GREETINGS: Former Blackhawks it is now one year away from our next Reunion. I am happy to report that we do have a plan and much work has been done.

Larry Meades, Mike O'Reilly and Al Moore have put together a great looking preliminary package. No one else has followed up with alternative suggestions or preliminary plans.

Since there have been no other plans submitted, voting for the time, place and location of our next reunion is not necessary.

So here is the lay-out for our 1993 Blackhawk Reunion.

LOCATION: Norfolk, Virginia at Airport Hilton.
TIME: Wed., August 18 through Sat., August 21st. departing Sunday the 22nd.
COST: $59.00 for single/double occupancy, plus tax per night.

ITINERARY: The Hilton has tentatively blocked space for a Welcome Cocktail Party on Wednesday evening and a Cocktail Reception and Banquet for Saturday night the 21st. of August.
A Hospitality/Memorabilia Room will be provided for us from Wed through Sun.

SCHEDULE:
8/18  12pm-12am Hosp/Memorabilia
      6pm- 8pm Welcome Reception
8/19  7am-12am Hosp/Memorabilia
8/20  7am-12am Hosp/Memorabilia
8/21  7am-12pm Hosp/Memorabilia
      6pm- 7pm Cocktail Party
      7pm-12pm Dinner
8/22  7am-12am Hosp/Memorabilia

ACTIVITIES: Include trips to Williamsburg, James Town, A tour of the Naval Air Base W/Lunch at the Officers Club, A tour of a ship and a Harbor cruise.

AMENITIES:
- Pool - 15 min to VA Beach & Ocean
- Health Club w/Jacuzzi open daily
- Complimentary Airport shuttle
- Complimentary Parking
- 5 min from Botanical Gardens
- 5 min from major shopping mall
- 15 min to Waterside, Va de Arthur Center, Chrysler Center, and Naval Base.
- Welcome Packets upon arrival
- Itinerary of your group activities for each attender
- List of attenders and Room Numbers
- Coffee makers with coffee in all rooms

The focus of this reunion will be family orientated activities with options for everyone to enjoy.

If you have any ideas for activities or suggestions to improve the reunion activities, please feel free to call or write one of the committee members. The primary workers for our 1993 Reunion are Larry Meades, Mike O'Reilly, and Al Moore with input from Earl Shepherd, Glenn O'Leary, Damon Cecil and Paul Hanson.

Larry Meades is working on events, price breaks and discounts to make this as affordable as possible. If any of you have any pull in this area please contact Larry.

Al Moore is our on site Hotel liaison and coordinator.

Mike O'Reilly is making more contacts and working on planning.

These three men are doing the lions share of the work for organizing this reunion and I would like to express my THANKS for their efforts on behalf of us all.

THANKS YOU Larry, Mike, Al.
BLACKHAWK REUNION VIDEO 1991
Yes! the reunion video is finally finished and the first mailing is out. I am mailing them out in
groups of 50 at a time until everyone has one. The first 50 of you now have the video in your hands. I
hope you enjoy it. As you send in your payments for this tape I will order more in groups of 50 and
mail them. PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PAYMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. When the
cash flow stops the tape flow stops. So please send
in your payment after watching the video or if for
some reason you do not want a copy of the reunion
tape, Please return it so I can mail it to another
Blackhawk Association member. THANKS

If you wish to order a video direct and get it with
the next mailing just send a check for $24.00 to:
Paul Hanson
8301 N.103 Ave #29
Peoria, Az 85345 VIDEO.
I have invested well over three thousand dollars
producing this video. I hope to recover that and
have enough left over to do the next reunion video.
If I don’t meet that goal someone else will have to
do the next one.

My goal in producing and mailing these videos of
our Reunions is to give everyone a chance to see
and enjoy the gathering even if they could not attend. This is my way of encouraging more
participation in future reunions.

THE NEW ROSTER
With this newsletter is our new roster. We have 27
new names and addresses since the last issue.

This roster also differs in its layout. We have listed
the men by troop. This will make it a little easier
for you to locate friends you served with. Only a few
of us served in more than one troop and we know
who we are so, this new listing should be a better reference.

DEMOGRAPHICS
There has been a shift in the numbers and
locations. In the past most of us were in the East:
Michigan, Florida and Virginia. But the new
numbers are as follows:

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As you can tell by this breakdown, we seem to be
all over the country. But a shift in numbers in
Texas and California make Reunions in those areas
more likely in the future.

MEMORABILIA
If any of you are interested in collecting some of
our old unit crests, Larry Meades has located source
to buy them. They cost $7.50 a set. Only a few are
left in stock. Contact Larry Meades if you are
interested.

GET WELL
To former Blackhawk 6, LTC George Derrick
(RET). I hope your health continues to improve
after your months of problems with heart attacks,
by-passes and collapsed lungs. Hang in there
George we have another reunion to attend.

DEATHS
Naomi Kunishi passed away early this year. Just
over 100 days from the death of Her husband (Doc)
John T. Kunishi our squadron flight surgeon. Her
long fight with cancer is over.

At her husband’s funeral Naomi expressed her
peace with her own impending death. Saying the
hardest part of dealing with her own death was
leaving John. Now John waited for her and she
could face the rest of her life with calm resolve.
Naomi and John leave behind two wonderful sons
John and Kevin Kunishi. I have had the pleasure
of meeting them both. I join in the sorrow of both
John and Kevin at the loss of their parents. But I
feel grateful to have known such good people. They
will live in the hearts and minds of all who knew
them.