

HELLO FROM GREATER GARLAND IN TEXAS....

WELL, IT HAS BEEN AWHILE SINCE I HAVE TALKED TO SOME OF YOU, BUT A SHORTER WHILE SINCE I HAVE SEEN OTHERS OF YOU. I HAVE IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS, BEEN ABLE TO FIND 400 MORE PEOPLE AS WELL AS SEE A FEW PEOPLE IN TEXAS, OHIO, NEW MEXICO, FLORIDA, ALABAMA AND A FEW OTHER PLACES.

RECENTLY, (4/24/93) WE HELD A SMALL GET TOGETHER FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX; THAT WERE TEENAGERS FROM LAS CRUCES AND/OR WHITE SAND MISSILE RANGE. ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE PEOPLE SHOWED UP. WE EVEN HAD A COUPLE OF PEOPLE COME UP FROM HOUSTON. (LINDA STOUT HANEY AND MAVIS HAGERMAN WISECUP)

WE ARE GOING TO HAVE ANOTHER REUNION!!! (FOR THE TEENAGERS OF THE 50'S AND 60'S OF WSMR) I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO GO TO THE LAST ONE BUT WERE NOT GIVEN ENOUGH NOTICE. SO, MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

JULY 1995

I WISH I COULD SEND LIMOUSINES TO PICK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU UP TO GET YOU THERE. MAYBE IF WE WIN A LOTTERY, THE PROBLEM WITH THAT IS, I HAVE ONLY PLAYED IT ONCE. YOU KNOW HOW THE OLD SAYING GOES ABOUT HORSES AND WATER!! I HAVE BEEN TRYING TO REALISTICALLY GUESS HOW MANY PEOPLE WILL BE ATTENDING THE NEXT REUNION. FROM THE VARIOUS RESPONSES TO TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS, LETTERS, CARDS AND SHEER GUT FEELINGS, I HONESTLY BELIEVE THAT APPROXIMATELY 400 TO 600 PEOPLE WILL BE THERE. (IF YOU KNOW YOU WILL BE THERE, LET ME KNOW.) I HOPE YOU WILL BE ONE OF THEM?

THE LAST ONE

JUST A BRIEF RENDITION OF THE LAST REUNION, WHAT WE DID AND WHAT IT MEANT TO ME.

I FLEW TO EL PASO A FEW DAYS BEFORE THE REUNION TO HELP THE COMMITTEE WORK OUT THE FINAL ISSUES. (THESE PEOPLE HAD WORKED THEIR \$*&^%'S OFF FOR THIS REUNION.) THE EASIEST WAY TO REPORT THE RESULTS IS "THEY DID A PERFECT JOB!" WE ALL OWE THEM A GREAT DEAL OF GRATITUDE. ANYWAY, MY REUNION WIDOW (DARLEAN) FLEW IN THE DAY BEFORE THE REUNION WAS TO START.

DAY ONE - (WHICH BY THE WAY WAS NOT AN OFFICIAL DAY FOR THE EVENTS) EVERYONE, EXCEPT FOR THOSE THAT WERE GOING TO COME IN FROM EL PASO THE NEXT DAY, MET IN THE LOBBY OF THE HILTON TO REGISTER. IT WAS GREAT. POSTERS WERE ON DISPLAY WITH OLD PICTURES AND NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS. BUTCH DAVIS TRIED TO GET VIDEO TAPED INTERVIEWS FROM EVERYONE THAT CAME THROUGH THE REGISTRATION LINE. IT TURNED OUT TO BE ONE BIG SOCIAL EVENT. EVERYONE REGISTERED AND THEN STAYED AROUND TO SEE WHO ELSE WAS ATTENDING. THE LOBBY WAS PACKED FOR HOURS. (I GUESS WE NEED TO PLAN THIS AS AN EVENT FOR THE NEXT ONE.)

DAY TWO - (THE BUSIEST DAY OF THE REUNION.) WE GOT UP EARLY TO FORM A CARAVAN TO THE BASE. UPON ARRIVING AT WSMR, WE ALL DROVE TO THE PARADE GROUND. AFTER NUMEROUS PICTURES AND A COUPLE OF SHORT SPEECHES, WE FILLED THREE BUSES AND STILL HAD A FEW CARS FOLLOWING TO OUR NEXT VENTURE.

