



41st Airlift Squadron



41 AS: AMC's 1st C-130J Squadron

October 2007

Commander's Corner...

Black Cats,

As you all know, the Evreux alumni were in town this past month for a reunion. The members and spouses of the 39th, 40th and 41st Airlift Squadrons from the 1950's in Evreux France had a great time, thanks to the hard work and selflessness many of you demonstrated. Holly and I had the privilege of dining with Gen (ret) H. T. Johnson, his wife Linda and Mrs. Donna Bullock at the Evreux Reunion banquet. Mrs. Bullock's late husband was the commander of the 41st when Gen Johnson first arrived from pilot training, and it was Col Bullock who commissioned the painting of the C-130A in the command section. Speaking with them, I was amazed at how similar squadron life today sounds compared to what they experienced 50 years ago, bringing the A model into the inventory and qualifying the new crew members.

What we found most remarkable was how *close* the group is even after 50 years. What a wonderful statement about the people and the squadron, the value of their personal relationships, their camaraderie, their esprit de corps, and their respect for each other! You might not realize it, but we see the same sort of lasting relationships forming in the 41st today. Your dedication and hard work is not only making us the best combat airlift squadron in the Air Force, it's resulting in friendships that will last a lifetime.

I could not stop smiling as I was greeted with compliment after compliment relating just how sharp our NCOs and Airmen are. Thank you for your professionalism, and for going the extra mile to honor our veterans while making their visit to Little Rock one they will remember. The feedback they offered indicates this is the best reunion the group has ever had, and they expressed their sincere thanks for helping them feel as if they "belong again". Apparently in the 1950s they did not yet realize... "Once a Black Cat...Always a Black Cat!"

Lt Col Tulley

Booster Association

The squadron booster club is selling novelty tee shirts for \$20.00 per shirt. A portion of the proceeds will be used to offset the cost of the Christmas Party. Don't MISS out!

SPOUSE'S SPOTLIGHT

Spouses,

Welcome to Fall in Arkansas (for those you who are new to Arkansas, it will start to feel like Fall sometime between now and Thanksgiving ☺)! The Natural State offers many great activities to enjoy during this time of year.....whether you enjoy football, arts and crafts or spending time in the great outdoors, there is something for everyone. Check out your local newspaper for upcoming events and feel free to call or email me if you are looking for something specific like an apple orchard or great place to go for a hike!

Wow! Where did September go?? It seems like it passed in the blink of an eye! It was a great month for our spouse's group. First, our social roster grew from 18 to 38 people! We have been excited to see a number of those new faces already but hope to see even more in October. There were several fun events throughout the month. We had a great turnout for the first squadron dinner out at Juanita's Café and Bar. Everyone seemed to enjoy the atmosphere and the company most of all. The Air Force Ball was a wonderful night for many of us to get dressed up in our finest and enjoy some time together reflecting on the rich Air Force heritage. We also had a great time at the LRSC Trivia Night, our first playgroup, the Lunch Bunch and our monthly social! In addition, our first breakfast burrito was a big success!

Just like September, October looks like it will be filled with many opportunities for us to have fun together. Please take some time to explore the upcoming activities.

If you are new to the squadron and haven't heard from us, please let me know! We are anxious to meet you.

Happy Fall,
Holly

41 AS Spouse Upcoming Events:

41 AS Playgroup

October 5th, 10 am

1934 Hidden Creek, Sherwood

Please contact Christy Garber at 501-834-0125 or chisty.garber@gmail.com for more information

Spouse Lunch Bunch

September 17th, 11 am

Chilis, Jacksonville

Contact Holly at 501-843-9998 or tulleyfamily@centurytel.net for more information