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BREAKING NEWS

- The Selfridge ANG Base Post Office was closed on 31 December 2010. For further information, contact the Mount Clemens Postmaster, 586-783-2879. The Post Offices in Mt Clemens (155 South Main) and New Baltimore (25339 23 Mile Road) will remain open.
- The 2011 Selfridge ANG Base Air Show is set for the weekend of 20/21 August 2011. The POC is Lt Col Sean Campbell, email sean.compbell@ang.af.mil, 586-239-4093.
- The 2011 MAGHA Reunion and Golf Outing is on Saturday, 6 August, with a starting time of 1:00 pm. The POC is Maj Gen Paul Pochmara, email pockpa@sbcglobal.net, 586-469-3733. More information will be forthcoming.



TAPS

MSgt Andrew M. Adamick (81-04)	15 Dec 10
Barry Bumgarner (83-86)	?????????
CMSgt Richard Convery (74-93)	21 Oct 10
SMSgt Robert N. Derado (47-79)	1 Sep 10
SMSgt Walt Gutzke (47-79)	21 Oct 10
Maj Douglas Kerchner (81-96)	18 Oct 10
MSgt Donald J. Klebba (??-??)	4 Dec 10
Maj Leonard L. Klein (53-57)	?????????
CMSgt Edward J. Otten (47-83)	26 Oct 10
CMSgt George Schollenberger (61-02)	7 Dec 10
CMSgt Marvin D. Unruh (47-71)	6 Oct 10

Military Lounge Area at Detroit Metropolitan Airport

The following was sent to me by Col Ken Pratt, a Sustaining Member of our Historical Association who was in the MI ANG from 1980 to 2001.

Perhaps you are aware that last year, for the first time in recent history, Delta Airlines provided a lounge area for military personnel during the Holiday Season. It was a very spontaneous undertaking. We staffed it from 0600 until 2100 hrs over a two week period. Although modest, it was well received by all those who found their way to our location inside the Main Terminal at Detroit Metro Airport. During our 14 days of operation we hosted 2800 personnel. Despite the humble beginning, it was an unqualified success!

Using that experience as a springboard, Delta Airlines is currently in the process of organizing a more robust Military Lounge Area project for this Holiday Season.

As you know, the National USO organization has chosen not to support a facility in our area. Therefore, we are not in a position to use the name "USO" in our title. However, in every respect we plan to have the "look and feel" of a traditional USO Lounge. And if anyone asks, "Where is the USO at DTW?" we'll answer the call!

Planning and preparation have been underway for several weeks. We have literally dozens of volunteers working on every possible aspect of this project. And, as of today, I am thrilled to report that we have been given permission to use the premiere location directly opposite the Delta Sky Club. This is a similarly designed facility that was originally created for another major airline. However, for over five years it has been vacant and unused. The entrance and reception area is barrier-free. It has separate areas for resting and recreation. There is a food service area and two sets of restrooms. It will rival any USO in the Country for convenience, accessibility and service.

There is an enthusiastic groundswell of support for this project from within the ranks of Delta employees. However, we are well aware that many others in the community are also interested in seeing this project succeed. Our plan is to open the day-to-day staffing to volunteers from outside the airport. I'm sure that there are lots of folks in Southeast Michigan that would be interested in volunteering to staff this facility. So, we are in the process of making arrangements for volunteers to be allowed to obtain "gate passes" so they can process through the TSA checkpoints. And, we are attempting to obtain parking passes for the volunteers that are working at the Military Lounge Area!

In the near future we will provide information on how and where to make contributions or volunteer for duty as a "staff member".

Our facility will be open from 18 December 2010 until 7 January 2011 from 0600-2100 hrs. All are welcome.

Our mission is to provide a world-class reception center, for military personnel, at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Our goal is to provide a home-like atmosphere that meets the needs of traveling service members and their families. This facility is supported and staffed by individuals and organizations at the Airport and from surrounding communities. Our doors are open to individuals on active duty, National Guard members, Reservists, and cadets. We also welcome military spouses, dependents, and retirees.

"SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US"

Ken Pratt, COL USAF (ret), Delta Captain, c. 314.753.0511, kenpratt@hotmail.com

This was received from Col Pratt on 14 December 2010:

Friends:

Thank you for your interest in helping to staff this year's Holiday Military Lounge at Detroit Metropolitan Airport. The initial response has been swift and overwhelming.

In an effort to make the volunteer sign-up process orderly and equitable, we have set up a simple web-based system.

We are using Yahoo Groups to host our calendar. Though this is a free service, there are some limitations with this sort of application. Based on our time table and available resources, we are asking you to be patient and work with us.

Here is how it works:

FIRST, JOIN THE GROUP.

Follow this link to the DTW volunteers Yahoo Group page: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DTWvolunteers/>

Next, click the red button in the upper right that says "Join this Group." You will then be asked to "sign in" with Yahoo. If you already have a Yahoo account, this will be very simple. For those who are not currently members of Yahoo, you'll be given the opportunity to open an account. This process is intuitive and free. To ensure that the members of our group are actually local to DTW, your request for membership will have to be approved. This approval process should take less than a day.

Once you have been approved for membership, (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DTWvolunteers/>) take a moment to look around. On the left side, click on "Calendar". Find the tab that gives you the "month" view. You'll notice that we begin operation on 17 December 2010. And moving ahead one month, our last day of activity is 7 January 2011.

Selecting an individual day will display the work schedule. There are three 4-hour shifts and one 3-hour shift each day. We are seeking four volunteers for each shift. When the shifts are assigned, the volunteer's name will appear in the appropriate block.

Initially we are asking each volunteer to give us your top three preferences of when you would like to work. To do this you will need to email our calendar coordinator at this address: volunteer.signup@yahoo.com Once every 24 hours, the requests will be processed and assignments posted to the master calendar.

Since there are only 352 slots (22 days x 16 slots per day) we are asking each volunteer to only sign up for one shift. If we need more help the call will go out again.

SHIFT SIGN UP INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR A SHIFT

1. Plan on working only one shift.
2. Give us your first three preferences so our scheduler can have the flexibility to accommodate everyone. Email your requests to: volunteer.signup@yahoo.com
3. The individual who signs up for a shift may be accompanied by one guest or any number of immediate family members. (Immediate family is defined as spouse and responsibly aged children. Please use common sense and good judgement.)
4. It is understood that you may need to make a change after you have been assigned a time slot. In that case, please make an effort to find your own replacement and send them in your place.
5. Last minute contingencies (flat tire, winter storm, etc.) are a fact of life. If you can't make it we will understand. That's why we have multiple volunteers for each slot.
6. In addition to your participation in this project there are many airport employees who are also volunteering to work. You can expect to meet some of them during your shift.
7. Before your shift begins, you will receive a copy of "Volunteer Guidelines" to help you prepare for your duty. This document will include maps, directions, parking info and security procedures.
8. If you wish, you may bring a donation of food when you arrive. Suggestions include "healthy snacks", baked holiday treats and fresh fruit like apples and bananas. However, since you will be entering the "secure" side of the airport, be sure to avoid "liquids, gels and aerosols". No matter how well intentioned your motives may be, there are no exceptions to this TSA restriction.

Serving Those who Serve Us,

Ken Pratt
Military Liaison
DTW Holiday Military Lounge
Delta Airlines, Inc.

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READER INFORMATION SURVEY

One of the well-received features of the MANGBANG is information on our individual members that is shared with the at-large membership.

Please help us continue this feature by completing the survey below and mailing it to MAGHA, c/o 127 WG/MU, 27333 C Street, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANG Base MI 48045. You can also e-mail the information to 127.wg.selfridgeair.museum@ang.af.mil.

FULL NAME AND RANK _____

DATE I JOINED THE GUARD _____

DATE I LEFT THE GUARD _____

LAST UNIT WHEN I LEFT THE GUARD _____

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO SINCE YOU LEFT THE GUARD?

WHAT DO YOU ENJOY READING IN THE MANGBANG AND WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED IN FUTURE ISSUES?