- WHAT A TREAT. WE WENT TO THE OLD THEATER, AND ALMOST HALF FILLED IT. THERE WERE ANOTHER COUPLE OF SHORT SPEECHES AND THEN THE ACTING C.O. SHOWED A COUPLE OF FILMS ABOUT THE PRESENT DAY LIFE AT WSMR. I WAS JUST IN AWE THAT THE THEATER WAS STILL THE SAME. THE SAME PLACE WE PAID 25¢ FOR A MOVIE AND POPCORN. THE SAME PLACE THAT SOME OF US ACTED IN SPECIAL SERVICES PRODUCTIONS OF PLAYS LIKE "DAMN YANKEES".

- THE NEXT STOP WAS THE OLD SCHOOL. THE "MR. FERNANDEZ" SERVED ON OUR COMMITTEE AND WAS ABLE TO GET THE SCHOOL OPENED FOR US. WE PRACTICALLY HAD THE

RUN OF THE WHOLE PLACE. I, PERSONALLY, ATTENDED THIS SCHOOL FROM THE 4TH GRADE THROUGH THE 9TH GRADE. A FEW PEOPLE AT THE REUNION ATTENDED THIS SCHOOL FOR ALL OF THEIR ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH YEARS. (THERE WERE MANY TEARS AND LAUGHS SHARED REMINISCING OVER EVENTS THAT OCCURRED DURING THE YEARS EVERYONE HAD ATTENDED THE SCHOOL.) SOME OF US WENT OVER TO SEE THE SMALL MONUMENT DEDICATED TO MR. HOOVER. (MORE ABOUT THE HOOVER'S LATER.)

- BACK ONTO THE BUSES AND ON TO THE YOUTH CENTER. WE WERE GREETED BY JIM SALVADOR - THE YOUTH DIRECTOR AND HE MADE SURE THAT SOME OF THE KIDS THAT PRESENTLY LIVED ON THE BASE WERE THERE FOR US TO SHARE OUR STORIES WITH. WE WERE GIVEN NEW WSMR YOUTH MEMBERSHIP CARDS. AFTER TOURING THE BUILDING AND LISTENING TO ANOTHER SHORT WELCOME SPEECH, SOME OF US WENT OVER TO THE OLD TEEN CLUB NEXT DOOR. THIS WAS THE NEATEST (YES, NEATEST) PART OF THE REUNION. WITH VIDEO CAMERAS GOING, INTERVIEWS WERE HELD DISCUSSING SOME OF THE OLD-DAYS OR SHOULD I SAY DAYS OF PAST AT THE TEEN CLUB. (SOME OF THESE INTERVIEWS APPEAR ON THE VIDEO WE HAD MADE - MORE LATER.)

I HAVE TO INTERJECT AT THIS POINT; SOMETHING THAT HAS HAPPENED.

DURING THE ENTIRE VISIT, PEOPLE TALKED ABOUT THE OLD TEEN CLUB FOR TEENAGERS - ONLY. WELL, A FEW MONTHS LATER I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOME WORK AT WSMR. WHILE THERE I NOTICED AN ARTICLE IN THE "MISSILE RANGER" (THE NEW NAME FOR "THE WIND AND SANDS"), THAT A BUILDING WOULD BE PROVIDED FOR THE "HIGH SCHOOL TEENAGERS" OF WSMR. BEFORE I LEFT IN NOVEMBER OF 1991, A BUILDING WAS PLACED BETWEEN THE YOUTH CENTER AND THE OLD TEEN CLUB WITH A SIGN THAT READS - "HIGH SCHOOL TEENAGERS CLUB". (WE MUST HAVE HAD AN IMPACT.)

- ANYWAY, THE NEXT STOP WAS THE OFFICERS CLUB FOR A LUNCHEON. (I, PERSONALLY, HAD NEVER BEEN IN THE OFFICERS CLUB.) WE HAD A FEW MORE SPEECHES, A GREAT MEAL, AND A FEW PLAQUES WERE AWARDED, (ONE FOR MRS. HOOVER; ONE FOR THE YOUNGEST MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE - MRS. GEAROU; AND ONE FOR MYSELF.) TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION, ABOUT 215 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE LUNCHEON. THAT'S WHEN I HAD MY FIRST INDICATION OF HOW MANY PEOPLE WERE ATTENDING THE REUNION.

