

# "Ready for Contact"

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# **New 46th ARS Website**

The new website is up and running at

http://46thars.tripod.com/index.html

Take a look at it and let us know what you think and any suggestions that you may have.

We have been updating it regularly and will continue to do so as more information comes our way.

Also a new e-mail address 46thars@sbcglobal.net



What 46th tanker carried this nose art?

# From the DeFacto Editor:

The San Antonio reunion has come and gone. We had a smaller turnout there than we have had at our previous reunions but we still had a good time. Ben Carde and Lee Hommer did a great job in setting up the reunion. The hotel was very nice, the tour of San Antonio was great and the Friday night dinner excellent. The Banquet on Saturday night was very good as was the speaker, Colonel Robert Adams, retired, who is the Deputy Director at the VA Financial Services Center.

There was a short business meeting conducted on Friday morning. We elected a couple of new officers for the Association. Fred Pumroy was elected President replacing Dick Ring and John Dyson was elected Vice-President. The Board of Directors now consists of Fred, John, Dick Ring, George Batte and myself as Secretary/Treasurer.

After considerable discussion we agreed that the next reunion will be planned as a cruise in 2007 and the reunion for 2009 will be held in Dayton, OH. Fred and John are beginning to work on both. If we cannot arrange a cruise the backup plan is to have the 2007 reunion in Las Vegas.

I have been working with the Sawyer Heritage Museum and came across a scrap book of 46th tanker nose art. There are a couple of pictures missing. If you happen to have a copy of any 46th tanker nose art please e-mail me. I would like to get any more pictures that I can.

John Stevens Secretary/Treasurer

# **President's Corner**

Though it wasn't my intent to become President when signing up for the reunion, I accepted the position only after a lot of prodding and arm twisting. Though the only way I would take it on was if John Dyson (who lives about 5 miles from me) would accept the Vice President position and John Stevens would stay on as Treasurer/Secretary (John has been the key to making the organization a success).

But now that I have the responsibility,



let me review some of my goals for the next couple of years. First, is to get this newsletter to all of the members of the 46 AREFS, that we have addresses for, to let everyone know what a great time we all had in San Antonio. The next step is to encourage as many to attend the functions and reunions we periodically have.

At the end of our last reunion we decided to try to have a Cruise in February 2007 and we are working with Earl Goldberg to set it up. In 2009, we plan on having the reunion in Dayton.

I encourage all of you to keep in touch of the organization through John Stevens or myself. Looking forward to seeing all of you in 2007.

# Fred Pumroy

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**Taps**Leonard "Harry" Schulz

# Come cruise the Caribbean with the 46<sup>th</sup> ARS on the Star Princess.

Departing Fort Lauderdale, Florida on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> 2007 for seven fun filled days visiting Ocho Rios, Jamaica; Grand Cayman Islands, Cozumel, Mexico and Princess Cays Bahamas. Returning to Fort Lauderdale on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

Bookings for the cruise should be made as soon as possible through Jordan Cabral at <u>1-800-493-6609</u>. Be sure to mention that you are members of the 46<sup>th</sup> ARS cruise or mention Earl Goldberg's name.



Only bookings made through Jordan will be honored with our special prices and activities. Insure that you request the late seating for dinner. Jordan should be able to answer any questions that you may have.

Costs for the cruise are:

Inside cabin \$732.11 per person with all taxes:

Ocean cabin \$818.61 per person with all taxes

Balcony cabin \$905.11 per person with all taxes.

There is no deadline for signing up but spaces are limited and reservations should be made as soon as possible.

# The deadline for complete refunds is December 12, 2006.

Each cabin will receive a \$50.00 on board credit and a photo voucher. We will collect a \$10.00 payment from each cabin to be used by the tour director for extras for the group.

Earl Goldberg will be our tour director and will sign all participants up for the late seating at dinner and make up tables of 8 for dinner. He will also have a lounge for before dinner drinks and snacks.

Dress codes for dinner are: Casual - Collared shirt with slacks; Semi-Formal and Formal - Sport coat and tie; no shorts or jeans for dinner.

Boarding time on February 24<sup>th</sup> will be 12:00 Noon (Eastern Time).

Travel insurance is available through Princess Travel or through I Travel. Princess Travel insurance information is on their website at www.princess.com or through I Travel's website at www.travelinsured.com.

Shuttle or taxi service is available from local hotels to and from the cruise docks at a nominal cost.

Earl has indicated that he can assist with local hotel reservations and if desired will give a tour of Fort Lauderdale on his boat. Contact him at: egold13@bellsouth.net or 954-462-3586 or cell 954-817-0152.

For additional information check out the Princess Cruises website at: www.princess.com

# 46th ARS Commanders

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We were just notified of the passing of Nancy Westbrook, the wife of Al Westbrook a former pilot in the 46th.

We were also alerted to a story in the Las Vegas, NV, Sun newspaper concerning former member Chuck Augustine. See it at the Sun website. The article is entitled "Who is Chaz Higgs?"

### **46th ARS Senior Boom Operators**

Ed Caldwell
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Brad Arnsparger
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Richard Stephens
Carl Criscillis
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Florian Spiczka
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We need more names here. If you were a Senior Boomer or know of one we do not have on the list please send the info to: 46thars@sbcglobal.net

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