



# 579<sup>th</sup> SMS NEWSLETTER

## Volume III

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GREETINGS FROM SUNNY FLORIDA !!! I thought it was time to remind everyone again about the **2008** 6<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual 579<sup>th</sup> Reunion in **ROSWELL** and to get the word out to as many of the squadron as we can reach this year. The date for the gathering is **May 15<sup>th</sup>** (Thursday afternoon) thru **May 18<sup>th</sup>** (Sunday Morning). I have already contacted Linda Irvine of the **Reunion B.R.A.T.** about accommodations and several planned events.

We are currently planning the installation of a commemorative plaque to be placed at the base of the flagpole at Site 4 at the invitation of Gary Baker. Gary attended our previous Roswell reunion in 2000 and has since completed the renovations of the LCC, the cap and portions of the Silo access tunnel. The site is now used as an on-line data storage facility for companies in need of a secure 'hard-site'. The renovation/restoration is impressive. (Note: I was a Q.C. inspector to this site in June/September, 1962, while I was assigned to A.F. Quality Control)



We are also planning the installation of a similar plaque to be placed in the Unit Display area of the Air Terminal located at the Roswell Industrial Air Center (formerly Walker Air Force Base). I have been in contact with the Mayor of Roswell and the Manager of the Air Terminal, and they have indicated that our plaque will be placed along side the current display area. The tentative plaque display is shown below.



The plaque will be created and cast by Terry Karselis (former 579<sup>th</sup> member) who is now a renowned sculptor. My thanks to Terry for his assistance on the design.

Please, contact me if there are **any** suggestions, comments, corrections, etc. that should be included in these reunion plans.

# *Very Important !!!!*

**PLEASE** contact me as soon as possible to let me know if you plan on attending the reunion in Roswell. We have **65+** that have said that they **plan on attending** and **25+** who said they **may attend**. Nearly all of the responders have done so via email. I currently have over 150 people that I have not heard from and they may not have all of the details about the reunion. Of the **150+**, I only have mailing addresses and phone numbers, and I have slowly been calling individuals as I have time. I know that you will probably receive this newsletter before I have had a chance to call you, so **PLEASE** call me at **727-734-3487** any time and leave a message or send me a note letting me know your intentions as far as attending. I know that the reunion is still more that 6 months away, but we have to reserve a block of rooms for accommodations, the hospitality suite, and transportation for some of the events.

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I was going to include postcards in this mailing but the cost of postcards has gone up again, so on top of the postage for this mailing, it would have brought the cost over \$125. So please call me or drop me a line and let me know.

**IF YOU HAVE ALREADY RESPONDED, YOU DO NOT HAVE TO LET ME KNOW AGAIN !!! WE WILL BE SENDING OUT REGISTRATION FORMS AND COSTS AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.**

## **HERE ARE A FEW GROUP SHOTS FROM PAST REUNIONS**



**Roswell 2000**



**Vandenburg 2004**

**MAKE PLANS TODAY !!!**

**JOIN US IN ROSWELL MAY 15-18, 2008**