

GOMER QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Howdy and welcome to our Fall 2021 Aggressor Association Newsletter. Part of this Newsletter will discuss our upcoming 50th Reunion, which is one year out scheduled for 3-6 November 2022 at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas.

We have a few interesting articles this month courtesy of Mark “Derelict” Stevens. The first one is a story I had never heard before, the Russian Aggressors. The second is story of the F-35 in Red Flag.

As a side note, we are always looking for stories to add into our Newsletters. Any humorous events, tales of heroism, deployments that were “special” or just “good bull” are always welcome. We have had some good Maple Flag stories, I’m sure there are some tales from “Deci” that could be shared, and perhaps even a tale or two from the PACAF Gomers. Its not hard, just start banging away on the computer and before you know it, you’ll be smiling and laughing remembering all the good times!

Next year at our 50th Anniversary Reunion will be the end of the term for your current Board of Directors. As such we are putting the word out early for those who would like to stand up and take the reins for the next term. If you have the desire to serve your fellow Aggressors and the Aggressor Association, or even better, if you know someone that would be great on the Association Board, please let one of your Board Members know. Nothing like volunteering your buddy for a job! LOL

Last September the family of Earl “Obi-Wan” Henderson had his Memorial Service and Celebration of Life. Obi, an initial cadre Aggressor and 2nd Commander of the 4477 TES, died in 2020 and it was nice to bring closure for

all those he has affected through his life. In a fitting tribute, the 64th Aggressor Squadron led a 4 ship Missing Man flyby over his internment site to honor Obi-Wan. It was a great day in so many ways. We look forward to seeing Obi's wife, Andy, and their son, Neil, at the 50th.

All for now, enjoy this month's edition. And as always, Check 6!

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Your Aggressor Association has officially kicked off the planning for the 50th Anniversary Reunion.

Dates: 3-6 November 2022. Please note the reunion is next year not this November. The dates coincide with the Aviation Nation Airshow to be held at Nellis AFB. The Air Force will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary and the Aggressors will be celebrating our 50th! SHIT HOT!!

We are in the process of forming our planning committees and our goal is to have sign ups and pricing available starting in January 2022.

Venue: It will be in the same location as the 45th Anniversary reunion, the **Sahara Hotel and Casino**. It has changed back to the Sahara from the SLS. It is remodeled and very nice. You can sign up for rooms at this time at the following website:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50211879>

Special rates have been reserved for our event, so you can make your reservations now. The rates are available for Thursday night 3 Nov – Sat 5 Nov. checkout is planned for Sunday 6 Nov. If you desire to stay longer, I'm sure it is not a problem, we just don't have guaranteed rates for those days. Be the first to the merge and get your room **early!**

OVERVIEW

We have secured the Penthouse Suite as our Hospitality Room and we plan to

have it manned most all the time starting Thursday 3 Nov at 1600 for early arrivals until Sunday morning.

We are planning to attend the **Aviation Nation Airshow** on Friday, as that is typically Military and Family Appreciation Day, and it is a lot less crowded. Hoping to have our own Chalet as last time. In the past, the Aggressors have flown as part of the Demonstration and of course the Thunderbirds will perform.

The Aggressor **“Roll Call”** will be held Friday night at the Sahara at the Alexandria Pool Area. Should be a great time with lots of stories of heroism and buffoonery!

Saturday will be our **50th Anniversary Banquet**. Derek “Tazz” Routt will MC the event and our guest speaker will be The Honorable Matt “Gorilla” Donovan, a former F-5 65th Aggressor and previous acting Secretary of the Air Force (SecAF) and currently the Director of the Mitchell Institute’s Spacepower Advantage Research Center (MI-SPARC)

For Planning purposes, and this is a very unofficial schedule of events:

Thursday, 3 Nov	Early arrivals	Hospitality Suite open at 1600	Sahara Hotel
Friday, 4 Nov	1000-1500	Aviation Nation Airshow	Nellis AFB
Friday, 4 Nov	1900-2100	Roll Call @ the Sahara	Alexandria Pool
Friday, 4 Nov	2100-????	Hospitality Suite open	
Saturday, 5 Nov	1800-2200	50 th Anniversary Banquet	Sahara Hotel

Other Activities for Friday and/ or Saturday TBD

Sunday, 5 Nov Check out and see everyone in 2027!