- WE WERE TAKEN BACK TO OUR CARS AND TOLD THAT WE COULD GO ANYWHERE ON THE BASE AS LONG AS WE STAYED OUT OF THE TECHNICAL AREAS. MOST OF US HEADED TO OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD(S). WE FIRST WENT TO WHERE I LIVED IN 1956, AT 310 "D" STREET BEFORE IT WAS RENAMED "DART" STREET. (RITA LIVED NEXT DOOR BUT I DON'T THINK SHE KNEW MY BROTHER AND I EXISTED.) AS WE DROVE AROUND THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, I SAW OLD NEIGHBORS OF 38 YEARS AGO. WE WENT TO MY SECOND HOUSE ON TWIN CITIES AND THEN HEADED TO MY LAST HOUSE ON ZEUS. SOME PEOPLE ACTUALLY WENT UP TO THEIR OLD HOUSE, KNOCKED ON THE DOOR, AND WENT IN TO SEE THE INSIDE OF WHERE THEY LIVED IN THE 50'S AND 60'S.

- EVENTUALLY, WE ALL HEADED BACK TO LAS CRUCES AT OUR OWN PACE TO PREPARE FOR THE FINAL EVENT OF THE DAY, THE DINNER DANCE. IT WAS ABSOLUTELY GREAT. I AM NOT GOING TO EXPOUND ON THE EVENTS OF THE DINNER OR THE DANCE, BUT I WILL SAY THAT THE COMMITTEE DID A OUTSTANDING JOB ON DECORATIONS. I DIDN'T WANT THE EVENING TO END. (COME TO THE NEXT ONE AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.)

DAY THREE - PICNIC TIME IN LAS CRUCES. I HAD BEEN TOLD THAT ONLY ABOUT 15% OF THE PEOPLE WOULD "HANG AROUND" FOR THE PICNIC. BUT, THIS ONE HAD ABOUT 85% ATTENDANCE. THE FOOD WAS SUPERB AND I THINK THEY HAVE ALREADY TALKED TO THE SAME CATERER ABOUT THE NEXT ONE. THE CHATTER CONTINUED FOR HOURS. THE WEATHER WAS PERFECT. AND, THE LITTLE OLD MAN WITH THE MUSIC BOX ADDED ATMOSPHERE.

ALL-IN-ALL THE ENTIRE AFFAIR WAS EXCELLENT. THEY COULD NOT HAVE DONE ANY BETTER IN THE PLANNING. AGAIN, HATS OFF TO THE COMMITTEE.

ONE OF THE RESULTS OF THE REUNION WAS THE AMAZEMENT BY THE SPOUSES OR EQUIVALENTS OF THE CAMARADERIE OF THE WHITE SANDS KIDS. SO MANY DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS GOT ALONG WITH EACH OTHER LIVING IN A SMALL COMMUNITY, ISOLATED FROM THE REST OF THE WORLD, IN THE MIDDLE OF THE DESERT, BELOW A MOUNTAIN.

THE NEXT ONE

WE ARE PLANNING THE NEXT REUNION TO BE AROUND THE 4TH OF JULY IN 1995.

AS YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW, JULY 9TH OF 1995 WILL BE THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BASE OPENING, AND ONE WEEK LATER WILL BE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE TRINITY SITE.

TENTATIVE PLANS FOR THE NEXT REUNION ARE TO INCLUDE BASICALLY EVERYTHING WE DID IN THE FIRST ONE, PLUS! WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE AN ADDITIONAL PICNIC, POSSIBLY AT WHITE SANDS MONUMENT, AND A TRIP TO THE TRINITY SITE. WHILE WORKING AT WSMR IN 1991, I GOT TO VISIT THE TRINITY SITE. IT IS TYPICALLY OPENED ONLY TWICE A YEAR FOR VISITORS. WE HAVE BEEN CONVERSING WITH THE PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT AND THE PIONEER GROUP ABOUT MAKING SUCH A VISIT.

ADDITIONALLY, DEPENDING ON THEIR PLANS, WE MAY BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING JOINTLY WITH THE WHITE SANDS PIONEER GROUP (WSPG). OUR COMMITTEE WILL WORK WITH THEM TO SEE IF ANYTHING WOULD BE POSSIBLE. ALSO, THE MUSEUM MAY BE COMPLETED BY THAT TIME, AND WE WOULD HAVE TO ADD IT TO THE AGENDA. WHAT I AM SAYING IS, THE NEXT REUNION COULD END UP BEING MORE THAN A THREE DAY AFFAIR. SINCE WE DON'T DO THIS TOO OFTEN (THIS IS ONLY THE SECOND TIME IN HISTORY) AND IT SEEMS THAT PEOPLE WANT MORE TIME TO CONVERSE, THIS MAY NOT BE A BAD IDEA. IT WOULD GIVE PEOPLE MORE TIME TO VISIT.

