

US RADAR SITES ICELAND NEWSLETTER, June 2006

FROM THE CHAIRMAN: William Chick, H-2, 1959-60. littlechick@msn.com

The principal news this issue will focus on the results of the general business meeting that took place in Nashville, TN, 18-20 May 2006. Forty three vets (plus an equal number of spouses or guests) attended the Nashville event. A number of issues were



discussed and voted on that will provide firm guidelines for the conduct of our business in the foreseeable future. The timing of this meeting dovetailed perfectly with a large increase in members. We now stand at over 1,900. We can thank our Membership Chairman, Jerry Blackwell, H-2, 60-61.

Here is what was decided at the meeting – if you have any comments, let me know.

1. **Branson, MO, 26-29 April, 2007.** This will be the site of our next reunion. The headquarters hotel will be the Radisson. We asked for **150** of the hotels' 500 rooms – that insured that we would get a low rate, a large hospitality suite, and other benefits. Therefore, if you intend to stay in a motel while in Branson, we encourage you to use the Radisson so that we can meet our occupancy goal.

Rates. Including taxes **\$78.12 per room** (double or king) -- a very competitive rate. Leisure and Presidential Suites costs \$177.25 and \$199.54, respectively.

Banquet. Scheduled for Saturday evening, April 28. Cost: about **\$35 per person**.

Registration Fees will be **\$15 per person**, this can be paid now, send to David Hawk.

These fees will be used to stock the hospitality room, for name tags, banquet decorations, etc. If individual radar sites wish to schedule site-only meetings (*like done in Dayton and Colorado Springs*), we can also arrange that. More details in the December newsletter. The hotel is located at 120 South Wildwood Dr, Branson, Mo 65616.

How to contact the Radisson Hotel:

Call: **1-888-566-5290** and ask for group reservations. Tell them you are with the US Radar Sites Iceland. (1-888-566-5290 can only be used for reservations. It can't be used by the folks back home to ring your room – use 1-417-335-5767 for that.)

2. Financial Matters.

Dues. We will continue to ask for volunteer donations. The amount is set at **\$15** a year – due in **June** of each year. (*If anyone wants to be a "life member" they can do so by sending \$150.*) The dues will pay for the printing and mailing of the newsletters, the \$300 per year cost of maintaining our WEB Site, and expenses incurred for reunion site selection. A limit was set to reimburse up to \$250 per person -- for up to two people -- to travel to future reunion sites and negotiate for competitive rates.

Phone Costs: Volunteers will bear their own phone costs for our membership drives.

3. Newsletter. We will continue as before-- twice a year, June and December, as long as funds are available. Since our membership has increased, this cost will rise. We will use snail-mail – if you express a desire to receive by e-mail, we will accommodate.

4. Web Site Control. Reed Thomas H-4, 1958-59, will remain Webmaster with William Chick serving as monitor of all activities. Neither will receive reimbursement.

5. Future reunions.

Frequency: We agree to stay the course of a reunion every other year. We will attempt to schedule future reunions so that they will be divided so that one will be west of the Mississippi River and the next will be east of the River.

Memorials: We plan to continue to make a Radar plaque/presentation at each of our reunion sites – the one for Branson has already been made and sent to the Radisson for display in their Hall of Fame gallery.

6. History books and coins.

History: The cost will remain at \$10 including postage (our cost). We are on our 5th printing and will reorder as needed.

Coins: The cost will remain at \$10. If we sell out, we will reorder as needed.

7. Memorabilia: For the reunion in Branson, Mike Mangone, H-1, H-4, 60-61, will take charge and report on Hats, T-shirts, etc.

8. Membership.

Executive Committee Makeup. Committee officers will include: The Chairman, Administrator, Treasurer, & Membership Chairman, and others as needed. In addition, the remainder of the committee will be represented by 2 members from each site.

Voting rights for general membership: The general membership will be represented by the executive committee. A policy of majority rule will prevail.



FROM THE TREASURER: David Hawk, H-1, 1985-86. Thanks again for offering to pay a volunteer dues of **\$15** -- due in **June** of each year. Many of you have been supportive of the efforts to keep the Iceland Reunion alive. Again, our monies go to pay for the twice a year newsletter, site selection expenses, and other mail expenses. Please make your check out to Iceland Reunion and mail it to:

David Hawk, Rt 1, Box 233, Elmore City, OK 73433.

FROM THE HISTORIAN: Jerry Tonnell, H-2, 1959. jtonnell@mindspring.com

A limited number of the books are still available for sale (nearly 500 have already been distributed.) The book contains the history of each of the four sites and includes 110 pictures as well as quotations from some 75 radar vets. It explains what we did, why we did it, and how it was done. They can be purchased for **\$10** including postage (our cost.) Order by writing a check payable to "Iceland Reunion" and mail to:

William Chick, 104 Summit Point Court, Chapin, SC 29036



FROM THE WEBSITE PHOTO CHAIRMEN: Bob Haines, H-4, 1957-58, and Jerry May, H-1, 1962-63. We ask that you please pass photos on to us – bear in mind that we are trying to avoid duplicate photos so that we can save space on the web site. Please do not reduce resolution -- send photos full size.

Where to send photos by mail or e-mail:

Send Photos for H-1 & H-3 to: Jerry May, P.O. 1481, Jonesboro, AR 72403 jwmay@bscn.com Send Photos for H-2 and H-4 to: Bob Haines, 12001 Tallgrass Dr, #200, Olathe, KS 66061 RAMAC1440@aol.com

FROM the SCRAPBOOK CHAIRMAN: W.C. Chilton, H-1, 1961- 62. Our many photo scrapbooks will be in Branson in 2007. wcandnelma@blomand.net

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN: Jerry Blackwell, H-2, 60-61, H-3 1961. We have found over 600 people since our reunion in Colorado Springs. Thanks to all who have forwarded old orders -- keep them coming. BlckJerr@aol.com



FROM THE MEMORABILIA

FOLKS: Michael Mangone, H-1 and H-4, 1960-61 has some shoulder patches of each site. He will also work on designing hats and T- shirts -- they will be listed on the web site and in the Dec 2006 newsletter. Mike's address is:

11019 N W 5th Ave., Branford, FL 32008

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR AND WEBMASTER. Reed Thomas, H-4, 1958-59. Reed01@optonline.net



As of 01Jun 2006 we have 3811 names in our data base-- active members = 1914 with addresses and or e-mail addys. We have 1693 names in our search file. Also 215 are deceased members. Totals by site: SAW 6, ACS 22, H-1 1892, H-2 223, H-3 1263, H-4 387, and Misc 24. Our site averages about 80,190 hits a

month. When viewing your record, if it doesn't show what rank or job title please click on Site Map and then select email webmaster and give us the information. This also applies to updating any old information. We are working on getting as much information

on each site's roster as possible. If you have any suggestions don't hesitate to tell us. Our site address is www.usradarsitesiceland.org

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Branson, Missouri

Our next reunion will be April 26-29, 2007. The Hotel rates will be the same 3 days before and 3 days after, so plan a real vacation. Call Radisson Hotel 1-888-566-5290 Key word

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