Please know that your membership in the Association has allowed us to make these early arrangements possible. If you have not updated your membership, please do so, it sure does help!

Also, for those that are Lifetime Aggressor Association Members we will have a special “thank you” offer in the near future.

If you want to join, go to www.gomersrule.com and follow the prompts.

That brings me to my next point. We are always looking to find lost Gomers, nope not “Magellan” on the range, but guys we don’t have contact info for. Please get with your Aggressor buds, make sure they are signed up with the Association or at least get them on our database so we can get information to them. Speaking of which, we have lost track of Gary “Buzz” Taylor. 64th and 65th Ops Officer ’87-’88 timeframe and Scott “Ragu” Cerilli, Adversary Tactics ’92-’95. Any help would be appreciated.

And a note from Derelict Stevens, if we have your email as a “.mil” address, then please provide us with a civilian email as well.

We all look forward to gathering and seeing old friends and sharing the history of the past 50 years. We will then pave the way to excellence for the next 50 years of the US Air Force Aggressor Program!

PLEASE CLICK HERE TO LET US KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE REUNION NEXT YEAR.

SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE 50TH LOGO

After much deliberation, work, trial and error and finding the right talent we have selected our 50th Anniversary Logo. The Red Star is with all the past and current aircraft that the Aggressors have flown. We purposely did not include the F-35 as it



has not entered the Aggressor livery as of yet. The fist with lightning bolts represents the Electronic spectrum of GCI, Sams, Cyber and Space.

Our plan is to make a Commemorative Coin from this logo. The other side of the Logo represents all the Domains of the Aggressor Mission, Air, Space, Cyber, SAMs, with the symbol of the Air Force and the bullseye as the target of the Aggressor Mission. The representative symbols are set off perfectly with the Nellis Range as the backdrop as the home of the Aggressors. Our Aggressor heritage is symbolized with “50th Anniversary” in Cyrillic. Personally, I think this would be a great all-inclusive poster for the Aggressor 50th.

We had lots of help with the design from RC Cline, your Board of Directors, the current Aggressors, Spanky Clifton and my wife, Pat. The design itself was completed by Smokey Bair, a current Aggressor with the 507th ADAS.

Honestly, I think the team nailed it! Would like to hear your comments as well

Look for our Commemorative Coins to go on sale soon.

50th REUNION SPONSORSHIP

We are reaching out to Corporations, Business's and Individuals that would like to support the Aggressor Mission.

Please see below the levels of contributions and the privileges associated with each level. If you, or if you know the appropriate contact to provide this information to, would like to contribute, the funds will entirely go to support the Association and the Reunion.

The Aggressor Association is a Civilian organization whose goal is to support the United States Air Force Aggressor Program. The Association has no DOD affiliation. All funds will go to support the 50th Anniversary Reunion and the supported infrastructure. Our long term goals are to continue provide support to the men and women of the Aggressor Mission and eventually offer Aggressor Association Scholarships for children of current and/or former Aggressors.

The Association is working to incorporate as a 501(c)3 organization, so your contributions may be tax deductible. We will have additional information as 2022 progresses. We thank you for your generosity.

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Bob “Coyote” Dwyer sent this tidbit of information to us and I thought all would be interested.



In order to get approval, the “Boy’s” told the AF heraldry people that the Russian phrase *Moya Zhopa* meant *Be Humble* (the bullshit motto that TAC tried to foist on the Aggressors).

As you may know, Moya Zhopa means My Ass!

Gotta Love it when the “Boys” get together!

RUSSIAN AGGRESSORS

Derelict Stevens

Pretty interesting look into Russian training and their attempt at having an “Aggressor” program.

Please click on the following link and enjoy.

[RUSSIAN AGGRESSORS](#)

AGGRESSOR F-35'S AT RED FLAG 21-3

Courtesy of Derelict again is this article from the *8/21Aviationist*. It is similar to

the article last month, but adds a little more detail. A good read of the training environment now and all the Aggressors Domains in action. Please “click” on the link below.

RED FLAG 21-3

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