2009 Darwin Awards

Eighth Place: A 41-year-old Detroit man got stuck and drowned in two feet of water after squeezing head first through an 18-inch-wide sewer grate to retrieve his car keys.

Seventh Place: A 49-year-old San Francisco stockbroker, who "totally zoned when he ran", accidentally jogged off a 100-foot high cliff on his daily run.

Sixth Place: While at the beach, Daniel Jones, 21, dug an 8 foot hole for protection from the wind and had been sitting in a beach chair at the bottom, when it collapsed, burying him beneath 5 feet of sand. People on the beach used their hands and shovels trying to get him out but could not reach him. It took rescue workers using heavy equipment almost an hour to free him. Jones was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Fifth Place: Santiago Alvarado, 24, was killed as he fell through the ceiling of a bicycle shop he was burglarizing. Death was caused when the long flashlight he had placed in his mouth to keep his hands free rammed into the base of his skull as he hit the floor.

Fourth Place: Sylvester Briddell, Jr., 26, was killed as he won a bet with friends who said he would not put a revolver loaded with four bullets into his mouth and pull the trigger.

Third Place: After stepping around a marked police patrol car parked at the front door, a man walked into H&J Leather & Firearms intent on robbing the store. The shop was full of customers and a uniformed officer was standing at the counter. Upon seeing the officer, the would-be robber announced a hold-up and fired a few wild shots from a target pistol. The officer and a clerk promptly returned fire, and several customers also drew their guns and fired. The robber was pronounced dead at the scene by Paramedics. Crime scene investigators located 47 expended cartridge cases in the shop. The subsequent autopsy revealed 23 gunshot wounds. Ballistics identified rounds from 7 different weapons. No one else was hurt.

HONORABLE MENTION: Paul Stiller, 47, and his wife Bonnie were bored just driving around at 2 A.M. so they lit a quarter stick of dynamite to toss out the car window to see what would happen. Apparently they failed to notice that the window was closed.

RUNNER UP: Kerry Bingham had been drinking with several friends when one of them said they knew a person who had bungee-jumped from a local bridge in the middle of traffic. The conversation grew more excited and at least 10 men trooped along the walkway of the bridge at 4:30 AM. Upon arrival at the midpoint of the bridge, they discovered that no one had brought a bungee rope. Bingham, who had continued drinking, volunteered and pointed out that a coil of lineman's cable lay nearby. They secured one end around Bingham's leg and then tied the other to the bridge. His fall lasted 40 feet before the cable tightened and tore his foot off at the ankle. He miraculously survived his fall into the icy water and was rescued by two nearby fishermen. Bingham's foot was never located.

AND THE WINNER IS: Zookeeper Friedrich Riesfeldt (Paderborn, Germany) fed his constipated elephant 22 doses of animal laxative and more than a bushel of berries, figs and prunes before the plugged-up pachyderm finally got relief. Investigators say ill-fated Friedrich, 46, was attempting to give the ailing elephant an olive oil enema when the relieved beast unloaded. The sheer force of the elephant's unexpected defecation knocked Mr. Riesfeldt to the ground where he struck his head on a rock as the elephant continued to evacuate 200 pounds of dung on top of him.

927th Reunion at the Air Force Museum Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

When: August 19, 2011

Time: 6:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Why: This will probably be the last event for all present/former 927th members to gather and celebrate the heritage of the 927th with fellowship and a chance to join together in a unique setting. Dinner is catered and held in a gathering area surrounded by vintage aircraft.

Who: All present/former members of the 927th TAG/ARW to include spouse/friend.

Cost: \$48.00 per person, which includes meal and museum rental fee.

Drinks: Cash bar

Menu: Salad - Mixed garden greens, Entree - Grilled Salmon and a 4 oz Steak, Roasted Red Skin Potatoes, Vegetables, Rolls & butter, Coffee, tea, decaf, Dessert Selection

Lodging: Hope Hotel (Located just outside main gate at Wright-Patterson, Gate #12A). Our rate will be \$75.00 a night + tax. Call 937-879-2676 to make reservations and request the 927th TAG Reunion Group Rate. Note: The Hope Hotel has a great bar and lounge that would be a nice gathering place after the banquet. Hotel address: 10823 Childlaw Road, #823, Dayton, OH. 45433

Camping: Call the Wright-Patterson FAMCAMP at 937-257-2579 for reservations.