WE, AS A GROUP NEED TO DETERMINE IF THESE REUNIONS WILL CONTINUE, AND IF SO; HOW OFTEN. FOUR YEARS IS A LONG TIME AND 1999 SEEMS LONGER. HOW ABOUT ONCE EVERY TWO OR THREE YEARS.....PLEASE - VOICE YOUR OPINION

TOUCHY SUBJECT!

THE ADDRESS LIST INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY 816 PEOPLE. I DO NOT KNOW HOW TO PUT THIS GRACEFULLY SO HERE GOES. IT COST ALMOST \$200.00 TO SEND OUT THIS LETTER. (IT DID NOT MATTER IF IT WAS 1 PAGE OR 8 PAGES.) I REALLY WANTED TO SEND OUT ANOTHER LISTING (OR TWO) TO EVERYONE ON THE NAME LIST BUT THAT GETS TO BE VERY EXPENSIVE.

I AM SENDING THIS LETTER WITH THE FULL POSTAGE OF 29¢ EACH WITH A REQUEST FOR THE LETTER TO BE RETURNED IF UNDELIVERABLE. THIS COST IS MINOR. THE PROBLEM LIES WHEN WE TRY TO SEND OUT THE ENTIRE LIST WHICH IS ABOUT 50 PAGES. EVEN BEING REDUCED IN SIZE, WILL COST ROUGHLY \$2,200.00 FOR EACH MAILING. WE HAVE DECIDED TO SEND THE LIST TO PEOPLE THAT MAKE CONTRIBUTIONS. IF YOU REGISTER FOR THE REUNION, YOU WILL GET A COPY OF THE LIST IN YOU REGISTRATION PACKAGE.

IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP PEACE IN THE FAMILY, I CAN NOT AFFORD TO EXTEND MYSELF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR MAILINGS AND RESEARCH. (THE LAST REUNION RAN ABOUT \$5,000.00, INCLUDING THE MOST EXPENSIVE PART - THE PHONE SEARCH.)

THE LIST OF NAMES FOR THOSE THAT WERE TEENAGERS IN THE FIFTY'S AND SIXTY'S AT WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE IS ABOUT 1400 PEOPLE. I HAVE FOUND THE EASIEST HALF OF THE LIST. (200 MORE SINCE LAST JULY)

I AM APPEALING TO YOU TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE SEARCH AND THE MAILINGS BY SENDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO MYSELF, BEFORE, RATHER THAN AFTER THE FACT. ENOUGH SAID.

PIONEER GROUP

THE PIONEER GROUP HAS EXTENDED AN OFFER FOR US TO JOIN THEIR ORGANIZATION. SOMEONE AT THE LAST REUNION REFERRED TO US AS "SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE

PIONEERS". ATTACHED YOU WILL FIND INSTRUCTIONS FOR JOINING, ALONG WITH THE APPROPRIATE FORM.

THE LIST

DON'T GET LOST OR LOST AGAIN. STORE YOUR COPY OF THE LIST AND THIS LETTER IN A SAFE PLACE. (HOW ABOUT WITH YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS OR BIRTH CERTIFICATES.) PLEASE TAKE TIME TO WRITE IN A SAFE PLACE, A COUPLE OF FRIENDS PHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES, IN CASE YOU MISPLACE YOUR COPY OF THE LIST. SEND UPDATES OF YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER. IF YOU WANT YOUR WORK NUMBER INCLUDED, SEND IT OR CALL. IF YOU WANT ANYTHING REMOVED FROM THE LIST, LET ME KNOW. OR, IF YOU WANT TO BE DROPPED FROM THE NAME LIST ENTIRELY AND DO NOT WISH TO HEAR FROM US AGAIN, I NEED TO KNOW. IN ANY CASE, I HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER AT WORK. IF YOU DON'T WRITE ANYTHING ELSE DOWN, TAKE THIS NOTE. WORK, TOLL FREE 800 NUMBER; 1-800-234-7498, DIAL 1, THEN DIAL 4758#. THIS WILL ALLOW YOU TO ACCESS MY OFFICE AND/OR VOICE MAIL AT WORK.

