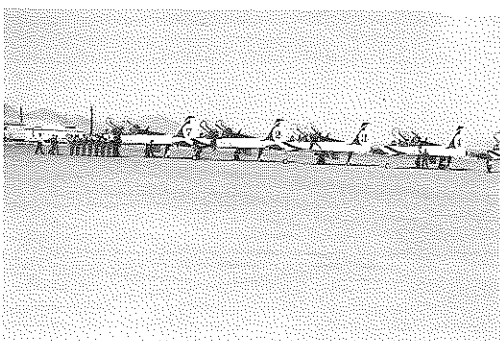
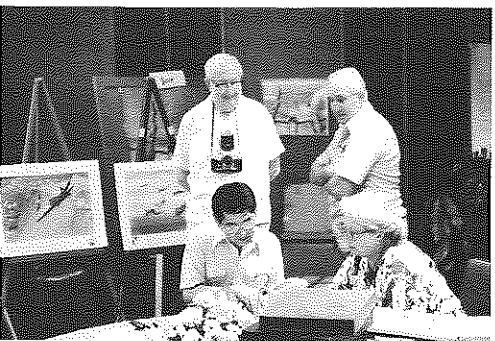
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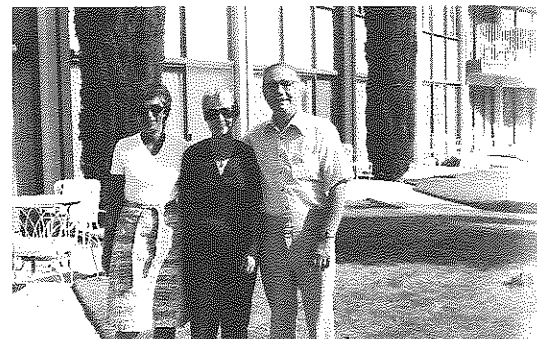
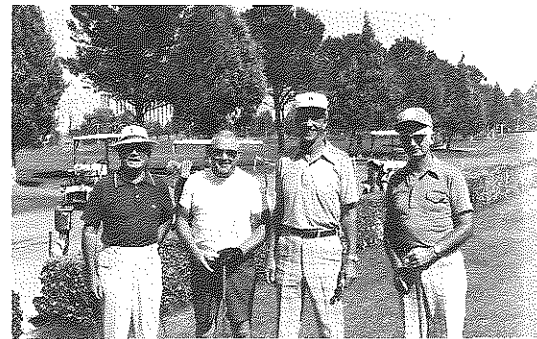
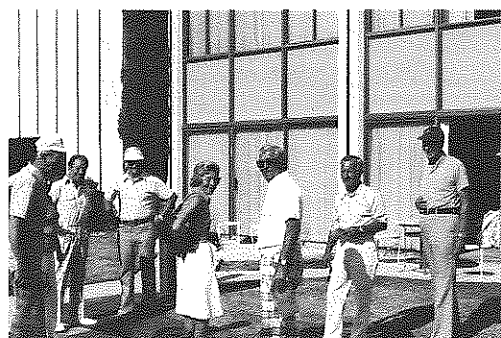
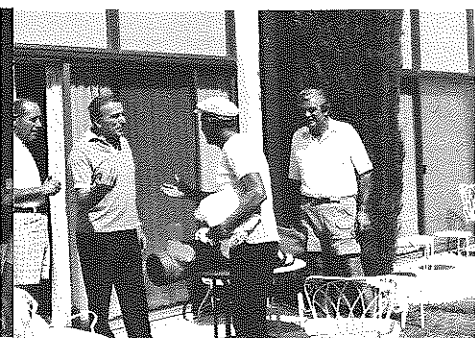




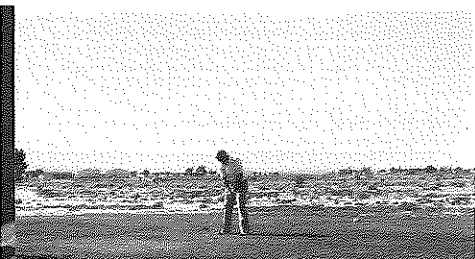


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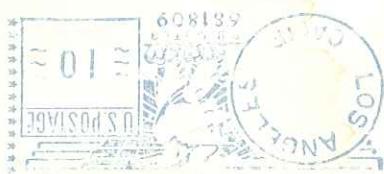


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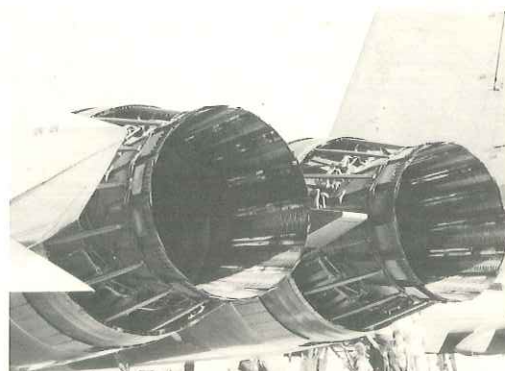
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On 5-25-81 McGuire AFB is having an open house. They are going to dedicate a P-38 to our Major Thomas B. McGuire. Those who are interested in going to the dedication should identify themselves as members of the 475th to receive special VIP passes. Call the protocol office well in advance of the date. Their number is (609) 724-2405.

We need information on Tom McGuire for a history that is being written. Any stories, photos or whatever could be useful.