Museum: Open to general public from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. When museum closes at 5:00 P.M., it will open back at 6:00 P.M. for our function. Visiting during the day: Admission is free and parking is free. Go to www.nationalmuseum.af.mil for more information about the museum.

Response: Please let us know if you are interested in attending this function. We have attached a second sheet for ordering your tickets. If you need more information, please contact us. Col. Hurst at wlhurst@gmail.com or Chief Heimler at theheim927@yahoo.com. Call 586-727-8124 to respond by phone.

This function is for EVERYONE Ops, Maintenance, Support, Medical, Supply, HQ, Staff, Life Support, CE, SP's, Cargo, Transportation, etc, etc, etc. Please forward this flyer to any members of your former unit so we can get the word out to all personnel.

927th TAG/ARW Reunion Ticket Request

Reservation for Banquet: \$48.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Make check or money order payable to "927th TAG Reunion"

Send to: Wendell Hurst

7480 Hardisty St.

West Bloomfield, MI. 48324-3633

Deadline for Tickets: July 10, 2011

Address Book: We are attempting to put together an address booklet of all personnel that respond back for tickets, and also for those who do not wish to attend, but would like to provide us with their information so you can be included in our booklet. Our plans are to have this booklet available to hand out at the banquet. Please fill out the information below and mail back with your check, or just the information if you are not attending. This booklet will be great if you are attempting to locate or contact your fellow airman in the future.

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

MICHIGAN ANG REUNIONS

Metro Reunion

Another Metro Reunion was held at the Old Country Buffet in Westland on Friday, 17 Sep 10. In attendance were Charlie Bahn, Doug Barbier, Delores Bozzi, Roy Cartwright, Aaron Doty, Ray Dugan, Lloyd Freeman, George Flees, Jim and Sher Koglin, Russ & Betty Leake, Mike McKeon, Rudy & Ramona Rudolph, George & Bonnie Sauchuk, Sylvia Sauchuk-Brent, Bill Snyder, Newt & Dorothy Smith, Bill & Phyllis Tegge, Elliott Walters, and Marty Wolicki.

The next Metro Reunion is scheduled for Friday, 16 Sep 11, again at the Old Country Buffet, 6539 N Wayne Rd, Westland MI.

The POC is Newt Smith, cell phone 313-414-3403, home phone (summer) 734-729-7525, home phone (winter) 623-933-1619. No email address available.

Way Out West MANG Luncheon

The Way Out West MANG Luncheon will be held 1:00 PM, February 9th, at the Great China Super Buffet (formerly HomeTown Buffet), 1501 West Bethany Home Road, Phoenix, AZ.

The lunch, including tax, drink and gratuity will be \$10 per person. Payment can be made at the luncheon or checks mailed to Al Larson, PO Box 80799, Phoenix, AZ 85060.

Please RSVP to Al Larson at aelarson7@cox.net or Lori Cripps at crippsaz@cox.net by February 1st.

Great to be back at same location as prior years. Look forward to seeing a nice turn out.

Al Larson

Old Farts Luncheon

The next "Old Farts" Luncheon is at 12:15 pm on Friday, January 7th 2011 at the Old Country Buffet on Gratiot and 15 Mile Road in Clinton Twp MI.

The POC is Sher Koglin, home phone 586-463-6802, email sherkoglin@wowway.com

MICHIGAN AIR NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY BOOKS

The Michigan Air National Guard Historical Association created a three-volume set of history books covering the periods 1926-1996.

Volume 1 covers the period 1926 to 1976

Volume 2 covers the period 1976 to 1986 **SOLD OUT!**

Volume 3 covers the period 1986 to 1996

A limited number of these books are still available for \$1.00 per volume plus \$2.50 shipping and handling. If you wish to purchase one or more of these volumes, please complete the order form, indicate your payment method below, then mail this form to MAGHA, 27333 C St, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANGB MI 48045.