I CAN NOT CALL EVERYONE TO CONFIRM ADDRESSES AND PHONE NUMBERS AS-WELL-AS CONTINUE TO SEARCH FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT HELP. I WILL BE CALLING INDIVIDUALS OR ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO DO LOCAL CALLING TO CONTINUE THE SEARCH. REMEMBER SUSAN GUTHRIE? SHE HAS VOLUNTEERED TO HELP IN EL PASO, BUT SHE CAN NOT DO IT ALL. OTHER MAJOR CITIES THAT NEED CALLING INCLUDE DENVER, LOS ANGELES AREA, PHOENIX, TUCSON, LAS CRUCES, ALBUQUERQUE, SANTA FE, DALLAS, FORT WORTH, HOUSTON, CHICAGO, SAN FRANCISCO, NEW YORK, WASHINGTON DC. AREA, ATLANTA, ST. LOUIS, AND MANY MORE.

ANYONE THAT HAS ACCESS TO INSTITUTIONS THAT MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL.

I NEED RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MAGAZINES/NEWSPAPERS THAT WILL PUBLISH REUNION NOTICES, OR NOTICES THAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR "TEENAGERS OF THE 50'S AND 60'S THAT LIVED AT WSMR."

H ACQUIRE YOUR PARENTS OLD ADDRESS BOOKS (NO MATTER HOW OLD THEY ARE.) THEY E WILL HAVE CLUES YOU NEVER THOUGHT OF. HAVE A SERIOUS CONVERSATION WITH THEM L FOR THE LAST WHEREABOUTS OF THEIR OLD FRIENDS, SCHOOLS THE KIDS WENT TO, P PLACES OF RETIREMENT, NEXT DUTY STATION, ETC... XEROX IT AND SEND IT ON....

THANKS TO GAIL KNIGHT, I HAVE A BOOK THAT HELPS WITH THE SEARCH OF MILITARY PEOPLE. THE AUTHOR LIVES IN TEXAS AND HAS INVITED ME TO VISIT, TO GIVE ME SOME POINTERS. THE KEY IS HAVING AVAILABLE SERVICE NUMBERS AND/OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS. ANY HELP OUT THERE?

NOTE: WHOEVER TOLD ME HOW TO FIND DON SOWER'S PARENTS, PLEASE TELL ME AGAIN.

PHONE DIRECTORIES

I NOW HAVE, IN MY POSSESSION, COPIES OF THE PHONE DIRECTORIES OF WSPG/WSMR FROM 1956 THROUGH 1968. IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ANY INFORMATION FROM THESE BOOKS, GIVE ME A CALL OR DROP ME A LINE.

ADDITIONALLY, I NEED NEW PHONE DIRECTORIES OF MAJOR AND SOME SMALLER CITIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE CALL OR WRITE AND ASK ME IF I NEED ONE BEFORE SENDING ONE.

REUNION BOOKS AND CLASS PICTURES

I MAY WANT TO BORROW SOME REUNION BOOKS AND COPIES OF CLASS PICTURES AGAIN. IF YOU ARE GOING TO SEND CLASS PICTURES, SEND TWO COPIES SO THAT I MAY USE ONE FOR CUTOUTS AND THE OTHER TO KEEP INTACT. (TWO COPIES FROM THE ORIGINAL IS BETTER THAN ONE COPY FROM A COPY.) BOOKS WILL BE RETURNED INTACT JUST LIKE LAST TIME.

1991 WSMR REUNION BOOK

I HAVE TRIED TO CONTACT THE PEOPLE THAT PRINTED OUR LAST REUNION BOOK. THEY ARE NO LONGER IN THE BUSINESS. I WILL FIND OUT IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING COPIES OF THE 1991 REUNION BOOK, AND LET YA'LL KNOW.

OLD REUNION TAPE

THE 1991 REUNION VIDEO TAPE; PUT TOGETHER BY DIANE ANTLEY SALLEY'S HUSBAND-TOM, IS SUPER AND STILL AVAILABLE. ALMOST 2 HOURS LONG - \$10.00. GIVE THEM A CALL. 615-899-8930

NEW COMMITTEE

MY FAMILY MADE A TRIP TO LAS CRUCES LAST SEPTEMBER OF 93. IT WAS NOT UNDER THE BEST CIRCUMSTANCES BUT, ON THE UP SIDE, I WAS INFORMED BY BUTCH DAVIS THAT SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT SERVED ON THE LAST COMMITTEE ARE WILLING TO SERVE AGAIN. (THEY WERE JUST LIKE ONE BIG FAMILY.) I CAN NOT SAY ENOUGH TO THESE PEOPLE TO SHOW MY APPRECIATION. THEY CAME THROUGH LIKE TRUE REUNION ORGANIZING VETERANS.

