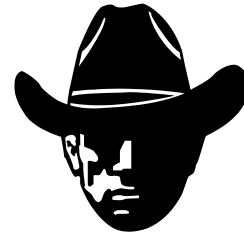




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## 46th Air Refueling Squadron Association

# REUNION IV

San Antonio, TX  
October 27—30, 2005



## From the DeFacto Editor:

It's been a while since the last newsletter. Truthfully there hasn't been a lot going on other than starting to work on Reunion IV with Ben Carde in San Antonio.

The third reunion is over. It was a nice get-together with some attending who had not in previous years; Robbie and Dede Robinson, Jerry and Joan Rundt, Dick and Ann Trail, Barry and Sue Scheinost, Tom Watkins, and Jim and Pam Longtine.

I think that everyone enjoyed themselves at the hotel and around Omaha. Most of us made it out to the Strategic Air and Space (read that as SAC) Museum and the zoo. Some went out to Offut to the open house which just happened to be on that same weekend.

Lots of thanks to Don and Judy Croston, Loren and Susan Steenson and the rest of the group from the Omaha area who made the arrangements for the weekend.

Plans for the next reunion are underway. It will be held October 27—30, 2005 in San Antonio, TX at the Hilton Hotel at the San Antonio airport. Rooms are blocked at the rate of \$89.00 per day plus tax. Reservation cut off date is September 26, 2005. All reservations must be made through the Hilton at 1-877-377-7227. Cancellations must be made 72 hours prior to arrival.

The information on page 3 is tentative and will be formalized a little later on. Final information will be sent out later.

We were in San Antonio this past summer for an Austin Healey Club of America meeting and car show. It is a great town to visit. Nice restaurants, the River Walk, the Alamo and other attractions.

I have been receiving periodic updates on the condition of Dale Leisch, a former 46th Commander. Last word is that he has made an almost full recovery from his cancer and is doing quite well.

You will notice on this page the announcement for the Sawyer Reunion in June 2005. This is being planned but things are still a little up in the air. You can get updated info from the county website ([www.marquettecountry.org](http://www.marquettecountry.org)) Note that it is "country" not "county". **(Continued on page 4)**

## K.I. Sawyer Reunion "Thanks for the Memories"

### June 24—26, 2005

#### Friday, June 24

8:00 am to 10:30 am Golf Tee Times available.  
You must make your own tee times and pre-register at Red Fox Run Golf Course (Base Course)  
RGMGT@aol.com or 906-346-7010  
12:00 Noon—On Registration at the "W" (Base Gym)  
2:00 pm Opening Ceremony, Gwinn Schools Open House, Community/Industrial Bus tours  
Evening - Music at or near Sawyer Center (O-Club)

#### Saturday, June 25

All Day—Sawyer Community Days  
Classic, Antique Car show  
Afternoon—Community/Industrial Bus tours and Civil War Re-enactors  
2:00 pm—7:00 pm Barbecue  
6:00 pm USO Variety Show

#### Sunday, June 26

11:00 am Memorial Service and Honor Guard at the Upper Peninsula Memorial Center  
Pancake Breakfasts at the churches on base (Chapel 1 and 2)  
410 CE Squadron and AGE Squadrons will hold reunions on Saturday

## Taps

HOMER GAOUCETTE 3/31/01  
CHARLES LINGLE 8/2/03  
CHARLES AUGUSTINE 9/16/03  
LANNY J. HEADLEY 10/02/03

# REUNION IV

**Hilton San Antonio Airport  
San Antonio, TX**

**October 27—30, 2005**

**Thursday, Oct 27**

Sign-In—Informal Get together

**Friday, Oct 28**

Business Meeting

Tour of San Antonio sights (tentative \$25—\$30 per person)

Dinner at La Posada Del Rey (tentative)

**Saturday, Oct 29**

Free day for sight seeing and shopping

Banquet at Hotel, speaker J. Robert Adams, Col. Ret, USAF (Director of Finance for the VA in Austin, TX and former Comptroller for AETC at Randolph)

**Sunday, Oct 30**

Sign Out and Depart

Hotel rates are \$89.00 per night plus tax. Make reservations through 1-877-377-7227 by September 26, 2005

### Banquet Menu

Choice of Flat Iron Steak or Inside Round Roast Beef, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Lemon Crusted Tilapia or Rice Pilaf with Fish (Menu tentative at this time) \$30.00 per person

Registration Information and forms will be sent a little later in the year. Plan on making this reunion. San Antonio should be great in October '05.

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## Tentative Registration

\ (Ben would like a tentative count to work with the various agencies in San Antonio)

If you are planning to attend please return this info to: 46th ARS Association, 520 Cherry Creek Road, Marquette, MI 49855 or ARS46@aol.com. Your assistance is appreciated

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Tour Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Friday night Dinner Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## 46th ARS Commanders

Winfred H. Meibohm	Donald S. Crosten
C. Hunter Smith**	Richard L. Trail
Laurence Maher, Jr	Robert L. Hohman
Ronald L. Brumbaugh	Ronald B. Childers
Wilson W. Howard**	Dale R. Liesch
Samuel E. Dyke	William G. Manier
Bertram G. Brunner**	Richard W. Salsbury
Edward G. Palm**	William E. Rutter
Martin D. Klena	Brian W. Horst
Frank Elliott	Russell Deming
Alvin W. Langford	James Nakauchi
Donald D. Luenenberg	** Deceased
Richard E. Ring	

## 46th ARS Senior Boom Operators

Hal Caldwell  
Ken Courtright  
Bob Labo  
Steve Lonergan  
Scott Harris  
Brad Arnsparger

## De Facto Editor, continued

On this page is the listing of former commanders of the 46th. I think that we have all the names listed now. Next I would like to get all the names of the "Senior Boomers". Brad Arnsparger (Gwinn Chief of Police) was kind enough to send me some start with. If anyone knows more names that should be on this list please send them to me.

**If any of you have changed your e-mail addresses in the last year or so please send me your current ones.**

Thanks and looking forward to seeing you in San Antonio in October or at the base in June.

John Stevens

## Adopt A Six

The former members of the 87th FIS are attempting to obtain a F-106 for the Sawyer plane collection.

Donations may be sent to "Adopt a Six, PO Box 1210, Gwinn, MI 49841-1210"

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