Please send the Volumes I have circled below to:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS _____

- Volume 1 (1926-1976) \$1.00
Number Requested _____
- Volume 2 (1976-1986)
SOLD OUT BUT BEING REPRINTED
- Volume 3 (1986-1996) \$1.00
Number Requested _____
- Volume 4 (1996-2010)
IN PRODUCTION, COST UNKNOWN
- Shipping/Handling \$2.50 (APPLICABLE TO ALL MAIL ORDERS)

TOTAL REMITTED \$ _____

Check # _____ dated _____ enclosed. Checks should be made payable to "MAGHA".

Please charge my:

- VISA CARD
- MASTER CARD
- AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD
- DISCOVER CARD

Account # _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____

Phone: 586-239-6768
Fax: 586-239-6646
Email: 127.wg.selfridgeairmuseum@ang.af.mil
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27333 C Street, Bldg 1011
Selfridge ANG Base MI 48045



SELFRIDGE SPAD PROJECT

SELFRIDGE MILITARY AIR MUSEUM

The Selfridge Military Air Museum is an outreach effort of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association (MAGHA). Volunteers at the Air Museum have constructed a full-size replica of a World War I SPAD XII, an aircraft flown by the First Pursuit Group in World War I and at Selfridge Field when the First Pursuit Group moved to the Field in 1919.

As the replica is a full-scale, historically accurate replica with fabric-covered wings, it was critical for the preservation of the SPAD that we display it indoors. Existing floor space was inadequate inside the Museum building so our plans included the construction of a SPAD hangar in our Air Park that is accessible to our guests.

It cost approximately \$22,000.00 in material for our volunteers to build the display and to have the SPAD Hangar constructed contractually. As both MAGHA and the Air Museum are IRS-recognized 501c(3) non-profit organizations with an all-volunteer staff and no federal or state funds for the operation or our Museum and the maintenance of our buildings and displays, public and corporate support for this project is critical to partially offsetting the large capital investment we made for this project.

All donations to this project are tax-deductible per Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Service Code and a receipt for all donations will be provided. Further, donors who contribute a minimum of \$100.00 will be formally acknowledged inside the SPAD Hangar as being critical to the success of the project.

If you would like to participate in this worthwhile effort, please complete the form and payment information below and mail it to the Selfridge Military Air Museum, 27333 C Street, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANG Base MI 48045.

SELFRIDGE MILITARY AIR MUSEUM SPAD PROJECT DONATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Amount of Donation: \$ _____

Information about our Museum can be obtained by visiting our website at www.selfridgeairmuseum.org, emailing us at 127.wg.selfridgeairmuseum@miself.ang.af.mil, calling us at 586-239-6768, or by writing us at 27333 C Street, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANG Base MI 48045.

Check # _____ dated _____ enclosed. Checks should be made payable to "MAGHA".

Please charge my: VISA CARD
 MASTER CARD
 AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD
 DISCOVER CARD

Account # _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____



MEMORIAL WALL SELFRIDGE MILITARY AIR MUSEUM

The Michigan Air Guard Historical Association (MAGHA) has completed construction of a Memorial Area in the center of the Air Park at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. **The memorial is a place to honor all members of the military who gave their lives in the line of duty and in the service of this great nation, to recognize all those who have in the past or who are currently serving their country, and to acknowledge the contributions made by families and companies to the preservation of freedom.** Pictures of the Memorial Area and the Memorial Wall are above. The centerpiece is an elevated F-86 Sabre aircraft, an aircraft flown, maintained, and supported by three Michigan Air Guard units in the mid-1950s. Flanking the F-86 is the Memorial Wall topped by engraved Memorial Bricks such as those shown below.



We invite you to become part of this memorial and to recognize a unit, an individual, or a family by purchasing an engraved brick that will become a permanent part of the Memorial Wall. Cash donations for the Memorial project are also welcome. All memorial brick purchases and donations for this effort are tax-deductible per Section 170 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. **Engraved memorial bricks cost \$100.00 per brick for non-members (cost includes a one-year membership in MAGHA), \$75.00 per brick for members, and \$50.00 per brick when multiple brick orders are made. For example, a one-brick order from a MAGHA member would cost \$75.00, a two-brick order would cost \$125.00, and a three-brick order \$175.00.** Information about MAGHA can be obtained by calling 586-239-6768, by visiting our web site at www.selfridgeairmuseum.org, or by writing to us at the address below.