THREE CHEERS FOR:

MRS. PENNY GEAROU	T	N	A	V
WESLEY (BUTCH) DAVIS -65-	H	E	D	O
DORIS BALLIETT DAVIS -67M-	E	E	D	L
MR. ED FERNANDEZ	Y	D	I	U
MIKE SHOBERG -60-			T	N
ELAINE HEATHMAN SHOBERG -63-	M	N	I	T
LURANA (DUTCH) NIESS MATKIN -61-	A	E	O	E
DONNA LYNN AZEVEDO HOLDEN -65-	Y	W	N	E
SHARON PREVATTE COLEMAN -67M-			A	R
ANNETTE CASNER GEORGE -65-		@	L	S
VALECIA COURTNEY GAVIN -57-				

ATTENDEES

LOOKING FOR IDEAS TO GET PEOPLE TO ATTEND - THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE (PER CAPITA) CAME FROM THE DALLAS/FORT WORTH METROPLEX. WE ARE AT AN IMPASSE AS TO WHY WE CAN NOT GET PEOPLE FROM THE LAS CRUCES AND EL PASO AREAS TO ATTEND. (SAME GOES FOR HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS.) TALK TO THESE PEOPLE.

WE HAD NUMEROUS (NON-LOCAL) PEOPLE ATTEND OUR REUNION THAT HAVE NEVER ATTENDED A HIGH SCHOOL REUNION. SOME PEOPLE CAME GREAT DISTANCES TO BE WITH OLD FRIENDS THAT THEY SOCIALIZED WITH BUT HAD COMPLETED THEIR SCHOOLING IN OTHER LOCATIONS.

MUSEUM

RON HILLIN IS WORKING FOR THE WSMR HISTORICAL FOUNDATION TO BUILD A MUSEUM JUST INSIDE THE MAIN (LAS CRUCES) GATE ON THE EAST SIDE OF THE ROAD. THE MUSEUM'S PURPOSE WILL POSSIBLY BE TO EXHIBIT THE HISTORY OF THE TULAROSA BASIN WITH REGARDS TO WSMR, THE ARMY-NAVY-AIR FORCE HISTORY AT WSMR, TECHNOLOGICAL

INFORMATION, AS WELL AS THE PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF WSMR ACTIVITIES. YOU
MAY CONTACT MR. RON HILLIN AT 10720 GEORGETOWN, EL PASO TX, 79924; OR
P.O. BOX F, WSMR 88002 - W-505-678-4181, H 915-821-5727

THE HOOVERS

MRS. HOOVER, MRS. HOOVER, MRS. HOOVER - SHE IS DOING GREAT! SHE WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE LAST REUNION BUT I HAVE BEEN BACK TO SEE HER SINCE THEN. SHE HAS A NEW ADDRESS:

900 CAMINO DEL REX, LAS CRUCES, NM 88001, H 505-524-0216

IT WAS SUCH A GREAT JOY TO SEE HER UP AND ABOUT. I TOLD HER THAT WE WOULD PICK HER UP AT THE NEXT REUNION TO MAKE SURE SHE GOT THERE. SHE AND MR. HOOVER WERE SUCH AN INSPIRATION TO A LOT OF US OVER THE YEARS. I PERSONALLY TRIED TO STOP BY AND SEE THEM ANY TIME I WAS IN TOWN, UNTIL THEY SKIPPED TOWN. IT WAS GREAT TO FIND OUT THEY WERE BACK.

MRS. HOOVER - 'HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON.'

I HAVE TALKED WITH 99.9 PERCENT AND HAVE SEEN ABOUT 150 OF THE 816 THAT HAVE BEEN FOUND. I HOPE TO BE ABLE TO SEE AND/OR TALK TO MORE LONG-LOST-FRIENDS IN THE FUTURE.

LAST BUT NOT LEAST - A SPECIAL THANKS

I WISH TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE PARENTS. THEY HAVE BEEN VERY INSTRUMENTAL TO THE SUCCESS OF THE SEARCH FOR THE "KID'S OF WSMR".

HOPE TO SEE YA'LL IN 1995

BEST WISHES,
BILL

PS. - RITA HAS BEEN FOUND.

