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Cc: "William MacDermott" <macderm@cafes.net>
Sent: Friday, September 05, 2008 11:59 AM
Attach: AJCfront of B-17enh.jpg

Hi Chuck Miller,

Let me re-introduce myself, I am Alan Christensen and I was a member of the 3rd Emergency Rescue Squadron from June to the end of December 1945. It wasn't until sometime in 1996 that I learned the 3rd ERS was having reunions and in 1999 my wife, Mildred, and I attended the 12th annual reunion in Springfield, Ohio. I know that your father, and I also believe you, were both at that reunion. I have Bud Baden to thank for finding me, using the Internet, of course, and bringing me up to date on the Squadron's activities. Bud and I were best friends when we were in the 3rd and I really appreciate the effort he put into locating me.

Unfortunately Mildred and I never got to another reunion, and then I learned through Bud that the 20th was to be the last and assumed that ended the communication with the Squadron and its members. However, just a week ago I found out by a discovery made by my grandson that my assumption was wrong. For his high school history class he had to interview and write a paper on a relative that served in the military service in WWII. Doing additional Internet research for his paper he told me he found very helpful information on the 3rd ERS website which I was amazed to learn existed. I immediately looked it up and found that we can thank you for an excellent and impressive website.

In your email on the website dated February 05, 2008 you mention that you would like photos and I am attaching one of me standing in front of one of our B-17s. To the best of my recollection this was taken at Floridablanca. Perhaps someone else in the squadron can verify the location.

If you have a problem opening the attachment, please let me know and I will rescan and resend it. Thanks again for the remarkable website.

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From: [Bill MacDermott](#)

To: [Alan Christensen](#)

Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 4:20 PM

Subject: Re: 3rd ERS

Hi, Alan

I certainly do remember you from the Springfield Reunion (1999) and glad to hear you are still alive and interested in the Sqdn. We did designate last year's reunion as the "20th and Final". but left the door open to smaller, informal get-togethers. Brownie and Peggie Brownback were planning on having just such a small meeting this year, but had to call it off when only three people said that they could be there. The possibility is still open for next year.

I inherited the mantle of Joe Horvath's two years ago when physical problems appeared to make it wise for him to step aside. (Joe had a heart implant and is much better now.) At that time, your name was no longer on his roster. I am planning to put out another Newsletter this fall and will be glad to see you are back on the roster and will get a copy. Don't bother sending any dues in to me yet - I am still debating on whether to reduce to \$5.00. Like everyone else, I find my faculties declining. I find it harder and harder to put a newsletter together based on short telephone conversations. I used to be able to spend five or six minutes on the phone and, even without notes, recall enough of the conversation to assemble a brief interesting note on each person. Not that easy any more and, instead of August, I am now shooting for a December Newsletter. I probably have your mailing address in an old roster, but, to help me remember to add you, just send me a return E-mail with your address in it.

Sure glad to hear from you again.
Bill MacDermott