If you would like to participate in this worthwhile project, please complete the order form and indicate your payment method below and mail this form to MAGHA, 27333 C Street, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANG Base MI 48045. An asterisk (*) will be added after the honoree's name for veterans.

MEMORIAL BRICK ORDER FORM

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Day Time Phone Number: _____

Please install an engraved memorial brick in the Memorial Wall at the Selfridge Military Air Museum in honor of the following.

- This individual is a veteran. Please add an asterisk (*) after their name.
- This individual is not a veteran.
- Please send me information on joining the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association.

Three lines are possible with a maximum of 12 characters per line and a maximum of 36 characters per brick. Periods, commas, asterisks, and spaces between words counts as characters. You will be sent a receipt with a proposed layout.

Check # _____ dated _____ enclosed. Checks should be made payable to "MAGHA".

Please charge my: VISA CARD
 MASTER CARD
 AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD
 DISCOVER CARD

Account # _____
 Expiration Date: _____
 Signature: _____

FORMER BATTLE CREEK GUARD MEMBER HONORED

Honored at a recent event and receiving the Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) award was former Battle Creek Guard member (1978-1981) Colonel Patricia Webb, a 14-year employee of the Science Application International Corporation (SAIC) and 32-year military veteran. Webb has flown highly classified reconnaissance missions and tactical operations supporting humanitarian relief in Somalia and counterdrug and firefighting airdrop operations. Completing master's degrees in international affairs and strategic intelligence, Webb continued in intelligence and special operations as a senior military analyst and reserve deputy director at the Defense Intelligence Agency for counterterrorism in the Pacific and Middle East. Formerly a director at SAIC, Webb is currently a consultant specializing in technologies supporting airborne reconnaissance, counterterrorism, special operations and national security issues for the intelligence community and performs her AF reserve duty at Kirtland AFB, NM. She is personally very active in venues assisting women and children around the world. SAIC CEO Walt Havenstein presented the award.



HONOR ROLL

Due to the large number of Honor Roll members, only those who have either become Life Members or who have achieved a higher membership status since the last issue are listed below. A complete list of all Honor Roll members is published annually in the July issue.

New Patron Members

Col Will Ouellette (MI ANG, 1966-1992)
Lt Col Rosemary Charboneau (MI ANG 1956-1977)

New Life Members

SMSgt Roger Bird (MI ANG, 1969-2008)
Col Bertrand Buckhout (MI ANG, 1955-1976)
Mr. Mike Evans (Air Museum Volunteer)
Lt Col Bruce MacRitchie (MI ANG, 1995-present)
MSgt Leon M. "Marv" Pionk (MI ANG, 1978-1991)

LETTERS HOME

From **MSgt Leo P. Miller, Jr** (77-82): Leo writes that he was in the regular Army from 1966-1969, serving in Vietnam from 1968-1969, joined the MI ARNG in 1974, transferred to the 127 WSSF in 1977, went back to the MI ARNG in 1986 and retired as a 1SG/E-8 in 1989. He worked at the Detroit Arsenal from 1980 to 2008 before he retired from that career as a GS-13. He worked as a Government contractor for Jacobs Technologies and the Camber Corporation in 2008 & 2009, holds multiple patents, is a published author, and does extensive volunteer work for the SAE, VVA, AMVETS, and the VFW. *Busy fella!*

AN EDITORIAL

By Lt Col Lou Nigro

Editorial Disclaimer: These are my thoughts, my thoughts alone, and do not represent the views of our Board of Directors or our membership. If you're going to yell at someone, yell at me!

In January of 2004, one of our members put \$10.00 per month into an automatic bill paying (auto debit) system for MAGHA. In November of 2009, another member followed suit, again for \$10.00 per month. Feedback from both indicates that they don't miss the donation and feel that it's going to a worthwhile organization. If you are interested in how they set this up, call or email me (586-239-6768, louis.nigro@ang.af.mil) and I'll have one of them get a hold of you.