PPS. - SORRY MRS. HOOVER, I WASN'T THE BEST ENGLISH STUDENT.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO SEND:

INFORMATION ON "THE LOST PEOPLE"
ADDRESS CHANGES
NAME CHANGES
PHONE CHANGES
ETC...

BILL ADLER
PO BOX 832965
RICHARDSON, TX 75083-2965

HOME/WORK - 214-684-4758

WHITE SANDS PIONEER GROUP - APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

SELECT MEMBERSHIP BASED ON YOUR ELIGIBILITY-COMplete THAT CATEGORY-AND RETURN THE FOLLOWING FORM TO:

WHITE SANDS PIONEER GROUP, PO. BOX 216, WSMR, NM 88002

ARTICLE I (MEMBERSHIP)

SECTION 1. LIFE MEMBER. MILITARY, CIVIL SERVICE OR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL

WHO SERVED/LIVED AT WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE CHANGE OF THE NAME OF THE INSTALLATION TO WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE ON 1 MAY, 1958 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP. (NOTE ADDED BY BILL ADLER - THIS NOW INCLUDES SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THESE PIONEERS) A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH SIGNED CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY. LIFE MEMBERS PAY NO DUES AND ARE ENTITLED TO FULL VOTING PRIVILEGES OF THE ORGANIZATION.

SECTION 2. MEMBER. MILITARY, CIVIL SERVICE OR CONTRACTOR PERSONNEL WHO SERVED AT WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE AFTER 1 MAY, 1958 ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP. (NOTE ADDED BY BILL ADLER - THIS ALSO INCLUDES SONS AND DAUGHTERS) A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH SIGNED CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY. MEMBERS PAY ANNUAL DUES OF \$10.00 PER YEAR AND ARE ENTITLED TO FULL VOTING PRIVILEGES AND ALL PUBLICATIONS OF THE ORGANIZATION UNLESS A SUBSCRIPTION IS REQUIRED.

I HEREBY APPLY FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP (CROSS OUT ONE) IN THE WHITE SANDS PIONEER GROUP. I CERTIFY THAT I/MY PARENT(S) (CROSS OUT ONE) LIVED AT:

WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND PRIOR TO THE NAME CHANGE ON 1 MAY, 1958.

OR

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE AFTER THE NAME CHANGE ON 1 MAY, 1958.

(CROSS OUT ONE)

MY PARENTS SERVED WITH THE MILITARY/CIVIL SERVICE/A CONTRACTOR.

(CIRCLE ONE)

I WAS\THEY WERE EMPLOYED AT WHITE SANDS FROM _____ TO _____, AND WORKED IN THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

I AM LISTING TWO SUPERVISORS, CO-WORKERS OR OTHER REFERENCES THAT CAN VERIFY MY/THEIR EMPLOYMENT: (MOST LIKELY NOT KNOWN AT THIS DAY IN AGE)

MY CHECK FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10.00 FOR ONE YEAR'S DUES IS ENCLOSED. (UNLESS EXEMPT AS STATED ABOVE)

PLEASE PRINT: NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY-STATE AND ZIP: _____

PHONE: ____ (____) ____ - _____

SEND THIS PAGE TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED ADDRESS

13 MONTHS NOTICE

DOING IT AGAIN IN
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WHAT COULD WE DO DIFFERENTLY? (IF AT ALL!)

HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING HAVING THE TRINITY SITE OPENED! 7/14/45

ANY OTHER SUGGESTIONS?

WE MAY JOIN IN WSMR'S 50TH CELEBRATION! 7/9/45
(WHITE SANDS PIONEER GROUP FESTIVITIES)
ANOTHER REGISTRATION/SOCIAL!
ANOTHER DINNER/DANCE!
ANOTHER LUNCHEON!
ANOTHER WSMR TOUR!
ANOTHER PICNIC! (OR TWO, ONE AT WHITE SANDS
NATIONAL MONUMENT AND ONE IN LAS CRUCES)

LET ME HEAR FROM YOU.

BILL ADLER
P.O. BOX 832965
RICHARDSON, TX 75083-2965

RETURN ADDRESS REQUESTED

REUNION MATERIAL - IF THIS IS NOT FOR YOU, PLEASE RETURN TO SENDER
BY SCRATCHING OUT THE ADDRESS AND PLACING IT IN THE MAILBOX. THANKS

PLEASE RETURN TO SENDER IF NOT DELIVERABLE