

All "WSPG and WSMR Kids",

This is a lengthy letter – I guess I have a lot to say. Please read it in its entirety – the results of this letter holds the future of recognition for All "WSMR Kids" as "Sons and Daughters of the Pioneers". (You might want to read it again after a few days.)

MEMORY BOOK

First, I want you to be able to order a reunion book – whether you attended the reunion or not. I have had people ask how to order one – so here goes. I have asked for THIS book to be dedicated to the committee who has worked very hard over the years to bring you these events. Enclosed is a Book order form. (In Microsoft Word and PDF formats) The form is also on the web page – www.wsmrkids.com

This year's book will be in COLOR. Stephenie Crowley and her husband are doing the book this year. – Professionals. I have known Steph since 1956 when I arrived at WSPG in the 4th grade. She has attended all of the reunions, and I trust that she and John will do a better job than I did in the past. It is imperative that they sell a certain quantity of books to break even – so please order one so you will have a record as to what occurred during the 2004 reunion. If enough orders are not received, there will be no book... (28 more orders are required) Please order yours - soon.

COMMITTEE – THANK YOU

I want to applaud the Reunion Committee at this time for all of their diligent work they have done on this and all previous reunions. They may or may not have known each other 15 years ago; but today – they are to each other - family. Besides working together on these reunions, they play together, take trips together; they eat together, have meetings and partake in each other's family events. This is to say – they NOW know each other and have been together for all of these years since getting together to pull off these reunions. If you have been to one or more of the four reunions – you know what I mean when I say they have done excellent work.

WEBMASTER THANK YOU

I also want to acknowledge Jim Fulp for his work as our web master. Years ago, I quit asking for contributions to help support my research in finding almost 1,500 people that lived on base as WSPG/WSMR Kids (and some parents). I get my just reward now from being able to communicate with you people and seeing your faces at these reunions and knowing that old friends have made contact with their friends that had been long lost over the years. I thoroughly enjoy the "Letters to the Founder" talking about the "Good Old Days" at WSPG/WSMR. There have been times when I traveled – that I would take the time to look people up in my travels and be able to meet with you one – on – one. I don't travel much anymore – so all I have is the reunions.

I ask now that if you still want to make a contribution – go to the web page and click on the "PayPal", towards the bottom of the Home page and at the bottom of the Reunion Information page. I have had many people comment on how neat the WSMR Kids Reunion web page is and therefore I think it is time that Jim is rewarded for his many hours of service and the cost to provide such a wonderful tool for us to use.

LETTERS TO THE FOUNDER

If you have not had the chance to check out the letters on the "Letters to the Founder" page of our web page, please do so! Don Willis has recently sent in a 15-page installment about WSPG 1956-1959. Don was not able to join us this year. All letters are listed below the titles except for Don's. You have to actually click on the subject of his message to pull up his letter.

If you want to send me a letter about what you think of this whole thing – life at WSPG/WSMR or the reunions - go ahead. I will not post them on the web page without asking you first.....

REUNION T-SHIRTS

We only ordered shirts for those that requested shirts. Since there have been more requests for shirts, we will get a new order for shirts. The shirts have our logo on the front. The price will be S M L sizes for \$20.00; XXL for \$23.00 and XXXL for \$24.00 – this includes mailing. At this point in time, an additional 30 shirts have been requested. If you want a shirt, please contact Elaine Shoberg at shoberg8@cs.com. Her address is 1813 Fairway Circle, Las Cruces, NM 88001 – Phone 505-522-4445. Contact her with your mailing address and payment arrangement. In an effort to get this order, she will take orders for another two weeks from the emailing of this message. Let her know the size and quantity you want. Include you email address and mailing address. (The prices above are good if a minimum of 36 shirts is ordered.)

THE BASE

As I said as the beginning, I have a lot to say. This group of people (WSPG and WSMR Kids) and The Base are very close to me. I know that I had indicated that this was the last reunion. Well, the base Garrison Commander – Col Don Gentry and his wife joined us for the Hembrillo Canyon trip and joined us at the Luncheon at the Frontier Club (the old Officers Club). After seeing this group of "brats", he informed us that he himself is a military brat and had wished that there was a group like ours for his past. He is in full support of this group and has mentioned the possibility of having a spot in the WSMR Museum dedicated to the WSMR Kids and that he did not want us to STOP having this organization.

If we are asked to supply information and such for the museum, I will let you know..

HELP

Now – for the main purpose of this letter –

Only a few people told me that they would be willing to take over the committee function of this group. I need for those people to contact me so I will know who they are. There is a need for additional people to help. **[We need local people to step in and help with WSMR and hotel communications.](#)** The ex-committee chairman has indicated to me that he would help as an advisor – but it is imperative that we find more people.

If you are willing to work on a NEW committee – let me know in writing via email so I can set it up.

SPECIAL NOTE – if this is to continue, we will open up this organization to ALL WSPG and WSMR Kids and their parents – but first I need commitment of a committee.

OK, OK, OK – I will keep "The List". But, I need help from all of you to help find people that have never been found, re-lost people and new people. Contact your WSPG/WSMR friends and make sure they have updated me with their information. You people from the 70's, 80's, 90's and 00's need to get cracking on finding your friends. If all you have is a list of names and the year they

would have graduated from high school, then fine – that’s a start. If you know the parents names – send that along as well.

On the left hand side (column “B”) of “The List” has a single number. That number represents the last digit of the year I received any update from that individual or family. (2=2002, 4=2004, 7=1997.) I need to get rid of the 7’s, 0’s as well as the 2’s and 3’s. The younger generations need to come up with lists or books. I know during the later years, the WSMR School produces year books. (Each of you periodically needs to go to the web page – “The List” page and resubmit your information. I spend a lot of time trying to find people that have moved, changed their phone number or area code and/or changed their email address.)

If we succeed in finding a new committee including some locals – then there will be another reunion in the future. If not – then it is a done deal.

Well, I need to cut this off. As most of you know, I have poured my heart into this project for 15 years and I seemingly could write forever. I really enjoyed my time on the base and have many great memories – too many to record. (At the time I left WSMR, I had spent almost half of my life there.) The Teen Club, dating (especially Officers daughters), scooters, dodging MP’s, working in the bowling alley – working in the commissary – throwing papers – mowing lawns – my first accident, Boy Scouts (even though I never made it past Tenderfoot), being in a base play (Damn Yankees) with my entire family including the dog and many more.

One last thing - BRICKS

The White Sands Missile Range Historical Foundation is accepting donations for personalized bricks to be installed in the Missile Park. Brick sizes range from 4’ X 8’ to 24” X 24” and the price ranges from \$65.00 to \$840.00. I would like to have a brick (any size that our joint funds will buy) that represents the WSPG/WSMR Kids. (If you want your own – individual brick – contact Doug Messer at messerd@newtec.wsmr.army.mil) Otherwise, send me a check made out to “White Sands Missile Range Historical Foundation” and I will put them all together to buy what ever we can buy. This is a tax-deductible donation.

I bid you good evening. If you want these reunions to continue and want to help – let me know. If it does continue, then we can all return to New Mexico – The Land of Enchantment and GREAT GREEN CHILIES.

Regards,

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