Some interesting ways to increase our cash flow under discussion include offering a Life Insurance option for our members at a reduced rate with MAGHA as one of the beneficiaries, adding MAGHA as a beneficiary on an existing Life Insurance policy, and adding MAGHA as one of the recipients to an estate on a will. More later.

Disorder in the Court #1

These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts, and are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?

WITNESS: No, I just lie there.

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

WITNESS: I forget.

ATTORNEY: You forget? Can you give us an example of something you forgot?

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-one-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: Uh, he's twenty-one.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you kidding me?

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Are you kidding me? Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death.

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Now whose death do you suppose terminated it?

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard.

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Guess.

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Disorder in the Court #2

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All my autopsies are performed on dead people. Would you like to rephrase that?

ATTORNEY: ALL your responses MUST be oral, OK? What school did you go to?

WITNESS: Oral.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: No, he was sitting on the table wondering why I was doing an autopsy on him!

ATTORNEY: Are you qualified to give a urine sample?

WITNESS: Huh....are you qualified to ask that question?

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

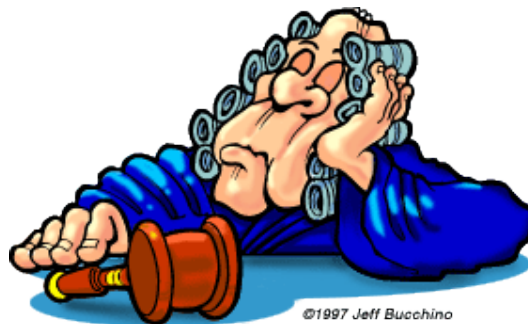
WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?

WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.



Entertaining Airline Announcements #1

All too rarely, airline attendants make an effort to make the in-flight safety lecture and their other announcements a bit more entertaining. Here are some examples that have been heard or reported:

On a Continental Flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."

On landing the stewardess said, "Please be sure to take all your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."

"There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only 3 ways out of this airplane."

"Thank you for flying Delta Business Express. We hope you enjoyed giving us the business as much as we enjoyed taking you for a ride."

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at Washington National, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: "Whoa, big fella. WHOA!"

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Memphis, a flight attendant on a Northwest flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted."

From a Southwest Airlines employee: "Welcome aboard Southwest Flight XXX to YYY. To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt, and if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."

"Your seat cushions can be used for flotation; and, in the event of an emergency water landing, please paddle to shore and take them with our compliments."

"Should the cabin lose pressure, oxygen masks will drop from the overhead area. Please place the bag over your own mouth and nose before assisting children...or other adults acting like children."

Entertaining Airline Announcements #2

"As you exit the plane, make sure to gather all of your belongings. Anything left behind will be distributed evenly among the flight attendants. Please do not leave children or spouses."

And from the pilot during his welcome message: "Delta airlines is pleased to have some of the best flight attendants in the industry. Unfortunately, none of them are on this flight!"

Heard on Southwest Airlines just after a very hard landing in Salt Lake City: The flight attendant came on the intercom and said, "That was quite a bump, and I know what y'all are thinking. I'm here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, it wasn't the flight attendant's fault...it was the asphalt!"

Overheard on an American Airlines flight into Amarillo, Texas, on a particularly windy and bumpy day. During the final approach, the Captain really had to fight it. After an extremely hard landing, the Flight Attendant said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to Amarillo. Please remain in your seats with your seat belts fastened while the Captain taxis what's left of our airplane to the gate!"

Another flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing: "We ask you to please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal."

An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying XYZ airline." He said that in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally everyone had gotten off except for a little old lady walking with a cane. She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?" " Why, no Ma'am," said the pilot. "What is it?" The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"

After a real crusher of a landing in Phoenix, the Flight Attendant came on with, "Ladies and Gentlemen, please remain in your seats until Capt. Crash and the Crew have brought the aircraft to a screeching halt against the gate. And, once the tire smoke has cleared and the warning bells are silenced, we'll open the door and you can pick your way through the wreckage to the terminal."

GREATEST LIES IN AVIATION

I'm from the FAA and I'm here to help you.
Me? I've never busted minimums.
We will be on time, maybe even early.
Pardon me, ma'am, I seem to have lost my jet keys.
I have no interest in flying for the airlines.
I fixed it right the first time; it must have failed for other reasons.
All that turbulence spoiled my landing.
I'm a member of the mile high club.
I only need glasses for reading.
I broke out right at minimums.
The weather is gonna be alright; it's clearing to VFR.
Don't worry about the weight and balance: it'll fly.
If we get a little lower I think we'll see the lights.
I'm 22, got 6000 hours, a four year degree and 3000 hours in a Lear.
We shipped the part yesterday.
I'd love to have a woman co-pilot.
All you have to do is follow the book.
This plane outperforms the book by 20 percent.
We in aviation are overpaid, underworked and well respected.
Oh sure, no problem, I've got over 2000 hours in that aircraft.
No need to look that up, I've got it all memorized.
Sure I can fly it: it has wings, doesn't it?
We'll be home by lunchtime.
Your plane will be ready by 2 o'clock.
I'm always glad to see the FAA.
We fly every day: we don't need recurrent training.
It just came out of annual; how could anything be wrong?
I thought YOU took care of that.
I've got the field in sight.
I've got the traffic in sight.
Of course I know where we are.
I'm SURE the gear was down.



MAGHA DONATION POLICY CHANGE

The Michigan Air Guard Historical Association (MAGHA) has had a long-standing policy that all membership donations were cumulative with the cumulative donation being used to qualify members for an upgraded membership category.

This policy is not an accepted professional non-profit standard, is contrary to the great majority of other organizations that have a tiered membership donation schedule like we do, and contributes significantly to the situation we're in where 65% of our members are Life, Sustaining, or Patron members and, in the great majority of cases, do not make membership donations any longer because they are no longer reminded that their membership is due to expire

To correct this situation, MAGHA's Board of Directors voted unanimously at their November 11th meeting to rescind this cumulative donation policy for our year-to-year members. The cumulative donation policy will remain in effect for Life, Sustaining, and Patron members.

Current membership statuses will not be affected by this policy change and if members wish to upgrade their membership status, they can do so by donating the difference between their current cumulative donations and the upgraded membership donation thresholds no later than 31 March 2011.

The current membership thresholds are: Life Member - \$250.00, Sustaining Member - \$500.00, and Patron Member - \$1,000.00. Board discussion is underway regarding added benefits for those who upgrade their membership category.

Information on your current cumulative donations can be obtained by contacting MAGHA's Executive Director, Lt Col Lou Nigro, at 586-239-6768, by email to louis.nigro@ang.af.mil, or by mail to 27333 C Street, Bldg 1011, Selfridge ANGB MI 48045.



TWENTY SEVEN LINES TO MAKE YOU SMILE

1. My husband and I divorced over religious differences. He thought he was God and I didn't
2. I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.
3. Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.
4. I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.
5. Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.
6. You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me.
7. Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.
8. Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.
9. I'm not a complete idiot -- Some parts are missing.
10. Out of my mind...back in five minutes.
11. Nyquil, the stuffy, sneezy, why-the-heck-is-the-room-spinning medicine.
12. God must love stupid people..He made so many.
13. The gene pool could use a little chlorine.
14. Consciousness: That annoying time between naps.
15. Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?
16. Being 'over the hill' is much better than being under it!
17. Wrinkled was not one of the things I wanted to be when I grew up.
18. Procrastinate Now!
19. I have a degree in Liberal Arts; do you want fries with that?
20. A hangover is the wrath of grapes.
21. A journey of a thousand miles begins with a cash advance.
22. Stupidity is not a handicap. Park elsewhere!
23. He who dies with the most toys is nonetheless DEAD.
24. A picture is worth a thousand words, but it uses up three thousand times the memory.
26. Ham and eggs...A day's work for a chicken, a lifetime commitment for a pig.
27. The trouble with life is there's no background music

